The Eve of the Nativity of Christ

December 24

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)

"Joseph was amazed"

"Ηχος Λ Δ"

As the fruit of David's seed, Mary was registered

of old with the Elder Joseph in the little town of

Bethlehem, when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. Behold, 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 long time.
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Kontakion

Third Mode

"On this day the Virgin"

\[ \text{‘Η Παρθένος σήμερον} \]

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