Katavasia of the Nativity

Chanted instead of "It is Truly Right"
on December 25th

First Mode
adapted from Athanasios Karamanis (1911- )
translation by Hieromonk Seraphim Dedes

Saints of the Nativity

my soul, magnify

her who is greater

honour and glory than the armies of heaven.

see here a strange
paradoxical mystery. For, behold, the grotto to which is heaven; cherubim throne is the Virgin; the manager is a grand space in which Christ our God, the uncontainable a reclined as a babe; Whom in exalting do we magnify.