

**Divine Liturgy Variables on September 08**  
**Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

REFRAINS OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

1. Lord, remember David and all his meekness. Lo, we heard of it at Ephrata; we found it in the fields of the wood.
2. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

1. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not turn from it. Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

*Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints;  
who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

2. There will I make the horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation.

## REFRAINS OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Here will I dwell, for I have desired it. The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS – TONE 4

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

### THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

DO NOT SING “WHEN THOU O LORD...”

### KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life. (cadence)

## THE EPISTLE

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (2:5-11)**

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name. That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)**

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But Jesus said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!"

## MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

*Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb.*

Verily, virginity, O Theotokos, is impossible for a mother, as birth-giving is impossible for virgins. Yet in thee hath the dispensation of both been accomplished. Wherefore, all we families of the earth ceaselessly bless thee.  
(cadence)

## KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
Alleluia.

# KOINONIKON

## Refrain:

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

I will take \_\_\_\_\_ the cup of sal - va - - - tion,

The musical score for the Refrain consists of two staves. The top staff is for Soprano and Alto, and the bottom staff is for Tenor and Bass. The music is in a minor key (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I will take \_\_\_\_\_ the cup of sal - va - - - tion,". The melody is simple and homophonic, with a long note under "take" and a dotted note under "tion".

and I will call up - on the name of the Lord.

The musical score for the second part of the Refrain consists of two staves. The top staff is for Soprano and Alto, and the bottom staff is for Tenor and Bass. The music is in a minor key (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "and I will call up - on the name of the Lord." The melody is simple and homophonic, with a long note under "up - on" and a dotted note under "Lord".

## Verses:

- (1) My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. (*Psalm 115:5*)
- (2) Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (*Psalm 115:6*)
- (3) O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid.  
Thou hast broken my bonds asunder. (*Psalm 115:7*)