

# Kontakion - Tone 2

## Forefeast of the Nativity

Court Chant

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A

Be - hold - ing Him Who holdeth the whole world in His hands

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B

wrapped in swaddling - bands in Beth - le - hem, let us of - fer up hymns

of the Fore - feast to her who gave birth to Him; for she

re-joic-eth ma-ter-nal - ly, hold-ing the Son of God at her bos - om.

English translation by Isaac E. Lambertsen, "The Menaion of the Orthodox Church", Vol IV,  
St. John of Kronstadt Press, ©1996. The entire service text may be purchased through: [sjkp.org](http://sjkp.org)