

July 13th

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) God, the Mind be - fore thē ag - es, made thee shine as a
sec - ond light that en - light - en - eth all the world, O
Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, by di - vine co - work - ing;
and thou hast re - vealed to us that di - vine and tru - ly great
and hid - den mys - t'ry that was be - fore all time, that
in a vir - gin's womb would be em - bod - ied he that was
bod - i - less, hav - ing willed, in His love for man,
to save man by be - com - ing man.

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Verse: He maketh His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.



2) See - ing thou dost stand at the Throne of the Three - Sun Di -
- vin - i - ty, shin - ing rich - ly with that di - vine ef -
- ful - gence of daz - zling beams sent from thence with - out cease,
free us from the gloom of the pas - sions shroud - ing us a - bout,
and with en - light - en - ment make us all to shine, who
joy - ous - ly have formed a cho - rus on thē earth, loud - ly
prais - ing thee, Chief Com - mand - er, great Ga - bri - el,
thou am - bas - sa - dor for our souls.

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Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

3) Smite the wan - ton in - so - lence of Ha - gar's sons, who un -
-ceas - ing - ly make as - sault on thy faith - ful flock; sub -
-due and al - le - vi - ate the Church - 's di - vi - sions;
calm the rest - less sea of temp - ta - tions surg - ing with - out end;
and res - cue us out of dan - ger and dis - tress, who
hon - or thee with love and flee un - to thy shel - ter with
ar - dent faith, Chief Com - mand - er, great Ga - bri - el,
thou am - bas - sa - dor for our souls.