

FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

Troparion - Tone 4

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from Lvov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been o - pened

to all! Adorn thyself,
yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life

blossoms forth from the Vir - gin in the cave! Her womb is

a spiritual paradise planted with the Di - vine_ Fruit; if we

eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Ad - am. //

Christ is born to raise up again what fell in former times,

The first system of music consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Christ is born to raise up again what fell in former times,"

His im - age.

The second system of music continues the melody from the first system. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass clefs. The key signature remains one flat. The melody concludes with a final cadence. The lyrics are: "His im - age."