

**Divine Liturgy Propers, September 7, 2008**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
**Pre-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Hymn**

*melody: O Marije Mati Boža/O Mary, Mother of our God*



1. God loved the world so much, He gave His own Son,  
2. As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up, shown on high,  
3. The Christ was not sent to the world to con - demn,



That e - ter - nal life might be His gift to ev - 'ry - one.  
So the Son is lift - ed high that we may nev - er die.  
But that all, be - liev - ing Him, might find their life in Him.

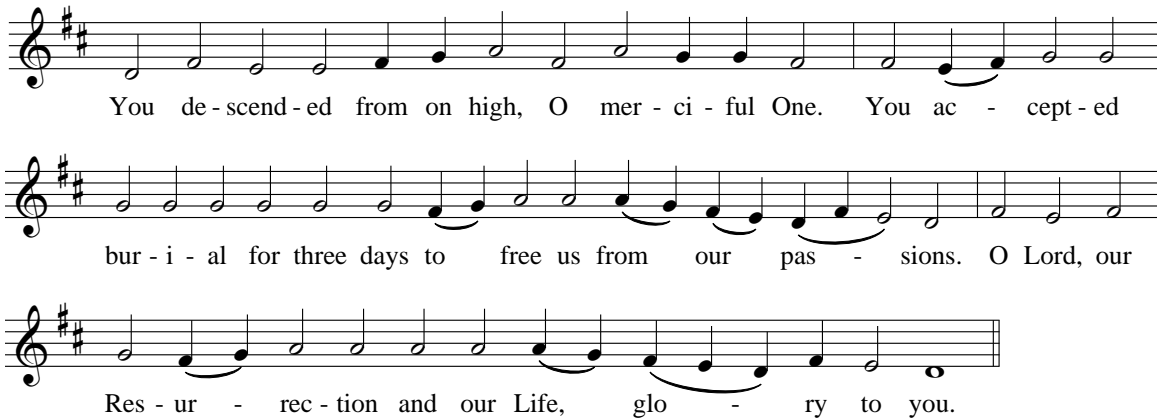


Boast of noth - ing less than the Cross of Christ our Lord!



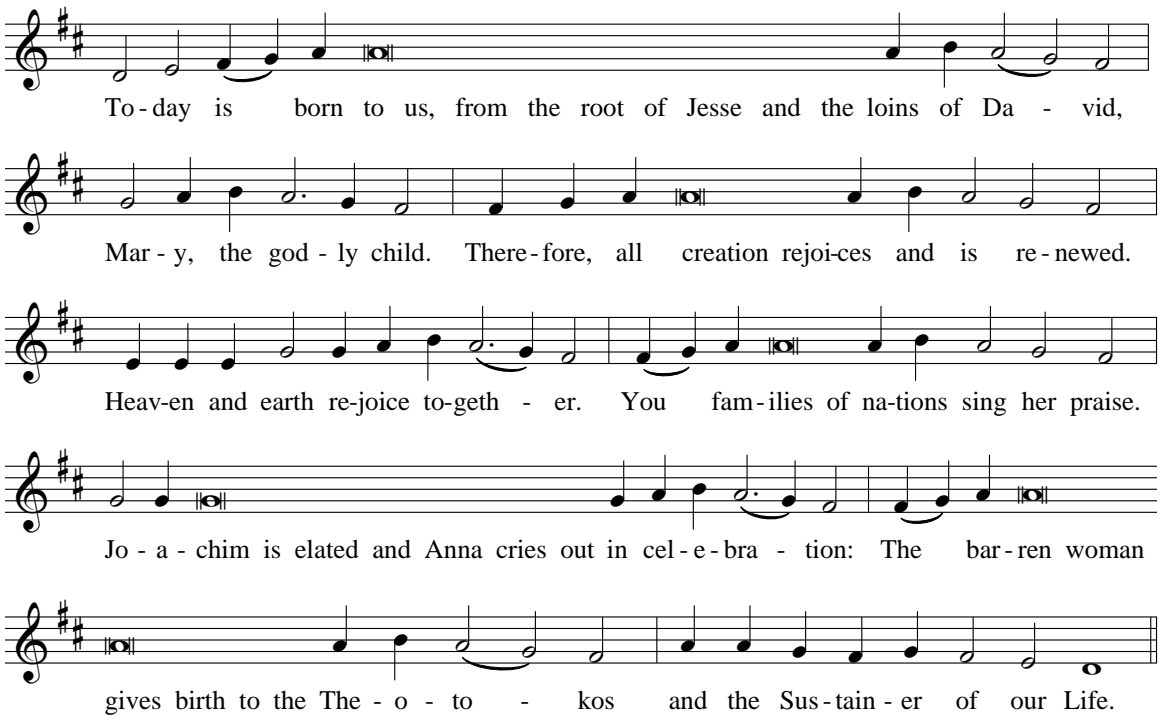
In it, we are blessed; life is our re - ward!

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**



You de - scend - ed from on high, O mer - ci - ful One. You ac - cept - ed  
bur - i - al for three days to free us from our pas - sions. O Lord, our  
Res - ur - rec - tion and our Life, glo - ry to you.

**Pre-festive Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4**



To-day is born to us, from the root of Jesse and the loins of Da - vid,  
Mar - y, the god - ly child. There-fore, all creation re-joice and is re-newed.  
Heav-en and earth re-joyce to-geth - er. You fam-ilies of na-tions sing her praise.  
Jo - a - chim is elated and Anna cries out in cel-e-bra - tion: The bar-ren woman  
gives birth to the The - o - to - kos and the Sus-tain - er of our Life.

*Cantor*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

**Pre-festive Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 3**

To - day the Vir - gin Mary, the The - o - to - kos, is born from a  
bar - ren womb according to the di - vine plan. She is the in - vi - olate bridal  
chamber of the heav - en - ly bride - groom. The char - iot of the Word  
is made read - y, for this is why she was pre - or - dained  
to be the gate - way of God and tru - ly the Moth - er of Life.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):**

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,  
and bless your in - her - i - tance.

**Verse:** To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

**Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:20-22):**

Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Verse:** I have exalted one chosen from my people and with my holy oil I have anointed him.

**Verse:** My hand shall protect him and my arm shall make him strong.