March 25th
The Annunciation to the Most-Holy Theotokos
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

1) Having flown down from the vaults of Heaven to Nazareth, Gabriel cried the greeting

2) From Heaven Gabriel brought the good tidings full of joy unto the holy Virgin,
cry-ing out Re-joice to her. In thy womb shalt thou both con-
ceive and con-tain Him Whom all things can-not con-tain,
and shalt be seen as the Moth-er of Him that shone
from the Fa-ther ere the morn-ing star.

3) Now the be-gin-ning-less Fa-ther's own co-e-
ter-nal Word, in His ex-treme com-passion
and im-meas-ra-ble mer-cy, part-ing not from things a-bove,
com-eth be-low, to take pit-y on us who fell;
and hav-ing tak-en a form that is not His own,
He as-sum-eth Ad-am's pov-er-ty.

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