

9/8 The Nativity of the Mother of God
Stichera on 'Lord, I have cried' in the 6th tone

This numbering assumes the Feast not on Sunday. When in combination with Sunday, these Stichera are numbered at 6 from the end and proceed with no repetitions, and the "Both now" becomes the "Glory."

8 Today God, who resteth on the noetic thrones, /
hath prepared for Himself a holy **throne** on earth. /
He who hath established the heavens by His
wis_._._dom / hath in His loving-kindness created
an animate **heaven**. / For the God of **won_**ders, / the
Hope of the **hope_._._less**, / hath caused His Mother
to **spring** forth / as a Life-bearing plant from a
barren root. // **Glory to Thee, O Lord.**

7 This is the **day** of the Lord! / Rejoice, O ye
peo_ple! / For, lo! The bridal chamber of the Light
and the book of the **Word_._** of life / have issued
forth from the womb, / and the portal which faceth
toward the east, / having been born, awaiteth the
entry of the **great_** High_ Priest. / She alone leadeth
the one Christ **into** the world, // for the *salvation of*
our_ souls.

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6/5 Even though, by the **will** of God, / famous barren women have produced **off_spring**, / yet in divine majesty hath Mary outshone **all** who have been born; / for, having been all-gloriously born of a barren **mother**, / she supernaturally gave birth in the flesh to the **God** of all, / from a womb that **knew__not__seed**. / She alone is the gate of the only-begotten **Son** of God; / and He, passing through it, hath **kept** it closed, / and arranging all things wisely in accordance with His **know__..__ledge**, // hath wrought *salvation for all__men*.

4/3 Today, the gateway of the barren woman is **opened**, / and the divine Virgin portal **cometh** forth! / Today grace beginneth to **bear__..__fruit**, / revealing to the world the **Mother** of God, / through whom those on earth are united to those in **heav__en**, // for the *salvation of our__souls*.

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2 Today is the pronouncement of **universal** joy! /
Today the winds have blown which herald salva_tion,
/ and our nature is released from **bar**._._renness! /
For the barren woman is shown to be the **mother** / of
her who remaineth **vir**_gin / even after giving birth to
the Crea_._tor, / from whom God **taketh** to Himself /
that which is alien to Him by **na**_ture, / and Christ,
the Deliverer of our souls, who **loveth** man_kind, //
doth accomplish salvation for *the lost by means* of
flesh.

1 Today barren Anna giveth birth to the divine
Maiden / who was chosen beforehand out of all
genera_tions / to be the dwelling place of **Christ**_._
our God, / the King and Creaor of all, / in fulfillment
of the divine dispensa_tion. / Thereby, O ye mortals,
have we been **fa**_shioned anew // and restored from
corruption *to life without*_end.

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***Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit,
Both now in the same tone.***

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Stichera at the Litya

In the 1st tone

Today_ is the beginning of our *salva_*tion, *_/_O*
*ye peo_*ple! / For, **lo!** The Virgin Mother, who **was**
foretold / from generations of **old** as the **receptacle**
of God, / cometh **forth_** to be born of a barren
woman. / The flower of Jesse and the rod of his root
hath sprung_ forth. / Let **Adam** our **forefather**
rejoice, / and let Eve **revel** in *jubila_*tion! / For,
behold!_ She who was fashioned of the rib of
A_dam / manifestly blesseth her daughter and
descendant, **say_**ing: / “**Deliverance** hath been **born**
in me, / for which cause I am freed from the **bonds** of
ha_des!” / Let **Da_**vid rejoice, striking his harp, and
let *him* **bless_** God: / for, lo! The Virgin issueth forth
from the womb of the barren **wo_**man, // unto the
salvation of our souls!

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In the 2nd tone

Come_, all ye who love *virgi*_nity_, / ye zealots
of **purity**! / **Come**, and with love take up the praise of
the Virgin: / the well spring of Life which floweth
from a **hard**_ rock, / *the bush* of old which grew
from barren ground, / unconsumed by the
immaterial Fire, // which doth purify and *illumine*
our souls._._._

What_ is this noise of *re*_velers!_ / Joachim
and Anna keep festival mystically, **say**_ing: /
“**Rejoice** with us today, O Adam and Eve!” / For by
their transgression was **paradise** shut, / but a *right*
glorious fruit is *now given* unto us: / Mary, the divine
Maid_en, // who throweth open *its gates* unto
all._._._

The **Queen**_ of all who *hath been*_ foretold,_ /
the habitation of God, / the *divine* dwelling place of
the eternal **Essence**, / hath come forth today from the

barren womb of the glorious **An**_na, / and *by her*,
shameless hades hath *been* **trampled** down, /and
Eve, the mother of our race, is led into ever**lasting**
life. / *To her* do we *cry out*, as is meet: / Blessed art
thou among **wo**_men, // and blessed is *the fruit* of
thy womb!_._._

In the 8th tone

Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy Spirit,
Both now & ever & unto the ages of **a**-ges. **A**-
.._._._men.

On the right excellent **day** of *our* feast / let us
strike *the spi-ri-tu-al* harp; / for the Mother of **Life**
is_ **born** today_/_of the seed of **Da**_vid, / dispelling
*the dark*_._ness: / the renewal of Adam, the
re_storation of Eve, / the Well-spring of
in**corrup**_tion, / our release from **corrup**_._tion. /
Because of **her** we *have been* **deified**_/_and
delivered *from* death. / And we the faithful cry out to
her *with* **Ga**_briel: / Rejoice, thou who art full of
grace, the **Lord** is_ **with**_ thee, // for thy sake,
granting us great **mer**_cy!

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Stichera on the Aposticha

In the 4th tone

The joy of the whole world hath shone forth
upon us / from the righteous Joachim *and* **Anna**: the
all-lauded Virgin who, because of her surpassing
purity, / becometh the *animate* **temple** of God / and
is known as the one true Theoto_._._._kos. /
Through her prayers, O Christ God, *send* down **peace**
upon the world // and great **mercy** to our souls.

Stichos: Hearken, O daughter, *and* **see**, and
incline_._._._ thine ear.

In accordance with the angel's **prophecy**, / thou
didst issue forth from the righteous Joachim *and*
Anna, / as *an* **all**-pure fruit, as heaven, *and* the
throne of God, / a receptacle of purity, heralding
forth joy *to* **all** the world, / O Virgin, *media*_._._._tress of
our life, / removal of the curse, *bestowal* of **blessing**.
/ Wherefore, on the feast of thy *nativity*, / O divinely
called **Vir**_._._._gin, ask peace for the world and
great **mercy** for our souls.

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Stichos: The rich among the people shall
*entreat*_ thy **coun**_._._.*te-nance.*

Today let the barren and childless Anna clap her hands with **splendor**, / let those on earth bear lamps, *let* **kings** leap for joy, / *let* **hierarchs** be glad in blessing, and let all the *world* keep **festival**; / for behold, the Queen, the immaculate Bride of *the* **Fa**_ther, / hath sprung forth from the root of **Jes**_._._.*se.* / No longer will women bear **children** in grief, / for Joy *hath* **blossomed** forth / and Life shall live in the world for **all**_._._.*men.* / No longer will the offerings of Joachim *be* **rejected**, / for the lamentation of Anna hath *been* **changed** to joy, / and she saith: “Rejoice with me, all ye chosen of **Is**_._._.*ra-el,* / for lo, the Lord hath given me the animate palace of His *divine* **glory**, / for our *common* **gladness** and joy, // and the **salvation** of our souls!”

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.._._._men.

Come, all ye **faith**_ful, / let us make haste to *the*
Vir_gin! / For, lo! She is born who was foreseen
before the **womb** *as the* **Mother** of God, / the vessel
of **virginity**, the rod of Aaron which sprang forth from
the root of **Jes**_se, / the proclamation of *the*
pro_phets, / the offspring of the righteous Joachim
and **An**_na! / She is born, and with her *the* **world** is
restored! / She is born, and the Church adorneth
herself *in her* **majesty**! / She is the holy temple and
receptacle of the **God**_head, / the vessel of
virgi_nity, / the bridal **cham**_ber of the King, /
wherein was wrought the all-glorious and perfect
mystery / of the ineffable union of the natures which
have come **together** in Christ! / And worshipping
Him, we praise the nativity of the most immaculate
Vir_gin.