

Sunday before Nativity

Holy Fathers / Genealogy

Tone 8

Kievan

As we the faith - ful cel - e - brate to - day

The first line of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

the Fore - fa - thers mem - - - o - ry,

The second line of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first line. There is a fermata over the word 'mem' in the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

let us praise Christ the Re - deem - er and our King,

The third line of musical notation. It continues the melody. There is a fermata over the word 'er' in the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Who magnified them in the midst of all na - tions on earth

The fourth line of musical notation. It continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Some texts may have been adapted from Internet sources, the Antiochian Archdiocese and St John of Kronstadt Press.

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and through faith ac - com-plished strange and won - drous signs,

6

per - form - ing mar - vels and mir - a - cles,

7

since He is pow - - er - ful and strong,

8

and Who through them hath_ shown un - to us

9

that rod of pow - er_ proph - e - sies:

10

Ma - ry, the Child of God,

11

who a - lone had no ex - per - i - ence of man

12

and from whom came the Flow - er, the prom - ised Christ,

13

who sprouted life for all, in - ex - haus - ti - ble de-light, //

14

and our sal - va - tion to e - ter - ni - ty.

15

As in a gen - tle show - er a - midst the flame,

16

the Children of God re - joiced as they

walked a - midst the Spi - rit's dew;

17

and in the flame they mystically did

pre - fig - - ure the Tri - - - ni - - - ty

18

and the wondrous incarnation of Christ God;

19

since they were wise, by their faith in God

20

they quenched the power of the fire;

21

and righteous Daniel was also seen to muzz - le li - ons in the den.

22

Sincd Thou, O Friend of man, art entreated by their prayers in our be - half,

23

res - cue us all, O Savior, from the e - ter - nal fire

that naught can quench, and vouchsafe that we at-tain//

25

un - to Thy King-dom in the Hea - vens, O Lord.

26

When in the fur - nace of the bla - zing flame, Thy holy

28

and faith-ful Youths proved to be as in a cool, re-fresh-ing dew;

29

they did mystically por - tray that Thou wast to come

30

from a Virgin whom Thy bright - ness would not burn.

31

As for Thy coming the se - cond time in Thy dread glo - ry as God,

32

the won - drous Proph - et and right - eous man,

33

great Daniel, clearly hath foretold, when he cried out and said:

34

I beheld un - til the thrones were set in place

35

and the Judge sat for judgment; and then rushed

37

forth the river of that fire, from which may we be saved, //

38

by their entreaties, O our Master Christ.

39

Let us go be - fore, O na - tions,

40

and celebrate the Na - ti - - vi - ty of Christ.

41

and lift - ing our minds to Beth - le - hem,

42

let us as - cend with our con - scien - ces,

43

be - hold - ing with the thoughts of our hearts the ap - proach - ing Vir - gin,

44

giv - ing birth in the cave to the Lord of all, our God,

45

Whose stu - pen - dous wonders Jo - seph did be - hold,

46

while at the time he thought he was be - hold - ing

a man wrapped in swad - dling clothes,

47

but was as - sured__ from His works that He was the true_ God, //

48

grant-ing our souls_ the Great Mer - - - cy.

49

Let_ us go be - fore, O na - tions,

50

and celebrate the Na - ti - - vi - ty of Christ.

51

And lift - ing our minds to Beth - le - hem,

52

let us as - cend with our con - scien - ces

53

and be - hold the great Myst'ry that is in the cave;

54

for Eden hath tru - ly been o - - - - pened

55

by the com-ing forth of God from the spot-less Vir - gin,

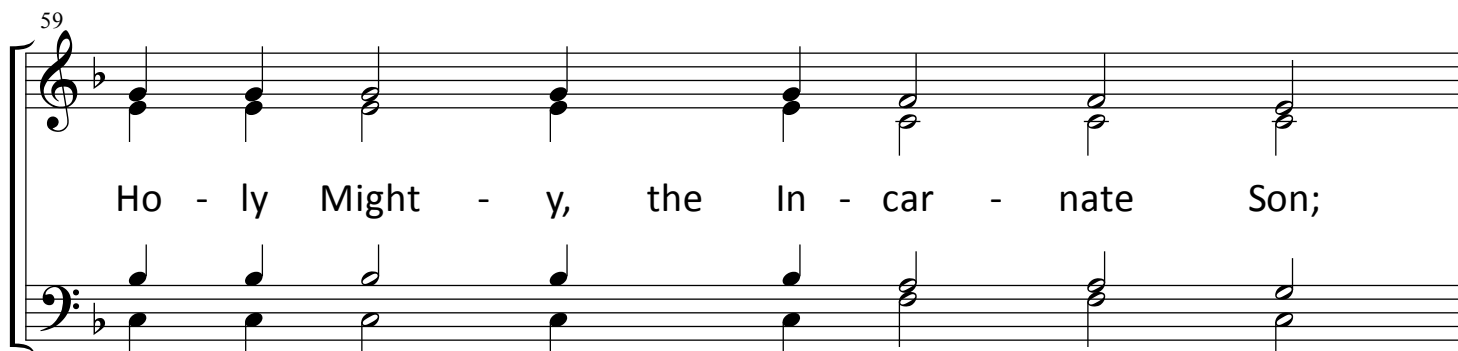
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per-fect in Div - in - i - ty and perfect in Hu - man - i - ty.

57

Where - fore, let us shout forth: Ho-ly God, E - ter-nal Fa - ther;

59

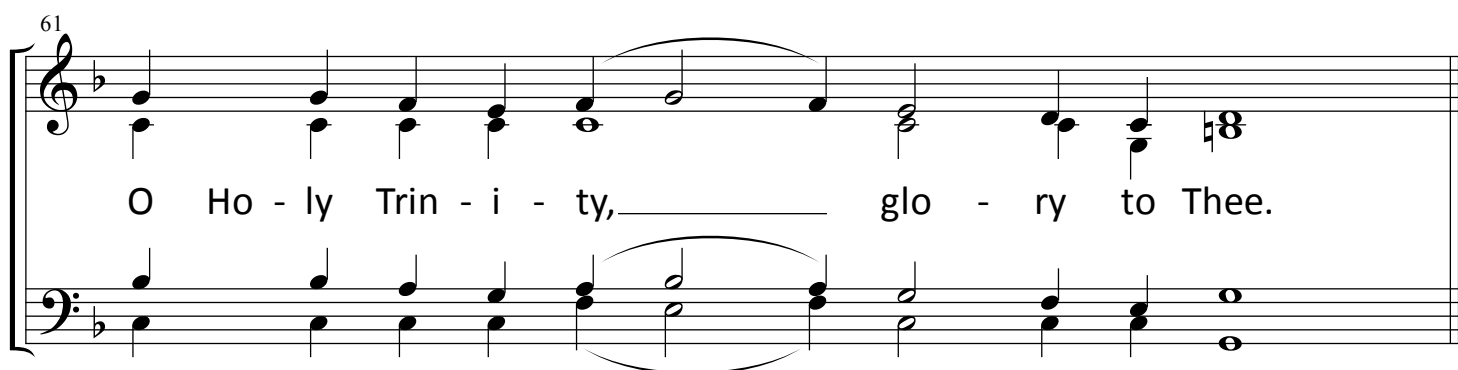


Ho - ly Might - y, the In - car - nate Son;

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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal, the Com-fort - ing Spi - - - rit://

61



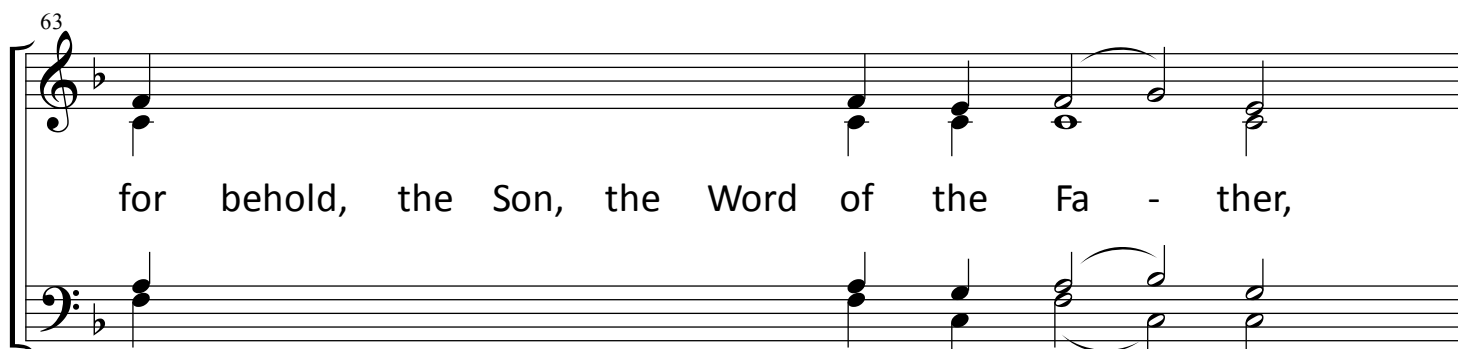
O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, glo - ry to Thee.

62



Hear - ken, O Heav - en, and give ear, O earth:

63



for behold, the Son, the Word of the Fa - ther,

64

com - eth to be born of a Mai - den

65

that hath not known man. Where - fore, by the pleasure of

Him Who gave Him birth with - out pas - sion,

67

and by the assistance of the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

68

O Beth - le-hem, make rea - dy, and O E - den, o - pen thou thy gates;

70

for He _____ Who is shall be that which hath not _____ been;

71

and the Maker of the en - tire cre - a - - - tion//

72

shall become the Grant-er of Great Mer - cy to _____ the world.

Glory to the Father...

Tone 6

Kievan

73

Tru - ly, Daniel, the man _____ of de - sires,

74

when he saw Thee, O Lord, a stone cut with - out _____ hands,

76

did foretell Thee, a Babe born with - out seed,

77

O Word incarnate of the Vir - - - gin,/'

78

the un - trans - formed God, the Sav - ior of our souls.

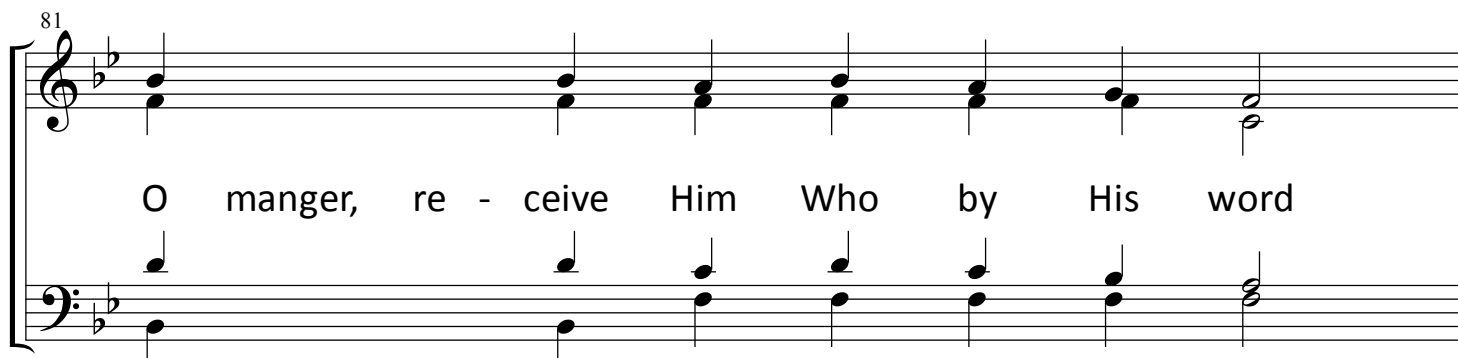
79 *Now and ever...*

O cav - ern make read - - - y;

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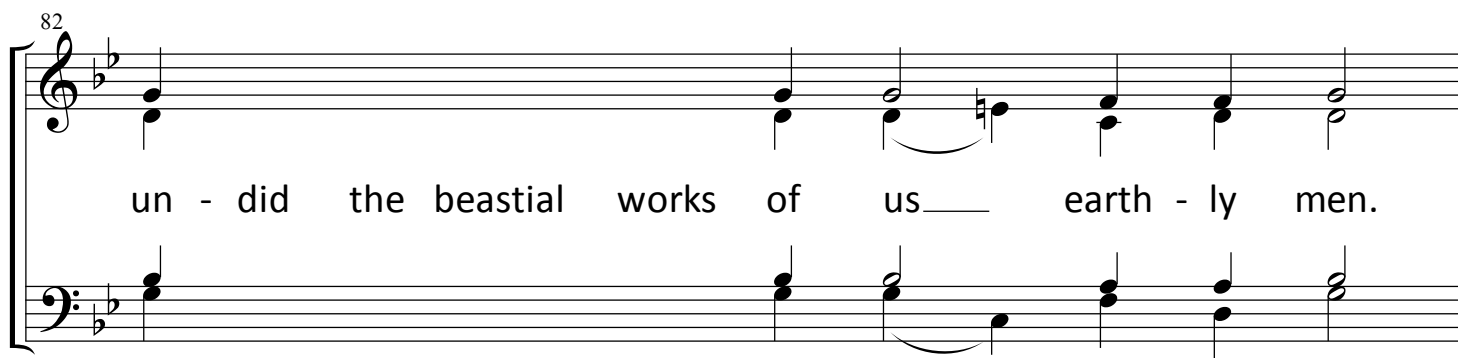
for the ewe doth come bear - ing Christ in her womb;

81



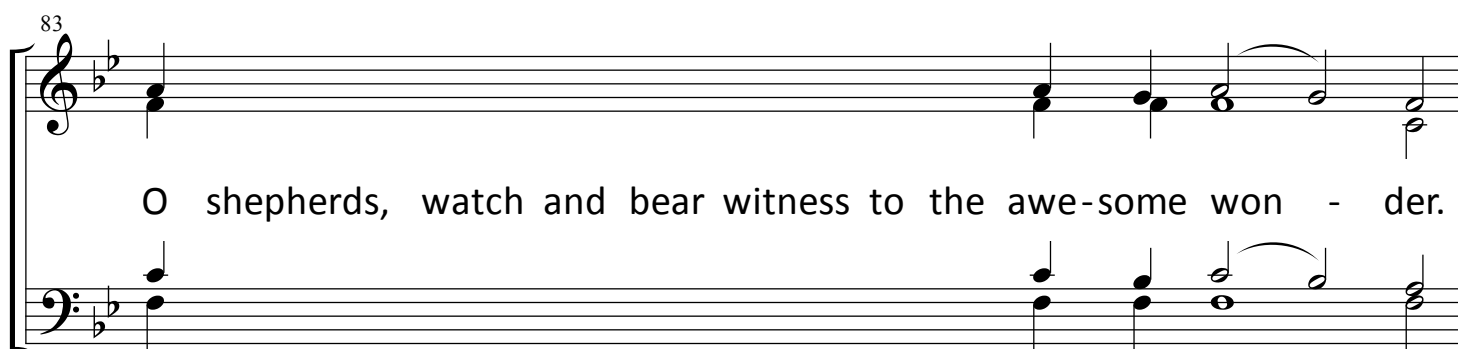
O manger, re - ceive Him Who by His word

82



un - did the beastial works of us earth - ly men.

83



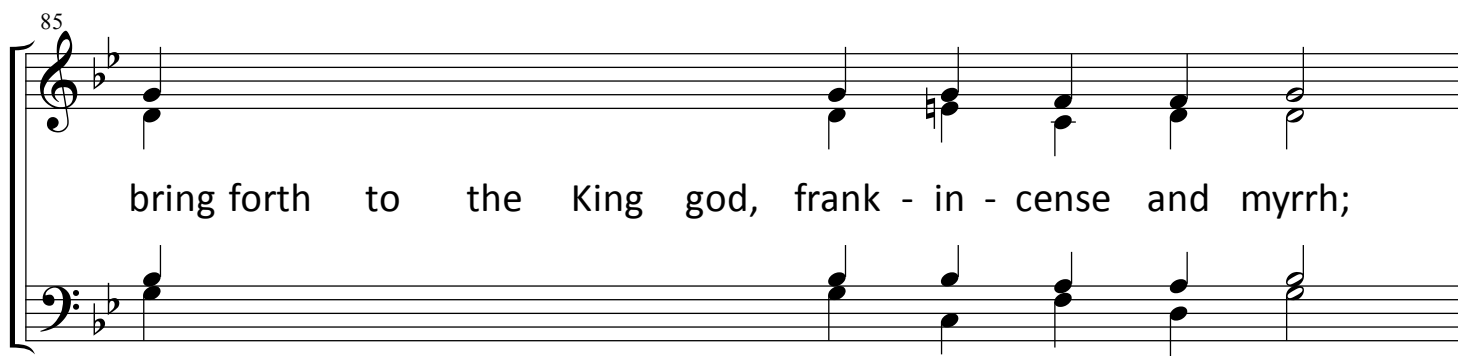
O shepherds, watch and bear witness to the awe-some won - der.

84



And, O Magi, who come from Per - - - sia,

85



bring forth to the King god, frank - in - cense and myrrh;

86

for the Lord hath appeared from a vir - gin Mo - - ther;

87

Whose Mother did bow to Him as a ser - vant,

88

ad - dress - ing Him in her bos - om, say - ing:

89

How wast Thou seed - ed in me, and how didst Thou grow in me, //

91

my God and my de - liv - er - er?

92

O pure liv - ing pal - ace of our God,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 92 and 93. Measure 92 features a long note in the soprano voice, spanning the first half of the measure, with the lyrics 'O pure liv - ing pal - ace of our God,'. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords. Measure 93 continues the melody and accompaniment.

93

O all-blame-less Vir - gin, He Whom all the Heavens can-not con-tain

Detailed description: This system contains measures 94 and 95. Measure 94 has the lyrics 'O all-blame-less Vir - gin,'. Measure 95 has the lyrics 'He Whom all the Heavens can-not con-tain'. The musical notation continues with vocal and instrumental parts.

95

hath been con-tained with-in thee. Past all un-der-standing,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 96 and 97. Measure 96 has the lyrics 'hath been con-tained with-in thee.' and ends with a fermata. Measure 97 begins with 'Past all un-der-standing,'. The musical notation continues with vocal and instrumental parts.

97

thou shalt bear Him in the cave; for He hath been made poor

Detailed description: This system contains measures 98 and 99. Measure 98 has the lyrics 'thou shalt bear Him in the cave;'. Measure 99 has the lyrics 'for He hath been made poor'. The musical notation continues with vocal and instrumental parts.

99

and hath tak - en flesh that He might de - i - fy

Detailed description: This system contains measures 100 and 101. Measure 100 has the lyrics 'and hath tak - en flesh that He might de - i - fy'. Measure 101 continues the melody and accompaniment. The system ends with a fermata.

100

and make _____ me rich who was ren - dered poor//

101

by _____ a sur - feit of ex - ceed - ing bit - ter food.

God shall come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain overshadowed by the forest.

102

At Cae - - - sar's com - mand - ment, Thou, O Christ,

103

wast enrolled with us Thy ser - - - vants

104

in Thy tender com - pas - - - sion

105

that Thou mightest come to grant free - dom and re - demp - tion

106

and Thine ev - er-last-ing life to us, Thy thank-less ser - vants,

108

who wor - ship Thy divine and sav - ing Birth,

109

O long - suff - 'ring and for - bear - ing Lord,/'

110

that_ Thou cam - est that Thou might - est save_ our souls.

O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee and was afraid: Lord, I considered Thy works and was amazed.

The all - - - ho - ly Vir - gin free of blame,

This system contains measures 110 and 111. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) features a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady eighth-note bass line: G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4.

hav - ing pondered on the great child - - - birth

This system contains measures 112 and 113. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) has a half note G3, a half note A3, a half note B3, a half note C4, a half note D4, a half note E4, a half note F#4, and a half note G4.

that trans-fig - ured and made new na-ture's est-a-blished bound - 'ries,

This system contains measures 114 and 115. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) has a half note G3, a half note A3, a half note B3, a half note C4, a half note D4, a half note E4, a half note F#4, and a half note G4.

she cried — out un - to her Son: O most be - lov - ed Child,

This system contains measures 116 and 117. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) has a half note G3, a half note A3, a half note B3, a half note C4, a half note D4, a half note E4, a half note F#4, and a half note G4.

117

I am sore amazed at this great mys - t'ry;

118

how I gave birth and am vir - gin still, //

119

by — Thy pow - er, Who hast made all by Thy will.

Glory to the Father...

Kievan

Tone 2

120

Re - - - joice, O hon - ored Proph - ets,

121

who didst organize well the law of the Lord,

122

and ap-peared as sta - ble, un-shake - a - ble pil - lars of faith;

123

for they have be-come mediators of the New Cov - e - nant of Christ.

124

Where-fore, having been translated to hea - - - - ven,

125

plead ye with Him to grant safe - ty to the world//

126

and to save our souls.

127 *Now and ever...*

Be - hold, the time of our sal - va - tion ap - proach - eth;

128

make thou rea - dy, O cave, for it is time for the Virgin to give birth.

130

And thou, Beth - le - hem of Ju - dah, re - joice, and be glad;

131

for from thee shall shine forth our Lord.

132

Heark-en, O moun - tains and hills and the regions a - bout Ju - dah:

133

for Christ com - eth to save man whom He did cre - ate, //

134

since He is the Lov - er of man - kind.