

December 24th
Paramon of the Nativity of Christ
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 6
Special Melody: *Ye angelic hosts*

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G clef, common time, and Byzantine Tone 6. The lyrics are integrated with the music, with some words underlined to indicate stress or duration. The staves are labeled with letters C, G, and E above them.

1) O thē un - told mys - tries, tran-scend-ing un - der-stand - ing!

God is born on earth for the sake of His com - pas - sion,

and with a ser - vant's im - age he doth

wrap__ Him - self round a - bout, that from ser - vi - tude un -

- to thē a - li - en He may wrest all them__ that cry out

with most__ fer - - - vent__ love:

Bless - ed art Thou, Un. O Sav - ior Christ,

thē on - ly true_ Friend_ of man.

C

2) Come, at length, O Is - ra - el slow of heart and stub - born,
cast a - way the cloud that thus hath thy soul en - shroud - ed,

G

and come to know thy Mak - er, Who is
born in a lit - tle cave: He, the Ex - pec - ta - tion

E

of the Na - tions, Him - self shall set a - side thy feast-days;
for thou wilt not cry:

Un.

Behold, the King of Is - ra - el

E

is come to us, e - ven Christ.

C

3) O bright Sun, my Son, how in swad-dling bands to hide Thee?

G

How with milk to feed Thee, Who feed - est all cre - a - tion?

How shall I hold Thee in my hands, Who

hold - est the u - ni - verse? How shall I with - out fear

gaze on Thee, up - on Whom the man - y eyed__ as - sem - blies

E

do not____ dare____ to____ gaze?

Thus spake the un - wed Vir - gin Maid

while hold - ing Christ in____ her arms.____

C

4) Shout in ju - bi - la - tion with new songs, O ye shep - herds;
cast a - way the books of your mag - ic, O ye Ma - gi;

G

ye moun - tains and ye hills, sprin - kle down

great and ex - ceed - ing joy; come, ye daugh - ters of the

kings on this, the re - joic - ing of the The - o - to - kos;

E

let us peo - ple say:

Un.

Bless - ed art Thou Who hast been born,

G

our God, glo - ry be to Thee.

E