

## 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 Биғлеемі 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*’.