

## THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

### Katavasia\*

First Mode

Intonation: #1

**Allegro** ♩=140

### First Canon

Χριστὸς γεννᾶται

1a

Christ is born, - give ye glo - ry. Christ is come from

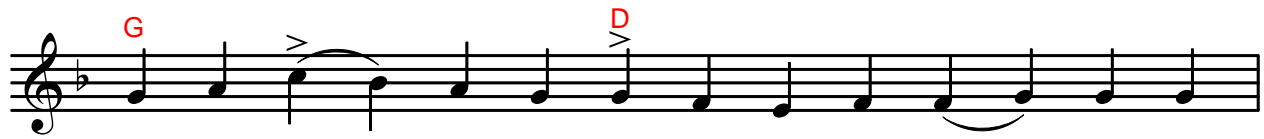
\* The Katavasiae of the first canon of the Nativity of Christ are chanted from November 21st until December 24th. On December 25th, 26th, and 31st, both the first and second canons are chanted. From December 27th until the 30th, only the Katavasiae of the second canon are chanted.

*Katavasia - Nativity of Christ*

Heav - en, re - ceive ye Him. Christ\_ is on earth, be



ye ex - alt - ed. Sing un - to the Lord all the earth



and sing prais - es in glad-ness, O ye peo - ples; for



He hath\_ been glo - ri - - fied.

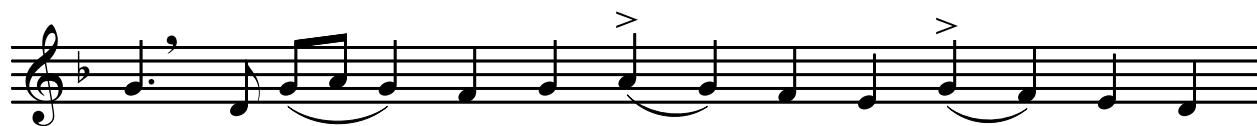
Second Canon

1b

Ἔσωσε λαόν



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

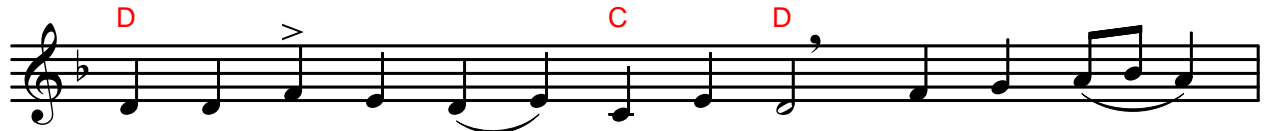


es - sence with the Fa - ther and with mor - tals.

## First Canon

3a

Τῷ πρὸ τῶν αἰώνων



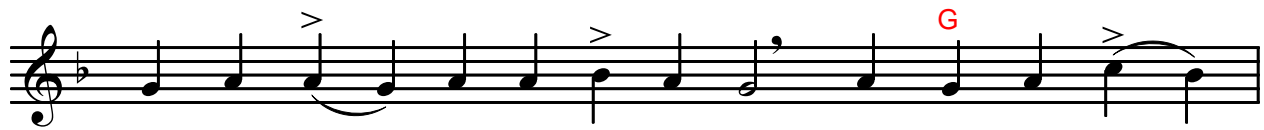
To the Son Who was\_\_\_ be - got - ten of the Fa -



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.

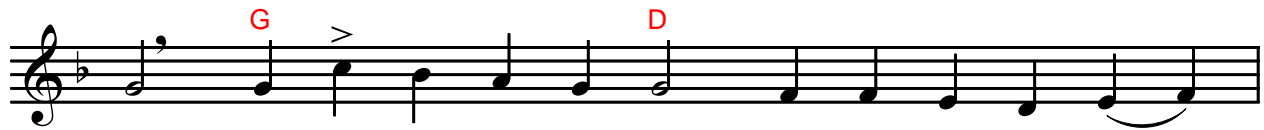
Second Canon

3b

Νεῦσον πρὸς ὕμνους



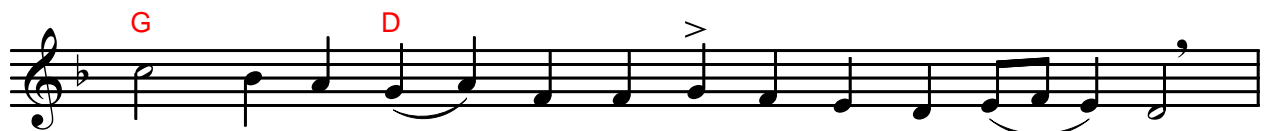
To Thy ser - vants' - hymns, - in - cline, O Ben - e - fac -



tor; bring low the haugh - ty pride of the ad - ver - sar -



y, O Bless - ed One, that look - est down and se - est all;



keep us a - bove - sin, who ev - er sing Thy prais - es,



stead - fast and un - moved on the foun - da - tion of faith.

## First Canon

4a

Ῥάβδος ἐκ τῆς ρίζης



Second Canon

4b

Γένους βροταίου



In his song of old, Proph - et Ab - ba - cum fore - told



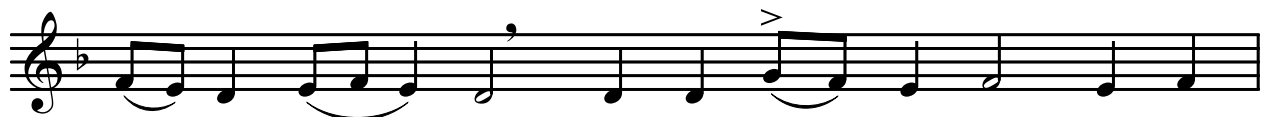
of the res - to - ra - tion\_ of all the race of mor -



tals, hav - ing been vouch - safed\_ to\_ see its type past all



tell - ing; for as a young babe from the moun - tain



of\_ the Vir - gin did the Word\_ come forth to re -



fash - ion\_ the peo - ples.

## First Canon

5a

Θεὸς ὢν εἰρήνης



Since Thou art the God of peace and the Fa - ther of



mer - cies, Thou hast sent un - to us Thine An - gel of Great



Coun - sel, grant - ing us peace. Where-fore, hav - ing been



guid - ed to the light of di - vine knowl - edge, and



watch - ing by night, we glo - ri - fy — Thee, O Friend\_



of \_\_\_\_\_ man.





## First Canon

6a

Σπλάγγων Ἰωνᾶν

The sea - mon - ster spat\_ forth Jo - nas as it had re -

ceived him like a babe\_ from the womb; while the Word,\_

hav - ing dwelt\_ in the Vir - gin and tak - en flesh, came

forth from her yet kept her in - cor - rupt. For be - ing Him -

self not sub - ject to\_ cor - rup - tion, He pre - served His

moth - er free\_ from\_ harm.

**Second Canon**

6b

Ναίων Ἰωνῶς

Dwell-ing in the deeps\_ of\_ the sea's\_ low - est re -

gions, Jo - nas prayed to come\_ un - to Thee and calm the

tem - pest. But I, that am pierced\_ by the shaft\_ of the

ty - rant, call on Thee, O Christ, the A - bol - ish -

er of e - vil: come an - tic - i - pate my sloth - ful - ness

speed - i - ly.



Second Canon

7b

Τῷ παντάνακτος



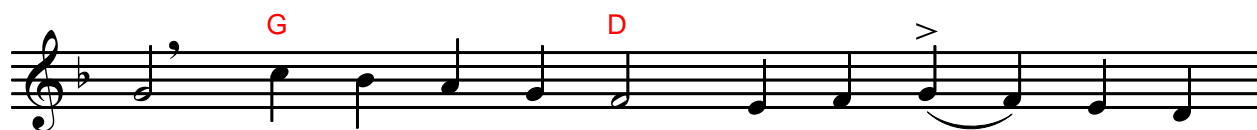
For the King of all, long - ing held fast the chil -



dren, who de - spised as nought the base un - god - ly bab -



blings of the ty - rant 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 the



ag - es.

**D**

We praise, we bless, and we wor - ship the Lord.

## First Canon

Θαύματος ὑπερφυοῦς

**8a**

**D**

The fur - nace moist with dew was the im - age and fig -

**G**

ure of a won - der past na - ture; for it burned

**D**

not the Youths whom it had re - ceived, e - ven as the

**G**

fire of the God - head con - sumed not the Vir - gin's

**C** **D**

womb in - to which it had de - scend - ed. Where -


**G** **D**

fore in praise let us sing: Let all cre - a - tion



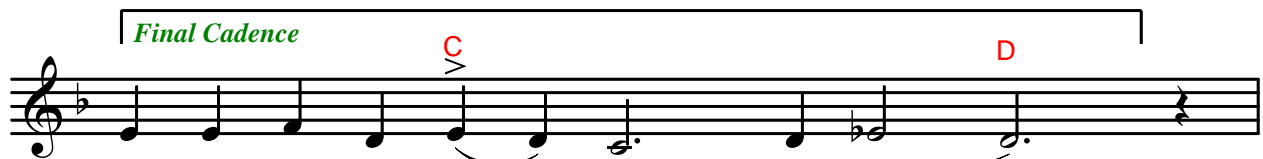
bless the Lord, and su - preme - ly ex - alt Him

*Intermediate Cadence*



un - to all the ag - es.

*Final Cadence*



un - to all the ag - es.





**First Canon**

9a

Μεγάλυνον... Μυστήριον ξένον



Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, her that is more hon - 'ra -



ble and more glo - ri - ous than the hosts on\_ high.



A 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 Un - con -



tain - a - ble One\_ hath re - clined. Him do we praise and



mag - ni - - - fy.

## Second Canon

9b

Μεγάλυνον, ψυχή μου



Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, her that hath de - liv -



ered us from the curse.

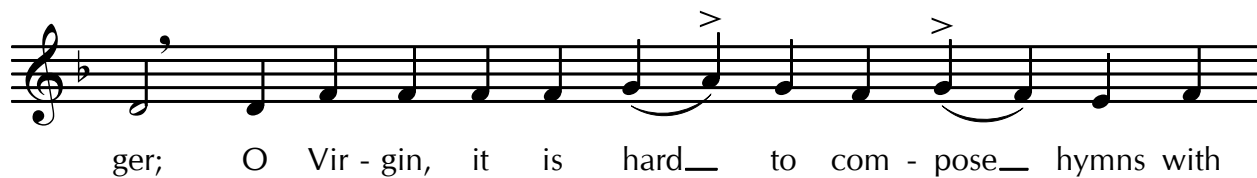
Στέργειν μὲν ἡμᾶς



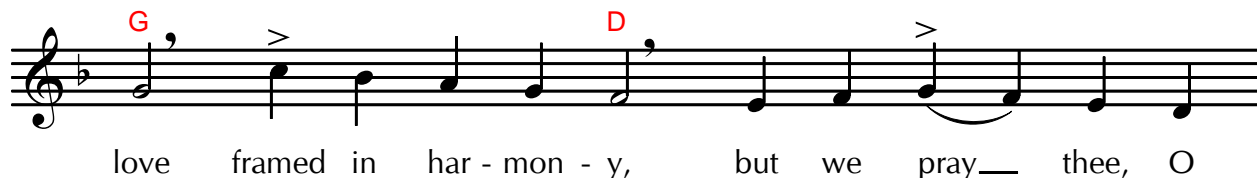
Be - ing well con - tent, out of fear, to be si -



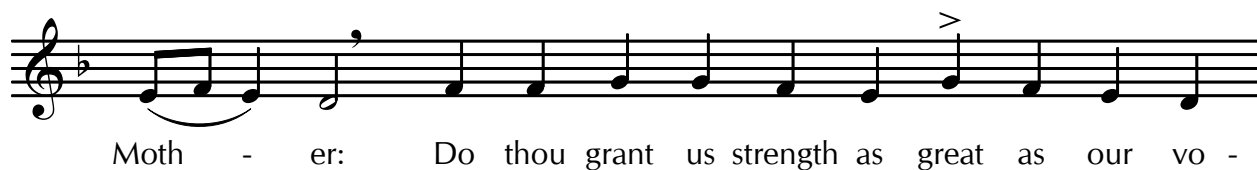
lent would be eas - i - er, since si - lence hath no dan -



ger; O Vir - gin, it is hard to com - pose hymns with



love framed in har - mon - y, but we pray thee, O



Moth - er: Do thou grant us strength as great as our vo -

