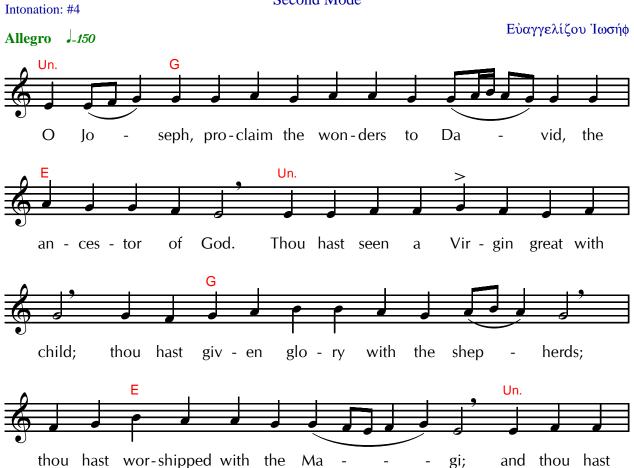


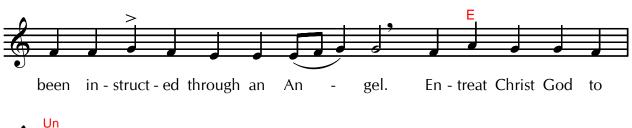
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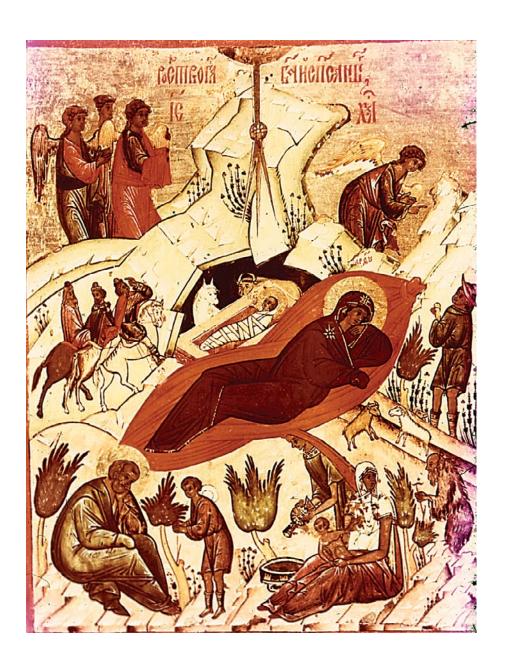
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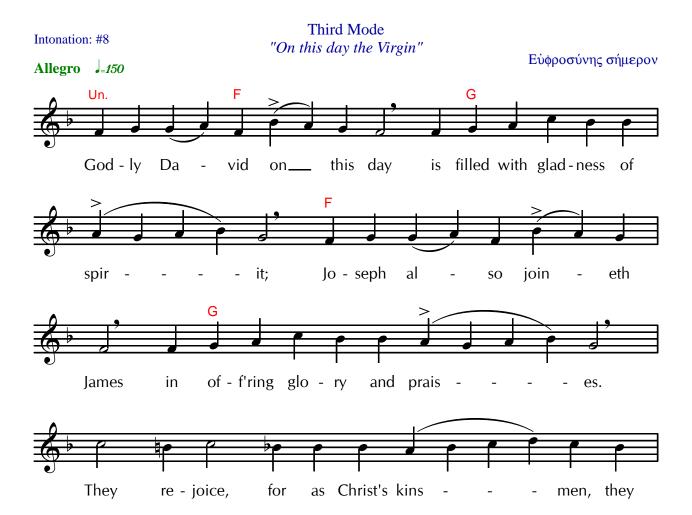


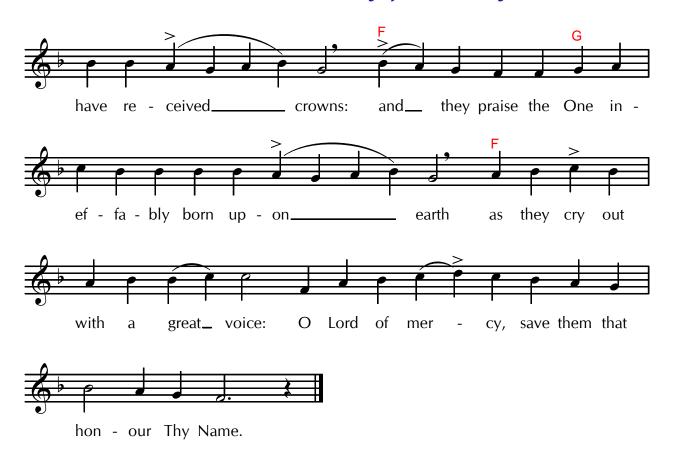


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A religious hymn is a great blessing for everyone.

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.