

Refrains on the Troparia at the Prophecies

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

Old Testament Readings

1. Genesis 1:1-13
2. Numbers 24:2-3, 5-9, 17-18
3. Micah 4:6-7; 5:2-4

(Then we stand and sing the following troparion. The reader chants the verses and the choir responds. Sometimes the reader also chants the first line of the choral response. The choir then sings the last line.)

Tone 6 Troparion

In the secrecy of a cave Thou wast born,
but heaven spoke openly through a star, revealing Thee to all, O Savior.
The star led the Wise Men to worship Thee; / /
as on them, O Lord, have mercy on us!

v. His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. (Ps. 86:1)

The star led the Wise Men to worship Thee; / /
as on them, O Lord, have mercy on us!

Tone 5 **Bulgarian Chant**

As on them, — O — Lord, have mer - cy on us!

v. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O City of God. I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me. (Ps. 86:2-3)

The star led the Wise Men to worship Thee; / /
as on them, O Lord, have mercy on us!

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v. Behold, O Philistia and Tyre and the people of Ethiopia! (Ps. 86:4a)

The star led the Wise Men to worship Thee; / /
as on them, O Lord, have mercy on us!

*v. "This one was born there," And of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one
were born in her, and the Most High Himself shall establish her." (Ps. 86:4b-5)*

The star led the Wise Men to worship Thee; / /
as on them, O Lord, have mercy on us!

*v. The Lord will record, when He registers the people and the princes born in her.
All rejoice to have their dwelling in thee. (Ps. 86:6-7)*

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as on them, O Lord, have mercy on us!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

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4. Isaiah 11:1-10

5. Jeremiah (Baruch 3:35-4:4)

6. Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45

(Then we stand and sing the following troparion in the same manner as above.)

Tone 6 Troparion

From a virgin Thou didst rise, O Christ,
our spiritual Sun of Righteousness.
Though nothing can contain Thee,
a star revealed Thee as contained in a cave.
Thou hast led the Wise Men to worship Thee; //
With them we magnify Thee: "O Giver of Life, glory to Thee!"

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty! The Lord is robed, He is girded with strength. (Ps. 92:1)

Thou hast led the Wise Men to worship Thee; //
With them we magnify Thee: "O Giver of Life, glory to Thee!"

Tone 5 **Bulgarian Chant**

O Giv - er of Life, glo - ry to You! Thee!

v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved; Thy throne is from of old; Thou art from everlasting. (Ps. 92:2-3)

Thou hast led the Wise Men to worship Thee; //
With them we magnify Thee: "O Giver of Life, glory to Thee!"

v. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves at the voice of many waters. (Ps. 92:4-5)

Thou hast led the Wise Men to worship Thee; //
With them we magnify Thee: "O Giver of Life, glory to Thee!"

v. Wonderful are the mighty waves of the sea; wonderful is the Lord on high. Thy testimonies are very sure. (Ps. 92:6-7a)

Thou hast led the Wise Men to worship Thee; / /
With them we magnify Thee: "O Giver of Life, glory to Thee!"

v. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore! (Ps. 92:7b)

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7. Isaiah 9:6-7

8. Isaiah 7:10-16; 8:1-4, 8-10

*Then the Little Litany, the Trisagion, *) and the Prokeimenon:*

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

The Lord said to Me: "Thou art My Son, / this day have I begotten Thee." (Ps. 2:6)

*v. "Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the nations for Thine inheritance, and the
ends of the earth as Thy possession." (Ps. 2:8)*

**) Unless Nativity falls on a Sunday or Monday, in which case the Trisagion is not sung.*