

Vespers for the Nativity of our Lord on a Friday Evening

When Vespers for the Nativity of our Lord is on a Friday evening, we sing the Great Prokeimenon of the Nativity in Tone 7:

Great Prokeimenon of the Nativity - Tone 7 (Psalm 76: 14-16, 11, 12)

What God is as great, is as great as our God? You are the
God, you are the God who works won - - - ders!

Deacon: You showed your power among the peoples.
Your strong arm redeemed your people.

Deacon: I said: Now I begin,
and this is the will of the Most High

Deacon: I remember the deeds of the Lord.
I remember your wonders of old.

Vespers then continues with the Readings.

The Readings

The deacon remains at the holy doors. The priest sits in his place. Before each reading, the deacon, facing the faithful, intones:

Deacon: Wisdom!

The reader announces the title of the Reading.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The reader chants the Reading.

When the all the readings are finished, the celebrant blesses the reader(s):

Celebrant: + Peace be to you, reader(s).

