

Divine Liturgy
December 26, 2005

26 THE SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. On the second day of the Christmas feast, the Church gives glory and praise to the most holy Theotokos, who bore our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of God

The holy martyr Euthymius, bishop of Sardis in Lydia, who on account of his veneration of the Holy Images was forced into exile by the iconoclast Emperor Michael. Finally, when Theophilus was emperor, he was brutally beaten with leather thongs, and he fulfilled his martyrdom. (840)

Hymn

melody: Mendelssohn (Hark! the Herald Angels Sing)



1. Glo - ry to the Lord of all, Born in cave to save us all,
2. For Saint Jo - seph, right - eous one, Guar - dian of the Vir - gin's Son;
3. Hail, O Christ, our Sav - ior - Lord! Ev - 'ry praise let us af - ford



He, the sole - be - got - ten One, Born the Vir - gin's on - ly Son!
For King Da - vid, bold and strong, Sing - er of the Lord's new song;
For Your com - ing as a man To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan!



Changeless God a Man is made, Savi - ng us, the sore a - fraid!
For the broth - er of the Lord, James, the preach - er of the Word:
By Your birth, You set us free, New-born souls in You to be!



Glo - ry to Your birth, O Lord! By Your Church be e'er a - dored!
Thanks and praise Your Church shall bring To Your throne, O in - fant King!
Guard us, keep us free from fear; Grant us peace, a glad new year!



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

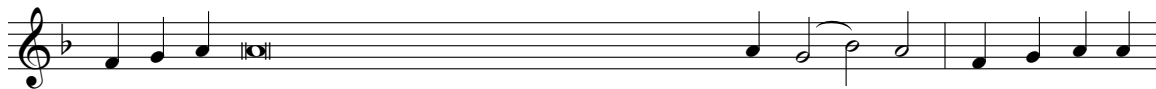
First Antiphon (Psalm 9:2):



I shall thank you, O Lord, with all my heart; I shall de-clare all your won-drous deeds.



Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it, now and ev - er



and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,



O Sav - ior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 111:1):



Hap - py the man who fears the Lord and great - ly de - lights in his com - mands.



O Son of God, born of the Vir - gin, save us who sing to you:



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Hymn of the Incarnation - Resurrection Tone 7

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men. O on - ly - begotten Son and
Word of God, who be - ing im - mor - tal, deigned for our sal - va - tion
to be - come in - car - nate of the ho - ly Theotokos and ever - Vir - gin Mar - y,
and be - came man with - out change; you were al - so crucified, O Christ our God,
and by death have tram - pled Death, be - ing One of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,
glo - rified with the Father and the Ho - ly Spir - it, save us.

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

Come, let us sing joy - ful - ly to the Lord; let us ac - claim God our Sav - ior.
O Son of God, born of the Vir - gin, save us who sing to you:



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):



Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ. O Son of God,



born of the Vir-gin, save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - ia!

Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4



Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up - on the world the light of



knowl - edge; for through it, those who wor-shipped the stars have learned from



a star to worship you, the Sun of Jus - tice, and to know you, the Dawn



from on High. Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

Troparion of the Saints - Tone 2:



Jo-seph, pro-claim the won - ders you have seen to Da - vid, the fore - fa - ther

of God: the Vir - gin has giv - en birth; you have giv - en glo - ry
 with the shep - herds and wor - shipped with the wise men; you have
 been in - struct - ed by the an - gel. Ask Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - - it.

Kontakion of the Saints - Tone 3:

To - day the god - ly Da - vid is filled with joy; Jo - seph of - fers
 hymns of praise with James. Re - joic - ing, they take up the garland of
 re - la - tion - ship with Christ. They sing praise to him whose birth on earth
 de - fies de - scrip - tion and they cry out: O mer - ci - ful Lord, save



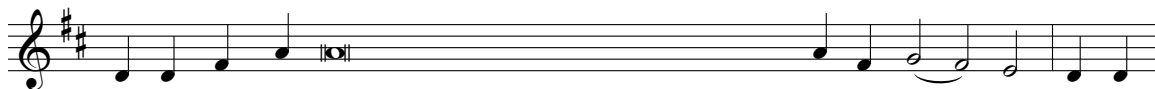
those who hon - or you.

Cantor

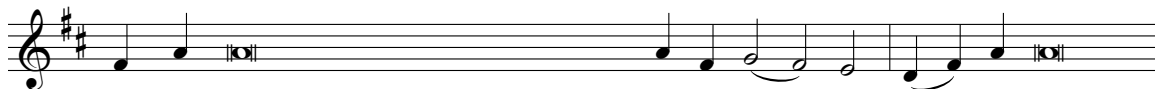


Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Synaxis - Tone 6



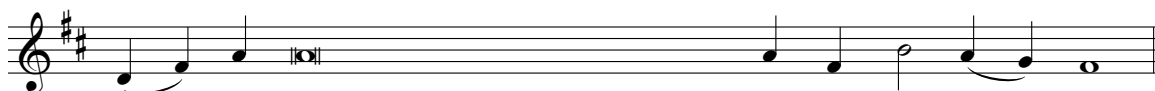
Be-fore the morn-ing star, he was born of the Father with-out a moth - er; to-day,



on earth, he has become man from you with-out a fa - ther. A star announces




the good news to the wise men. The an-gels join with the shep-herds to sing



the glo - ry of your marvelous child-bearing, O Wo - man Full of Grace.


Thrice-Holy Hymn

3 times




Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal,

Fine

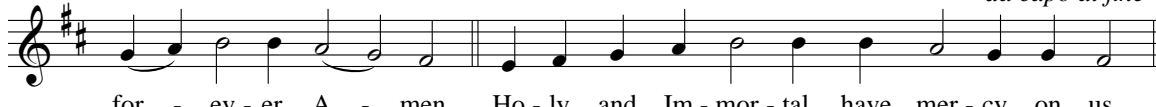


have mer - cy on us. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,




and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - er and

da capo al fine

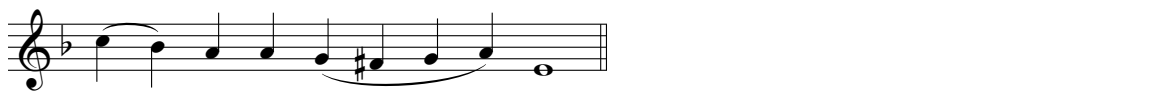


for - ev - er. A - men. Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Prokeimenon of the Synaxis - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es




in God my Sav - - - ior.


Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of the Saints - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):



God is won - drous in his saints, the God of Is - ra - - el,



the God of Is - ra - - el.

Alleluia of the Synaxis - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.

Verse: The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Saints - Tone 4 (Psalm 131:1,2):




Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: Lord, remember David and all his humility.

Verse: How he swore to the Lord and vowed to the God of Jacob.

Cherubic Hymn

on the hymn, "Divnaja novina"




Let us, who mys-tic - 'ly re - pre-sent the cher - u - bim, and sing the thrice -



-ho - ly hymn, thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - a - ting,



life-cre - a-ting Trin-i - ty, now set a-side all earth-ly cares, all earth-ly cares.



A - men. That we may re-ceive, may re-ceive the King of All, in - vis - i - bly



es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Anamnesis Acclamation

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you,
our God, pray to you, our God.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."


Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
the most ho - ly Vir - gin The - o - to - kos who is more hon - or - a - ble
than the an - gel - ic hosts on high.

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Rev-'rent si-lence would run no risk; but love com-pels us, O Virgin, to a more
dif - fi - cult task: to weave well-wrought hymns of de - vo - tion.



O Moth - er, give us the strength to do what we in - tend.


Or this melody:

Irmos:


Tone 1 samopodoben



Rev-'rent si - lence would run no risk; but love com-pels us,



O Vir - gin, to a more dif - fi - cult task: to weave well-wrought hymns



of de - vo - tion. O Moth - er, give us the



strength to do what we in - tend.

Communion Hymn of the Nativity (Psalm 110:9):

Refrain



The Lord has sent de - liv - er - ance to his peo - ple. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

And for the Relatives of the Lord, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1):



Re-joyce in the Lord, you right-eous ones, praise from the up-right is fit - ting.

Refrain:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!