

**Divine Liturgy Variables for Saturday, December 24, 2016  
Saturday before & Paramon (Eve) of the Nativity of Christ  
The Holy Righteous Martyr Eugenia & Her Companions**

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

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THE SECOND ANTIPHON

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THE THIRD ANTIPHON

APOLYTIKION FOR THE PARAMON OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

(\*\**Joseph was amazed*\*\*—soft chromatic)

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(cadence)

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## THE EISODIKON

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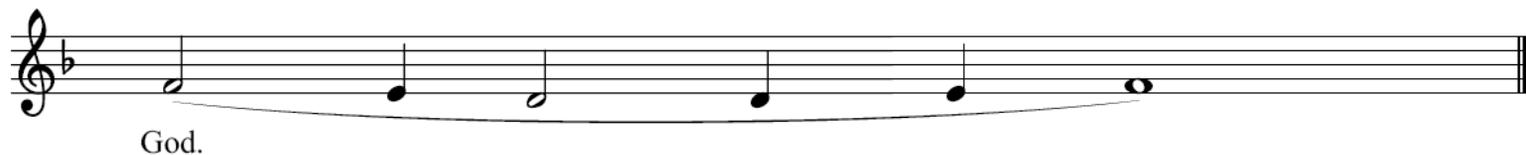
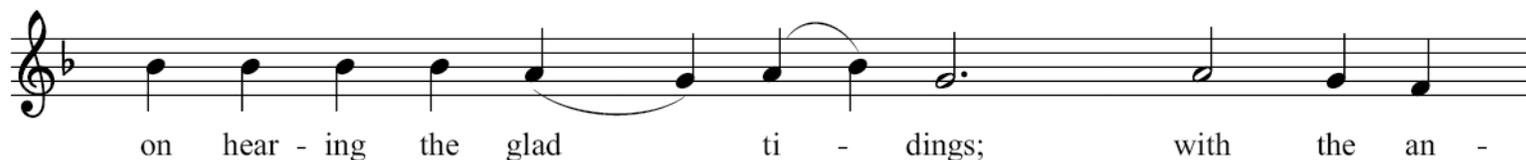
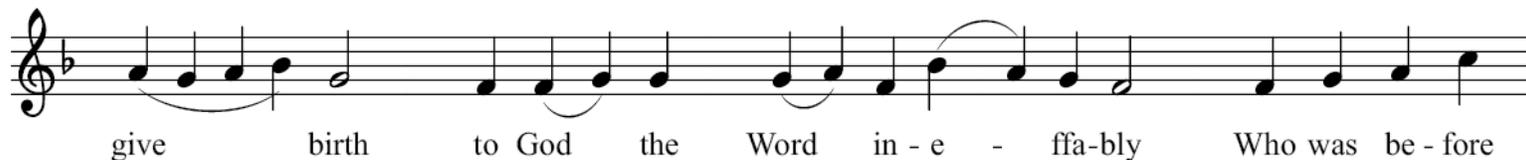
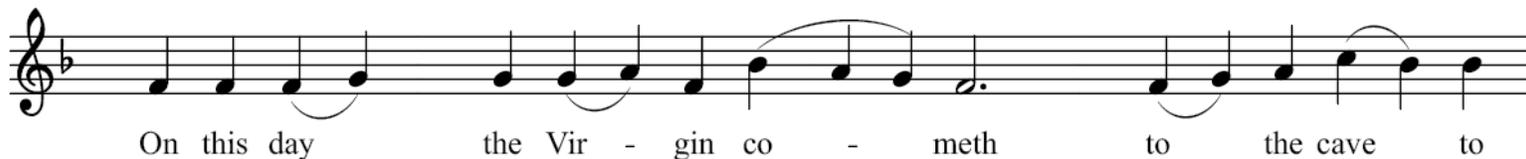
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### WHEN THOU O LORD...

# KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE



## THE EPISTLE

(For the Saturday before the Nativity)

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.*

*Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:8-12)**

Brethren, the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are men of faith are blessed with Abraham who had faith. For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them." Now it is evident that no man is justified before God by the law; for "He who through faith is righteous shall live"; but the law does not rest on faith, for "He who does them shall live by them."

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Saturday before the Nativity)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:18-29)**

The Lord said: "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again He said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened." He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And He said to them, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When the householder has risen up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying: 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Thy presence, and Thou didst teach in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!' There you will weep and gnash your teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out. And men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God."

THE SATURDAY KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) IN TONE EIGHT

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just. Alleluia.

*Pentecostarion*

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

*Psalm 32:1*

**Communion Hymn**

Byzantine Tone 8  
Arranged by Michael G. Farrow

Refrain:



Re - joi - ce in the Lord, O ye right - eous;



praise is meet for the up - right.

**Verses:**

- (1) Give praise to the Lord with the harp, chant unto him with the ten-stringed psaltery. (*Psalm 32:2*)
- (2) Sing unto Him a new song, chant well unto Him with jubilation. (*Psalm 32:3*)
- (3) For the word of the Lord is true, and all His works are in faithfulness. (*Psalm 32:4*)