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

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.


What shall we call you, O full of grace? A hea-ven, for you have borne
the Sun of Justice? A paradise, for you have brought forth the Flower of immortality? A virgin, for you have remained undeiled? A mother, holding in holy holy arms the Son who is God of all? Intercede with him for the salvation of our souls.

Stichera

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

Make ready, O Bethlehem: prepare yourself, O manager.

Let the cave show its welcome. The truth has come, the shadow has passed away; born of a Virgin, God has appeared to all, formed as we are and making our flesh godlike. Therefore Adam and Eve are renewed, and they call out: Loving-kindness has appeared on
earth to save our human race.

God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed mountain.

I have heard your renown and feared.

Now the prophecy draws near to its fulfillment, which mystically said:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, where the cave was prepared, you are not least among princes, for out of you shall come forth unto me in the flesh a Ruler of nations. Christ our God is born of a Virgin Maiden, and as a shepherd he shall tend his people, the new Israel. Let us all give him glory.
Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er 

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?
The Lord said to me: “You are my Son: this day I have begot ten you.”

Verse: Ask and I shall bequeath you the nations.

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

Today the Virgin is coming to the cave to give birth to the eternal Word in a manner beyond expression.

Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the angels and shepherds glorify the eternal God who chose to appear as a newborn child.
Royal Hours of the Nativity - Third Hour

Troparia

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

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

Theotokion of the First Hour - Tone 4

O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life;
therefore, 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.
God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed mountain.

I have heard your renown and feared.

Before your birth, O Lord, the angelic hosts looked with trembling on this mystery and were struck with wonder: you adorn the vault of heaven with stars yet were pleased to be born as a Baby.

You hold all the ends of the earth in the hollow of your hand, yet were placed in a manger of dumb beasts. For by such a dispensation has your compassion and great mercy been made known, O Christ. Glory to you!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Tell us, Joseph, how do you bring to Bethlehem, great with child, the virgin you have received from the sanctuary? He said: I have searched the prophets and have been warned by an angel; and I am persuaded that Mary shall give birth to God, in ways surpassing all interpretation. Magi from the east shall come to worship him with precious gifts."

O Lord, for our sake you have taken flesh: glory to you!
Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Isaiah 9:5)

Verse: Upon his shoulder dominion rests.

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the angels and shepherds glorify the eternal God who chose to appear as a new-born child.
Glory to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

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.


Since we have no one in whom to con-fide, be-cause of our many sins, O
Vir- gin The- o- to- kos, in- 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 pleading

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 humi-li-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

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

Listen, 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 wisdom and knowl-edge of God! How inscrutable are
his judgments, and how unsearchable are his ways!

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev-er


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

mind with as-ton-ish-ment. In re-ver-ent 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?
Before 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.
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 - Ninth Hour

Troparia

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4

At that time, Mary registered in Bethlehem with the elder Joseph, who was of the house of David. She had conceived without seed and was with child, and her time to give birth had come. They found no room at the inn, but the cave became a pleasant palace for the Queen. Christ is born to raise up the likeness that had fallen.

Cantor

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Theotokion of the Ninth Hour - Tone 4

For the sake of all you were born of the Virgin, and you endured the
You conquered Death and through your resurrection, you revealed yourself as God. Do not disdain those whom you have created with your own hands, but show forth your loving-kindness O Merciful One. Accept the intercession which the Theotokos makes in our behalf. O our Savior, save a despairing people.

Stichera

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

Herod was amazed to see the reverence of the Magi; and overcome with wrath, he demanded to know when the child was born. Infants were torn from their mothers; and were prematurely and ruthlessly cut down. Breasts grew dry
and source of milk were stopped. Great was this ca-ma-mi-ty. Let us, the
faith-ful re-v'rent-ly wor-ship the birth of Christ.

Tone 2 samohlasen

Cantor

God comes from Mount Teman, the Holy One from an overshadowed mountain.

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 mercy, he is now taking flesh in my womb. You will see him be born as he wished, and filled with joy, you shall worship him as your creator. The angels praise him without ceasing, and glorify him with the Father and the Holy Spirit."

Tone 6 samohlasen

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and ever. Amen.

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

Today God who holds creation in the hollow of his hand is born of the virgin. God whose essence is untouchable is wrapped in swaddling 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 wilder-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

ac-cepts their gifts. We wor-ship your birth, O Christ. We wor-

your birth, O Christ. We wor-ship your birth, O Christ. Show us al-so

your The-o-phar-ny.

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

Zi-on shall be called “Moth-er,” one and all were born in her.

Verse: God's foundations are in the holy mountain. The Lord loves the gates of Zion.
Today the Virgin is coming to the cave to give birth to the eternal Word in a manner beyond expression.

Let the world dance when it hears the news; with the angels and shepherds glorify the eternal God who chose to appear as a new-born child.