


Paramon of the Nativity of Christ

Apolytikion


December 24

Byzantine Tone 4
Special Melody: *Joseph was amazed*

Ison adapted from the music of
Holy Transfiguration Monastery



Ison As the fruit of Da - vid's seed, Mar - y was reg - is - tered of old



with thē Eld - er Jo - seph in the lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem,



when she con - ceived with a seed - less and pure — con - cep - tion. Be -



- hold, the time was come that she should bear — her Child, but no place was



found with - in thē inn — for them; yet the cave proved a de - light - ful



pal - ace for the pure La - dy and Queen of all. For Christ is born —



now to raise thē im - age that had fall - en — a - fore - time.

Please note: In some places in the Antiochian Patriarchate, this hymn is sung using the hard chromatic version, or Palatine mode, of "Joseph was amazed." Properly, it should be done in this soft chromatic, Dismissal Hymn, version.