# The Service of Matins Saturday after Nativity

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#### **ROYAL BEGINNING**

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: (intoned) Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, O God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, present everywhere and filling all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us of every impurity; and save our souls, O good One.

Reader: Amen.

#### **TRISAGION**

Reader: \*\*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.

Lord, cleanse us of our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, (intoned) but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

#### THE ROYAL TROPARIA

### **Troparion of the Cross**

Reader: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the rulers against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your commonwealth through Your holy Cross.

Kontakion of the Cross

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: You, O Christ our God, Who chose of Your own will to be lifted up on the Cross, grant Your mercies to Your new commonwealth which is called by Your name. In Your power, gladden the hearts of our faithful rulers against those who war against them, having Your alliance as their weapon of peace, an invincible standard.

**Theotokion** 

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Awesome and blameless protection, do not overlook our petitions, O pure and praiseworthy Theotokos; make firm the community of the Orthodox; save those whom you have called to rule; and grant them victory from heaven, (intoned) for you bore God, only blessed one.

#### **LITANY**

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beseech You, hear us and have mercy.

Chanter: (intoned) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Chanter: (intoned) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop (Name), and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Chanter: (intoned) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Truly You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: (intoned) Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity, always; now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

### **HEXAPSALM (Six Psalms)**

Reader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will to men.

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O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

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### **PSALM 3**

Reader: O Lord, why are those who afflict me multiplied?

Many rise up against me. Many say to my soul: there is no salvation for him in his God.

But You, O Lord, are my Helper, my Glory, and the One who lifts up my head.

I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain.

I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves round about against me.

Rise, O Lord; save me, my God; for You have struck down all who without cause are my enemies; You have broken the teeth of sinners.

Salvation is of the Lord, and Your blessing is on Your people.

(And Again) I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

#### **PSALM 37**

Reader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath!

For Your arrows are fastened in me, and You have laid Your hand heavily upon me.

There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Your wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins.

For my iniquities have risen higher than my head; they have pressed heavily on me as a heavy burden.

My wounds have become foul and festering in the face of my foolishness.

I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; I went all the day long with downcast face.

For my loins are filled with inflammation, and there is no healing in my flesh.

I am afflicted and exceedingly humbled, I have groaned from the turmoil of my heart.

O Lord, all my desire is before You, and my groaning is not hidden from You.

My heart is troubled, my strength has failed me; and the light of my eyes, even this is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors drew near over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off.

And those who sought after my soul used violence; and those who sought evils for me spoke vain things, and they meditated deception all the day long.

But as for me, like a deaf man I did not hear them, and I was as a speechless man who does not open his mouth.

And I became as a man that does not hear, and that has no reproofs in his mouth.

For I have hoped in You, O Lord; You will hear me, Lord my God.

For I said: Let my enemies never rejoice over me; indeed, when my feet

were shaken, those men spoke boastful words against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity, and I will anguish concerning my sin.

But my enemies live and are made stronger than I, and those who hated me unjustly are multiplied.

Those who render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness.

Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

Be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

(And Again) Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

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### PSALM 62

Reader: O God, my God, to You I rise early at dawn.

My soul has thirsted for You; how often has my flesh longed after You in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered.

So I have appeared before You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory.

For Your mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise You.

So shall I bless You in my life, and I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with lips of rejoicing.

If I remembered You on my bed, I meditated on You at the dawn.

For You have become my Helper; I will rejoice in the shelter of Your wings.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

But as for those who in vain have sought after my soul, they shall go into

the lowest parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered to the edge of the sword, they shall be portions for foxes.

But the king shall be glad in God; everyone shall be praised that swears by Him; for the mouth of those who speak unjust things is stopped.

(And Again) At the dawn I meditated on You; for You have become my Helper; in the shelter of Your wings I will rejoice.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### **PSALM 87**

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication.

For my soul is filled with evils, and my life has drawn near to Hades.

I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I have become as a man without help, free among the dead.

I am like the bodies of the slain that sleep in the grave, Whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and the shadow of death.

Your anger lies heavily on me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves.

You have removed my friends far from me; they have made me an abomination to themselves.

I have been delivered up, and have not come forth; my eyes have grown weak from poverty.

I have cried to You, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my hands to You.

No, will You work wonders for the dead? Or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks to You?

No, shall any in the grave tell of Your mercy, and of Your truth in that destruction?

No, shall Your wonders be known in that darkness, and Your righteousness in that land that is forgotten?

But as for me, I have cried to You, O Lord; and in the morning my prayer shall come before You.

O Lord, why do You therefore cast off my soul and turn Your face away from me?

I am as a poor man, and in troubles from my youth; indeed, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress.

Your fierce wrath has gone over me, and Your terrors have sorely troubled me.

They came around me all day long like water, they engulfed me altogether.

Because of my misery You have removed friend and neighbor and my acquaintances far from me.

(And Again) O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication!

#### **PSALM 102**

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all that He has done for you.

Who is gracious to all your iniquities, Who heals all your infirmities.

Who redeems your life from corruption, Who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

Who fulfills your desire with good things; your youth shall be renewed as

the eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of mercy, and executes judgment for all those who are wronged.

He has made His ways known to Moses, the things that He has willed to the sons of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy; He will not be angered to the end, neither will He be angry to eternity.

He has not dealt with us according to our iniquities, neither has He rewarded us according to our sins.

For according to the height of heaven from the earth, so has the Lord made His mercy to prevail over those who fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our iniquities from us.

Like a father has compassion on his sons, so has the Lord had compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows of what we are made, He has remembered that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth.

For when the wind passes over it, then it shall be gone, and its place will no longer remember it.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even to eternity, on those who fear Him.

And His righteousness is on sons of sons, on those who keep His testament and remember to do His commandments.

The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O all you His Angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words.

Bless the Lord, O all you His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

(And Again) Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

#### **PSALM 142**

Reader: O Lord, hear my prayer, in Your truth give ear to my supplications; hear me in Your righteousness.

And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has humbled my life down to the earth.

He has sat me in darkness as those who have been long dead, and my spirit within me has become despondent; my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Your works, I pondered on the creations of Your hands.

I stretched forth my hands to You; my soul thirsts after You like a waterless land.

Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit has fainted away.

Do not turn Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning; for I have put my hope in You.

Cause me to know, O Lord, the way in which I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to You.

Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord; I have fled to You for refuge.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; You shall quicken me for Your name's sake, O Lord.

In Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction, and in Your mercy You shall utterly destroy my enemies.

And You shall cut off all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

(Repeat) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Let Your good spirit lead me on a level path!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God.

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Reader: (intoned) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God. Lord, my Hope, glory to You.

### **LITANY OF THE PEACE (The Great Litany)**

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray

to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches

of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and

the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our Archbishop (Name), the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in

Christ, and for all the clergy and the laity, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the president of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our

armed forces on land, at sea, and in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell in

them, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for

peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by sea, land and air; the sick, the suffering, the captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Chanter: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

Chanter: (sung) To You, O Lord.

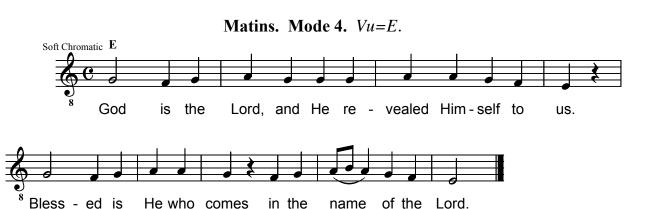
Priest: For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: (sung) Amen.

### **CHOIR**

## God is the Lord Mode 4.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.(SAAS)



Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.

Verse 2: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.

Verse 3: And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes. From Menaion - - -

### **Apolytikion. For the Feast.**

### Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high.



Glory to You, O Lord. (3)

### **DEACON**

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and protect us, O God, by your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

#### **PRIEST**

For yours is the dominion, and yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

### **CHOIR**

Kathisma I.

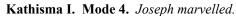
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### Mode 4. Joseph marveled.

Come, believers, let us see the place where Christ has been born.\* With the Magi, those three kings who from the orient are,\* now let us follow to where the star is proceeding.\* Ceaselessly do Angels sing praises there.\* Shepherds in the field sing a worthy song,\* saying: Glory in the highest be to Him who\* was born today in the grotto\* from the Virgin and Theotokos,\* in Bethlehem of Judea.

Glory. Both now. Repeat.

Come, believers, let us see the place where Christ has been born.\* With the Magi, those three kings who from the orient are,\* now let us follow to where the star is proceeding.\* Ceaselessly do Angels sing praises there.\* Shepherds in the field sing a worthy song,\* saying: Glory in the highest be to Him who\* was born today in the grotto\* from the Virgin and Theotokos,\* in Bethlehem of Judea. (SD)





### Kathisma II.

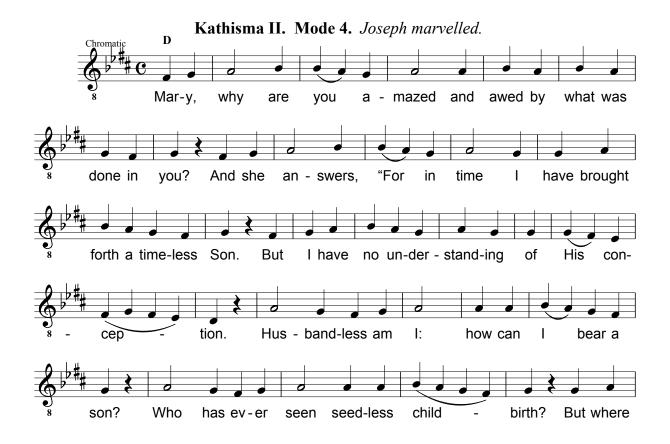
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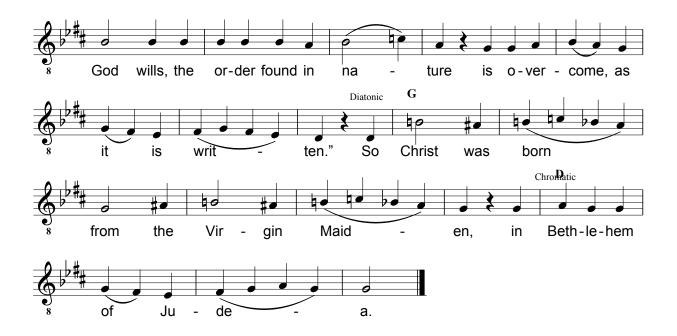
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### **READER**

### Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar.

(SAAS)

### **READER**

From Menaion - - -

# Kontakion of the Feast. Mode 3. Automelon.

On this day the Virgin gives \* birth to the Super-essential. \* To the Unapproachable, \* earth is providing the grotto. \* Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. \* Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. \* He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God. (SD)

Kontakion. For the Theotokos.

### Kontakion.

From Menaion - - -

### Mode pl. 2.

He who was begotton of the Father before the Morning Star without a mother is made flesh from you on earth today without a father. Therefore a Star announces the good tidings to the Magi, and Shepherds join the Angels in extolling your immaculate birthgiving, O Maiden full of grace.

(SD)

### Oikos.

The mystical grapevine held the Cluster that she produced without natural labor in her arms as if in branches, and she spoke to Him. "You are my fruit, You are my life. You are my God, and from You I know that I am still a virgin as before. And as I see that the seal of my virginity is intact, I proclaim You to be the unchanged Logos who became flesh. I knew no insemination, but I know You the destroy of corruption. For even after You came forth from me, I am still pure; and You left my womb like You found it. For this reason all creation celebrates together and sings to me: 'Rejoice, O Maiden full of grace.'"

### Synaxarion.

### From the Menaion.

On December 26 is the Synaxis in honor of our all-holy Lady Theotokos.

On this day we also commemorate our father among the saints Efthymios the Confessor, Bishop of Sardis.

On this day we also commemorate our devout father Constantine who was of Jewish origin.

We also commemorate our devout father Evarestos.

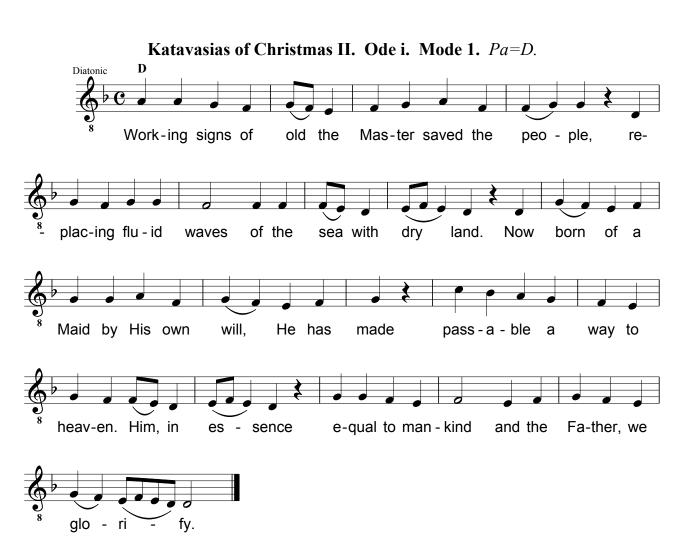
We also commemorate the holy New Hieromartyr Constantine the Russian, who contested in Constantinople in the year 1743.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

#### CHOIR

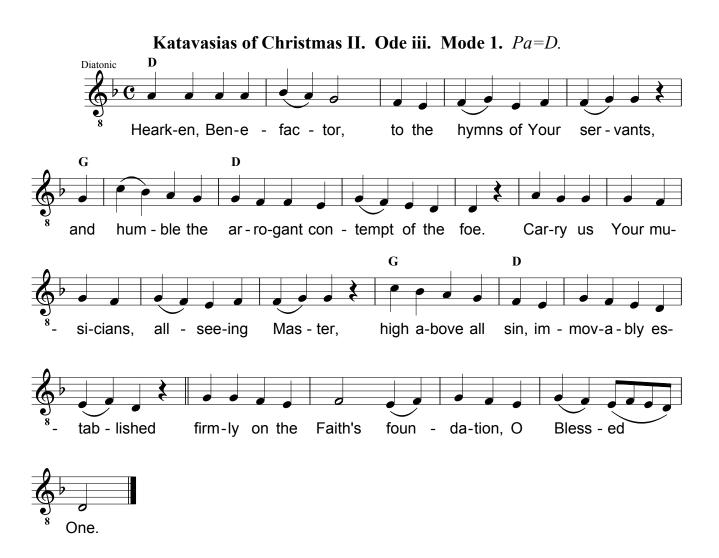
# Katavasias of Christmas II Ode i. Mode 1.

Working signs of old the Master saved the people, \* replacing fluid waves of the sea with dry land. \* Now born of a Maid by His own will, He has made \* passable a way to heaven. Him, in essence \* equal to mankind and the Father, we glorify. (SD)



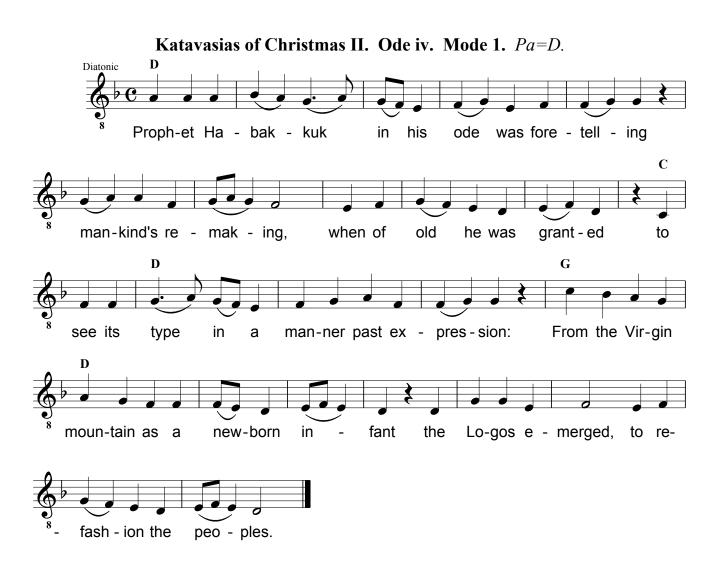
### Ode iii.

Hearken, Benefactor, to the hymns of Your servants, \* and humble the arrogant contempt of the foe. \* Carry us Your musicians, all-seeing Master, \* high above all sin, immovably established \* firmly on the Faith's foundation, O Blessed One. (SD)



### Ode iv.

Prophet Habakkuk in his ode was foretelling \* mankind's remaking, when of old he was granted \* to see its type in a manner past expression: \* From the Virgin mountain as a newborn infant \* the Logos emerged, to refashion the peoples. (SD)



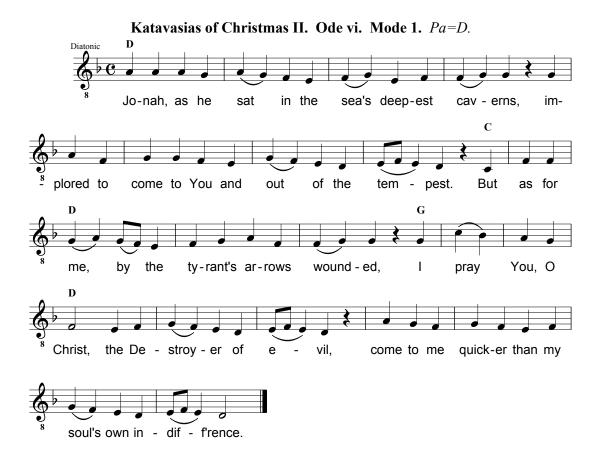
### Ode v.

Would that You come, O Christ, to us who once were darkened \* by the night of works of error, but who offer \* hymns to You wakefully now, O Benefactor. \* Grant us forgiveness, and make easy the pathway. \* Ascending this path may we also find glory.



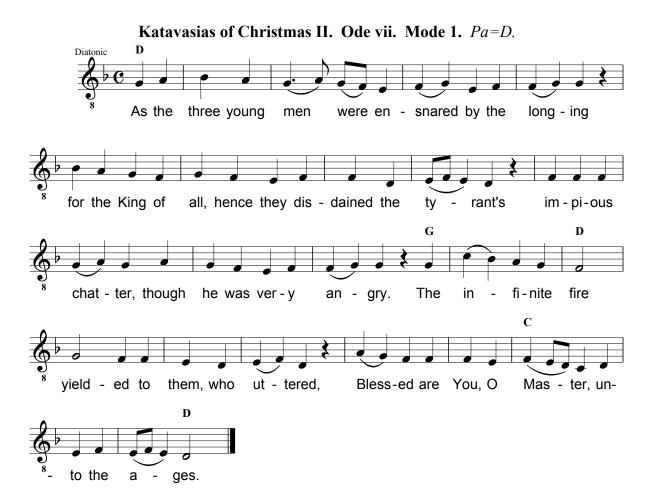
### Ode vi.

Jonah, as he sat in the sea's deepest caverns, \* implored to come to You and out of the tempest. \* But as for me, by the tyrant's arrows wounded, \* I pray You, O Christ, the Destroyer of evil, \* come to me quicker than my soul's own indifference.



### Ode vii.

As the three young men were ensnared by the longing \* for the King of all, hence they disdained the tyrant's \* impious chatter, though he was very angry. \* The infinite fire yielded to them, who uttered, \* Blessed are You, O Master, unto the ages.



#### Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Standing in fire without burning, the young men \* did of old portray thus the womb of the Maiden. \* Remaining sealed, supernaturally it gave birth. \* Grace with a single miracle-working power \* did both, and rouses all the peoples to sing praise.

(SD) DEACON



Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

From Menaion - - -

**CHOIR** 

# Ode ix. Canon I. Mode 1. Heirmos.

O my soul, magnify her who is greater in honor and in glory than the armies of heaven.

I see here a strange and paradoxical mystery. \* For, behold, the grotto is heaven; \* cherubic throne is the Virgin; \* the manger a grand space \* in which Christ our God the uncontainable reclined as a babe; \* Whom in extolling do we magnify. (SD)



### Troparia.

O my soul, magnify God who was born in the flesh from a Virgin.

The wise men concluded from their observations of \* the extraordinary path of the peculiar nova which had lately \* appeared and was shining more brightly than anything in outer space, \* that Christ the King was born on earth, in Bethlehem to save our souls.



O my soul, magnify the King who was born as an infant in the grotto. When Magi came saying: "Where is the newly born \* child King whose star has appeared? \* For we have come to adore Him \* with gold, myrrh and incense," \* then Herod, the enemy of God, was vexed, and madly incensed, \* fuming he plotted how to murder Christ. (SD)



O my soul, magnify God who was worshiped by the Magi.

Herod ascertained the exact time the star appeared; \* by the guidance of which the wise men \* with gifts in Bethlehem worshipped Christ; \* by Whom they were directed \* to go to their country by another way, \* abandoning that terrible, ridiculous infanticide.

(SD)

From Menaion - - -



# Canon II. Mode 1. Heirmos.

Today the holy Virgin gives birth to the Master within the cave and grotto. Easier for us is from fear to love silence, \* free of any peril as it is, O Virgin; \* whereas to weave stirring hymns out of longing \* in earnest is difficult Therefore, O Mother, \* give us strength to matc (SD)



Today our Lord and Master is born as an infant; His Mother is a virgin.

Easier for us is from fear to love silence, \* free of any peril as it is, O Virgin; \* whereas to weave stirring hymns out of longing \* in earnest, is difficult.

Therefore, O Mother, \* give us strength to match (SD)



### Glory.

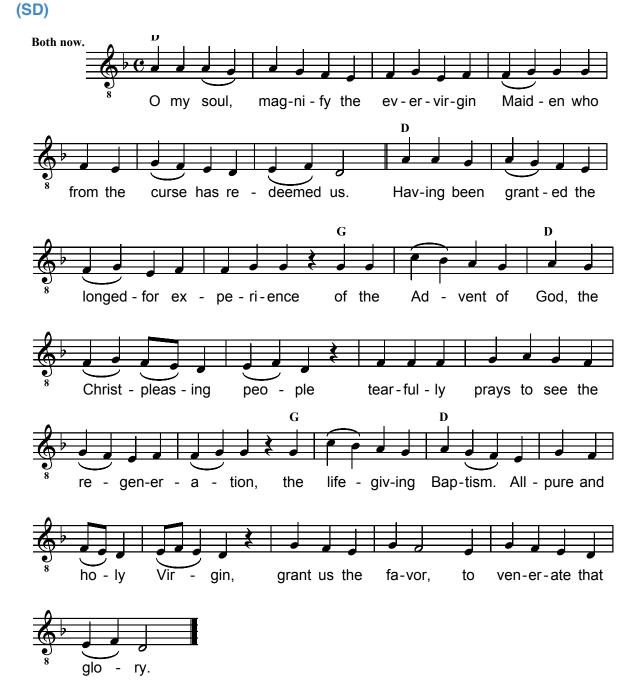
O my soul, magnify the power of the Godhead, that is three hypostases and also undivided.

We have clearly seen the obscure types and shadows \* fulfilled; and the light of the truth we perceive now, \* O pure Theotokos and Mother of the Logos \* who lately came forth from the gate that had been closed. \* Worthily we bless your womb, all-holy Virgin.



### Both now.

O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid who from the curse has redeemed us. Having been granted the longed-for experience \* of the Advent of God. the Christ-pleasing people \* tearfully prays to see sm. All-pure and holy Virgin, \* grant us the lavor, to venerate that giory.



### Katavasia, Mode 1.

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### **DEACON**

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and protect us, O God, by your grace. (Lord, have mercy.)

Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

## **PRIEST**

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

### CHOIR

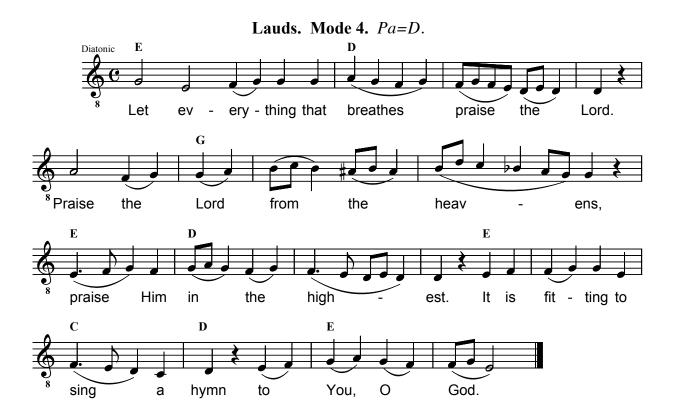
## **Exaposteilarion From Menaion - - -Mode 3. Automelon.**

Our Savior from on high \* the Orient from the East \* visited us who in the dark \* and shadow hitherto had lain; \* now we have found the truth indeed. \* And this is so because from the Virgin the Lord is born. (3)



## Lauds. Mode 4.

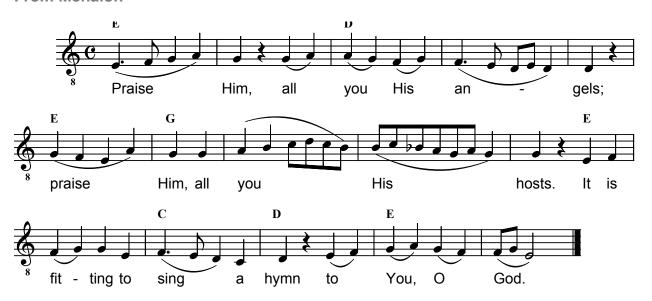
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. (SAAS)



# Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God.

(SAAS)

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#### Mode 4.

Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness.

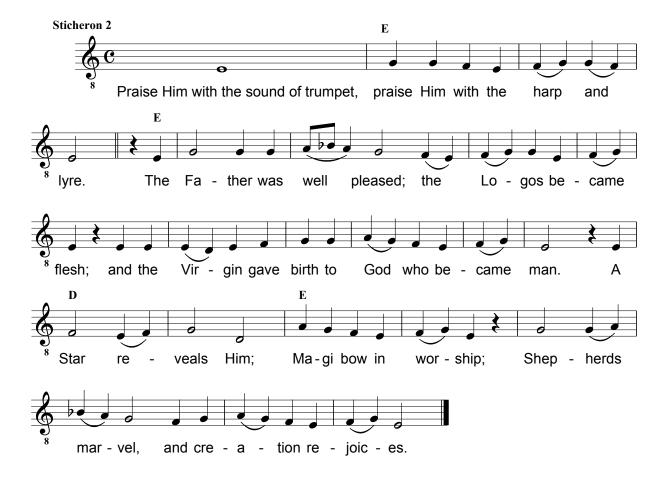
(SAAS)

You righteous, be glad in heart; and the heavens, be exultant. Leap for joy, O mountains, at the birth of the Messiah. Resembling the Cherubim, the Virgin Maiden is seated and holds in her embraces God the Logos incarnate. The shepherds glorify the newborn Babe; Magi bring the Master their precious gifts. Angels are singing hymns of praise, and say, "O Lord incomprehensible, glory to You." (SD)



Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre. (SAAS)

The Father was well pleased; the Logos became flesh; and the Virgin gave birth to God who became man. A Star reveals Him; Magi bow in worship; Shepherds marvel, and creation rejoices.
(SD)



Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute. (SAAS)

O Virgin Theotokos who gave birth to the Savior, you reversed the curse to which Eve once was subject. For you have become the Mother of the Father's good pleasure, and you hold in your embraces God the Logos incarnate. The mystery admits no inquiry; we all glorify it by faith alone, and with you we cry aloud and say, "O Lord incomprehensible, glory to You." (SD)



Praise Him with resounding cymbals, praise Him with triumphant cymbals. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (SAAS)

Come, let us extol and praise the Savior's Mother, who remained a virgin even after childbirth. Animate City of our King and God, rejoice, for Christ having dwelt in you has wrought our salvation. Together with Gabriel we sing your praise, together with the shepherds we glorify you, crying out, "Theotokos, intercede with the Lord, who is incarnate from you, to save us." (SD)



## Glory.

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## Mode pl. 2.

Today, the invisible Nature is conjoined to humanity from a Virgin. Today, the infinite Essence is wrapped in swaddling clothes in Bethlehem. Today, God uses a star to lead Magi to adore Him. By their gold, frankincense and myrrh, they foretell His three-day burial. For that reason we sing, "O Christ our God, who were incarnate of a Virgin, save our souls." (SD)





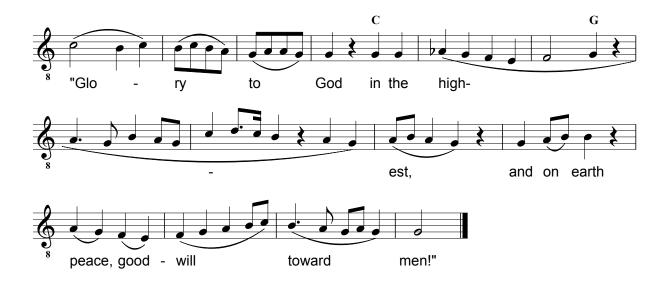
### Both now.

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### Mode 2.

Today in Bethlehem, Christ is born of the Virgin. Today, the Unoriginate begins, and the Word becomes flesh. The hosts of heaven are rejoicing, and the earth and humanity are merry. The Magi bring their gifts. The Shepherds proclaim the marvel. And we unceasingly cry aloud: \* "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (SD)

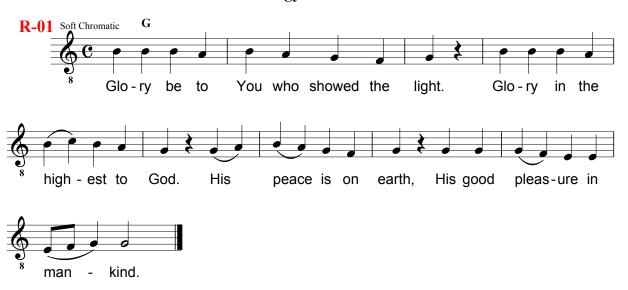




## **GREAT DOXOLOGY**

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. (SD)

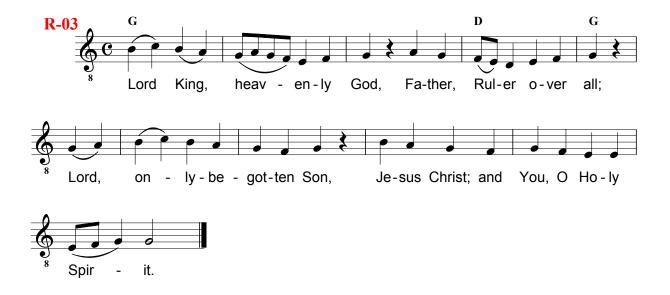
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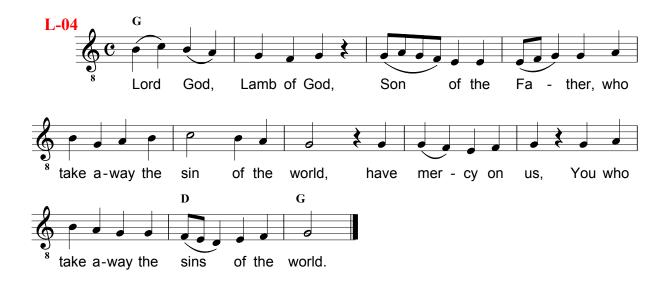
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.



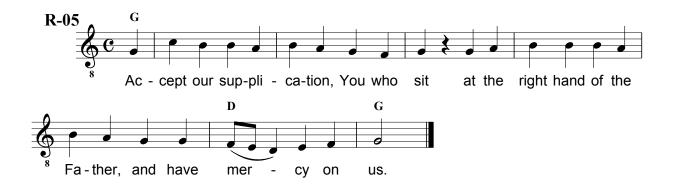
Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.



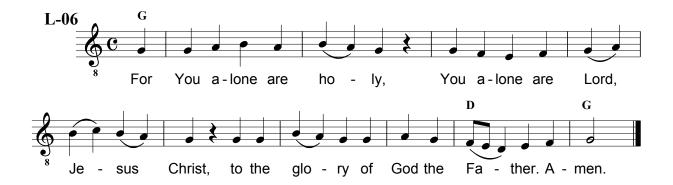
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.



Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.



For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.



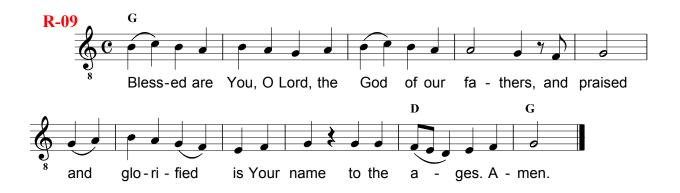
Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.



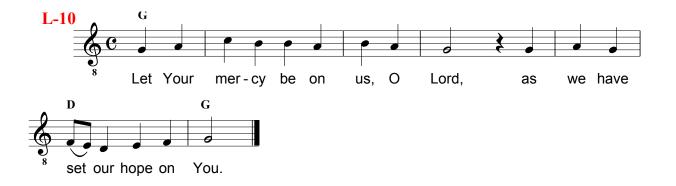
Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.



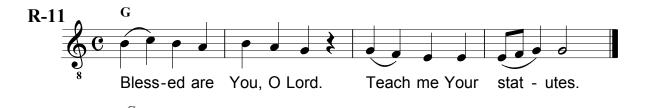
Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.



Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.



Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.



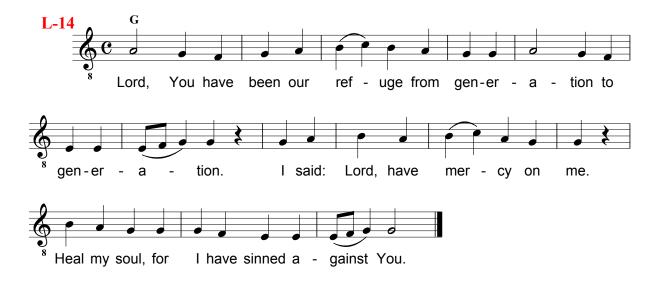
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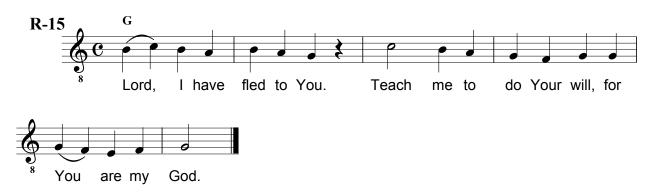
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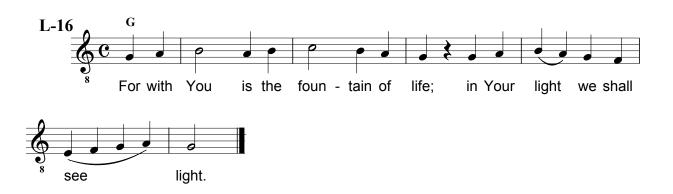
Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.



Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.



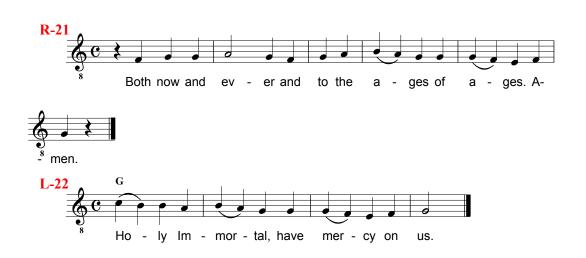
For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

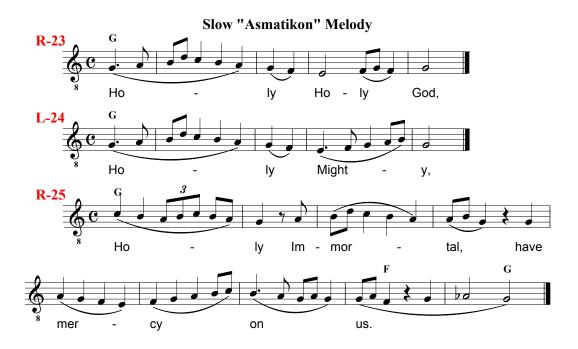


Continue Your mercy to those who know You. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3) Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Holy Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.





## Apolytikion. For the Feast. From Menaion - - -Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord. (SD)

