

The Nativity of Our Lord (Dec 25/Jan 7)

Troparion - Tone 4

Thy Na - tiv - i - ty, O Christ our God,
 has shown to the world the light of wis - dom!
 For by it those who wor - shipped the stars, were taught
 by a star to a - dore Thee, the Sun of Right - eous - ness,
 and to know Thee, the Or - i - ent from on high.
 O Lord, glo - ry to Thee!

Glory...Now and ever - Tone 3

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, now and ev - er
 and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - - men.

Nativity: Kontakion - Tone 3

To - day the Vir - gin gives birth to the Trans -
 -cend - ent One! And the earth of - fers
 a cave, to the Un - ap - proach - a - ble One!
 An - gels, with shep - herds, glo - ri - fy Him!
 The wise men jour - ney with a star.
 Since, for our sake the e - ter - nal
 God was born as a lit - tle child!

Prokeimenon - Tone 8

Let all the earth wor - ship Thee and
 praise Thee. Let it praise Thy
 name, O Most High!

Nativity: Irmos - Tone 1

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, the most pure

Vir - gin The o - to - kos, more hon - or - a - ble

and more glo - rious than the heav - en - ly hosts.

I be - hold a strange, most glo - rious mys - te - ry!

Heav - en the cave! The che - ru - bic throne the Vir - gin!

The man - ger the place where Christ lay,

the Un - con - tain - a - ble God

Whom we mag - ni - fy in song!

At the Great compline of the Nativity

"God is with us..." (see Volume I - pg. 91)

The Litia

(Tone 1)

Let heav - en and earth___ to - day make glad___

pro - phet - i - c'lly. An - gels and men, let us keep___

spir - i - tu - al feast._____ For___ God,___ born___

of a wo - - man, has ap - peared___ in the flesh

to___ those who sit in dark - ness and shad - - ow.

a cave___ and a man - - ger have___ re -

- ceived_____ Him. Shep - herds an - nounce_____ the___

won - der; wise men from the east of - fer gifts_____

in___ Beth - le - hem. Let___ us,___ then, from___ our___

un - wor - thy lips_____ of - fer praise___

like the an - - gels: Glo - - - ry to
 God in the high - est, and on
 earth peace. For the ex - pec - ta - tion of
 na - tions has come, He has come and saved us
 from the bond - - - age of the en - e - my.

(Tone 5)

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - - it,
 now and ev - er and un - to
 a - ges of a - ges. A - - - men.

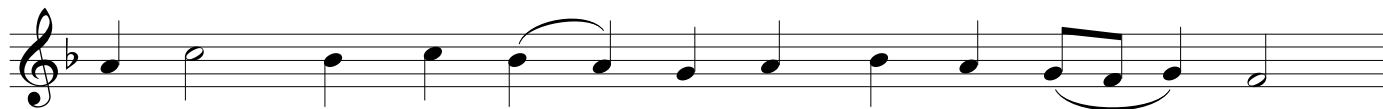
The ma - gi, kings of Per - - sia,
 knew with as - sur - - ance
 that Thou, the heav - en - ly King was born on earth.
 Led by the light of a star
 they came to Beth - le - hem, and of - fered
 their cho - sen gifts, gold and
 frank - - - in - cense and myrrh.
 Fall - - ing be - fore Thee they wor - shiped Thee:
 for they saw Thee Who art time - - - - less
 ly - - ing as a babe in the cave.

The Aposticha

(Tone 2)



A great and won - drous mys - te - ry un - folds to - day.



A vir - gin gives birth_ and re - mains a vir - gin!



The Word is made flesh with - out leav - ing the Fa - ther!



An - gels and shep - herds glo - ri - fy__ Him! Let us join_ in their song:



"Glo - ry to God in the high - - est,



and on earth_ _ _ _ _ peace!"

(Tone 4)



Glo - ry_ _ _ _ _ to the_ Fa - ther, and_ _ _ _ _ to the



Son, _ _ _ _ _ and_ _ _ _ _ to the Ho - ly_ Spir - it,



now_ _ _ _ _ and_ ev - er and_ _ _ _ _ un - to



a - ges_ of a - ges_ A - - men.

Make glad, O Je-ru-sa-lem, and all ye who
 love Zi-zion, keep the feast. To-day the
 an-cient bond of the con-dem-na-tion of A-dam is loosed.
 Par-a-dise is o-pened to us.
 The ser-pent is laid low. Of old he de-ceived the
 wo-man in par-a-dise, but now he sees a
 wo-man be-come Mo-ther of the Cre-a-tor.
 O the depth of the rich-es of the wis-dom
 and know-ledge of God!
 The sin-ful ves-sel that brought death up-on all flesh

has through the The - o - to - kos be - come the first
 fruits of sal - va - tion for the whole world.
 For God the All - per - fect is born a babe of her,
 and by His birth He sets the seal up - on her
 vir - gin - i - ty, through His swad - dling clothes He
 loos - es the bands of sin, and through be -
 - com - ing a child He heals Eve's
 pangs in tra - vail. There - fore let all cre - a - tion
 sing and dance for
 joy, for Christ has come
 to re - store it and to save our souls.

God is the Lord - Tone 4

God is the Lord and has re - vealed Him - self to us!
 Bless - ed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Nativity Troparion (see pg. 321)

The Polyeleion (see Volume I - pg. 154)

Megalynarion - Tone 1

We mag - ni - fy Thee, O Christ
 the Giv - er of Life, Who wast born
 in the flesh for us this day from her that knew not
 wed - lock, the all-pure Vir - gin Ma - ry.

Song of Ascent - Tone 4: (see Volume I - pg. 159)

Prokeimenon - Tone 4

Out of the womb be - fore the morn - ing star have I be - got - ten Thee;
 the Lord has sworn, and will not change His mind.

"Let every breath praise the Lord..." - Tone 4: (see Volume I - pg. 182)

Sjedalen (Sessional Hymn) - Tone 4

Come, O ye faith - - - ful,
 and let us be - hold where Christ is born.
 Let us join the wise kings from the east,
 and fol - low the guid - - ing star.
 An - gels sing prais - es there with - out ceas - ing
 and shep - herds a - bid - ing in the fields of - fer
 a fit - - ting hymn, say - ing glo - -
 - ry in the high - - est to Him Who in the cave
 this day is born of the Vir - gin and The - o - to - kos,
 in Beth - - le - hem of Jud - ah.

The Nativity Canon - Tone 1

Ode I.  Christ is born glo - ri - fy Him!

 Christ is from heav - en re - ceive Him!

 Christ is on earth be lift - ed up!

 Sing to the Lord of the earth

 and praise Him with joy, O peo - - ple,

 for He has been glo - - ri - fied.

Ode III.  To the Son Who be - fore all time was born im - mor - tal

 of the Fa - ther, and in these lat - ter days be - came

 in - car - nate with - out seed of a Vir - gin.

 a) heav - en re - ceive Him!

 b) earth be

 c) joy, O

Let us cry un - to Christ our God: "Thou Who hast raised
up our horn Ho - ly art Thou, O Lord."

Hypakoe - Tone 8

Hea - ven brought the first - fruits of the Gen - tles as a
gift for Thee; A star sum - moned the wise men
to the babe in the man - ger. They were a - mazed to see
nei - ther throne nor scep - ter, but on - ly ab - ject pov - er - ty.
What is more hum - ble than a cave?
What is more low - ly than swad - dling clothes?
Yet the rich - es of Thy div - in - i - ty shone through all these.
O Lord, glo - ry to Thee!

Kathisma Hymn - Tone 8

Let the hea - vens re - jice and let the earth be glad!

The Lamb of God has been born on earth, grant - ing re - demp - tion

to the world. The Word, who rests in the bos - om of the

Fa - ther, has come forth with - out seed from the Vir - gin.

The wise men were struck with a - maze - ment,

see - ing Him born as an in - fant in Beth - le - hem.

Let all cre - a - tion glo - ri - fy Him!


Ode IV. Rod of the root of Jes - se, and flow - er that blos - somed

from his stem, O Christ, Thou hast sprung from the Vir - gin.


From the moun - tain o - ver - shad - owed by the for - est, Thou hast come,

made flesh from her that knew not wed - lock, O God, Who


art not formed from mat - ter, glo - ry to Thy pow - er, O Lord.

Ode V. 


As Thou art God of peace and Fa - ther of mer - cies,




Thou hast sent un - to us thine An - gel of great coun - sel,




grant - ing us peace. So are we guid - ed to - wards the light




of the know - ledge of God, and watch - ing by night




we glo - ri - fy Thee, O Lov - er of man - kind.

Ode VI. 

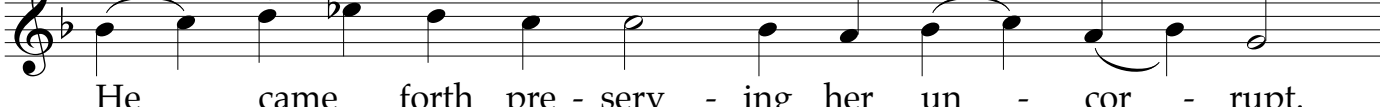
The sea mon - ster cast out Jo - nah un - harmed.



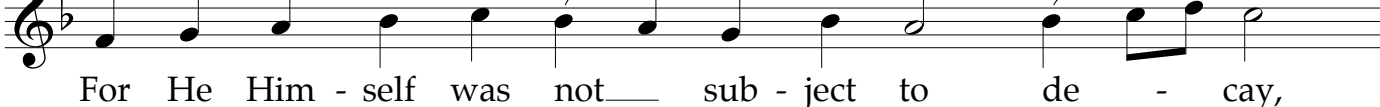
As it had re - ceived him like a babe from the womb.




And when the Word came to dwell in the Vir - gin and was made flesh.



He came forth pre - serv - ing her un - cor - rupt.



For He Him - self was not sub - ject to de - cay,




and He kept His mo - ther free from harm.

Kontakion: "Today the Virgin Gives Birth..." - Tone 3 (see pg. 322)


Ode VII.  Scorn - ing the im - pi - ous de - cree,


 the child - ren brought up to - geth - er in God - li - ness

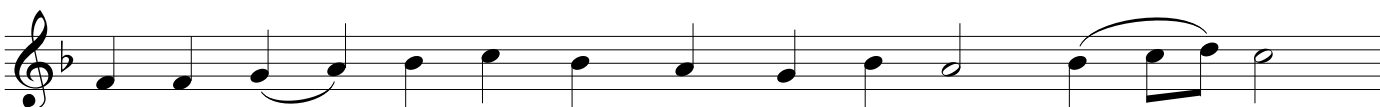
 feared not the threat of fire,


 but stand - ing in the midst of the flames they sang:


 "O God of our fa - - thers, bless - ed art Thou."

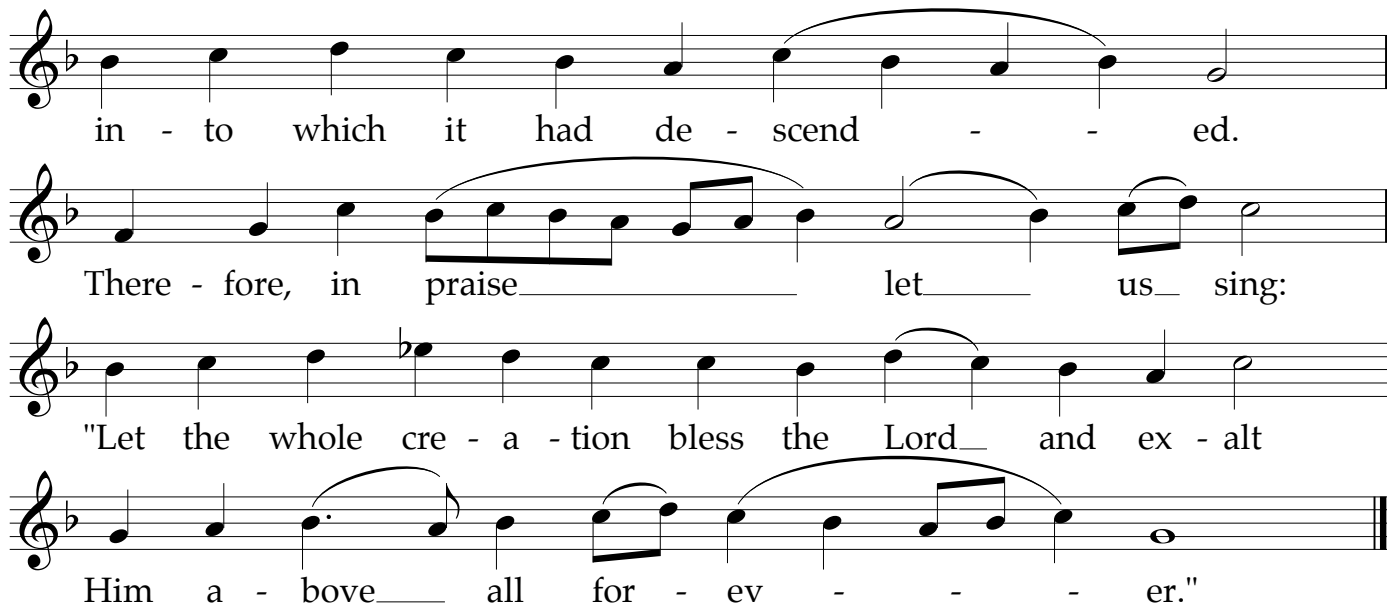
Ode VIII.  The fur - nace moist with dew was the im - age

 and fig - ure of a won - der past na - ture.

 For it burnt not the child - ren whom it had re - ceived,

 e - ven as the fire of the God - - head

 con - sumed not the Vir - - gin's womb

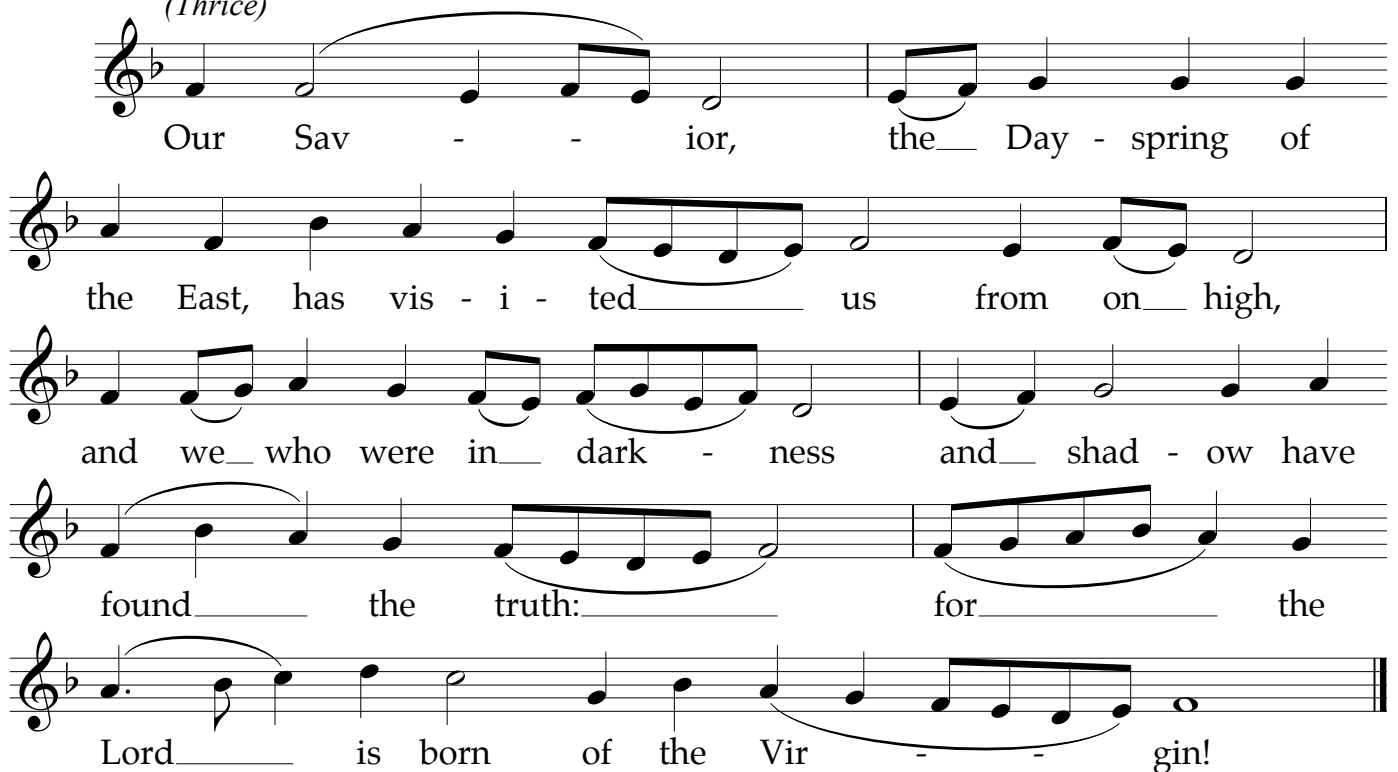


in - to which it had de - scend - - ed.
 There - fore, in praise let us sing:
 "Let the whole cre - a - tion bless the Lord and ex - alt
 Him a - bove all for - ev - - er."

ODE IX: "Magnify, O My Soul" - (see pg. 323)

Exaposteilarion

(Thrice)

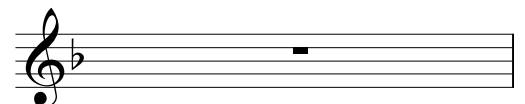


Our Sav - - ior, the Day - spring of
 the East, has vis - i - ted us from on high,
 and we who were in dark - ness and shad - ow have
 found the truth: for the
 Lord is born of the Vir - - gin!

The Praises - Tone 4 (see Volume I - pg. 312)

The Great Doxology - Tone 6 (see Volume I - pg. 338)

The Nativity Troparion - Tone 4 (see pg. 321)



Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God (Dec 26/Jan 8)

Kontakion - Tone 6

He Who was be - got - ten of the Fa - ther,

with - out mo - ther, be - fore the morn - ing star,

to - day on earth is made flesh of you

with - out a fa - ther, O La - - dy full of Grace.

There - fore, a star an - noun - ces the glad tid - - ings

to the ma - - gi. An - gels and shep - herds

sing the prais - es of your child - bear - ing

in a man - ner be - yond un - der - stand - ing.

St. Stephen - Protomartyr and Archdeacon (Dec 26/Jan 8)

Troparion - Tone 4

O Pro - to - mar - tyr and might - y war - ri - or of
 Christ our God, you were vic - tor - ious in bat - tle
 and crowned with glo - ry, O ho - ly Steph - en!
 You con - found - ed the coun - cil of your per - se - cu - tors,
 be - hold - ing your Sav - ior en - throned
 at the right hand of the Fa - ther.
 Nev - er cease to in - ter - cede that
 our souls may be saved.

St. Stephen: Kontakion - Tone 3

Yes - ter - day the Mas - ter as - sumed our flesh
 and be - came our guest;
 to - day His ser - vant is stoned to death
 and de - part - ed in the flesh,
 the glo - - - rious Pro - to -
 - mar - - - tyr Steph - - - en.

Prokeimenon - Tone 8

Their pro - claim - a - tion has gone out in - to all the earth,
 and their words to the ends of the u - ni - verse.

Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Jan 1/14)

Troparion - Tone 1

Reign - ing on high with the e - ter - nal Fa - ther
 and the Ho - ly Spir - it, Thou didst de - scend
 from the fier - y throne to the earth. Thou wast born of
 the un - wed - ded Bride, Thy Pure Mo - ther,
 and wast cir - cum - cised as an eight - day old child.
 Glo - ry to Thy right - teous will,
 O Mer - ci - ful Je - sus!
 Glo - ry to Thy sav - ing con - des - cen - sion,
 O on - ly Lov - er of man!

St. Basil the Great (Jan 1/14)Troparion - Tone 1

Your proc - la - ma - tion has gone out___ in - to

all the__ earth! By hear - ing your__ teach - ing

we learn di - vine___ doc - - trine.

You have pon - dered the na - ture of__ crea - tures;

you have giv - en a no - ble rule of life for___ men.

O___ ho - ly fa - ther and king - ly___ priest,

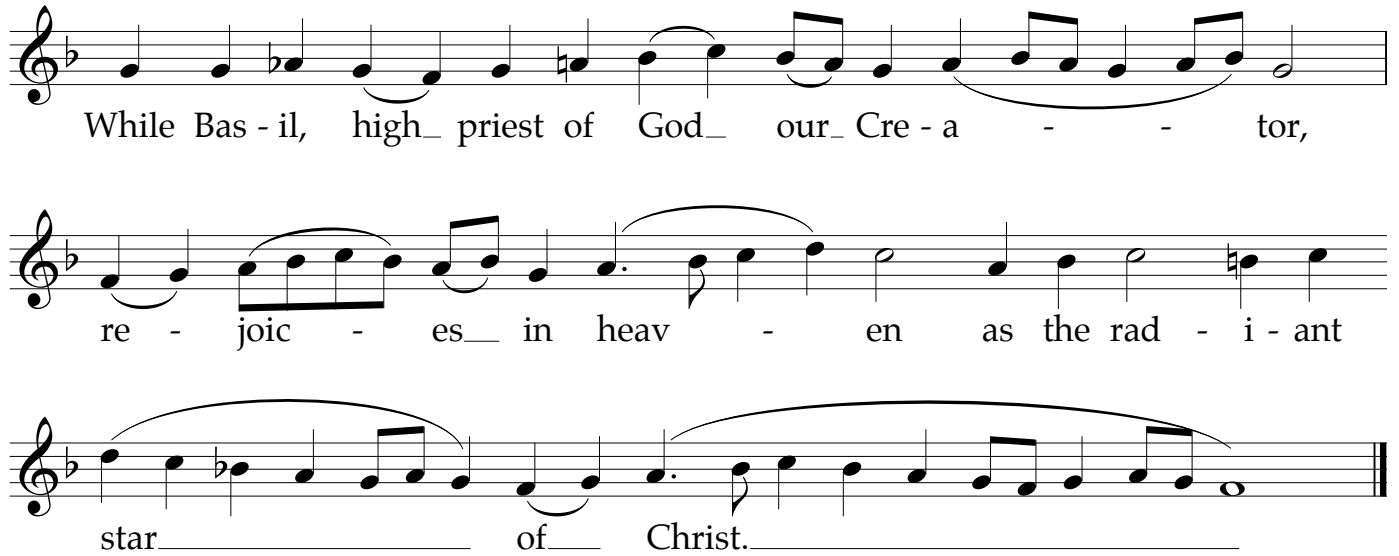
en - treat Christ our God to___ save___ our souls._____

St. Basil: Kontakion - Tone 4

You were re - vealed as the sure foun - da - tion
of the Church, grant - ing all men a lord - ship
which can - not be tak - en a - way,
seal - ing it with your pre - cepts, O ven -
- 'ra - ble and heav - en - ly fa - - ther.

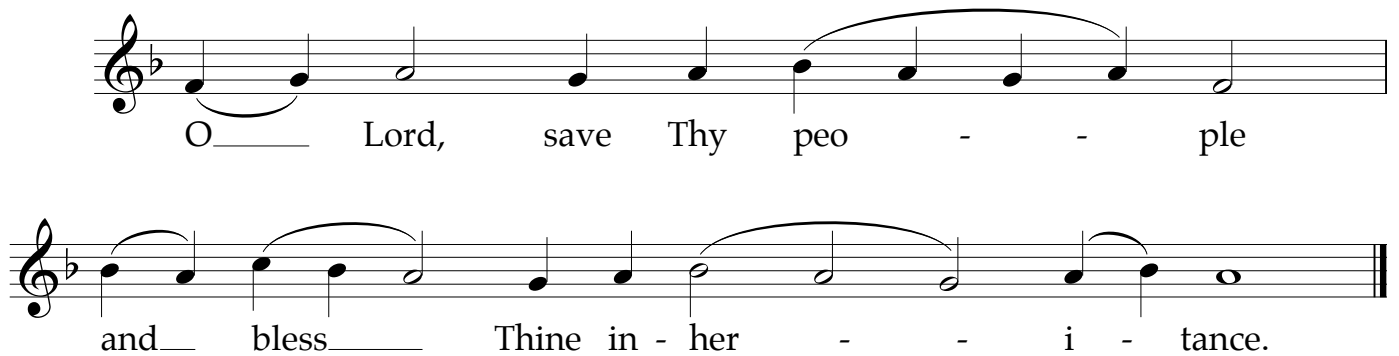
Kontakion of the Circumcision - Tone 3

The Lord of all ac - cepts to be cir - cum - cised.
Thus, in His mer - cy He cir - cum - cis - es
the sins of mor - tal men.
To - day He grants the world sal - va - - tion.



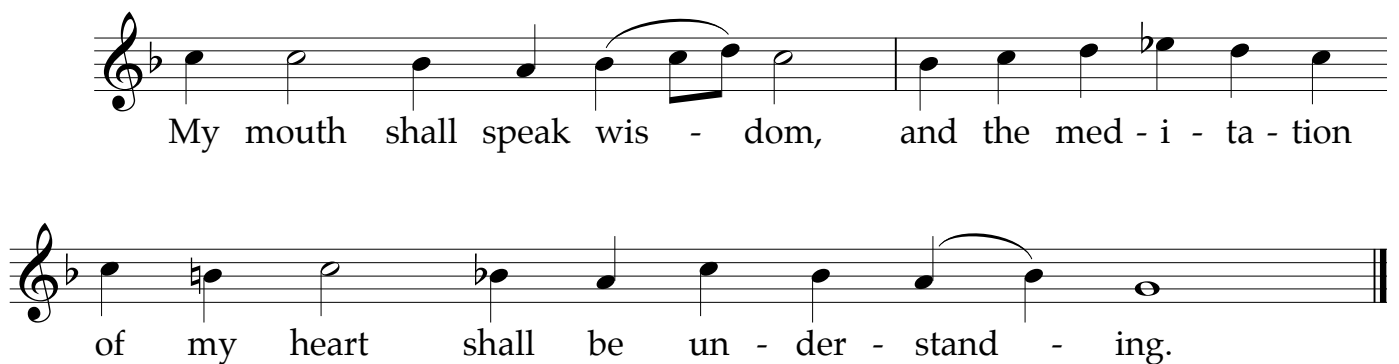
While Bas-il, high-priest of God our Cre-a-tor,
re-joic-es in heav-en as the rad-i-ant
star of Christ.

Prokeimenon of the Circumcision - Tone 6



O Lord, save Thy peo-ple
and bless Thine in-her-i-tance.

Prokeimenon: St. Basil - Tone 1



My mouth shall speak wis-dom, and the med-i-ta-tion
of my heart shall be un-der-stand-ing.

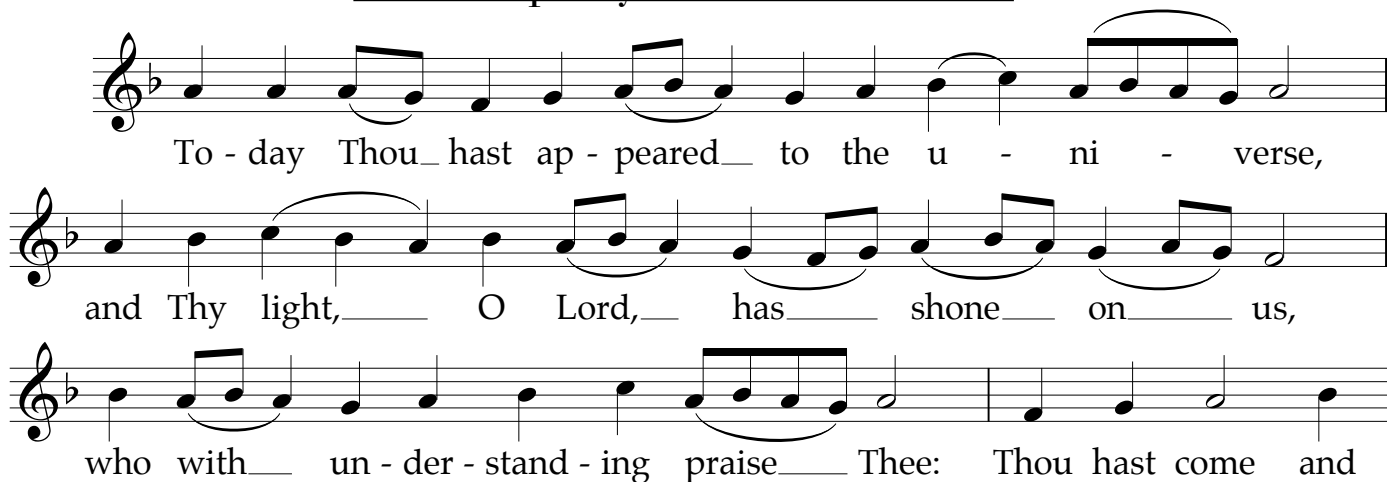
The Theophany of Our Lord (Jan6/19)

Troparion - Tone 1



When Thou, O Lord, wast bap - tized in the Jor - dan,
 the wor - ship of the Trin - i - ty was made man - i - fest!
 For the voice of the Fa - ther bare wit - ness to Thee,
 and called Thee His be - lov - ed Son! And the Spir - it in the
 form of a dove, con - firmed the truth - ful - ness of His word.
 O Christ our God, Who hast re - vealed Thy - self and
 hast en - light - ened the world, glo - ry to Thee!

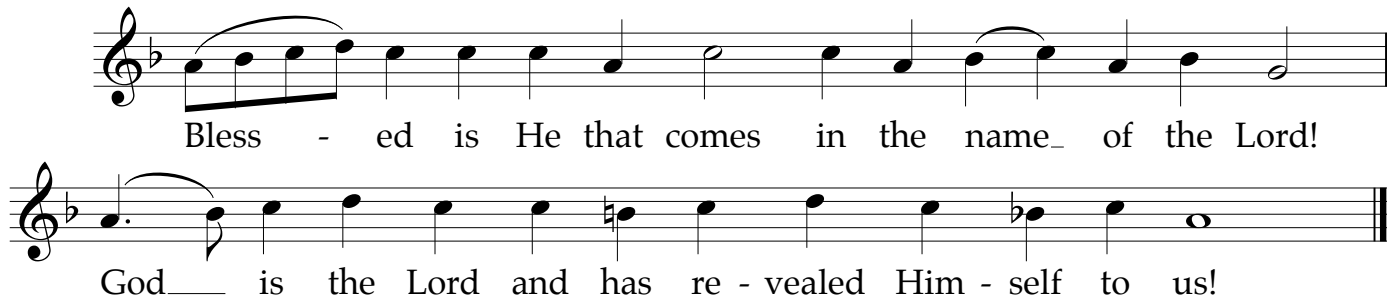
The Theophany: Kontakion - Tone 4



To - day Thou hast ap - peared to the u - ni - verse,
 and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us,
 who with un - der - stand - ing praise Thee: Thou hast come and



The Theophany: Prokeimenon - Tone 4



The Theophany: Irmos - Tone 2

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, the most pure Vir - gin
The - o - to - kos, more hon - or - a - ble than the heav - en - ly hosts!
No tongue is cap - a - ble of prais - ing you wor - thi - ly:
the an - gel - ic mind is o - ver - awed in ex - alt - ing you,
O The - o - to - kos! But ac - cept our faith, since you are
gra - cious and know our di - vine love. You are the pro - tect -
-ress of Chris - tians, and we praise you!

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist (Jan 7/20)Troparion - Tone 2


The mem - o - ry of the right - eous is wor - thy of praise,
 but you, O Fore - run - ner, are well pleased by the Lord's own
 wit - - ness. You were re - vealed as great - er
 than the proph - ets, for you bap - tized
 in the wa - ters Him, whom they fore - told.
 There - fore, hav - ing fought and suf - fered for the truth,
 you pro - claimed to those in the tombs
 the gos - pel of the in - car - nate God, Who takes a - way the sins
 of the world, and grants
 us great mer - - cy.

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist: Kontakion - Tone 6

The riv - er Jor - dan trem - bled, and was driv - en back
 filled with fear at Thy com - ing in the flesh.
 While John drew back in awe,
 as he ful - filled the min - is - try of the Spir - it.
 The ranks of an - gels stood a - mazed,
 when they be - held Thee bap - tized in the stream.
 And we who were in dark - ness, are filled with light,
 prais - ing Thee, God made man - i - fest,
 Who en - light - - - ens all.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The right - eous shall re - joice in the Lord and hope in Him.