

# The Nativity of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ

## First Antiphon

Serbian Chant  
arr. P. Drobac

Tone 2

Soprano and Alto parts of the first antiphon. The lyrics are: "Through the prayers of the The - o - to - kos, O". The music is in G major and 2/4 time, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Final refrain ending:

Final refrain ending for the first antiphon. The lyrics are: "Sav - iour, save us! save us!". The music is in G major and 2/4 time, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment.

1. I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Thy wonders known. (*Refrain*)
2. In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord. (*Refrain*)
3. They are sought out according to His will. (*Refrain*)
4. Full of honour and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures for ever. (*Refrain*)
5. Glory... Now and ever... Amen. (*Refrain*)

## Second Antiphon

Tone 2

Soprano and Alto parts of the second antiphon. The lyrics are: "O Son of God, born of the Vir - gin,". The music is in G major and 2/4 time, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Tenor and Bass parts of the second antiphon. The lyrics are: "save us who sing to Thee: "Al - le - lu - ia!". The music is in G major and 2/4 time, featuring a simple harmonic accompaniment.

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (*Refrain*)
2. His descendants will be mighty in the land, the generation of the upright will be blessed. (*Refrain*)
3. Glory and wealth are in his house, and his righteousness endures for ever. (*Refrain*)
4. Light rises in the darkness for the upright; The Lord is merciful, compassionate, and righteous. (*Refrain*)
5. Glory... (*Now and ever... Amen. Only-begotten Son...*)

*The Antiphon verses can be straight chanted, or else intoned according to the following pattern:*



I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole-heart; I will make all Thy won-ders known.



In the com-pa-ny of the up-right, in the con-gre-ga - tion, great are the works of the Lord.

### **Third Antiphon verses** (*Refrain* = Troparion of the feast)

1. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. (*Refrain*)
2. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. (*Refrain*)
3. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints. (*Refrain*)