The Nativity of Christ

Katavasias*

(Byzantine notation begins after the 9th page.)

First Mode

Intonation: #1

Allegro  \(\downarrow 140\)

First Canon

Χριστὸς γεννᾶται

Christ is born, give ye glory. Christ is come from

* The Katavasias of the first canon of the Nativity of Christ are chanted from November 21st until December 24th. On December 25th, 26th, and 31st, both the first and second canons are chanted. From December 27th until the 30th, only the Katavasias of the second canon are chanted.
Heaven, receive ye Him. Christ is on earth, be ye exalted. Sing unto the Lord all the earth and sing praises in gladness, O ye peoples; for He hath been glorified.
To the Son Who was begotten of the Father

ther before the ages without change, and in these

last days was without seed made flesh of the Virgin, to

Christ our God let us cry aloud: Thou Who hast raised

up our horn, holy art Thou, O Lord.
Rod of the root of Jesse, and flower that blossomed from his stem, O Christ, Thou hast sprung from the Virgin; from the mountain densely overshadowed hast Thou come, O Praised One, made flesh of her that knew not wedlock. O Thou Who art immaterial and God, glory to Thy power, O Lord.
Since Thou art the God of peace and the Father of mercies, Thou hast sent unto us Thine Angel of Great Counsel, granting us peace. Wherefore, having been guided to the light of divine knowledge, and watching by night, we glorify Thee, O Friend of man.
The sea-monster spat forth Jonas as it had received him like a babe from the womb; while the Word, having dwelt in the Virgin and taken flesh, came forth from her yet kept her incorrupt. For being Himself not subject to corruption, He preserved His mother free from harm.
Scorning the impious decree, the Children brought up in godliness feared not the threat of fire, but standing in the midst of the flames, they chanted:

O God of our Fathers, blessed art Thou.
We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

First Canon

The furnace moist with dew was the image and figure of a wonder past nature; for it burned not the Youths whom it had received, even as the fire of the Godhead consumed not the Virgin's womb into which it had descended. Wherefore in praise let us sing: Let all creation
bless the Lord, and supremely exalt Him unto all the ages.

Unto all the ages.
Katavasias

First Mode

Ὑχος Ἡ Πα

First Canon

First Ode

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First Canon

Third Ode

Τῷ πρὸ τῶν αἰῶνων

ο θεος ουράνιος, θεος ουράνιος

ο the Son Who was be-gotten of the Fa-ther be-fore

θε αγεσιωθεν πιστευσει σωτηρια σου

and in these last days was with-out change,

made flesh of the Vir-gin, to Christ our God let us cry a-

A Thou Who hast raised up our horn, A holy art Thou, O

Lord.
First Canon

Fourth Ode

Ῥάβδος ἐκ τῆς ρίζης

Od of the root of Jesse, and flower that blossomed

from his stem, O Christ, Thou hast sprung from the Virgin;

from the mountain densely over-shad-owed hast Thou come, O Praised One,

made flesh of her that knew not wed-lock. O Thou Who art im-

ma-ter-i-ate and God, glo-ry to Thy pow-er, O Lord.
First Canon

Fifth Ode

Θεὸς ὁν εἰρήνης

Since Thou art the God of peace and the Fa-ther of mer-
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- ies, Thou hast sent un-to us Thine An-gel of Great Coun-sel,
grant-ing us peace. Where-fore, hav-ing been guid-ed to the light of di-
vine knowl-edge, and watch-ing by night, we glo-ry Thee, O Friend_
First Canon

Sixth Ode

Σπλάγχνων Ἰωάν

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First Canon

Seventh Ode

Οἱ παιδες εὐσεβεία

corn-ing the im-pious de-cree, the Child-ren brought up

in god-li-ness feared not the threat of fire, but stand-ing in

the midst of the flames, they chant-ed: O God of our Fa-

thers,

bless-ed art Thou.

We praise, we bless, and we wor-ship the Lord.
First Canon

Eighth Ode

Θαύματος ὑπερφυοῦς

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* Finale: