

Sunday after Christmas & St. Stephen

FIRST ANTIPHON:

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with all my heart;

I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the company and assembly of the just,

great are the works of the Lord;

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Majestic and glorious are His works,

His justice stands firm forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

SECOND ANTIPHON:

Happy the man who fears the Lord,

who delights in all His commands.

**O Son of God, born of a virgin,
save us who sing to You: Alleluia**

His posterity will be powerful on earth;

the children of the upright are blessed.

**O Son of God, born of a virgin,
save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glory and wealth are in His house;

His justice stands firm forever.

O Son of God, born of a virgin...

*Then, before the Third Antiphon (below) we sing "Slava
Otcu...Jedinorodny Syne..]"*

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

O Son of God, born of a virgin, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

O Son of God, born of a virgin, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

For God is a great Lord,
and a great king over all the earth.

O Son of God, born of a virgin, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

Tropar Tone 4:

Your birth, O Christ our God, * has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; * for through it, those who worshipped the stars * have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, * and to recognize You as the Orient From On High. * Glory be to You, O Lord.”

Tropar Tone 2:

O Joseph, announce to David, ancestor of Christ * the good news of these wonders you have seen: * a Virgin giving birth to a child. * With the shepherds you have glorified Him; * with the wise men you have worshipped Him; * and an angel appeared to you. * Ask Christ to save our souls.

Tropar Tone 4:

O First-martyr and Apostle of Christ, * you fought the good fight. * You exposed the perversion of the persecutors; * for when you were killed by stoning at the hands of wicked men * you received a crown

from the Right Hand on High, * while you cried out to God, saying: *
“O Lord, do not charge this sin against them.”

Kontakion Tone 3:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; /
Today, David, beloved of God is filled with joy * Joseph and James
offer hymns of praise; * their joy is the crown of relationship with
Christ. * They sing praise to Him Who was wondrously born: * and
they cry out: “O merciful Lord, save those who honor You!”

Kontakion Tone 3:

Now and ever and forever. Amen; /
Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence * and the earth offers a
cave to the Inaccessible. * The angels sing His glory with the
shepherds; * the wise men journey with the star, * for there is born for
us an Infant Child, God Eternal.

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Prokimenon Tone 4:

God is wondrous in His saints; the God of Israel.

*v. In the churches bless God the Lord, from the
well-spring of Israel.*

Alleluia Tone 4:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*v. O Lord. remember David and all the hardships
he endured.*

*v. The oath he swore to the Lord, his vow to the
Strong One of David.*

Instead of "Dostojno jest... It is truly proper.. we sing:

O MY SOUL, EXTOL CHRIST THE KING BORN IN A CAVE.

I contemplate a divine and marvelous mystery: heaven has become a cave; the throne of Cherubim, a virgin; and the manger and honorable place in which lays Christ God, the Incomprehensible. Let us praise and extol Him.

Communion Verse:

Exult you just in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

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