

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST  
O BETHLEHEM PREPARE**

December 20 to 23

Fourth Tone (Soft Chromatic)

N. Takis, Melody: Κατεπλάγη Ἰωσήφ

Ο Beth - le - hem pre - pare, E - den is o - pened up for  
all; and Eph - ra - tha, take heed, make your - selves read - y and  
pre - pare; the Tree of Life has bloomed forth from the Ho - ly  
Vir - \_\_\_ gin; and from her ho - ly womb, spir - i - tual  
Par - \_\_\_ a - dise, where - in is found to grow the di - vine,  
res - \_\_\_ cu-ing Tree, and as we eat there - of we shall \_\_\_ all  
live, and shall not die as did Ad - am. For Christ is  
born \_\_\_ now to raise the im - age that had fall - en be-  
fore - \_\_\_ \_\_\_ hand. \_\_\_