

September 8th

Nativity of the Theotokos

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1

Special Melody: *O strange wonder*



9 *D*

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

G dance and cry: Maid - en Full of Grace, re - joi - ce — thou; with thee is the *D*

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

Mer - cy to the world — through — thee.

17 *D*

3) An-na the re-nowned 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 -
- 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.