

Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God

(Dec. 26th)

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.

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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.”

Kontakion Tone 6:

Glory be: Now and ever:

Before the dawn of time * He was begotten of the Father and without a mother. * Now on earth He becomes a man without a father, * being virgin-born from you, O Mother of God. * Therefore a star announces the good news to the Wise Men, * while the angels and shepherds sing the glory of your giving birth, * O Woman Full of Grace!

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Prokimenon: Tone 3:

My soul extols the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

v. Because He has looked upon His lowly servant, from this day forward all generations shall call me blessed.

Alleluia Tone 8:

v. Go up, Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your strength.

v. The Lord swore an oath to David; He will not go back on His word.

INSTEAD OF "Dostojno jest....", we sing this:

O my soul, / O my soul, / extol the Most Holy Virgin
Mother of God, / who is more worthy of honor / than
the angels of heaven.

O Virgin, it would be better for us to keep an awesome and reverent loving silence than to try singing songs composed with such depth of feeling; but, O Mother of God, grant us the power to accomplish whatever is your desire.

O my soul.....

Communion verse:

The Lord has sent deliverance, to His people.
Alleluia!