

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST
O BETHLEHEM PREPARE**

December 20 to 23

Fourth Tone (Hard Chromatic)

N. Takis

Moderato

O Beth-le - hem pre - pare, E - den is o - pened up for all; and Eph - ra -
- tha, take heed, make your - selves read - y and pre - pare; the Tree of
Life has bloomed forth from the Ho - ly Vir - gin; and from her
ho - ly womb, spir - i - tual Par - a - dise, where - in is found to
grow the di - vine, res - cu - ing Tree, and as we eat there - of we shall all
live, and shall not die as did Ad - am. For Christ is born
now to raise the im - age that had fall - en be - fore - hand.