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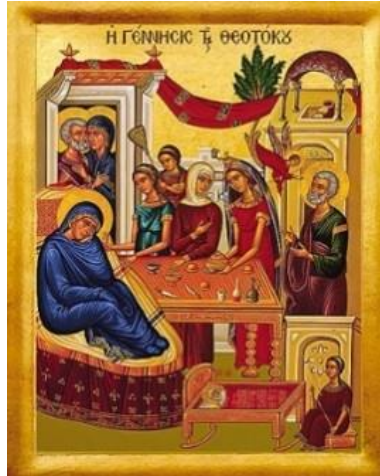


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The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

ميلاد ربنا و مخلصنا يسوع المسيح

Christ is  
Born  
Glorify  
Him



المسيح  
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فمجدوه

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## Festal Orthros on December 25

### The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

#### KATAVASIAS OF THE FIRST CANON OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE ONE

<p><b>Ode 1.</b> Christ is born, glorify Him. Christ is come from heaven, receive Him. Christ is on earth, be ye elevated. Sing to the Lord, all the earth; and ye nations, praise Him with joy; for He hath been glorified.</p>	<p><b>1-</b> الْمَسِيحُ وُلِدَ فَمَجِّدُوهُ، الْمَسِيحُ أَتَى مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ فَاسْتَقْبِلُوهُ، الْمَسِيحُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ فَارْتَفِعُوا، رَتِّلِي لِلرَّبِّ أَيُّهَا الْأَرْضُ كُلُّهَا، وَيَا شُعُوبَ سَبِّحُوهُ بِابْتِهَاجٍ لِأَنَّهُ قَدْ تَمَجَّدَ.</p>
<p><b>Ode 3.</b> Let us cry unto the Son, born of the Father before the ages without transubstantiation, Christ God Who hath been incarnate in these last days of the Virgin, without seed, shouting, O Thou Who hath elevated our state, Thou art holy, O Lord.</p>	<p><b>3-</b> لِنَصْرُحْ نَحْوِ الابْنِ الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْأَبِ قَبْلَ الدَّهْرِ بِدُونِ اسْتِحَالَةٍ، الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ الَّذِي تَجَسَّدَ فِي آخِرِ الْأَزْمِنَةِ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ هَاتِفِينَ: يَا مَنْ رَفَعَ شَأْنَنَا، قَدُوسٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبِّ.</p>
<p><b>Ode 4.</b> O praised Christ, a stem hath come out of Jesse, and from it hast sprouted a Flower from a dense and shadowed mountain, O immaterial God, coming incarnate from the Virgin that hath not known man. Glory, therefore, to Thy might, O Lord.</p>	<p><b>4-</b> أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْمُسَبَّحُ، لَقَدْ خَرَجَ قَضِيبٌ مِنْ أَصْلِ يَسَّى، وَمِنْهُ قَدْ نَبَتَتْ زَهْرَةٌ مِنْ جَبَلٍ مُظَلَّلٍ مُدْغِلٍ، أَيُّهَا الْإِلَهُ الْمُنْتَزَهُ عَنِ الْهَيُولِيِّ، فَاتَّيْتِ مُتَجَسِّدًا مِنَ الْبَتُولِ الَّتِي لَمْ تَعْرِفْ رَجُلًا، فَالْمَجْدُ لِقُدْرَتِكَ يَا رَبِّ.</p>
<p><b>Ode 5.</b> Since Thou art the God of peace and the Father of mercies, O Lover of mankind, Thou didst send to us the great Messenger of Thy mind, granting us Thy peace. Therefore, have we been led aright to the light of divine knowledge, glorifying Thee as we come out of darkness.</p>	<p><b>5-</b> أَيُّهَا الْمُجِيبُ الْبَشَرِ، بِمَا أَنْتَ إِلَهُ السَّلَامِ وَأَبُ الْمَرَاحِمِ، فَقَدْ أُرْسَلْتَ لَنَا رَسُولٌ رَأَيْكَ الْعَظِيمِ، مَا نَحْنُ إِلَّا نَا سَلَامَكَ، وَلِذَا إِذْ قَدْ اهْتَدَيْنَا لِنُورِ الْمَعْرِفَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ، فَحُنْ نَدْلُجْ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ مُمَجِّدِينَ لَكَ.</p>
<p><b>Ode 6.</b> The sea-monster did disgorge Jonah from its belly, as it received him safely like a fetus. As for the Word, when He dwelt in the Virgin, taking from her a body, He was born, preserving her without corruption, and without transubstantiation, preserving His Mother without harm.</p>	<p><b>6-</b> إِنَّ الْحَوْتَ الْبَحْرِيَّ قَدْ قَدَفَ مِنْ أَحْشَائِهِ يُونَانَ، كَمَا تَقَبَّلَهُ سَالِمًا نَظِيرَ الْجَنِينِ، وَأَمَّا الْكَلِمَةُ فَلَمَّا حَلَّ فِي الْبَتُولِ وَاتَّخَذَ مِنْهَا جَسَدًا، وُلِدَ حَافِظًا إِيَّاهَا بِدُونِ فَسَادٍ وَلَمْ تَلْحَقْهُ اسْتِحَالَةٌ، وَحَفِظَ وَالِدَتَهُ بِدُونِ مَضْرَةٍ.</p>
<p><b>Ode 7.</b> The youths having grown together in true worship, despising the command of the infidel, were not dismayed by the threat of fire; but were singing as they stood in the midst of the flames: Blessed art Thou, God of our fathers.</p>	<p><b>7-</b> إِنَّ الْفِتْيَةَ إِذْ قَدْ نَشَأُوا مَعًا عَلَى حُسْنِ الْعِبَادَةِ، مُزْدَرِينَ بِأَمْرِ الْمُلْجِدِ، لَمْ يَجْزَعُوا مِنْ وَعِيدِ النَّارِ، لِكِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُرْتَلُونَ وَهُمْ قَائِمُونَ فِي وَسْطِ اللَّهْبِ: مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا.</p>
<p><b>Ode 8.</b> We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord. Verily, the dewy furnace did shadow the sign of the supernatural wonder; for it burned not the youths whom it received, as the fire of divinity also burned not the womb of the Virgin in which it dwelt. Wherefore, let us offer praise with song, saying: Let all creation praise the Lord, exalting Him evermore, to the end of ages.</p>	<p><b>8 -</b> نُسَبِّحُ وَنُبَارِكُ وَنَسُجُدُ لِلرَّبِّ. إِنَّ الْأَتُونَ النَّدِيَّ قَدْ صَوَّرَ رَسْمَ الْعَجَبِ الْفَائِقِ الطَّبِيعَةِ. لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يُحْرَقِ الْفِتْيَةَ الَّذِينَ تَقَبَّلَهُمْ، كَمَا أَنَّ نَارَ الْلاهِوتِ لَمْ تُحْرَقْ أَيْضًا مُسْتَوْدَعِ الْبَتُولِ الَّذِي حَلَّتْ فِيهِ. لِذَلِكَ فَلْنُسَبِّحْ مُتَرْتِمِينَ وَقَاتِلِينَ: لِثُبَارِكِ الْخَالِيقَةَ بِأَسْرَهَا الرَّبِّ، وَلْتَرُدَّهُ رَفْعَةً مَدَى الدَّهْرِ.</p>

<p>Ode 9. Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath laid Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.</p>	<p>9- عَظْمِي يَا نَفْسِي مَنْ هِيَ أَكْرَمُ قَدْرًا، وَأَرْفَعُ مَجْدًا مِنَ الْأَجْنَادِ الْعُلُويَّةِ. إِنِّي أَشَاهِدُ سِرًّا عَجِيبًا مُسْتَعْرَبًا، الْمَغَارَةَ سَمَاءً وَالْبَتُولَ عَرْشًا شَارُوبِيمِيًّا، وَالْمَدْوَدَ مَحَلًّا شَرِيفًا، الَّذِي اتَّكَأَ فِيهِ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، غَيْرُ الْمَوْسُوعِ فِي مَكَانٍ، فَلْنُسَبِّحْهُ مُعْظَمِينَ.</p>
<p><i>THE EXAPOSTEILARION OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE</i></p>	
<p>From the heights our Savior, Christ, * the Dayspring of the East, is come * to visit us; and we, who once * were in the shadow and the dark, * behold, now we have found the truth; * for from a holy Virgin, * the Lord hath been born today. (THRICE)</p>	<p>لَقَدْ افْتَقَدْنَا مِنَ الْعُلَى مُخْلِصُنَا * مِنْ مَشْرِقِ الْمَشَارِقِ * فَنَحْنُ مَنْ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ وَالظَّلَالِ * قَدْ عَثَرْنَا عَلَى الْحَقِّ * بِمَوْلِدِ الرَّبِّ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ. (ثلاثاً)</p>
<p><i>THE DOXASTICA OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST in Tone Six</i></p>	
<p><i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.</i> When it was time for Thy presence on earth, the first enrollment of the world took place. Then it was that Thou didst decide to enroll the names of men who believe in Thy Nativity. Yea, that commandment did issue forth from Caesar, since the everlastingness of Thine eternal kingdom hath been renewed. Wherefore, we offer what is better than moneyed tax; namely, Orthodox theological sayings to Thee, O God, Savior of our souls.</p>	<p>الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ، وَالْإِبْنِ، وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّسِ. الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ. لَمَّا حَانَ أَوَانٌ حُضُورِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، حَدَثَ اكْتِتَابُ الْمَسْكُونَةِ الْأُولَى. فَحِينِيذِ أَرْمَعْتَ أَنْ تَكْتُبَ أَسْمَاءَ الْبَشَرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِمَوْلِدِكَ. فَقَدْ صَدَرَ ذَلِكَ الْأَمْرُ مِنْ قَيْصَرَ، إِذْ إِنَّ مَمْلَكَتَكَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ تَجَدَّدَتْ أَرْلِيَّتُهَا. لِذَا نَحْنُ نَقْدِّمُ مَا هُوَ أَفْضَلُ مِنَ الْجَزِيَّةِ الْمَالِيَّةِ، أَعْنِي الْأَقْوَالِ اللَّاهُوتِيَّةِ، الْمُسْتَقِيمَةَ الرَّأْيِ، لَكَ أَيُّهَا الْإِلَهُ الْمُخْلِصُ نَفُوسَنَا.</p>
<p><i>THE GREAT DOXOLOGY IN TONE TWO</i></p>	
<p>Glory to Thee, Who hast shown us the Light; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.</p>	<p>الْمَجْدُ لَكَ يَا مُظْهِرَ النُّورِ، الْمَجْدُ لِلَّهِ فِي الْعَلَاءِ، وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وَفِي النَّاسِ الْمَسْرَةَ.</p>
<p>We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory.</p>	<p>نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُحَمِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ.</p>
<p>O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْمَلِكُ، السَّمَاوِيِّ، الْإِلَهُ، الْآبُ الضَّابِطُ الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْإِبْنُ الْوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحَ الْقُدُّسَ.</p>
<p>O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; O Thou Who takest away the sins of the world.</p>	<p>أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهُ، يَا حَمَلَ اللَّهِ يَا ابْنَ الْآبِ، يَا رَافِعَ خَطِيئَةِ الْعَالَمِ ارْحَمْنَا، يَا رَافِعَ خَطَايَا الْعَالَمِ.</p>
<p>Receive our prayer, O Thou Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.</p>	<p>تَقَبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنَا أَيُّهَا الْجَالِسُ عَنْ يَمِينِ الْآبِ وَارْحَمْنَا.</p>
<p>For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>	<p>لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، فِي مَجْدِ اللَّهِ الْآبِ، آمِينَ.</p>
<p>Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever.</p>	<p>فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أَبَارِكُكَ، وَأُسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَإِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِ.</p>
<p>Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.</p>	<p>أَهْلِنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.</p>
<p>Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen.</p>	<p>مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهُ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمَمَجَّدٌ اسْمُكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، آمِينَ.</p>
<p>Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in Thee.</p>	<p>لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا نَقُولُ أَوْجُوهَنَا عَلَيْكَ.</p>
<p>Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes. (Thrice)</p>	<p>مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلِّمْنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)</p>

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.	يا رَبُّ مَجْجاً كُنْتُ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنِّي قَدْ خَطَيْتُ إِلَيْكَ.
Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.	يا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ لَجَأْتُ فَعَلَّمْنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ، لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهِي.
For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.	لِأَنَّ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ عَيْنَ الْحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورِ.
O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (Thrice)	فَأَبْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ. قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا. (ثَلَاثًا)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:	الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ.
Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.	الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.	قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.	قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.
<b>APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR</b>	
Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.	مِيلَادُكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا قَدْ أَطْلَعَ نُورَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، لِأَنَّ السَّاجِدِينَ لِلْكَوَاكِبِ، بِهِ تَعَلَّمُوا مِنَ الْكُوكَبِ السُّجُودَ لَكَ يَا شَمْسَ الْعَدْلِ، وَأَنْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنَّكَ مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْعُلُوِّ أَتَيْتَ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.
<b>Festal Divine Liturgy Variables on December 25 The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ** Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom **</b>	
<i>NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.</i>	
<b>Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.</b>	الشماس: مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَثْرُوبُولِيَّةِ بُولْسَ وَالْمَطْرَانَ يُوْحَنَّا وَقَلِّ أَسْرِهِمَا وَعَوْدَتِهِمَا سَالِمِينَ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>THE FIRST ANTIPHON</b>	
I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Thy wonders. In the council of the upright, and in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord. <b>Refrain:</b> Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. They are sought out in all the things that He hath willed. Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. ( <b>Refrain</b> ) Glory... Both now... ( <b>Refrain</b> )	أَعْتَرِفُ لَكَ يَا رَبُّ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِي، وَأُحَدِّثُ بِجَمِيعِ عَجَائِبِكَ. فِي مَجْلِسِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ وَفِي مَجْمَعِهِمْ، عَظِيمَةٌ هِيَ أَعْمَالُ الرَّبِّ. <b>(اللازمة)</b> بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلْصِنَا. مُدْبِرَةٌ طَبَقًا لِكُلِّ مُرَادِهِ بِهَا. صُنْعُهُ الْإِعْتِرَافُ وَعِظَمُ الْجَلَالِ، وَعَدْلُهُ <b>(اللازمة)</b> يَدُومُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. الْمَجْدُ ..... الآنَ ..... <b>(اللازمة)</b>

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

Blessed is the man that fears the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who was born of the Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory and riches shall be in his house, and His righteousness abides unto ages of ages. (**Refrain**)

There has risen up in darkness a light for the upright; he is merciful and compassionate and righteous. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

طَوْبَى لِلرَّجُلِ الَّذِي يَتَّقِي الرَّبَّ وَيَهْوَى وِصَايَاهُ جَدًّا. تَكُونُ ذُرِّيَّتُهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُقْتَدِرَةً.

(اللازمة) خَلَصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ يَا مَنْ وُلِدَ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلْلُوبِيَا.

الْمَجْدُ وَالغِنَى فِي بَيْتِهِ، وَعَدْلُهُ يَدُومُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. (اللازمة)

أَشْرَقَ النُّورُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ، النُّورُ يُشْرِقُ فِي الظُّلَامِ لِلأَبْرَارِ، لِأَنَّهُ الرُّؤُوفُ وَالرَّحِيمُ وَالصِّدِّيقُ. (اللازمة)  
المجدُ ..... الآنَ ..... يا كلمة الله الإبنَ الوحيدِ ...

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِرَبِّي: اجْلِسْ عَنْ يَمِينِي حَتَّى أَجْعَلَ أَعْدَاءَكَ مَوْطِنًا لِقَدَمَيْكَ. عَصَا قُوَّةٍ يُرْسِلُ لَكَ الرَّبُّ مِنْ صِهْيُونَ. مَعَكَ الرِّبَاسَةُ فِي يَوْمِ قُوَّتِكَ، فِي بَهَاءِ قَدَيْسِيكَ.

• *During the Little Entrance, sing:*

**APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

مِيلَادُكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا قَدْ أَطْلَعَ نَوْرَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، لِأَنَّ السَّاجِدِينَ لِلْكَوَاكِبِ، بِهِ تَعَلَّمُوا مِنَ الْكَوَكِبِ السُّجُودَ لَكَ يَا شَمْسَ الْعَدْلِ، وَأَنْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنَّكَ مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْعُلُوِّ أَتَيْتَ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**

From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent; thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

مِنَ الْبَطْنِ قَبْلَ كَوْكَبِ الصُّبْحِ وُلِدْتُكَ، حَلَفَ الرَّبُّ وَلَنْ يَنْدَمَ، أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْكَاهِنُ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ عَلَى تَرْتِيبِ مَلْكِيسَادَق. خَلَصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ وُلِدَ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلْلُوبِيَا.

*Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*  
**APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

مِلَادُكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا قَدْ أَطْلَعَ نَوْرَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، لِأَنَّ السَّاجِدِينَ لِلْكَوَاكِبِ، بِهِ تَعَلَّمُوا مِنَ الْكَوَكِبِ السُّجُودَ لَكَ يَا شَمْسَ الْعَدْلِ، وَأَنْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنَّكَ مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْعُلُوِّ أَتَيْتَ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

- Do not sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

**KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE**

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; \* to the Unapproachable, \* the earth doth offer a small cave; \* Angels join in choir with shepherds \* in giving glory; \* with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; \* for our sakes is born a young Child, \* He Who existed \* before the ages as God.

الْيَوْمَ الْبَتُّوْلُ تَلِدُ الْفَائِقَ الْجَوْهَرَ، وَالْأَرْضُ تُقَرِّبُ الْمُغَارَةَ لِمَنْ هُوَ غَيْرُ مُقْتَرَبٍ إِلَيْهِ. الْمَلَائِكَةُ مَعَ الرُّعَاةِ يُمَجِّدُونَ، وَالْمَجُوسُ مَعَ الْكَوَكِبِ فِي الطَّرِيقِ يَسِيرُونَ، لِأَنَّهُ قَدْ وُلِدَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا صَبِيٌّ جَدِيدٌ، الْإِلَهُ الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدَّهْرِ.

**THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (Sung in place of "Holy God")**

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِالْمَسِيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ. الْمَسِيحُ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلَلُويَا. (ثَلَاثًا)  
**الجوقة:** الْمَجْدُ لِأَبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.  
 الْمَسِيحُ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلَلُويَا.  
**قُوَّةٌ!**

أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِالْمَسِيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ. الْمَسِيحُ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلَلُويَا.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Shout with joy to God, all the earth.*

**The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:4-7)**

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

لِيَسْجُدَ لَكَ كُلُّ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ وَيُرْتَلُوا لَكَ.  
 هَلَّلُوا لِلَّهِ يَا جَمِيعَ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ  
**فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرِّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَالَطِيَّةِ**  
 يَا إِخْوَةَ، لَمَّا حَانَ مِلْءُ الزَّمَانِ، أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ ابْنَهُ مَوْلُودًا مِنْ امْرَأَةٍ، مَوْلُودًا تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِيَقْتَدِيَ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِنَنَالَ النَّبِّيِّ.  
 وَبِمَا أَنْتُمْ أَبْنَاءُ، أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ رُوحَ ابْنِهِ إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ صَارِحًا: «يَا أَبَا الْآبِ». فَلَسْتَ بَعْدُ عَبْدًا بَلِ ابْنًا، وَإِنْ كُنْتَ ابْنًا فَأَنْتَ وَارِثٌ لِلَّهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ.

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:1-12)**

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتِّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ**

لَمَّا وَلَدَ يَسُوعُ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ فِي أَيَّامِ هِيرُودُسَ الْمَلِكِ، إِذَا مَجُوسٌ قَدْ أَقْبَلُوا مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ إِلَى أورشَلِيمَ قَائِلِينَ: أَيَّنَ الْمَوْلُودِ مَلِكِ الْيَهُودِ؟ فإِنَّا رَأَيْنَا نَجْمَهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ، فَوَافِينَا لِنَسْجُدَ لَهُ \* فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ هِيرُودُسَ الْمَلِكِ اضْطَرَبَ هُوَ وَكُلُّ أورشَلِيمَ مَعَهُ \* وَجَمَعَ كُلَّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَكُتَبَةَ الشَّعْبِ، وَاسْتَحْبَرَهُمْ أَيَّنَ يُوَلَدُ الْمَسِيحِ \* فَقَالُوا لَهُ "فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ، لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَدْ كُتِبَ بِالنَّبِيِّ: وَأَنْتَ يَا بَيْتَ لَحْمِ أَرْضِ يَهُودَا، لَسْتَ بِصَغُرَى فِي رُؤَسَاءِ يَهُودَا، لِأَنَّهُ مِنْكَ يَخْرُجُ الْمُدَبِّرُ الَّذِي يَرْعَى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ" \* حِينَئِذٍ دَعَا هِيرُودُسُ الْمَجُوسَ سِرًّا وَتَحَقَّقَ مِنْهُمْ زَمَانَ النَّجْمِ الَّذِي ظَهَرَ \* ثُمَّ أَرْسَلَهُمْ إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمِ، قَائِلًا: انْطَلِقُوا وَابْحَثُوا عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ بِنَدِيقٍ، وَمَتَى وَجَدْتُمُوهُ، فَأَخْبِرُونِي لِكَيْ آتِي أَنَا أَيْضًا وَأَسْجُدَ لَهُ \* فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا مِنَ الْمَلِكِ، ذَهَبُوا، فَإِذَا النَّجْمُ الَّذِي كَانُوا رَأَوْهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ يَتَقَدَّمُهُمْ، حَتَّى جَاءَ وَوَقَّفَ فَوْقَ الْمَوْضِعِ الَّذِي كَانَ فِيهِ الصَّبِيِّ \* فَلَمَّا رَأَوْا النَّجْمَ فَرِحُوا فَرَحًا عَظِيمًا جِدًّا، وَأَتَوْا إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، فَوَجَدُوا الصَّبِيَّ مَعَ مَرْيَمَ أُمِّهِ، فَخَرُّوا سَاجِدِينَ لَهُ، وَفَتَحُوا كُنُوزَهُمْ وَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ هَدَايَا مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلَبَانٍ وَمَر \* ثُمَّ أَوْجِي إِلَيْهِمْ فِي الْحِلْمِ أَنْ لَا يَرْجِعُوا إِلَى هِيرُودُسَ، فَانْصَرَفُوا فِي طَرِيقٍ أُخْرَى إِلَى بِلَادِهِمْ.

**MEGALYNARION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

*Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts.*

I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath laid Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.

عَظْمِي يَا نَفْسِي مَنْ هِيَ أَكْرَمُ قَدْرًا، وَأَرْفَعُ مَجْدًا مِنَ الْأَجْنَادِ الْعُلُويَّةِ.

إِنِّي أَشَاهِدُ سِرًّا عَجِيبًا مُسْتَعْرَبًا، الْمَغَارَةَ سَمَاءَ وَالتَّبَوَّلَ عَرْشًا شَارُوبِيمِيًّا، وَالمِدْوَدَ مَحَلًّا شَرِيفًا، الَّذِي انْكَأَ فِيهِ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، غَيْرَ الْمَوْسُوعِ فِي مَكَانٍ، فَلِنُسَبِّحْهُ مُعْظَمِينَ.

**KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE EIGHT**

The Lord hath sent redemption to His people. Alleluia.

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلَ الرَّبُّ فِدَاءً لِشَعْبِهِ، هَلْلُويَا.

- After Communion, instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Festal Apolytikion: "Thy Nativity, O Christ."

**THE DISMISSAL**

Priest: May He Who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.