

ANTIPHONS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

September 8

(Chant antiphons on Sundays from September 8 to 12.)

First Antiphon (Psalms 131 and 86, LXX)

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

1. Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, τοῦ Δαυῖδ καὶ πάσης τῆς πραότητος αὐτοῦ.
2. Ἴδου ἠκούσαμεν αὐτὴν ἐν Ἐφραθᾶ, εὗρομεν αὐτὴν ἐν τοῖς πεδίοις τοῦ δρυμοῦ.
3. Δεδοξασμένα ἐλαλήθη περὶ σοῦ ἡ πόλις τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Refrain: Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου...

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

1. Lord, remember David And all his afflictions.
2. Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of the woods.
3. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos...

Second Antiphon (Psalm 131, LXX)

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

1. Ὡμοσε Κύριος τῷ Δαυῖδ ἀλήθειαν καὶ οὐ μὴ ἀθετήσῃ αὐτήν.
2. Ἐκ καρποῦ τῆς κοιλίας σου θήσομαι ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου σου.
3. Ἐκεῖ ἐξανατελῶ κέρασ τῷ Δαυῖδ, ἡτοιμάσα λύχνον τῷ χριστῷ μου.

Refrain:

Moderato

Σώ - σον ἡ - μάς Υἱ - έ Θε -
So - son i - mas I - e The -

- ού, ο εν α - γί-οις θαυ-μα-στός,
- ou, o en a - ghi-is thav-ma-stos,

ψάλ-λον-τας σοι: Αλ-λη-λού-ι - α.
psal-lon-das si: Al-li - lou-i - a.

If on a Sunday, chant the regular 2nd Antiphon,
"Soston imas, Ie Theou, o anastas ek nekron..."

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

- 1 The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it.
2. Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.
3. There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

Refrain:

Moderato

O Son of God, won-drous in Your

saints, save us who sing to You:

Al - le - lu - ia.

If on a Sunday, chant the regular 2nd Antiphon,
"O Son of God, who arose from the dead..."

Third Antiphon (Psalm 131, LXX)

Verse (Intoned in Fourth Tone):

Ἦδε κατοικήσω, ὅτι ἠρετιάμην αὐτήν.
He has desired it for His dwelling place.

Chant the Apolytikion of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Then...

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN FOR THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Replaces the regular small entrance hymn on the feast and the leave-taking (Sept. 12).

Δέυ-τε προ-σκυ - νή-σω-μεν και προ - σπέ - σω - μεν Χρι - στώ.
Dhef-te pro-ski - ni-so-men ke pro - spe - so - men Chri - sto.

*On a weekday, segue immediately to the 2nd antiphon refrain on the reverse side of this page,
“Soson imas, Ie Theou, o en aghiis thavmastos...,” or...*

*On a Sunday, segue immediately to the standard 2nd antiphon refrain,
“Soson imas, Ie Theou, o anastas ek nekron...”*

Come let us bow down and wor - ship Christ,

*On a weekday, segue immediately to the 2nd antiphon refrain on the reverse side of this page,
“O Son of God, wondrous in Your saints...,” or...*

*On a Sunday, segue immediately to the standard 2nd antiphon refrain,
“O Son of God, Who arose from the dead...”*

Repeat the Apolytikion of the Dormition of the Theotokos and other apolytikia, if any.