

**Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ;  
The Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen**

**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.

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

**Troparion, Tone 4:**

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.

**Troparion, Tone 4:**

O apostle and first martyr for Christ,\* you fought the good fight\* and exposed your persecutors' wickedness.\* For when you were killed by stoning at the hands of the lawless\* you received a crown from on high from God's right hand,\* while crying out to Him:\* "O Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion, Tone 3:**

Yesterday the Master came to us incarnate,\* but His servant departs today from the flesh.\*

Yesterday the One who now reigns in the flesh was born,\* but His servant today is killed by stoning.\* For His sake the first martyr, the divine Stephen gives up his life.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion, Tone 3:**

The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being,\* the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach,\* Angel with shepherds give Him glory,\* while Magi make their way with a star,\* for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 8: (page 33)**

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,\* let it sing to Your Name, O Most High.

**verse:** Shout to the Lord, all the earth,\* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 8:**

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,\* and their words unto the ends of the world.

**Verse:** The heavens tell the glory of God,\* and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

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

**verse:** The heavens tell the glory of God,\* and the firmament declares the work of His hands.

**verse:** Day announces its message unto day\* and night proclaims its knowledge unto night.

**verse:** The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord,\* and Your truth in the church of the saints.

**verse:** God is glorified in the assembly of the saints.

**Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)**

O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.

**Irmos, Tone 1:**

A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:\* the cave is heaven,\* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;\* the manger, a dwelling place\* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.\* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

**Communion Verse: (page 67)**

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,\* and their words unto the ends of the world.

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'*.