

Preparation of the Nativity of the Lord (December 20-23)

Apolytikion

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ

Tone 4

Make read - y, Beth - le - hem, for E - den o - pens to

all. O Eph - ra - tha, pre - pare, for ver - y soon the tree of

life will blos - som forth in a cave from the ho - ly

Vir - gin. Like par - a - dise it - self,

she will bear the fruit that is di-vine, and if we eat of

it, we shall live and not die like Ad-am.

f For Christ is born, rais-ing up that

dim. *more slowly* *pp*
im-age that of old had fall-en.
dim. *pp*