

# KATAVASIA OF THE NATIVITY FROM THE IAMBIC CANON

## First Mode

Chanted instead of "It is Truly Right"  
on December 26<sup>th</sup>

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**D**

Ma - gi and Shep - herds came  
Μα - γου και ποι - με - νες  
Mah - yee keh - pee - meh - nes

to wor - ship the Mes - si - ah who was  
ηλ - θον προ - σκυ - νη - σαι Χρι -  
eel - thon pro - skee - nee - seh Hree -

born in Beth - le - hem, the cit -  
στον τον γεν - νη - θεν - τα εν Βη - θλε -  
ston ton yeh - nee - then - dah en Veeth - leh -

y of Da - vid  
εμ τη πο - λει  
em tee po - lee

**D**

Eas - i - er for us is from  
Στερ - γειν μεν η - μας ως α -  
Ster - yeen men ee - mas os ah -

fear to love si - lence, free of  
κτιν - - - - δυ - von φο - - - βω ρα - ον  
keen - - - - dhee - non fo - - - vo rah - on

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*Katavasia of the Nativity (Iambic Canon)*

an - y - per - - - il - as - it - is, - O -  
 σι - ω - πην - τω - πο - θω - δε - Παρ -  
 see - o - peen - to - po - tho - dheh - Par -

Vir - - - gin, where - as to weave -  
 θε - - - ve υ - μνους υ - φαι - - -  
 theh - - - neh eem - noos ee - feh - - -

stir - - - ring - hymns - out - of -  
 νειν - συν - το - νως τε - θηγ -  
 neen - seen - doh - nos teh - theeg -

long - - - ing - in earn - - - est - is - dif -  
 με - - - νους ερ - γω - - - δεξ - ε - στιν  
 meh - - - noos er - go - - - dhes - eh - steen

fi - - - cult; there - fore, O - Moth - - - er,  
 αλ - - - λα και - μη - τηρ - σθε - - - νος  
 ah - - - lah keh - mee - teer - stheh - - - nos

give - us - strength - to - match -  
 ο - - - ση πε - φυ - κεν -  
 ο - - - see peh - fee - ken -

our - vo - li - - - tion, -  
 η - προ - αι - - - ρε -  
 ee - pro - eh - - - reh -

we - pray - you -  
 σις - δι - - - δου -  
 sees - dhee - - - dhoo -