

December 18th - 24th

## The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ

### Exaposteilaria

*Note: The second Exaposteilarion is for the Forefeast,  
and is only chanted if this Sunday falls on the 20th-24th.*

Byzantine Mode 2

Special Melody: *Upon that mount in Galilee*



1) By faith, the Fa - thers ere\_\_\_ the Law shone bright as stars be -  
2) *Be glad, O lit - tle Beth - le - hem; Eph - ra - tha, make thou*



-fore - hand, those fore-most of\_\_\_ the Pa - tri - archs,  
*read - y; the The - o - to - kos now\_\_\_ doth come*



great A - bra - ham\_\_\_ and I - saac, and the il - lus - tri - ous  
*un - to the cave and man - ger to bring forth God past\_\_\_ all*




Ja - cob; for from them, all\_\_\_ the Proph - ets and all the  
*tel - ling. O myst' - ry dread and awe - some! this great, di -*



just\_\_\_ were set\_\_\_ a - fire like lamps blaz - ing\_\_\_ with splen - dour; and  
*- vine Na - tiv - i - ty, whose glad fore-feast is kept\_\_\_ by the*


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by the rays\_\_\_\_\_ of their hal - lowed proph - e - cies  
Pa - tri - archs\_\_\_\_\_ A - bra - ham and I - saac and

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they en - light - ened the whole cre - a - tion, which had been  
god - ly Ja - cob, and all the Proph - ets joy - ous - ly,

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shroud - ed with heav - y dark - ness.

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with An - gels and us mor - - tals.\_\_\_\_\_