The Forefeast of the Birth of the Theotokos

September 7

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

From the root of Jesse and the loins of David, the great king, Mary, the child of God, is born for our sake on this day. Hence, all creation exulteth on its renewal.

Both Heaven

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and the earth Re-joice to-geth-er now.

Praise her, O ye tribes of na-tions here

be-low. The right-eous Jo-a-chim re-joic-eth, and

An-na keep-eth feast, cry-ing out: The bar-ren

be-ar-eth the The-o-tokos, the nour-ish-

er of our____ life.
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Kontakion

Fourth Mode
"On this day Thou hast appeared"

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\*Tης σεπτή γεννήσει σου

In the Immaterial Spirit, the whole world hath been mystically adorned on thine august Nativity; and it doth cry to thee joyously: Rejoice, O Virgin, thou
boast of the Christian race.