

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Troparion, Tone 4: (page 29)

Your nativity, O Virgin Mother of God,* has made joy known to all the world,* for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God.* He abolished the curse* and gave the blessing;* and by making death of no effect* He bestowed on us eternal life.

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

Kontakion, Tone 4:

By your birth, O immaculate one,* Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins,* celebrate as they cry out to you:* “The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God* and nourisher of our life.”

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: (page 33)

My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour.

verse: Because he has regarded the humility of His handmaid;* for behold, all generations shall call me blessed.

Alleluia, Tone 8: (page 33)

verse: Hear, O daughter, and see,* and incline your ear.

verse: The rich among the people* shall entreat your countenance.

Hymn to the Theotokos: (page 57)

O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary, born from a barren womb.

Irmos, Tone 8:

Virginity is alien to mothers* and childbearing is foreign to virgins;* yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together.* Therefore we and all the nations of the earth* without ceasing magnify you.

Communion verse: (page 67)

I will take the cup of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* Alleluia. **(3X)**