

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2019

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ • Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

MATINS

“**God is the Lord...**” with its stichoi in Tone 2. Then the **Troparia:**

Tone 2 Troparion of the Resurrection Green Book page 4

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 2, with the verse on “Both now” of the Forefeast of the Nativity, as follows:

First Kathisma

The sayings of the Prophets are being now fulfilled, for on the morrow our God shall be born ineffably of 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, O Lord, glory be to Thee!

Second Kathisma

The host of Angels appearing silenced the song of shepherds’ pipes. And the Angel called out, “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.”

Polieley is sung

Troparia of the Resurrection / Evlogetaria are sung

The **Hypakoë**, **Anabathmoi** and the **Prokeimenon** with its accompanying stichos are all from the Octoechos Tone 2.

The 5th Eothinon Gospel is read from the Holy Table.

After the Gospel:

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ ...”

Psalm 50

Troparia following Psalm 50

The **Intercession**

The **Magnificat / Megalynarion**

Little Litany

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

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

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Tone 4 Troparion of the Prefeast of the Nativity
"Make ready, O Bethlehem"

Tone 2 Troparion of the Sunday before the Nativity
"Great are the achievements of faith"

Tone 2 Kontakion of the Resurrection
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Tone 1 Kontakion of the Forefeast
"Rejoice, O Bethlehem"

Both now ...
Tone 3 Kontakion of the Eve of the Nativity
"Today the Virgin cometh to the cave"

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" / "Meet it is in truth" Folder

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!