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

1. Having flown down from the vaults of Heaven to
2. From Heaven Gabriel brought the good tidings
3. Now the beginning-less Father's own co-e-

2. Nazareth, Gabriel cried the greeting
full of joy unto the holy Virgin,
-ter nal Word, in His extreme compassion

3. unto Mary the Virgin: Rejoice, O all-pure Maid; thou shalt
crying out Rejoice to her. In thy womb shalt thou both con-
and immeasurable mercy, parting not from things above,

4. bring forth a Son Who existed ere Adam was:
receive and contain Him Whom all things cannot contain,
cometh below, to take pity on us who fell;

5. He is the Maker of all, and the Ransomer
and shalt be seen as the Mother of Him that shone
and having taken a form that is not His own,

6. of all them that cry Rejoice to thee.
from the Father ere the morning star.
He assumeth Adam's poverty.

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