

THE FIRST CANON FOR THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

A Composition of Cosmas the Monk

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ODE ONE

Irmos

^(Π)
Α - dorned with di - vine glo-ry, O pure Vir - gin, ^Δ ^π ^q thine all - il -
lus - tri - ous and sanc - ti - fied mem - o - ri - al ^π ^q gath - er - eth to - geth - er
all the faith - ful as they chant a - loud and are led by Mi - ri - am, ^π ^q with
joy - ful danc - es and timb - rels, ^π ^q to praise thine On - ly - Be - got - ten
Son, ^Δ ^π ^q for He is glo - rious - ly glo - ri - fied. ^π ^q

Refrain and Troparia

^(Π)
Μ ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ^Δ ^π ^q

(□)
H eav - en's no - et - ic hosts were at - tend - ing Δ un - to thy bod - y
 in Je - ru - sa - lem, when sud - den - ly, π q all at once the mul - ti - tude of
 the A - pos - tles came to - geth - er from re - gions far and wide, π q stand - ing
 by thee, God's own moth - er. π q With them, we now al - so glo - ri -
 fy Δ thine hon - ored mem' - ry, O pure Vir - gin. π q

(□)
M ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. Δ

(□)
G reat was thy vic - to - ry o - ver na - ture, Δ wor - thy of hon - or,
 O pure Vir - gin who gave birth to God. π q Yet, thou, in a man - ner which
 trans - cend - eth na - ture, didst bow down and sub - mit to na - ture's laws, π q as
 did thy Son and Cre - a - tor. π q Hence, thou in thy dy - ing art raised
 up Δ to live e - ter - nal - ly with thy Son. π q

Katavasia-First Ode

^(□)
A - dorned with di - vine glo-ry, O pure Vir - gin, ^Δ thine all - il -
 lus - tri - ous and sanc - ti - fied mem - o - ri - al ^π gath - er - eth to - geth - er
 all the faith - ful as they chant a - loud and are led by Mi - ri - am, ^π with
 joy - ful danc - es and timb - rels, ^π to praise thine On - ly Be - got - ten
 Son, ^Δ for He is glo - rious - ly glo - ri - fied. ^π

ODE THREE

Irmos

^(□)
O Christ, Who art God's Wis - dom and Pow - er, yea, the Cre -
 a - tor ^Δ and Up - hold - er of all that is: ^π Build Thy Church; es -
 tab - lish it to be un - shak - en and im - mov - a - ble; ^Δ Thou a - lone ^π art
 Ho - ly Lord, ^Δ and hast Thy rest - ing place in Thy Ho - ly ^π Ones.

Refrain and Troparia

M ^(□) ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ⲁⲓ

T ^(□) he famed A - pos - tles saw thee, O Vir - gin, shin - ing in glo -

ry ⲁⲓ as they touched thee with trem - bling hands, πϩ know - ing thee as

mor - tal, yet, as far a - bove the na - ture of man - kind, ⲁⲓ the ver - y Moth -

er of our God, ⲁⲓ O spot - less tab - er - nac - le con - tain - ing God. πϩ

M ^(□) ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ⲁⲓ

W ^(□) ith glo - ry of the God - head the Lord hath guard - ed the

rev' - rence ⲁⲓ and hon - or due to the liv - ing Ark πϩ in which God the

Word took flesh; for with just judg - ment did He in - ter - vene ⲁⲓ cut - ting off

the scorn - ful hands ⲁⲓ of him stuck fast in ob - sti - nate un - be - lief. πϩ

Katavasia-Third Ode



 Christ, Who art God's Wis-dom and Pow - er, yea, the Cre-

 a - tor  and Up-hold - er of all that is:  Build Thy Church; es -

 tab-lish it to be un - shak-en and im-mov-a - ble;  Thou a-lone  art

 Ho - ly Lord,  and hast Thy rest-ing place in Thy Ho - ly  Ones. 




ODE FOUR

Irmos



 ryp-ti-c'lly, in rid-dles the Proph-ets spake,  fore-tell - ing Thou wouldst

 take on flesh  from a pure Vir- gin, O Christ God,  light-en-ing the na-

 tions,  thy bright-ness flash - ing forth light-'ning-like;  and the deep doth

 call to Thee with a voice of glad-ness:  Glo - ry be to Thy pow - er, O

Friend__ of man.

π
q

Refrain and Troparia

^(□)
M ost Ho - ly The - o - to- kos, save us.

Δ
q

^(□)
C ome, O all ye peo-ple, and gaze in awe: Δ The ho - ly Moun-tain

of the Lord π q is in the sight of all raised up; Δ she hath been ex - alt-

ed Δ a - bove the height of the Heav-ens' hills; π q yea, thē earth - ly

Heav- en hath tak- en up her dwell- ing Δ in a heav-en-ly and ev-er - last-

ing land.

π
q

^(□)
M ost Ho - ly The - o - to- kos, save us.

Δ
q

^(□)
P ass-ing through thy death to e - ter - nal life, Δ O Vir - gin all - im-

mac - u-late, π q thou didst cross from this mor - tal life Δ to a life un-end-

ing, ^Δ di - vine and change-less, and ^π bet - ter still. ^π There with ev - er -

last-ing joy thou dost gaze in won-der ^Δ and with awe on thy Son and thy

Lord___ and God. ^π

^(□) **M** ost Ho - ly The - o - to- kos, save us. ^Δ

^(□) **H** eav-en's gates were o- pened and lift - ed up, ^Δ thē An - gels chant-ed

hymns of praise, ^π and Christ re- ceived with o - pen arms ^Δ His own Moth-er,

Mar - y, ^Δ the treas-ure of pure vir - gin - i- ty. ^π The Cher - u - bim

made way for her in ex-ceed-ing glad-ness, ^Δ while the Ser - a-phim glo - ri-

fied her___ in joy. ^π

Katavasia-Fourth Ode

^(□) **C** ryp-ti-c'lly, in rid-dles the Proph-ets spake, ^Δ fore-tell - ing Thou wouldst

take on flesh ^{π q} from a pure Vir- gin, O Christ God, ^Δ light-en-ing the na-

tions, ^Δ thy bright-ness flash - ing forth light-'ning-like; ^{π q} and the deep doth

call to Thee with a voice of glad-ness: ^Δ Glo - ry be to Thy pow - er, O

Friend ^{π q} of man.

ODE FIVE

Irmos

^(π) **T**he beaut-y di-vine of Thy vir - tues, ^Δ though most un - speak - a - ble,

shall I de-clare, O Christ. ^{π q} In Thy Hy - pos - ta - sis, as the

Co - e - ter - nal Light, ^Δ thou hast shone forth from the Glo - ry Be-yond

all Time, ^{π q} and from the Vir- gin tak - ing flesh, ^Δ Thou hast a - ris - en

as the sun, ^{π q} on those in dark-ness and in the shad - ow's night. ^{π q}

Refrain and Troparia

M ^(□) ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ⲁⲓ

T ^(□) he choir of A - pos - tles was borne up, ⲁⲓ as though on clouds, un-to

Si - on's most ho - ly Mount, ⲡⲓ there - by as - sem - bling from all the

re - gions of thē earth ⲁⲓ that they might serve thee, the swift cloud, O Vir-

gin Maid, ⲡⲓ whence the Most High shown forth His light, ⲁⲓ as the Sun of

Right-eous - ness, ⲡⲓ on those in dark-ness and in the shad - ow's night. ⲡⲓ

M ^(□) ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ⲁⲓ

R ^(□) e - sound-ing more loud- ly than trum- pets, ⲁⲓ thē A - pos - tles' tongues,

which were in-spired by God, ⲡⲓ cried in the Spir - it, un - to the

Moth - er of our God, ⲁⲓ the hymns of bur - i - al, chant-ing to her: Re-joyce,

ⲡⲓ thou in - cor - rup - ti - ble pure source ⲁⲓ of God's Com - ing in the

flesh, ^{π q} which giv - eth life and sav- eth the race ___ of ___ man. ^{π q}

Katavasia-Fifth Ode

^(π)
T he beaut- y di- vine of Thy vir - tues, ^Δ though most un - speak- a- ble,
 shall I de- clare, O Christ. ^{π q} In Thy Hy - pos - ta - sis, as the
 Co - e - ter - nal Light, ^Δ thou hast shone forth from the Glo - ry Be- yond
 all Time, ^{π q} and from the Vir- gin tak - ing flesh, ^Δ Thou hast a - ris - en
 as the sun, ^{π q} on those in dark-ness and in the shad - ow's night. ^{π q}

ODE SIX

Irmos

^(π)
D well- er of the brin - y deep, ^Δ the beast with the fire in its
 breast ^Δ was a clear im - age and type of Thy_ three- day bur - i - al, ^{π q}
 Jo - nah the Proph- et was serv- ing as ___ in - ter- pret-er. ^Δ For, as if

not swal-lowed, he re-mained un-harmed; ^Δ where-fore saved, he cried__ out:

^Δ I will sac-ri - fice to Thee with a voice of praise,__O__ Lord. ^π

Refrain and Troparia

^(π)
M ost Ho - ly The - o - to-koś, save us. ^Δ

^(π)
T hings tran-scend-ing na - ture's laws ^Δ the Lord, God of all, gave to

thee. ^Δ For in thy giv - ing of birth He kept_ thy vir - gin - i - ty; ^π

like-wise in death He pre-served thy bod - y in - corrupt. ^Δ Then He

glo - ri - fied thee by a won-der - ful ^Δ and di - vine trans - la - tion, ^Δ

giv - ing thee thē hon - or due a moth - er from__her__ Son. ^π

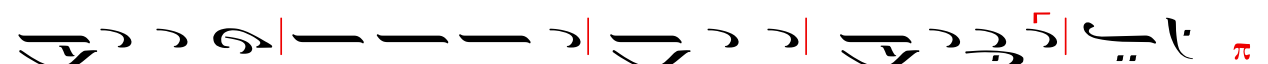
^(π)
M ost Ho - ly The - o - to-koś, save us. ^Δ

^(π)
C hrist thy Son hath placed thee in ^Δ the Ho - ly of Ho - lies to


 dwell,  as a bright lamp-stand a-flame with Fire Im - ma - te - ri - al, 

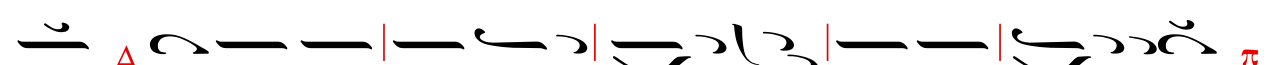

 a gold - en cen - ser which burn-eth with  the Coal Di-vine,  and the


 urn, the rod, the tab - let once in- scribed  by our God, O Vir - gin, 


 ho - ly ark and ta - ble on which li - eth the Bread  of  Life. 

Katavasia-Sixth Ode


D  well - er of the brin - y deep,  the beast with the fire in its


 breast  was a clear im - age and type of Thy  three - day bur - i - al, 


 Jo - nah the Proph - et was serv-ing as  in - ter - pret - er.  For, as if


 not swal - lowed, he re - mained un - harmed;  where - fore saved, he cried  out:


 I will sac - ri - fice to Thee with a voice of praise,  O  Lord. 



ODE SEVEN

Irmos

^(□)
W a - ging war a - gainst cruel wrath and fire, ^Δ Love Di - vine quenched
 the blaz - ing flames with dew, ^{π ϑ} and, laugh - ing the wrath to scorn, ^Δ made
 the three-string-èd psal - t'ry ^Δ of the Saints in - spired by God ^{π ϑ} sing in
 the midst of the roar-ing flames__ of the fur - nace, an-swer - ing ^{π ϑ} the
 in - stru - ments of mu - sic: ^{π ϑ} Most bless-ed art Thou,___ and ex - ceed-
 ing glo - rious, ^Δ Thou Who art our Lord and God, the God___ of our

^{π ϑ}
 Fa - thers.

Refrain and Troparia

^(□)
M ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. ^Δ

^(□)
M o - ses rent the tab-lets of the Law, ^Δ made by God, writ-ten by
 the Spir - it's pen; ^{π ϑ} but Mos - es' own Mas-ter kept ^Δ from all harm her

M ^(□) ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. Δ

T ^(□) hose in - spired by God have joined in choir: Δ for the Tem - ple, His

Glo - ry's dwell - ing place, π q to - day hath been tak - en up Δ and trans - lat -

ed from Si - on Δ to a heav - en - ly a - bode, π q where the pure

voic - es of those who feast__ bear a joy un - speak - a - ble, π q prais - ing

Christ in glad - ness: π q Most bless - ed art Thou, __ and ex - ceed - ing glo -

rious, Δ Thou Who art our Lord and God, the God __ of our Fa - thers. π q

Katavasia-Seventh Ode

W ^(□) a - ging war a - gainst cruel wrath and fire, Δ Love Di - vine quenched

the blaz - ing flames with dew, π q and, laugh - ing the wrath to scorn, Δ made

the three - string - èd psal - t'ry Δ of the Saints in - spired by God π q sing in


 the midst of the roar-ing flames__ of the fur - nace, an-swer - ing ^π the

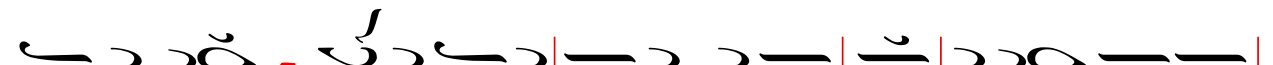
 in - stru - ments of mu - sic: ^π Most bless-ed art Thou,___ and ex - ceed-

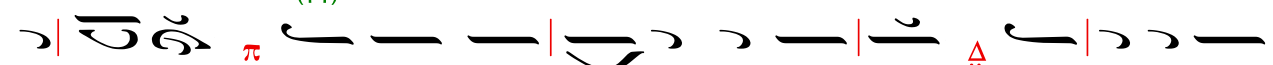
 ing glo - rious, ^Δ Thou Who art our Lord and God, the God___ of our

 Fa - thers. ^π

ODE EIGHT

Irmos


 Once of old God's Al-might-y An - gel ^Δ showed the Ho-ly Youths a

 won-drous flame, ^π burn-ing up the sin - ners yet re - fresh - ing the Saints with

 dew; ^Δ the The - o - to - kos He made in - to a life - cre - a-

 ting foun-tain, ^π to death's de - struc-tion gush-ing forth, ^Δ yet to the life

 of those who chant ^π We who are re-deemed sing out in praise of__

 God our one Cre - a - tor, ^Δ and ex - alt Him great - ly to

ag - es of all ag - es.

π
q

Refrain and Troparia

^(π)
M ost Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.

Δ
Δ

^(π)
F ol-low-ing af - ter the di - vine ark ^Δ of pure ho - li - ness, the mul -

ti - tude ^π of A - pos - tles cried a - loud in Si - on: O, thou who art ^Δ

the Liv - ing God's__Tab - er - nac - le, whith - er art thou now de - part - ing?

^(π)
^π Cease not to watch ov - er all those ^Δ that cry a - loud to thee in

faith: ^π We who are re - deemed sing out in praise of__God our one

Cre - a - tor, ^Δ and ex - alt Him great - ly to ag - es of all

ag - es.

π
q

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

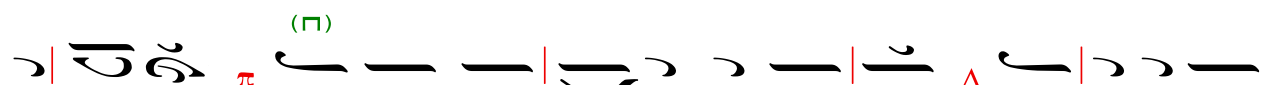
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Δ

(□) **A** s she de - part - ed, the pure Vir - gin **Δ** lift - ed up her hands— those
 ver - y hands **π q** which had held her Son in their em - brace, the in - car -
 nate God **Δ** and with a moth - er's great bold - ness, said: Pre - serve, O
 (□) my Son, all those **π q** whom Thou hast giv - en un - to me, **Δ** as they all
 cry a - loud to Thee: **π q** We who are re - deemed sing out in praise
 of God our one Cre - a - tor, **Δ** and ex - alt Him great - ly
 to ag - es of all ag - es. **π q**

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

Katavasia- Eighth Ode

(□) **O** nce of old God's Al - might - y An - gel **Δ** showed the Ho - ly Youths a
 won - drous flame, **π q** burn - ing up the sin - ners yet re - fresh - ing the Saints with


 dew;  the The - o - to - kos He made in - to a life - cre - a-

 ting foun-tain,  to death's de - struc-tion gush-ing forth,  yet to the life

 of those who chant  We who are re-deemed sing out in praise of__

 God our one Cre - a - tor,  and ex - alt Him great - ly to

 ag - es of all ag - es. _____ 

ODE NINE

Refrain and Irmos


 In ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion, we pro-claim thee bless -

 ed, O on - ly The-o- to - kos. 


 In thee the bounds of na-ture have been van-quished,  O Vir- gin

 pure and un-de- filed,  for thy child-birth is vir - gin,  thy Dor - mi-

 tion, a death wed-ded un - to life.  Thou, af - ter bear - ing, art vir-

gin ^Δ and, af - ter dy - ing, art liv - ing. ^π Nev - er fail, O The - o - to -

kos, ^Δ to save thine in - her - i - tance. ^π

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

it. ^Δ

^(□)
I n ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion, we pro - claim thee bless -

ed, O on - ly The - o - to - kos. ^π

^(□)
T hē An - gels in the Heav - ens were as - ton - ished, ^Δ watch - ing in Si -

on as their Lord ^π bore the soul of a wom - an ^π in His hands,

for He did as be - fit a son, ^π say - ing to her that had borne

Him: ^Δ Come, thou es - teemed a - mong wom - en, ^π be glo - ri - fied with

me, O Moth - er, ^Δ Who am both thy Son and God. ^π

B ^(□) both now and ev - er, and un- to the ag - es of ag - es. A -

men. ⲁⲓ

I ^(□) n ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion, we pro-claim thee bless -

ed, O on - ly The-o- to - kos. π ϩ

W ^(□) hile stand-ing round thy God-con-tain-ing bod - y, ⲁⲓ the cho-rus of

A - pos-tles gazed, π ϩ be - hold - ing it with rev'-rence, π ϩ and ad - dressed

thee with clear_voic - es as they said: π ϩ As thou de - part - est to Heav-

en, ⲁⲓ un - to thy Son in bright man-sions. π ϩ Nev - er fail, O The - o -

to - kos, ⲁⲓ to save thine in - her - i - tance. π ϩ

Katavasia-Ninth Ode

I ^(□) n ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion, we pro-claim thee bless -

ed, O on - ly The-o- to - kos.

π
q

^(□)
In thee the bounds of na- ture have been van-quished, O Vir- gin

pure and un- de- filed, for thy child- birth is vir- gin, thy Dor- mi-

tion, a death wed- ded un - to life. Thou, af - ter bear - ing, art vir-

gin and, af - ter dy - ing, art liv- ing. Nev - er fail, O The- o - to-

kos, to save thine in - her - i - tance.

π
q