

Postfeast of the Nativity of Christ; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God

Antiphon 1: (page 19)

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,* I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

In the council of the just and the congregation,* great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

His work is filled with praise and majesty,* and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

Glory... Now...Only-Begotten Son...(page 23)

Antiphon 3: (page 25)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance: (page 29)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

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Troparion, Tone 4: (page 29)

Your Nativity, O Christ our God,* made the light of knowledge dawn on the world:* through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star* to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness,* and to know You, the Dawn from on high.* Glory to You, O Lord.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6:

He who existed before the morning star* and was born of the Father without a mother,* today, O Full of Grace, becomes flesh from you without a father.* Wherefore, a star brings the news to the Magi* and angels with shepherds sing of how you gave birth ineffably.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: (page 33)

My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

verse: Because he has regarded the humility of His handmaid,* for behold, all generations shall call me blessed.

Alleluia, (Melody of Christmas Carol 'Vo Vyfleyemi' – 'In Bethlehem'):(page 33)

verse: Rise up, Lord, to the place of Your rest,* You and the ark of Your holiness.

verse: The Lord swore an oath to David,* and will not go back on His word.

Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)

O my soul, magnify the all-pure Virgin Mother of God,* more honorable and glorious than the heavenly hosts.

Irmos, Tone 1:

To keep silence in fear would be easier for us to do,* for this is free from danger, O Virgin Mother,* and though it is hard indeed to properly weave hymns, O Mother,* give us strength so that our good intentions may be fulfilled.

Communion verse: (page 67)

The Lord has sent deliverance* to His people.* Alleluia. (3X)

Instead of “Blessed is He Who comes...” (page 71), we sing:

Christmas Carol, *‘There was Great Rejoicing’*.

During Holy Communion, we sing:

Christmas Carol, *‘Bethlehem Gives Tidings’* – *‘В Вифлеємі Новина’*.

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” (page 73), we sing:

Christmas Carol *‘In Bethlehem’*.

Instead of “May our mouths...” (page 73), we sing:

Christmas Carol *‘Heaven and Earth’*.

Instead of “Blessed be the Name...” (page 77), we sing:

Christmas Carol *‘God’s Son Is Born’*.

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, we sing:

Christmas Carol, *‘Silent Night’*.