December 25
Nativity of Our Lord

First Antiphon:
I will confess You with all my heart, O Lord,* I will tell all your marvels.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the counsels of rightful men and in the assemblies,* great are the works of the Lord.

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They are sought* in order to accomplish his will.

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Glory be . . . now and forever . . . : Only Begotten Son . . .

Third Antiphon:
Verse: The Lord said to my Lord:* Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Nativity Tropar, Tone 4:
Your birth, O Christ our God,* has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;* for through it, those who worshipped the stars* have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice,* and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.* Glory be to You, O Lord!

Verse: The scepter of your power the Lord will stretch forth from Zion:* Rule in the midst of your enemies.

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Verse: Yours is princely power in the day of your birth in holy splendor.

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At the 'Small Entrance':
Verse: Before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you. The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent; You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Glory Be …, Tone 3:
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,*now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kondak of the Nativity, Tone 3:
Today the Virgin gives birth to Perfect Essence,* and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.* The angels sing his glory with the shepherds,* the wise men journey with the star,* for there is born for us an infant child, God Eternal.

Instead of 'Holy God …':
All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia! (3)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.
Have put on Christ, Alleluia!
All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ, Alleluia!

Prokimen, Tone 8:
Let all the earth worship and sing praise to You:*
sing praise to Your Name;* sing praise to Your Name .

Verse: *Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of his name,* proclaim his glorious praise.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Epistle: Galatians (4:4-7)

Alleluia Verses:

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Day pours out the word to day, and night to night imparts knowledge.*

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Instead of 'It is truly right . . .':
My soul, praise Christ the King* born in a cave.* Behold a strange and wonderful mystery:* the cave has become heaven,* the Virgin a throne of the Cherubim,* and the manger a noble place where Christ our God reposes.* Wherefore let us praise and exalt Him!

Communion Verse:
The Lord has sent salvation to his people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

Instead of 'Blessed is He…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of 'We have seen…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of 'May our mouths…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3x)

Instead of 'Blessed be the name…':
The whole universe is today filled with joy, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3x)