

Refrains on the Troparia at the Prophecies

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

Old Testament Reading

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 You were born,
but heaven spoke openly through a star, revealing You to all, O Savior.
The star led the Wise Men to worship You; / /
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 You; / /
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 you, 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 You; / /
as on them, O Lord, have mercy on us!

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

(continued)

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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 You; / /
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 you. (Ps. 86:6-7)*

The star led the Wise Men to worship You; / /
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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Old Testament Readings

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 You rose, O Christ,
our spiritual Sun of Righteousness.
Though nothing can contain You,
a star revealed You as contained in a cave.
You have led the Wise Men to worship You; / /
With them we magnify You: "O Giver of Life, glory to You!"

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

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

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; Your throne is from of old; You are from everlasting. (Ps. 92:2-3)

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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With them we magnify You: "O Giver of Life, glory to You!"

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Old Testament Readings

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: "You are My Son, / this day have I begotten You." (Ps. 2:6)

V. "Ask of Me, and I shall give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as Your possession." (Ps. 2:8)

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