The Nativity of Christ

December 25

(Vespers Stichera
Second Mode
(Sung with A-flat)

Verse 6:

If Thou should-est mark in-q-ui-ties, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for-give-ness.

(Byzantine notation begins after page 12.)
Come, let us rejoice in the Lord as we declare this present mystery. The middle wall of partition is broken as sun refuses; the flaming sword is turned back, the Cherubim withdraw from the Tree of Life, and I partake of the Paradise of Delight, whence I was
cast out before through disobedience. For the identical likeness of the

Father, the Express Image of His eternity, taketh the form of

a servant, and without undergoing change He cometh forth from a Mother that knew not wedlock. For that which He was, He hath remained, even true

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God; and that which He was not, He hath taken upon Himself, becoming man out of love for man. Unto Him let us cry: O God, Who art born of a Virgin, have mercy on us.

Verse 5:
For Thy Name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul...
Un. pli - ca ----- ti - o

When the Lord Je - sus was born of the ho - ly Vir -

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From the morn - ing watch un - til night, from the morn - ing watch

let Is - ra - el hope ________ in the____ Lord.

Verse 4:

'Από φυλακῆς πρωίας

When the Lord Je - sus was born of the ho - ly____ Vir -

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When the Lord Je - sus was born of the ho - ly____ Vir -

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end. Yet while the shep - herds were a - bid - ing_ in
the field, while the Magi did worship, while the Angels sang praises, Herod was troubled.

For God hath appeared in the flesh, the Saviour of our souls.

Verse 3:

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

(Repeat Stichera B "When the Lord Jesus...")
Verse 2:

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

Stichera C

'H basileia sou Xriste

Thy Kingdom, O Christ God, is the Kingdom of all ages, and Thy sovereignty is in every generation...
In car nate of the Ho - ly Spir - it and be - come man of the Ev - er - vir - gin Mar - y, Thou hast shined light up - on us by Thy com - ing, O Christ

God. O Light of Light, Ef - ful - gence of the Fa - ther, Thou hast made all cre a - tion ra - di - ant. Ev - ery breath prais - eth Thee, the Ex - press Im - age of the Fa - - - ther's glo - ry.
O Thou Who art, and hast ever been, and hast shone forth from a Virgin, O God, have mercy on us.

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Verse 1:

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

and the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.

Stichera D

Τι σοι προσενέγκωμεν

What shall we offer Thee, O Christ? for Thou hast appeared on earth as man for our sakes. Of all the creatures made by Thee, each offers Thee thanks giving.
The Angels offer Thee the

hymn; the Heavens, the star; the Magi,

their gifts; the shepherds, their wonder;

der; the earth, her cave; the wilderness, the manager; and we

of offer Thee a Virgin Mother.

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Intonation: #7

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the Tree of Life, and I par-
take of the Par-a-dise of De-light, whence I was cast out
be-fore through dis-ob-e-dience. For the i-
den-ti-cal Like-ness of the Fa-ther, the Ex-press Im-

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For Thy Name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

(Repeat Stichera A
"Come let us rejoice...")

Verse 4:

From the morning watch until night from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.

Stichera B

Τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ

When the Lord Jesus was born of the holy Virgin, all things were enlightened.
 Yet while the shepherds were abiding in the field, while the Magi did worship, while the angels sang praises, Herod was troubled. For God hath appeared in the flesh, the Saviour of our souls.

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Stichera C

'Ἡ βασιλεία σου Χριστέ

Kingdom, O Christ God, is the Kingdom of all the ages, and Thy sovereignty is in every generation and generation. Incarnate of the Holy Spirit and become man of the Ever-virgin Mary, Thou hast shined light upon us by Thy coming, O Christ God. O Light of
Light, Ful-`gence of the Fa- ther, Thou hast made all cre-
- ation di- ant. Ever-y breath prais-
eth Thee, the Ex- press Im-age of the Fa- ther’s glo-

O Thou Who art, and hast ev-
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made___ by_________ Thee, each of - fer - eth______ Thee__

___ thanks - giv - - - ing. Thē An-gels of - fer Thee____

_ the________ hymn; the Heav-ens,__ the star; the Ma - - - gi,

their__ gifts; the shep - - herds,____ their__ won - - - der;   the
earth, her cave; the wilderness, the manger; and we offer Thee a Virgin Mother. O God, Who wast before the ages, have mercy on us.