

**Sunday After Nativity**  
The Kinsmen of Christ

Stichera of the Feast  
on “Lord, I have cried” in the 2nd tone

7 **Come**\_, let us **rejoice**\_ in the Lord\_, / telling of  
the present **mystery**: / *The middle* wall of partition  
hath been **demolished**, / the fiery **sword** is  
removed, / *the cherub* withdraweth from *the gate* of  
life, / and I partake of the food of **paradise**, / *from*  
**whence** *I* was driven away because of  
dis**ob**edience; / for the immutable Image of the  
**Fa**\_ther, / *the Image* of His **eternity**, / doth assume  
the guise of a **ser**\_vant, / **is-su**-ing forth from the  
Mother who knew *not* **wed**lock, / without  
under**go**ing change, / *yet He* remained what *He was*  
before, / our **true**\_ God; / *and He* hath received  
*what He* was not, / becoming man in His **love** for  
mankind. / *To Him* let us **cry** aloud: // O God who  
wast born of the Virgin, *have* **mercy** on us\_.\_.\_.

**6** When the Lord **Je\_sus** was born of the holy **Vir\_gin\_**, / all things were **enligh\_tened**; / *for when the shepherds piped*, / the magi offered homage and the **angels** sang, / **Herod** was **troubled**, // for God appeared in the flesh, *the Savior* of our souls\_.\_.\_.

**5** Thy **king\_dom**, O **Christ\_ God\_**, / is a kingdom of all the **a\_ges**, / and Thy *dominion* is for all generations. / O Christ God who wast incarnate by the Holy **Spi\_rit** / and became **man** *through* the Ever-virgin **Mary**, / Thou hast shone forth Thine advent **upon** us as light. / O **Light** *from* Light, Effulgence of *the Father*, / Thou hast illumined all crea\_tion. / **Ev'ry** creature that *hath breath* praiseth Thee, / the Image of the glory of the **Fa\_ther**. / O **Thou** *who* art and ever *shall be*, O God, / who hast shone forth from the **Vir\_gin**: // Have mercy **upon\_** us\_.\_.\_.

4 **What**\_ shall we offer **Thee**\_, O Christ\_, / in  
that Thou hast appeared on earth as a **man** for our  
sake? / *For ev'ry* creature fashioned by Thee offereth  
Thee *thanksgiving*: / the angels **hymnody**; / *the*  
**heavens**, a star; *the magi*, gifts; / the shepherds, their  
**won**\_der; / *the earth*, a cave; the wilderness, a  
**manger**; / and we, the Virgin **Mo**\_ther. / O **God** *who*  
hast existed from *before* time, // have mercy **upon**\_  
us\_.\_.\_.

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*On "Lord, I have cried"*  
*"Glory" in the 6th tone*

Let us celebrate the memory of the pious **D**avid  
and James, / king and **pro**\_phet, / apostle and first  
**bi**\_.\_.shop; / and, delivered from deception by  
their **teachings**, / let us **glorify** Christ, / who shone  
forth from the **Vir**\_.\_.gin // and became **incarnate**  
*to save* our souls.

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*“Glory” on the Aposticha in the 6th tone*

Thy birthgiving hath become the **memorial** of  
priests, / the dominion and **gladness** of kings, / O  
**Lover** of mankind, / and rejoicing therein, we say, /  
Our **Fa\_ther**, / who art in the **heav\_.\_.\_ens**, //  
**hallowed** by Thy name.

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*“Both now” on the Aposticha in the same tone*

Today is the invisible Nature joined to man  
through the **Virgin**. / Today is the infinite Essence  
wrapped in swaddling clothes in **Beth**lehem. / Today  
by a star doth God lead the magi to **wor**\_.\_.**\_**ship, /  
foretelling His three-day **burial**, / as it were, in gifts  
of **gold**, frankincense, and myrrh. / To him let us  
sing: O **Christ**\_.\_.**\_** God, // who hast become  
incarnate of the *Virgin*, **save**\_ Thou our souls.