

**Divine Liturgy, December 27, 2014**  
**Saturday after the Nativity**  
**The Holy Apostle, First Martyr, and Archdeacon Stephen**

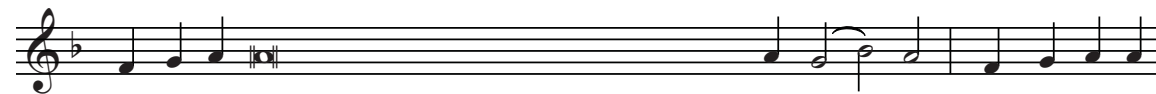
**First Antiphon** (Psalm 110:1; 9:2):



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.

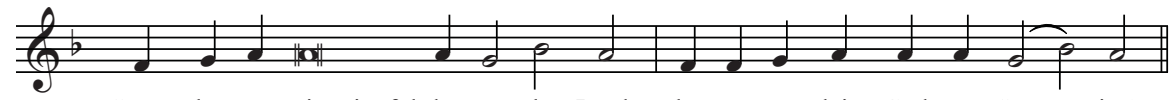


O Son of God, born of the Vir - gin, save us who sing to you:



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**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

**Communion Hymn for the Saturday after the Nativity (Psalm 115:4)**

I shall take the chal - ice of sal - va - tion and call up - on the name

*Refrain*

of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

*And for the Apostle:*

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):**

Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach - es

*Refrain*

to the ends of the world. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

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

**Troparion of the holy apostle Stephen - Tone 4**

First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.

You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed

by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re - ceived a crown from God's right hand

while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

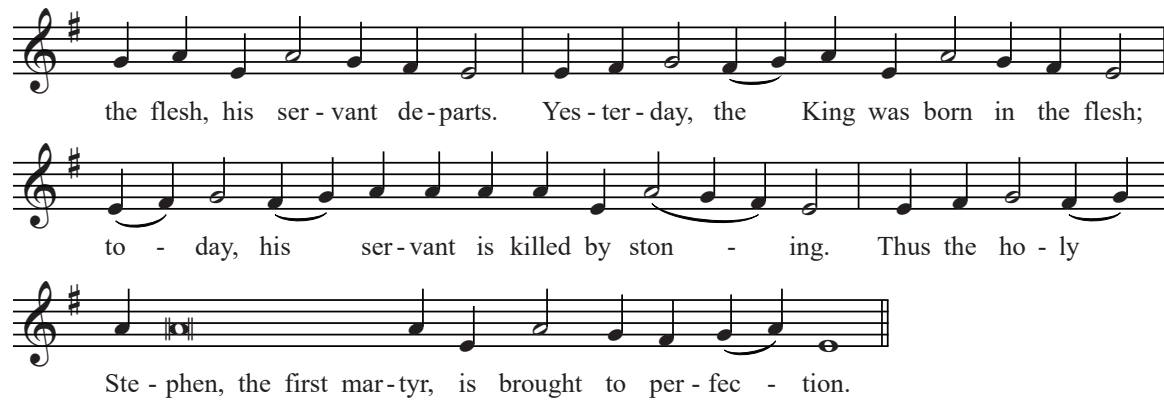
*Cantor*

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.

**Kontakion of the holy apostle Stephen - Tone 3**

Yes - ter - day, in hu - man flesh the Mas - ter came to us; to - day, from



the flesh, his ser-vant de-parts. Yes-ter-day, the King was born in the flesh;  
to-day, his ser-vant is killed by ston-ing. Thus the ho-ly  
Ste-phen, the first mar-tyr, is brought to per-fec-tion.

**Prokeimenon of the Saturday after the Nativity - Tone 4 (Psalm 44: 18,11)**

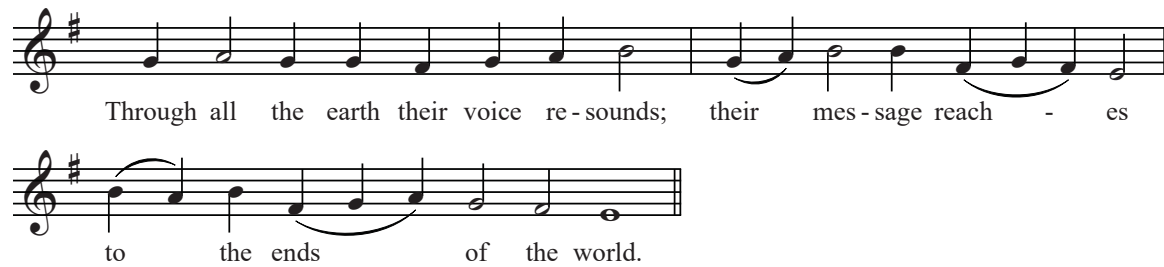


I shall make your name re-mem-bered in all gen-er-a-tions.

*Verse:* Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

*And then immediately:*

**Prokeimenon of the holy apostle Stephen - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):**



Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach-es  
to the ends of the world.

**Alleluia of the Saturday after the Nativity - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11)**



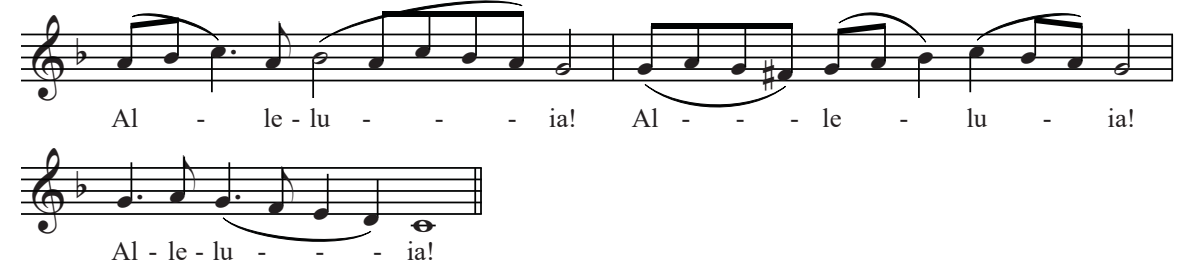
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*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 holy apostle Stephen - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):**



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

*Verse:* The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

[*Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.]

*Instead of "It is truly proper..."*

**Magnification**

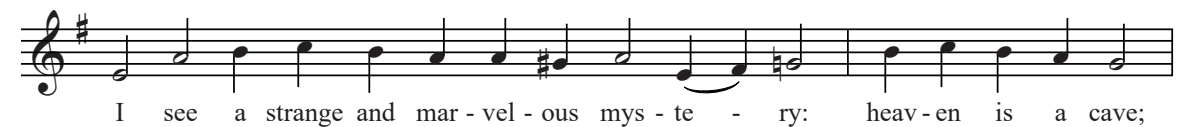


Ex-tol, ex-tol, O my soul, O my soul,

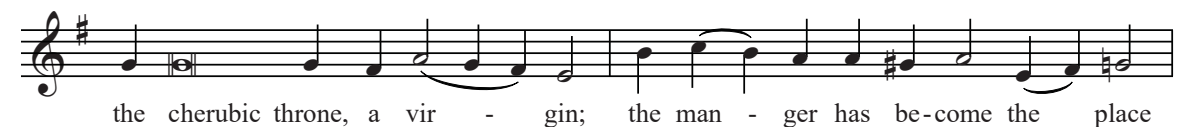


Christ the King born in a cave, Christ the King, born in a cave,

**Irmos**



I see a strange and mar-vel-ous mys-tery: heav-en is a cave;



the cherubic throne, a vir-gin; the man-ger has be-come the place



in which Christ the in-comprehen-si-ble God lies down. Let us



praise him and ex-tol him.