Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

When it was time for thy presence on earth the first enrollment of the world took place.

Then it was that thou didst decide to enroll the names of men who believe in thy Nativity.

Yea, that commandment did issue forth from Caesar,
since the everlastingness of thine eternal...
king - - - dom hath been re - newed.

Where - fore, we of - fer what is bet - ter than mon - eyed tax, name - ly Or - tho - dox the - o - log - i - cal say - ings; to thee, O

God, Sav - iour of our souls.
Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

To day Christ is born in Bethlehem of the Virgin. To day the Beginning-less doth begin, and the Word becometh incarnate.

The pow'rs of heaven rejoice, and earth is glad with mankind. The Magi do offer presents, and the shepherds with wonder declare. As for us, we shout ceaselessly,

crying, Glory to God on high, and on earth peace, and goodwill among men.

Then sing the Great Doxology, as on page 205 of the Byzantine Matins Project by Kazan. After the Doxology, chant the Troparion of the Feast, "Thy Nativity, O Christ our God...", as on page 154 of this book.