December
The Holy Prophet Nahum

December 1

Apolytikion

Second Mode

The Holy Prophet Nahum

Through him we beseech Thee to save ______ our souls.
Saint Philaret
the Almsgiver

December 1

Apolytikion

Third Mode
"Thy confession"

"Ἡχός γʹ. Γα

from the inner wealth of a divine faith, thou didst
deal thy riches to the needy; and thy works of com-
passion have glorified Christ, the Bestower of mer-
cy, O Philaret; for thy whole life was adorned with a
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
The Holy Prophet Abbacum

December 2

Apolytikion

Second Mode

"Ηχος Ἀβακοῦμ

Toũ Προφήτου σου

as we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Abbacum, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save

___ our souls.
The Holy Prophet
Sophonias

December 3

Apolytikion

Second Mode

Ἡχος Δι

Intonation: #4

To Προφήτου σου

as we celebrate the memory of Thy
Prophet Sophonias, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to
save our souls.
The Holy Great Martyr Barbara

December 4

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode

\[ \text{Intonation: } \#25 \]

Let us honor our Saint Babra, for she hath broken the
snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maid-en, was delivered out of them by the help and weap-
- on of the Cross.
Saint John of Damascus

December 4

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode

Ὑχσ λι Γα

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise John, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede

Orqodoxiva" oJdhgev

Intonation: #25

Ωρθοδοξίας ὁδηγεῖ
with Christ God that our souls be saved.

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS
The Holy Great Martyr Barbara

December 4

Kontakion

Fourth Mode

"Thou Who wast raised up"

mod-est tro-phy-bear-er, as thou didst fol-

low Him that in Tri-n-ity is hymned with true rev'-rence,

thou didst for-sake de-votion to id-ol-a-try; nor didst

thou shrink back in fear from the threats of the ty-rants while
con- test- ing man- ful- ly in the bat- tle, O Bar- - - - - b’ra,

while ev- er loud- ly sing- ing: I a- dore the Ho- ly Trin- -

i- ty, the One Di- vin- i- ty.

SAINT BARBARA
Saint John of Damascus

December 4

Kontakion

Fourth Mode

"Thou Who wast raised up"

Ὑχος Διέρχεσθαι

Ome, 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 Lord as a weapon, he drove off

Intonation: #10

Στὸν ήμνογράφον
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
Saint Sabbas
the Sanctified

December 5

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode

'Ἡχός λ Α Γα

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 luminary, shining with miracles upon

Intonation: #25

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the world, O Sab-bas our right-eous Fa- ther. In- ter-cede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
Saint Sabbas
the Sanctified

December 5

Kontakion

Plagal Fourth Mode
"To Thee, the Champion Leader"

Ως ἀπὸ βρέφος

Ὡθος ὁ ἡγούμενος

bless-ed 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 a-dorn-ment of the right-eous Saints,
all-praised found-er of cit-ies in the wild-er-ness. Hence, I cry to

_ thee: Re-joice, O Fa-ther of great renown.

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Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker
Bishop of Myra of Lycia

December 6

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

κύριε λαὔνου ἄνευ ἡμῶν

O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, in the

Intonation: #10

Канόνα πίστεως

he 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.

ter - cede 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"  

Hχος τοῦ Ἱαννίνου  

En tois Myrois  

hou, O righteous Nicho-olas, in Myra a truly  

wast shown forth as a sacred minister full-  

ing Christ’s holy Gospel; for thou didst lay down thy  

life for thy flock and people and, O Saint, didst  

Intonation: #8  

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save the innocent from unjust death. Wherefore, thou wast sanctified as a great initiate of the divine grace of God.
Saint Ambrose  
Bishop of Milan  

December 7  

Apolytikion  

Fourth Mode  

Intonation: #10  

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 Ambrose, in-
December 7 - St. Ambrose of Milan

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

December 8

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode

\[ \text{\'Ηχος} \ \frac{\text{λ}}{\text{π}} \ \text{\'α} \ \text{Γα} \]

Intonation: #25

\[ \text{'Εν σοι Πάτερ ἄκριβος} \]

\[ \text{n thee the im-age was pre-served with ex-act-ness, O} \]

\[ \text{Fa-ther; for tak-ing up thy cross, thou didst fol-low Christ, and} \]

\[ \text{by thy deeds thou didst teach us to o-ver-look the__ flesh, for} \]

\[ \text{it pass-eth a-way, but to at- tend___ to__ the soul since it} \]

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

- St. Basil the Great
The Conception of Saint Anna
the Mother of the Theotokos

December 9

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

SUMERON TH' AJTEKNIVA’

Intonation: #10

ο - day the bonds of child - less - ness are loosed; for God

heark-ened to Jo - a - chim and An - na. And though__ it was

be - yond____ hope, He clear-ly prom-ised them that they should bear a

di-vine____ child, from whom was born the Un - cir - cum - scrib - a - ble One
Him - self Who be - came a mor - tal, and through an An - gel com-mand -
ed them to cry un - to her: Re - joice, thou who art full____ of grace; the
Lord is with____ thee.

* Final Ending:

the Lord is with________ thee.____
The Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection

December 9

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Hχος Λ Δι

Ως τοῦ ἀνω στρεύματος

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

Intonation: #10
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

Fourth Mode (modified)
"On this day Thou hast appeared"

Il 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 be-yond words conceiv-eth the Word of God.
The Holy Martyrs
Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus

December 10

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode
"When the bodiless one"

\( \text{Δι' ἐγκρατείας} \)

\( \text{Δι' ἐγκρατείας} \)

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 pains and illnesses of the

Intonation: #24

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sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle! That these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God.
The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

December 11-17

Apolytikion

Second Mode

'Εν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας

Intonation: #4

y faith____ didst Thou justi - fy the Fore - fa - thers,

when through them Thou didst be - troth Thy - self a - fore-time to the Church from

a - mong the na - - - tions. The Saints boast in glo - ry____ that

from their seed there is a glo - ri - ous fruit, e - ven 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

Second Mode

Χειρόγραφον έικόνα

Hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-blessed ones; but armed by the Un-de-pict-able Es-sence, ye were glo-ri-fi ed in your or-deal by fire. Stand-ing in the midst of the ir-re-sis-ti-ble flame, ye called up-on 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.
December 11

Apolytikion
First Mode

Ὑπομονῆς στύλος

houl be-cam-est a pilar of pa-tience and didst
em-u-late the Fore-fa-thers, O right-eous one:
Job in his suf-fer-
ings, Jo-seph in temp-ta-tions, and the life of the bod-i-less

while in the bod- y. O Dan-iel, our right-eous Fa-ther,
cede with Christ__ God that our souls__ be__ saved.
December 12

Apolytikion

First Mode

Ὁ Ἱχθὺς Ἐπίσκοπος

Ὑπεράνωσεν ὡς πρωτοστάτης τοῦ πρώτου συνόδου καὶ ἀπαντών παρακατά τοὺς νεκροὺς, Ο Σπυρίδων, οὐρανοφόρος πατέρας.

Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a serpent to gold. And while chanting thy holy prayers,
thou hadst Angels serving with thee, O most sacred one. 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 Spyridon the Wonderworker
Bishop of Trimythus in Cyprus

December 12

Kontakion

Second Mode

Intonation: #4

Tw' povqw/ Cristou' 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 divine altar,
asking divine light for all.
Saint Herman of Alaska

December 12

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

lesson 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, holy Father Herman, pray to Christ
God that He save our souls.
Saint Herman of Alaska

December 12

Kontakion

Plagal Fourth Mode

"To Thee, the Champion Leader"

Onk of Va-laam, 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 taken prayer as sword and shield, thou wast revealed

Intonation: #24
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

First Mode

Ἡχος Ἐλο μα

Intonation: #1

Pe - ter, up - on the rock of thy faith hath Christ built His Church, and in the streams of thy blood hath He 1owed our land. In thee thy peo - ple hath been sanc - ti - fied, O A - leut;

from the far -thest is - lands of the west hath He raised thee, a light un -
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 Peter the Aleut

December 12

Kontakion

Fourth Mode (modified)
"On this day Thou hast appeared"

\[\text{Intonation: } \#8\]

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-ic blood, the King-dom and drowned bitter heresy.
The Holy Martyrs
Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes

December 13

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Ὑχος Δ: Oi Márturês sou Kúrie

(M) (Δ) (B)
Hy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee

(Δ) (M) (Δ)
received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life

(B) (Δ) (M) (Δ)
from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast

(B)
down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strength-less pre-sump-
O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.
Saint Lucia

December 13

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bride-groom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer 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 Martyrs
Thyrsus, Leucius, Callinicus, Philemon, Apollonius, and Arian

December 14

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

κόζος Δι

Oi Μάρτυρες σου Κύριε

hy 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 demons' strengthless pre-sump-
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

Plagal First Mode
"Let us worship the Word"

‘Ηχος λ ἕ Ἐκ

Intonation: #13

Τερέων ποδήρετ

(p) e - ing come - ly a - dorned in thy sa -cred priest - ly robes and

(Δ) thou didst soar a - loft to stand be - fore thy Mas - ter, Christ; hence nev - er

cease to in - ter - cede for those hon - our - ing with faith thy might - y and
blessed contest, thou over Thrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherius.
The Holy Prophet Aggaeus (Haggaia)

December 16

Apolytikion

Second Mode

The Holy Prophet Aggaeus

through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.
The Holy Empress Theophano
the Wonderworker

December 16

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

"Thou Who wast raised up"

"Ἡχός α' Δια

re - fer - ring heav - en - ly things un - to the earth-ly,

thou while on earth didst live the life of the Angels, raised up

on god - ly long - ing, O The - o - phan - o. Where - fore, thou hast

been vouch-safed Heav-en's grac-es and vi - sions, Stand - ing with
thē An-gels' hosts and the Saints' fair as-sem-blies be-fore the King of all, Whom thou didst love; pray Him to grant us His mer-cy and bless-ed-ness.
The Holy Prophet Daniel
and the Holy Three Children
Ananias, Azarius, and Misael

December 17

Apolytikion

Second Mode

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, Azarius, and Misael

December 17

Kontakion

Second Mode

Χειρόγραφον ἑικόνα

hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-blessed ones; but armed by the Unde-pict-a-ble Essence, ye were glorified in your or-deal by fire. Standing in the midst of the ir-re-sis-ti-ble flame, ye called up-on God: Speed Thou,
O Compassionate One, and Hasten, since Thou art merciful, to come unto our aid; for Thou art able, if it be Thine will.
Saint Dionysius of Zakynthos

December 17

Apolytikion

First Mode
"While Gabriel was saying"

He faithful son of Zakynthos, Aegina's wise prelate,
the protector of the august Monastery of Strophades, O wise Dionysius, with one voice, all
we the faithful honour thee and cry: By thy prayers, save them that
keep thy mem-ori-al and cry un-to thee sincere-ly:  Glory

to Christ Who hath glo-ri-fied thee.  Glory to Him Who hath made
thee won-drous.  Glory to Him Who made thee our un-sleep-ing in-ter-ces-
sor.
The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ

December 18 - 24

Apolytikion

Second Mode

'Hχς ∆:

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 Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ

December 18 - 24

Kontakion

Second Mode

Intonation: #4

Χειρόγραφον ἑικόνα

Hand-wrought im-age ye would not wor-ship, O thrice-bless-ed ones; but armed by the Un-de-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 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

First Mode (soft chromatic)
"The soldiers standing guard"

Ἐὐφραίνου Βηθλεέμ

Beth-le-hem, re-joice; Eph-ra-tha, make thou read-y;

for in her womb the Ewe-lamb doth bear the Great Shep-herd, and

lo, she now ur-gent-ly mak-eth haste to give birth to

Him. On be-hold-ing Him, the right-eous God-bear-ing Fa-
thers all re-joice, and with the shep-herds sing hymns in praise of the

Vir-gin that nursed a child.
The Holy Martyr Sebastian
and Those With Him

December 18

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Hy 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 demons' strength-less pre-sump-
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-
selves somehow abides within our souls more steadfastly.

- St. Basil the Great
The Holy Martyr
Boniface

December 19

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Ὁ Ὑψίστος Θεὸς ἡμῶν Κύριε

Intonation: #10

The Holy 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 demons' strength-less pre-sump-
tion. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer-ciful.
The Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

December 20

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

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Intonation: #19

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ

B

e thou read - y, Beth - le - hem, E - den hath o - pened un - to
ep - ra - tha,___ pre - pare___ thy - self, for now, be - hold, the
Tree of life hath blos - somed forth in the cave from the ho - ly Vir -
gin. Her womb hath proved a true spir - i - tual Par - - a -
dise, where - in the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat there-of 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

Third Mode

"On this day the Virgin"

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

Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the glad tidings; with the Angels...
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

Fourth Mode

"Ἡχος ᾿Δι" 150

Koî trópou mētōchos

as a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest disciplinary to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of
truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood,

O Hier-o-mar-tyr Ig-na-tius. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.
Saint Juliana

December 21

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bride-groom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with...
Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee:
accept me of-fered out of long-ing to Thee as a spot-less sac-rifice. Lord, save our souls through her in-ter-ces-sions,
since Thou art great in mer-cy.
December 21

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

Hχοζ Λ Α

ow the for-mer-ly fruit-less land re-joic-eth; for
be-hold, Christ hath re-vealed a light in thee that shin-eth forth clearly in
the world, and heal-eth our in-fir-mi-ties and sick-ness-es.

Where-fore, dance and be mer-ry with bold-ness; he is a
hierarch indeed 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"

Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bride-groom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with

Intonation: #19

'Η ἁμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ
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"

'Hχος γ'. Γα

Let us now honor Crete, that land most marvelous,
which sprouted forth the ten flow-ers re-vered by all, those good-
ly pearls of Christ, our God, those verdant boughs of the Martyrs;
for although they were but ten, the most bless-ed men put to

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shame the ten thousand armoured host of the wick- ed 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

Third Mode
"Thy confession"

"Ἡχος γ', Γα

e - ing mys - ti - c'ly moved by the Spir - it, thou didst

sing God's praise, there - by re - ceiv - ing the clear light of di -

vine knowl - edge in thy heart; and shin - ing bright as the sun

with a right - eous life, thou o - ver - cam - est the dev - il in
O Eugenia, thou most glorious Martyr of the Lord, en-treat Christ God to grant mercy unto us.
The Eve of the Nativity of Christ

December 24

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

 HttpServletRequest: #19

s the fruit of Da-vid's seed, Mar-y was reg-is-tered

of old with the Eld-er Jo-seph in the lit-tle town of

Beth-le-hem, when she con-ceived with a seed-less and pure con-cep-
tion. Be-hold, the 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

Third Mode

"On this day the Virgin"

chant:

"H Παρθένος σήμερον"

Intonation: #8

chant:

"In this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the glad-some tidings; with the Angels..."
December 24 - The Eve of the Nativity

and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.
The Nativity of Christ

December 25

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Ἡ γέννησίς σου

O Lord, our God, hast 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.
* Finale:

glo-ry be to Thee.

* Finale:

glo-ry be to Thee.
The Nativity of Christ

December 25

Kontakion

Third Mode

\( \text{Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον} \)

Intonation: #8

\( \text{In this day the Virgin beareth the transcendent in Essence;} \)
\( \text{to the unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave;} \)
\( \text{Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory;} \)
\( \text{with a star the} \)

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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

Second Mode

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Jo-seph, pro-claim the won-ders to Da-vid, the an-ces-tor of God. Thou hast seen a Vir-gin great with child; thou hast giv-en glo-ry with the shep-herds; thou hast wor-shipped with the Ma-gi; and thou hast been in-struct-ed through an
An - - gel.

En-treat Christ God to save_______ our souls.
The Sunday After the Nativity

December 26-31

Kontakion

Third Mode

"On this day the Virgin"

On this day the Virgin

Intonation: #8

‘Η Παρθένος σήμερον

Godly David on this day is filled with gladness
of spirit; Joseph also joineth James in offering glory and praises. They rejoice, for as Christ's kinsmen, they have received crowns; and they praise the
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

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

'ΗΧΟΣ ΛΔ

he 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

Plagal Fourth Mode

Ὑχς φλα Γα

uide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and

holiness, luminar-y of the world, God-inspired

a-dorn-ment of monas-tics, O wise The-o-dore, by thy

teach-ings thou hast en-light-ened all, O harp of the

Orthođoξίας οδηγέ

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ter - cede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
The Holy First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen

December 27

Kontakion

Third Mode

"On this day the Virgin"

"Η Παρθένος σήμερον"
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

Second Mode

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\'Αθλοφόροι Κυρίου

Intonation: #4

\( \chi 150 \)

less-ed is the earth that drank your blood, O prize-win-ners of the Lord, and ho-ly are the tab-er-na-cles that re-ceived your spir-its; for in the sta-di-um ye tri-umphed o-ver the en-emy, and ye pro-claimed Christ with bold-
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

First Mode

Ὑψώτατος Πάπα

Thou entertained 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.
Saint Marcellus

December 29

Apolytikon

Plagal Fourth Mode

Intonation: #25

Ἐν σοὶ Πάτερ ἀκριβῶς

n thee the image was preserved with exactness, O_

Fa- ther; for taking up thy cross, thou didst fol- low Christ, and

by thy deeds thou didst teach us to o-ver-look the__flesh, for

it pass-eth a-way, but to at-tend__ to the soul since it
is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Marcellus, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
The Holy Righteous Martyr Anysia

December 30

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

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 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.
Saint Melania
the Younger of Rome

December 31

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode

Intonation: #25

nThe 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 overlook the__ flesh, for

it passeth away, but to attend__ to the soul since it

n the thee 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 overlook the__ flesh, for

it passeth away, but to attend__ to the soul since it
is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Melania, thy spirit rejoiceth with thee Angels.
The Nativity of Christ

December 25

Vespers Stichera

Second Mode

'Ἡχως ᾱΔι

Intonation: #20

'Εξ βαθέων

Verse #1

Outside the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord,
OME, let us rejoice in the Lord as we declare this present mystery. The middle wall of partition is broken assunder; the flaming sword is turned back, the Cherubim withdraw from the Tree of Life, and I partake of the Paradise of De-light, whence I was cast out before through disobedience. For the identical Likeness of the Father, the Express Im-

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**Stichera A**

Δεῦτε ἁγαλλιασώμεθα
(Δ) 

age 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 ὡτα σου

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

(repeat Stichera A)

Verse #3

Εάν ἁνομίας

If Thou should-est mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is for-give-ness.

Stichera B

Τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ

Then the Lord Jesus was born of the holy Virgin, all things were en-light-ened.
Yet while the shepherds were abiding 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

Ἐνεκεν τοῦ ονόματός σου

For Thy Name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord. (repeat Stichera B)
Verse #5

'Απὸ φυλακής πρωίας

from the morning watch until night from the morning watch let

Isra- el hope in the Lord.

Stichera C

'Η βασιλεία σου Χριστέ

King dom, O Christ God, is the Kingdom of all the

ag- es, and Thy sov reign- ty is in every genera-

tion and generation. Incarnate

of the Holy Spirit and become man of the Ever-

vir- gin Mary, Thou hast shined light up-

on us by Thy com ing, O Christ God. O Light of
Light, Ful-gence of the Fa- ther, Thou hast made all cre-
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e eth Thee, the Ex - press Im-age of the Fa - - - ther’s glo - - - - ry.

O Thou Who art, and____hast ev - - - er____been,

and hast shone forth from____ a Vir - - - - gin, O God, have__ mer-
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cy____ on________ us.

Verse #6

Or with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with Him is plen - te-
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ous re - demp - tion; and He shall re - deem Is - ra - el out of all____

his in - - - - iq - - - - u - ties. (repeat Stichera C)
Verse #7

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

Stichera D

hat 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 the thanks-giving. The Angels offer Thee the hymn; the Heavens, the star; the Magi, their gifts; the shepherds, their wonder; the
Verse #8

Oti ēkrataiōthē  ἐπὶ ἡγέων ἡμᾶς, ἔχει·

or He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and

the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.

(repeat Stichera D)
Glory...

Both now...

Δόξα Πατρι...

Kαι νῦν...

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Stichera Doxasticon

hen Augustus reigned alone upon the earth, the many kingdoms of men came to an end; and when Thou becamest man of the pure Virgin, the many gods of idolatry were destroyed. The cities came under one earthly kingdom; and the nations came to believe in one sovereign God-head. The nations were enrolled by the decree of Caesar; and we, the faithful, were enrolled in the Name of the God...
First Troparia for the Prophecies

Plagal Second Mode
(Soft Chromatic)

Intonation: #17 or #18

αὐθῶν ἐπέχθης

(hou 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.

*Finale:

With them, have mercy on us.
Refrain:

And it brought to Thee the Magi, who worshipped Thee in faith.

With them, have mercy on us.

Second Troparia for the Prophecies

Plagal Second Mode
(Soft Chromatic)

Thou hast dwindled forth from a Virgin, O Christ, Thou noetic Sun of Righteousness. And a star pointed to Thee, the Uncontainable, contained within a cave. Thou hast led the Magi to worship Thee; together with them we magnify Thee: O Giv-
er___ of Life,__ glo - ry be to Thee.

*Finale:

glo - ry be__ to Thee.

Refrain:

hou hast led the Mag - i to wor - ship Thee; to - geth - er with them we mag - ni - fy Thee: O Giv - er__ of Life,__ glo - ry be to Thee.
For the Entreaty

First Mode

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First Mode

et Heaven and earth be glad today
according to the prophecy. Ye Angels and men, let us spiritually keep festivity. For unto them that sit in darkness and shadow, God hath appeared in the flesh, born of a woman. A cave and a manager have received Him; shepherds proclaim the wonder; Magi from the East offer gifts in Bethlehem.

Intonation: #1
And let us, with our unworthy lips, offer Him__ ____ praise like__ the Angels: Glory to God in the highest,__ and on earth____ peace. For the Expectation of the Nations is__ come, He is come and hath saved us from slavery__ to the enemy.

Entreaty #2

Ω οὐρανός καὶ ἡ γῆ

Heaven and earth are made one today, for Christ__ is________ born. To__ day God is come upon the__ earth, and man is gone up__ into the Heavens.
Today 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 to Thee.

Entreaty #3

Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ

Glory to God in the highest, do I hear today in Bethlehem from the body...
Entreaty #4

Joseph, be hold ing him that was in God's image and likeness fallen because of the transgression, Jesus bowed the_
Entreaty Doxasticon

Plagal First Mode

Intonation: #14 or #15

\[ \text{Entreaty Doxasticon} \]

\[ \text{Plagal First Mode} \]

\[ \text{Intonation: #14 or #15} \]

\[ \text{Entreaty Doxasticon} \]

\[ \text{Plagal First Mode} \]

\[ \text{Intonation: #14 or #15} \]
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Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Magos Persón basileís

he Magi, kings of Persia, plainly recognized the Heavenly King, born upon the earth. Drawn by a bright star, they came to Bethlehem of 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.
Entreaty Theotokion

Plagal Second Mode

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Intonation: #20

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

Χορεύουσιν Ἀγγελοί

All the angels in heaven dance and are exceeding gladly today. All creation doth leap 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.
Apostich μοναχικό: #1

Second Mode

great and marvelous wonder is brought to pass this day. A Virgin giveth birth, and her womb suffereth no corruption. The Word became flesh, and is not separated from the Father. Angels and shepherds give glory togeth­ether, and with them we cry out: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.
Verse #2

Third Mode

He Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies the foot-stool of Thy feet.

Aposticha #2

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Creator of all. The even of birtheth a cave, and a star revealeth Christ, the Sun, unto those in darkness. The Ma...
Verse #3

Third Mode

Ex gasteros pro eosphrou

rom the womb before the morning star have I gotten

ten Thee.

Aposticha #3

Toi Kuriou Ihsou

hen the Lord Jesus was born

in Bethlehem of Judaea, MA
gi coming from the East worshiped God became man. And early opening their treasures, they offered Him precious gifts: gold, as to the King of the ages; and frankincense, as to the God of all; and myrrh to the Immortal, as to one three days dead.

Come, all ye nations, let us worship Him that was born to save our souls.
Aposticha Doxasticon

Fourth Mode

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Intonation: #11

Δόξα Πατρι

\( \scriptstyle \text{εὐφράνθητι Ἱερούσαλήμ} \)

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lo-ry____ to the Fa-ther,____ and to_____

the_______ Son, ____ and to the Ho-ly____ Spir-_____.

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e glad,____ O____ Je-ru-sa-lem;

keep____ feast, all____ ye______ that love_______ Si-

on. __ To- day the en-dur-ing bond of __ Ad-am's_ con-dem-na-

-tion_____ is_______ loosed. __ Par-a-dise is o-pened

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unto us; the serpent is destroyed: for wom- an, whom he had for- mer- ly be- guiled in Par- a- dise,
he hath now seen be- come the Moth- er of the Cre- ator. O the depth of the riches both of
the wis- dom and knowl- edge of God! The instru- ment of sin that had brought death upon all flesh, is be- come the
first- fruit of sal- va- 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 virgin-
Aposticha Theotokion

Fourth Mode

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Aposticha Theotokion

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Aposticha Theotokion

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Fourth Mode

Kai vuv
hou hast so-journed in a cave, O Christ

God; a man-ger re-ceived Thee, and shep-herds and Ma-
gi wor-shipped Thee. Then in-deed was the
preach-ing of the Proph-ets ful-
hosts of An-
gels mar-
elled, cry-ing and say-
ing: Glory to Thy con-
descension, O on-

ly Friend of man.
Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Ἡ γέννησίς σου

* Finale:

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Intonation: #9

O Christ our God, hast 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:

glory be to Thee.
Orthros Prokeimenon*

Fourth Mode

\( \text{ἑκατόν} \)

Intonation: #9

From the womb before the morning star have I be-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,

until I make Thine en-e-mies the foot-stool of Thy feet.

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

The Lord hath sworn and will not re-pent.

* This Prokeimenon is chanted immediately after the First Antiphon in Fourth Mode "From my youth..." Sticheraric (long) and heirmologic (brief) versions of the First Antiphon are available in the Orthros section of our Divine Music project at: http://www.stanthonysmonastery.org/music/OrthrosSpecialB.htm
Orthros Pentecostarion

Second Mode

\[ \text{Intonation: } \#7 \]

\[ \text{Δόξα Πατρί} \]

\[ \text{All things are filled with joy; Christ is born of the Virgin.} \]

\[ \text{καὶ νῦν} \]

\[ \text{Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.} \]
Orthros Idiomelon

Plagal Second Mode

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\text{Intonation: #20} \\
\text{Δόξα ἐν υἱόστοις}
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\text{Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression.}
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\text{Today Bethlehem receives Him that sitteth at all times with the Father. Today Angels glorify in}
\end{align*}
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a manner befitting God the Babe that hath been born: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
Hypakoë*

Plagal Fourth Mode

Intonation: #25

n call-ing the Ma-gi by a star, Heaven brought the first-

fruits of the na-tions un-to Thee, a Babe ly-ing in a____ man-

ger; and they were a-ston-ished that there was nei-ther scep-tre nor

throne, but on-ly the ut-ter-most____ pov-er-ty. For what

is mean-er than a cave? And what is low-li-er____ than__ swad-dling____
clothes? Yet in them the rich-es of Thy Di-vin-i-ty shone forth.

O Lord,____ glo-ry____ be to____ Thee.

_____________________

* This Hypakoë may be chanted (or read) instead of the Sessional Hymn "Let Heaven greatly rejoice" after the third ode.
Kontakion

Third Mode

Intonation: #8

Third Mode

\( \text{Παρθένος σήμερον} \)

In 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 ages as God.
Katavasias

First Mode

Χριστός γεννᾶται

First Canon

First Ode

Sing unto the Lord all the earth and sing praises in gladness, O ye peoples; for He hath been glorified.
Second (Iambic) Canon

First Ode

\[\text{έσωσε λαόν}\]

Working a great wonder the Master saved the people of old when He made dry the sea's swelling water. And now He is born of His own will from a Maiden, making us a path that leadeth unto Heaven: Him we glorify, equal in essence with the Father and with mortals.
First Canon

Third Ode

Τὸ πρὸ τῶν αἰώνων

o the Son Who was be-got-ten of the Fa-ther be-fore

thē 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.
Second Canon

Third Ode

Neúsou prós ōmnous

Thy servants' hymns, incline, O Benefactor;
bring low the haughty pride of the adversary, O
Blessed One, that look-est down and seest all; keep us above sin,
who ever sing Thy praises, steadfast and unmov'd on the foun-
da-tion of faith.
First Canon

Fourth Ode

Ψάρας εκ τῆς ρίζης

οδ of the root of Jesus, 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.
Second Canon

Fourth Ode

Гένους βροτείου

n his song of old, Prophet Abba-cum fore-told

of the restoration of all the race of mortals, having been

vouch-safed to see its type past all telling; for as a

young babe from the mountain of the Virgin did the Word come

forth to re-fashion the peoples.
First Canon

Fifth Ode

\(\Theta\epsilon\sigma\varsigma\;\hat{o}n\;\epsilon\iota\iota\eta\mu\varsigma\)  

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.
Second Canon

Fifth Ode

Εκ νυκτός ἐργον

s we now keep watch in the night to sing Thy prais-
es as our Ben-e-fac-tor, O Christ, grant us for-give-
ness of what we have done in be-night-ed de-lu-sion; come pro-vide
a path that is eas-y to jour-ney, that we may as-cend up-on
it and find glo-ry.
First Canon

Sixth Ode

he 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.
Second Canon
Sixth Ode

well-ing in the deeps of the sea’s lowest regions, Jonas prayed to come unto Thee and calm the tem-pest. But

I, that am pierced by the shaft of the tyrant, call on Thee,

O Christ, the A-bol-ish-er of evil: come an-tic-i-pate

my sloth-ful-ness speed-i-ly.
First Canon

Seventh Ode

Oi παιδες ευσεβεια

Corn-ing the im-pi-ous de-cree, the Chil-dren brought up

in god-li-ness feared not the threat of fire, but stand-ing in

the midst of the flames, they chant-ed: O God of our Fa-
thers,

bless-ed art Thou.
Second Canon

Seventh Ode

Τῶ παντάνακτος

or the King of all, long-ing held fast the chil-dren,

Who de-spised as nought the base un-god-ly bab-blings of the ty-

tant who raged with fu-ry in-sen-sate; and the bound-less fire then

gave way as they cried out to the Sov-’reign Lord: Bless-ed art

Thou to thé ag-es.
First Canon

Eighth Ode

he 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 bless the Lord, and supremely exalt Him unto all the ages.

* Finale:
Second Canon

Eighth Ode

W

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

Mήτραν ἀφλέκτως

idst the flames un-burnt, the Old Cov-nant

children figure forth the womb of the vir-ginal

Maid-en, which, re-main-ing sealed, doth con-ceive be-yond na-
ture. For in work-ing both by the same won-drous pow-
er,

* grace doth wise-ly rouse the peo-plex un-to prais-
es.

* Finale:

rouse the peo-plex un-to prais-
es.

** The verse “We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord” is always chanted before the Katavasia of the eighth ode. When two Katavasias are chanted for each ode, (e.g., on December 25 and 31) this verse is chanted only before the first Katavasia of the eighth ode.
Ninth Ode

First Mode

*Ηχος Λ Πα

Intonation: #1

Verse #1

Мегάλυνον, ψυχή μου, την τιμιωτέραν

M (ṁ)

ag-ni-fy, O my soul, her that is more hon-’ra-ble and more
glo-ri-ous than the hosts on__high.

Troparion A

Μυστήριον ξένων

A (ṁ)

strange and mar-vel-lous mys-ter-y do I be-hold; the
cave is a Heav-en; the Vir-gin a che-ru-bic_throne; the man-
ger a space where-_in Christ__God the Æ Un-con-tain-a-ble One__hath re-
clined. Him do we praise and mag-ni-fy.  (repeat Verse #1 and Troparion A above)
Verse #3

Μεγάλυνον, ψυχή μου, τὸν ἐκ τῆς παρθένου γεννήσαντα Χριστόν, ὁ Θεός ὁ λίκεως.

Magnify, O my soul, God Who was born in the flesh of a Virgin.

Troparion B

Ἐξαίσιον δρόμον

When the Magi beheld the strange course of a new and
un-common star, which had but now begun to shine brighter
than all the light in the Heavens, they were given a sure
sign that Christ the King had been born on earth in Bethlehem for our
salvation.
Verse #4

Мегάλυνον, ψυχή μου, тόν ἐν τῷ σπηλαιῷ
O my soul, the King Who was born in a cave.

(verse repeats Troparion B on previous page)

Verse #5

Мегάλυνον, ψυχή μου, тόν ὕπό τόν μάγον
O my soul, God, Who was worshipped by the Magi.

Troparion C

Νηγενές
Then 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.
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Verse #6

Μεγάλυνον, ψυχή μου,
τὸν ὕπο ἀστέρος

ag - ni - - fy, O my soul, Him that was made known by a star to
the Ma - gi.

(repeat Troparion C on previous page)

Verse #7

Μεγάλυνον, ψυχή μου,
tὴν ἁγνήν παρθένον

ag - ni - - fy, O my soul, the pure Vir - gin, who hath giv - en birth_

un - to Christ the King.

Troparion D

Ἡκρίβωσε χρόνον

er - od dil - i - gent - ly in - quired what time that star

had ap - peared, by whose guid - ance the Wise Men were come to Beth - le-hem,

to wor - ship Christ with gifts; and led back to their coun - try by the same
Verse #8

Mάγοι και ποιμένος

†

The Magi and the shepherds came to worship Christ, Who was born in the city of Bethlehem. (repeat Troparion D)
Second (Iambic) Canon

Verse #9

Today the Virgin giveth birth unto the Master in the cave.

Troparion E

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 volition.
Verse #10

σήμερον ὁ Δεσπότης

T

ο - day the Mas - ter is born as an in - fant of a Vir - gin

Mothe - r.

( repeat Troparion E on previous page)

Verse #11

σήμερον οἱ ποιμένες

T

ο - day the shep - herds be - hold the Sav - iour wrapped in swad - dling
clothes and ly - ing in a man - ger.

Verse #11a

(This verse may be omitted)

σήμερον ὁ Δεσπότης

T

ο - day the Mas - ter, Who can - not be touched, is wrapped as a

babe in swad-dling bands.
Troparion F

thou Moth-er pure, we have seen the dark fig- ures of the Word of God, with the shad- ows that van- ished; For He hath shined forth new- ly from thee, the shut gate; where- fore, seeing we have been thought to be wor- thy of the Light of Truth, we bless thy womb as is meet.

Verse #12

o- day all cre- a- tion re- joic- eth and ex- ult- - eth, for Christ is born from a Vir- gin Maid- en. (repeat Troparion F)
Verse #12a

(This verse may be omitted) Ὑψώσας δυνάμεις πρὸς

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

Verse #13

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

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

Magnify, O my soul, the dominion of the Undivided Godhead of Three Hypostases.
Troparion G

Iothen tou theou

av-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-a-tion that cre-a-
teth life; O im-mac-u-late Vir-gin, grant to us the grace to

wor-ship Christ in His glo-ry.

Verse #14

Kaiv vov... Megalunon, psikh mou, tin lutrwsei then omaz

oth now and ev-er, and un-to the ag-es of ag-es.

A-men.
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

\[ \text{Verse #1} \]

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

\[ \text{Praises #1} \]

e glad, O ye righteous; ye heavens, rejoice exceedingly; ye mountains, skip for joy, as Christ is born. Imitating the Cherubim, the Virgin becometh a throne, carriyng in her bosom God the Word incarnate. Shepherds glorify

* Before the Praises, the Exapostilarion is chanted three times. The music for this in Western notation 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/
Him that is born; Ma-gi of-fer gifts un-to the Mas-ter; and An-gels sing prais-es, say-ing: O in-com-pre-hen-si-ble Lord, glo-ry be to Thee.

Verse #2 Αἰνεῖτε Αὐτὸν ἐν Ἰχθοὶ σάλπιγγος

raise Him with the sound of trump-phet, praise Him with the psal-ter-y and harp.

Praises #2 Ὁ Πατὴρ ηὐδόκησεν

he Fa- ther was well pleased: the Word is be-come flesh, and the Vir-gin hath giv-en birth un-to God be-come man. A star is the her-al-d; Ma-gi wor-ship; shep-herds mar-vel; and cre-a-tion doth re-joyce.
Verse #3

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

Praises #3

Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, who hast giv - en birth un -
to the Sav - iour, thou hast o - ver - turned the an - cient curse of Eve. For

thou art be - come the Moth - er of Him that is the Good Will of

the Fa - ther, and hast car - ried in thy bos - om God the Word in -
car - nate. This mys - ter - y can - not be searched out; we all glo -

ri - fy it with faith a - lone, cry - ing with thee and say - ing:
Verse #4

Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.

Praises #4

Come, let us sing hymns unto the Mother of the Saviour, who after child-birth still remained a virgin. Rejoice, thou Living City of our King and God, where in Christ hath dwelt and hath wrought salvation. Together with Gabriel we praise thee; with the shepherds we glorify thee, crying: O Theotokos
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in-ter-cede _____ with Him that was in-car-nate of thee, that we
be saved. __

Doxasticon of the Praises

Plagal Second Mode

Intonation: #20

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when it was time for Thy com-ing ___ up-___ on___ earth, the
world_______ was_______ en-___ rolled to be__ taxed_______ for the
first time; then wast Thou minded to enroll the names of them that believed in Thy Birth. For this cause was such a decree pronounced by Caesars, since Thy time-less and everlasting Kingdom was inaugurated. Wherefore we also, in the stead of tribute money, offer the wealth of our Orthodox theology unto Thee, the God and Saviour of our souls.
Theotokion of the Praises

Second Mode

\[ \text{Second Mode} \]

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Intonation: #7

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**Theotokion of the Prases**
Continue immediately with the Great Doxology in second mode. Music for this doxology is available online at: http://www.stanthonymsmonastery.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.stanthonymsmonastery.org/music/Johnchrys.htm