

December 20th

Forefeast of the Nativity of our Lord Christ
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 6
The original melody



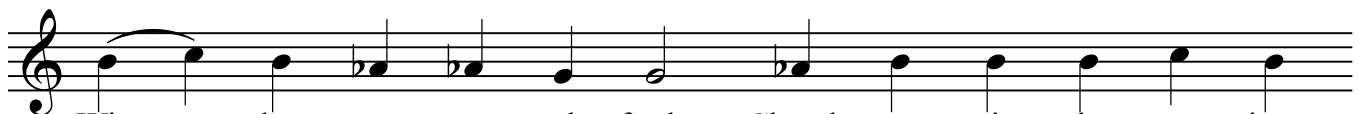
1) Ye an - gel - ic hosts, go ye on the way be - fore us;
2) *In the low - ly cave doth a - rise the star of Ja - cob.*
3) Let the hills and moun - tains drop sweet-ness; for be - hold ye,



ye that be in Beth - le - hem, make the man - ger read - y.
Come, let us ob - serve the Pre - fes - ti - val, ye faith - ful,
God doth come from Te - man; ye na - tions, be ye van - quished.



The Word of God is born; the Ho - ly
and hās - ten with the Ma - gi and with
Re - joice, be glad, ye Proph - ets; O ye



Wis - dom now com - eth forth. Church, re - ceive the greet - ing;
shep - herds join com - pa - ny; let us look on God Who
Pa - tri - archs, leap for joy; man - kind, dance to - geth - er



and up - on this re - joic - ing of the The - o - to - kos,
hath been swad - dled and on the Vir - gin that doth suck - le;
in di - vine joy; the great and might - y Prince and Rul - er



let us peo - - - ple cry:
O dread spec - - - ta - - - cle!
is born in the flesh.



Bless - ed art Thou Who art now come;
For now the King of Is - ra - el
The King of Heav - - - en, ē - ven Christ,



our God, glo - ry be to Thee.
is come to us, ē - ven Christ.
is come on thē earth to us.

(continue on with v. 4)

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4) Rais-ing mor - tals up from thē earth, the Mak - er com - eth

and a - gain re - new - eth His fair and roy - al im - age.

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Re - joice, ye hosts of Heav - en; O ye

pow - ers, sing hymns of praise. Bro - ken is the mid - dle

wall of en - mi - ty; He is come to what was laid up for Him;

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for Christ is now come;

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God is be - come a mor - tal man,

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the great King of Is - ra - el.

(continue on with v. 5)

5) Let us go to meet our Cre - a - tor, O ye faith - ful,
 com - ing to thē earth to dawn bright - ly from the Vir - gin.
 With vir - tues let us spar - kle and with
 pu - ri - ty let us shine, read - y - ing our - selves in
 joy and trem - bling to look on Christ be - come an in - fant
 with thē eyes of our mind;
 for He doth de - i - fy us men,
 a - bound - ing in kind - ness to us.