# The First Antiphon

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Your wonders known.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

They are sought out according to His will.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!



Refrain:









# **The Second Antiphon**

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

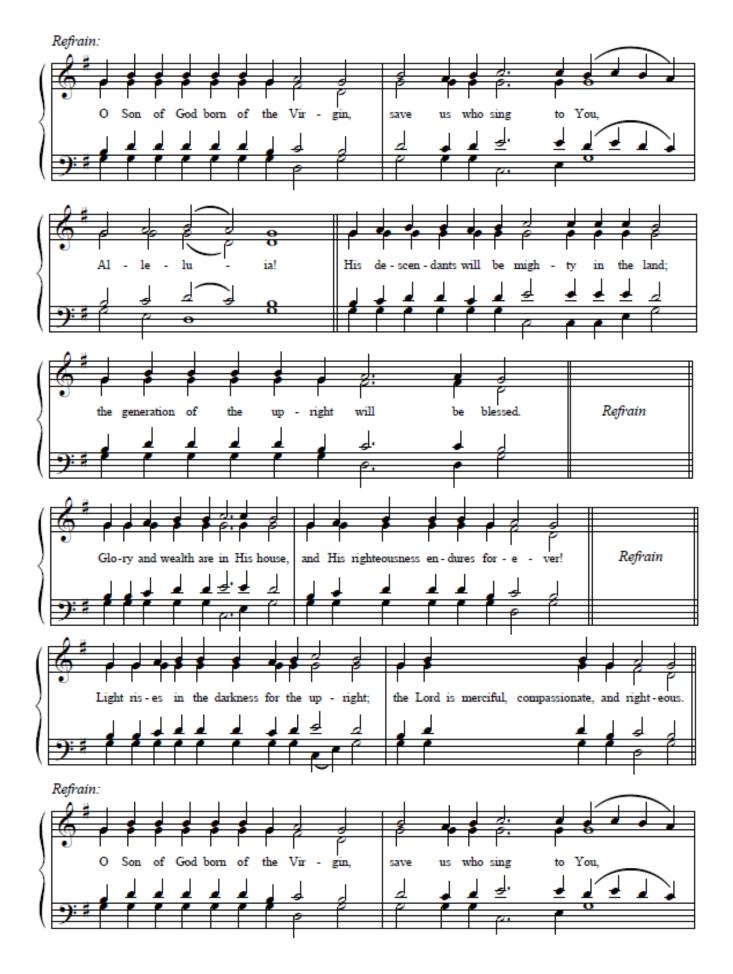
Refrain:O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

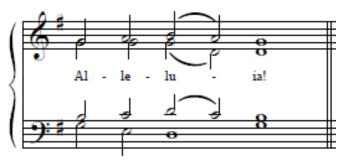
*Refrain:* O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia! Glory and wealth are in His house, and His righteousness endures forever.

Refrain:O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate and righteous.

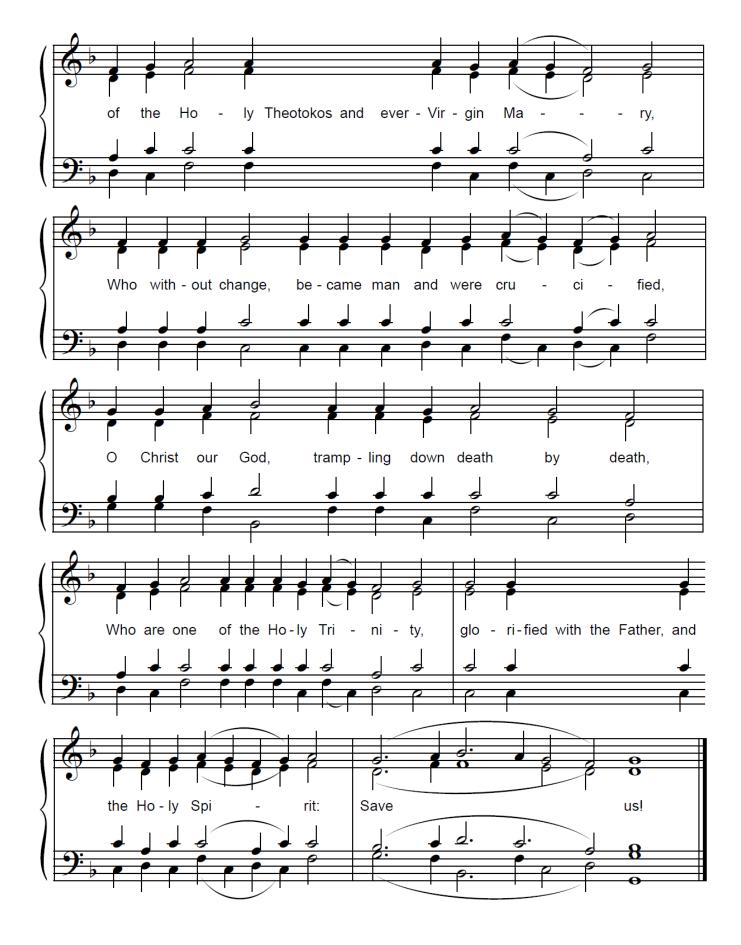
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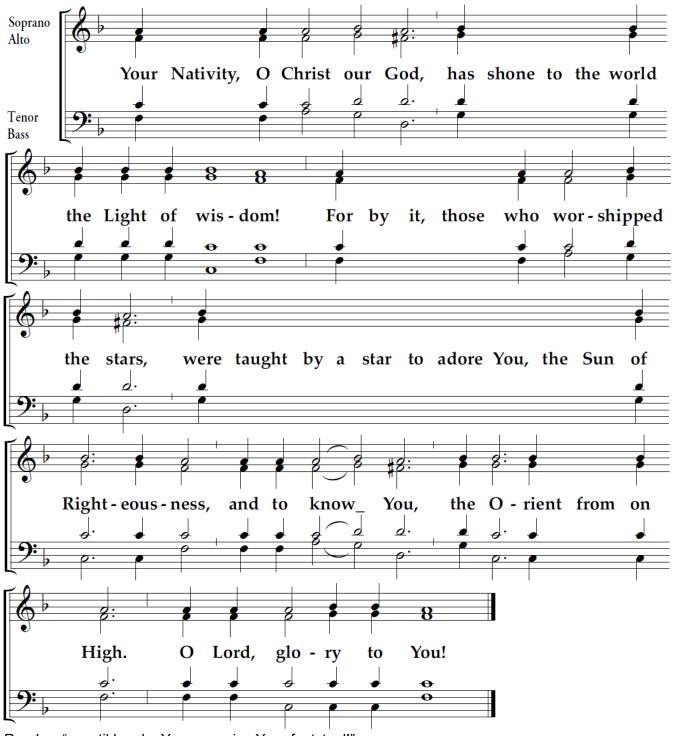
# **The Third Antiphon**

*Reader:* The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand..."

#### Tone 4

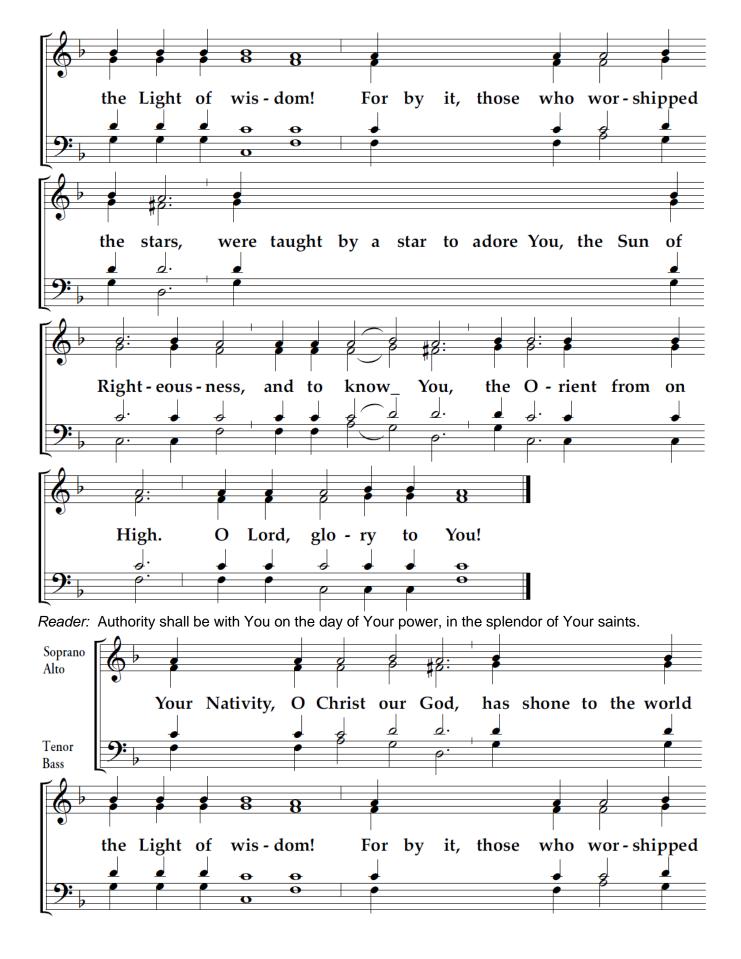
Troparion

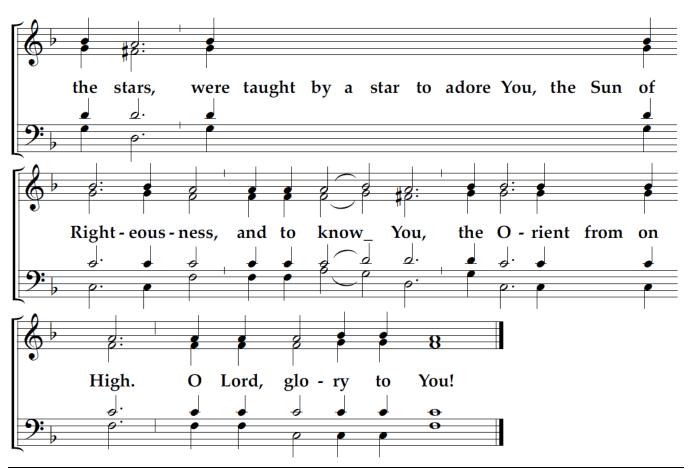
Your Nativity, O <u>Christ</u> our God, has shone to the world the light of <u>wis</u>dom! For by it, those who <u>wor</u>shipped the stars, were taught by a star to a<u>dore</u> You, the Sun of <u>right</u>eousness, and to know You, the <u>Or</u>ient from on high.// O Lord, <u>glo</u>ry to You!



Reader: "...until I make Your enemies Your footstool!"







# Introit (Entrance) Verse

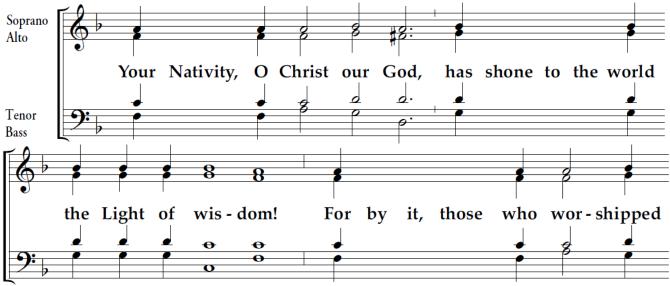
*Priest:* Wisdom! Let us attend! "Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten You." The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

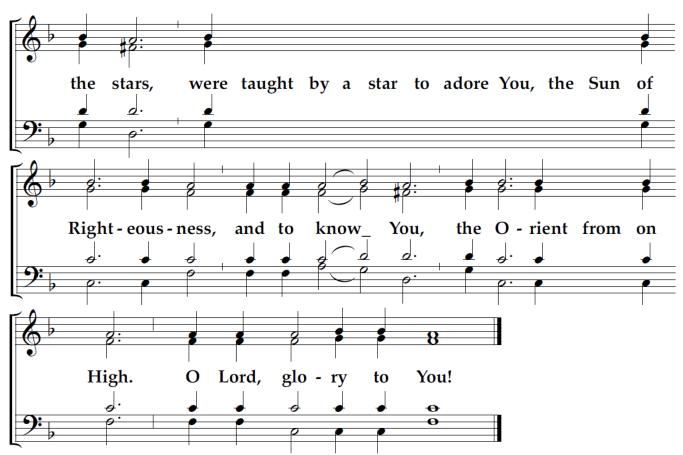
### Tone 4

#### Troparion

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and to know You, the <u>Or</u>ient from on high.// O Lord, <u>glo</u>ry to You!





Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen.

# Tone 3

### Kontakion

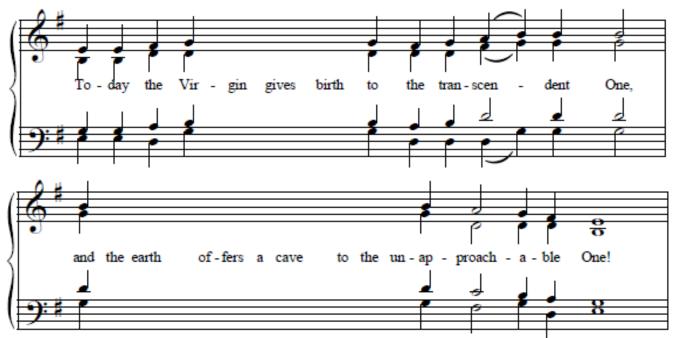
Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,

and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One.

Angels with shepherds glorify Him;

the Wise Men journey with the star,//

since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

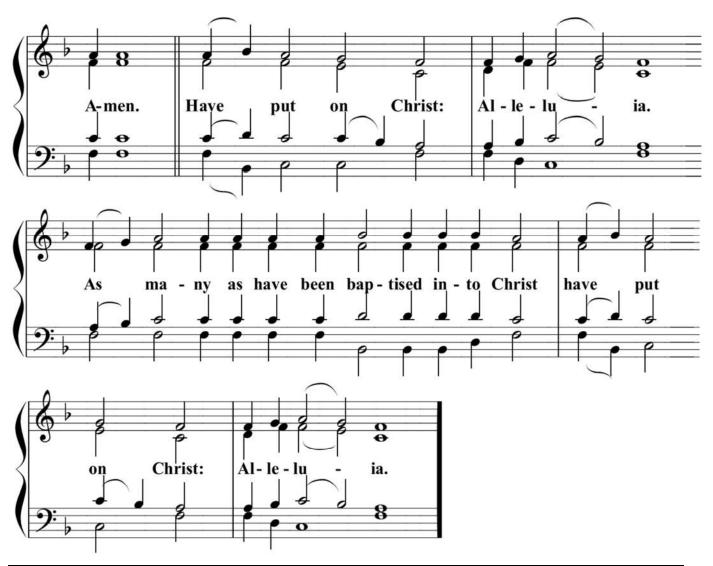




# (Instead of the Trisagion)

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!



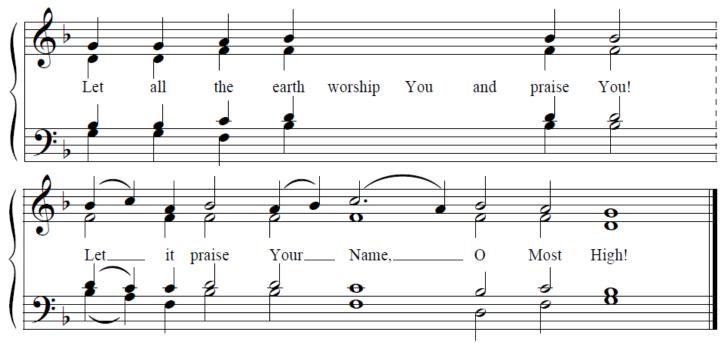


### Tone 8

Prokeimenon

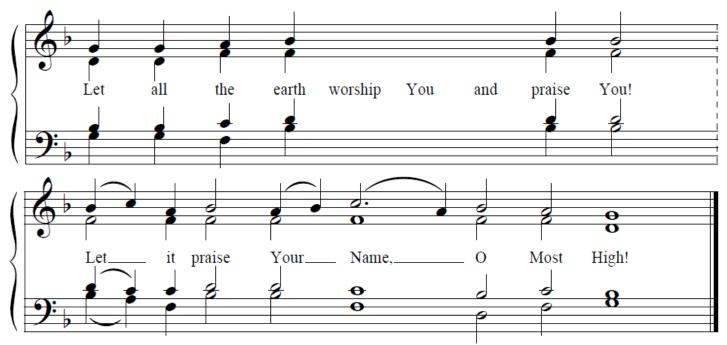
*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone, Let all the earth worship you and praise you! Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!

Choir: Let all the earth worship you and praise you! / Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!

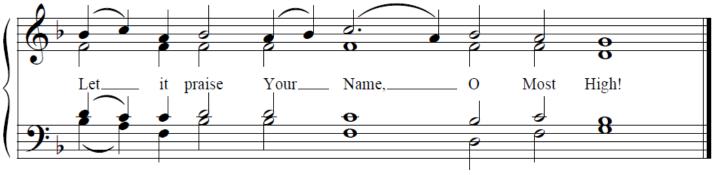


*Reader:* Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name! Give glory to His praise!

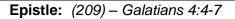
Choir: Let all the earth worship you and praise you! / Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!



*Reader:* Let all the earth worship you and praise you ... *Choir:* Let it praise Your Name, O Most High!



Priest: Wisdom!

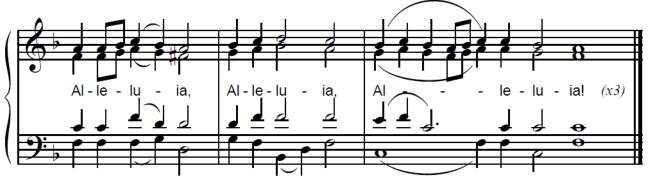


# *Reader:* The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians. *Priest:* Let us attend!

Brothers and sisters, when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that he might redeem those who were under the law and so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" Now you are no longer slaves, but children; and if you are children, then you are heirs of God through Christ.

Priest: + Peace be to you!

*Reader:* And to your spirit! In the First Tone, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



*Reader:* The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. *Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia!



*Reader:* Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declare knowledge. *Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Gospel:** (3) – Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.



### Deacon: Let us attend!

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying:

"Where is he who is born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and we have come to express adoration to him." When King Herod heard about this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Christ would be born. They replied, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is written through the prophet:

You Bethlehem, land of Judah, are in no way least among the rulers of Judah: for out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

Then Herod privately called the wise men, and learned from them exactly what time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and express adoration to him."

After listening to the king, they continued on their journey and behold, the star which they had seen in the east was going ahead of them, until it came and stood over the place where the young child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with tremendous joy. Entering the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and expressed adoration to him. Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. But having been warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they returned to their own country using another way.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.



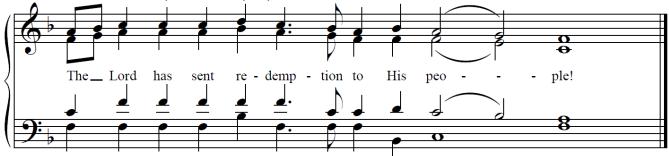
Hymn to the Theotokos

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.



# Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)

The Lord has sent redemption to His people. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



- 1. I will confess You, O Lord, with my whole heart in the council of the upright and in the congregation.
- 2. Great are the works of the Lord, sought out in all the things that He has willed.
- 3. Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abides unto ages of ages.
- 4. He made a remembrance of His wonderous deeds; merciful and compassionate is the Lord; He has given food to them that fear Him.
- 5. He will be mindful forever of His covenant; the power of His works has He declared unto His people.
- 6. That He may give them the inheritance of the nations; the works of His hands are truth and judgement.
- 7. Faithful are all His commandments, confirmed unto ages of ages, made in truth and uprightness.
- 8. He has sent redemption to His people, He has enjoined His covenant forever; holy and terrible is His name.
- 9. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and all they that foster this have a good understanding.
- 10. His praise abides unto ages of ages.
- 11. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

