

## ANTIPHONS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

September 8 (*Chant antiphons on Sundays from September 8 to 12.*)

### First Antiphon (Psalms 131 and 86, LXX)

*Verses (Intone in Second Tone):*

1. Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, τοῦ Δαυῖδ καὶ πάσης τῆς πρᾶοτητος αὐτοῦ.
2. Ἴδοῦ ἠκούσαμεν αὐτὴν ἐν Ἐφραθαῖ, εὗρομεν αὐτὴν ἐν τοῖς πεδίοις τοῦ δρυμοῦ.
3. Δεδοξασμένα ἐλαλήθη περὶ σοῦ ἡ πόλις τοῦ Θεοῦ.

*Refrain:* Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου...

*Verses (Intone in Second Tone):*

1. Lord, remember David And all his afflictions.
2. Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of the woods.
3. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos...

### Second Antiphon (Psalm 131, LXX)

*Verses (Intone in Second Tone):*

1. Ὡμοσε Κύριος τῷ Δαυῖδ ἀλήθειαν καὶ οὐ μὴ ἀθετήσει αὐτήν.
2. Ἐκ καρποῦ τῆς κοιλίας σου θήσομαι ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου σου.
3. Ἐκεῖ ἐξανατελῶ κέρασ τῷ Δαυῖδ, ἠτοιμάσα λύχνον τῷ χριστῷ μου.

*Refrain:*

*Verses (Intone in Second Tone):*

- 1 The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it.
2. Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.
3. There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

*Refrain:*

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Son of God, won - drous in Your saints, save us who  
sing to You: Al - le - lu - i - a. (3X)

*If on a Sunday, chant the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon, "O Son of God, who arose from the dead..."*

### Third Antiphon (Psalm 131, LXX)

*Verse (Intoned in Fourth Tone):*

Ὡδε κατοικήσω, ὅτι ἠρετισάμην αὐτήν.  
He has desired it for His dwelling place.

*On Sundays, chant the Resurrectional apolytikion.*

*On weekdays, chant the apolytikion of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Then...*

## SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

*(On Sundays, the same as regular Sundays. On weekdays, the same as Sundays, but ending with "...wondrous in Your saints..." instead of "...risen from the dead..."*)

*Repeat the Apolytikion of the Dormition of the Theotokos and other apolytikia, if any.*