

Divine Liturgy, December 26
Synaxis of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

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 2

Resurrection Tone 7

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. O on - ly - begotten Son and
Word of God, who be - ing im - mor - tal, deigned for our sal - va - tion
to be - come in - car - nate of the ho - ly Theotokos and ever - Vir - gin Mar - y,
and be - came man with - out change; you were al - so crucified, O Christ our God,
and by death have tram - pled Death, be - ing One of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,
glo - rified with the Father and the Ho - ly Spir - it, 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!

Cantor

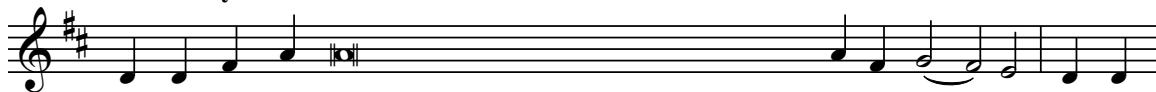


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and

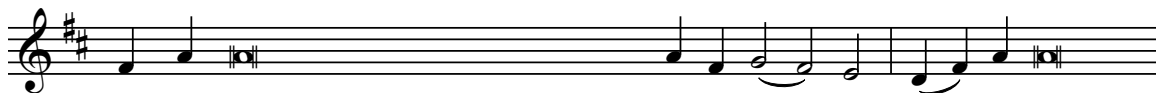


ev - er and for-ev - er. A - men.

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

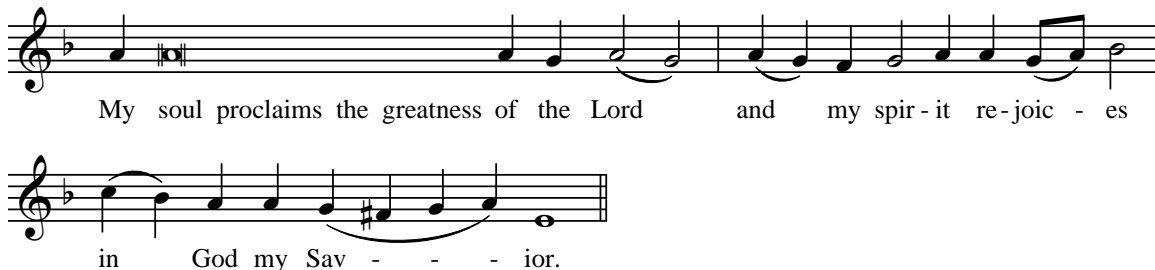


the good news to the Wise Men. The an-gels join with the shep-herds to sing



the glo - ry of your marvelous child-bearing, O Wo - man full of grace.

Prokeimenon - 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 generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11)



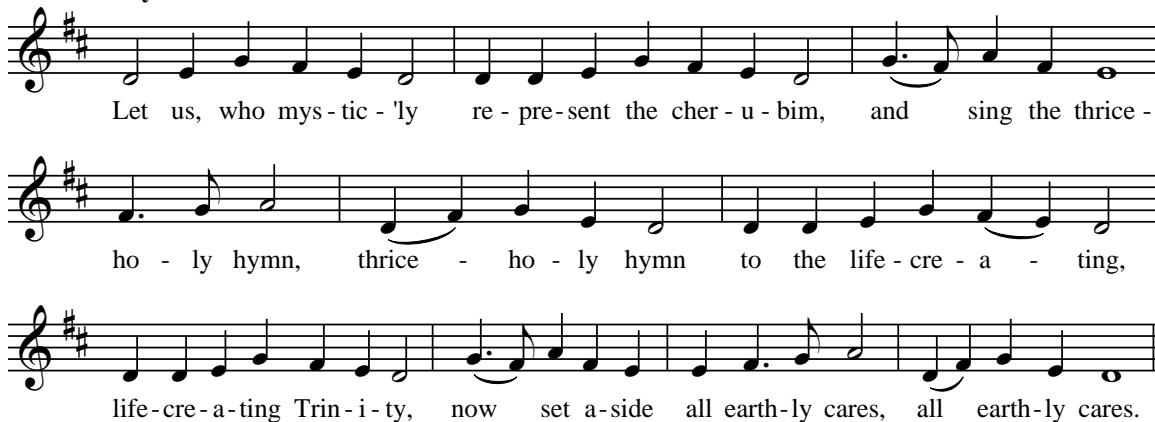
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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.

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 Hymn (Psalm 110:9)



The Lord has sent de - liv - er - ance to his peo - ple. Al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



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