

Date or Season
Saint or Feast

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

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1) Re - joice, Eph - raim, thou foun - tain of song,
that, af - ter Da - vid, taught the Church how to sing God's praise,
the harp of the Ho - ly Spir - it, the peer - less ves - sel of
grace, where - in Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it came to rest.
Be - hold - ing the judg - ment day with the eyes of thy wake - ful soul,
thou ev - er wept - est streams of tears like a flood of light,
which il - lu - mined thee with the knowl - edge of mys - ter - ies:
Bard of the In - car - na - tion, po - et prais - ing God's might - y works,
warn - ing of judg - ment while sing - ing of that great
mer - cy that came to us: which by thine en - treat - ies
may we all ob - tain, O Fa - ther, with thee and all the Saints.

2) Re - jice, I - saac, thou ea - gle of prayer
 that sailed the Heav - ens on the strong wings of fier - y love,
 while mind - ful of us thy nest - lings, to whom thou gav - est thy
 words which ex - alt our souls to Christ with sure as - cents.
 A - dorn - ment of sol - i - tude, tro - phy won in the wil - der - ness,
 un - spot - ted mir - ror, show - ing each man his soul's es - tate,
 his re - move from God, and the wounds of his way - ward - ness:
 Thou art a sun too bright for an - y eye to be - hold en - tire,
 yet in thy shin - ings, O Fa - ther, we are il -
 - lu - mined in god - li - ness to take up the weap - ons
 of the light where - by the princ - es of dark - ness are de - stroyed.

3) Re - jice, Eph - raim and I - saac most wise,
 ye are the Ti - gris and Eu - phra - tes of grace di - vine
 that is - sue from ho - ly Par - a - dise and en - com - pass the
 Church, wa - ter - ing our souls with life - be - stow - ing streams;
 ye moun - tains of might - y prayer, ye il - lus - tri - ous cham - pi - ons
 of ho - ly mys - t'ry, with - out which man can - not know God
 ye ce - les - tial flints that en - kin - dle the spark of faith.
 Fa - thers of fa - thers, guide of Saints, the joy of the Church en - tire,
 who sang so sweet - ly of mer - cy, now by your
 bold - ness of prayer with God ob - tain His great mer - cy
 for our souls, as we ex - tol you with grat - i - tude and love.