

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

December 20 to 23

Fourth Tone (Hard Chromatic)

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 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-prepare; 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.