

# The Nativity of Our Lord

## THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

(NOTE: In some service books the 9th Heirmos of the First Canon, "I behold " is prescribed. Other books prescribe the 9th Heirmos of the Second Canon, "Speech is our natural gift," with its refrain.)

**REFRAIN 1,** **Common Chant**

Soprano  
Alto

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, the most pure Vir - gin The - o - to - kos,

Tenor  
Bass

-- more honorable and more glorious than the heav - en - ly hosts!

**HEIRMOS.**

I be - hold a strange, most glo - ri - ous mys - ter - y!

Heav - en -- the cave! The che - ru - bic throne -- the Vir - gin!

The man - ger -- the place where Christ lay, the un - con -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, with a fermata over the first measure. The bass staff contains a series of notes, with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

tain - a - ble God, Whom we mag - ni - fy in song!

The second system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, with a fermata over the last measure. The bass staff contains a series of notes, with a fermata over the last measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.