

# December 24: The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Kontakion, Tone 3

## Byzantine Chant

melody  
ison

To - day\_ the Vir - gin com-eth to the cave\_

to give birth in - ef - fa-bly to the Word Who was be-fore the

a - - ges. Dance, O earth, at the

mes - sage! Give glo-ry with the an-gels and shep - herds

un - to Him\_ Who was will - ing to be\_ gazed up - on

as a young child and is pre - e - ter-nal God.

English Text: "The Divine Liturgy for Choir and Laity", R-monk Laurence,  
Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY, 1992.