

ANTIPHONS FOR THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

December 25, *Sundays from December 25 to 31.*

First Antiphon (Psalms 110, LXX), *Verses in Second Tone:*

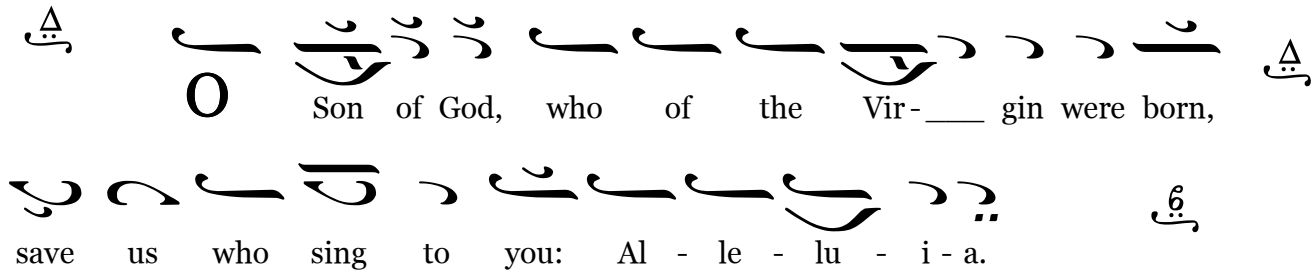
1. I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.
2. The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.
3. His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

Refrain: Through the Intercessions...

Second Antiphon (Psalm 111, LXX), *Verses in Second Tone:*

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments.
2. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Refrain:


O Son of God, who of the Vir-___gin were born,
save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - i - a.

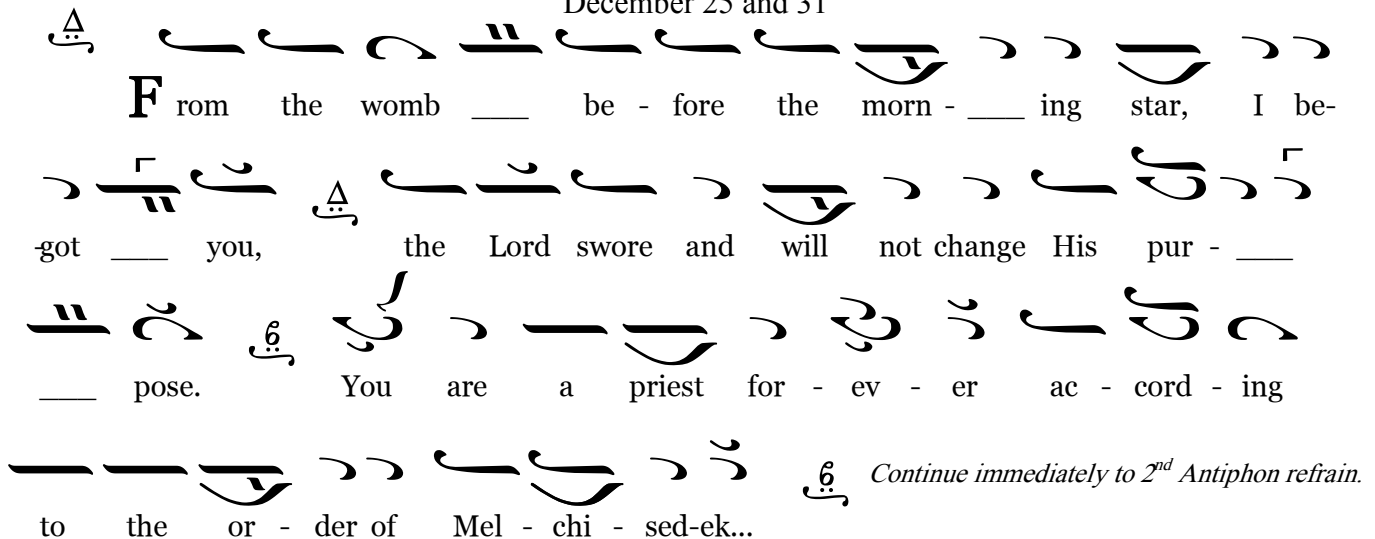
Third Antiphon (Psalm 109, LXX), *Verse (Intone in Grave Tone):*

The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Chant the Apolytikion of the Nativity of Christ. Then...

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN FOR THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

December 25 and 31


From the womb ___ be - fore the morn - ___ing star, I be-
got ___ you, the Lord swore and will not change His pur - ___
___ pose. You are a priest for - ev - er ac - cord - ing
to the or - der of Mel - chi - sed-ek... *Continue immediately to 2nd Antiphon refrain.*

On the feast, segue immediately to the 2nd antiphon refrain above, "O Son of God, Who of the Virgin were born....," or on the leave-taking, segue immediately to the standard 2nd antiphon refrain, "O Son of God, Who arose from the dead...."

Repeat the Apolytikion of the Nativity of Christ and other apolytikia, if any..