

**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 Вифлееми 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'.