

**December 24: Sunday before Nativity**  
**Aposticha, Tone 2, Automelon "O House of Ephratha"**  
**Valaam Chant**

O house of Eph-ratha, thou ho-ly cit - - - y,

glo-ry of the proph - - - ets: a-dorn thou the house - - -

where - in the Di - vine One is born.

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