

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ

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THE PARADISE OF EDEN

Plagal of Fourth Mode

Ἦχος λ̣ π̣ δ̣ ἦ Νη

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As we the faith-ful cel-e-brate to-day the Faith-ers' mem-or-i-al, let

us praise Christ the Re-deem-er and our King, Who mag-ni-fied them in the midst of

all na-tions up-on the earth, and through faith ac-comp-lished strange and won-drous signs, per-

-form-ing mar-vels and min-a-cles since — He is pow-er-ful and strong

and Who from them hath shown un-to us that — rod of power proph-es-ied: Ma-

ry, the Child of God, who a-lone had no ex-pen-i-ence of man and from

Whom came the Flow-ers, the prom-ised Christ, Who sprout-ed life for all, in-ex-

haust-i-ble de-light and our sal-va-tion to e-ter-ni-ty.

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(N) As in a gen-tle show-er amidst the flame, the child-ren of God re-joiced as

the walked a-bout a-midst the Spi-rits den, and in the flame they myst-i-c'ly did

Pre-fig-ure the Tri-ni-ty and the won-drous In-car-na-tion of Christ God's since

they were wise - by their faith in God they - quended the pow-er of the fire;

and righteous Dah-was al- so seen to - muz-zle li-ons in the den. Since

Thou, O Friend of man, art en-treat-ed by their prayers in our be-half res-cue

us all, O Sav- - iour from the e- ter- nal fire that nought can quench and vouch-

- safe that we at-tain un-to Thy King-dom in the Heav-ens, O Lord.

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When in the fur-nace of the blaz-ing flame, Thy ho-ly and faith-ful youths proved

to be as in a cool re-fresh-ing dew, then did they mys-ti-cally por-tray from

be-fore that Thou wast to come from a Vir-gin whom Thy bright-ness would not burn. As

for Thy com-ing the sec-ond time in Thy dread glo-ry as our God,

the won-drous Pro-phet and righteous man, great Dan-iel clearly hath fore-told, when

he cried out and said: I be-held un-til the thrones-were set in place and the

Judges at-for judge-ment and then rushed forth the riv-er of that fire, from the

which may we be saved by their en-treat-ies, O our Mas-ter-Christ.

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