

September 8th

THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

First Antiphon

Traditional Russian (Znamenny) Chant

(A)

Through the in - ter - ces - sions of the The - o - to - kos,

O Sav - ior, save us.

Adapted by Michael G. Farrow
from the music of Frederick Karam (1926-1978)

(B)

Through the in - ter ces - sions of the The - o - to - kos, O

Sav - ior, save us.

V. 1: Remember, O Lord, David, and all his meekness. (Ps. 131:1) R.

V. 2: Lo, we have heard it in Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood. (Ps. 131:6) R.

V. 3: Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (Ps. 86:2) R.

V. 4: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning. (Ps. 45:5) R.

V. 5: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. R.

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Second Antiphon

Adapted by Michael G. Farrow
from the music of Albert Hazeem

(A)

O Son of God, Who art won-drous in the saints,
save us who sing un-to Thee: Al-le-lu-ia!

Adapted by Michael G. Farrow
from the music of Frederick Karam (1926-1978)

(B)

O Son of God, Who art won-drous in the saints,
save us who sing to Thee: Al-le-lu-ia!

V. 1: The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it. (Ps. 131: 11) R.

V. 2: Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne. (Ps. 131: 11) R.

V. 3: There will I make to spring forth a horn for David, I have prepared a lamp for My Christ. (Ps. 131: 18) R.

V. 4: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. R.

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The Entrance Hymn

Psalm 94:6

Adapted by Michael G. Farrow from the music of
Archpriest Dmitri V. Razumovsky (1818-1889)

Come, let us wor - ship and fall down be - fore

Christ! O Son of God, Who art won - drous
Who art ris - en

in the saints, save us who sing un - to Thee: Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

NOTE: If the feast falls on a Sunday, sing "Who art risen from the dead." Otherwise, sing "Who art wondrous in the saints."

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The Entrance Hymn

(BYZANTINE USE)

PRIEST: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ! (Psalm 94:6)

Adapted by Michael G. Farrow
from the music of Frederick Karam (1926-1978)

O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the saints,
Who art risen from the dead,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and some melodic lines. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

save us who sing to Thee: Al - le - lu - ia.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are "save us who sing to Thee: Al - le - lu - ia."

NOTE: If the feast falls on a Sunday, sing "Who art risen from the dead." Otherwise, sing "Who art wondrous in the saints."

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Troparion (A)

Based on Byzantine Tone 4

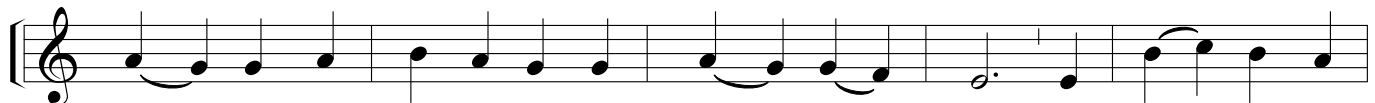
Adapted by Michael G. Farrow from the music
of Archpriest James C. Meena (1924-1995)




Ison
Thy na - tiv - i - ty, O The - o - to - kos, hath pro - claimed__




joy to the whole__ u - ni - verse; for from__ thee__ did



shine__ forth the Sun of jus - tice Christ__ our__ God, an - nul - ling the




curse and be - stow - ing the bless - ing, a - bol - ish - ing



death and__ grant - ing us__ life__ ev - er - last - ing.

When sung with final ending



grant - ing us__ life__ ev - er - last - ing._____

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Troparion (B)

Based on Byzantine Tone 4

Adapted by Michael G. Farrow from the music
of Archpriest James C. Meena (1924-1995)

Thy na - tiv - i - ty, O The - o - to - kos, hath pro - claimed _

joy to the whole _ u - ni - verse; for from _ thee _ did

shine _ forth the Sun of jus - tice Christ _ our _ God, an - nul - ling the

curse and be - stow - ing the bless - ing, a - bol - ish - ing

death and grant - ing us life ev - er - last - ing.

The image shows a musical score for a troparion. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains a series of chords, mostly triads and dyads, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff contains a series of notes, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beaming. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "death and grant - ing us life ev - er - last - ing." The hyphens in the lyrics indicate that the words are spread across multiple notes.

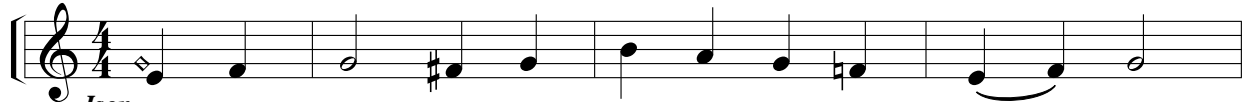
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Kontakion (A)


Byzantine Tone 4

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Ison

By thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty, O pure one,

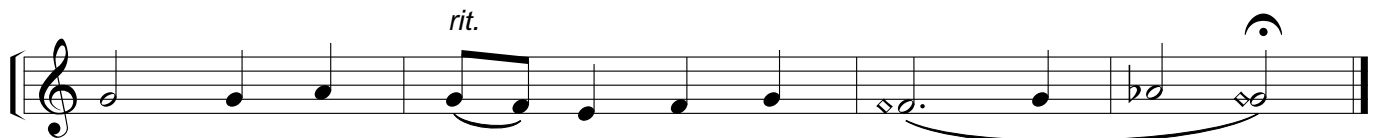

Jo - a - chim and Anne were de - liv - ered from the re -


proach of bar-ren - ness, and Ad - am and Eve were de - liv - ered from the cor -


rup - tion of death; thy peo - ple do cel - e - brate it,


hav - ing been saved from the stain of in - iq - ui - ty,


cry - ing un - to thee: "The bar - ren doth give birth to the The - o -

rit.

to - kos, who nour - ish - eth our life!"

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Kontakion (B)

Byzantine Tone 4

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of Archpriest James C. Meena (1924-1995)

By thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty, O pure one,

Jo - a - chim and Anne were de - liv - ered from the re -

proach of bar - ren - ness, and Ad - am and Eve were de - liv - ered from the cor -

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to - kos, who nour - ish - eth our — life!"

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Alleluia

Byzantine Tone 8

Arranged by Archpriest John D. Finley

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The music is written in a style characteristic of Byzantine chant, with a melodic line and a supporting bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Verses adapted by Michael G. Farrow from
the music of Archpriest John D. Finley

Verse 1

Ps. 44:9

Chanter

Heark-en, O daugh - ter, and see, and in-cline__ Thine__ ear.

The musical score for Verse 1 is a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in a style characteristic of Byzantine chant. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Verse 2

Ps. 44:11

The rich a - mong the peo - ple shall en - treat thy coun - te - nance.

The musical score for Verse 2 is a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in a style characteristic of Byzantine chant. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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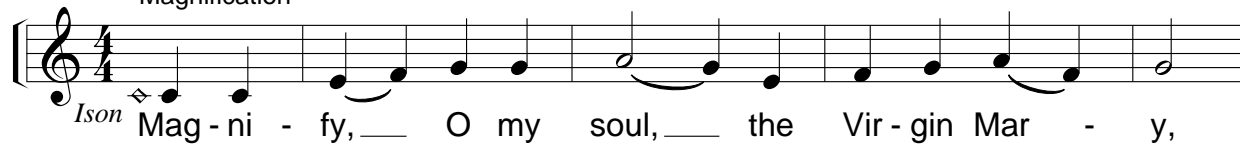
Hymn to the Theotokos (A)

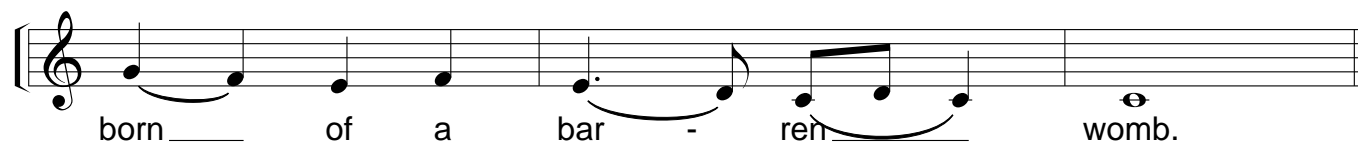
Byzantine Tone 8

Andantino ♩ = 100

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of Frederick Karam (1926-1978)

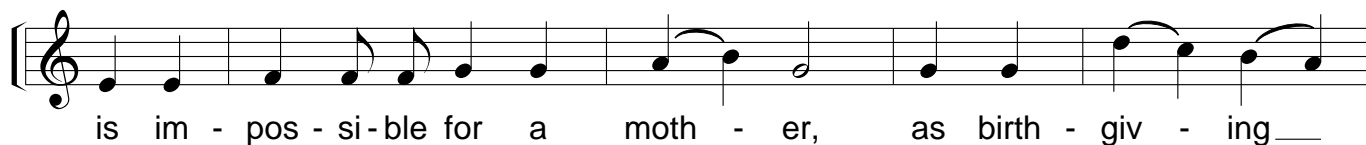
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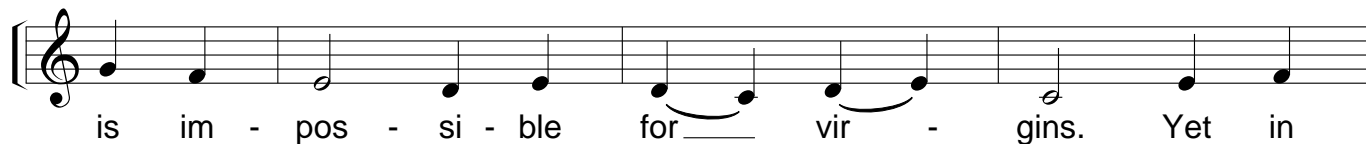
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 born of a bar - ren womb.

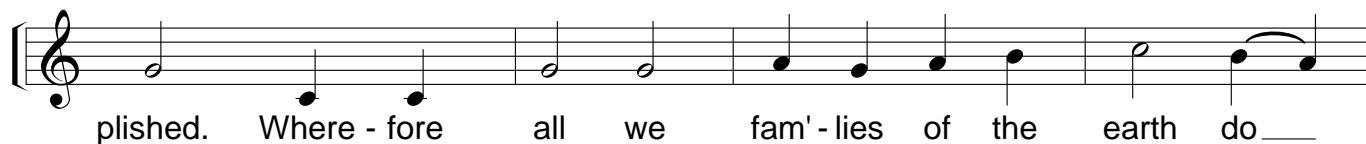
Heirmos of the 9th Ode

 Ver - i - ly, vir - gin - i - ty, O The - o - to - kos,

 is im - pos - si - ble for a moth - er, as birth - giv - ing

 is im - pos - si - ble for vir - gins. Yet in

 thee hath the dis - pen - sa - tion of both been ac - com -

 plished. Where - fore all we fam' - lies of the earth do

 cease - less - ly bless thee.

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Hymn to the Theotokos (B)

Byzantine Tone 8

Andantino ♩ = 100

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of Frederick Karam (1926-1978)

Magnification

Mag - ni - fy, — O my soul, — the Vir - gin Mar - y,

born — of a bar - ren — womb.

Heirmos of the 9th Ode

Ver - i - ly, vir - gin - i - ty, O The - o - to - kos,

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NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS - Hymn to the Theotokos (B) - 2

is im - pos - si - ble for vir - gins. Yet in

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Communion Hymn

Psalm 115:4

Byzantine Tone 8
Arranged by Michael G. Farrow

Refrain:

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

I will take the cup of sal - va - - - tion,

and I will call up - on the name of the Lord.

Verses:

- (1) My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. (*Psalm 115:5*)
- (2) Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (*Psalm 115:6*)
- (3) O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid.
Thou hast broken my bonds asunder. (*Psalm 115:7*)

Alleluia A

Soprano
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Alto
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Tenor
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Bass
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia B

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!