

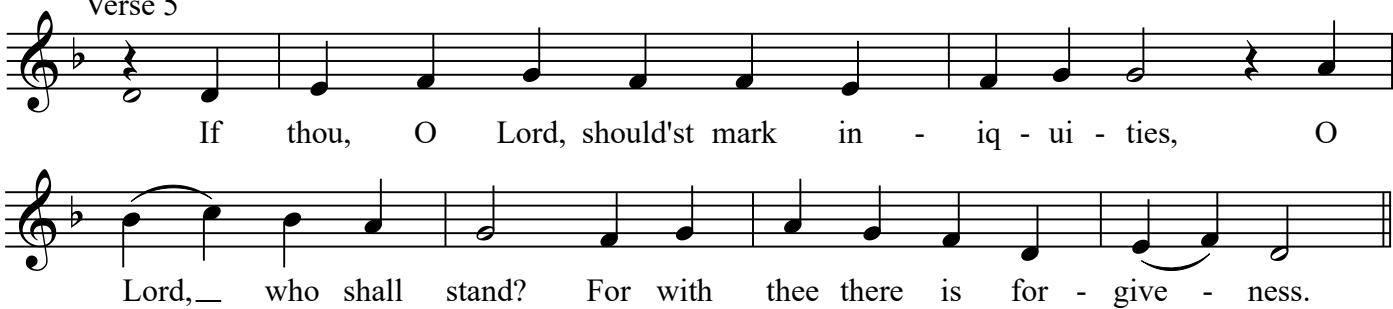
If this Sunday falls on the 18th or 19th, then on "O Lord to thee have I cried," six (6) stichera are chanted for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, as in the Byzantine Vesper Service by Kazan, and four (4) Prosomia for the Forefathers, "As we celebrate today...", as in this December Menaion on pages 48 to 53. The "Glory" is "Verily, Daniel the man of desires," sung in Tone 6 as on page 90a of this book, followed by "Both now" for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week. For the Aposticha, sing the stichera for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and "Rejoice, O honored Prophets" in Tone 2, as on pages 92-93 of this book (*not Tone 8 as Nassar and Kazan incorrectly have it, both of which have been corrected to Tone 2*). Then sing "Both now" for the Resurrection in Tone 2, "O wondrous event," on pages 94-95 of this book. For the Troparia, sing for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and the Troparion of the Holy Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith" in Tone 2, as on page 96 of this book, and "Both Now" and the Theotokion "Exceeding glorious" in Tone 2, as on page 97 of this book.

If this Sunday falls on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, or 23rd, on "O Lord to thee have I cried," four (4) are chanted for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, three (3) for the Preparation (Forefeast), "O Virgin free of all blame," and three (3) Prosomia for the Forefathers, "As we celebrate today." These last six (6) are on pages 80-85 of this book. (*The stichera on pages 80-83 of the first edition of the printed December Menaion ("Let us go before...") are for when this Sunday falls on the 24th.*) The "Glory" is "Verily, Daniel the man of desires," sung in Tone 6 as on page 90a of this book, followed by "Both now" for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week. For the Aposticha, sing the stichera for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and "Rejoice, O honored Prophets" in Tone 2 as on pages 92-93 of this book. Then sing "Both now" and "Behold, the time of our salvation" in Tone 2 as on page 95-96 of this book. (*Nassar and Kazan have both of these hymns incorrectly written in Tone 8. They are corrected here.*) For the Troparia, sing for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by "Glory" and the Troparion of the Holy Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith" in Tone 2, as on page 96 of this book, and "Both Now" and the Troparion of the Forefeast, "Make ready, O Bethlehem," in Special Tone 4, as on page 98 of this book.

If this Sunday falls on the 24th, nothing is sung for the Resurrection at Vespers. On "O Lord to thee have I cried," sing four (4) Prosomia for the Forefathers and four (4) for the Preparation (Forefeast), from December 20th, "Let us go before, O Nations, ..." as on pages 86-89e in this book. The "Glory" is "Verily, Daniel the man of desires" sung in Tone 6, as on pages 90a of this book, followed by "Both now" and "O cavern, make ready," from December 6th, as on page 90b-90c of this book. For the Aposticha, sing the stichera "O Virgin free of all blame," in special Tone 1 with their Stichoi, on pages 91 to 92 of this book. Now sing the "Glory" and "Rejoice, O honored Prophets" in Tone 2, as on pages 92-93 of this book, followed by "Both Now" and "Behold, the time of our salvation" in Tone 2 as on page 95-96 of this book. (*Nassar and Kazan have both of these hymns incorrectly written in Tone 8. They are corrected here.*) For the Troparia, sing the Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith" in Tone 2, as on page 96 of this book, then "Glory ... Both Now" and the Troparion of the Paramon "And it came to pass" in Special Tone 4, as on page 99b of this book (or Kazan's standard Tone 4 on page 99a).

NOTE: The following six stichera are for when this Sunday falls from December 20th-23rd.)

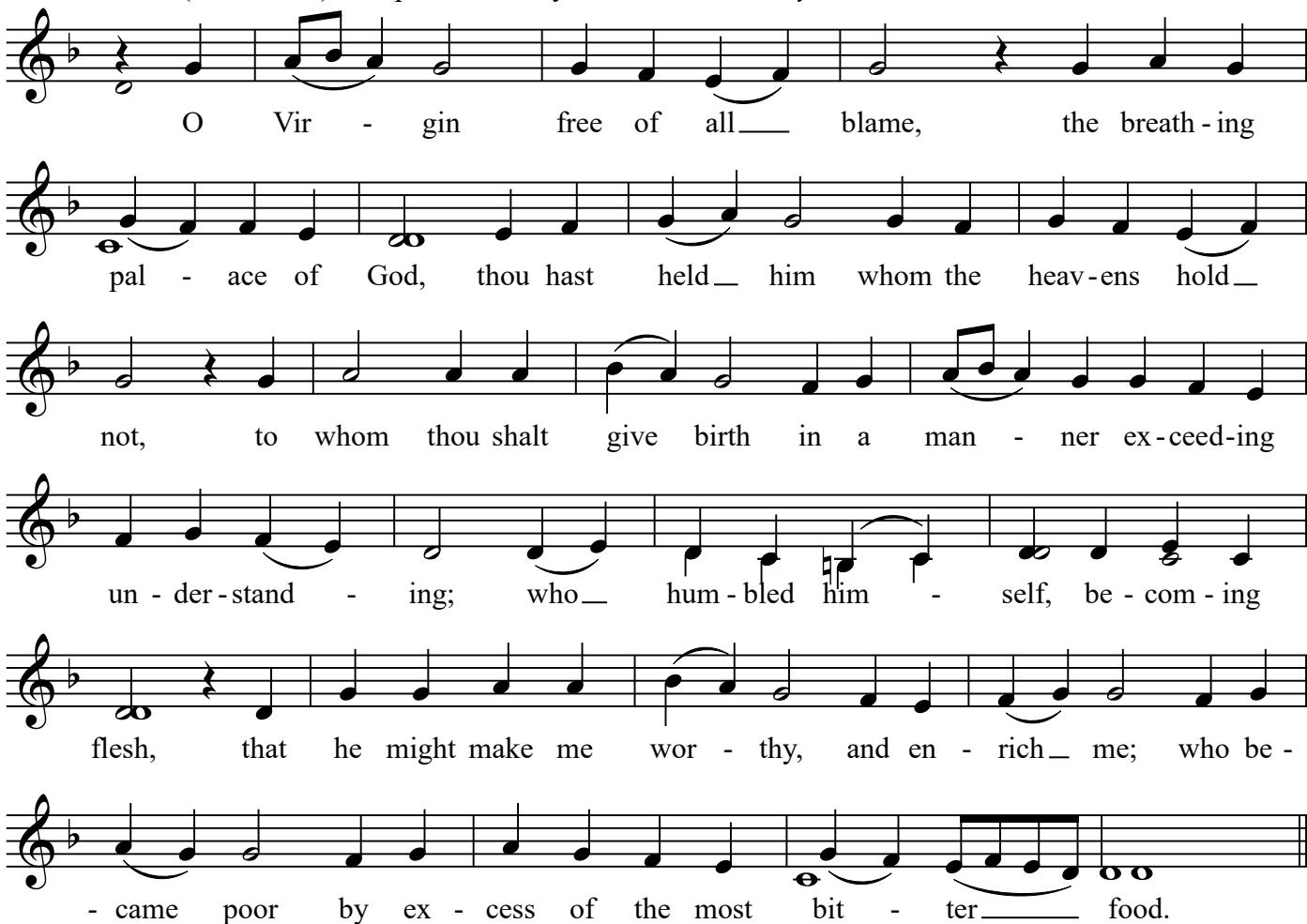
Verse 5



Music notation for Verse 5. The melody is in G clef, common time, and consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are:

If thou, O Lord, should'st mark in - iq - ui - ties, O
Lord, who shall stand? For with thee there is for - give - ness.

Stichera (Prosomion) 5 - Special Melody: *O all-lauded martyrs*



Music notation for Stichera 5. The melody is in G clef, common time, and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are:

O Vir - gin free of all blame, the breath - ing
pal - ace of God, thou hast held him whom the heav - ens hold -
not, to whom thou shalt give birth in a man - ner ex - ceed - ing
un - der - stand - ing; who hum - bled him - self, be - com - ing
flesh, that he might make me wor - thy, and en - rich - me; who be -
- came poor by ex - cess of the most bit - ter food.

Verse 6



Music notation for Verse 6. The melody is in G clef, common time, and consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are:

Be - cause of thy Name have I wait - ed for thee, O Lord; my soul hath
wait - ed up - on thy word, my soul ____ hath hoped in the Lord.

Stichera (Prosomion) 6

O long - - suf - - fer - ing Christ, ver - i - ly, be - cause of thy com -
- pas - sion thou wast en - rolled with the ser - vants by or - der of
Cae - sar, that thou might - est come and grant lib - er - ty,
life, and safe - ty to thy thank-less ser - vants, who a - dore thy
sav - ing Na - tiv - i - ty, O thou who com - est to save our souls.

Verse 7

From the morn - ing watch un - til night, from the
morn - ing watch let Is - ra - el trust in the Lord.

Stichera (Prosomion) 7

The all - ho - ly and blame-less one, when she ap - pre - hend - ed
the in - com - pre - hen - si - ble Na - tiv - i - ty which re - new - eth the
or - der of na - nature, shout - ed un - to thy Son,

say - ing: My ____ great - ly be - lov - ed Son, I am
daz - zled by this great mys - ter - y: that by thy might
I shall still be a Vir - - gin af - ter thy Birth, O
thou__ who do - est all things by__ thy__ will.

Verse 8 - for the Holy Forefathers - Tone 8

For with the Lord there is mer - - cy, and with him is a -
- bun - - dant re - - demp - - tion, and he will de -
- liv - - er Is - - ra - - el from all____ his in - - iq - - ui - - ties.

Prosomion 8 - Special Melody: *The Paradise of Eden*

As we cel - e - brate to - day the mem - o - ry of the fore - - fa - - thers,
let us, O be - - liev - - ers, praise in faith Christ the De -
- liv - - er - - er who mag - ni - fied them a - - mong all na - - tions; the

Lord who do - eth strange won - ders; for he _____ is

prec - ious and might - y, who show - eth us through them a staff of

strength. She is Mar - - y the un - de - filed Maid - en of

God who a - lone knew no man, from whom pre - ceed - ed Christ, the

Blos - som bud - ding life for all, the ev - er - last - ing

Bliss and e - ter - nal Sal - va - tion.

Verse 9

Praise the Lord all ye na - tions; praise him all ye peo - ple.

Prosomion 9

O Mas - ter, who didst res - cue the ho - ly youths from fire and Dan - iel from the mouths of the li - ons, and didst bless A - bra-ham, I - saac thy ser - vant, and Ja - cob his son, O

thou who wast will - - - ing to be - come like us, of their

seed, that thou might-est save our fore - fa - thers who fell of old,

and to be__ cru - ci - fied and bur - ied in or - der to crush the bonds of

death and raise the dead from e - ter - ni - ty, we wor - ship, O

Christ, thine e - ter - nal king - - - dom.

Verse 10

For his mer - cy is great - t'ward us, and the
 truth - of the Lord en - dur - eth for - ev - er.

Prosomion 10

Prescription 16

The youths of God walk-ing forth a-midst the flame, re - joic - ing in the
dew - of the Spir - it as though they were - in a gar -
den, did go be - fore and fore - sha-dow there - in the myst' - ry of the

Trin - i - ty and thē In - car - na - tion of Christ.

And in that they were wise men they quenched by faith the pow'r of

fire. And as for Dan - - - iel the right - eous, he did ap-pear

clos - ing the mouths of the li - ons. Where - fore, by their be -

seech - - - ings we plead with thee, O Sav - iour and

Lov - er of man - kind, to de - liv - er us from thē ev - er -

- last - - ing and un - quench - a - ble fire, and to make us

wor - - - thy to re - ceive thy heav'n-ly king - dom.

Now continue with the Glory, "Verily, Daniel the man of desires," on page 90a, and then Both Now for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

(NOTE: The following eight stichera are for when this Sunday falls on December 24th.)

Verse 3

Out of the depths have I cried un - to thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

Prosomion 3 - Special melody: *The Paradise of Eden*

As we cel - e - brate to - day the mem - o - ry of the fore - fa - thers,

let us, O be - liev - - ers, praise in faith Christ the De -

- liv - er - er who mag - ni - fied them a - mong all na - - tions; the

Lord who do - eth strange won - ders; for he _____ is

prec - ious and might - y, who show - eth us through them a staff of

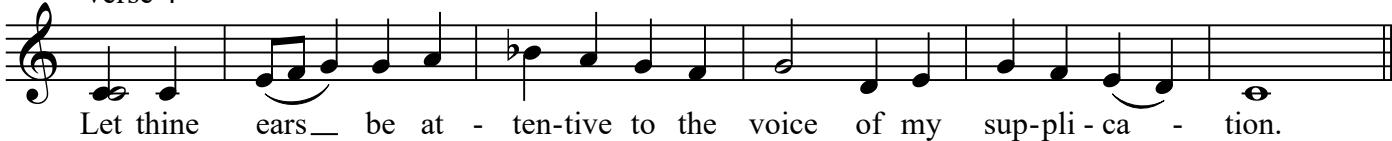
strength. She is Mar - - y thē un - de - filed -

Maid - en of God who a - lone knew no____ man, from

whom pre - ceed - ed Christ, the Blos - som bud - ding life for all, thē

ev - er - last - ing Bliss and e - ter - - nal Sal - va - - tion.

Verse 4



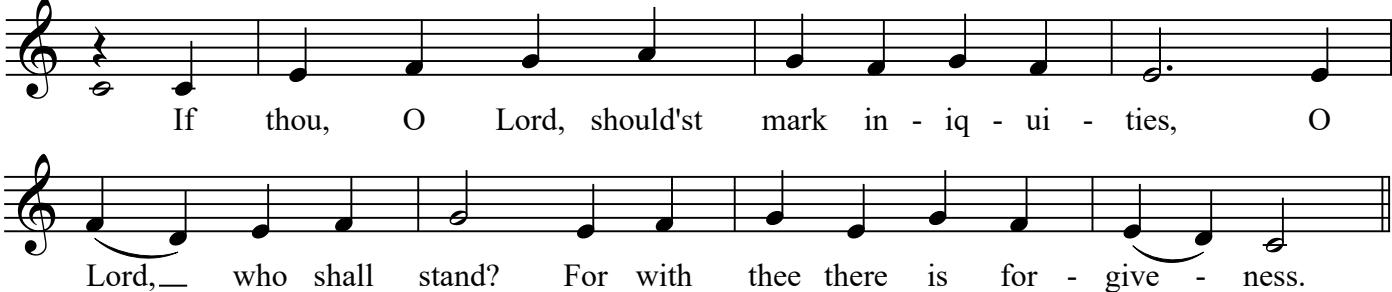
Let thine ears be at - ten-tive to the voice of my sup-pli - ca - tion.

Prosomion 4



O Mas - ter, who didst res - cue the ho - ly youths from fire and
Dan - iel from the mouths of the li - ons, and didst bless A - bra-ham,
I - saac thy ser - vant, and Ja - cob his son, O thou who wast
will - - - ing to be - come like us, of their seed, that thou might-est
save-our fore - fa - thers who fell of old, and to be_ cru-ci-fied and bur - ied in
or - der to crush the bonds of death and raise the dead from e - ter - ni - ty, we
wor - ship, O Christ, thine e - ter - nal - king - - - dom.

Verse 5

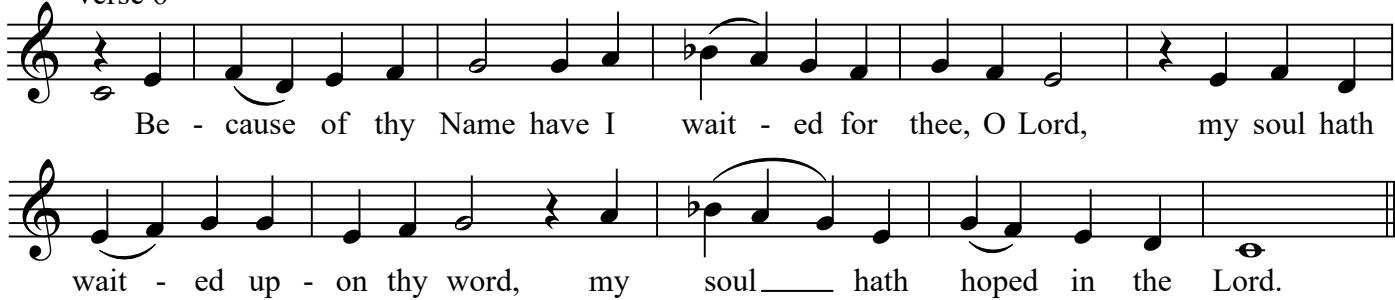


If thou, O Lord, should'st mark in - iq - ui - ties, O
Lord, who shall stand? For with thee there is for - give - ness.

Prosomion 5

The youths of God walk-ing forth a-midst the flame, re - joic - ing in the
dew _ of the Spir - it as though they were in a gar -
- den, did go be - fore and fore - sha - dow there - in the
myst' - ry of the Trin - i - ty and the In - car - na - tion of Christ.
And in that they were wise men they quenched by faith the pow'r of
fire. And as for Dan - iel the right - eous, he did ap - pear
clos - ing the mouths of the li - ons. Where - fore, by their be -
seech - - - ings we plead with thee, O Sav - iour and Lov - er of
man - kind, to de - liv - er us from the ev - er - last - ing and un - quench - a - ble
fire, and to make us wor - - - - thy to re -
- ceive thy heav'n - ly king - - - - dom.

Verse 6

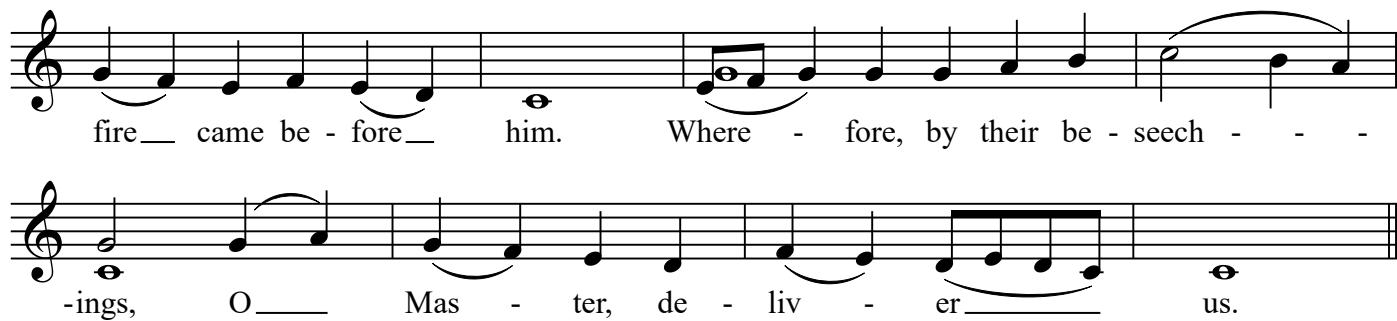


Be - cause of thy Name have I wait - ed for thee, O Lord, my soul hath
wait - ed up - on thy word, my soul ____ hath hoped in the Lord.

Prosomion 6

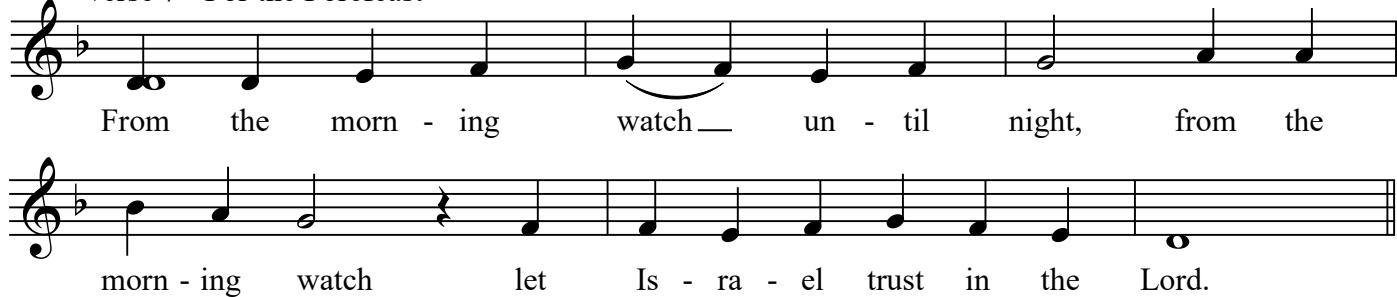


Thy - ho - ly youths, O Christ, when they were in the fur - nace of
fire, as though in dew, did go be - fore and fore - sha - dow mys - tic' -
- ly thy - com - ing from the Vir - gin, which hath il -
- lu - mi - nat - ed us with - out burn - ing. And right - - eous
Dan - iel, won - der - ful a - mong Proph - ets, when he went be -
-fore and ex - - plained plain - ly thy di - - vine ____ Se - cond
Com - - - ing, did shout, say - ing, And I saw the
thrones ____ placed, and the Judge sat, and the riv - - er of



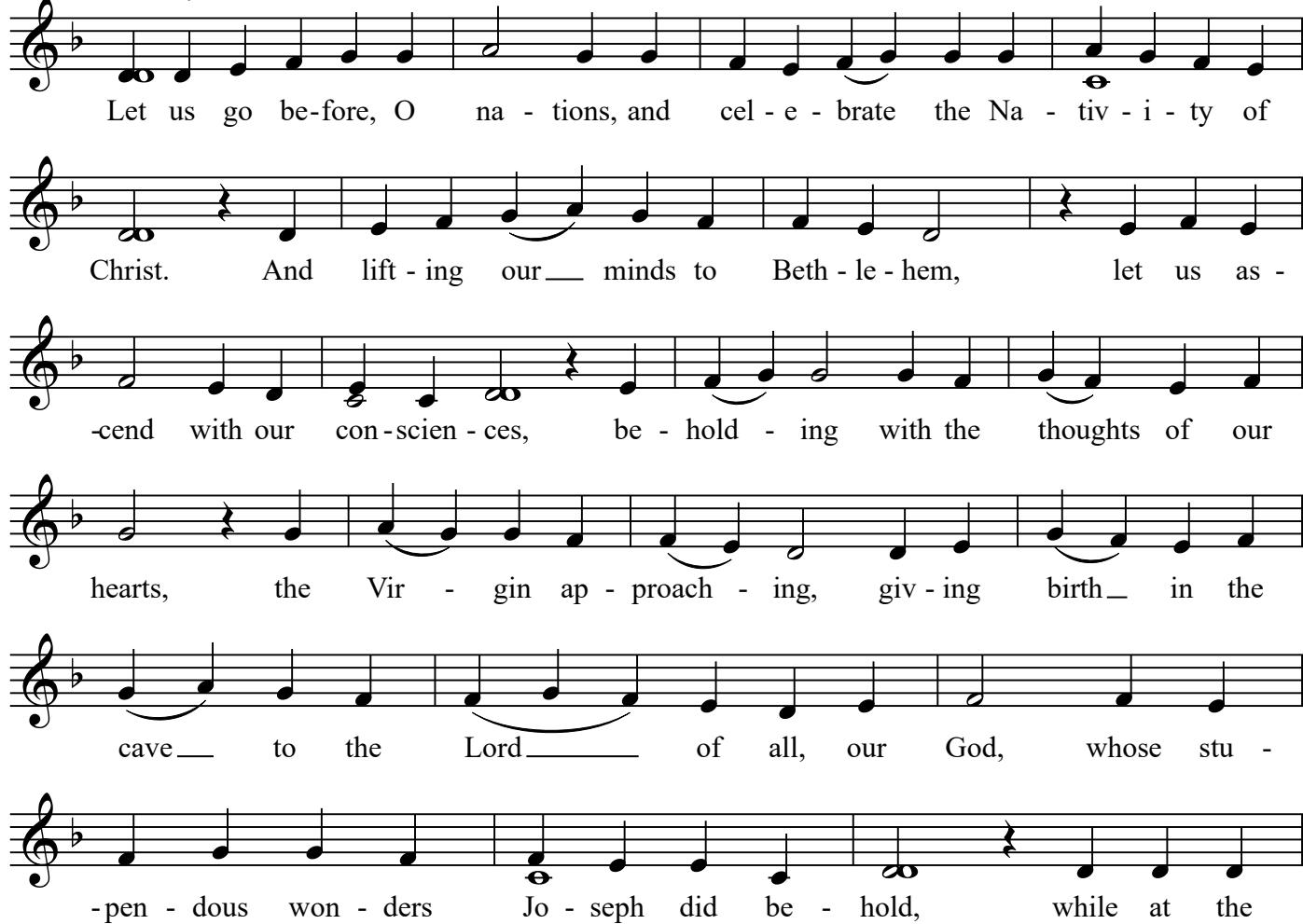
fire__ came be - fore__ him. Where - fore, by their be - seech - - -
-ings, O__ Mas - ter, de - liv - er us.

Verse 7 - For the Forefeast



From the morn - ing watch__ un - til night, from the morn - ing watch let Is - ra - el trust in the Lord.

Stichera 7



Let us go be-fore, O na - tions, and cel - e - brate the Na - tiv - i - ty of Christ. And lift - ing our__ minds to Beth - le - hem, let us as - cend with our con - scienc - ces, be - hold - ing with the thoughts of our hearts, the Vir - gin ap - proach - ing, giv - ing birth__ in the cave__ to the Lord____ of all, our God, whose stu - -pen - dous won - ders Jo - seph did be - hold, while at the

time he thought he was be - hold - ing a man, wrapped in swad' - ling
clothes, but was as - sured from his works that he was the
true__ God grant - ing our souls the great mer - - cy.

Verse 8

For with the Lord there is mer - - cy and with
him is a - bun - dant re - demp - tion, and
he will de - liv - er Is - ra - el from all__ his in - iq - ui - ties.

Now repeat Stichera 7 on the previous page, and then sing Verse 9 below.

Verse 9

Praise the Lord__ all ye na - tions; praise him all ye peo - ple.

Stichera 9

Let us go be - fore, O na - tions, and cel - e - brate__ the Na - - tiv - i - ty of Christ; and lift - ing our__ minds to Beth - le - hem,

let us as - cend with our con-sciences and be - hold the great
Mys-try that is in the cave; for E - den hath ver - i - ly been
o - pened by the com - ing forth of God from the spot-less Vir - gin,
per - fect in Di - vin - i - ty and per - fect in Hu - man - i - ty.
Where-fore, let us shout forth: Ho - ly God, E - ter - nal Fa - -
- ther, Ho - ly Might - y, thē In - car - - - nate Son,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, the Com - fort - ing Spir - - it,
O___ Ho - ly Trin - - i - ty, glo - - ry to thee.

Verse 10

For his mer - - cy is great t'ward us, and the
truth of the Lord en - dur - - eth for - - ev - - er.

Lis - ten, O heav - en, and give__ ear, O earth; for be -
hold, the Son, the Word of the Fa - ther, com - eth to be__
born of a maid - en that hath not known man.
Where-fore, by the pleas - ure of him who gave him__ birth
with-out pas - sion, and by__ thē as - sis - tance of the Ho-ly Spir - it, O
Beth - le - hem, make read - y, and O E - den, o - pen thou thy__
gates; for he who is shall be that which hath not been, and the
Mak - - - - er of thē en - tire__ cre - a - tion
shall be - come the grant - or of great__ mer - cy
to the whole__ world.

Glory

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

Verily, Daniel, the man of desires,

when he saw thee, O Lord, a Stone cut out with-out hands, did fore-call thee a babe born with-out seed, O Word in-car-nate of the Virgin,

beginning, the un-trans-formed God,

Saviour of our souls.

If this Sunday falls between December 18 & 23,

then sing Both Now for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

If this Sunday falls on December 24th,

then sing "Both now..." and "O cavern, make ready," on the following pages, 90b-90c.

Both now

Both ____ now ____ and ____ ev - - - er, and un - to

a - ges of a - ges. A - - - - men.

O cavern, make ready; for the ewe doth come bearing

Christ in her womb. O man - ger re - ceive him who by

his word un-did the bes - tial works of us - earth - ly men.

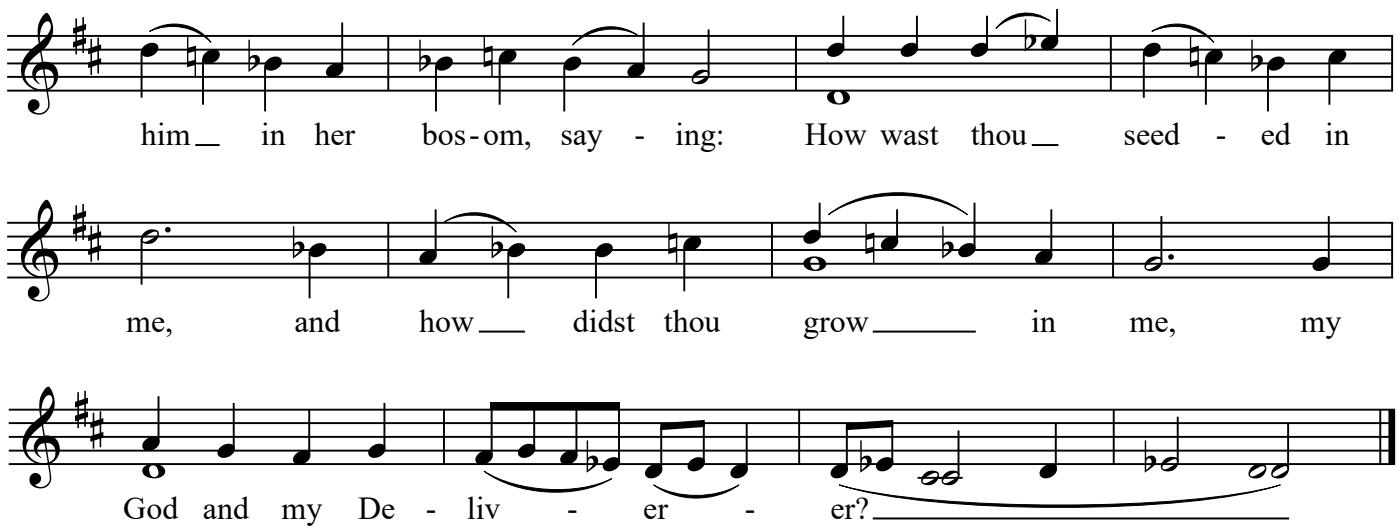
O shep - herds watch and bear wit - ness to the awe - some won - der.

And, O Ma - gi, who come from Per - sia, bring forth to the

King gold, frank - in - cense and myrrh; for the

Lord hath ap - peared from a vir - gin Moth - er; whose

Moth - er did bow to him as a ser - - - vant, ad - dress-ing



him in her bosom, say - ing: How wast thou seed - ed in
me, and how didst thou grow in me, my
God and my De - liv - er - er?

For the Aposticha:

If this Sunday falls between December 18 & 23,
sing the stichera for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.
If this Sunday falls on December 24th,
sing the following stichera, "O Virgin free of all blame,"
with the special Stichoi on pages 91-92.

Prosomion 1 - Special Melody: *O all-lauded martyrs*

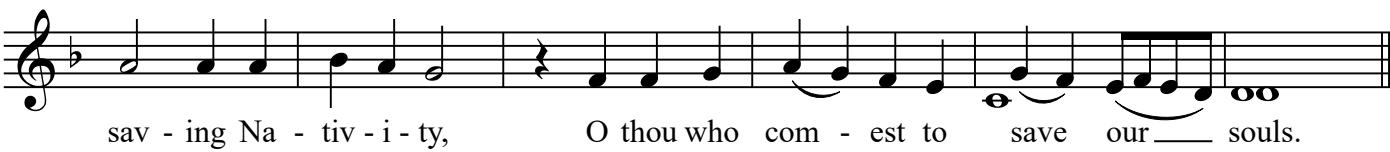
O Vir - gin free of all blame, the breath-ing pal - ace of
God, thou hast held him whom the heav-ens hold not, to whom thou shalt
give birth in a man - ner ex - ceed-ing un - der - stand - ing; who
hum-bled him self, be-com-ing flesh, that he might make me wor - thy, and en -
- rich me; who be - came poor by ex - cess of the most bit - ter food.

Stichos 1

God shall come forth from Ti - - - man.

Prosomion 2

O long - suf - fer-ing Christ, ver - i - ly, be - cause of thy com - pas - sion,
thou wast en - rolled with the ser - vants by or - der of
Cae - sar, that thou might - est come and grant lib - er - ty,
life, and safe - ty to thy thank-less ser - vants, who a - dore thy



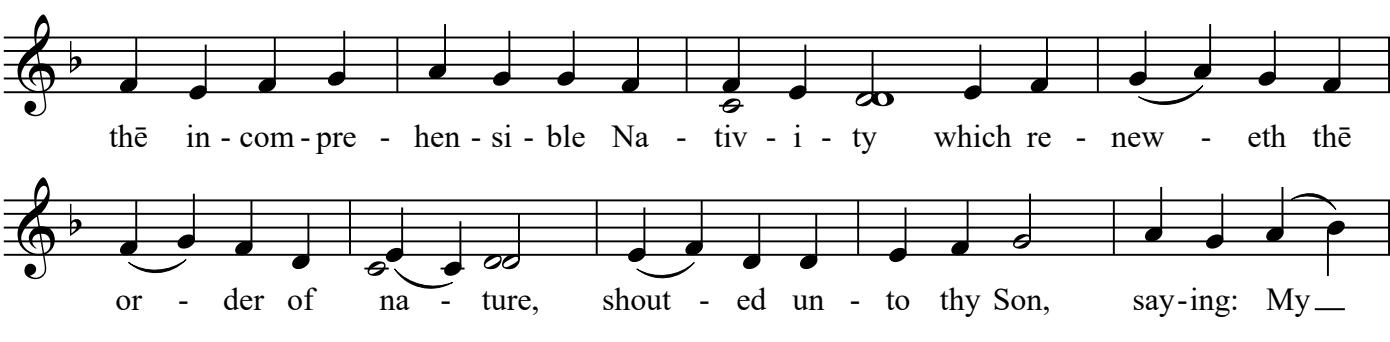
Glory-Aposticha (Tone 2):
sav - ing Na - tiv - i - ty, O thou who com - est to save our souls.



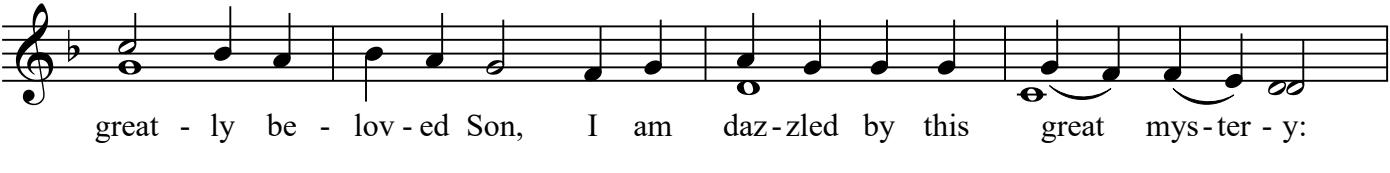
Stichos 2:
Thy hear - ing I have heard, O Lord, and was a - fraid.



Prosomion 3:
Thē all - ho - ly and blame-less one, when she ap - pre - hend - ed



thē in - com - pre - hen - si - ble Na - tiv - i - ty which re - new - eth the
or - der of na - ture, shout - ed un - to thy Son, say-ing: My



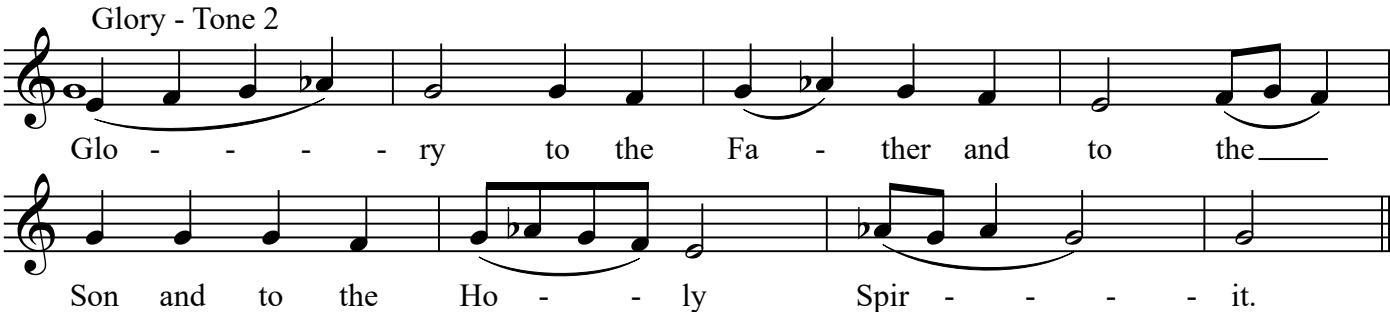
great - ly be - lov - ed Son, I am daz - zled by this great mys - ter - y:



that by thy might I shall still be a Vir - gin af - ter thy



Birth, O thou who do - est all things by thy will.



Glory - Tone 2:
Glo - - - - ry to the Fa - - ther and to the
Son and to the Ho - - - - ly Spir - - - - it.

Holwey

Re - joice, _____ O__ hon - - ored Proph - - - ets, who did
or - gan-ize well____ the law____ of the Lord, and ap - peared as____
sta - ble, un - shake - a - ble pil - lars of faith; for
ver - i - ly, they be - came mē - di - a - tors of the New____
Cov - - - e - - nant____ of____ Christ. Where - - fore,____
hav - ing been trans - lat - ed to heav - - - en, plead ye with
him to grant safe - ty to____ the____ world
and____ to____ save____ our____ souls.

If this Sunday falls on December 18 or 19, go to pages 94-95,
and sing "Both now..." and "O wondrous event," for the Resurrection in Tone 2.

If this Sunday falls between December 20-24, go to pages 95-96,
and sing "Both now..." and "Behold, the time of our salvation..."

Both now and ev - er, and un-to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

O won - drous e - vent tran - scand - ing all thē an - cient

mir - a - cles! For who hath ev - er heard of a

Moth - er giv - ing birth_____ with - out _____ man; and

in____ her____ own____ arms, bear - ing Him____ who con -

- tain - eth all cre - a - tion? Yet this is the

will of the God____ who is born.____ Cease not, there - fore, O

un - de - filed____ one to pray to him whom thou didst

car - ry in thine arms when he____ was____ a____ babe, and with whom thou

didst ac - quire____ moth - er - ly priv - i - lege for us who hon - our

thee, that he___ may have mer - cy up - on___ us and
save _____ our _____ souls.

Sing this Both Now for when this Sunday falls between December 20-24.

Holwey

Both now and ev - er, and un-to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Be - hold, the___ time of our sal - va - tion ap - proach - eth;

make thou___ read - y, O cave; for___ it is

time___ for the Vir - - gin to give___ birth:

and thou, Beth - le - hem of Ju - - dah, re - joice_ and be

hap - - - - py; for from thee___ shall___ shine___

forth___ our___ Lord. Lis - - ten, O moun - - - tains and___

hills and the re - - gions a - bout Ju - - dah; for Christ___

com - eth to save _____ man whom he _____ did cre - ate; for
 he _____ is the Lov - er of man - - - kind.

If this Sunday falls on December 18 or 19, sing the Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, then Glory, and the following Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith," then Both Now, and "Exceeding glorious..." in Tone 2, on page 97.

If this Sunday falls December 20-23, sing the Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, then Glory, and the following Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments of faith," then Both Now, and the Troparion of the Forefeast, "Make ready, O Bethlehem," on page 98.

If this Sunday falls on December 24, sing the Troparion of the Forefathers, "Great are the accomplishments," then Glory & Both Now, and the Troparion of the Paramon, "And it came to pass," on page 99b (or 99a).

Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2

Great _____ are the ac - com - plish - ments of faith; for the
 three ho - ly youths re - joiced in the foun - tain of flames as
 though____ at wa - ters of rest. And the Prophet Dan - iel ap -
 peared a shep - - herd to the li - ons as though
 they____ were sheep. Where - fore by their plead - ings, O
 Christ God, have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

Theotokion - Tone 2

Ex - ceed - ing glo - ri - ous be - yond the pow'r of

thought are thy mys - tries, O The - o - to - - -

-kos; for be - ing sealed in pu - i - ty and pre -

-served in vir - gin - i - ty, thou wast ac - knowl - edged to

be in ver - y truth the moth - - - er who

didst bring forth the true__ God. Where - fore, en - treat__

him to save our souls.

Special melody: *Joseph was amazed*

Make read - y, O Beth - le - hem; for
E - den hath been o - pened for all. Pre - pare, O
Eph - ra - tha; for the Tree _____ of life hath
blos - somed forth in the cave__ from the Vir - - -
-gin; for her bel - ly did__ ap - pear as a
su - per - sen - su - al par - a - dise in which is__ plant - ed
the di - vine _____ Plant, where - of eat - - ing we
shall__ live and not die__ as Ad - - - am. Ver - i - ly,
Christ__ shall be born, rais - - ing the like - - ness
that fell _____ of _____ old.

The hymn "And it came to pass" is traditionally sung in the Special Melody: "Joseph was amazed," which is offered on the following page, 99b.

Below is Kazan's version from the printed Menaion which he did in the standard Tone 4.

And it came to pass that Mar - y was en - rolled with Jo - - seph the
old man, in Beth - le - hem, since she was
of the seed of Da - - vid, and was great with the
Lamb, with - out seed. And when the time for de -
- liv - er - y drew near, and they had no place in the
vil - - age, the cave did ap - - pear to the
queen as a de - light - ful pal - - ace.
Ver - - i - - ly, Christ shall be born,
rais - - ing the like - - ness that fell of old.

Special melody: *Joseph was amazed*

Arr. by Christopher Holwey, from the
arrangement by Abdo Elyas,
Protopsaltis of the Archdiocese
of Mt. Lebanon (20th century)

And it came to pass that Mary was enrolled with
Joseph the old man, in Bethlehem, since she was of the
seed of David, and was great with the
Lamb, with out seed. And when the time for delivery drew
near, and they had no place in the village, the
cave did appear to the
queen as a delightful palace. Verily, Christ
shall be born, raising the likeness that
fell of old.

On "God is the Lord," sing the Troparia as at Vespers on pages 96-99a of this book.

If this Sunday falls on December 18th or 19th, sing only the Kathismata of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

If the Sunday falls on December 20th - 24th, first sing the Kathismata of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and replace the "Both now and ever" of each Kathisma with the following:

For the first Kathisma, sing this: (Tone 6) *"The sayings of the Prophets have now been fulfilled. For on the morrow, our God is born of the Virgin Mary in a manner surpassing speech, and remaineth as He was before His birth. The Magi gather, bearing gifts; the shepherds abide in the field; and we also sing: O Thou Who wast born of a Virgin, Lord, glory be to Thee."*

For the second Kathisma, sing this: (Tone 8) *"The song the shepherds played on their reed-pipes was stayed by a great angelic host, which called out to them, saying: Tarry not in the field now, O ye that shepherd the nurslings of the flocks; cry aloud singing praises, that Christ the Lord hath been born in Bethlehem, He that in truth hath been well pleased, as God, to save the race of mankind."*

Then the Benedictions (Evlogetaria), unless this Sunday falls on December 24th, when they shall be omitted.

The Hypakoe, Anabathmoi and the Prokeimenon are for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and the Resurrectional Gospel will follow the Eothinon of the Sunday, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**.

The Katabasiae are from the Canon of the Nativity: "Christ is born, glorify him," and "More honorable" is done after the 8th Ode, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**.

For the Exapostilaria:

If this Sunday falls on December 18th or 19th, sing the Exapostilarion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by the one for the Fathers, "Verily, the chiefs of the Patriarchs," as on page 101 of this book, and conclude with the Theotokion in the Tone of the week.

If this Sunday falls on December 20th - 24th, sing the Exapostilarion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by the one for the Fathers, "Verily, the chiefs of the Patriarchs" and the one for the Preparation, "Rejoice, O Bethlehem," as on pages 101-102 of this book.

For the Praises, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**, sing four (4) for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and four for the Fathers in Special Tone 5, as on pages 103 to 107. Then sing "Glory" and "Verily, the collection...", in Tone 8, on Page 108, and "Both Now" and "Most blessed" as on page 109 of this book.

Now sing the "Great Doxology" in Tone 8 as on pages 235 - 238 in the Byzantine Matins Project by Kazan, and conclude with the Troparion "Today is salvation come unto the world," as on page 109 of this book.

Special melody: *Upon that mount in Galilee*

Ison

Ver - i - ly, the chiefs of the Pa - tri - archs and the
fa - thers be - fore the law did go be - fore,
gleam - ing with faith like the stars, name - ly
A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob; for all the Proph - ets and
right - eous ones were il - lu - mi - nat - ed
by them, since they were shin - - ing
lamps, and by the rays
of their ven - er - at - ed proph - - e - - cy il -
lu - - - mi - nat - - - ed the
whole of dark cre - a - - tion.

Re - joice, O Beth - le - hem, and thou, Eph - ra - tha,
make _____ ready; for the The - - - o -
- to - kos shall come to the cave and the man -
- ger to give birth in an in - ef - fa - ble
man - - ner to God. O what a
ter - ri - ble mys - ter - y, the myst' - ry of him who
com - eth be - fore A - bra - ham,
I - saac, and Ja - cob, the Pa - tri - archs, and all the
Proph - ets; and man - kind with the an - gels shall cel - e -
- brate his Na - tiv - i - ty with di - vine re - joic - ing.

First sing 4 for the Resurrection, and then the following 4 Prosomia for the Fathers.

Verse 5 Fast

Praise him with the tim - brel and dance,
praise him with the stringed in - stru - ments and or - gans.

Slow

In truth____ raise thy voice,____ O Zi - on,
di - vine____ cit - y of God, and
preach the di - vine____ mem - - - o - ry of the
fa - thers, hon - our - ing with A - bra - ham,
I - saac, and Ja - cob him of ev - er - last-ing mem - o - ry.

For lo! with Ju - dah and Le - vi we mag - ni - fy____

Mo - ses the great, and Aar - on the won - der - ful; and with
Da - - vid we cel - e - brate the mem - o - ry of

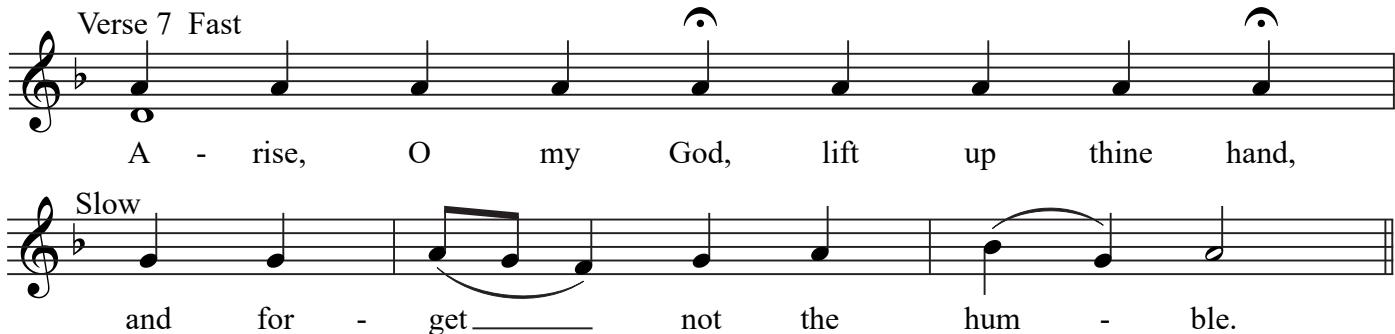
Josh - - u - a and Sam - u - el, in - vit - ing all with di -
- vine____ songs and di - vine____ praise to the
prep - a - ra - tion of the Na - tiv - i - ty of____
Christ, pray - ing to re - ceive____ his good - ness; for
he it____ is that grant - eth the
world____ the Great____ Mer - - - cy.

Verse 6 Fast

Praise him up - on the loud cym - bals,
praise him up - on the high sound - ing cym - bals; let
ev' - ry - thing that hath breath____ praise the Lord.

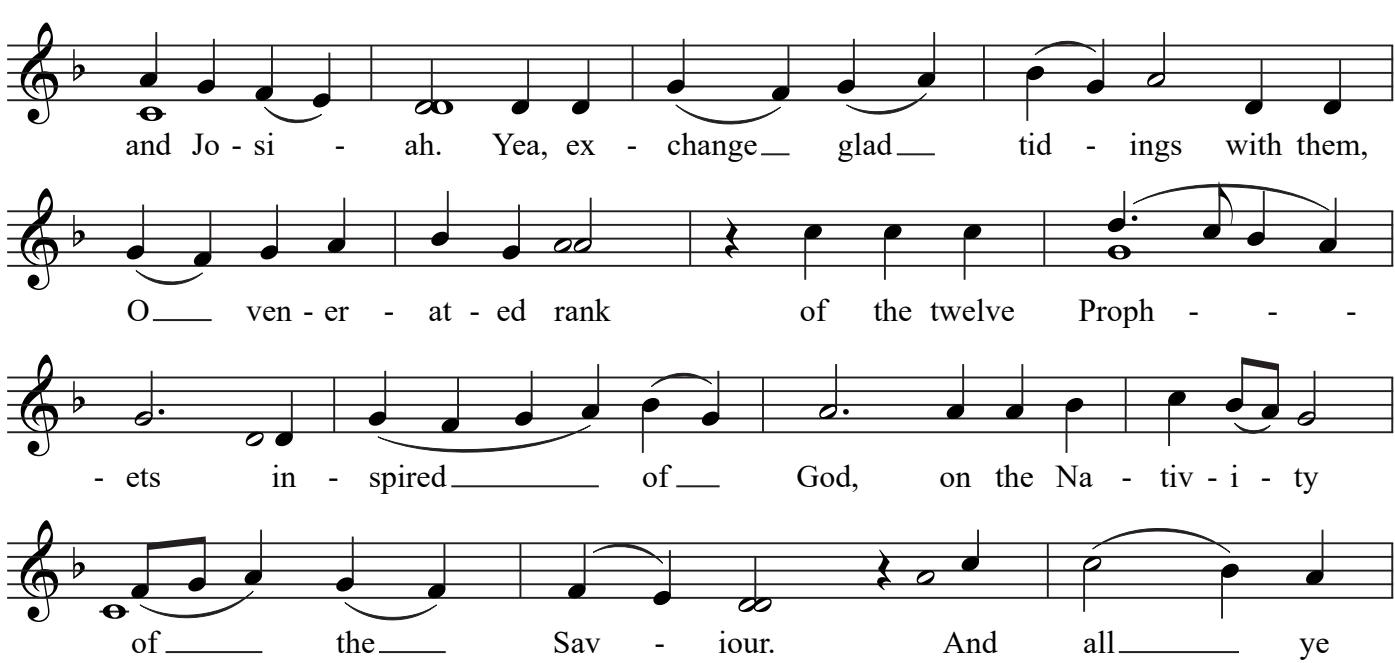
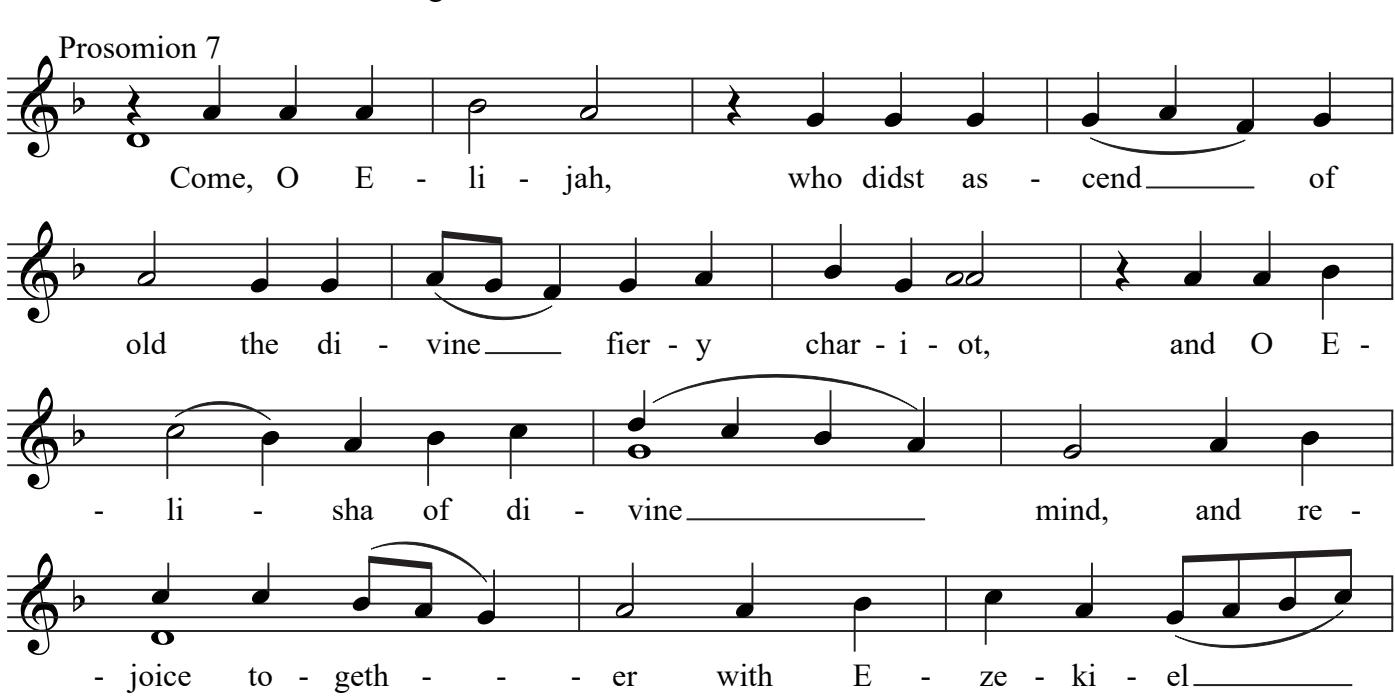
After singing Verse 6, repeat Prosomion 5.

Verse 7 Fast



Slow

Prosomion 7



right - eous ones, sing hymns. And ye all - be - at - i - fied__ youths
who quench the flames of the fur - nace with the dew of the
Spir - it, pray for us, plead - ing with____ Christ to
grant____ our souls the Great__ Mer - - - cy.

Verse 8 Fast

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will
show all thy____ mar - - vel - ous works.

Slow

Prosomion 8

Ver - i - ly, she hath ap - peared____ on earth, the The - o -
- to - - kos, who was pro - claimed____ from thē a - ges by the
words____ of the Proph - - - ets, and whom the wise
Pa - tri - archs and the rank of right - eous ones____

did fore - tell, with whom the come - li - ness of wom - en,
Sar - ah, Re - bec - ca, with glo - ri - ous Anne, and
Mar - - - - y, the sis - ter of Mo - ses,
shall ex - change glad - tid - ings, and with them
shall re - joice thē ends - of thē earth, and
all cre - a - tion; for God - shall -
come to be - born in the - flesh and
grant the world the Great - Mer - - - cy.

Very Slow

Glo - ry to the Fa - - ther and to____ the____ Son, and to____ the Ho - ly____ Spir - - it.

Ver - i - ly, the col - lec - tion of Mo - sa - ic teach - ings

mak - eth plain the di - vine Na - tiv - i - ty of____ Christ in the flesh

to those to whom was____ preached the grace____ be - fore____ the law,

hav - ing tran - scand - ed the law____ by____ faith.

Where - fore, since the Na - tiv - i - ty was the cause of sal -

va - tion from cor - rup - tion, they fore - told thy Res - ur - rec - tion

to the____ souls im - pris - oned in Ha - des, O Lord,

glo - ry____ to____ thee.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Most bless - ed art thou, O Vir-gin The - o - to - kos, for through

him that was in - car - nate of thee is Ha - des de-spoiled,

Ad - am is re - called from the dead, the curse is made void,

Eve - is set free, death is slain, and we are en - dowed with life.

Where - fore, in hymns of praise we cry a-loud: Bless - ed art thou, O

Christ - our - God, who is thus well - pleased, glo - ry to thee.

Now sing the "Great Doxology" in Tone 8 as on pages 235 - 238 in the Byzantine Matin Project by Kazan, and conclude with the Troparion as below in Tone 8.

To - day is sal - va - tion come un - to the world. Let us sing -

prais - es to him that a - rose - from the grave; the au-thor of our

life; for hav - ing by death de - stroyed death, he hath giv - en us

vic - tor - y and Great Mer - - cy.