The Holy Prophet Nahum

December 1

Apolytikion

Second Mode

Intonation: #4

Allegro 150

As we celebrate the memory of Thy

Prophet Nahum, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to

save our souls.
Saint Philaret
the Almsgiver

December 1

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8

Third Mode
"Thy confession"

From the inner wealth of a divine faith, thou didst deal thy riches to the needy; and thy works of compassion have glorified Christ, the Bestower of mercy, O Philaret; for thy whole

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If Paul--imprisoned, made fast in the stocks, and threatened with intolerable scourges--praised God along with Silas continually throughout the night (when sleep is most pleasant to everyone); and if neither the place, nor the hour, nor his anxieties, nor the tyrant's slumbers, nor the pain of his labors, nor anything else could bring him to interrupt his singing, so much the more ought we, who live pleasantly and enjoy God's blessings, to give forth hymns that express thanks to Him.

- St. John Chrysostom
As we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Abba-cum, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.
The Holy Prophet Sophonias

December 3

Apolytikion

Second Mode

Intonation: #4

As we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Sophonias, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.

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Let us honour Saint Barbara, for she hath broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of
December 4 - St. Barbara

the Cross.

SAINT BARBARA
Saint John of Damascus

December 4

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25
Plagal Fourth Mode

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piet

and holiness, luminary of the

world, God-inspired adornment of monastics,

O wise John, by thy teachings thou

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hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit.

Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS
The Holy Great Martyr Barbara

December 4

Kontakion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

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O modest trophy-bearer, as thou didst follow Him that in Trinity is hymned

with true rev’rence, thou didst for-sake de-votion to idol- a-try; nor didst thou shrink back in fear from the

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threats of the tyrants while contesting manfully in the battle, O Barb'ra, while ever loudly singing: I adore the Holy Trinity, the One Divinity.

Lovers of God are moved to spiritual joy, to divine love, and to tears both by worldly and by religious songs; but lovers of pleasure are moved to the opposite.

- St. John of the Ladder
Come, O ye faithful, let us praise the hymn-writer, the Church’s luminary and wise instructor, the hallowed John, who cast down all her enemies; for since he took up the Cross of the

Saint John of Damascus

December 4

Kontakion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

Allegro  \( \frac{1}{150} \)

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Lord as a weapon, he drove off the heresies, with their every delusion. And as our fervent champion with God, he granteth all the forgiveness of trespasses.
Saint Sabbas the Sanctified

December 5

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25

Plagal Fourth Mode

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundred-fold in labours; and thou becamest a luminar-

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December 5 - Saint Sabbas

y, shining with miracles upon the world,

O Sabbas our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
O blessed Sab - bas, thou wast of - fered from thine in -
fan - cy through thy great vir - tue as a
pure and spot - less sac - ri - fice un - to God, Who
ere thy birth, ver - i - ly fore - knew thee; where - fore
thou wast an adornment of the righteous
Saints, an all-praised founder of cities in the wilderness. Hence, I cry to thee: Rejoice, O Father of great renown.
Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker  
Bishop of Myra of Lycia  

December 6

Apolytikion  
Fourth Mode

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O
Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker  
Bishop of Myra of Lycia  

December 6  

Kontakion  

Third Mode  
"On this day the Virgin"  

Thou, O righteous Nicholas, in Myra truly wast shown forth as a sacred minister; for thou didst lay down thy life for thy
flock and people and, O Saint, didst save the innocent from unjust death. Wherefore, thou wast sanctified as a great initiate of the divine grace of God.
The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule
of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of

temperance; for this cause thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O

Saint Ambrose
Bishop of Milan

December 7

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

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Father and Hierarch Ambrose, intercede with

Christ God that our souls be saved.

(A mosaic of him from his church in Milan that might have been made when he was alive)
Saint Patapius

December 8

Apolytikon

Intonation: #25

Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O Father; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to other,

ver - look the flesh, for it pass - eth a - way, but

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to attend to the soul since it is im-
mortal. Wherefore, O righteous Patapius, thy
spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

The book of psalms
uproots the passions with
a certain melodic enjoyment and
a delight that instills pure thoughts.

- St. Basil the Great
To-day the bonds of childlessness are loosed; for God hearkened to Joachim and Anna. And though it was beyond hope, He clearly promised them that they should bear a divine child, from whom was born the Un-circumscrib-
able One Himself Who became a mortal, and

through an Angel commanded them to cry unto her: Re-

joyce, thou who art full of grace; the Lord is with thee.

Final Ending:

grace; the Lord is with thee.
The Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection

December 9

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
Fourth Mode

Thou hast shown the earthly beauty of the holy tabernacle of Thy glory to be like unto the splendour of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Strengthen it for ever and ever, and accept our prayers which

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we unceasingly offer therein unto Thee,

through the Theotokos, O Thou Who art the Life and Resurrection of all.
The Conception of Saint Anna
the Mother of the Theotokos

December 9

Kontakion

Intonation: #8

"On this day Thou hast appeared"

All the world doth celebrate Anna's conception on this day with festive joy, because it came to pass through God; for by divine grace she hath conceived her that beyond words
conceiveth the Word of God.

The Prayer of Saint Anna
The Holy Martyrs
Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus

December 10

Apolytikion

Intonation: #24
Plagal Fourth Mode

Allegro \( \frac{\text{X}}{\text{X}} \)

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles

the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ

God laid hold on the graces to drive off the

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pains and illness of the sick and work_.

wonders both while living and after death. Strange in-

deed is the miracle! That these bare bones should pour

forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory

be to our only God.
By faith didst Thou justify the Forefathers,

when through them Thou didst betroth Thyself aforetime to the Church from among the nations. The Saints boast in glory that from their seed there is a glorious fruit,
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Even she that bare Thee seed less ly. By their prayers, O

Christ God, save our souls.
The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

December 11-17

Kontakion

Intonation: #4
Second Mode

A hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-blessed ones; but armed by the Unde-pict-a-ble Es-sence, ye were glo-ri-fied in your or-deal by fire. Stand-ing in the midst of the ir-re-sis-ti-ble flame, ye called up-on

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God: Speed Thou, O Compassionate One, and Hasten, since Thou art merciful, to come unto our aid; for Thou art able, if it be Thy will.
Saint Daniel the Stylite

December 11

Apolytikion

Intonation: #1
First Mode

Allegro \( \frac{\text{b}}{\text{f}} \) 150

Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Fathers, O righteous one: Job

in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations,

and the life of the bodiless while in the bod-

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O Daniel, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ, God that our souls be saved.
Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker  
Bishop of Trimythus in Cyprus

December 12

Apolytikion

Intonation: #1  
First Mode

Thou wast shown forth as a champion of the First Council and a wonderworker, O Spyridon, our God-bearing Father. Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a ser-
pent to gold. And while chant ing thy ho ly prayers,
thou hadst An gels serv ing with thee, O most sa cred
one. Glo ry to Him that hath glo ri fied thee.
Glo ry to Him that hath crowned thee. Glo ry to
Him that work eth heal ings for all through thee.
Saint Spyridon the Wonderworker
Bishop of Trimythus in Cyprus

December 12

Kontakion

Intonation: #4

"Thou soughtest the heights"

Pierced through with the love of Christ, O sacred Spyridon, thou gavest thy mind divine wings with the Spirit's light; in the active vision of God were all thy labours, O inspired of God, whereby thou becamest the Lord's
di-vine al-tar, ask-ing di-vine light for all.
Saint Herman of Alaska

December 12

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
Fourth Mode

Allegro \( \frac{4}{4} \) 150

Blessed ascetic of the northern wilds and gracious intercessor for the whole world, teacher of the

Orthodox Faith, good instructor of piety, adornment of Alaska and joy of all America,
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ho-ly Fa-ther Her-man, pray to Christ God that He

save our souls.

SAINT HERMAN OF ALASKA
Saint Herman of Alaska

December 12

Kontakion

Intonation: #24

Plagal Fourth Mode

"To thee, the Champion Leader"

Allegro \( \frac{\text{b}}{150} \)

Monk of Va-alam, who through ascetic labours didst

become an emulator of the
desert-dwelling Saints of old, O beloved

of the Mother of God and Virgin, having

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tak-en prayer as sword and shield, thou wast revealed as the scourge of pagan darkness and the demons' hosts. Hence we cry to thee: O Saint Herman,

pray that we be saved.

When the day is over, the vendor sits down and counts his profits; but the worker of virtue does so when the psalmody is over.

- St. John of the Ladder
Saint Peter the Aleut

December 12

Apolytikion

Intonation: #1

First Mode

Allegro  \( \frac{1}{4} 150 \)

O Peter, upon the rock of thy faith hath Christ built His
Church, and in the streams of thy blood hath He
allowed our land. In thee thy people hath been sanctified, O
Aleut; from the farthest islands of the west

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 hath He raised thee, a light unto all. Glory to Him that hath glorified thee. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.
Saint Peter the Aleut

December 12

Kontakion

Intonation: #8

Fourth Mode (modified)

"On this day Thou hast appeared"

As a skillful fisherman, the Martyr Peter was not harmed when he... was

caught by adversaries of the Faith; but in a

sea of martyr's blood, he gained the Kingdom

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and drowned, bitter heresy.

SAINT PETER THE ALEUT
The Holy Martyrs
Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes

December 13

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the

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de-mons' strength-less pre-sump-tion. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer-ci-ful.
Saint Lucia

December 13

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)
"Joseph was amazed"

Intonation: #19

\[\text{Allegro } \frac{4}{4} 150\]

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O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer

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for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee;

for Thy sake I die, that I may live

in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to

Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord,

save our souls through her intercessions, since

Thou art great in mercy.

December 13 - St. Lucia
The Holy Martyrs
Thyrsus, Leucius, Calliniclus, Philemon, Apollonius, and Arian

December 14

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Intonation: #10

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
The demon of fornication, 
in the manner of a licking puppy, 
is wont to cling to the one he tempts, 
so as not to be cast out. But it is possible 
for you--it is a matter of your prerogative and 
intention--either to nourish him with the work of 
dishonor or vigorously to put him to flight with prayer and 
psalmody, with fasting and vigils, and with sleeping on the ground.

- Nilus of Ancyra
Saint Eleutherius
Bishop of Illyricum

December 15

Apolytikion

Intonation: #13
Plagal First Mode
"Let us worship the Word"

Be-ing come-ly a-dorned in thy sa-cred priest-ly robes and
new-ly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanc-ti-fied
blood, thou didst soar a-loft to stand be-fore thy Mas-ter,

Christ; hence nev-er cease to in-ter-cede for those

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honouring with faith thy mighty and blessed contest, thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherius.
As we celebrate the memory of Thy Holy Prophet Aggaeus, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.
The Holy Empress Theophano
the Wonderworker

December 16

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode
"Thou Who wast raised up"

Allegro $\frac{\text{b}300}{\text{b}}$

Prefering heav en ly things un to the

earth ly, thou while on earth didst live the life

of the Ang els, raised up on god ly long ing, O Theo

o phano. Where fore, thou hast been vouch safed Heav en's

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graces and visions, Standing with the Angels'
hosts and the Saints' fair assemblies before the King of all, Whom thou didst love; pray Him to grant
us His mercy and blessedness.

SAINT THEOPHANO
The Holy Prophet Daniel
and the Holy Three Children
Ananias, Azarias, and Misael

December 17

Apolytikion

Intonation: #4
Second Mode

Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flame, as by the water of rest, the Three Holy Children rejoiced. And the Prophet Daniel proved a shepherd of lions as of sheep. By their
prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.
The Holy Prophet Daniel
and the Holy Three Children
Ananias, Azarias, and Misael

December 17

Kontakion

Intonation: #4
Second Mode

A hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-blessed ones; but armed by the Undepictable Essence, ye were glorified in your ordeal by fire. Standing in the midst of the irresistible flame, ye called upon...
God: Speed Thou, O Compassionate One, and Hasten, since

Thou art merciful, to come unto our aid; for

Thou art able, if it be Thy will.
The faithful son of Zakynthos, Aegina's wise prelate, the protector of the august Monastery of Stropha da, O wise Dionysius, with one voice, all we the faithful honour thee and cry: By thy
prayers, save them that keep thy memorial and
cry unto thee sincerely: Glory to
Christ Who hath glorified thee. Glory to
Him Who hath made thee wondrous. Glory to Him Who
made thee our unsleeping intercessor.
Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flame, as by the water of rest, the Three Holy Children rejoiced. And the Prophet Daniel proved a shepherd of lions as of sheep. By their...
prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

THE THREE CHILDREN AND THE PROPHET DANIEL
The Sunday Before
the Nativity of Christ

December 18-24

Kontakion

Intonation: #4
Second Mode

Allegro  \-150

A hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-blessed ones; but armed by the Unde-pict-a-ble Es-sence,

ye were glo-ri-fied in your or-deal by fire. Stand-ing

in the midst of the ir-re-sis-ti-ble flame, ye called up-on

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God: Speed Thou, O Compassionate One, and Hasten, since
Thou art merciful, to come unto our aid; for
Thou art able, if it be Thy will.
The Sunday Before
the Nativity of Christ

December 18-24

Kontakion of the Forefeast

Intonation: #4
First Mode (soft chromatic)
"The soldiers standing guard"

G Beth - le - hem, re - joice; Eph - ra - tha, make thou ready; for in her womb the Ewe - lamb doth bear

E the Great Shep - herd, and lo, she now ur - gent - ly

G make - eth haste to give birth to Him. On be -

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holding Him, the righteous God-bearing Fathers

all rejoice, and with the shepherds sing hymns in praise of the Virgin that nursed a child.
The Holy Martyr Sebastian
and Those With Him

December 18

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the

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de-mons' strength-less pre-sump-tion. O Christ God, by their

prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer-ci-ful.

O the wise invention
of the teacher who contrives
that in our singing we learn what
is profitable, and that thereby doctrine
is somehow more deeply impressed upon
our souls! What is learned under duress tends
not to be retained, but what suavely ingratiates it-
self somehow abides within our souls more steadfastly.

- St. Basil the Great
The Holy Martyr
Boniface

December 19

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee, received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.
The Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

December 20

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

Be thou read-y, Beth-le-hem, Eden hath o-pened unto all. Eph-ra-tha, prepare thy self, for now, be-hold, the Tree of life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the ho-ly Vir-gin. Her womb hath

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proved a true spiritual Paradise,

wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live,

and shall not die as did Adam. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.
The Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

December 20

Kontakion

Intonation: #8
Third Mode
"On this day the Virgin"

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word inefably, Who was before all the ages.

Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the
glad-some tid-ings; with the An-gels and the shep-herds now glo-ri-fy Him Who is will-ing to be gazed on as a young Child Who be-fore the ages is God.
The Holy Hieromartyr
Ignatius the God-bearer

December 20

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
Fourth Mode

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to
the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of
God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent
to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided

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ed the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith.

even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Ignatius.

Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

SAINT IGNATIUS THE GOD-BEARER
Saint Juliana

December 21

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)
"Joseph was amazed"

Intonation: #19

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer

Yiannis Vassilopoulos
for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee;

for Thy sake I die, that I may live

in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to

Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord,

save our souls through her intercessions, since

Thou art great in mercy.
Now the formerly fruitless land rejoiceth; for behold, Christ hath revealed a light in thee that shineth forth clearly in the world, and healeth our infirmities and sicknesses. Wherefore, dance and be merry with bold...
ness; he is a hier-arch in-deed of the Most High,

Who was his fellow-work-er in these things.
The Holy Great Martyr Anastasia
the Deliverer from Potions

December 22

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)
"Joseph was amazed"

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer

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for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee;
for Thy sake I die, that I may live
in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to
Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord,
save our souls through her intercessions, since
Thou art great in mercy.
The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete

December 23

Apolytikion

Third Mode
"Awed by the beauty"

Intonation: #8

Let us now hon - our Crete, that land most mar - vel - lous, which sprout - ed forth the ten flow - ers re - vered by all, those good - ly pearls of Christ, our God, those verdant boughs of the Mar - tyrs; for al - though they

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were but ten, the most blessed men put to shame the ten thousand armoured host of the wicked demonic ranks. And hence, they have received crowns of glory as stout-hearted Martyrs of Christ Saviour.

A holy hymn gives birth to piety of soul, creates a good conscience, and is accepted by God in the treasuries of the heavens.

- St. John Chrysostom
The Holy Righteous Martyr Eugenia

December 24

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8
"Thy confession"

Allegro \( \text{\texttt{\textbackslash midi}150} \)

Being mystically moved by the Spirit, thou didst sing God's praise, thereby receiving the clear light of divine knowledge in thy heart; and shining bright as the sun with a righteous life, thou over-

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Cam-est the devil in martyrdom. O Eugenia, thou most glorious Martyr of the Lord, entreat Christ God to grant mercy unto us.
As the fruit of David's seed, Mary was registered of old with the Elder Joseph in the little town of Bethlehem, when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. Behold, the

The Eve of the Nativity of Christ

December 24

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

Intonation: #19

Diatonic

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time was come that she should bear her Child,
but no place was found within the inn,
for them; yet the cave proved a delightful palace
for the pure Lady and Queen of all. For
Christ is born now to raise the image
that had fallen a foretime.
The Eve of the Nativity of Christ

December 24

Kontakion

Intonation: #8

Third Mode

"On this day the Virgin"

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth

infinitely, Who was before all the ages.

Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the

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glad-some tid-ings; with the An-gels and the
shep-herds now glo-ri-fy Him Who is will-ing
to be gazed on as a young Child Who be-fore the
ges is God.
The Nativity of Christ

December 25

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath shined the light of knowledge upon the world; for thereby they that worshipped the stars were instructed by a star to worship Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Day-spring
from on high. O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Final Cadence:

O Lord, glory be to Thee.
The Nativity of Christ

December 25

Kontakion

Intonation: #8
"On this day the Virgin"

Third Mode

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave;

Angels join in choir with shepherds in

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giving glory; with a star the Magi

travel upon their journey; for our sakes is

born a young Child, He that existed before the ages as God.
The Sunday After the Nativity

December 26-31

Apolytikion

Intonation: #4
Second Mode

Allegro \( \frac{\text{\textit{I}}}{150} \)

O Joseph, proclaim the wonders to David, the ancestor of God. Thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; thou hast given glory with the shepherds; thou hast worshipped with the Magi; and thou hast
been instructed through an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.
The Sunday After the Nativity

December 26-31

Kontakion

Intonation: #8

Third Mode
"On this day the Virgin"

They rejoice, for as Christ's kinsmen, they
December 26-31 - The Sunday After the Nativity

A religious hymn is a great blessing for everyone.

It constitutes praise to the Most High, honor for His holy people, worldwide harmony, an eloquent proof of the Church's unity. It expresses the voice of the Church, its confession. It brings about a complete spiritual uplifting and absolute peace and joy in redeemed hearts, with the triumphal hymn and song of happiness. It drives away hardness of heart. It chases away disturbance. It dissolves and dissipates despondency. . .

The voice sings the soul's joy, while the spirit delves into the mysteries of the faith.

- St. Ambrose of Milan
The Holy First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen

December 27

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

"Be quick to anticipate"

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head

because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou

first of the martyred Saints; for when thou hadst censured

the Jews' madness, thou sawest Christ thy Saviour standing
at the right hand of the Father. O Stephen, ever
pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.
Saint Theodore
the Branded

December 27

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25
Plagal Fourth Mode

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Orthodoxia odige

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety

and holiness, luminary of the

world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise Theodore, by thy teachings thou
hast enlight-ened all, O harp of the Spir-it. In-ter-cede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
The Holy First Martyr and
Archdeacon Stephen

December 27

Kontakion

"On this day the Virgin"

Yesterday the Master came, to be with us in the body; and today His faithful slave departeth out of the body;
yesterday the King was born in the
flesh for our sakes; and today the servant

suffereth death by stoning; and for His sake

is perfected the first of Martyrs, Stephen the

truly divine.

I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life,

I will chant to my God for as long

as I have my being.

Psalm 103: 35
The Holy Twenty-Thousand Martyrs Burned in Nicomedia

December 28

Apolytikion

Intonation: #4
Second Mode

'Αθλοφόροι Κυρίου

Allegro  \( \frac{\text{1}}{\text{4}} \). 150

Blessed is the earth that drank your blood, O prize -

winners of the Lord, and holy are the tabernacles

that received your spirits; for in the stadium

un ye triumphed over the enemy, and ye pro-
claimed Christ with boldness. Be-seech Him, we pray, since He is good, to save our souls.
The Holy Infants Killed for Christ's sake by Herod

December 29

Apolytikion

Intonation: #1

First Mode

Allegro $\downarrow$ 130

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Friend of man.

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Saint Marcellus

December 29

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25
Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O Father; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to other

ver - look the flesh, for it passeth a way, but

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to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Therefore, O righteous Marcellus, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
**The Holy Righteous Martyr Anysia**

December 30

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer

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for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee;

for Thy sake I die, that I may live

in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to

Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord,

save our souls through her intercessions, since

Thou art great in mercy.

December 30 - St. Anysia
Saint Melania
the Younger of Rome

December 31

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25

Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O__ Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to o-

ver__ look the__ flesh, for it pass-eth a-way, but

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to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Melania, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
The Nativity of Christ

December 25

Vespers Stichera

Second Mode

Verse #1

"Εκ βαθέων ἐκέκραξα

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

Ο ὅριος, ______ hear my ______ voice.
Come, let us re-joice in the Lord as we de-clare this pre-sent mys-ter-y. The mid-dle wall of par-ti-
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cast out before through disobedience. For the identical likeness of the

Faither, the Express Image of His eternity, taketh the form of

a servant, and without undergoing change He cometh forth from a Mother

that knew not wedlock. For that which He

was, He hath remained, even true
God; and that which He was not, He hath taken upon Himself, becoming man out of love for man. Unto Him let us cry: O God, Who art born of a Virgin, have mercy on us.

Verse #2

Γενηθήτω τὰ ὀτά σου

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supp -
Verse #3

`Εὰν ἀνομίας παρατηρήσης

If Thou should-est mark in-iqui-ties, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is__________ for-give-ness.

Stichera B

Τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ

When the Lord Je-sus was born of the ho-ly____ Vir-gin, all things____ were____ en-light-en-ed. Yet while the shep-herds were a-bid-ing___ in
the field, while the Magi did worship, while the Angels sang praises, Herod was troubled.

For God hath appeared in the flesh, the Saviour of our souls.

Verse #4

For Thy Name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul

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Verse #5

"Από φυλακής προφάς

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Stichera C

"Η βασιλεία σου Χριστέ

Thy King - dom, O Christ God, is the King - dom of all the ag - es, and Thy sov - 'reign - ty is in ev - ery gen - er - a - tion and gen - -

(Repeat Stichera B
"When the Lord Jesus...")
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G light up - on us by Thy com - ing,___ O___ Christ___
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F E ther, Thou hast made all_ cre - a - tion ra - - - -
G di - - - -ant. Eve - ry breath prais - eth Thee, the Ex - press
F G Im - age of the Fa - - - -ther's glo - - - -y.

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O Thou Who art, and hast ever been, and hast shone forth from a Virgin, O God, have mercy on us.

Verse #6

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.
Verse #7

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

Stichera D

What shall we offer Thee, O Christ? for Thou hast appeared on earth as man for our sakes. Of all the creatures made by Thee, each offers Thee thanks giving.
The Angels offer Thee the hymn; the Heavens, the star; the Magi, their gifts; the shepherds, their wonder; the earth, her cave; the wilderness, the manager; and we offer Thee a Virgin Mother. O God, Who wast before the ages, have mercy.
Verse #8

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

and the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.

(Repeat Stichera D "What shall we offer Thee?")

Glory...

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

Kai νῦν

Both now and ever, and un-
to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Vespers Stichera Doxasticon

Αὐγούστου μοναρχήσαντος

When Augustus reigned alone upon
on the earth, the many kingdoms of men

came to an end; and when Thou be-

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cam-est man_ of_ the_________ pure Vir-

gin, the many gods of i-dol-a-try

were________ de-stroyed. The cit-ies came

under one earth-ly____ king-dom; and the na-tions

came to be-lieve__ in____ one sov-reign____

God-head. The na-tions____ were en-

rolled_________ by the de-cree_ of_ Cae-

sar; and we, the faith-ful,____ were
enrolled in the Name of

God - head, when Thou, our God, wast

made man. Great is Thy mercy: Glory be to Thee.

Thee.
Thou wast born secretly in the cave, O Saviour; but Heaven announced Thee unto all, using the star as its voice. And it brought to Thee the Magi, who worshipped Thee in faith. With them, have mercy on us.

With them, have mercy on us.
And it brought to Thee the Ma-gi, who wor-shipped Thee in faith. With them, have mer-cy on us.

Thou hast dawned forth from a Vir-gin, O Christ, Thou no-
et-ic Sun of Right-eous-ness. And a star point-ed to Thee, the Un-contain-a-ble, con-tained with-in a cave. Thou hast led the Ma-gi to wor-ship Thee; to-
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Refrain for the Second Set of Troparia

Mάγους ώδηγήσας

Thou hast led the Magi to worship Thee; together with

them we magnify Thee: O Giver of Life,

glory be to Thee.
For the Entreaty

Intonation: #1

Andante \( \frac{7}{94} \)

First Mode

\( \text{D Un. D} \)

Let Heaven and earth be glad today according to the prophecy. Ye Angels and men,

let us spiritually keep festival. For unto them that sit in darkness and shadow, God hath appeared in the flesh, born of a
wom - - - - an. A cave and a man - ger have re - ceived Him; shep - herds pro - claim the won - der; Ma - gi from the East of - fer gifts in Beth - - - - le - - - - hem.

And let us, with our un - wor - thy lips, of - fer Him praise like the An - gels: Glo - ry to God in the high - - - - est,

and on earth peace. For the Ex - pec -
Entreaty #2
First Mode

'O οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ

Heaven and earth are made one to day, for Christ is born. Today God is come up on the earth, and man is gone up into the Heaven.
ens. To-day He Who by nature is invisible, for man's sake is seen in the flesh. For this cause let us also give glory and cry out to Him: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, which Thy coming hath bestowed upon us; O our Saviour, glory be
Entreaty #3

First Mode

Δόξα ἐν ὑπίστοις Θεῷ

Dovxa ejn uJyivstoi" Qew'/
for light hath shone upon those in darkness, and hath exalted those of low degree who sing like the Angels:

Glory to God in the highest.

Entreaty #4

First Mode

Τὸν κατ ἐικόνα

Beholding him that was in God's image and likeness fallen because of the transgression.
sion, Jesus bowed the heavens and came down; and without suffering change, He made His dwelling in the womb of a virgin, that therein He might re-fashion corrupted Adam, who crieth out: Glory to Thine Epiphany, O my Deliverer and my God.
Glory...

Intonation: #14 or #15
Plagal First Mode

Δόξα Πατρί

Entreaty Doxasticon

Μάγοι Περσῶν βασιλείς
by a bright star, they came to Bethle­hem, offering choice gifts, gold and frankincense,
and myrrh; and falling down, they worshipped. For in the cave they beheld the Time­less One
lying as a babe.
Both now...

Intonation: #20

Plagal Second Mode

Andante

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Entreaty Theotokion

Χορεύουσιν Ἀγγελοι

All the Angels in Heaven dance and are exceedingly glad today. All creation doth leap

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for joy, because of Him that is born

in Bethlehem, even the

Saviour and Lord; for every error of the idols

hath ceased, and Christ reigneth unto the ages.
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Aposticha #1

Intonation: #7

Andante  \( \frac{4}{4} \)

Second Mode

Mέγα καὶ παράδοξον

A great and marvelous wonder is brought to pass this day. A

Virgin giveth birth, and her womb suffereth no corruption.

The Word becometh flesh, and is not separated from the Father. Angels and shepherds give glory together.
and with them we cry:

out: Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace.

Verse #2

The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies the footstool of Thy feet.

Apostich a #2
To-day the Virgin giveth birth to the Creator of all.

Eden offereth a cave, and a star revealeth Christ, the Sun,

unto those in darkness. The Magi, enlightened by faith,

worshipped with gifts; and shepherds beheld the wonder,

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Σήμερον τίκτει ἡ Παρθένος

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An - gels sang prai - es, say - ing: Glo - ry to

God in the high - est.

Verse #3

Third Mode

From the womb be - fore the morn - ing star have I be - got -

ten Thee._

Apostichia #3

When the Lord Je - sus was born_

in Beth - le - hem of Ju -
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de - a, Ma - gi com - ing from the East wor - shipped God be - come man. And ea - ger - ly o - pen - ing their treas - ures, they of - - - fered Him pre - cious gifts: prov - en gold, as to the King ag - es; and frank - in - cense, as to the God of all; and myrrh to

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the Immortal, as

to one three days dead.

Come, all ye nations, let us worship Him that was born to

save our souls.

Glory...

Intonation: #11

Andante ♩= 88

Δόξα Πατρι
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Apostichon Doxasticon

Ἐὐφράνθητι Ἱεροσολύμῳ

Be glad, O Jerusalem; keep feast, all ye that love Simon. Today the en-
during bond of Adam’s conden-
nation is loosed. Paradise is opened unto us; the ser-

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pent is destroyed: for woman, whom he had

formerly beguiled in Paradise,

he hath now seen become the Mother

er of the Creator.

O the depth of the riches

both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! The

instrument of sin that had brought death upon

all flesh, is become the first-fruit of salva-
tion for the whole world through the The - o - to - - - kos. For the All - per - fect__

God is born of her as a babe; by His birth, He set - teth the seal on her__

vir - gin - - i - ty, while loos - ing the cords of sin with His swad - - dling__

bands. And by be - com - ing a child He heal - eth Eve's tra -

vail - ing in sor - - - rows. Where - fore, let

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all creation dance and leap for joy, for Christ is come to call it back again, and to save our souls.

Both now...

Fourth Mode

Aposticha Theotokion

Thou hast sojourned in a cave,
O Christ God; a manger received Thee, and shepherds and Magi worshipped. Then indeed was the preaching of the Prophets fulfilled, and the hosts of Angels marvelled, crying and saying: Glory to Thy condensation, O only Friend of man.
Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Allegro $\frac{\text{d}}{\text{4}}$

Fourth Mode (soft chromatic)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath shined the light of knowledge upon the world; for thereby they that worshipped the stars were instructed by a star to worship Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Day-spring from on high. O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Finale:

O Lord, glory be to Thee.
From the womb before the morning star have I be -
(twice)
got - ten Thee. The Lord hath sworn and will not re - pent.

The Lord said un - to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, un - til I
make Thine en - e - mies the foot - stool of Thy feet.

From the womb be - fore the morning star have I
be - got - ten Thee.

* This Prokeimenon is chanted after the First Antiphon in Fourth Mode "From my youth..." Sticheraric (long) and
heirmologic (brief) melodies for the First Antiphon are available online at: http://www.stanthonysmonastery.org/
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Pentecostaria

Second Mode

Intonation: #7

Andante \( \frac{4}{4} \)

Glory...

Δόξα Πατρί

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

Τὰ σύμπαντα σήμερον

All things are filled with joy
today; Christ is born of the Virgin.
Both now...

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

(Amen)

(Repeat "All things are filled..." on previous page)

Orthros Idiomelon

Plagal Second Mode

Intonation: #20

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and

according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression.
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Glo-ry to God in the highest, and on earth peace. Today Bethlehem receives Him that sit-teth at all times with the Father. Today Angels glorify in a manner befitting God the Babe that hath been born: Glory to God
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in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
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Kontakion

Intonation: #8

Allegro $\frac{3}{4}$ 140

Third Mode

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave;

Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He that existed before the
Ag - es as God.
Ninth Ode*

First Mode

Verse #1

D, Magnify, O my soul, her that is more honorable and more glorious than the hosts on high.

A strange and marvelous mystery do I behold; the cave is a Heaven; the Virgin a cherubic throne; the

man - ger a space where - in Christ God the Uncon -
tain - a - ble One hath re - clined. Him do we praise and

* The music for the other odes is available at: http://www.stanthonsmonastery.org/music/Menaion/Finale%202003%20-%20%5B5325kata%5D.pdf
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(Repeat Verse #1 and Troparion A on previous page.)

Verse #3

Mas - ni - fy, O my soul, God Who was born in the

flesh of a Vir - gin.

Troparion B

'Εξειδίκεισα δρόμον

When the Ma - gi be - held the strange course of a new

and un - com - mon star, which had but now be - gun to shine

bright - er than all the light in the Heav - ens,

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they were given a sure sign that Christ the King had been born on earth in Bethlehem for our salvation.

**Verse #4**

Megállvnon, psuchê mou, tôn e'n tò sptlêíò

**Verse #5**

Megállvnon, psuchê mou, tôn upò tôn mághon

(Repeat Troparion B on previous page.)

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, the King Who was born in a cave.

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, God, Who was worshipped by the Magi.
When the Magi said, Where is the new-born Child and King, Whose star hath appeared in the Heavens? for we are come to worship Him; then was Herod troubled and beside himself with fury, and the enemy of God madly sought to destroy Christ.

Verse #6

Magnify, O my soul, Him that was made known by a star to the Magi.
Verse #7

Magnify, O my soul, the pure Virgin, who hath given birth unto Christ the King.

Troparion D

Herod diligently inquired what time that star had appeared, by whose guidance the Wise Men were come to Bethlehem, to worship Christ with gifts; and led back to their country by the same star, they left the wicked
slayer of children behind in mockery.

Verse #8

Θέατορες και ποιμένες

The Magi and the shepherds came to worship Christ, Who was born in the city of Bethlehem.

(Repeat Troparion D on previous page.)

Verse #9

Σήμερον ἡ παρθένος

Today the Virgin giveth birth unto the Master in the cave.
Being well content, out of fear, to be silent would be easier, since silence hath no danger; O Virgin, it is hard to compose hymns with love framed in harmony, but we pray thee, O Mother: Do thou grant us strength as great as our vol-

Troparion E

Στέργειν μὲν ἡμᾶς

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Verse #10

Σήμερον ὁ Δεσπότης

Today the Master is born as an infant of a Virgin Mother.

(Repeat Troparion E on previous page.)

Verse #11

Σήμερον οἱ ποιμένες

Today the shepherds behold the Saviour wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Verse #11a

Σήμερον ὁ Δεσπότης

Today the Master, Who cannot be touched, is wrapped as a
babe in swaddling bands.

Troparion F

O thou Mother pure, we have seen the dark figures of the Word of God, with the shadows that vanished; For He hath shined forth newly from thee, the shut gate; wherefore, seeing we have been thought to be worthy of the Light of Truth, we bless thy womb as is meet.
Verse #12

Σήμερον ἡ κτίσις

Today all creation rejoiceth and exulteth, for Christ is born from a Virgin Maiden.

Verse #12a

Οὐράνιαι δυνάμεις

The Powers of the Heavens declare unto the whole world the new-born Child as Saviour and Lord and Sovereign Master.

(Repeat Troparion F on previous page.)
Verse #13

Δόξα Πατρί... Μεγάλουνον, ψυχή μου, τὴν τρισυποστάτου

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

MAG - ni - fy, O my soul, the do-min-i-on of the Un-di-vid-ed God - head of Three_ Hy-pos-ta-ses.

Troparion G

Πόθου τετευχώς

Hav - ing been vouch - safed_ God's own ad - vent, the peo- ple that de - light - eth Christ_ hath ob - tained_ what it longed_ for; now it mak - eth prayer for that re - gen - er -
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Verse #14

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Magnify, O my soul, her that hath delivered us from the curse.

(Repeat Troparion G on previous page.)

At this point, to conclude the ninth ode each Heirmos is chanted with its verse. That is, Verse #1 and Troparion A are chanted by the first choir, and then Verse #9 and Troparion E are chanted by the second choir with a final cadence.
The Praises*

Fourth Mode (Legetos)

Verse #1

*Aijeite to Auton epistais dynastiais Autou*

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

Praises #1

*Eufrainese the dikaioi*

Be glad, O ye righteous; ye heavens, rejoice exceedingly; ye mountains, skip for joy, as Christ is born.

Imitating the Cherubim, the Virgin become -

* Before the Praises, the Exapostilarion is chanted three times. The music for this is on pages 25-26 in the Byzantine Prosomia Book that is available for free online at: http://www.homb.org/prospdf/Prosomia%20Book.pdf Recordings of this and other prosomia can be downloaded from: http://philokalia.org/music/
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Verse #2

Aiveíte Aútòn én ἡχο σύλπιγγος

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the

psalter-y and harp.
The Father was well pleased: the Word is become flesh, and the Virgin hath given birth unto God become man. A star is the herald; Magi worship; shepherds marvel; and creation doth rejoice.

Verse #3

Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute.

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O Virgin Theotokos, who hast given birth unto the Saviour, thou hast over-turned the ancient curse of Eve. For thou art become the Mother of Him that is the Good Will of the Father, and hast carried in thy bosom God the Word incarnate. This mystery cannot be searched out; we all glory it with faith alone, cry...
ing with thee and say - ing: O Lord, Who art past in - ter - pre - ta - tion, glo - ry be to Thee.

Verse #4

Aiveîte Aúton év κυμβάλοις εὐήχοις

Praise Him with tune-ful cym-bals, praise Him with cym-bals of ju - bi - la - tion. Let ev - ery breath praise the Lord.

Praises #4

Δεῦτε ἀνυμινήσωμεν

Come, let us sing hymns un - to the Mother of the Sav - iour, who af - ter child-birth still re- mained a vir - gin. Re -
joice, thou Liv-ing Cit-y of our King and God, where-in

Christ hath dwelt and hath wrought sal-va-tion. To-geth-er with

Ga-bri-el we praise thee; with the shep-herds we glo-ri-

fy thee, cry-ing: O The-o-to-kos in-ter-cede

with Him that was in-car-nate of thee, that

we be saved._

Glory...

Intonation: #20

Plagal Second Mode

Andante  1--88

Δόξα Πατρί

Neh Glo-ry to the Fa
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When it was time for Thy coming up on earth, the world was enrolled to be taxed for the first time; then wast Thou minded to enter it.

Doxasticon of the Praises

"Ὅσε καιρός"
roll the names of them _ that _ believed _. 

in _. Thy _ Birth. For this cause was such _. 

a _ decree pronounced _ by Cae _ 

__ - - - sar, _ since Thy time _ less _. 

and _ ever _ last _ ing King _. 

Diatonic  

dom _ was _ in _ au _ gu _ rat _ - _ 

ed. Where _ fore _ we al _ so, 

in the stead _ of _ trib _ - _ ute mon _ 

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Both now...

Intonation: #7

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Second Mode

Kai vuv

Both now and ever, and unto Thee, the God and Saviour of our souls.

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Theotokion of the Praises

Σήμερον ὁ Χριστός

Today Christ is born of the Virgin in Bethlehem. Today the Beginningless beginning, and the Word is made flesh. The powers of the Heavens rejoice, and the earth together with men is glad. The Magi
Continue immediately with the Great Doxology in second mode. Music for this doxology is available online at: http://www.stanthonysmonastery.org/music/Doxo.htm. Music for the Divine Liturgy of the Nativity (i.e., the second antiphon, the small entrance hymn, the "As Many of You as Were Baptized," the slow heirmos (katavasia) of the ninth ode, and the communion hymn) are available online at: http://www.stanthonysmonastery.org/music/Johnchrys.htm.
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Katavasias*

First Mode

Intonation: #1
Allegro - 140

First Canon

Χριστὸς γένναται

Christ is born, give ye glory. Christ is come from

* The Katavasias of the first canon of the Nativity of Christ are chanted from November 21st until December 24th. On December 25th, 26th, and 31st, both the first and second canons are chanted. From December 27th until the 30th, only the Katavasias of the second canon are chanted.
Heaven, receive ye Him. Christ is on earth, be ye exalted.
Sing unto the Lord all the earth and sing praises in gladness, O ye peoples; for He hath been glorified.
Work-ing a great won-der the Mas-ter saved the peo-
ple of old when He made dry the sea's swell-ing wa-
ter. And now He is born of His own will from a Maid-
en, mak-ing us a path that lead-eth un-to Heav-en: Him we glo-
ri- fy, e-qual in es-
sence with the Fa-
ther and with mor-
tals.
To the Son Who was be - got - ten of the Fa - 
ther be - fore the ag - es with - out change, and in these 
last days was with - out seed made flesh of the Vir - gin, to 
Christ our God let us cry a - loud: Thou Who hast raised_ 
up our horn, ho - ly art Thou, O Lord.

First Canon

Τῷ πρὸ τῶν αἰώνων
Second Canon

To Thy servants' hymns, incline, O Benefactor; bring low the haughty pride of the adversary, O Blessed One, that lookest down and seest all; keep us above sin, who ever sing Thy praises, steadfast and unmoved on the foundation of faith.
Rod of the root of Jesse, and flower that blossomed from his stem, O Christ, Thou hast sprung from the Virgin; from the mountain densely over-shadowed hast Thou come, O Praised One, made flesh of her that knew not wedlock. O Thou Who art immaterial and God, glory to Thy power, O Lord.
In his song of old, Prophet Abba-cum foretold
of the restoration of all the race of mortals, having been vouchsafed to see its type past all
telling; for as a young babe from the mountain
of the Virgin did the Word come forth to
fashion the peoples.
Since Thou art the God of peace and the Father of mercies, Thou hast sent unto us Thine Angel of Great Counsel, granting us peace. Wherefore, having been guided to the light of divine knowledge, and watching by night, we glorify Thee, O Friend of man.
As we now keep watch in the night to sing Thy praises
as our Benefactor, O Christ, grant us forgiveness
of what we have done in benighted delusion; come provide a path that is easy
to journey, that we may ascend upon it and find glory.
The sea-monster spat forth Jonas as it had received him like a babe from the womb; while the Word, having dwelt in the Virgin and taken flesh, came forth from her yet kept her incorrupt. For being Himself not subject to corruption, He preserved His mother free from harm.
Dwelling in the deeps of the sea's lowest regions, Jonas prayed to come unto Thee and calm the tempest. But I, that am pierced by the shaft of the tyrant, call on Thee, O Christ, the Abolisher of evil: come anticipate my slothfulness speedily.
Scorn­ing the im­pi­ous de­cree, the Chil­dren brought
up in god­li­ness feared not the threat of fire, but
stand­ing in the midst of the flames, they chant­ed:
O God of our Fa­thers, bless­ed art Thou.
For the King of all, longing held fast the children, who despised as nought the base ungodly babblings of the tyrant who raged with fury insensate; and the boundless fire then gave way as they cried out to the Sovereign Lord: Blessed art Thou to the ages.
We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

First Canon

The furnace moist with dew was the image and figure of a wonder past nature; for it burned not the Youths whom it had received, even as the fire of the Godhead consumed not the Virgin's womb into which it had descended. Wherefore in praise let us sing: Let all creation

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bless the Lord, and supremely exalt Him

un- to all the ages.

un- to all the ages.
Midst the flames unburnt, the Old Covenant children figure forth the womb of the virginal Maiden, which, remaining sealed, doth conceive beyond nature. For in working both by the same wondrous power, grace doth wisely rouse the peoples unto praises.
Magnify, O my soul, her that is more honorable and more glorious than the hosts on high.

A strange and marvelous mystery do I behold; the cave is a Heaven; the Virgin a cherubic throne; the manager a space wherein Christ God the Uncontainable One hath reclined. Him do we praise and magnify.
Second Canon

Megálulunon, psuchí mou

Magnify, O my soul, her that hath delivered us from the curse.

Στέργειν μέν ἡμᾶς

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li - tion.