

March 26th

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Stichera at the Aposticha

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) Ga - bri - el, the chief of Heav - en's hosts, flew down from
Heav - en to greet the pure Vir - gin, and
said: Re - joice, thou un - spot - ted char - i - ot
of the ho - ly Di - vin - i - ty; for God hath
loved thee from all ē - ter - ni - ty,
and He hath cho - sen thee as His dwell - ing - place.
Thy Mas - ter's min - is - ter, I am pres - ent here to
say that He shall come, for thou shalt bring forth the
Lord, re - main - ing un - de - filed.

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Verse: Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of the salvation of our God.

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2) Why hast thou a fier - y coun - te - nance? the mod - est

Vir - gin re - plied un - to Ga - bri - el

G↓ C G↓

in her awe. Tell me, what then is thy rank

C

and what mean these strange words of thine? Thou dost de -

G↓

- clare to me that I shall give birth,

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al - though I have no ex - pe - ri - ence of man.

Take thy - self far from hence, and de - ceive me not with

Un. G↓

craft - y words, O man, as the guile - ful ser - pent

C

once de - ceived our moth - er Eve.

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Verse: O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

3) God's All - ho - ly Spir - it e - ven now shall come up -
 - on ___ thee, the pure, who shalt hold ___ God with -
 - in thy - self, and the pow'r of God Most High
 shall in truth o - ver - shad - ow ___ thee; and thou, O
 La - dy, shalt then bring forth a Child
 Who shall pre - serve ___ thy vir - gin - i - ty un - changed.
 He ___ is the Son of God with - out lin - e - age; and
 when He hath ap - peared, He shall save His peo - ple
 as it hath seemed good ___ to ___ Him.