

⊕ Sept 08: Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Text from "[*The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship*](#)"; Pg. 677

Troparion (Tone 4): Your nativity, O Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect, He bestowed on us eternal life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 4): By your birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life."

Prokimenon (Tone 3): My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour (Lk 1:46-47).

verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; from this day forward all generations shall call me blessed (Lk 1:48).

Epistle: (Phil 2:5-11) (Feast): *Brethren*, let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear (Ps 44:11).

verse: The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance (Ps 44:13).

Gospel: (Lk 4:16-22) (Feast): *At that time Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'* But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Instead of **"It is truly..."**: O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary born from a barren womb.

Irmos (Tone 8): Virginité is alien to mothers and childbirth is foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Verse: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord (Ps 115:13). Alleluia! (3x)