

Stichera Aposticha

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ - December 24

Tone 2
Sticheron 1 (♩ = 120)

Kiev Caves Monastery Melody
The Original Melody: "O House of Ephratha"

O House of Eph - ra - tha,
the ho - ly cit - - - y,
the glory of the ho - ly proph - ets,
beau - ti - fy the house in which the Di - vine One is born.

v. God shall come from Teman and the Holy One from the dark and shady mountain. (Habakkuk 3:3)

Sticheron 2

O Beth - le - hem, land of Ju - dah,
pre - pare the di - vine cav - ern as a
dwell - ing for God to be born in the flesh
from a Virgin who knew not a man // to save the
hu - man race!

v. O Lord, I have heard what *Thou hast done, and am filled with awe.* (Habakkuk 3:2)
You have

Sticheron 3

Come, all you faith - ful, let us cel - e - brate

the Fore - feast of the Na - tiv - i - ty of Christ as we

spir - it - ual - ly of - fer our hymn as the star!

Sing with the Magi and shep - herds: // "Salvation comes from

the Virgin's womb, recall - ing the faith - ful to life!"