

December 25 * Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Znamenny Chant

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Heav - en_ and earth are_ glad to-day, as the_ prophets said._ An -
gels and men keep spir-i - tu - al fes-tiv-al, for_ God, born_ of the
Vir - gin, hath ap - peared in the flesh_ to those who sit in dark -
ness and shad - ow. The cave_ and the man-ger have re - ceived_
Him. The shep-herds pro - claim_ their won - der. The ma - gi
from the East bring gifts_ to Beth - le - hem. And_ we
with_ our un - wor - thy lips
of - fer Him the praise of_ the an-gels: Glo - ry to_ God_ in the high-est

and on_ earth_ peace, for the_ Ex - pec - ta - tion of the na - tions_ hath
come, _____ and by His_ com - ing hath saved_ us from slav' - ry_
to_ the en - e - my.