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) Gabriel, the chief of Heaven's hosts, flew down from
Heaven to greet the pure Virgin, and said: Rejoice, thou
unsullied chariot of the holy Divinity; for God hath
loved thee from all eternity, and He hath chosen thee as His dwelling place.

Thy Master's minister, I am present here to
say that He shall come, for thou shalt bring forth the
Lord, remaining undeceived.

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

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

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

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

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

clare to me that I shall give birth,

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

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

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

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.