

Katabasiae of the Nativity

1st Canon - Tone 1, Nov. 21-Dec. 24

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December 25
Nativity of our Lord
Basil Kazan

Ode 1

Christ is born, — glo - ri - fy — him. Christ hath come — from the
heav - ens, re - ceive him. Christ is on earth, be ye el - e - vat - ed.
Sing un - to the Lord, — all thē earth; and ye na - tions,
praise him with joy; for he — hath been glo - ri - fied.

Ode 3

Let us cry un - to the Son, born of the Fa - ther be -
- fore thē a - ges with - out — tran - sub - stan - ti - a - tion,
Christ God who hath been in - car - nate in these last days of the
Vir - gin, with-out seed, shout - ing, O thou who hath el - e -
- vat - ed our state, thou — art ho - ly, — O Lord.

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Ode 4

O praised— Christ, a stem hath come— out of
Jes - se, and from it hath sprout - ed a Flow'r from a
dense and sha - dowed moun - tain, O im - ma - ter - ia - al God,
com - ing in - car - nate from the Vir - gin that hath not— known
man. Glo - ry, there - fore, to thy might, O— Lord.

Ode 5

O thou— Lov - er of man - kind, since thou art the
God of peace and the Fa - ther of mer - cies, thou didst
send to us the great Mes - sen-ger of thy— mind, grant-ing us thy peace.
There - fore, have we been led a - right to the light of di - vine know - ledge,
glo - ri - fy - ing thee as we come out of dark - - - ness.

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Ode 6

The sea - mon - ster did dis - gorge Jon - ah from its bel - ly,
as it re - ceived him safe - ly like a fœ - tus. As for the
Word, when he dwelt in the Vir - gin, tak - ing from
her a bod - y, he was born, pre - serv - ing her with - out cor - rup - tion,
and with - out trans - sub - stan - ti - a - tion, pre -
- serv - ing his Moth - er with - out harm.

Ode 7

The youths hav - ing grown to - geth - er in true wor -
- ship, de - spis - ing the com - mand of thē in - fi - del, were not dis -
- mayed by the threat of fire; but were sing - ing as they stood in the
midst of the flames: Bless - ed art thou, God of our Fa - thers.

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Ode 8

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

Verily, the dewy furnace did shadow the

sign of the supernatural wonder; for it burned not the youths

whom it received, as the fire of divinity also

burned not the womb of the Virgin in which it dwelt.

Wherefore, let us offer praise with song, saying:

let all creation praise the Lord, exalting him

ever more, to the end of ages.

Priest/Deacon: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light, let us honor and magnify in song.