

December 24: Sunday before Nativity
Aposticha, Tone 2, Automelon "O House of Ephratha"
Valaam Chant

O house of Eph - ra - tha, thou ho - ly cit - - - y,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features a series of chords and melodic lines, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes.

glo - ry of the proph - - - ets: a - dorn thou the house

The second system continues the musical notation. The treble staff shows a continuation of the melodic and harmonic material, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

where - in the Di - vine One is born.

The third system concludes the musical notation. The treble staff ends with a final chord and a fermata. The bass staff concludes with a final chord and a fermata.

Music tranposed from the Church Slavonic arrangement: "Podobny", edited by L.V. Vovchuk, Holy Trinity-Jonah Monastery Press, Kiev, 2004.

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