



THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

December 26-31

Apolytikion

Second Mode

Intonation: #4

Allegro ♩=150

Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ

Un. G

O Jo - seph, pro-claim the won-ders to Da - vid, the

E Un. >

an - ces - tor of God. Thou hast seen a Vir - gin great with

G

child; thou hast giv - en glo - ry with the shep - herds;

E Un.

thou hast wor-shipped with the Ma - - - gi; and thou hast

been in - struct - ed through an An - gel. En - treat Christ God to

Un

save _____ our souls.





THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

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Kontakion

Intonation: #8

Third Mode
"On this day the Virgin"

Εὐφροσύνης σήμερον

Allegro ♩=150

Un. F G

God - ly Da - vid on___ this day is filled with glad-ness of

F

spir - - - it; Jo - seph al - so join - eth

G

James in of - f'ring glo - ry and prais - - - es.

They re - joice, for as Christ's kins - - - men, they

have re - ceived _____ crowns: and _____ they praise the One in -

ef - fa - bly born up - on _____ earth as they cry out

with a great _____ voice: O Lord of mer - cy, save them that

hon - our Thy Name.

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