

December 24th

Paramon of the Nativity of Christ

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 6
Special Melody: *Ye angelic hosts*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih



1) O thē un - told myst' - ries, tran - scend - ing un - der - stand - ing!
2) *Come, at length, O Is - ra - el, slow of heart and stub - born,*
3) O bright Sun, my Son, — how in swad - dling bands to hide Thee?
4) *Shout in ju - bi - la - tion with new songs, O ye shep - herds;*



God is born on earth — for the sake of His com - pas - sion,
cast a - way the cloud — that thus hath thy soul en - shroud - ed,
How with milk to feed — Thee, Who feed - est all cre - a - tion?
cast a - way the books — of — your mag - ic, O ye Ma - gi;



and with a ser - vant's im - age He doth
and come to know — thy Mak - er, Who is
How shall I hold — Thee in my hands, Who
ye moun - tains and — ye hills, sprin - kle down



wrap — Him - self round a - bout, that from
born — in a lit - tle cave: He, thē
hold - - - est the u - ni - verse? How shall
great — and ex - ceed - ing joy; come, ye



ser - vi - tude un - to thē a - - - li - en He may
Ex - pec - ta - tion of the Na - tions, Him - self shall
I with - out fear gaze on Thee, — up - on Whom the
daugh - ters of the kings on this, — the re - joic - ing

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wrest all them__ that cry out with most__ fer - vent love:
 set a - side__ thy feast - days; for thou__ wilt not cry:
 man - y - eyed__ as - sem - blies do not__ dare to gaze?
 of the The - o - to - kos; let us__ peo - ple say:

7 **Un. G**

Bless - ed art Thou, O Sav - ior Christ, thē
 Be - hold, the King of Is - ra - el is
 Thus spake thē un - wed Vir - gin Maid while
 Bless - ed art Thou Who hast__ been born, our

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on - - - ly true Friend__ of__ man.___
 come__ to us, e - - - ven__ Christ.___
 hold - ing Christ in__ her__ arms.___
 God,__ glo - ry be__ to__ Thee.___