The Nativity of Our Lord (Dec 25/Jan 7)

Troparion - Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shown to the world the light of wisdom!

For by it those who worshipped the stars were taught
by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness,
and to know Thee, the Orient from on high.

O Lord, glory to Thee!

Glory...Now and ever - Tone 3

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto ages of ages. Amen.
To-day the Virgin gives birth to the Trans-cendent One! And the earth offers a cave, to the Unapproachable One!

Angels, with shepherds, glorify Him!

The wise men journey with a star.

Since, for our sake the eternal

God was born as a little child!

Prokeimenon - Tone 8

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee. Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!
Nativity: Irmos - Tone 1

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure.

Virgin The o to kos, more honorable

and more glorious than the heaven ly hosts.

I behold a strange, most glorious mystery!

Heaven the cave! The cherubic throne the Virgin!

The manager the place where Christ lay,

the Un contain a ble God

Whom we magnify in song!

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At the Great compline of the Nativity

"God is with us..." (see Volume I - pg. 91)

The Litia

(Tone 1)

Let heav-en and earth to-day make glad

pro-phet-i-cally. An-gels and men, let us keep

spir-i-tu-al feast. For God, born

of a wo-man, has ap-peared in the flesh
to those who sit in dark-ness and shad-ow.

a cave and a man-ger have re-

ceived Him. Shep-herds an-nounce the

won-der; wise men from the east of-fer gifts

in Beth-le-hem. Let us, then, from our

un-wor-thy lips of-fer praise

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like the angels: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace. For the expectation of nations has come, He has come and saved us from the bondage of the enemy.

(Tone 5)

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

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The magi, kings of Persia,

knew with assurance

that Thou, the heavenly King was born on earth.

Led by the light of a star

they came to Bethlehem, and offered

course gifts, gold and

frankincense and myrrh.

Falling before Thee they worshiped Thee:

for they saw Thee Who art timeless

lying as a babe in the cave.
The Aposticha

(Tone 2)

A great and wondrous mystery unfolds today.

A virgin gives birth and remains a virgin!

The Word is made flesh without leaving the Father!

Angels and shepherds glorify Him! Let us join in their song:

"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace!"

(Tone 4)

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

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Make glad, O Jerusalem, and all ye who love Zion, keep the feast. Today the ancient bond of the condemnation of Adam is loosed.

Paradise is opened to us.

The serpent is laid low. Of old he deceived the woman in paradise, but now he sees a woman become Mother of the Creator.

O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

The sinful vessel that brought death upon all flesh.
has through the Theotokos become the first fruits of salvation for the whole world.

For God the All-perfect is born a babe of her, and by His birth He sets the seal upon her virginity, through His swaddling clothes He loosens the bands of sin, and through becoming a child He heals Eve's pangs in travail. Therefore let all creation sing and dance for joy, for Christ has come to restore it and to save our souls.
God is the Lord - Tone 4

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Nativity Troparion (see pg. 321)
The Polyeleion (see Volume I - pg. 154)

Megalynarion - Tone 1

We magnify Thee, O Christ the Giver of Life, Who wast born in the flesh for us this day from her that knew not wedlock, the all-pure Virgin Mary.

Song of Ascent - Tone 4: (see Volume I - pg. 159)

Prokeimenon - Tone 4

Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee; the Lord has sworn, and will not change His mind.

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"Let every breath praise the Lord..." - Tone 4: (see Volume I - pg. 182)

Sjedalen (Sessional Hymn) - Tone 4

Come, O ye faithful, and let us behold where Christ is born.

Let us join the wise kings from the east, and follow the guiding star.

Angels sing praises there without ceasing and shepherds abiding in the fields of offer a fitting hymn, saying glory in the highest to Him Who in the cave this day is born of the Virgin and Theotokos, in Bethlehem of Judah.

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The Nativity Canon - Tone 1

Ode I.

Christ is born glorify Him!

Christ is from heaven receive Him!

Christ is on earth be lifted up!

Sing to the Lord of the earth

and praise Him with joy, O people,

for He has been glorified.

Ode III.

To the Son Who before all time was born immortal

of the Father, and in these latter days became

incarnate without seed of a Virgin.

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Let us cry unto Christ our God: "Thou Who hast raised up our horn Holy art Thou, O Lord."

Hypakoe - Tone 8

Heaven brought the first-fruits of the Gentiles as a gift for Thee; A star summoned the wise men to the babe in the manger. They were amazed to see neither throne nor scepter, but only abject poverty.

What is more humble than a cave? What is more lowly than swaddling clothes?

Yet the riches of Thy divinity shone through all these.

O Lord, glory to Thee!
Kathisma Hymn - Tone 8

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad!

The Lamb of God has been born on earth, granting redemption to the world. The Word, who rests in the bosom of the Father, has come forth without seed from the Virgin.

The wise men were struck with amazement, seeing Him born as an infant in Bethlehem.

Let all creation glorify Him!

Ode IV.

Rod of the root of Jesse, and flower that blossomed from his stem, O Christ, Thou hast sprung from the Virgin.

From the mountain overshadowed by the forest, Thou hast come, made flesh from her that knew not womb, O God, Who art not formed from matter, glory to Thy power, O Lord.
As Thou art God of peace and Father of mercies, Thou hast sent unto us thine Angel of great counsel, granting us peace. So are we guided towards the light of the knowledge of God, and watching by night we glorify Thee, O Lover of man kind.

The sea monster cast out Jonah unharmed. As it had received him like a babe from the womb. And when the Word came to dwell in the Virgin and was made flesh. He came forth preserving her uncorrupt. For He Himself was not subject to decay, and He kept His mother free from harm.
Kontakion: "Today the Virgin Gives Birth..." - Tone 3 (see pg. 322)

Ode VII. Scourning the impious decree,
the children brought up together in Godliness
feared not the threat of fire,
but standing in the midst of the flames they sang:

"O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou."

Ode VIII. The furnace moist with dew was the image
and figure of a wonder past nature.
For it burnt not the children whom it had received,
even as the fire of the Godhead
consumed not the Virgin's womb

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in to which it had descend ed.

Therefore, in praise let us sing:

"Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all forever."

ODE IX: "Magnify, O My Soul" - (see pg. 323)

Exaposteilarion

Our Savior, the Day-spring of the East, has visited us from on high, and we who were in darkness and shadow have found the truth: the Lord is born of the Virgin!

The Praises - Tone 4  (see Volume I - pg. 312)
The Great Doxology - Tone 6  (see Volume I - pg. 338)
The Nativity Troparion - Tone 4  (see pg. 321)
Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God (Dec 26/Jan 8)

Kontakion - Tone 6

He Who was be-got-ten of the Fa-ther,

with-out mo-ther, be-fore the morn-ing star,

to-day on earth is made flesh of you

with-out a fa-ther, O La- dy full of Grace.

There-fore, a star an-noun-ces the glad tid-ings

to the ma-gi. An-gels and shep-herds

sing the prai-ses of your child-bear-ing

in a man-ner be-yond un-der-stand-ing.
St. Stephen - Protomartyr and Archdeacon (Dec 26/Jan 8)

Troparion - Tone 4

O Protomartyr and mighty warrior of Christ our God, you were victorious in battle

and crowned with glory, O holy Stephen!

You confounded the council of your persecutors,

beholding your Savior enthroned at the right hand of the Father.

Never cease to intercede that our souls may be saved.
St. Stephen: Kontakion - Tone 3

Yesterday the Master assumed our flesh

and became our guest;

today His servant is stoned to death

and departed in the flesh,

the glorious Protomartyr Stephen.

Prokeimenon - Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the universe.
Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Jan 1/14)

Troparion - Tone 1

Reigning on high with the eternal Father and the Holy Spirit, Thou didst descend from the fiery throne to the earth. Thou wast born of the unwedded Bride, Thy Pure Mother, and wast circumcised as an eight-day old child.

Glory to Thy righteous will, O Merciful Jesus!

Glory to Thy saving descent, O only Lover of man!

At long last, the realm

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St. Basil the Great (Jan 1/14)

Troparion - Tone 1

Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth! By hearing your teaching we learn divine doctrine.

You have pondered the nature of creatures; you have given a noble rule of life for men.

O holy father and kingly priest,
en-treat Christ our God to save our souls.
St. Basil: Kontakion - Tone 4

You were revealed as the sure foundation of the Church, granting all men a lordship which cannot be taken away, sealing it with your precepts, O venerable and heavenly father.

Kontakion of the Circumcision - Tone 3

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised. Thus, in His mercy He circumcises the sins of mortal men. Today He grants the world salvation.
While Basil, high priest of God our Creator, rejoices in heaven as the radiant star of Christ.

Prokeimenon of the Circumcision - Tone 6

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Prokeimenon: St. Basil - Tone 1

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
The Theophany of Our Lord (Jan 6/19)

**Troparion - Tone 1**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,

the worship of the Trinity was made manifest!

For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee,

and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit in the

form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and

hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

**The Theophany: Kontakion - Tone 4**

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe,

and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us,

who with understanding praise Thee: Thou hast come and
The Theophany: Prokeimenon - Tone 4

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

The Theophany: Irmos - Tone 2

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin

Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue is capable of praising you worthily:

the angelic mind is overwhelmed in exalting you,

O Theotokos! But accept our faith, since you are

gracious and know our divine love. You are the protector

-ress of Christians, and we praise you!
The memory of the righteous is worthy of praise,
but you, O Fore-runner, are well pleased by the Lord's own
witness. You were revealed as greater
than the prophets, for you baptized
in the waters Him, whom they foretold.
Therefore, having fought and suffered for the truth,
you proclaimed to those in the tombs
the gospel of the incarnate God, Who takes away the sins
of the world, and grants
us great mercy.

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Synaxis of St. John the Baptist: Kontakion - Tone 6

The river Jordan trembled, and was driven back filled with fear at Thy coming in the flesh.

While John drew back in awe, as he fulfilled the ministry of the Spirit.

The ranks of angels stood amazed, when they beheld Thee baptized in the stream.

And we who were in darkness, are filled with light, praising Thee, God made manifest,

Who enlightens all.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and hope in Him.