

TROPARION (*Forefeast*) - Tone 4

Prepare thyself, O Bethlêhem, /
For Eden hath been opened to all. /
Adorn thyself, O Ephratha, /
For the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from
the Virgin. /
Her womb appeared as a spiritual paradise /
In which is planted the garden divine. /
Eating of it we shall live and not die as did Adam: /
Christ is born, ///
That He may raise up again the image that before was fallen.

TROPARION (*St. Peter*) - Tone 4

Make glad now, O land that once was barren, /
For behold Christ hast revealed in thee a lamp clearly shining to
the world, /
A holy hierarch hath been raised in thee /
For the healing our afflictions and infirmities. /
Therefore, rejoice and celebrate his feast with boldness! ///
He is a hierarch and a fellow-worker of the Lord Most High.

KONTAKION (*St. Peter*) - Tone 8

Rejoice brightly, O city of Moscow, /
Having been blessed with the hierarch Peter, /
Who, like the sun, was revealed to the land of Rus' with the
working of miracles. /
He heals the sick and the infirm, and he drives the darkness away /
From those who sing his praises. /
Rejoice, O hierarch of God Most High, ///
Who worked great miracles for thy flock in thee.

SPECIAL KONTAKION (*Forefeast*) - **Tone 2:** (*sung only on 21 Dec.*)

He who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand /
Now is beheld in Bethlêhem wrapped in swaddling clothes. /
And we offer pre-festal hymns to His mother, who maternally
 rejoices ///
Having held to her bosom the Son of God.