

December 20-24: Sunday before Nativity

Kontakion of the Forefeast, Tone 1

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Court Chant Obikhod

(Glory...) Re-joyce,— O Beth-le-hem! Eph-ra-tha make read-y!

For be-hold,— the Ewe hasteneth to give birth to the Great Shep-herd

Whom she car-ri-eth in her womb. And see-ing Him— the God-bear-ing

Fa-thers re-joyce, and with the shepherds praise the Virgin who giv-eth milk.

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

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