

September 8th
Nativity of the Theotokos
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: *O strange wonder*

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1) O strange won - der, great and mar - vel - ous! From the bar - ren wom - an

is the source of life now born, and grace doth be - gin re - splen-dent -

- ly to bring forth fruit. Re - joice, right-eous Jo - a - chim:

the The - o - to - kos - 's be - get - ter art thou be-come; a - mong all

those born on earth, there is no fa - ther like thee O in -

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-spired of God; for through thee we have been giv - en the pure Maid - en

who held God, yea, the all - ho - ly moun - tain and the

tab - er - na - cle of our God.

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2) O strange won - der, great and mar - vel - ous! From a bar - ren wom - an

fruit hath shone forth by com-mand of Him that hath made all things, the

Lord Om - nip - o - tent. This fruit hath whol - ly de-stroyed

the fal - len world's griev - ous bar - ren - ness of good things; and join - ing

the moth - er of the The - o - to - kos, ye moth - ers, now

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dance and cry: Maid - en Full of Grace, re - joice thou; with thee is the

Lord our God, Who a - bun - dant - ly grant - eth His Great

Mer - cy to the world through thee.

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3) An-na the re-nouned is man - i - fest as a liv - ing pil - lar

of bright-beam - ing chas - ti - ty, a ra - di - ant ves - sel glit - ter -

- ing with grace di - vine; for she__ hath in truth brought forth

that god - ly flow - er and crown of vir - gin - i - ty, who o - pen -

- ly doth con - fer the grace and beau - ti - ful gift__ of vir -

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- gin - i - ty both on vir - gins, and on all__ who love the grace of

maid - en - hood; and she grant - eth Great Mer - cy un - to

all the faith - ful flock__ of Christ.

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