

Troparia at the Prophecies

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

Tone 6
After the Third Reading:

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

In the secrecy of a cave Thou wast born, but heaven spoke

Tenor
Bass

openly through a star, revealing Thee to all, O Sav - ior.

The star led the Wise Men to wor - ship Thee; //

as on them, O Lord, have mer - cy on us!

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are in English. The score is divided into four systems, each with two staves (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass). The lyrics are: "In the secrecy of a cave Thou wast born, but heaven spoke openly through a star, revealing Thee to all, O Sav - ior. The star led the Wise Men to wor - ship Thee; // as on them, O Lord, have mer - cy on us!".

Refrain on verses from Psalm 86:

The star led the Wise Men to wor - ship Thee; //

This block contains the first line of musical notation for the refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics "The star led the Wise Men to wor - ship Thee; //" are printed below the treble staff, with hyphens under "wor - ship" and "Thee;".

as on them, O Lord, have mer - cy on us!

This block contains the second line of musical notation for the refrain. It also consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature remains one sharp (F#). The melody continues from the first line. The lyrics "as on them, O Lord, have mer - cy on us!" are printed below the treble staff, with hyphens under "mer - cy". The piece concludes with a double bar line.

After the Sixth Reading:

Tone 6

From a virgin Thou didst rise, O Christ, our spiritual Sun

of Right-eous - ness. Though nothing can con - tain — Thee,

a star revealed Thee as con - tained in a cave. Thou hast led

the Wise Men to wor - ship Thee, with them we mag - ni - fy Thee: //

"O Giv - er of Life, — glo - ry to Thee!"

Refrain on verses from Psalm 92:

Thou hast led the Wise Men to wor - ship Thee; // with them we

mag - ni - fy Thee: // "O Giv - er of Life, — glo - ry to Thee!"