September 8 - The Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos
Canon I, Tone 2

ODE 1

I-descant
II-chant melody

Come, ye people, let us chant a hymn to Christ God,

Who divided the sea, and guided the people,

whom He had led out of Egyptian bondage,

for He hath been glorified!

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Establish us in Thee, O Lord, Who hast slain sin by the Tree,

and plant the fear of Thee in the hearts of us who hymn Thee.
I have heard, O Lord, report of Thy dispensation,
and have glorified Thee, Who alone loveth mankind.
Hav- ing de-stroyed the shadowy darkness of indistinct im - a - ges,

and il - lu - mined the hearts of the faithful by the com-ing of the Truth

through the di - vine maid - en, O Christ, guide us by Thy light.
From the belly of the sea monster Jonah cried out to the Lord:

Lead me up from the abyss of hell, I pray, that with a spirit of truth

and in a voice of praise I sacrifice to Thee, as to my Deliverer!
The fiery bush on the mount and the dew-bearing furnace of God;

Chaldea manifestly prefigured thee, O Bride of God;

for without being consumed thou didst receive in thy material womb the divine and immaterial Fire. Wherefore we chant unto Him who was born of thee: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!
Thou didst once prefigure Thy Mother in the furnace of the children, O Lord; for her image drew from the fire those who entered it, without being consumed. We hymn and exalt her supremely for all ages, who through Thee hath been made manifest today to the ends of the earth.
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ODE 9 - Refrain of the 1st Canon, Tone 2

Mag-ni-fy, O__ my__ soul, the all-glorious nativity of the Mo-ther of God!

Irmos of the 1st Canon

Thee do we mag-nify, O blessed and most pure Theo-to-kos,

who through thy vir-gin-al womb ineffably didst make God in-car-nate,

the Luminary Who shone forth be-fore___ the sun

and hath come to us in the flesh.

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ODE 9 -Refrain of the 2nd Canon, Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary who hath been born of a barren woman!

Irmos of the 2nd Canon

Foreign to mothers is virginity, and strange is childbirth to virgins;

yet both were accomplished in thee, O Theotokos.

Wherefore, all of us, the nations of the world, magnify thee unceasingly.