

**SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 2015 – 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday before the Nativity of Christ – Sunday of the Genealogy**

**MATINS**

**“God is the Lord...”** with its stichoi in Tone 4. Then the **Troparia:**

**Tone 4** Troparion of the Resurrection Green Book page 8

“When the women disciples of the Lord ...”

**Glory ...**

**Tone 2** Troparion of the Sunday before the Nativity Sheet

“Great are the achievements of faith ...”

**Both now ...**

**Tone 4** Troparion of the Prefeast of the Nativity Sheet

“Make ready, O Bethlehem ...”

The **Kathismata** are from the Octoechos, Tone 4, with the verse on “Both now” of the Forefeast, as follows:

**First Kathisma**

The sayings of the Prophets are now being fulfilled, for in the days to come our God shall be born ineffably from Mary the Virgin; and He remaineth as He was before His birth. The Magi have been gathered, bearing their precious gifts. The shepherds abide in the fields. And we sing a hymn to Him: O Thou Who wast born of a Virgin, Lord, glory be to Thee!

**Second Kathisma**

The army of the Angels appearing silenced the song of shepherds’ pipes. And the Angel uttered, “Tarry not in the field now, O ye that shepherd the nurslings of the flocks. Cry out in exaltation, for Christ the Lord is born today, He that in truth hath been well pleased, as God, to save the race of mankind.”

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**Troparia of the Resurrection / Evlogetaria** are sung Matins booklet page 35

The **Hypakoë**, **Anabathmoi** and the **Prokeimenon** with its accompanying stichos are all from the Octoechos Tone 4.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Eothinon Gospel is read from the Holy Table.

**After the Gospel:**

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ ...” Matins booklet page 44

Psalm 50

Troparia following Psalm 50 Matins booklet page 46

The Intercession

The **Great Doxology** with the Troparion “Rising from the tomb ...”

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**DIVINE LITURGY**

**TYPICAL PSALMS AND BEATITUDES**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

**TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA**

<b>Tone 4</b>	Troparion of the Resurrection “When the women disciples of the Lord ...”	Green Book page 8
<b>Tone 4</b>	Troparion of the Prefeast of the Nativity “Make ready, O Bethlehem ...”	Sheet
<b>Tone 2</b>	Troparion of the Sunday before the Nativity “Great are the achievements of faith ...”	Sheet
	<b>Glory ...</b>	
<b>Tone 1</b>	Kontakion of the Sunday before the Nativity “Rejoice, O Bethlehem ...”	Sheet
	<b>Both now ...</b>	
<b>Tone 3</b>	Kontakion of the Prefeast of the Nativity “Today the Virgin comes to the cave ...”	Sheet

**PROKEIMENON** Tone 4

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, \* and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!  
v: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

**EPISTLE:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

**ALLELUIA**

v: We have heard with our ears, O God, and our fathers have told us.

v: For Thou hast saved us from those who oppose us, and hast put to shame those who hate us.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 1:1-25

**MEGALYNARION**

“It is truly meet ...”

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**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!