

December 23rd

The Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

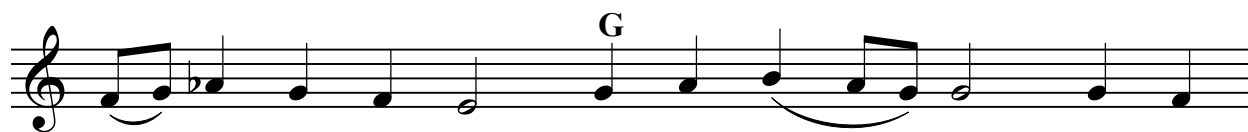
Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal 2nd Mode
Special Melody: *As it is written*

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1) The bound - less Wis - dom of _____ our _____ God, our Christ hath

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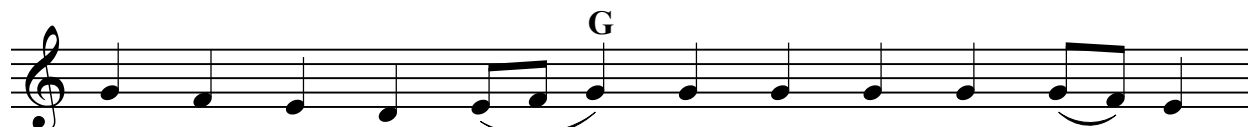
built Him - self a house from the Vir - gin, such as

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none may un - der-stand; and _____ to the cave and man - ger of

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sense - less beasts He com - eth, to an un - fath - om -

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- a - ble birth _____ in the flesh. _____

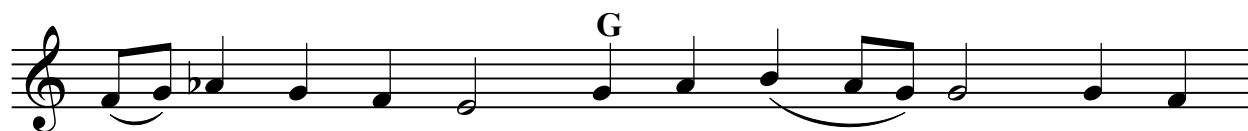
Verse: God shall come out of Teman, and the Holy One out of a mountain overshadowed and densely wooded.

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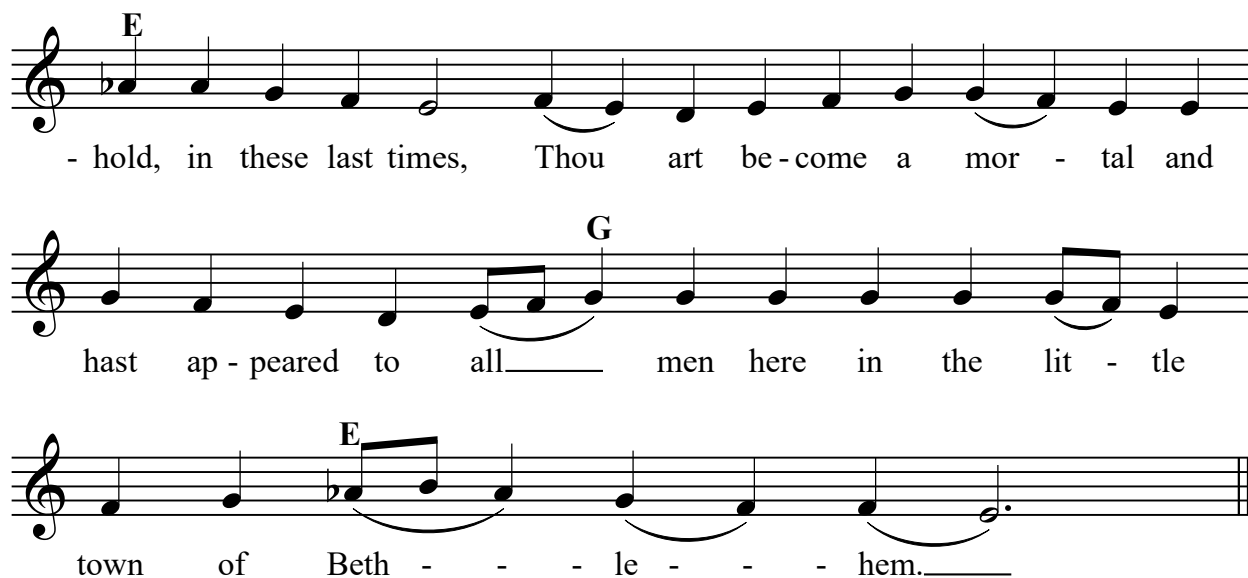
2) As far _____ as it was pos - si - ble, O Christ, the

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Proph - ets looked on Thee, the Cre - a - tor; but be -

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- hold, in these last times, Thou art be-come a mor - tal and
hast ap - peared to all men here in the lit - tle
town of Beth - - - le - - - hem.

Verse: O Lord, I have heard Thy report, and I was afraid; O Lord, I considered Thy works,
and I was amazed.



3) Up - on its course, the star re - vealed the Sun of
Glo - ry, Christ, un - to the star - gaz - ers in the
town of Beth - le - hem; now An - gels bring glad tid - ings to
shep - herds, with whom let us gath - er to - geth - er,
ye of god - - - ly mind.