

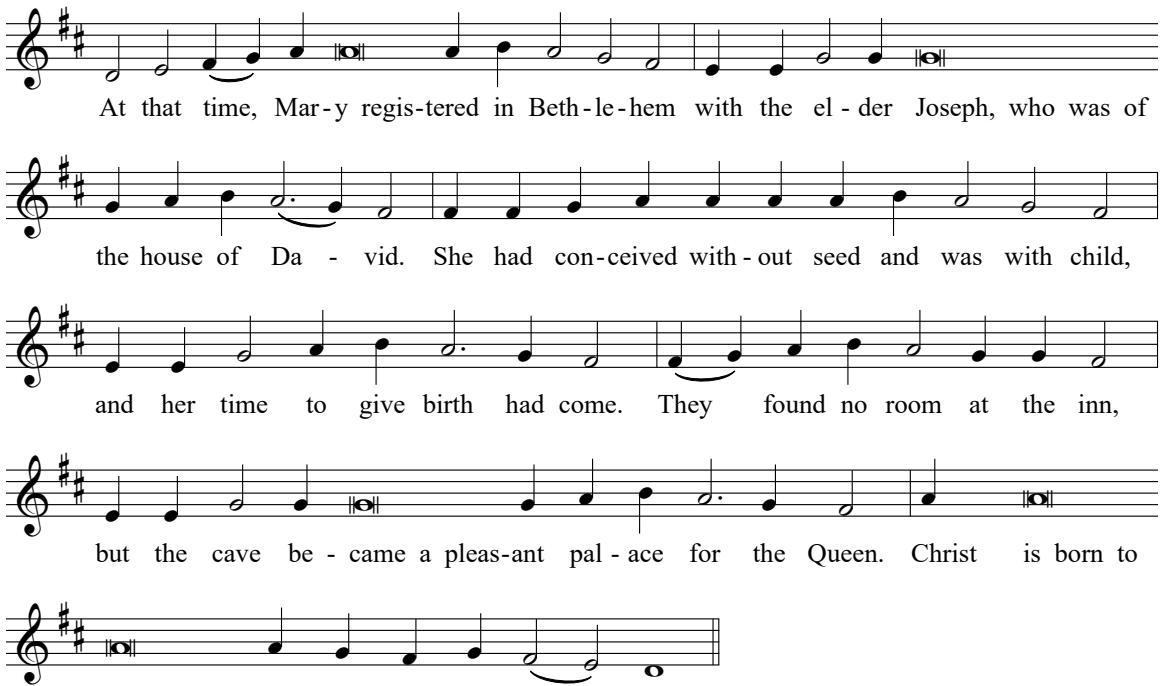
# Royal Hours of the Nativity - First Hour

## Troparia



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

### Troparion of the Vigil - *Tone 4*




At that time, Mar-y regis-tered in Beth-le-hem with the el - der Joseph, who was of  
the house of Da - vid. She had con-ceived with - out seed and was with child,  
and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn,  
but the cave be - came a pleas-ant pal - ace for the Queen. Christ is born to  
raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

*Cantor*



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

### Theotokion of the First Hour - *Tone 4*



What shall we call you, O full of grace? A hea - ven, for you have borne

the Sun of Jus - tice? A par - adise, for you have brought forth the Flower of  
im-mor-ta - li - ty? A vir - gin, for you have re - mained un - de - filed? A  
mo - ther, holding in holy holy arms the Son who is God of all? In - tercede with him  
for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

### Stichera

#### Stichera of the first Royal Hour of the Nativity - *Tone 8 samohlasen*

Make read - y, O Beth - le - hem: pre - pare your - self, O man - ger.  
Let the cave show its wel - come. The truth has come, the shad - ow has  
passed a - way; born of a Vir - gin, God has ap - peared to all, formed  
as we are and making our flesh god - like. There - fore Ad - am and Eve  
are re - newed, and they call out: Lov - ing - kindness has ap - peared on



earth to save our hu - man race.

*Tone 3 samohlasen*



God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed moun-tain.



I have heard your re - nown and feared.

**Sticheron - Tone 3 samohlasen**



Now the proph - e - cy draws near to its ful - fill - ment, which mys - tic - 'ly said:



"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Ju - - dah, where the cave



was pre-pared, you are not least a-mong prin - ces, for out of you shall



come forth unto me in the flesh a Rul-er of na - tions. Christ our God is



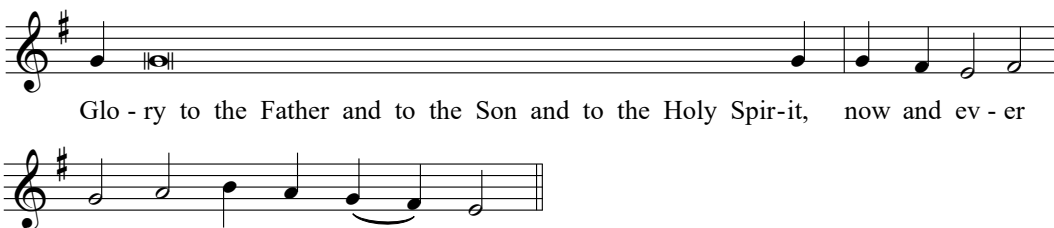
born of a Vir - gin Maid-en, and as a shep - herd he shall tend his people, the



new Is - ra - el. Let us all give him glo - ry.

*Tone 8 samohlasen*

Cantor



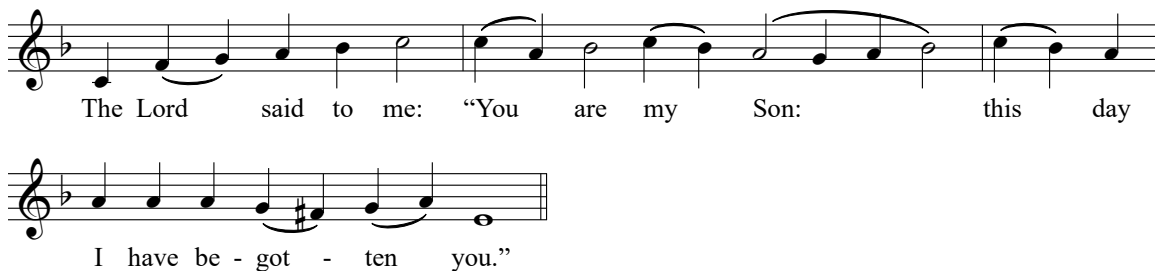
Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er  
and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Doxastikon** - *Tone 8 samohlasen*



Jo-seph spoke to the Vir - gin: What is this, O Mary, that I see in you?  
I fail to understand and am a - mazed, and my mind is dis - mayed.  
De - part from me quick-ly and qui - et - ly. What is this, O Mary, that I  
see in you? In - stead of honor, you have brought me shame; In - stead of joy,  
sorrow; in - stead of praise, re - proof. No long - er shall I bear the reproach of  
peo - ple. I re - ceived you from the priests of the temple, as one blame-less  
be - fore the Lord. And what is this that I now see?

**Prokeimenon, Tone 4** (*Psalm 2: 7-8*)

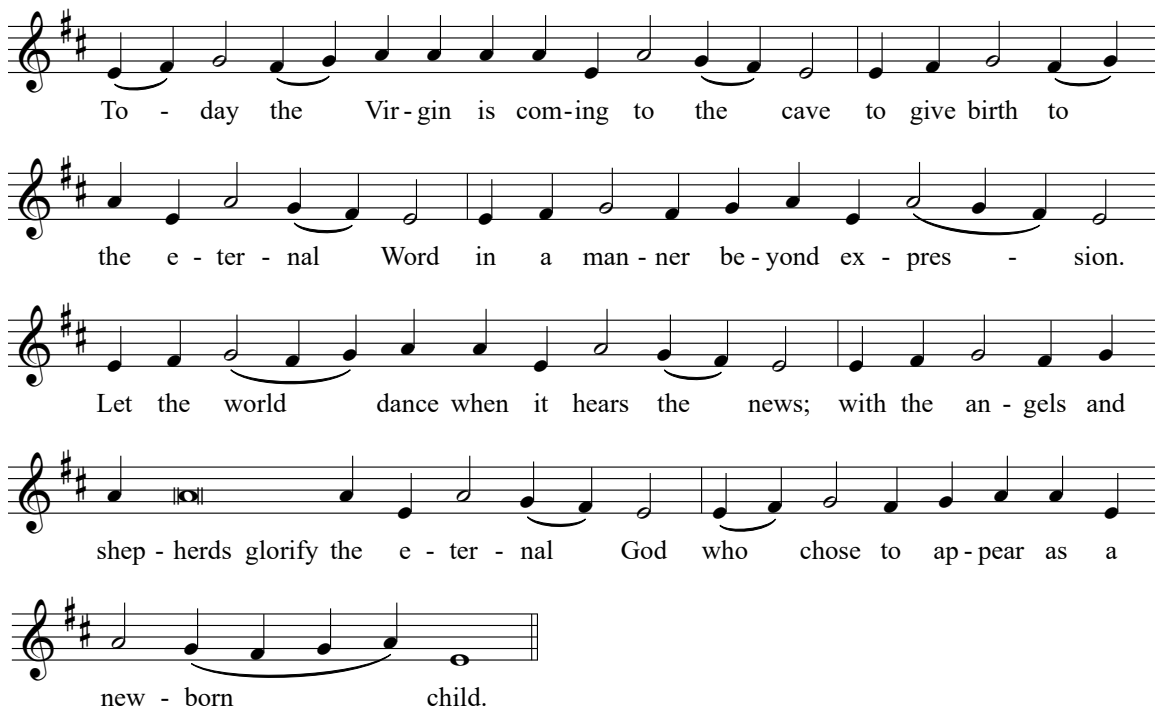


The Lord said to me: "You are my Son: this day  
I have be - got - ten you."

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values and ties.

**Verse:** Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations.

**Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4**



To - day the Vir - gin is com - ing to the cave to give birth to  
the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.  
Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the an - gels and  
shep - herds glorify the e - ter - nal God who chose to ap - pear as a  
new - born child.

The musical notation consists of five staves. The key signature is two sharps (D major), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values and ties. The text is aligned with the notes on each staff.


# Royal Hours of the Nativity - Third Hour

## Troparia



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


### Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4



At that time, Mar - y regis - tered in Beth - le - hem with the el - der Joseph, who was of



the house of Da - vid. She had con - ceived with - out seed and was with child,



and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn,



but the cave be - came a pleas - ant pal - ace for the Queen. Christ is born to



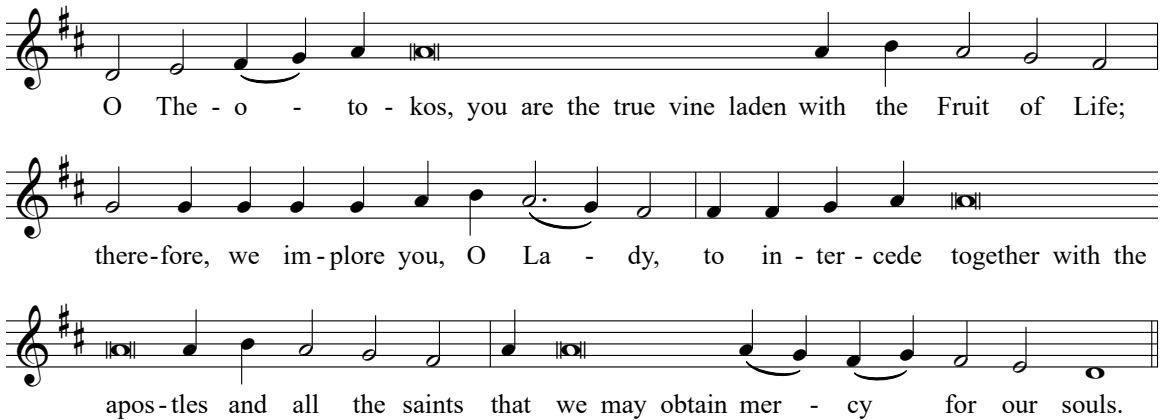
raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

*Cantor*



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

### Theotokion of the First Hour - *Tone 4*



O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life;  
there-fore, we im-plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede together with the  
apos-tles and all the saints that we may obtain mer - cy for our souls.

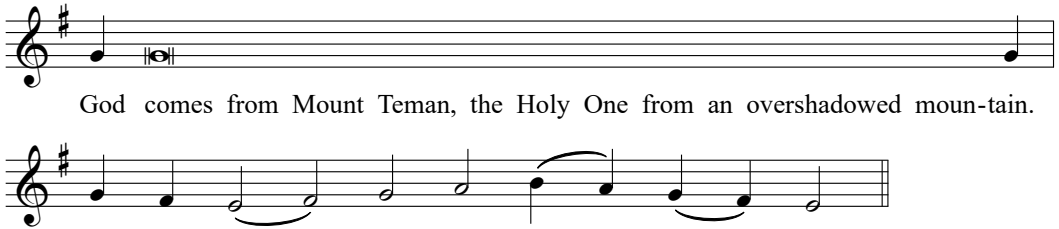
### Stichera

#### Stichera of the third Royal Hour of the Nativity - *Tone 6 samohlasen*



Such is our God, no other is to be com-pared to him. Born of a Virgin, he comes to  
dwell a - mong us. Placed in a poor man - ger, the On - ly-begotten Son is  
seen as a mor-tal man, and the Lord of glory is wrapped in swad-dling  
clothes. A star guides the Magi to come and wor - ship him; and we sing:  
O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, save our souls.

Cantor



God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed moun-tain.  
I have heard your re - nown and feared.

**Sticheron - Tone 8 samohlasen**

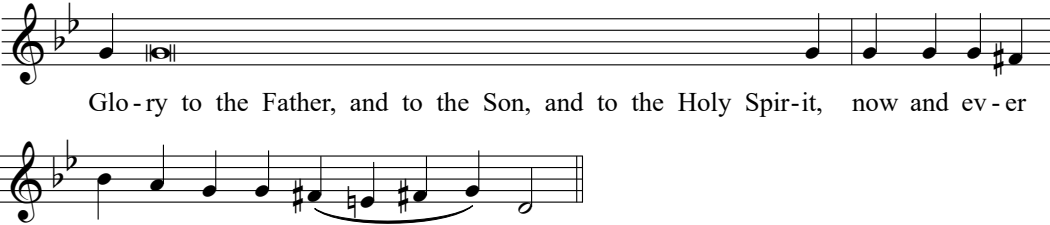


Be - fore your birth, O Lord, the an - gel - ic hosts looked with trembling  
on this mys - ter - y and were struck with won - der: you a - dorn the  
vault of heav-en with stars yet were pleased to be born as a Ba - by.  
You hold all the ends of the earth in the hol-low of your hand, yet were placed  
in a man-ger of dumb beasts. For by such a dispensation has your compassion and  
great mercy been made known, O Christ. Glo - - ry to you!



*Tone 3 samohlasen*

Cantor



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev-er  
and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

**Doxastikon - *Tone 3 samohlasen***



Tell us, Jo-seph, how do you bring to Bethlehem, great with child, the  
vir-gin you have received from the sanc-tu-ary? He said: I have searched  
the proph-ets and have been warned by an an-gel; and  
I am persuaded that Mary shall give birth to God, in ways surpassing all  
in-ter-pre-ta-tion. Ma-gi from the east shall come to worship him  
with pre-cious gifts." O Lord, for our sake you have tak-en flesh:  
glo - - - - ry to you!

**Prokeimenon, Tone 4** (*Isaiah 9:5*)



For a child is born to us, a Son is given us.

*Verse:* Upon his shoulder dominion rests.


**Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4**



To - day the Vir - gin is com - ing to the cave to give birth to  
the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.  
Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the an - gels and  
shep - herds glorify the e - ter - nal God who chose to ap - pear as a  
new - born child.

# Royal Hours of the Nativity - Sixth Hour

## Troparia



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


### Troparion of the Vigil - *Tone 4*



At that time, Mar-y regis-tered in Beth-le-hem with the el - der Joseph, who was of




the house of Da - vid. She had con-ceived with - out seed and was with child,



and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn,



but the cave be - came a pleas-ant pal - ace for the Queen. Christ is born to




raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

*Cantor*



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

### Theotokion of the Sixth Hour - *Tone 4*



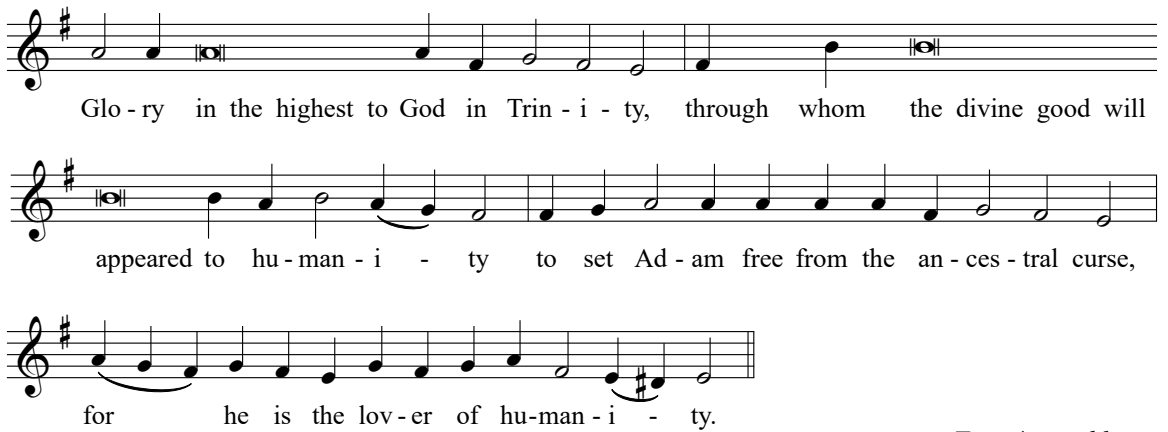
Since we have no one in whom to con-fide, be - cause of our many sins, O

Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, int - te - cde with the one who was born of you;  
 for a moth - er's prayer is a powerful means for obtaining the Mas - ter's fa - vor.  
 You are most wor - thy of ven - er - a - tion, so do not turn away from the plead - ing  
 of us sin - ners; for the one who willed to suffer for our sake is full of  
 mer - cy, and his power is suf - fi - cient to save us.

### Stichera

#### Stichera of the sixth Royal Hour of the Nativity - *Tone 1 samohlasen*

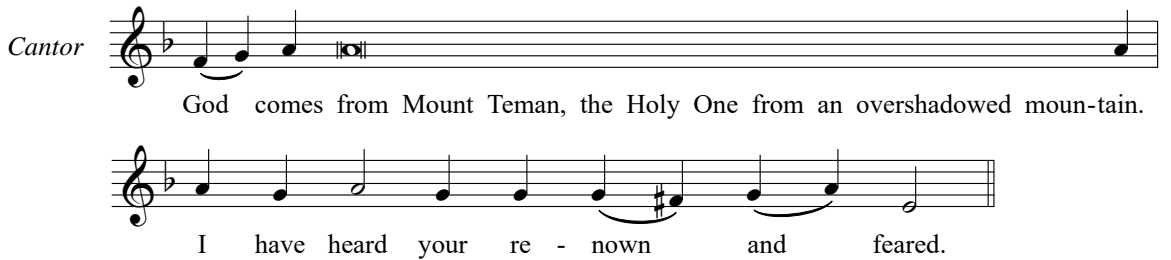
Come, O you faith - ful, let us arise by divine in - spi - ra - tion. Let us be - hold  
 the divine humili - a - tion from on high re - vealed to us in Beth - le - hem.  
 With a pure mind, let us offer vir - tues in - stead of myrrh, and rev - 'rent - ly  
 be - gin the Feast of the Na - tiv - i - ty. O - pening up treasures, let us cry out:



Glo-ry in the highest to God in Trin - i - ty, through whom the divine good will  
 appeared to hu - man - i - ty to set Ad - am free from the an - ces - tral curse,  
 for he is the lov - er of hu - man - i - ty.

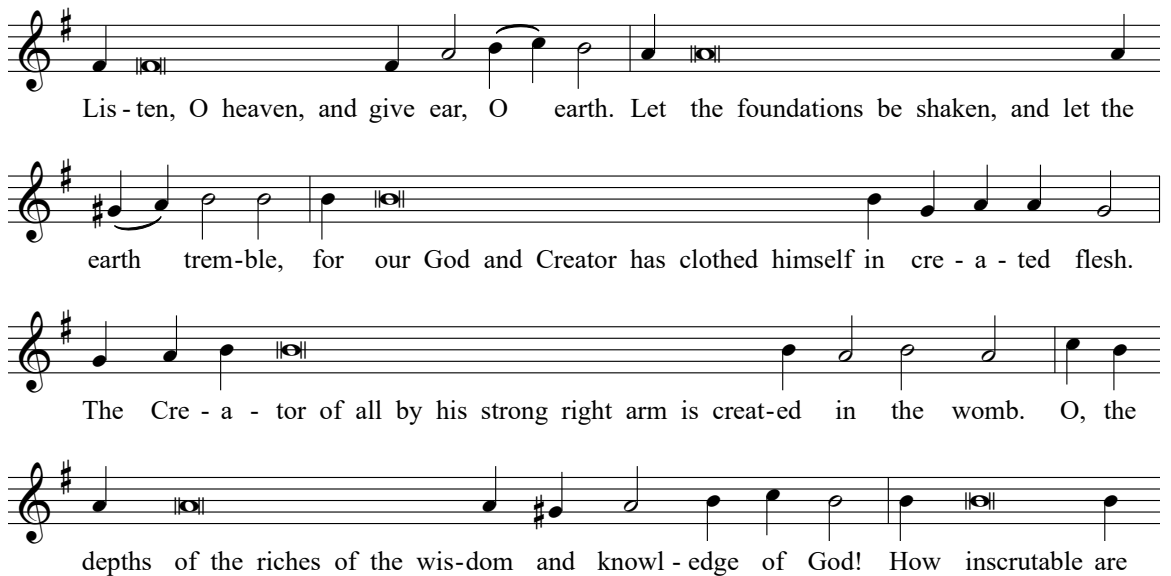
*Tone 4 samohlasen*

*Cantor*



God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed moun-tain.  
 I have heard your re - nown and feared.

**Sticheron - Tone 4 samohlasen**



Lis-ten, O heaven, and give ear, O earth. Let the foundations be shaken, and let the  
 earth trem-ble, for our God and Creator has clothed himself in cre - a - ted flesh.  
 The Cre - a - tor of all by his strong right arm is creat-ed in the womb. O, the  
 depths of the riches of the wis-dom and knowl - edge of God! How inscrutable are

his judg - ments, and how un-search - a - ble are his ways!

*Tone 5 samohlasen*

*Cantor*

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er  
and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

**Doxastikon - Tone 5 samohlasen**

Come, you peo - ple, bear - ers of Christ, and see won - ders that overwhelm every

mind with as - ton - ish - ment. In rev - erent worship let us sing prais - es.

To - day a maid - en great with child comes to Beth - le - hem to give birth to the Lord.

The choirs of an - gels go be - fore her. See - ing this, Joseph, her be - trothed,

cried out: What is this strange mystery in you, O vir - gin? How shall you

bring forth a child, calf up - on whom the yoke has nev - er come?

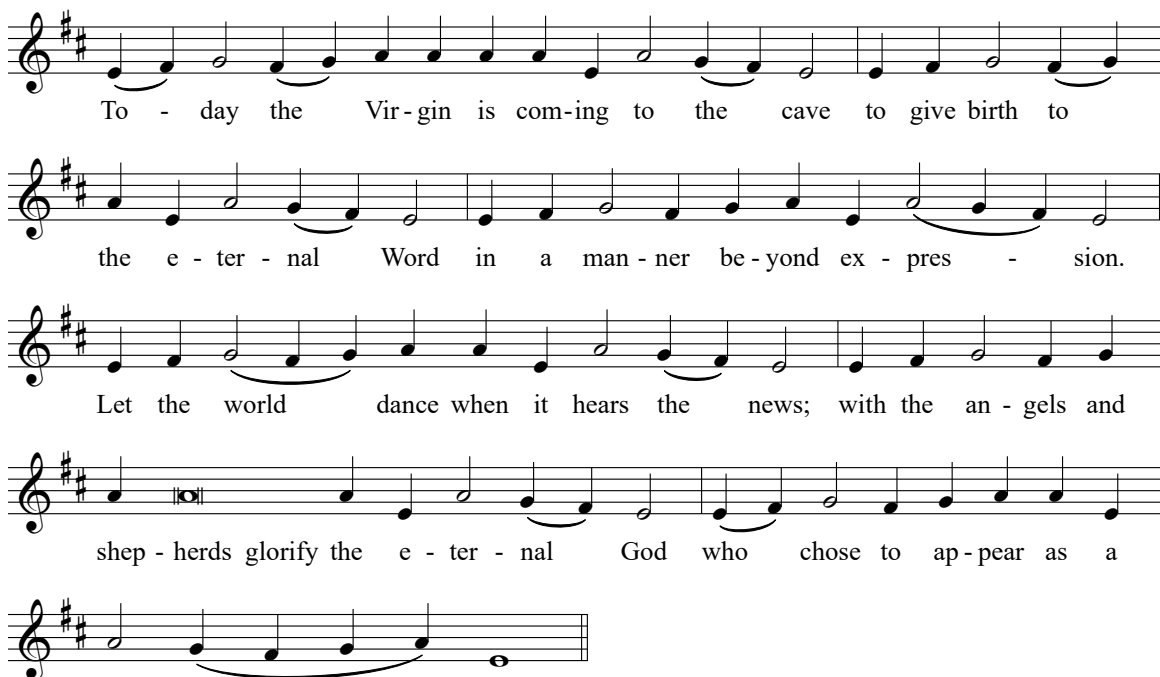
**Prokeimenon, Tone 4** (*Psalm 109: 3, 1*)



Be-fore the day-star like the dew I have be - got - ten you.

*Verse:* The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,  
till I make your enemies your footstool."

**Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4**



To - day the Vir - gin is com - ing to the cave to give birth to  
the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - sion.  
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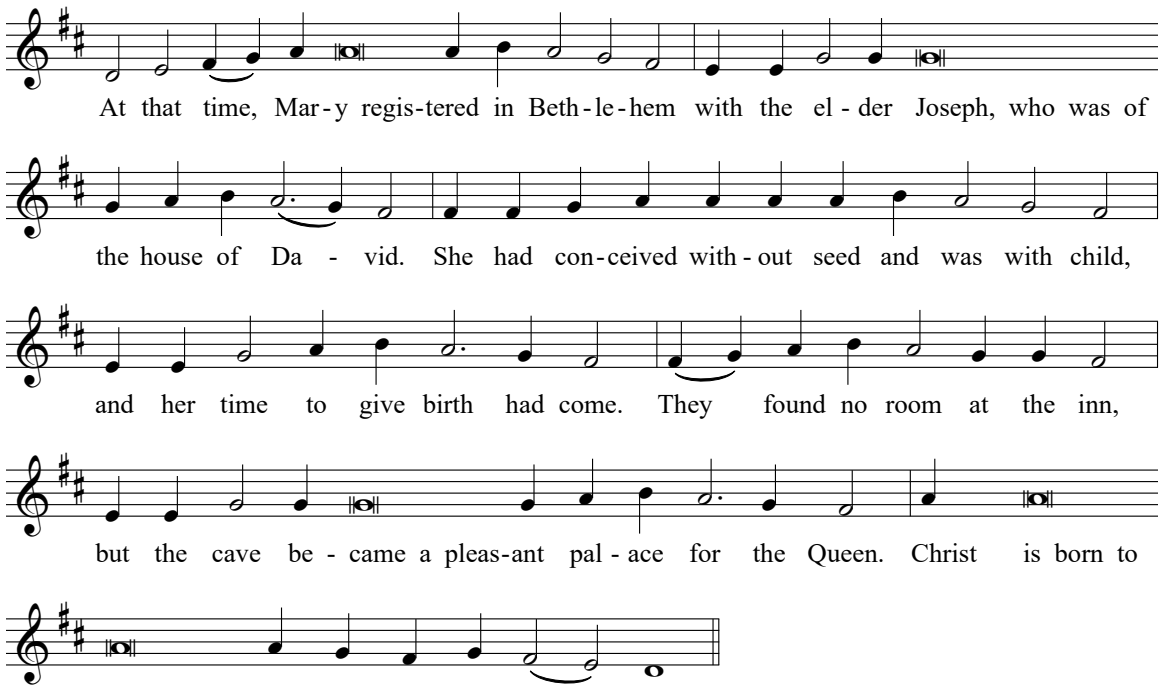
# Royal Hours of the Nativity - Ninth Hour

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the house of Da - vid. She had con-ceived with - out seed and was with child,  
and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn,  
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*Cantor*



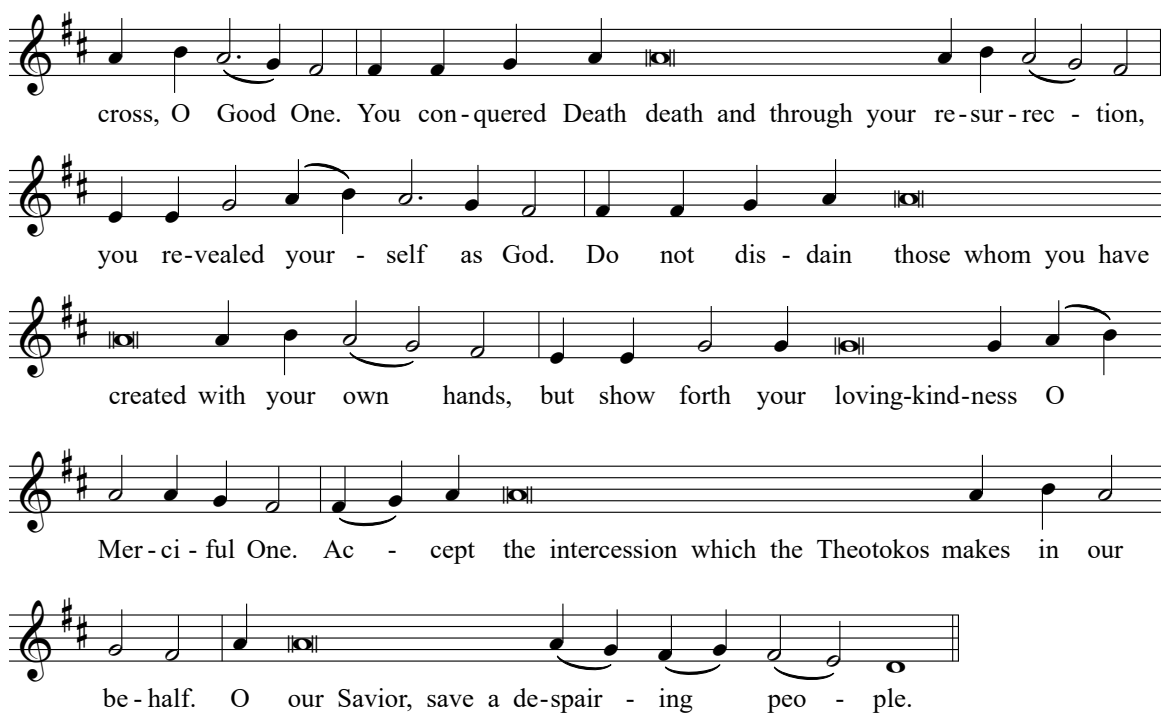
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

### Theotokion of the Ninth Hour - *Tone 4*



For the sake of all you were born of the Vir - gin, and you en-dured the

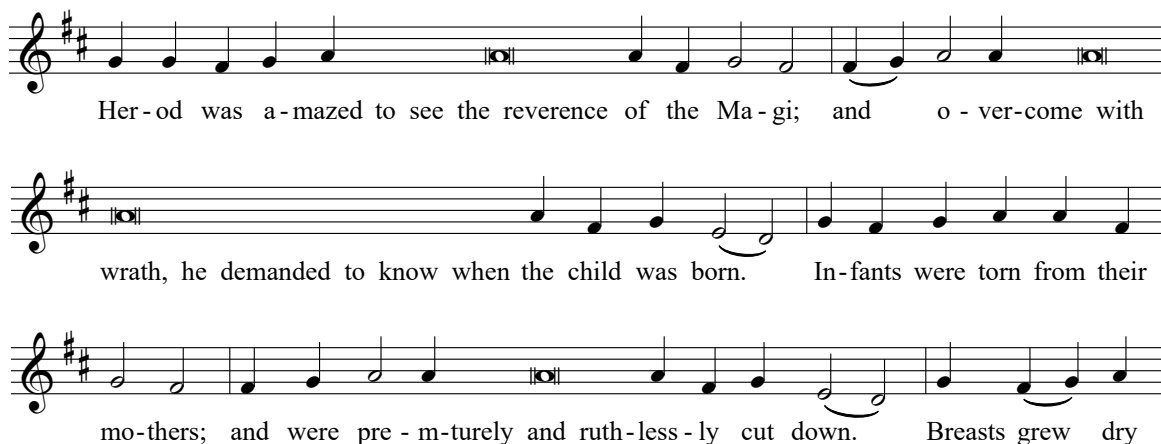




cross, O Good One. You con-quer-ed Death death and through your re-sur-rec - tion,  
 you re-vealed your - self as God. Do not dis - dain those whom you have  
 created with your own hands, but show forth your loving-kind-ness O  
 Mer-ci - ful One. Ac - cept the intercession which the Theotokos makes in our  
 be-half. O our Savior, save a de-spair - ing peo - ple.

## Stichera

### Stichera of the ninth Royal Hour of the Nativity - *Tone 7 samohlasen*



Her-od was a-mazed to see the reverence of the Ma-gi; and o-ver-come with  
 wrath, he demanded to know when the child was born. In-fants were torn from their  
 mo-thers; and were pre-m-turely and ruth-less-ly cut down. Breasts grew dry

and source of milk were stopped. Great was this ca - ma - mi - ty. Let us, the  
 faith-ful rev - 'rent - ly wor - ship the birth of Christ.

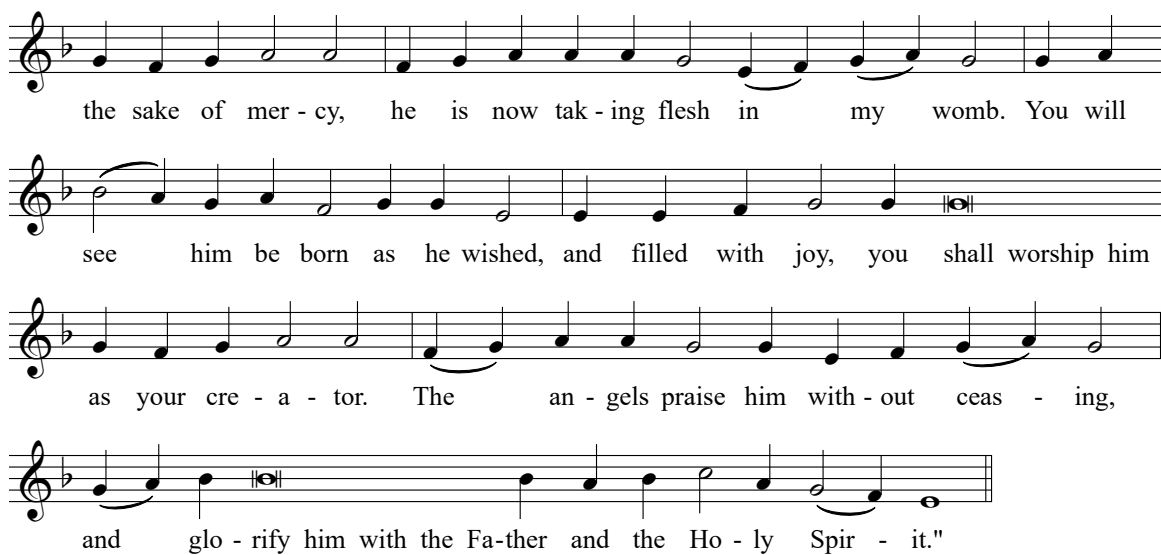
*Tone 2 samohlasen*

*Cantor*

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 I have heard your re - nown and feared.

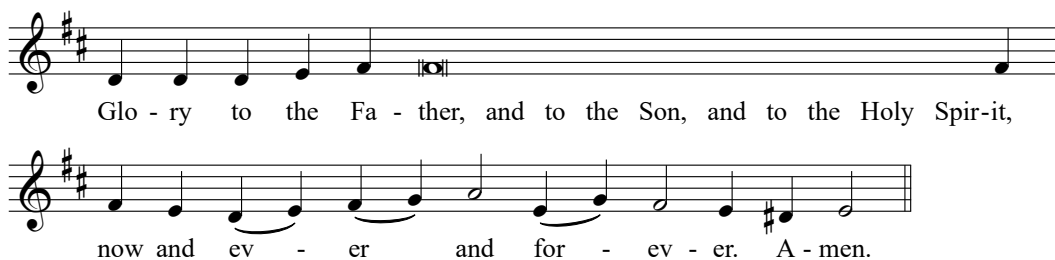
**Sticheron - Tone 2 samohlasen**

When Jo-seph went up to Beth-le-hem, he was af - flict - ed by sor - row.  
 You said to him, "Why are you downcast and troubled, seeing me great with child,  
 com - plete - ly ig - norant of the fear-ful mys - ter - y in me? Cast out  
 fear and understand this strange mar - vel: God is now com - ing upon earth for



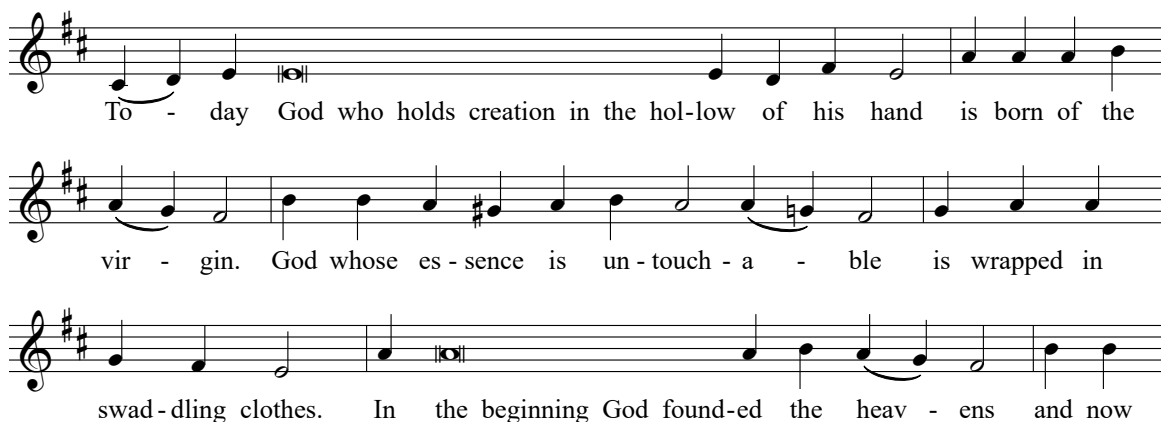
the sake of mer - cy, he is now tak - ing flesh in my womb. You will  
see him be born as he wished, and filled with joy, you shall worship him  
as your cre - a - tor. The an - gels praise him with - out ceas - ing,  
and glo - rify him with the Fa - ther and the Ho - ly Spir - it."

*Tone 6 samohlasen*



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

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**



To - day God who holds creation in the hol - low of his hand is born of the  
vir - gin. God whose es - sence is un - touch - a - ble is wrapped in  
swad - dling clothes. In the beginning God found - ed the heav - ens and now

lies in a man - ger. He rained man - na down on the people in the

wil - der - ness and is now fed on milk from his moth - er's breast.

The bride - groom of the church calls the Ma - gi. The Son of the virgin

*(full prostration)* ac - cepts their gifts. *(full prostration)* We wor - ship your birth, O Christ. We wor - ship

*(full prostration)* your birth, O Christ. We wor - ship your birth, O Christ. Show us al - so

your The - o - pha - ny.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 4** (*Psalm 85: 5, 1-2*)

Zi - on shall be called "Moth - - - - ther;" one and all were

born in her.

**Verse:** God's foundations are in the holy mountain.  
The Lord loves the gates of Zion.

**Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4**

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the e - ter - nal Word in a man - ner be - yond ex - pres - - sion.  
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