

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):

*melody: Divnaja novina*

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the high - est.

*Refrain:*

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):

*melody: Divnaja novina*

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!

## Divine Liturgy, December 28, 2025

### SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

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

**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:** (music found on page 18-21)

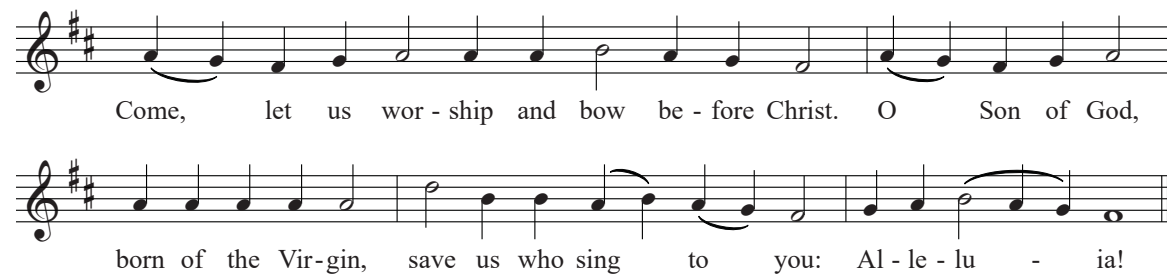
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.  
O only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation  
to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without  
change; you were also crucified, 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 Entrance Hymn** (Psalm 94:6):



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!

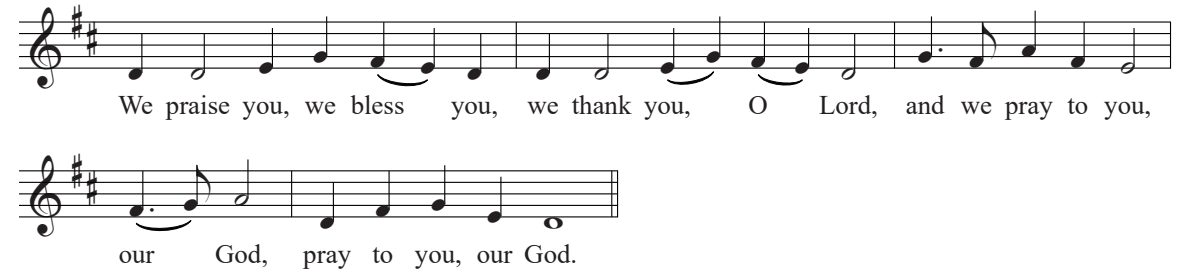
**Post-festive Third Antiphon** (Psalm 94:1):



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!

**Anamnesis Acclamation**

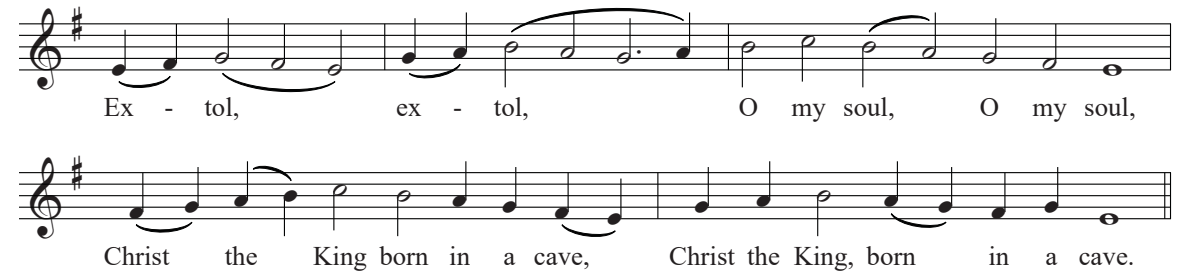
*melody: Divnaja novina*



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 . . ."*

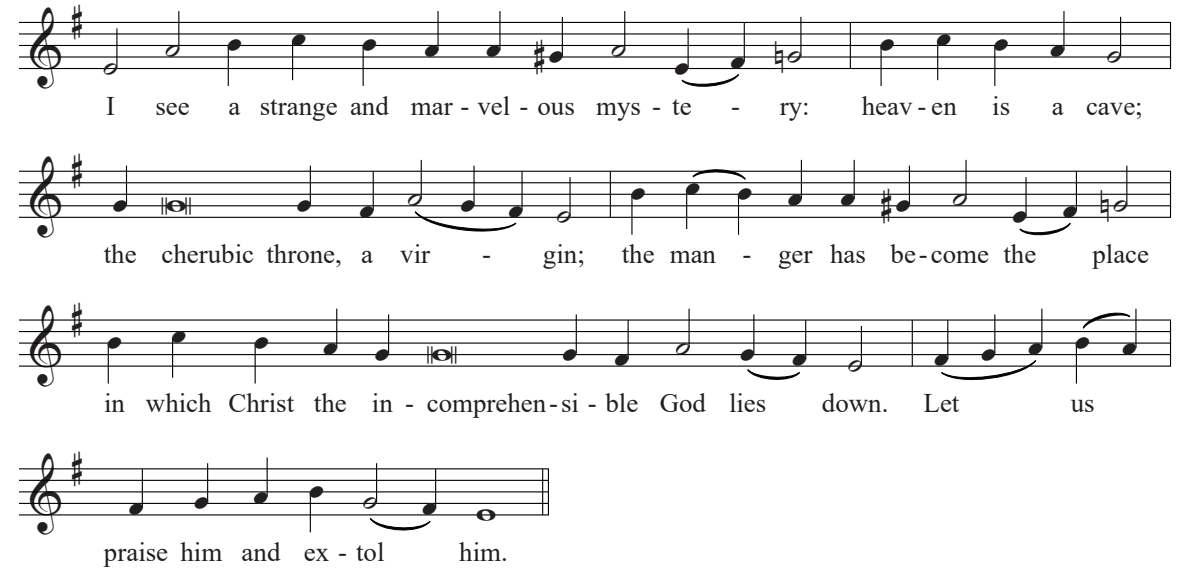
**Magnification:**



Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,  
Christ the King born in a cave, Christ the King, born in a cave.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 1 samopodoben*



I see a strange and mar - vel - ous mys - te - ry: 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.

**Alleluia of the Sunday after the Nativity- 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!

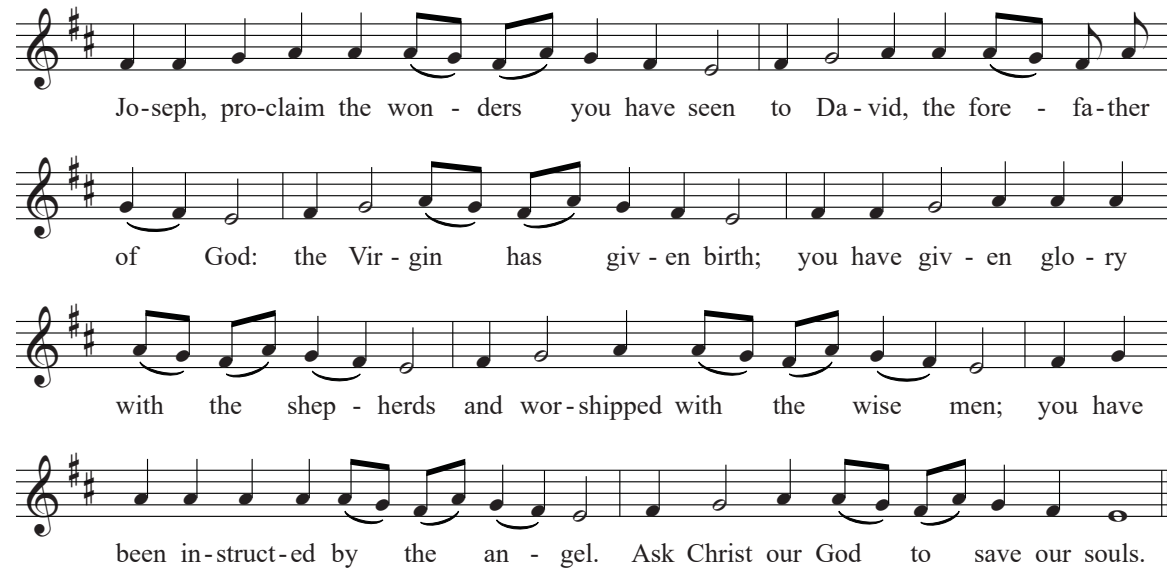
**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4**

The joy - ful mes - sage of the res - ur - rec - tion was heard by the women disci - ples  
from the an - gel, and be - ing freed from the an - ces - tral curse, they boast - ed  
to the a - pos - tles: Death is de - spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,  
giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.

**Troparion of the Nativity - Tone 4**

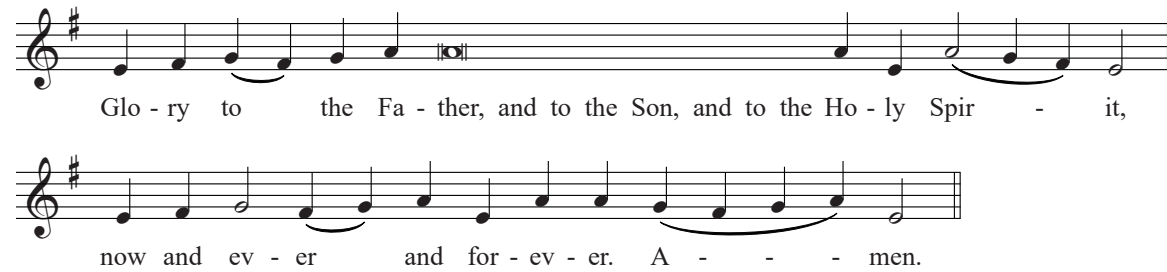
Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed up - on the world the light of  
knowl - edge; for through it, those who wor - shipped the stars have learned from  
a star to worship you, the Sun of Jus - tice, and to know you, the Dawn  
from on High. Glo - ry to you, O Lord!

**Troparion of the Sunday after the Nativity - Tone 2**



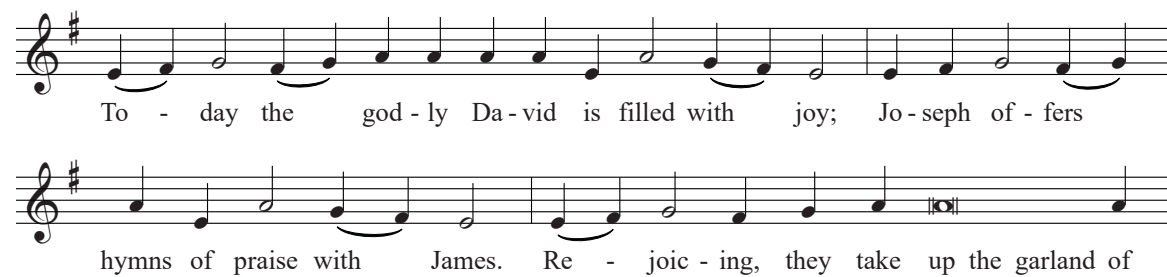
Jo-seph, pro-claim the won - ders you have seen to Da-vid, the fore - fa-ther  
of God: the Vir - gin has giv - en birth; you have giv - en glo - ry  
with the shep - herds and wor-shipped with the wise men; you have  
been in-struct-ed by the an - gel. Ask Christ our God to save our souls.

*Cantor*

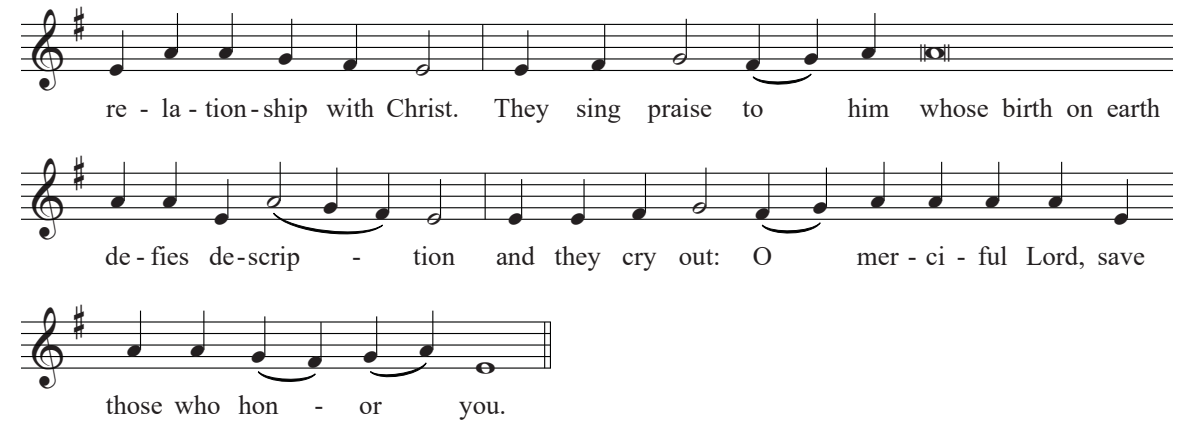


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

**Kontakion of the Sunday after the Nativity - Tone 3**

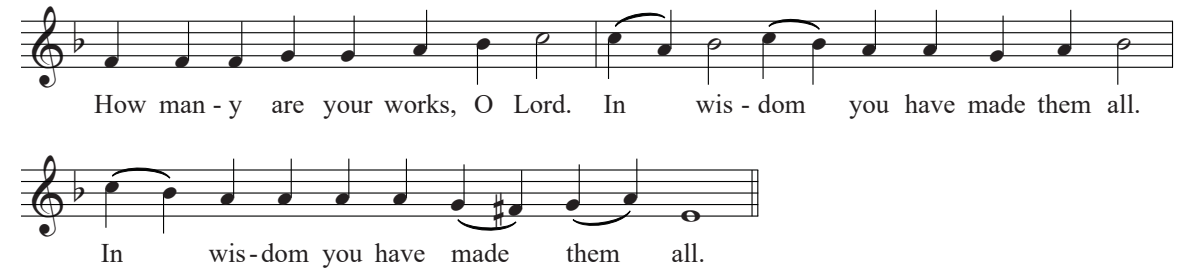


To - day the god - ly Da-vid is filled with joy; Jo-seph of - fers  
hymns of praise with James. Re - joic - ing, they take up the garland of



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.

**Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 4 (Psalm 103:24,1):**

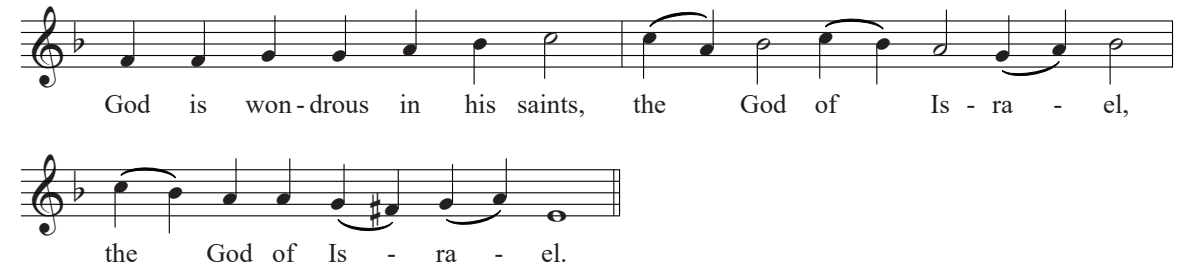


How man - y are your works, O Lord. In wis - dom you have made them all.  
In wis-dom you have made them all.

*Verse:* Bless the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

*Immediately after the verse:*

**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.