

Follow the Vesper Service Book in concert with this Menaion and the Divine Prayers and Services Book by Nassar, on page 396.

After "Blessed is our God" and the reading of the Sunset Psalm, on "Lord, to thee have I cried," sing page 139 through 145, verses and Idiomela in Tone 2.

Then "Glory and Both Now" in Tone 2, as on pages 146 and 147.

Then the Eisodos (Little Entrance) with the Gospel Book; and "Gladsome light." After this, continue with the Old Testament Readings, as on pages 398 to 400 of the Divine Prayers and Services by Nassar, with their respective stichoi (psalm verses).

If this Feast falls on Tuesday to Saturday, continue with the Little Litany, the Proclamation "For holy art thou...", and the Trisagion, followed by the Epistle and Gospel Readings, and the rest of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, omitting the remainder of Great Vespers. Instead of "It is truly meet," sing "All creation rejoices in thee."

If this Feast falls on Sunday or Monday, with the Royal Hours being chanted on Friday morning, then Great Vespers is done on Saturday or Sunday evening, resp. In this case, immediately after the last OT Reading from Isaiah, the Epistle and Gospel are read, followed by the Litany: "Let us say with all our soul..." "Vouchsafe, O Lord..." "Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord..." the Aposticha, as on pages 148-150 of this book, "Glory" and "Both Now," as on pages 150-153 of this book, St. Simeon's Prayer, and the rest of Great Vespers. Then sing the Troparion of the Feast in Tone 4 three (3) times, as on page 154.

Verse 1 Fast

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

Idiomelon 1 & 2

Come, let us re - joyce in the Lord, pro - claim - ing the pre - sent mys - ter - y; for he hath bro - ken the mid - dle wall ____ of par - ti - - - - tion, and the flam - - - ing spear shall turn a - bout, and the cher - u - bim shall ad - mit all to the tree ____ of ____ life.____ As for me, I shall re - turn ____ to en - - joy the bliss of par - a - dise from which I was driv - - en a - way be - fore, by rea - son of in -

The musical notation consists of eight staves of Gregorian chant in G clef. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes. The music is in common time.

1. iq - ui - ty; for the like - ness of the

2. Fa - - - ther, and the Per - son of his ē -

3. - ter - ni - ty, which it is im - pos - si - ble to

4. change hath tak - en the like - ness of a ser - vant,

5. com - ing from a Moth - er who has not

6. known wed - lock; free from tran - sub - stan - ti -

7. - a - - - tion, since he re - mained as he was, —

53. true God, — and took what had not

8. been, hav - ing be - come Man for his love —

9. of man - - - kind. Where - fore, let us

lift our voic - - es _____ un - to him
cry - ing, O thou who wast born _____ of a Vir - gin, O
God, have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

Verse 2 Fast

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.

Repeat the previous Idiomelon: "Come, let us rejoice in the Lord..."

Verse 3 Fast

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

Idiomelon 3 & 4

When the Lord _____ Je - - - sus was born _____ of the
Ho - ly Vir - - gin, the whole cre - a - tion was

light - ed, the shep-herds keep - ing watch, the Ma - gi wor-ship -
- ing, the an - gels prais - - - ing, and
Her - od trem - bling; for the God _____ and Sav - iour of our souls
hath _____ ap - peared _____ in _____ the _____ flesh.

Verse 4 Fast

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

Repeat the previous Idiomelon: "When the Lord Jesus was born ..."

Verse 5 Fast

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

Idiomelon 5

Thy king - dom, O Christ God, is a king-dom of all ages; and thy rule is from gener - a - tion to gen - er - a - tion; for thou _____ who wast in - car - nate of the Ho - ly Spir - - - it and be - came__ Man from Mar - y the ev - er - vir - gin, hast caused a light to shine on us by thy pres - ence, O Christ__ God; O Light of Light, O Ra - diance of the Fa - ther, thou hast il - lu - mi - nat - ed__ all cre - a - tion; and ev' - ry breath doth praise thee, O Like - ness of the glo - - - ry of the Fa - ther.

Where - - fore, O ev - er - last - ing God, who
art be - fore e - ter - ni - ty who didst shine_ forth_ from the
Vir - gin, O God, have mer - cy up - on us.

Verse 6 Fast

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

Idiomelon 6

What shall we ren - der to thee, O Christ, for that
thou didst ap - pear on earth as a man for our sakes?
Ver - i - ly, ev' - ry in - di - vid - u - al of the
crea - tures thou didst cre - ate shall of - fer thee_ thanks -

- giv - - - ing. Thē an - - gels shall ten - der

thee _____ praise; the heav - - - ens, the

star; the Ma - gi ____ gifts; the shep-herds, won - - der;

the earth, the cave; the wild - er - ness, the man - ger; and we

men, a vir - gin Moth - - - er. Where - - fore, O

God be - - fore thē a - - - ges, have _____

mer - - cy _____ up - - on _____ us.

Glo - - - ry to the Fa - - ther and to the _____

Son and to the Ho - - ly Spir - - - - it.

Both____ now____ and ev - - - er, and un - to
a - ges of a - - - ges. A - - - men.

When Au - gus - tus be - came su - preme rul - er of

earth, the mul - ti - pli - ci - ty of rule____ a - mong men____

ceased. And when thou be - cam - est hu - man from the

spot - less one, the wor - ship of man - y hea - then gods____

al - - - so____ ceased. Then the ci - ties

came un - der one world - ly rule; and the na - - tions be -

- lieved in one di - vine____ su - prem - a - cy. The

na - tions were____ en - - - rolled by an or - - der of

Cae - sar; but we be - liev - - - ers were en -
 - rolled in the name of thy Di - vin - - - i - - -
 - ty, O our __ in - car - - - nate __ God.
 Where - fore great __ are thy mer - cies, glo - ry __
 be __ to __ thee.

Then comes the Eisodos (Entrance) with the Gospel Book, after which the choir sings "O Gladsome Light," as in the Vesper Service Book. Follow this with the OT Readings on pages 398-400 of the Divine Prayers and Services by Nassar, with their respective stichoi (psalm verses).

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Idiomelon 1

To - day hath come a - bout a great and won - der - ful thing,
in that a Vir - gin giv - eth birth, yet cor - rup - tion hath not
en - - - tered the womb; the Word is in -
- car - nate, yet is not sep - a - rat - ed from the
Fa - - - - ther; the an - gels give glo - - - ry
with the shep - herds, and we lift our voic - es with
them__ cry - ing, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and __ on __ earth _____ peace.

Stichos Tone 3 Fast

Said the Lord to my Lord; Sit thou__ at my right__ hand.

Idiomelon 2

To - day the Vir - gin doth give birth to the Cre -

- a - tor of all; E - den of - fer - eth the cave;
the star tell - eth to those in dark - ness of Christ the
Sun; the Ma - gi with pre - - - sents
wor - shipped him, en - light - ed by faith; and the
shep - herds be - held the won - der, the an - gels sing - ing and
say - ing, Glo - ry to God in the High - - - est.

Stichos

From the womb, be - fore the morn-ing star, I be - got thee.

Idiomelon 3

When the Lord Je - sus was born in Beth - le - hem
of Ju - dae - a, the Ma - gi came from the east and
wor - shipped him as in - - - car - - - nate God.

Ea - ger - ly they o - pened their__ treas - ures and of - fered him pre - cious
gifts: pure__ gold for that he____ is King of thē
a - ges; frank - - - in - cense in that he is
God ____ of all; and as dead for three__ days
they ____ of - fered myrrh to the death - less One.
Where - - fore, come, all ye na - - tions, let us wor - ship
him who was born to save____ our souls.

Tone 4

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

Very Slow

Re - joyce, _____ O Je - ru - sa - lem, and

cel - e - brate all ye lov - ers of Zi - on; for the

tem - por - al bonds with which Ad - am was con -

- demned have been loos - ened; par - a - dise _____ hath been

o - pened for us, and the ser - pent hath been an - ni - hi -

- lat - ed, hav - ing be - held _____ now that the

one de - ceived by her of old hath be - come a

Moth - er to the Cre - a - tor. Where - fore, O

both the depth, the rich - es, the wis - dom, and the

know - ledge of God, that the in - strument of death which brought

death to all flesh, hath be - come the first - fruit of sal -
- va - tion to all the world, be - cause of the The - o -
- to - - - kos; for the all - - - per - - perfect
God hath been born there-from as a babe; and by
his Birth he hath sealed her vir - gin - i - ty; by his swad-dling
clothes he hath loos - ened the chains of our sins; and by
his ba - by - hood he hath healed the pains and sor - rows of
Eve. There - fore, let all cre - a - tion ex - change glad
tid - ings and re-joice; for Christ hath come to re -
- call it and to save our souls.

Slow

Both now _____ and ev - - - er, and un - to
a - ges of a - ges. A - - - men.
O Christ ____ God, thou hast dwelt__ in a cave, and a
man - ger did re - ceive____ thee. The Ma - - gi with
shep - - herds wor - shipped thee, thus ful - - fill - - ing the
preach-ing of the Proph - - ets; and thē an - gel - ic pow - - ers__
won - - dered, lift - - ing their____ voic - - es and say - - ing,
Glo - ry to thy con - de - scen - - sion, O thou____ on - ly
Lov - - er of man - - kind.

Thy Na - tiv - i - ty, O Christ _____ our God, hath
giv - en rise to the light of know - - ledge
in the world; for they that
wor - shipped the stars did learn there - from to
wor - ship thee, O Sun of jus - - - tice, and to
know that from the east _____ of the High - est
thou didst come, O Lord, glo - - ry to thee._____
3.
glo - - - ry to thee._____