

Divine Liturgy Propers, September 7, 2008
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Pre-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Hymn

melody: O Marije Mati Boža/O Mary, Mother of our God



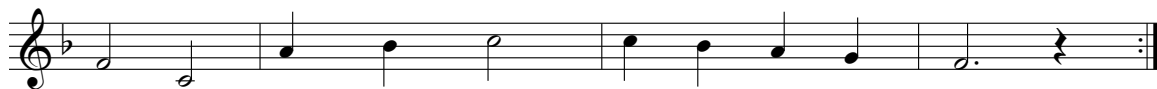
1. God loved the world so much, He gave His own Son,
2. As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up, shown on high,
3. The Christ was not sent to the world to con - demn,



That e - ter - nal life might be His gift to ev - 'ry - one.
So the Son is lift - ed high that we may nev - er die.
But that all, be - liev - ing Him, might find their life in Him.

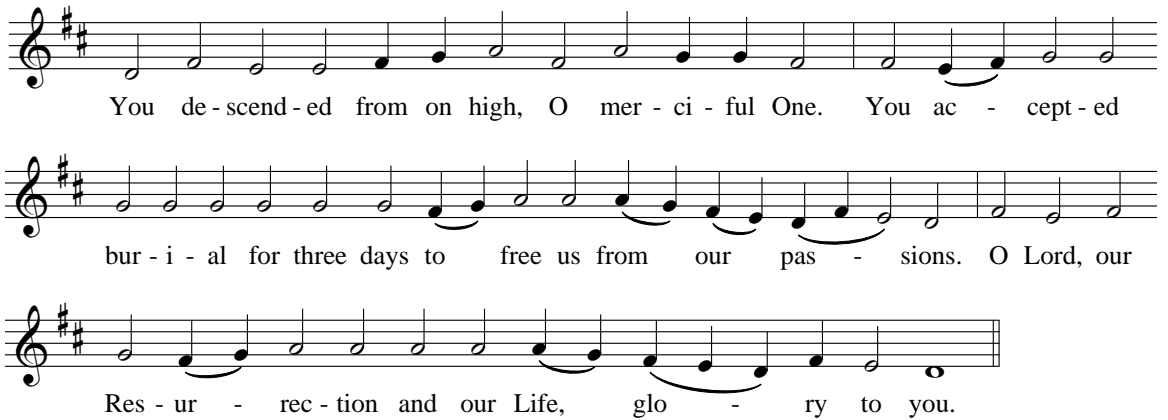


Boast of noth - ing less than the Cross of Christ our Lord!



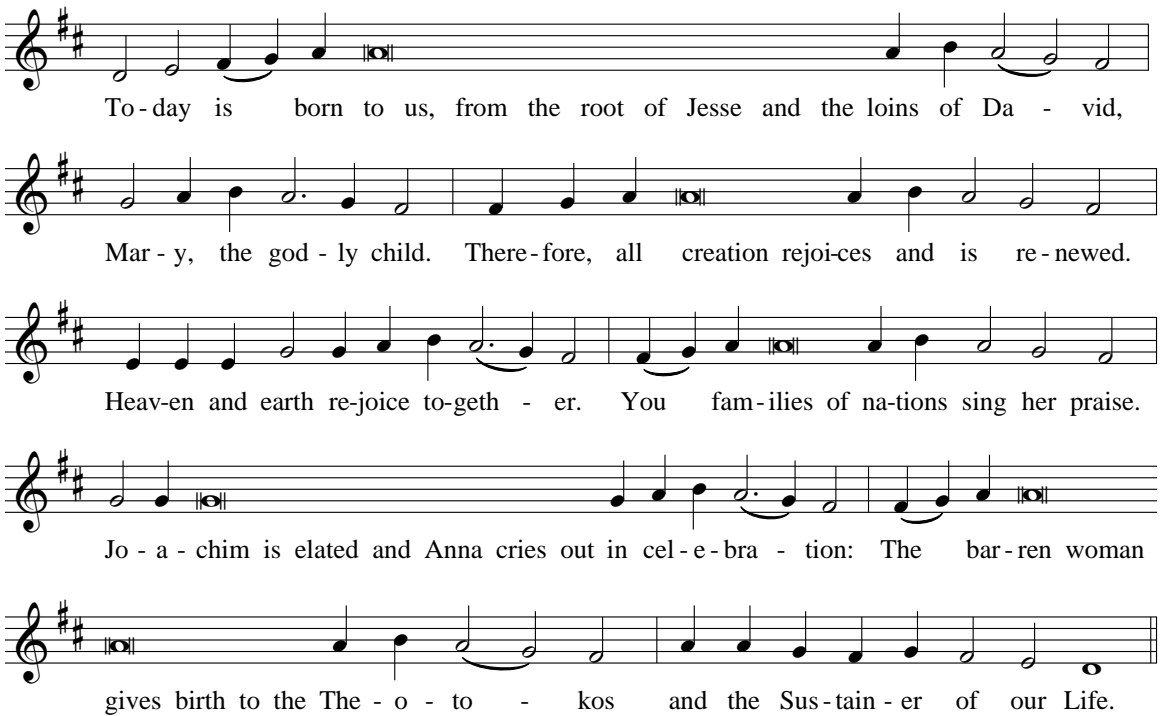
In it, we are blessed; life is our re - ward!

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8



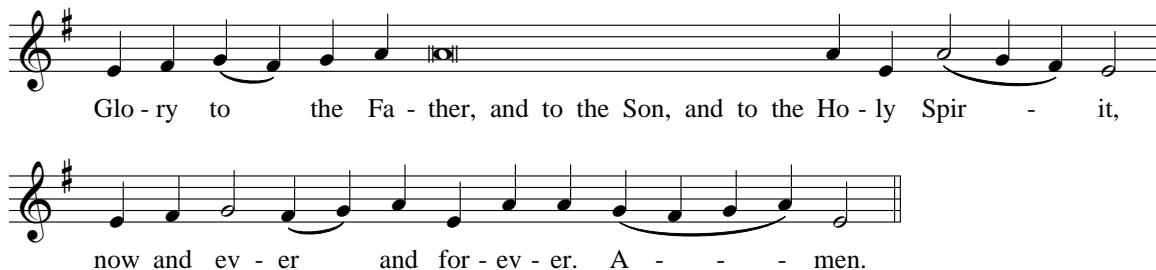
You de - scend - ed from on high, O mer - ci - ful One. You ac - cept - ed
bur - i - al for three days to free us from our pas - sions. O Lord, our
Res - ur - rec - tion and our Life, glo - ry to you.

Pre-festive Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4



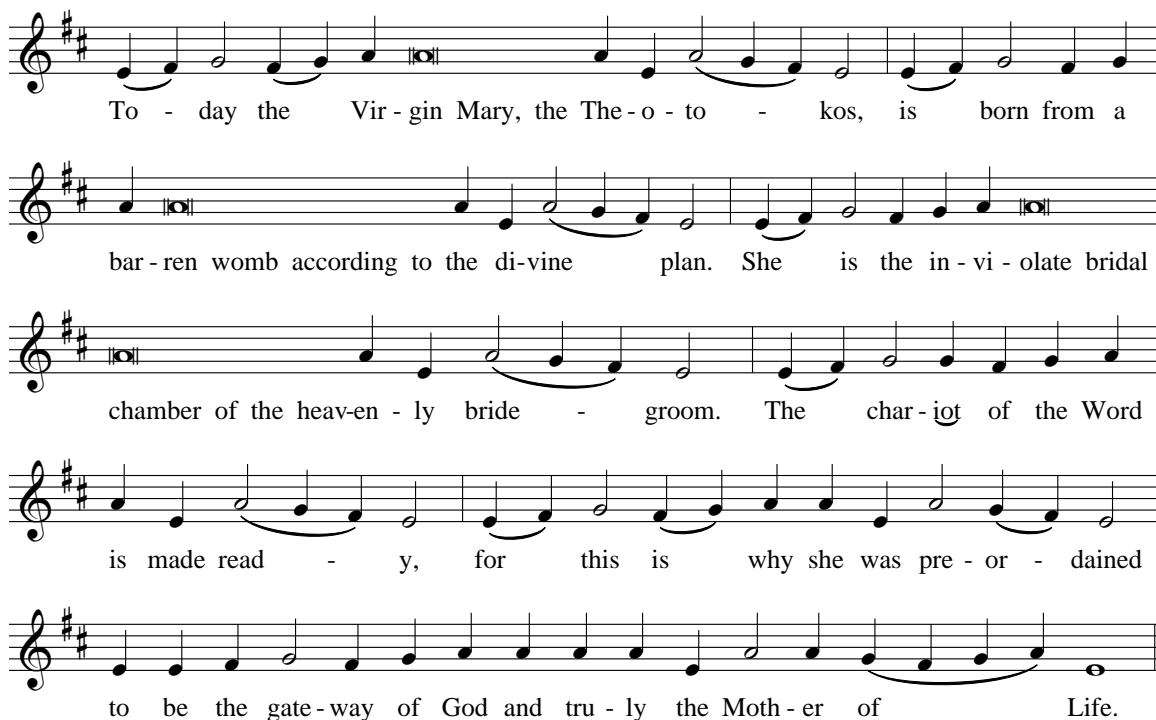
To-day is born to us, from the root of Jesse and the loins of Da - vid,
Mar - y, the god - ly child. There-fore, all creation re-joice and is re-newed.
Heav-en and earth re-joyce to-geth - er. You fam-ilies of na-tions sing her praise.
Jo - a - chim is elated and Anna cries out in cel-e-bra - tion: The bar-ren woman
gives birth to the The - o - to - kos and the Sus-tain - er of our Life.

Cantor



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.

Pre-festive Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 3



To - day the Vir - gin Mary, the The - o - to - kos, is born from a
bar - ren womb according to the di - vine plan. She is the in - vi - olate bridal
chamber of the heav - en - ly bride - groom. The char - iot of the Word
is made read - y, for this is why she was pre - or - dained
to be the gate - way of God and tru - ly the Moth - er of Life.

Prokeimenon - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,
and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:20-22):

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

Verse: I have exalted one chosen from my people and with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Verse: My hand shall protect him and my arm shall make him strong.