

On "God is the Lord," sing the Troparia as at Vespers on pages 96-99a of this book.

If this Sunday falls on December 18th or 19th, sing only the Kathismata of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

If the Sunday falls on December 20th - 24th, first sing the Kathismata of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and replace the "Both now and ever" of each Kathisma with the following:

For the first Kathisma, sing this: (Tone 6) "The sayings of the Prophets have now been fulfilled. For on the morrow, our God is born of the Virgin Mary in a manner surpassing speech, and remaineth as He was before His birth. The Magi gather, bearing gifts; the shepherds abide in the field; and we also sing: O Thou Who wast born of a Virgin, Lord, glory be to Thee."

For the second Kathisma, sing this: (Tone 8) "The song the shepherds played on their reed-pipes was stayed by a great angelic host, which called out to them, saying: Tarry not in the field now, O ye that shepherd the nurslings of the flocks; cry aloud singing praises, that Christ the Lord hath been born in Bethlehem, He that in truth hath been well pleased, as God, to save the race of mankind."

Then the Benedictions (Evlogetaria), unless this Sunday falls on December 24th, when they shall be omitted.

The Hypakoe, Anabathmoi and the Prokeimenon are for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and the Resurrectional Gospel will follow the Eothinon of the Sunday, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**.

The Katabasiae are from the Canon of the Nativity: "Christ is born, glorify him," and "More honorable" is done after the 8th Ode, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**.

For the Exaposteilaria:

If this Sunday falls on December 18th or 19th, sing the Exaposteilarion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by the one for the Fathers, "Verily, the chiefs of the Patriarchs," as on page 101 of this book, and conclude with the Theotokion in the Tone of the week.

If this Sunday falls on December 20th - 24th, sing the Exaposteilarion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, followed by the one for the Fathers, "Verily, the chiefs of the Patriarchs" and the one for the Preparation, "Rejoice, O Bethlehem," as on pages 101-102 of this book.

For the Praises, **on whichever date this Sunday falls**, sing four (4) for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week, and four for the Fathers in Special Tone 5, as on pages 103 to 107. Then sing "Glory" and "Verily, the collection...", in Tone 8, on Page 108, and "Both Now" and "Most blessed" as on page 109 of this book.

Now sing the "Great Doxology" in Tone 8 as on pages 235 - 238 in the Byzantine Matins Project by Kazan, and conclude with the Troparion "Today is salvation come unto the world," as on page 109 of this book.

Special melody: *Upon that mount in Galilee*

Ison
Ver - i - ly, the chiefs of the Pa - tri - archs and the
fa - thers be - fore the law did go be - fore,
gleam - ing with faith like the stars, name - ly
A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob; for all the Proph - ets and
right - eous ones were il - lu - mi - nat - ed
by them, since they were shin - ing
lamps, and by the rays
of their ven - er - at - ed proph - e - cy il -
lu - mi - nat - ed the
whole of dark cre - a - tion.

Re - joice, O Beth - le - hem, and thou, Eph - ra - tha,
make read - y; for the The - - - o -
- to - kos shall come to the cave and the man -
- ger to give birth in an in - ef - fa - ble
man - - ner to God. O what a
ter - ri - ble mys - ter - y, the myst' - ry of him who
com - eth be - fore A - bra - ham,
I - saac, and Ja - cob, the Pa - tri - archs, and all the
Proph - ets; and man - kind with thē an - gels shall cel - e -
- brate his Na - tiv - i - ty with di - vine re - joic - ing.

First sing 4 for the Resurrection, and then the following 4 Prosomia for the Fathers.

Verse 5 Fast

Praise him with the tim - brel and dance,

Slow

praise him with the stringed in - stru - ments and or - gans.

Prosomion 5 - Special Melody: *Rejoice*

In truth — raise thy voice, — O Zi - on,

di - vine — ci - ty of God, and

preach the di - vine — mem - - o - ry of — the

fa - thers, hon - our - ing with A - bra - ham, —

I - saac, and Ja - cob him of ev - er - last - ing mem - o - ry.

For lo! with Ju - dah and Le - vi we mag - ni - fy —

Mo - ses the great, and Aar - on the won - der - ful; and with

Da - vid we cel - e - brate the mem - o - ry of

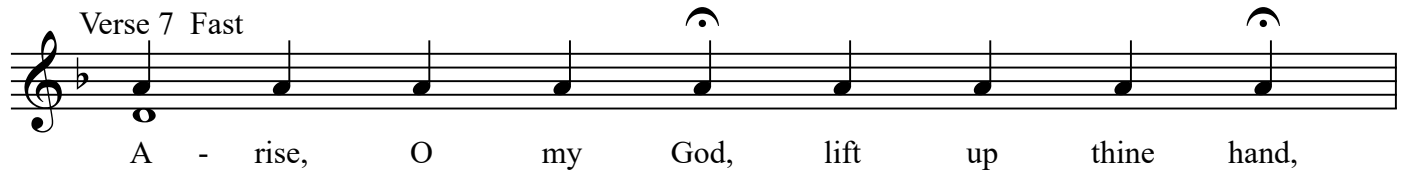
Josh - - u - a and Sam - u - el, in - vit - ing all with di -
- vine___ songs and di - vine___ praise to the
prep - a - ra - tion of the Na - tiv - i - ty of___
Christ, pray - ing to re - ceive___ his good - ness; for
he it___ is that grant - eth the
world___ the Great___ Mer - - - cy.

Verse 6 Fast

Praise him up - on the loud cym - bals,
praise him up - on the high sound - ing cym - bals; let
ev' - ry - thing that hath breath___ praise the Lord.

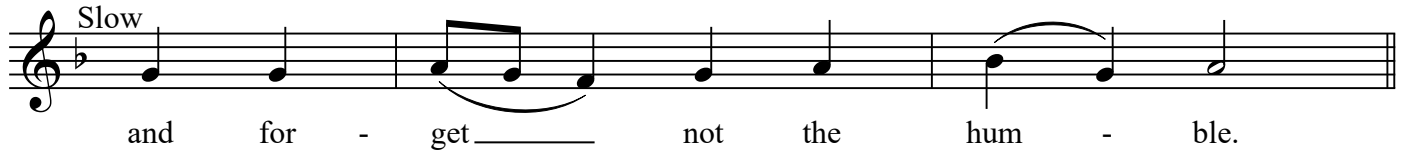
After singing Verse 6, repeat Prosimion 5.

Verse 7 Fast



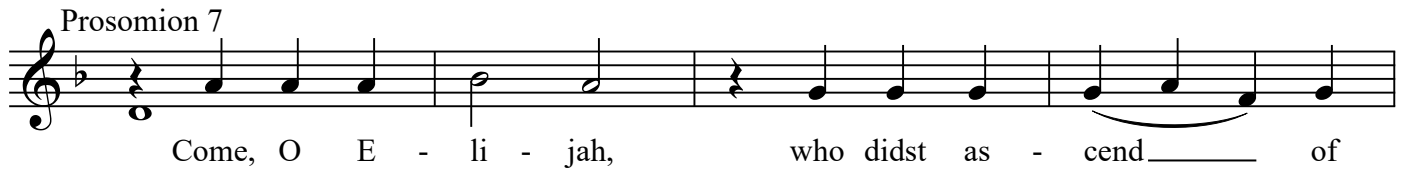
A - rise, O my God, lift up thine hand,

Slow

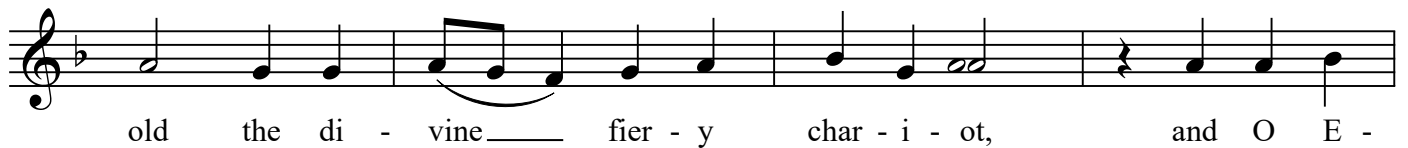


and for - get not the hum - ble.

Prosimion 7



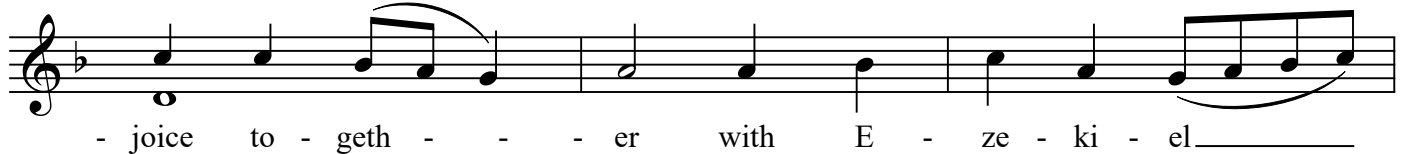
Come, O E - li - jah, who didst as - cend of



old the di - vine fier - y char - i - ot, and O E -



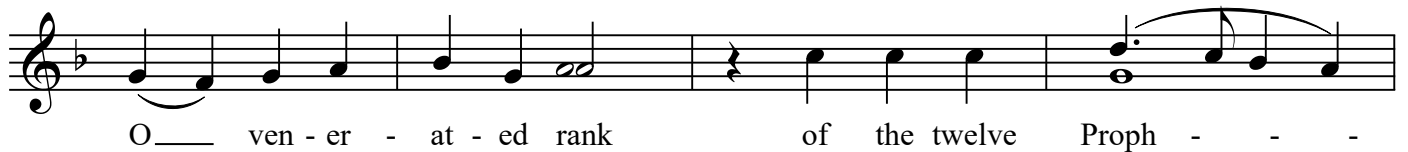
- li - sha of di - vine mind, and re -



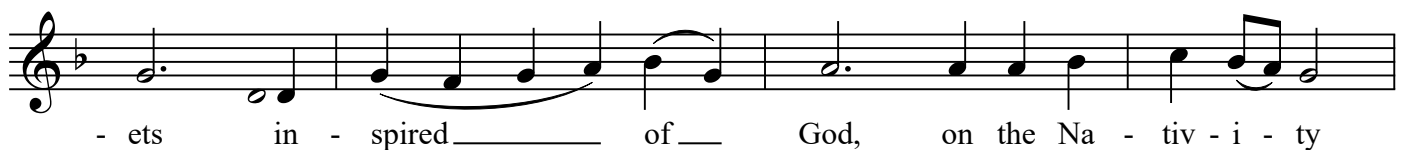
- joice to - geth - er with E - ze - ki - el



and Jo - si - ah. Yea, ex - change glad tid - ings with them,



O ven - er - at - ed rank of the twelve Proph -



- ets in - spired of God, on the Na - tiv - i - ty



of the Sav - iour. And all ye



right - eous ones, sing hymns. And ye all - be - at - i - fied_ youths



who quench the flames of the fur - nace with the dew of the



Spir - it, pray for us, plead - ing with_ Christ to



grant_ our souls the Great_ Mer - - - cy.

Verse 8 Fast



I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will



show all thy_ mar - vel - ous works.

Prosomeion 8



Ver - i - ly, she hath ap - peared_ on earth, the The - o -



- to - kos, who was pro - claimed_ from thē a - ges by the



words_ of the Proph - - - ets, and whom the wise



Pa - tri - archs and the rank of right - eous ones_

did__ fore - tell, with whom the come-li-ness of wom - en,
Sar - ah, Re - bec - ca, with glo - ri - ous Anne, and
Mar - - - - y, the sis - ter of Mo - ses,
shall___ ex-change glad__ tid - ings, and with them
shall re - joice thē ends___ of thē earth, and
all_____ cre - a - tion; for___ God___ shall___
come to be___ born in the___ flesh and
grant_____ the world the Great___ Mer - - - cy.

Very Slow

Glo - ry to the Fa - - - ther and to the Son, and
to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.
Ver - i - ly, the col - lec - tion of Mo - sa - ic teach - ings
mak - eth plain the di - vine Na - tiv - i - ty of Christ in the flesh
to those to whom was preached the grace be - fore the law,
hav - ing tran - scend - ed the law by faith.
Where - fore, since the Na - tiv - i - ty was the cause of sal -
- va - tion from cor - rup - tion, they fore - told thy Res - ur - rec - tion
to the souls im - pris - oned in Ha - des, O Lord,
glo - - - ry to thee.



Both now and ev - er, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.



Most bless - ed art thou, O Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, for through



him that was in - car - nate of thee is Ha - des despoiled,



Ad - am is re - called from the dead, the curse is made__ void,



Eve__ is set free, death is slain, and we are en - dowed__ with life.



Where - fore, in hymns of praise we cry a-loud: Bless - ed art thou, O



Christ__ our__ God, who is thus well__ pleased, glo - ry to thee.

*Now sing the "Great Doxology" in Tone 8 as on pages 235 - 238 in the Byzantine Matin Project by Kazan,
and conclude with the Troparion as below in Tone 8.*



To - day is sal - va - tion come un - to the world. Let us sing__



prais - es to him that a - rose__ from the grave; the au - thor of our



life; for hav - ing by death de - stroyed death, he hath giv - en us



vic - tor - y and Great Mer - cy.