

***At the Litia, the sticheron of the temple, and this sticheron of the Fathers, in Tone 1:***

The prophets of great renown, /  
splendid in the rays of divine eloquence, are ever blessed, /  
and, putting forth the sayings of the Spirit as fruit, /  
they preached to all the ineffable nativity of Christ God; //  
and having lived most wondrously, they ended their lives in accordance with the law.

***Glory..., in Tone III, (the composition of Germanus)***

Come, ye lovers of the feasts of the Church, /  
and with psalms let us praise the assembly of the forefathers: /  
Adam, the forefather of us all, Enoch, Noah, Melchizedek,  
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob;  
and, after the Law, Moses and Aaron, / Joshua, Samuel and David, /  
and, with them, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, / Daniel and the twelve prophets, /  
together with Elijah, Elisha and all the rest, / Zechariah and the Forerunner: //  
who all preached Christ, the Life and Resurrection of our race.

***Both now and ever... of the forefeast, in the same tone. (Tone 3)***

Adorn thyself splendidly, O Bethlehem, / for Eden hath opened! /  
Make ready, O Ephratha, / for Adam is restored, and Eve with him.; /  
for the curse is annulled, the salvation of the world hath blossomed forth, /  
and the souls of the righteous are adorned. /  
And bearing hymnody as gift of offering instead of myrrh, /  
they receive salvation of soul and incorruption. /  
For lo! He Who lieth in the manger doth command before, /  
that a spiritual hymn be chanted by those who cry out unceasingly:  
O Lord, glory be to Thee!