

Nativity of the Mother of God – September 8

Tropar of the Nativity, tone 4:

Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God,* heralded joy to the universe;* for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God.* He took away the curse, He gave the blessing,* and by trampling death,* He gave us everlasting life.

Glory Be..., tone 4:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kondak of the Nativity, tone 4:

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One,* Joachim and Anne were freed from the reproach of childlessness,* and Adam and Eve* from the corruption of death.* Delivered from the guilt of sin,* your people celebrate this when they cry out to you:* She who is barren gives birth to the Mother of God* and the Sustainer of our life.

Prokimen, tone 3:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour; and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Verse: *Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*

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Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (2: 5 – 11)

Alleluia Verses:

Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance.

Gospel: Luke 10: 38 - 42; 11: 27 – 28

Instead of “It is truly right . . .”

O my soul, extol the Virgin Mary*, born of a barren womb.* Mothers cannot be virgins,* nor virgins be mothers;* but in you, O Mother of God,* both virginity and motherhood were present.* Therefore, all the people of the earth* unceasingly extol you.

Communion Hymn (Verse):

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!