

# December 29: 14,000 Martyrs of Bethlehem

## Kontakion

Tone 4

S  
A

The star sent the magi to Him Who was born,

T  
B

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the Kontakion, featuring Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts. The music is written on a grand staff with a treble clef for the upper voice and a bass clef for the lower voice. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "The star sent the magi to Him Who was born,". The melody is primarily homophonic, with chords moving in parallel motion.

and Herod cruelly sent an unjust ar - my,

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the Kontakion. The lyrics are: "and Herod cruelly sent an unjust ar - my,". The musical notation continues with the same homophonic style as the first line.

seeking to slay Him Who lay as a babe in the man - ger.

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of the Kontakion. The lyrics are: "seeking to slay Him Who lay as a babe in the man - ger." The final measure of the Soprano part features a fermata over a chord, indicating a pause or a final cadence.