December 25th - Vespers: First Troparion of the Prophecies

Mode 2 Plagal - Thi = G

Byzantine Chant

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1. His foundations are in the holy mountains: the Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. [REFRAIN]

2. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me. [REFRAIN]

3. Behold Philistia and Tyre and the people of Ethiopia. [REFRAIN]

4. This and that man were born there. Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her. [REFRAIN]

5. The Lord shall recount, when He writeth up the people and the princes born in her. All rejoice to have their dwelling in thee. [REFRAIN]

6. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. [Repeat Thou was born secretly... with the refrain]

REFRAIN:

Alternate Version:

Thou wast born secretly in the cave,
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Mode Two Plagal – Soft Chromatic Tuning

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First Troparion

Thou wast born secretly in the cave, but heaven spoke through a star

and proclaimed Thee to all, O Saviour.

Refrain:

And it brought to Thee Magi, who worshipped Thee with faith:

have mercy upon them and upon us.

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