

December 25 * Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Stichera for the Litia

Tone I

Znamenny Chant

Adapted and arranged by Holy Cross Hermitage

Heav - en_ and earth are glad to-day, as the_ prophets said._ An -

gels and men keep spir - i - tu - al fes - tiv - al, for_ God, born_ of the

Vir - gin, hath ap - peared in the flesh_ to those who sit in dark -

ness and shad - ow. The cave_ and the manger have re - ceived_

Him. The shep - herds pro - claim_ their won - der. The ma - gi

from the East bring gifts to Beth - le - hem. And we

with our un - wor - thy lips

of - fer Him the praise of the an - gels: Glo - ry to God in the high - est

and on earth peace, for the Ex - pec - ta - tion of the na - tions hath

come, and by His com - ing hath saved us from slav' - ry

to the en - e - my.

The image shows a musical score for piano and voice. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The bottom staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The lyrics 'to the en - e - my.' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.