

December 24: Troparion

Tone IV [Joseph was struck with amazement]

Carpatho-Russian chant



Once_ Ma - ry, with the El - der Jo - seph, was be - ing en - rolled in

Beth - le - hem, as of the seed____ of Da - vid. She was car - ry -

ing in her womb Him Who with - out seed_ was con - ceived, and the mo - ment came,

the time for the birth. In the up - per cham - ber there was no room, no, none

at_ all, but the cave____ proved a pleas - ant pal - ace for the Queen.

Christ____ is_ born,_____ to raise up a - gain what fell in for -

mer times, <His> im - - - age.

NOTE on 'upper chamber': The Greek word used here is the same one found in the Gospel to speak of the Last Supper. I used 'upper chamber' in order to avoid saying 'room' twice in close proximity, with different meanings each time.