

**Divine Liturgy, December 26, 2016**  
**Synaxis of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**  
**Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed,**  
**David the King, and James the Brother of God**

**First Antiphon** (Psalm 110:1; 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:** (*music on pp. 18-21*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

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

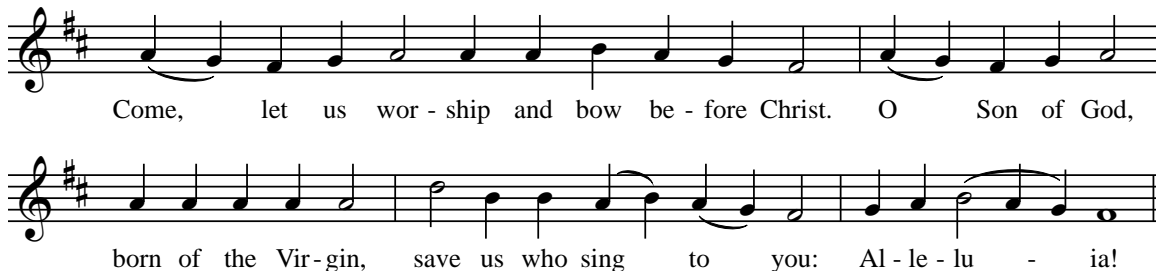


Come, let us sing joyful-ly to the Lord; let us ac-claim God our Sav - ior!

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!

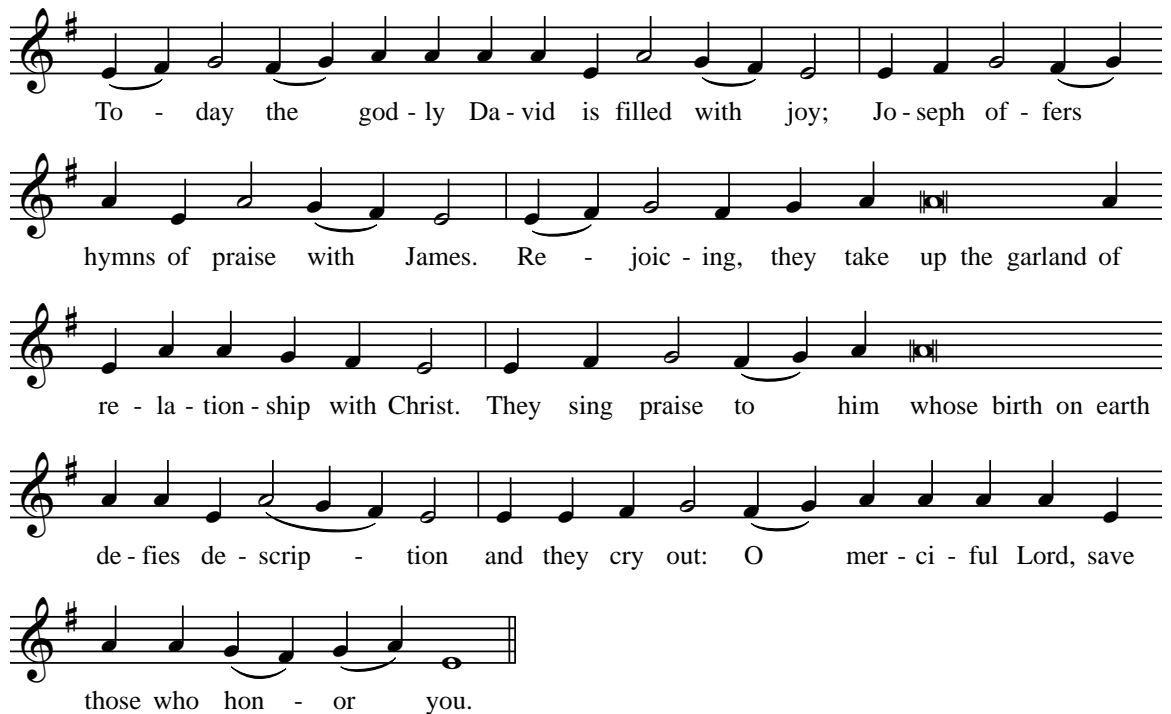
**Troparion of the Relatives of the Lord - Tone 2**

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 Relatives of the Lord - *Tone 3*



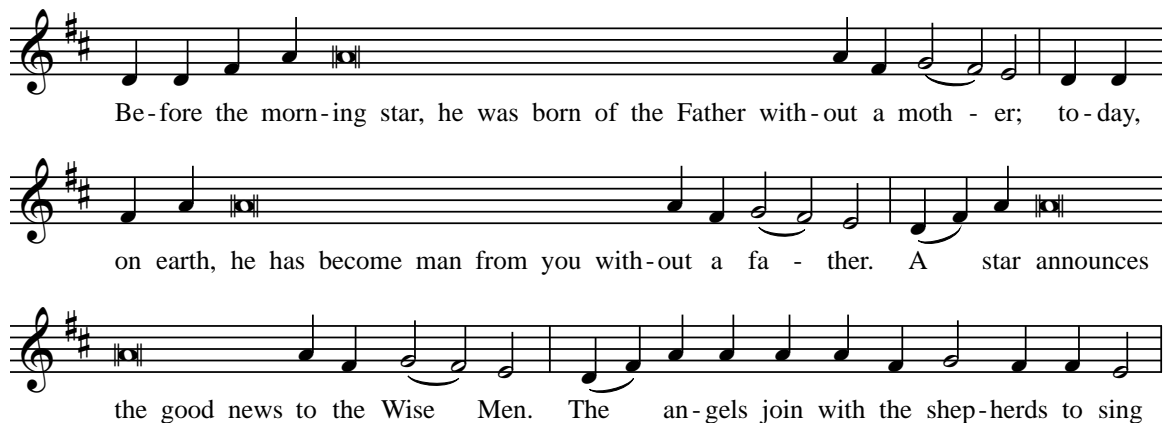
To - day the god - ly Da - vid is filled with joy; Jo - seph of - fers  
hymns of praise with James. Re - joic - ing, they take up the garland of  
re - la - tion - ship with Christ. They sing praise to him whose birth on earth  
de - fies de - scrip - tion and they cry out: O mer - ci - ful Lord, save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

**Prokeimenon of the Synaxis of the Theotokos - 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 generation will call me blessed.

*And then immediately:*

**Prokeimenon of the Sunday after the Nativity - 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.

*And then immediately:*

**Alleluia of the Relatives of the Lord- Tone 4 (Psalm 131:1,2):**



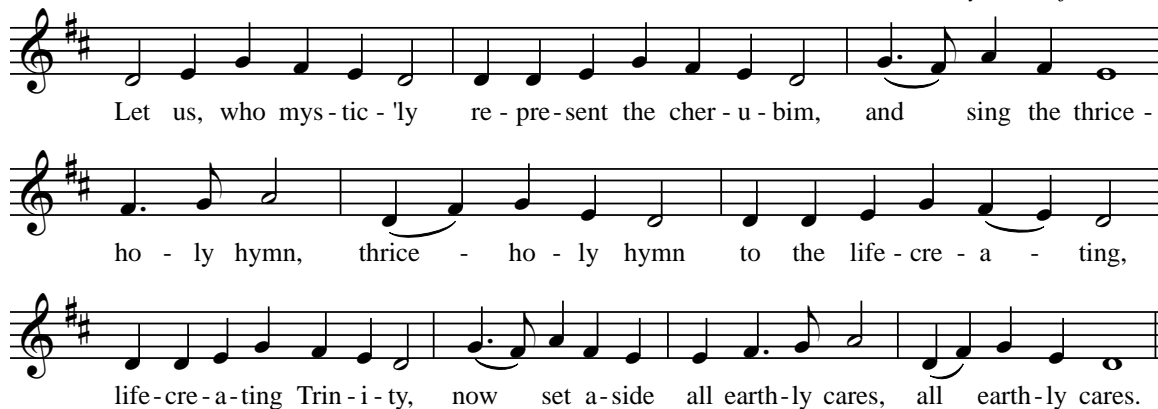
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* Lord, remember David and all his humility.

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

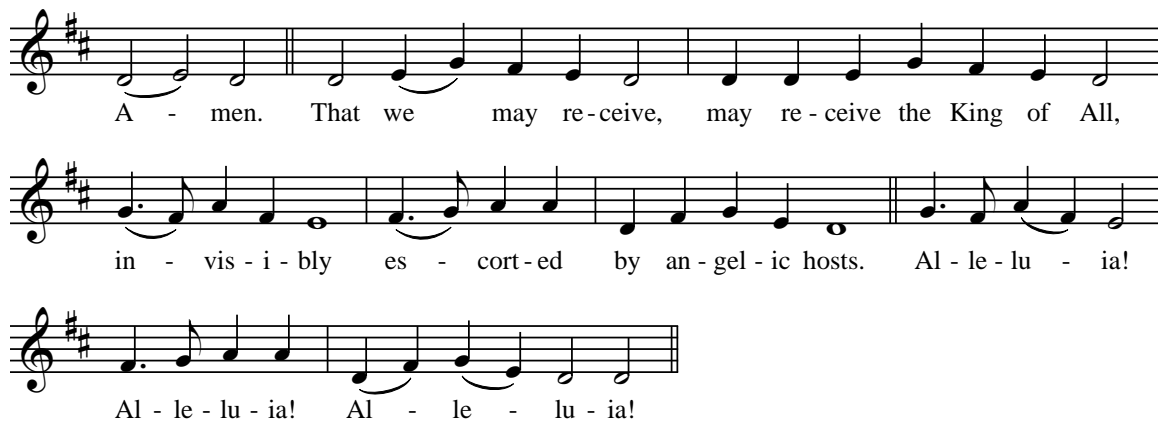
**Cherubic Hymn**

*melody: Divnaja novina*



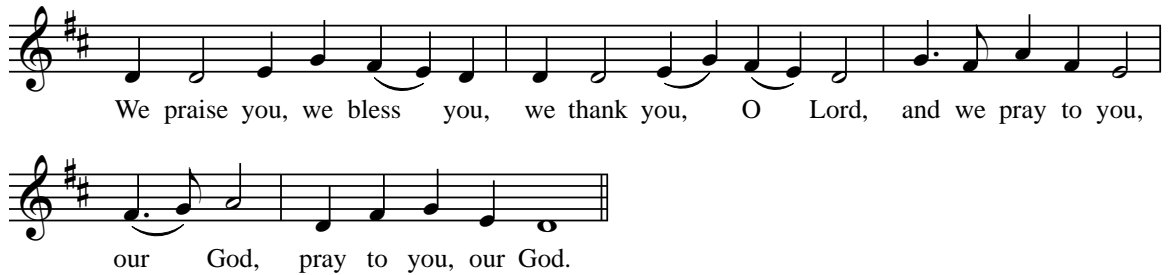
Let us, who mys - tic - 'ly re - pre - sent the cher - u - bim, and sing the thrice -  
ho - ly hymn, thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - a - ting,  
life - cre - a - ting Trin - i - ty, now set a - side all earth - ly cares, all earth - ly cares.

*After the commemorations:*



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!

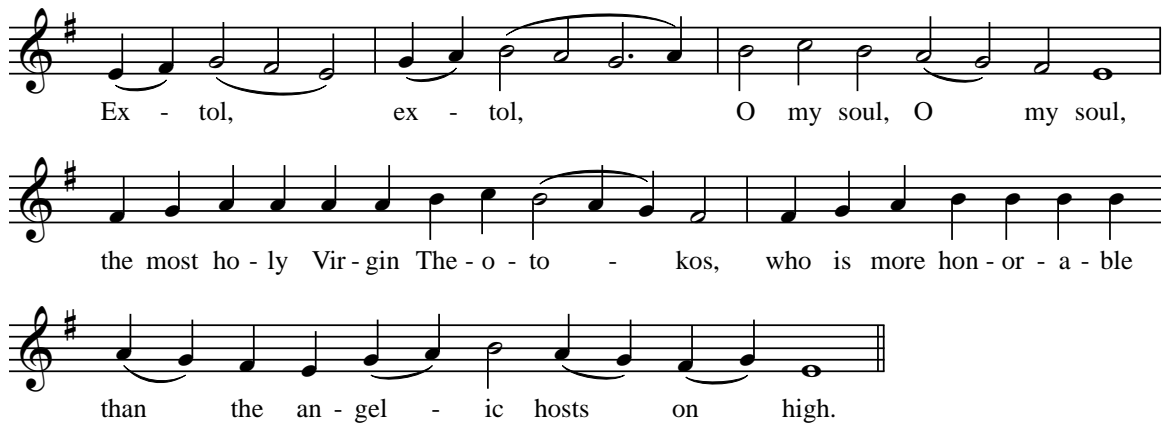
### Anamnesis Acclamation:



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.."*

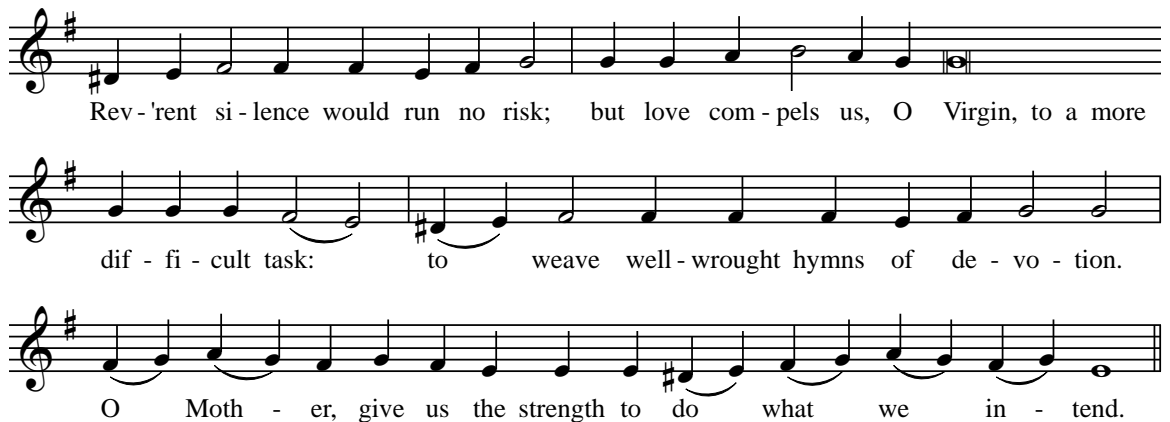
### Magnification



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.


## Communion Hymns:

*For the Nativity, the Communion Hymn is (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 - joice 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!