

Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos (Vespers)

Lord I Call - Tone 6

LORD, I CALL UPON THEE, HEAR ME, HEAR ME, O LORD. LORD, I CALL UP - ON

THEE, HEAR ME. RE - CEIVE THE VOICE OF MY PRAYER; WHEN I CALL UP -

ON THEE, HEAR ME, O LORD. LET MY PRAYER A - RISE IN THY SIGHT

AS IN - CENSE, AND LET THE LIFTING UP OF MY HANDS BE AN EVENING

SAC - RI - FICE. HEAR ME, O LORD.

8. Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.
7. Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

VERSES 1 AND 2

TODAY THE GOD OF HEA - VEN PREPARES FOR HIMSELF A THRONE ON EARTH

TODAY THE WISE CRE - A - TOR MAKES A LIVING HEA - VEN IN HIS LOVE

FOR MAN FROM A BARREN ROOT HE GIVES LIFE TO A LIFEBEARING GARDEN:

HIS MO - THER. O GOD OF WONDERS AND HOPE OF THE HOPE - LESS. O LORD,

GLO - RY TO THEE. REPEATED

6. If Thou, O Lord shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

VERSE 3

RE - JOICE, O PEO - PLE! THIS IS THE DAY OF THE LORD. THE PALACE OF THE

LIGHT, THE SCROLL OF THE WORD OF LIFE TO - DAY COME FORTH FROM THE WOMB!

THE GATE FACING THE EAST IS BORN. SHE AWAITS THE ENTRY OF THE GREAT

PRIEST! SHE ALONE ADMITS CHRIST INTO THE UN - I - VERSE FOR THE SAL - VA -

TION OF OUR SOULS.

5. For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word, my soul has hoped on the Lord.

VERSE 4

ALTHOUGH BY THE WILL OF GOD OTHER WOMEN WHO WERE BARREN HAVE

BROUGHT FORTH FAMOUS OFF - SPRING, YET AMONG ALL SUCH CHILDREN MARY

HAS SHONE MOST BRIGHTLY WITH DIVINE GLO - RY. FOR HERSELF BORN

WONDROUSLY OF A BARREN MO - THER SHE BORE IN THE FLESH THE GOD

OF ALL IN FASHION SURPASSING NATURE, FROM A WOMB WITH - OUT SEED.

SHE IS THE ONLY GATEWAY OF THE ONLY - BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD,

WHO PASSED THROUGH THIS GATE, YET KEPT IT CLOSED: AND HAVING ORDERED

ALL THINGS IN HIS OWN WIS - DOM HE HAS WROUGHT SALVATION

FOR ALL MAN - KIND.

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

VERSE 5

TODAY THE BARREN GATES ARE O - PENED THE DIVINE VIRGIN PREPARES

TO EN - TER! TODAY THE FRUIT BEGINS TO BLOS - SOM GRACE RE - VEAL - ING

THE MOTHER OF GOD TO THE WORLD! IN HER, THE EARTHLY WILL UNITE WITH

THE HEA - VEN - LY FOR THE SAL - VA - TION OF OUR SOULS.

3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

2. Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

VERSES 6 AND 7

TODAY IS THE PROCLAMATION OF THE UN - I - VER - SAL JOY! THE BARRENNESS OF

HU - MANS IS PAR - DONED FOR THE BARREN ANNA BECOMES A MO - THER

OF THE VIRGINAL MOTHER OF THE CRE - A - TOR! THE ONE WHO IS GOD BY NA -

TURE AND HAS WORKED SAL - VA - TION IN THE FLESH CHRIST, THE LOVER OF

MAN AND THE RE - DEE - MER OF OUR SOULS. REPEATED

1. For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

VERSE 8

TODAY THE BARREN AN - NA GIVES BIRTH TO THE HOLY HAND - MAID OF GOD

WHO WAS CHOSEN FROM ALL GEN - ER - A - TIONS FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF

THE DI - VINE PLAN TO BECOME THE A - BODE OF THE KING THE CREATOR OF

ALL, CHRIST OUR GOD! THERE - FORE WE MOR - TALS ARE RE - STORED FROM

CORRUPTION TO LIFE E - TER NAL.

Glory, now and ever in the same tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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HIS MO - THER. O GOD OF WONDERS AND HOPE OF THE HOPE - LESS. O LORD,

GLO - RY TO THEE!

O GLADSOME LIGHT

PROKIMENON OF THE DAY

3 READINGS

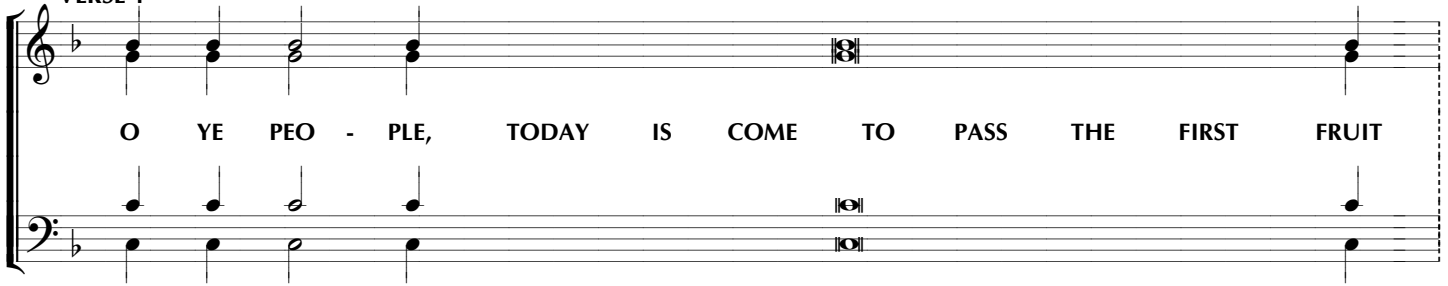
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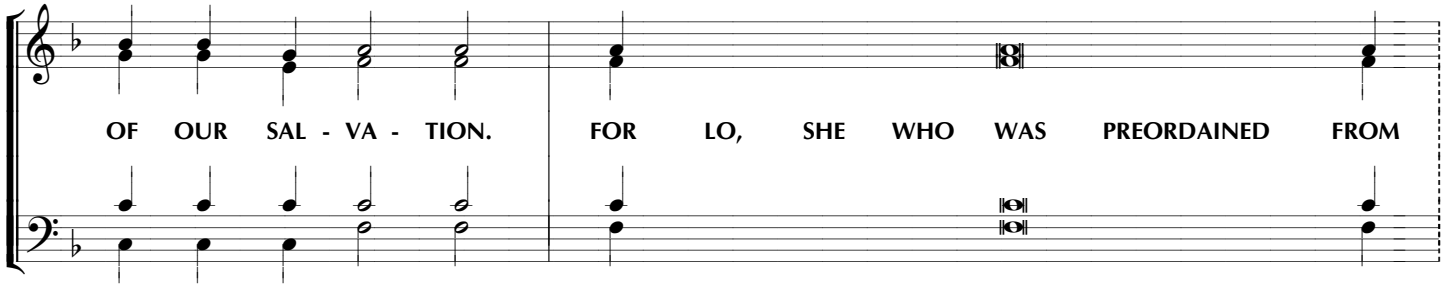
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Litiya - Tone 1

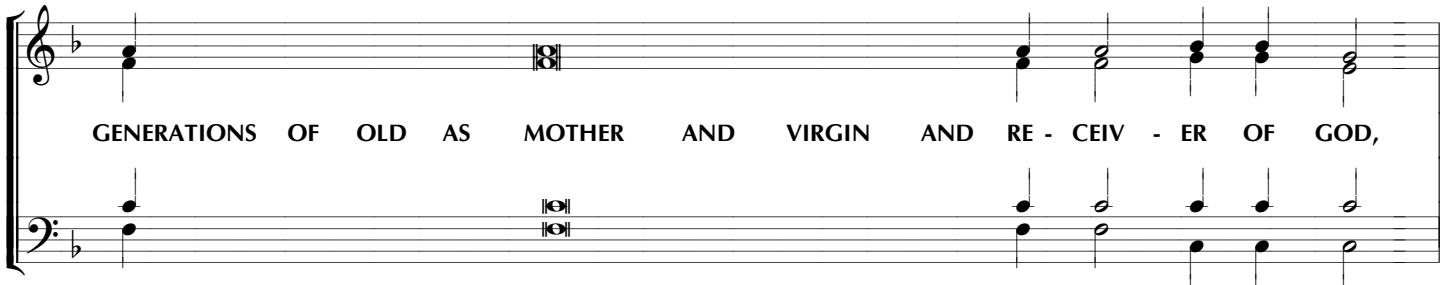
VERSE 1



O YE PEO - PLE, TODAY IS COME TO PASS THE FIRST FRUIT



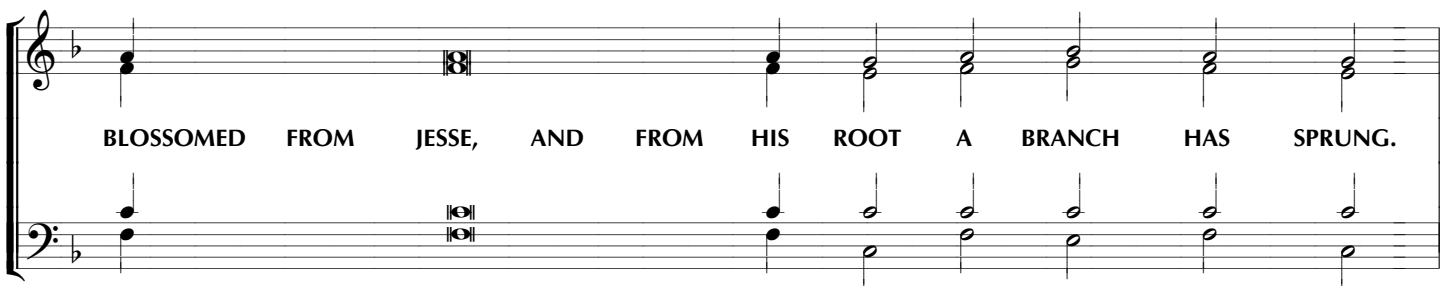
OF OUR SAL - VA - TION. FOR LO, SHE WHO WAS PREORDAINED FROM



GENERATIONS OF OLD AS MOTHER AND VIRGIN AND RE - CEIV - ER OF GOD,



COMES FORTH IN BIRTH FROM A BARREN WO - MAN: A FLOWER HAS



BLOSSOMED FROM JESSE, AND FROM HIS ROOT A BRANCH HAS SPRUNG.

LET A - DAM OUR FOREFATHER BE GLAD AND LET EVE REJOICE WITH GREAT JOY.

FOR BE - HOLD, SHE WHO WAS MADE FROM THE RIB OF ADAM PLAINLY DECLARES

HER DAUGHTER AND DES - CEN - DENT BLESS - ED FOR, SAYS SHE, UN - TO

ME IS BORN DELIVERANCE, THROUGH WHICH I SHALL BE SET FREE FROM

THE BONDS OF HELL. LET DAVID REJOICE, STRIKING UPON THE HARP, AND

LET HIM BLESS GOD: FOR LO, THE VIRGIN COMES FORTH FROM A BARREN

ROCK FOR THE SAL - VA - TION OF OUR SOULS.

VERSE 2 - Tone 2

COME, ALL YE WHO LOVE VIR - GIN - I - TY AND WHO ARE FRIENDS OF

PUR - I - TY COME YE AND WELCOME WITH LOVE THE BOAST OF VIR - GINS

SHE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE THAT GUSHES FORTH FROM THE HARD - ENED ROCK

SHE IS THE BUSH SPRINGING FROM BARREN GROUND AND BURNING WITH

THE IM - MA - TER - I - AL FIRE THAT CLEANSSES AND EN - LIGHT - ENS OUR SOULS

VERSE 3

WHAT IS THIS SOUND OF FEAST - ING THAT WE HEAR JOACHIM AND ANNA

MYSTICALLY KEEP FES - TI - VAL. 'O A - DAM AND EVE', THEY CRY,

RE - JOICE WITH US TO - DAY: FOR IF BY YOUR TRANSGRESSION YOU CLOSED

THE GATE OF PAR - A - DISE TO THOSE OF OLD, WE HAVE NOW BEEN GIVEN A

GLORIOUS FRUIT, MARY THE CHILD OF GOD, WHO O - PENS ITS EN -

TRANCE TO ALL.

VERSE 4

SHE WHO WAS PREORDAINED TO BE THE QUEEN OF ALL AND HA - BI -

TA - TION OF GOD, HAS COME FORTH TODAY FROM THE BARREN WOMB

OF JOY - FUL AN - NA. SHE IS THE DIVINE SANCTUARY OF THE ETERNAL

ES - SENCE THROUGH HER CRUEL HELL HAS BEEN TRAM - PLED UN - DER FOOT,

AND EVE WITH ALL HER LINE IS ESTABLISHED SE - CURE IN LIFE.

IT IS MEET AND RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD CRY A - LOUD TO HER BLESS - ED

ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.

Glory, Now and ever in the 8th Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

LET US SOUND OUR SPIRITUAL TRUMPETS ON THIS GLO - RI - OUS FEAST FOR TODAY,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, with a repeat sign at the end of the first measure. The bass staff contains a series of notes, with a repeat sign at the end of the first measure. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

FROM THE SEED OF DA - VID THE MO - THER OF LIFE IS BORN!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff features a slur over the notes for 'DA - VID'. The bass staff continues with notes and rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

SHE DISPELLS THE DARK - NESS! SHE RENEWS ADAM, AND EVE, SHE RE - CALLS!

The third system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff features a slur over the notes for 'DARK - NESS!'. The bass staff continues with notes and rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

SHE IS THE SOURCE OF INCORRUPTION, THE TRANS - FOR - MER OF COR - RUP - TION!

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody. The treble staff features a slur over the notes for 'COR - RUP - TION!'. The bass staff continues with notes and rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

BY HER WE ARE GIV - EN LIFE: BY HER, WE ARE DE - LIV - ERED FROM DEATH;

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The treble staff features a slur over the notes for 'DEATH;'. The bass staff continues with notes and rests. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

SO LET US, THE FAITHFUL, SING TO HER WITH GA - BRI - EL:

REJOICE, O FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU! THROUGH YOU HE

GRANTS US GREAT MER - CY.

APOSTICHA - Tone 4
VERSE 1

THE JOY OF THE WORLD HAS AP - PEARED THE GLORIFIED VIRGIN SPRUNG FROM JOACHIM AND

AN - NA, BE - CAUSE OF HER PUR - I - TY SHE BECAME THE LIV - ING TEM - PLE OF GOD.

ONLY SHE IS CALLED THE - O - TO - KOS THROUGH HER PRAYERS, O CHRIST

GOD, SEND PEACE TO THE WORLD AND TO OUR SOULS GREAT MER - CY.

READER: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

VERSE 2

TRUE TO THE AN - GELS PRO - PHE - CY THE IMMACULATE FRUIT OF JOACHIM AND

AN - NA AP - PEAR: THE VIR - GIN, THE HEAVEN, AND THE THRONE OF GOD,

THE ABODE OF PURITY, WHO PRE - ANNOUNCES JOY TO THE WORLD! SHE IS

THE ME - DI - A - TRIX OF LIFE THE ANNULMENT OF THE CURSE,

THE BESTOWER OF THE BLESS - ING. IN YOUR NATIVITY, O DIVINELY - CHOSEN

VIR - GIN, EN - TREAT PEACE FOR THE WORLD AND FOR OUR SOULS

GREAT MER - CY.

READER: Before your face, the richest of the people will pray.

VERSE 3

LET ANNA CLAP HER HANDS IN GLAD - NESS! LET THE PEOPLE REJOICE; LET

THE WORLD CELEBRATE! LET THE KINGS NOW DANCE AND LET

THE BISHOPS REJOICE IN BLESSINGS! FOR BEHOLD, THE QUEEN, THE BLAMELESS BRIDE

OF THE FATHER TO-DAY HAS BLOSSOMED FROM THE ROOT

OF JESSE. MAY NO WOMAN BEAR IN PAIN, FOR JOY HAS

BLOSSOMED! LIFE REIGNS IN THE WORLD FOR ALL MEN!

THE LAMENTATIONS OF ANNA HAVE BEEN CHANGED IN - TO JOY!

SHE CRIES: REJOICE WITH ME, O CHO - SEN IS - RA - EL! THE LORD HAS

GRANTED ME A LIVING PALACE OF HIS DI - VINE GLO - RY FOR THE

UNIVERSAL JOY AND GLAD - NESS AND FOR THE SAL - VA -

TION OF OUR SOULS.

READER: Glory, now and ever in the 8th tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

COME, O BE - LIEV - ERS! LET US RUN TO THE VIR - GIN!

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

THE CHILD OF JO - A - CHIM AND AN - NA! THE FORE - CHO - SEN MO -

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

THER OF OUR GOD, THE TREASURE OF VIR - GIN - I - TY,

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

THE PREACH - ING OF THE PRO - PHETS. SHE IS BORN AND THE WORLD

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

IS RE - NEWED! SHE IS BORN AND THE CHURCH IS A - DORNED

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

BY HER HEA - VEN - LY BEAU - TY! SHE IS THE HOLY TEMPLE OF THE

GOD - HEAD, THE VESSEL OF VIRGINITY AND THE ROY - AL PAL - ACE.

THROUGH HER THE MYSTERY OF THE UNION OF CHRIST'S TWO NA - TURES HAS

COME A - BOUT! WE WORSHIP HIM AND PRAISE THE NATIVITY OF THE

VIR - GIN.

ST. SIMEON'S PRAYER

TRISAGION

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Tone 4

YOUR NATIVITY, O VIR - GIN, HAS PROCLAIMED JOY TO THE WHOLE UN -

I - VERSE! THE SUN OF RIGHT - EOUS - NESS CHRIST OUR GOD,

HAS SHONE FROM YOU, O THE - O - TO - KOS BY AN - NUL - ING

THE CURSE, HE BE - STOWED A BLESS - ING BY DESTROYING

DEATH, HE HAS GRANTED US E - TER - NAL LIFE.