

**Sunday after the Nativity of our Lord;
Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King,
and James, Brother of the Lord**

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.

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Entrance: (page 29)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

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Troparion, Tone 4: (page 29)

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy."

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 2:

O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle: You saw a virgin giving birth.* With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshipped;* they too were warned by an angel.* Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

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

Kontakion, Tone 3:

Today the divine David is filled with gladness;* Joseph along with James offers praises* for having received a crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice* and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth,* crying out, "O Gracious One, save those who worship You."

Now and for ever 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;* Angels 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 4:

How great are Your works, O Lord* You have made all things in wisdom.

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul:*

O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

God is wonderful in His saints,* the God of Israel.

verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

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

verse: Lord, remember David and all his meekness.

verse: How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob.

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)

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* 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'.