

December 29th

## After-Feast of the Nativity of Christ Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

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

1) I see a dread-ful mys - ter - y; for God, Who  
hold - eth in His hand all cre - a - tion, is en -  
- com-passed now in flesh, with\_ beasts with - in a man - ger; with  
tat - tered strips is swad - dled He that with clouds of  
mist doth swathe\_ the\_ sea.\_

*Verse:* The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand until I make Thine enemies  
the footstool of Thy feet.

2) The flesh-less God be - com - eth\_ flesh; be - gin - ning -  
- less, He doth be - gin; in a small\_ cave is He

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emp-tied Who is full, now\_ brought forth from a Vir - gin; and  
as a babe is suck - led He that doth feed all  
things en - dowed\_ with\_ breath.\_

*Verse:* From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee.

3) The shep-herds skip as Christ\_ is\_\_\_ born; they of - fer  
glo - ry joy - ous - ly with thē An - gels; and his  
es - cort is a star; the\_\_\_ Wise Men of - fer wor - ship; and  
be - ing saved, all man - kind doth mag - ni - fy\_\_\_ the  
The - o - to - - - kos with hymns\_\_\_