

Second Canon of Ascension

A Composition of St. Joseph of Thessalonica

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ODE ONE

Irmos

I ^(B) shall o - pen my mouth to chant and with the Spir - it
shall I be filled, ⁶ and words shall I now pour forth un - to
the Moth - er and Queen; ⁶ and I shall be seen in joy - ous ^(Π)
ju - bi - la - tion, ^{π ρ} ac - claim - ing ex - ult - ant - ly all of her
won - drous deeds. ⁶

Refrain and Troparia

G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. ⁶

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I ^(B) m - mor - tal by na - ture, Thou didst rise the third day, and

Thou wast seen ⁶λ both of the e - lev - en and all Thy dis - ci -

ples, O Christ, ⁶λ and Thou didst as - cend back up un - to Thy Fa -

ther, ^πq while rid - ing a cloud, O Cre - a - tor of all that is. ⁶λ

G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. ⁶λ

T ^(B) he God - in - spired Da - vid man - i - fest - ly cri - eth out

in his psalm: ⁶λ The Lord is gone up in ju - bi - la - tion, mak -

ing as - cent ⁶λ to the Heav - ens' heights with trum - pet's voice re - sound -

ing, ^πq and He is come un - to His Fa - ther, the Source of Light. ⁶λ

G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. ⁶λ

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O ^(B) Lord, by Thy Pas-sion and Thy Res-ur-rec-tion didst
 Thou make new ⁶λ the world wax-en old and weak through long com-
 mis-sion of sin; ⁶λ and Thou didst as-cend up ^(Π) to the things in Heav-
 en, ^πq while rid-ing a cloud. Glo-ry be__ to Thy glo-ry, O

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Lord.

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M ^(B) ost ho-ly The-o-to-kos, save us. ⁶λ

O ^(B) all-spot-less Queen, thou didst con-ceive the Sov-'reign
 and King of all, ⁶λ Who wel-comed the vol-un-tar-y Pas-sion
 in His good will ⁶λ and Who went on high, as-cend-ing ^(Π) to His Fa-
 ther, ^πq from Whom He de-part-ed not, though_ He had tak-en flesh. ⁶λ

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G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

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T ^(B) o seek _____ out de-ceived and fal - len A - dam, brought

low _____ by the ser - pent's creep - ing guile, ^(Δ) with A - dam wast Thou

clothed, O Christ; ^(Π) ⁶λ yet shar - ing God Thy Fa - ther's _____ throne, ^(Δ) ^πq Thou didst

as - cend and sit at His ^(B) ^λ right hand as An - gels sang praise

to Thee.

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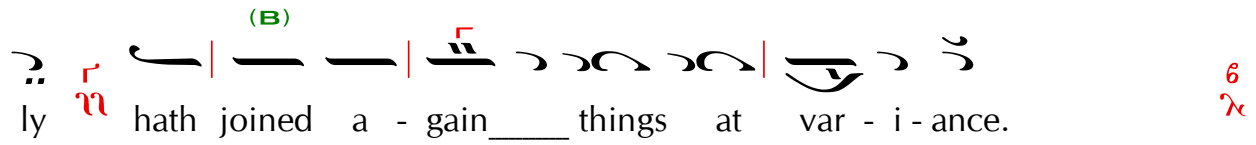
G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

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T ^(B) hē earth _____ keep - eth feast, danc - ing in glad - ness, and Heav -

- en re - joic - eth on this day, ^(Δ) be - cause of thē As - cen - sion of ⁶λ

the ^(Π) Mak - er of the un - i - verse, ^(Δ) ^πq Who of His ^(Γ) own will o - pen -


 ly ^(B) hath joined a - gain___ things at var - i - ance.

M ^(B) ost ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.

S ^(B) ince thou___ gav - est birth to death's de - stroy - er, the on-

- ly im-mor - tal God of all, ^(A) O Vir - gin Moth-er ev - er pure,

^(Π) do thou en-treat Him ev - er - more ^(Δ) ^(Γ) to slay the pas-sions kill-

ing me, ^(B) and of His good - ness to save my soul.

ODE FOUR

Irmos

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(B)
S eat - ed in His ho - ly glo - ry Δ on the Throne_

of Di - vin - i - ty, 6 λ Je - sus, God tran - scend - ent, Δ com - eth on

a light__cloud as King of all; 6 λ (N) (Π) and He hath saved by His pure

and un - de - fil - ed__hand π ϩ (Δ) them that cry to__Him: Δ (B) Glo - ry, O

Christ, to Thy sov - 'reign might. 6 λ

Refrain and Troparia

(B)
G lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. 6 λ

(B)
J e - sus Christ, the Life - Be - stow - er, Δ tak - ing those__

whom He great - ly loved 6 λ to the Mount of Ol - ives, Δ blest

them and was lift - ed up - on a cloud, 6 λ (N) (Π) by which He came

to the Fa-ther's bos - om in the heights, to the place from

which He had not ev - er once tak - en leave.

Glo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

All cre - a - tion, seen and un - seen, cel - e -

brat - eth and keep - eth feast. Men and An - gels leap up,

glo - ri - fy - ing cease - less - ly in their joy the blest As - cen -

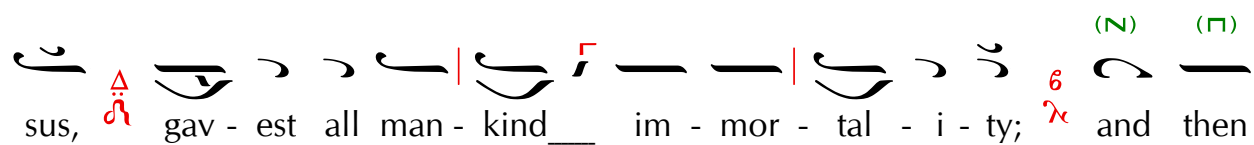
sion of Him Who hath been joined to us in His good - ness

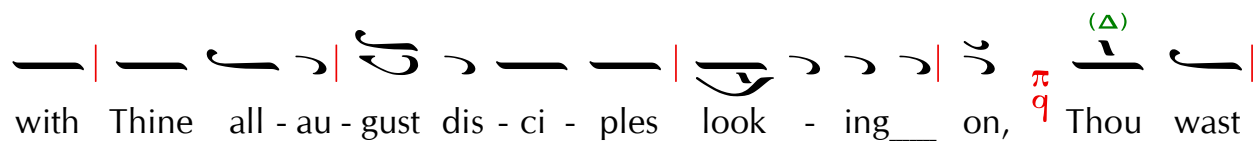
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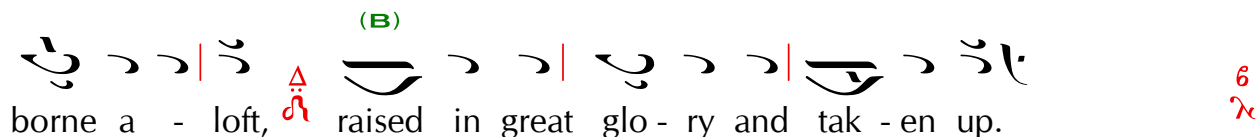
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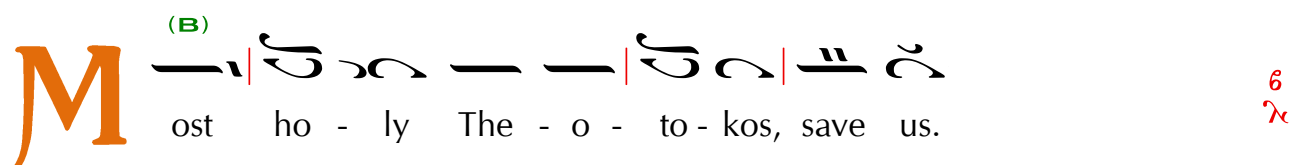
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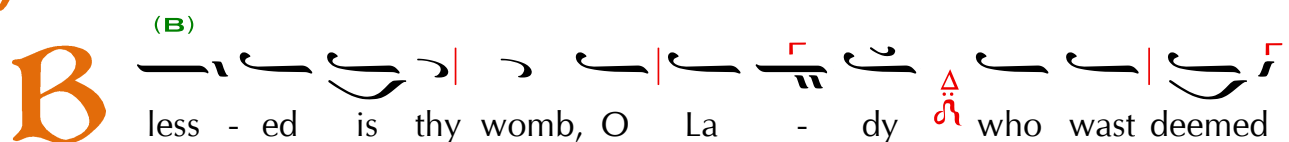
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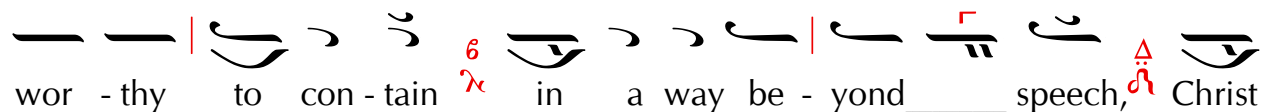

 sus,  gav - est all man - kind__ im - mor - tal - i - ty;  and then

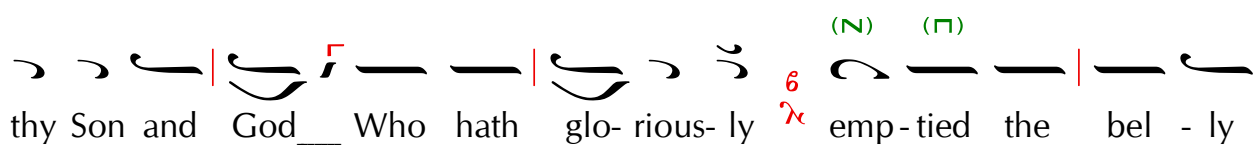

 with Thine all - au - gust dis - ci - ples look - ing__ on,  Thou wast

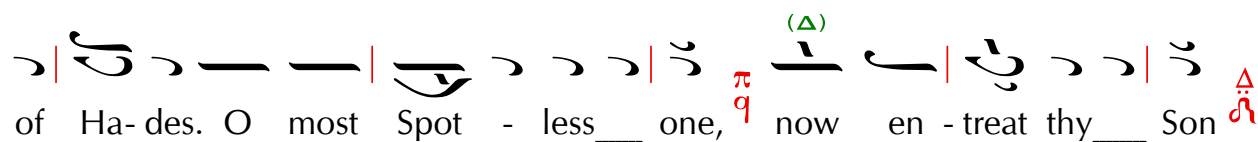

 borne a - loft,  raised in great glo - ry and tak - en up. 

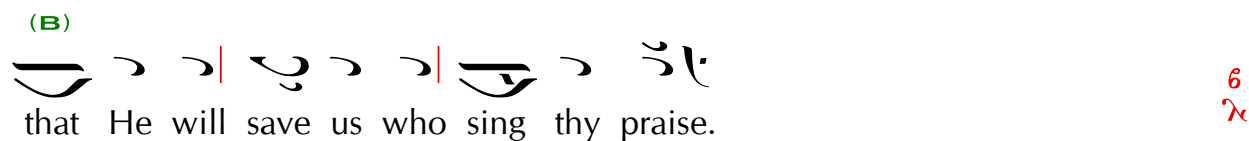

M  ost ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. 


B  less - ed is thy womb, O La - dy  who wast deemed__


 wor - thy to con - tain  in a way be - yond__ speech,  Christ


 thy Son and God__ Who hath glo - rious - ly  emp - tied the bel - ly


 of Ha - des. O most Spot - less__ one,  now en - treat thy__ Son 


 that He will save us who sing thy praise. 

ODE FIVE

Irmos

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^(B)
A ll crea- tures were sore a- mazed at thy di- vine and great
 glo- ry, Maid, ^Δ O _____ pure Vir- gin who hast not known wed-
 lock; ⁶ λ for thou didst hold in thy womb the God of _____ all, ^Δ
 and gav- est birth _____ to the time- less Son, ^Δ Who doth grant sal-
 va - tion un - to all them that ac - claim thy name. ⁶ λ

Refrain and Troparia

^(B)
G lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. ⁶ λ

^(B)
O nce Thou hadst put death to death by Thine own death, O most
 gra- cious Lord, ^Δ Thou _____ didst then as - cend the Mount of Ol-
 ives ⁶ λ where Thou hadst led those whom Thou didst love, O _____ Christ; ^Δ

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and Thou___ wast then lift - ed up from there, borne a - loft up -

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on a cloud__ in great haste to Thy Fa - ther's side.

(B) | | | | | | | |
 lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

(B) | | | | | | | |
 ow strange is Thy birth, how strange Thy Ris - ing up, O Life -

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giv - ing Lord; strange_____ and awe-some Thy di-vine As - cen - sion

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 up from the Mount which E - li - jah fi-gured__ forth when

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he__ mount-ed up un-to the heights on a four-horsed char-

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i - ot,__ prais-ing Thee, O Thou Friend of man.

(B) | | | | | | | |
 lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

(B) | | | | | | | |
 hē An-gels de-clared to thē A - pos-tles as they were look-ing

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on: Men_____ of Gal - i - lee, why do ye mar - vel at

the As - cen - sion of Christ the Giv - er of Life? ^Δ For He___ shall

re - turn a - gain to earth ^Δ and shall judge the world en - tire__ as

a Judge al - to - geth - er just. ⁶ _λ

^(B)
M ost ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ⁶ _λ

^(B)
K eep - ing thee as an un - cor - rupt - ed Vir - gin in bear - ing Him,

^Δ O___ thou who in truth art The - o - to - kos, ⁶ _λ Christ then

as - cend - ed up to His Fa - ther,__ Whom ^Δ He left___ not

though He re - ceived from thee, ^Δ flesh en - dowed with mind and soul,

__ through His mer - cy in - ef - fa - ble. ⁶ _λ

ODE SIX

Irmos

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 n this _____ di - vine and most hon - ored feast  of God's all-
 ho-ly Moth - er let all of god - ly mind now cel - e - brate; 
 come let us faith-ful now clap our hands,  and send up glo - ry
 un - to the God Whom she hath borne.

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Refrain and Troparia


 lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.


 et rain _____ clouds o - pen in Heav - en's heights  and pour down
 on us all _____ ev - er - last - ing glad - ness and ex - ceed - ing joy;  rid -
 ing a cloud, as on Cher - u - bim,  to - day doth Christ go up _____
 to His Fa - ther in the heights.

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G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

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O ^(Π) Thou _____ com - pas - sion - ate Friend of man, ^{π q} ap - pear - ing in

the like - ness of flesh, those things which once were op - po - sites ^(N) ^(Π) ^{π q}

^(B) didst Thou u - nite in - to one, and then ^Δ wast tak - en to the

^Δ Heav - ens as Thy dis - ci - ples watched.

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G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

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T ^(Π) he ho - ly An - gels, when they be - held ^{π q} Christ bear - ing

the di - vine _____ sym - bols of His ven - er - a - ble suf - fer - ings, ^(N) ^(Π) ^{π q}

^(B) cried out: Lo! Why are His gar - ments red ^Δ Who is u - nit - ed

^Δ un - to the course - ness of the flesh?

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hen Thou hadst ful-filled Thy dis - pen - sa - tion for our sakes

u - nit - ing things on earth with the Heav - ens, Thou didst as-

cent in glo - ry, O Christ our God, de-part - ing not hence, but re-

main - ing in - sep - 'ra - ble from us and cry - ing un - to them

that love _____ Thee: I am with _____ you, and no one

can be _____ a - gainst you.

Ikos

Come, ye mortals, abandoning the things of earth upon the earth, and giving up to the clay that which is but ashes, let us come to our senses and raise our eyes and thoughts on high; let us wing our gaze together with our senses up unto the heavenly gates. Let us consider ourselves present at the Mount of Olives, and gaze intently at the Redeemer riding upon a cloud; for it is from there that He, Who loveth to give, hath distributed gifts unto His Apostles, calling to them as a Father, and strengthening them; He hath guided them like sons, and hath said unto them: I am not separated from you; I am with you, and no one can be against you.

and no one can be a - gainst _____ you. _____

ODE SEVEN

Irmos

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N ^(B) — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 o cre - a - ted thing, ⁶λ but on - ly the Cre - a - tor
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 would the god - ly mind-ed — Youths ⁶λ a - dore and wor - ship as
 — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 God; ⁶λ but man - ful - ly tram - pling down threats of fire, they cried
 — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 out: ⁶λ O su - preme - ly — praised ^π and all - ac - claimed One,
 — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 blest art Thou, ^Δ O Thou Lord, God of our Fa - thers. ⁶λ

Refrain and Troparia

G ^(B) — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. ⁶λ
T ^(B) — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 hou Who art the Light ⁶λ wast caught up by a ra - diant
 — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 cloud which took Thee up from — earth ⁶λ in ways sur - pass - ing our
 — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — — | — — — —
 minds. ⁶λ The Heav - ens' as - sem - blies and all thē A - pos - tles sang,

⁶_λ ^(Π) chant - ing praise__ to__ Thee, ^π_q ^(B) while say - ing: Tru - ly blest

art Thou, ^Δ_h O Thou Lord, God of our Fa - thers. ⁶_λ

^(B) **G** lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. ⁶_λ

^(B) **L** et us clap our hands, ⁶_λ ac - claim - ing with great ju - bi-

la - tion the As - cent of__ Christ, ⁶_λ and let us all__ cry a-

loud: ^(B) ⁶_λ The Lord is gone up with the voice of a trum - pet call,

⁶_λ ^(Π) and is seat - ed__ at ^π_q ^(B) the Fa - ther's right hand, where He

shall ^Δ_h share one Throne with Him for - ev - er. ⁶_λ

^(B) **G** lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. ⁶_λ

^(B) **O** nce in times of old ⁶_λ Great Mo - ses lift - ed up his

voice to sing a - loud the__ hymn: ⁶_λ ^(N) Let Heav - en's An - gels a-

dore ⁶λ and of - fer due wor-ship to Christ Who now go - eth up

⁶λ as the King of all. ^{πq} To Him we cry out: Blest

art Thou, ^A O Thou Lord, God of our Fa - thers. ⁶λ

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ⁶λ

O thou graced of God, ⁶λ what glo - ri - ous strange won - ders!

How didst thou con - tain our God, ⁶λ the un - con - tain - a - ble

One? ⁶λ He Who hath as - sumed the whole pov - er - ty of our

flesh, ⁶λ and with great glo - ry ^{πq} to - day went up to Heav-

en's height ^A and hath quick - ened all of A - dam. ⁶λ

ODE EIGHT

Irmos

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(B)
Τ hree _____ guilt - less Youths cast in the fur - nace were saved _____
 by the Off - spring which the The - o - to - kos bare, Δ then in fig-
 ure and in type, 6 λ now in ver - y truth and _____ deed; π ρ and He
(Π) (Δ) (B)
 hath gath - ered all the world, which cri - eth out in _____ chant: Δ
(B) (Π) (B)
 Ye works of His, O sing the Lord's prais - es, π ρ and ex - alt Him
 great - ly for ag - es and all ag - es. 6 λ

Refrain and Troparia

(B)
G lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord. 6 λ
(B)
Τ hē An - gels ap - peared to the A - pos - tles as
 Christ _____ did as - cend in - to the Heav - ens, and they said: Δ why

are ye all stand-ing here ^(Π) gaz-ing in as-ton-ish-ment? ^{6λ} For

^(B) He, that go-eth up ^(Δ) in-to the Heav-ens, shall re-turn

^(B) a-gain to judge. For ^(Π) tru-ly, He on-ly ^(B) is the One Who

judg-eth all men who dwell up-on earth. ^{6λ}

^(B) **G**lo-ry to Thy ho-ly As-cen-sion, O Lord. ^{6λ}

^(B) **L**et us _____ ren-der maj-es-ty to God; let us cry_

__out with one ac-cord in joy-ful hymns of praise; ^Δ let us

sing and clap our hands, ^(Π) join-ing in a cho-rus__ dance: ^{6λ} Our

^(B) God is gone up from thē earth in-to the Heav-ens'__ heights.

^(B) ^Δ Thē An-gels and Arch-an-gels ex-tol Him, ^(Π) ^(B) He Who is the

Mas-ter and Fash-ion-er of all things. ^{6λ}

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G ^(B) lo - ry to Thy ho - ly As - cen - sion, O Lord.

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O ^(B) ur na - ture which fell in an - cient times hath been raised

__ high - er than thē An - gels and it hath been set ^Δ up up-on

the throne of God ^(Π) ⁶λ past all mind and rea - son - ing. ^π9 Come

^(B) let us keep the fes - ti - val and cry a - loud this __ hymn: ^Δ

^(B) Ye works of His, O sing the Lord's prais - es, ^(Π) ^(B) ^π9 and ex - alt Him

great - ly for ag - es and all ag - es.

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Ω ^(B) e bless the Lord: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

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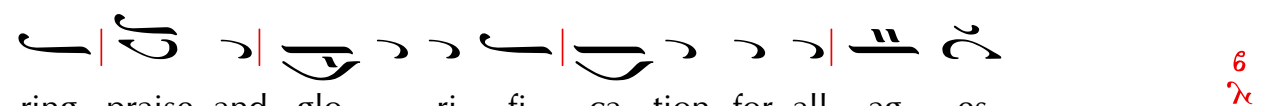
B ^(B) e - hold, __ by His Cross, thy Son de - spoiled death, and,

Lo! __ on the third day, from the grave did He a - rise, ^Δ O


 Moth - er of our Lord and God; ⁶_λ af - ter - wards He showed Him - self


^π_q to His dis - ci - ples, hast' - ning up in - to the Heav -


 ens'__ heights. ^Δ_δ We wor - ship Him, and fall down be - fore thee, ^π_q off -


 ring praise and glo - ri - fi - ca - tion for all ag - es. ⁶_λ

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord; praising the Lord,
and supremely exalting Him unto all the ages.

ODE NINE

Verse and Ikmos

B ^(B) e - hold - ing thē as - cent ____ of the Mas - ter, ^(Π) ⁶λ thē An -

^(B) gel hosts were sore a - mazed, ^π⁹ how He was tak - en up with

⁶λ glo - ry ^Δ from thē earth un - to the Heav - ens. ⁶λ

L ^(B) et ev' - ry earth - born man ⁶λ up - leap in the spir - it, and

^(N) ^(Π) now hold his torch on high; ⁶λ and let all the bod - i - less,

^(B) ^π⁹ no - et - ic hosts ____ now cel - e - brate joy - ous - ly ^(Π) ^(B) ⁶λ the The -

^(Δ) o - to - kos' - s ____ sub - lime and sa - cred fes - ti - val, ^Δ as

^(B) they cry ____ out: ^Δ Re - joice, O thou all - bless - ed one, ^(Δ) ⁶λ ev -

^(B) er - vir - gin and pure Moth - er of our God. ⁶λ

Verse and Troparion A

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B ^(B) e - hold- ing thē as- cent___ of the Mas - ter, ⁶λ thē An- ^(Π)

gel hosts were sore a - mazed, ^(B) ^πq how He was tak - en up with

glo - ry ^Δ from thē earth un- to the Heav- ens. ⁶λ

O ^(B) ex- ceed- ing gifts ⁶λ that pass un- der- stand- ing! What a

fear - ful mys - ter - y! ^(N) ^(Π) ⁶λ For the Sov- 'reign Lord of___ all, ^(B) ^πq a -

ris - ing from___ thē earth to ce - les - tial realms, ^(Π) ^(B) ⁶λ hath sent the

Ho - ly Spir - it ^(Δ) to His own dis - ci - ples be - low, ^Δ that

the Spir - it ^(B) ^Δ might il - lu - mi - nate their mind ^(Δ) ⁶λ and

with grace make them blaze like a fier - y flame. ^(B) ⁶λ

Verse and Troparion B

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B ^(B) e - hold - ing the as - cent ^(Π) of the Mas - ter, ⁶λ the An -

^(B) gel hosts were sore a - mazed, ^πq how He was tak - en up with

⁶λ glo - ry ^Δ from the earth un - to the Heav - ens.

τ ^(B) o His fol - low - ers ⁶λ the Lord said: Now tar - ry ye ^(B) in

^(N) ^(Π) Jer - u - sa - lem ⁶λ and I shall send un - to ^(B) you ^πq an - oth -

^(Π) ^(B) er Com - for - ter, Who is one in throne ⁶λ both with My Fa -

^(Δ) ther, and of e - qual hon - or un - to ^(B) Me, ^Δ Whom ye

^(B) look ^(Δ) on ^Δ rid - ing on a cloud of light ⁶λ be - ing

^(B) tak - en on high in di - vine as - cent.

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Glory. Verse and Troparion C

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^(B)
G lo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
 Spir - it.

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^(B)
B e - hold - ing thē as - cent___ of the Mas - ter, ^(Π)
 the An - gel hosts were sore a - mazed, ^(B)
 how He was tak - en up with
 glo - ry ^(Δ) from thē earth un - to the Heav - ens.

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^(B)
T he mag - nif - i - cence ^(N) ^(Π) ^(B) is no - ta - bly lift - ed high a - bove
 the heav - ens now ^(N) ^(Π) ^(B) of Him in the flesh made___ poor; ^(B) and
 so our fall - en na - ture is mag - ni - fied ^(Π) ^(B) and hon - ored with
 the ses - sion with the Fa - ther on His___ throne. ^(Δ) Let us
 keep___ feast, ^(B) and with one ac - cord cry out, ^(Δ) glad - ly

^(B)
 clap - ping our hands in ex - ceed - ing joy.

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Both Now. Verse and Troparion D

^(B)
Both now and ev - er, and un - to thē ag - es of

ag - es. A - men.

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^(B)
Be - hold - ing thē as - cent___ of the Mas - ter, ⁶λ thē An -

gel hosts were sore a - mazed, ^(B) ^π ^q how He was tak - en up with

glo - ry ^Δ ^α from thē earth un - to the Heav - ens.

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^(B)
Light that shone from Light ⁶λ hath dawned as the sun from thee,

O thou all - blame - less Maid; ^(N) ^(Π) ⁶λ all the gross ob - scu - ri -

ty ^(B) ^π ^q of a - the - i - sm hath He dis - persed in day ⁶λ

^(Π) ^(B) ^(Δ)
 and He hath guid - ed with His light those sleep - ing in the___

night. ^Δ Hence, O Vir - - - gin, ^(B) as is due, we call thee
 blest, ^(Δ) ev - er sing-ing thy praise to e - ter - ni - ty. ^(B)