



THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

December 20

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode (hard chromatic)
"Joseph was amazed"

150

Intonation: #19

Ἦχος Δε

Ἑτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ



(Π) (Δ)

e thou read - y, Beth - - le - hem, E - den hath o - pened un - to

all. Eph - ra - tha, pre - pare thy - self, for now, be - hold, the

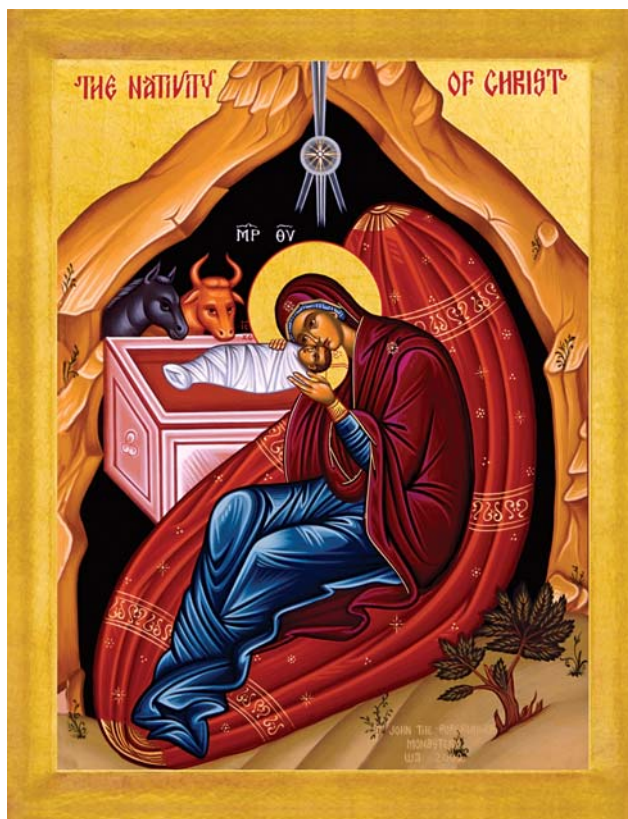
(Δ) (Π)

Tree of life hath blos - somed forth in the cave from the ho - - ly Vir - -

(Δ)

4 gin. Her womb hath proved a true spir - i - tual Par - - a - -

dise, where - - in the di - vine and sav - ing Tree is
 found, and as we eat there-of we shall all live, and shall not die as
 did Ad - - - am. For Christ is born now to raise the
 im - age that had fall - en a - fore - - - - - time.





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Kontakion

Third Mode

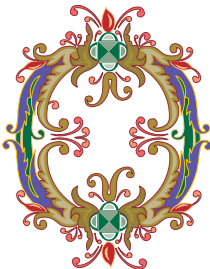
"On this day the Virgin"

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Intonation: #8

Ἦχος Γα

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον



(M) (N) (Π)
n this day the Vir - - gin com - eth to the cave to

give birth _____ to ^(M) God the ^(N) Word in - ef - - fa - bly, Who was ^(Π)

be - fore all thē ag - - - es. ^(M) Dance ___ for joy, O earth, on

hear - - - - ing the glad - some tid - - - ings; ^(N) with ___ thē An - gels

(П) and the shep-herds now glo - ri - fy _____ Him (N) Who is will-ing
to be gazed__ on ^Δ as a young Child Who be - fore thē ag - es is
(Δ↓) (M) God. ^γ

