

Doxasticha at the Aposticha

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 2
For the Fathers (by Cyprian)

Abbreviated Kievan Chant
arr. V. Morosan

Soprano
Alto

Re-joyce,— O hon-ored Proph - ets, who laid well the

Tenor
Bass

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the doxasticha. It features two vocal parts: Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass. The Soprano/Alto part is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Tenor/Bass part is written on a bass clef staff with the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Re-joyce,— O hon-ored Proph - ets, who laid well the". The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together. There are fermatas over the first and fifth measures of the Soprano/Alto part.

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Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the doxasticha. It features two vocal parts: Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass. The lyrics are: "foundation of the Law of the Lord, and were re-vealed as". The music continues with chords and single notes. There is a fermata over the eighth measure of the Soprano/Alto part.

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Detailed description: This block contains the third line of the doxasticha. It features two vocal parts: Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass. The lyrics are: "firm and unshak-en pil - lars of faith! You became indeed the". The music continues with chords and single notes. There is a fermata over the eighth measure of the Soprano/Alto part.

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Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of the doxasticha. It features two vocal parts: Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass. The lyrics are: "mediators of Christ's new cov - e - nant. Since, there-fore,". The music continues with chords and single notes. There is a fermata over the eighth measure of the Soprano/Alto part.

[you have been taken up . . .]

you have been taken up in - to heav - en, // intercede with Him to grant
peace to the world and sal - va - tion to our souls!

vs. Now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

For the Forefeast*) (by Cyprian)

The time of our sal - va - tion draws near. Make ready,
y, O cave! The Vir - gin draws near to bear the Christ.
Be glad and rejoice, O Bethlehem, land of Ju - dah,

[for our Lord has come . . .]

for our Lord has come from thee! you! Hearken, O mountains and hills,

you lands around Ju - de - a, // for Christ, the Lover of man,

is com-ing to save those whom He cre - at - ed!

**)RUBRICAL NOTE:* This Doxastichon is sung within the Forefeast of the Nativity (December 20-24). Outside the Forefeast, the Theotokion "A new miracle" is sung.