

Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

At the beginning of Divine liturgy, we sing Christmas Carol, 'God Eternal' – 'Бог предвічний'.

Instead of The First Antiphon, we sing The First Psalm of Typica, page 21.

Instead of The Third Antiphon, we sing The Beatitudes, page 27.

Entrance verse: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, wonderful in the saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion, Tone 4: (page 29)

At that time, Mary registered with the venerable Joseph in Bethlehem* since she was of the house of David.* She was with child, having conceived without seed.* When the time for her delivery drew near,* they could find no room in the inn,* but the cave seemed a joyful palace for the Queen.** Christ is born to renew the likeness that had been lost of old.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever.
Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3:

Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave* where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding* to the Word Who is in all eternity.* Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded.* With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him* Who chose to be seen as a newborn Babe** while remaining God in all eternity.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1: (page 33)

The Lord said to Me: You are My Son,* today have I begotten You.

verse: Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as an inheritance,* and as Your possession, the ends of the earth.

Alleluia, Tone 5: (page 33)

verse: The Lord said to my lord,* "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet."

verse: The Lord will send you a scepter of power out of Sion,* reign in the midst of your enemies.

verse: Yours is the dominion on the day* you are given power in the splendor of your holy ones.

Hymn to the Mother of God: Instead of "It is truly right..." (page 57)

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices:* the angelic ranks and all the human race.* Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,* virgins' pride and boast,* from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child*; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne,* and He made it wider than all the heavens.* In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices.* Glory be to you!

Communion verse: (page 67)

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia. (3X)

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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’*.