



The Canon for the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

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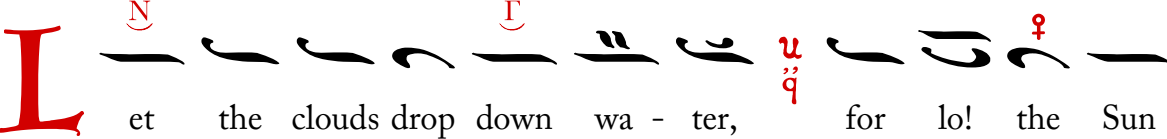
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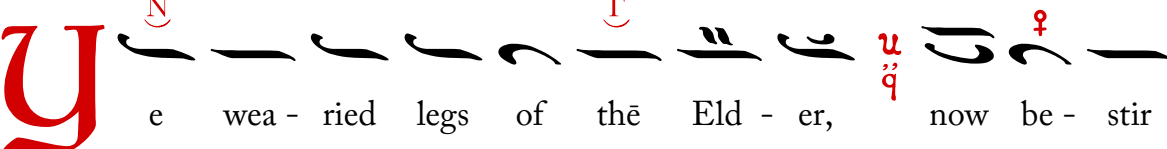
ODE ONE

Heirmos

Once the sun, beam - ing bright - ly, shone up - on dry
land which had is - sued from the deep. And the wa - ters stood
as firm walls on both sides for the peo - ple who
crossed the sea by foot while off - 'ring this song ac - cept - a -
ble to God: Sing ye un - to the Lord, ____ Who is glo - ri -
ous - ly glo - ri - fied.

Troparia


Let the clouds drop down wa - ter, for lo! the Sun
 doth ride on a swift - ly mov - ing cloud; Christ in spot - less
 arms is car - ried, be - ing brought___ as an in - fant
 in - to the pre - cincts of the Tem - ple. Where - fore, ye faith -
 ful let us cry: Sing ye un - to the Lord, ___ Who is glo -
 ri - ous - ly glo - ri - fied.

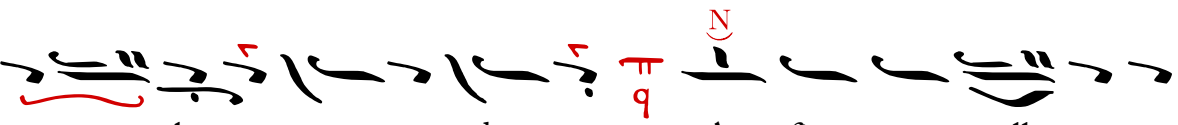

ye wea - ried legs of the Eld - er, now be - stir
 your - selves, straight - way run to meet the Christ! Ye hands of Sym -
 e - on, en - fee - bled by old age, ___ sore - ly weak - ened:
 be strength - ened, yea be sound and stur - dy! As we with An -

gels form a choir, Sing ye un - to the Lord, ____ Who is glo -
 ri - ous - ly glo - ri - fied.

Ye heav - ens stretched out in wis - dom, might - i -
 ly re - joice! Be ex - ceed - ing glad, O earth! Christ the Crafts -
 man from the bos - om of God tran - scend - ent is come ____ forth,
 and of - fered by a Vir - gin Moth - er to God the Fa -
 ther as a Babe; yea, He was be - fore all things ____ and
 is glo - rious - ly glo - ri - fied.

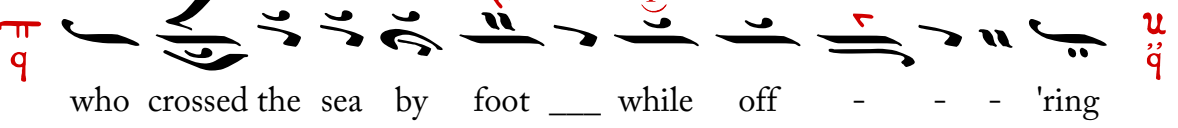
First Ode - Katavasia

Once the sun, beam - ing bright - - - ly, ____
 shone up - on ____ dry ____ land which ____ had is - sued from

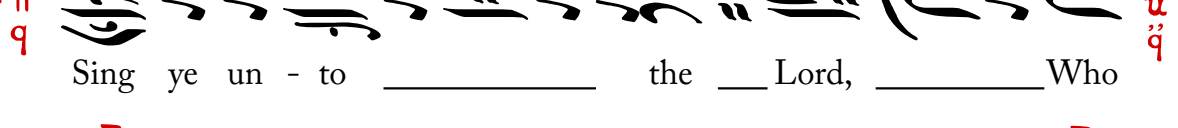

 _____ the _____ deep. _____ As firm as walls _____


 stood _____ the wa - - - - ters on _____ both


 sides _____ for _____ the peo - - - ple _____


 who crossed the sea by foot _____ while off - - - 'ring


 this song ac - cept - a - ble _____ to _____ God: _____

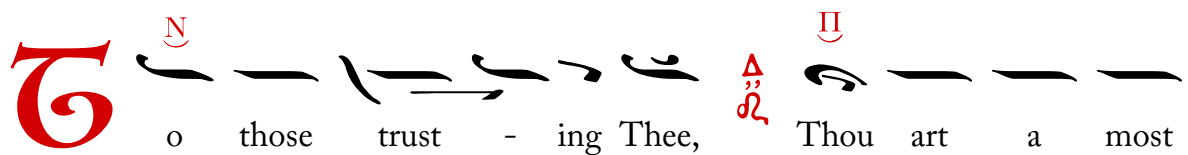

 Sing ye un - to _____ the _____ Lord, _____ Who

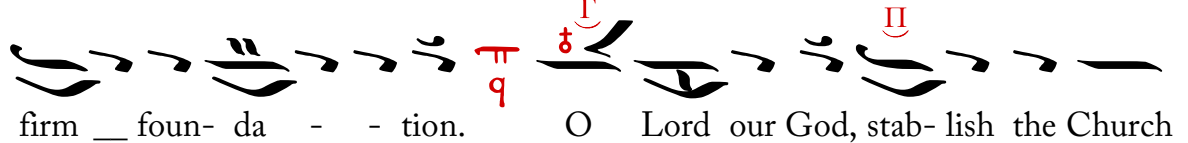

 is glo - - ri - ous - ly _____ glo - - - -


 ri - - - fied. _____

ODE THREE

Heirmos


 o those trust - ing Thee, Thou art a most


 firm _____ foun - da - - tion. O Lord our God, stab - lish the Church

and con-firm ___ that which Thou hast pur-chased with Thine
 hon - ored and pre - cious ___ Blood.

Troparia

re the ag - es He was the first born of
 ___ the Fa - ther. Ap - pear - ing as First-born Babe of a
 pure Maid - en, now to A - dam He doth ges - ture
 with out - stretched ___ hands.

hat He might ___ re - store the state of A - dam,
 ___ the first ___ formed, made child - ish in mind by the de -
 vil's de - cep - tion, God the Lo - gos hath ap - peared ___
 as a lit - tle ___ Child.

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W^ⲛ ith out suff - 'ring change ^ⲓ be - come a Babe,
 the ___ Cre - a - - tor ^ⲓ re - fash - ioned our na - ture in form
 like the God - head, ^ⲓ that earth - born na - ture ^ⲓ which re - turn
 - eth a - gain ___ to ___ earth.

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Third Ode - Katavasia



T^ⲓ o those _____ trust - - - ing _____
 Thee, _____ Thou art _____ a _____ most firm _____
 foun - da - - tion. _____ O Lord, _____ our _____
 _____ God, _____ stab - lish _____ the _____ whole Church _____
 _____ and con - firm _____ that _____ which Thou _____


 ___ hast ___ pur - - chased with ___ Thine hon - - - ored

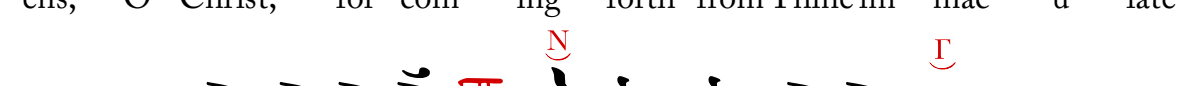
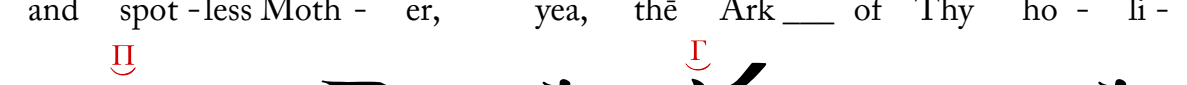
 and ___ pre - - - - - cious ___ Blood. ___


ODE FOUR

Heirmos



 hy vir - tue hath whol - ly cov - ered all the heav-

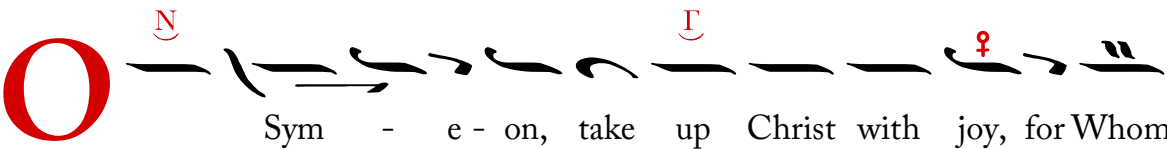
 ens, O Christ; for com - ing forth from Thine im - mac - u - late

 and spot - less Moth - er, yea, the Ark ___ of Thy ho - li -

 ness, didst Thou ap - pear a ___ Child borne to the Tem - ple

 of Thy Glo - ry, held in ___ arms; and the en - tire ___ cre -

 a - tion is filled with praise ___ of ___ Thee.

Troparia


 e - joice ____ in em - brac - ing Christ the Word be - come
 a small Babe, of Whom, O Sym - e - on, the Ho - ly Spir -
 it once in - formed ____ thee, thou in - i - tiate of mys -
 ter - ries sur - pas - sing mind and speech, thus did God's
 Moth - er call to him and bid him ____ cry: Lo! the
 en - tire ____ cre - a - tion is filled with praise ____ of ____ Thee.


 Sym - e - on, take up Christ with joy, for Whom
 thou hast hoped: of di - vine Is - ra - el this In - fant is
 the Con - so - la - tion. As the Au - thor and Mas -
 ter of the Law doth He ful - fill the Law's giv - en

or - der, where-fore, cry a - loud to ___Him: Lo! the
 en - tire ___ cre - a - tion is filled with praise ___ of ___ Thee.

When Sym - e - on saw in - car - nate the be-
 gin - ing - less Word, as on a Cher - u - bim - ic throne borne
 by the spot-less Vir - gin, and be - held ___ as a Babe
 the Cause of be - ing for all things, filled with a-
 maze - ment then he cried a - loud to ___Him: Lo! the
 en - tire ___ cre - a - tion is filled with praise ___ of ___ Thee.

Fourth Ode-Katavasia

A hy vir - tue hath _____ whol - ly
 cov - - ered all _____ heav - ens,

_____ O _____ Christ; _____ for com - ing forth from Thine
 im - - mac - u - - - late _____ and _____ spot
 - less Moth - - - er, _____ yea, the Ark _____
 of _____ Thine ho - - li - ness, Thou didst _____ ap -
 pear _____ a _____ Child _____ borne _____ to _____
 _____ the _____ Tem - - ple of _____ Thy Glo - ry, _____
 held _____ in _____ arms; _____ and the en - ti
 - - re cre - a - - tion _____ is filled with _____
 praise _____ of _____ Thee. _____

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ODE FIVE

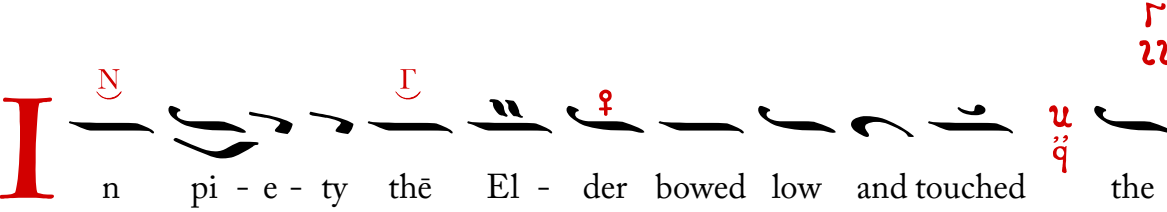
Heirmos

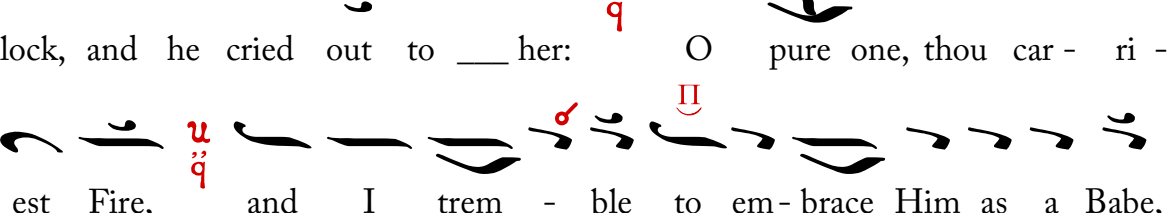
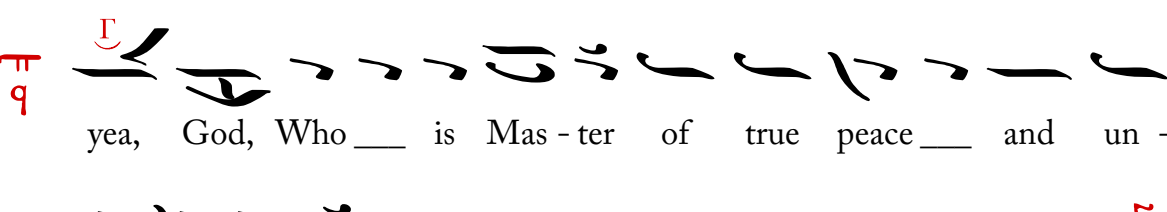
B _____ e - hold - ing in a fig - ure God high en - throned,

by An - gels of bright glo - ry borne up, then I - sai - ah
 cried out: I am a wretch - ed ___ man! A - las! for I saw
 and be - held Him be - fore - hand: God in - car - nate in the
 flesh. Yea, He is ___ the Mas - ter of true peace ___ and un -
 wan - ing ___ light.

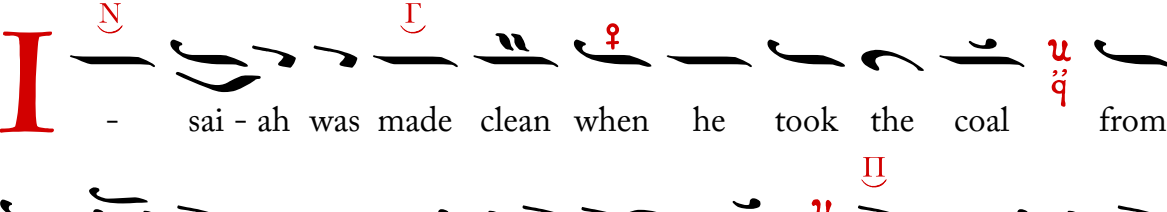
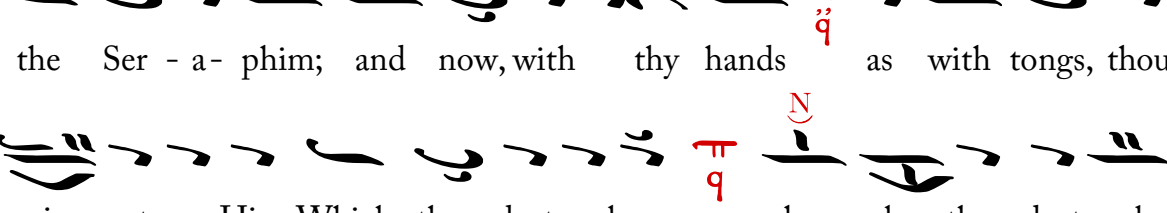
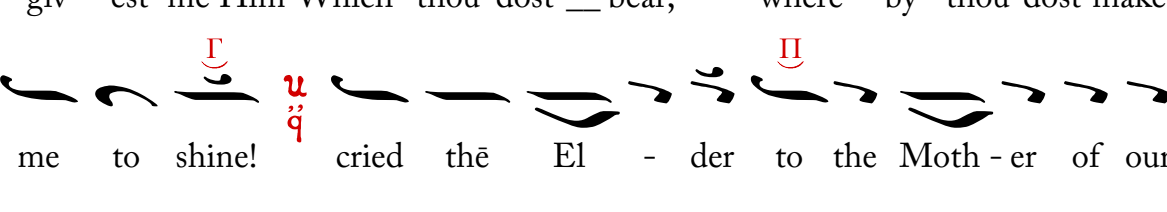
Troparia

Be - hold - ing Christ the Word in His Moth - er's arms,
 the El - der most di - vine knew that this was the glo - ry
 shown to the Proph - et once of ___ old, and cried: O au - gust
 one, re - joice, for I see ___ thee as a throne that hold - est
 God. Yea, He is ___ the Mas - ter of true peace ___ and un -
 wan - ing ___ light.


 In pi - e - ty thē El - der bowed low and touched the

 foot-steps of the Moth- er of God, her who knew not wed -

 lock, and he cried out to ___ her: O pure one, thou car - ri -

 est Fire, and I trem - ble to em- brace Him as a Babe,

 yea, God, Who ___ is Mas - ter of true peace ___ and un -
 wan - ing ___ light.


 - sai - ah was made clean when he took the coal from

 the Ser - a - phim; and now, with thy hands as with tongs, thou

 giv - est me Him Which thou dost ___ bear, where - by thou dost make
 me to shine! cried thē El - der to the Moth - er of our


 God: for, He is ___ the Mas - ter of true peace___ and un -

 wan - ing___ light.

Fifth Ode-Katavasia



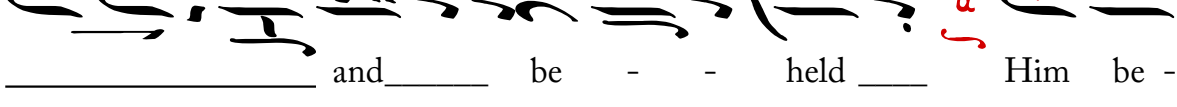
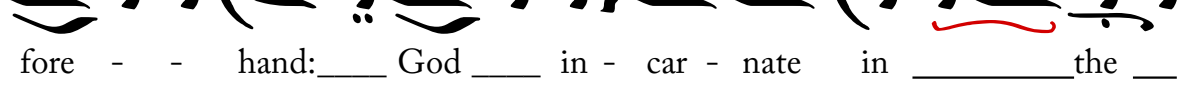
 e - hold - ing___ in ___ a fig - - - ure

 God ___ high___ en - - - throned,___ by An - gels

 of ___ bright glo - - - - ry ___ borne___

 up, then I - sai - ah___ cried ___ out: I ___ am

 ___ a wretch - - - ed ___ man!___ A -

 las! ___ for I saw

 ___ and___ be - - - held ___ Him be -

 fore - - - hand:___ God ___ in - car - nate in ___ the ___

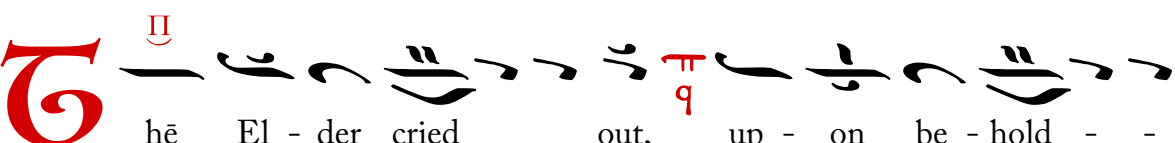
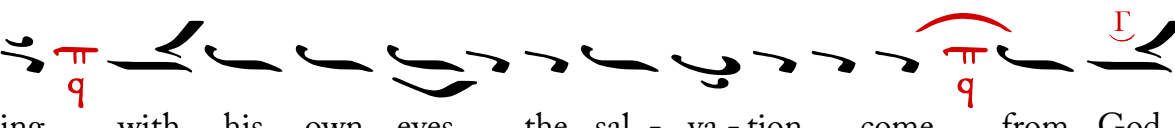
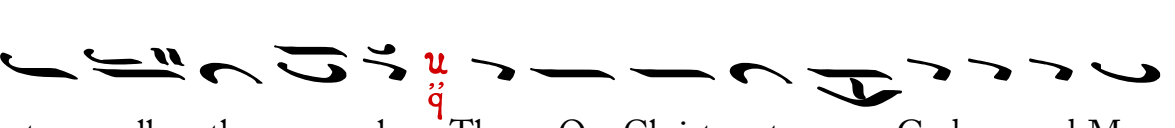

 _____ flesh. _____ Yea, He _____ is _____ the _____

 _____ Mas - - - - - ter of true peace _____ and

 un - wan - - - - - ing _____ light. _____

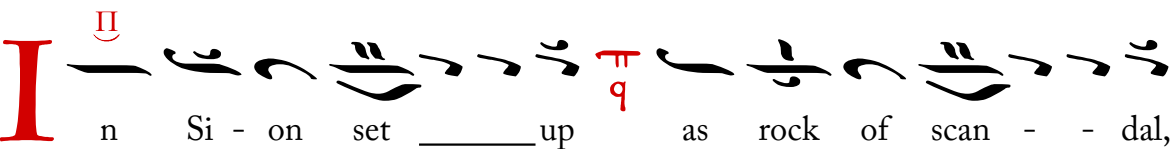

ODE SIX

Heirmos


 hē El - der cried _____ out, up - on be - hold - -

 ing with his own eyes _____ the sal - va - tion _____ come from God

 to all the peo - ple: Thou, O Christ, art my God _____ and Mas -

 ter.

Troparia


 In Si - on set _____ up as rock of scan - - dal,

and stum - bling stone ___ for de - fi - ant ___ men, Thou for

all the faith - ful art sal - va - tion al - ways ___ un - brok - en.

ru - ly bear - - ing the per - fect im - - age

of Him that be - gat ___ Thee ere time be - gan, Thou

in Thy com - pas - sion hast put on the weak - ness ___ of mor -

tals.

In peace let him ___ now de - part that wor - -

shipped Thee as the Son ___ of the Lord Most ___ high: God

be - come an In - fant; yea, the Son of the spot - less Vir -

gin.

Sixth Ode-Katavasia

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hē El - - - der ____ cried ____ out, ____

up - on ____ be - hold - - ing ____ with his

own eyes ____ the ____ sal - va - - tion ____ come

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____ from God ____ to all ____ the ____ peo - -

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ple: Thou, O Christ, art my God ____ and Mas - ter. ____

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ODE SEVEN

Heirmos

Thou Who didst be - dew the pi - ous Youths as they
 dis-coursed on things di - vine, and Who dwelt-est in the Vir-
 gin, O Thou Word of God, who was free of de - file -
 ment: Thee we praise, as with rev' - - ence we sing:
 O God of our Fa - thers, tru - ly bless - ed art Thou.

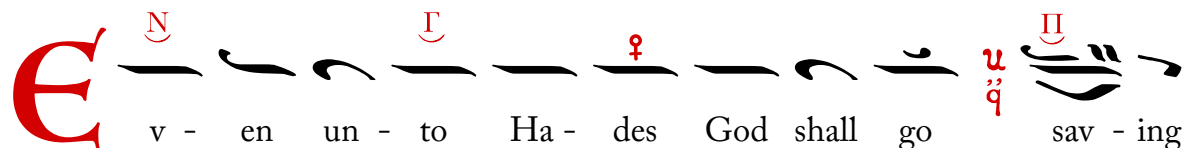
Troparia

Now do I de - part to Ha - des' depths for to
 bring Eve the tid - ings glad, while to A - dam ly - ing there
 I give the good re - port. Thus did Sym - e - on cry out,
 as he danced with the Proph - - ets and sang: O

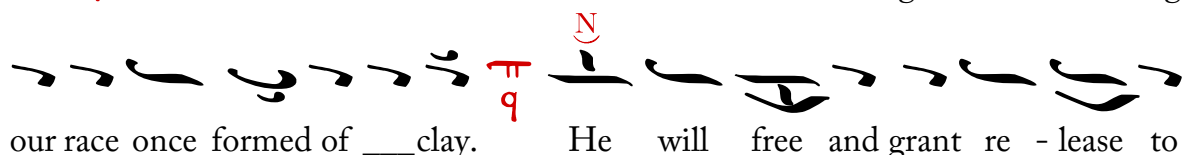


God of our Fa - thers, tru - ly bless - ed art Thou.

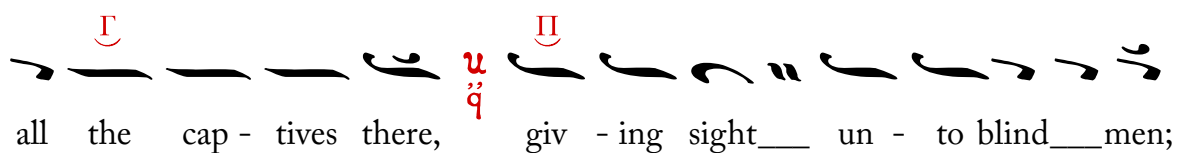
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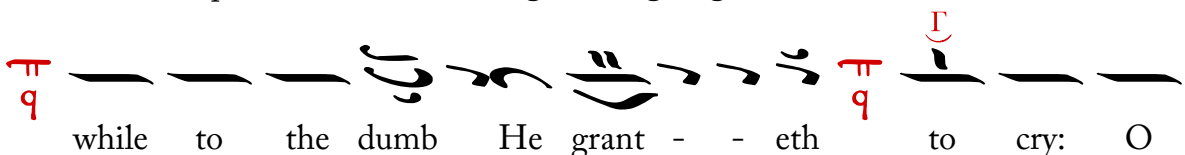
v - en un - to Ha - des God shall go sav - ing



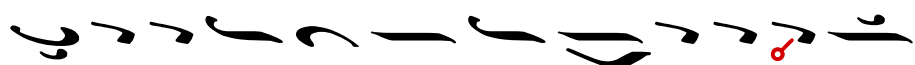
our race once formed of ___clay. He will free and grant re - lease to



all the cap - tives there, giv - ing sight___ un - to blind___men;

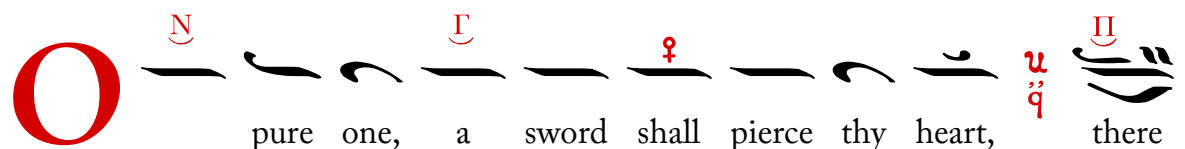


while to the dumb He grant - - eth to cry: O

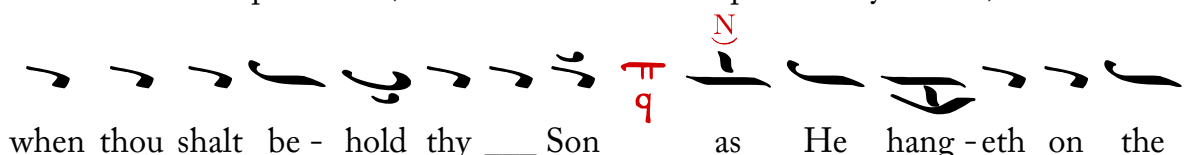


God of our Fa - thers, tru - ly bless - ed art Thou.

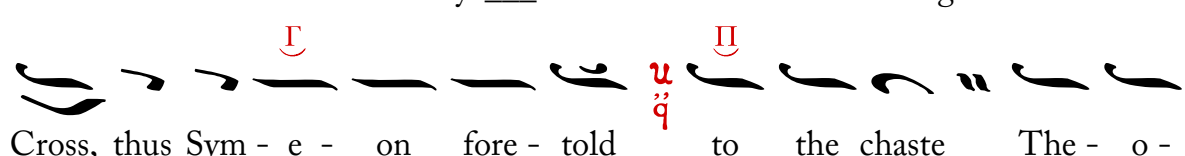
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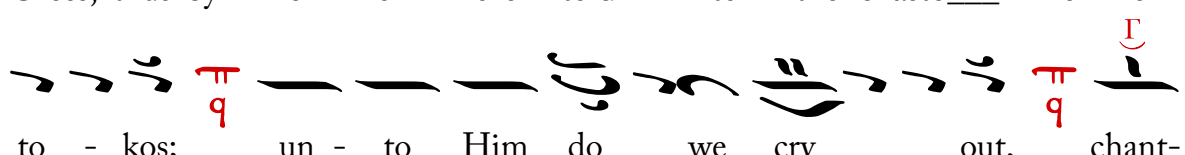
pure one, a sword shall pierce thy heart, there



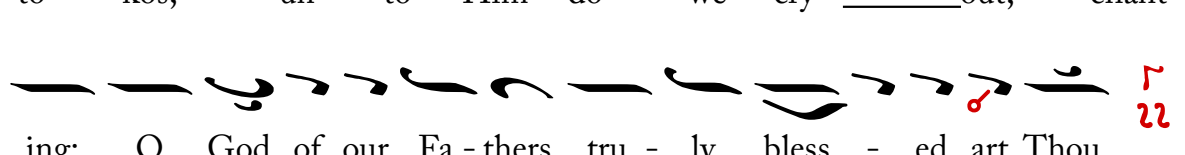
when thou shalt be - hold thy ___Son as He hang - eth on the



Cross, thus Sym - e - on fore - told to the chaste___ The - o -



to - kos; un - to Him do we cry _____out, chant -



ing: O God of our Fa - thers, tru - ly bless - ed art Thou.

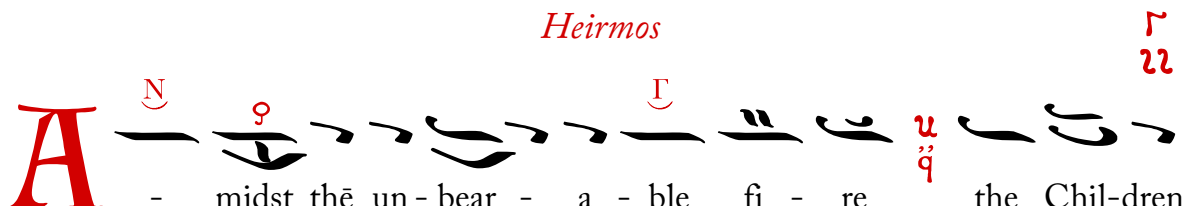
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Seventh Ode-Katavasia

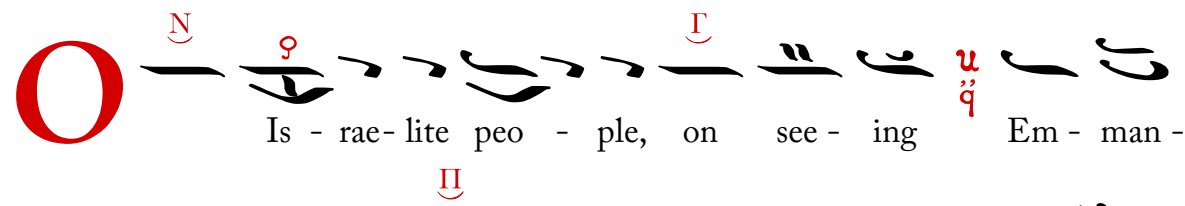
hou Who _____ didst be - dew the pi -
 ous _____ Youths as _____ they dis-coursed _____ on _____ things _____
 di - - - vine, _____ and Who dwelt - est _____ in the
 Vir - - - gin, O Thou Word _____ of _____ God,
 who was _____ free _____ of _____ de - file -
 - - ment: _____ Thee we praise, as _____ with _____ rev'
 - - ence _____ we sing: O God _____ of our Fa -
 - thers, tru - ly bless - - - ed _____ art _____ Thou. _____

ODE EIGHT

Heirmos


A - midst thē un - bear - a - ble fi - re the Chil-dren
 stood u - ni - ted, and the flame there did not harm___them,
 while those stal - wart cham - pions of rev' - rence chant- ed a di-
 vine re - frain: Bless the Lord, all His works; ex - alt Him
 a - bove___all for - ev - er - more.

Troparia


O Is - rae- lite peo - ple, on see - ing Em - man -
 u - el, thy glo - ry, as a child born from a Vir - gin,
 be - fore this Ark di- vine ___come ye, dance now, sing- ing in
 a cho - rus ___round: Bless the Lord, all His works; ex - alt Him

a - bove___ all for - ev - er - more.

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B e - hold now, a sign___ con - tra - dic - ted shall He be

for He is both true God and lit - tle In - fant, this the

El - der Sym - e - on cried out. Let us sing with faith to ___

Him: Bless the Lord, all His works; ex - alt Him a - bove___

all for - ev - er - more.

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n ow God the Word, Life ___ by His na - ture be -

come a Babe, shall soon be made the fall of the de - fi - ant,

yet, the Same shall be ___ Res - ur - rec - tion for all who

sing a - loud with___faith: Bless the Lord, all His works; ex - alt

Him a - bove___ all for - ev - er - more.

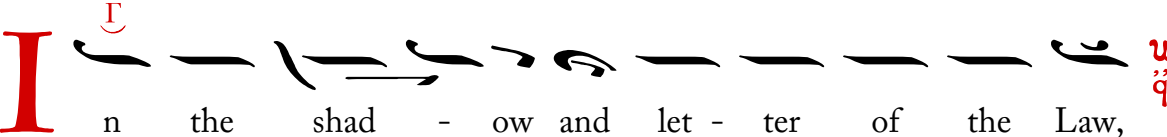
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Eighth Ode-Katavasia

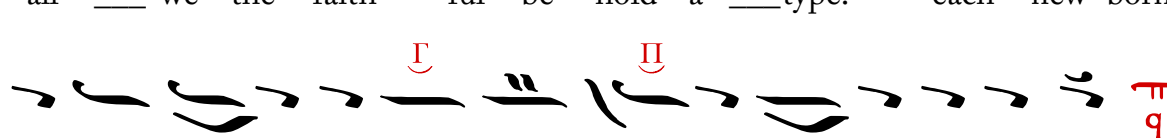
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 - midst ____ the un - bear - - - a -
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 ble fi - - - re ^{u q} the Chil - dren stood u -
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 ni - - ted, ____ and ____ the ____ flame ____ there ____ did
^N
 ____ not harm ____ them, ____ while those stal -
^Γ
 wart cham - pions ____ of rev' - - - rence ^{u q} chant - ed
^Π
 a ____ di - vine ____ re - - - frain: ____ Bless
 the Lord, all His ____ works; ____ ex - alt ____ Him
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 a - bove ____ all for - ev - - - -
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 er - - more. ____

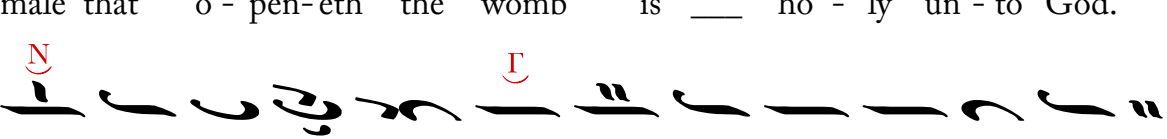
ODE NINE

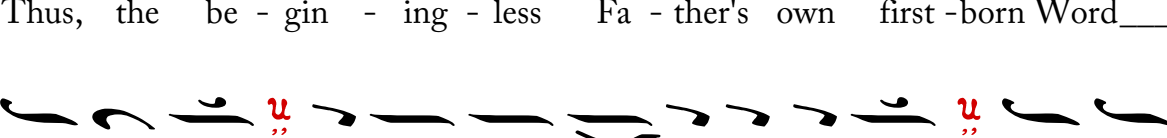
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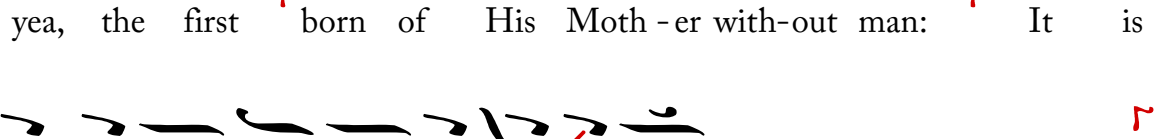

I n the shad - ow and let - ter of the Law,


 all ___ we the faith - ful be - hold a ___type: each new-born

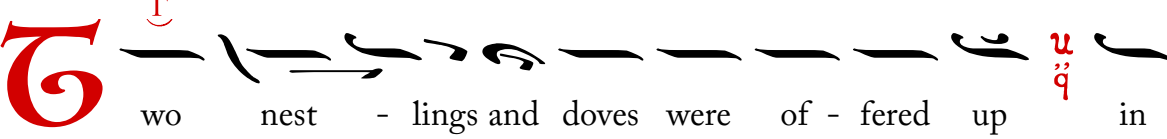

 male that o - pen-eth the womb is ___ ho - ly un - to God.

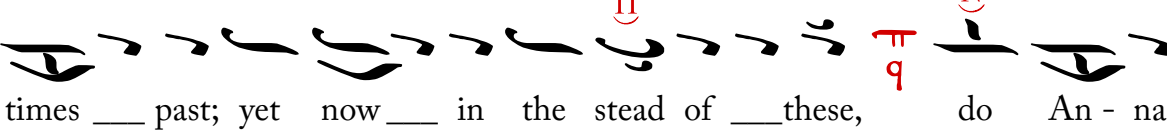

 Thus, the be - gin - ing - less Fa - ther's own first-born Word___

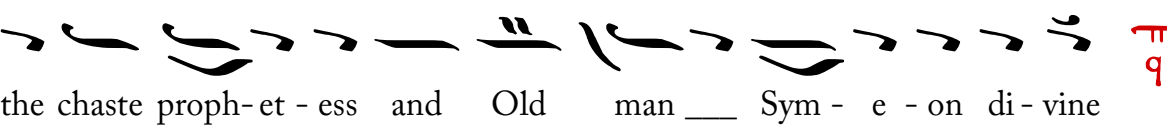

 yea, the first born of His Moth - er with-out man: It is


 He Whom we all mag - ni - fy.

Troparia


G wo nest - lings and doves were of - fered up in


 times ___ past; yet now ___ in the stead of ___these, do An - na

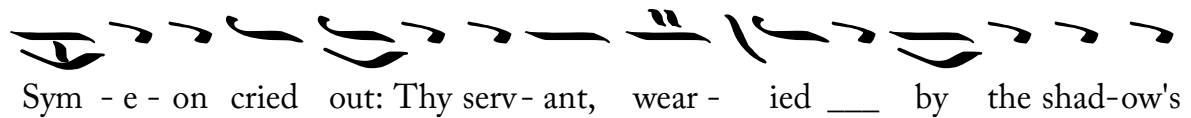
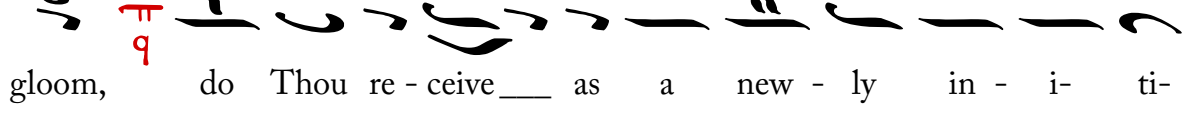
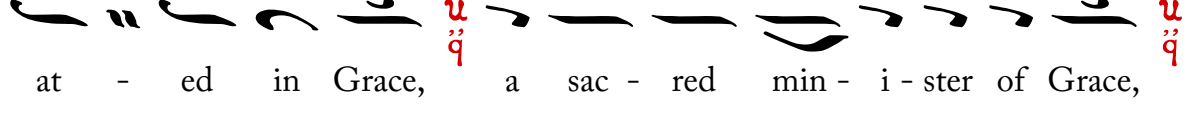

 the chaste proph-et - ess and Old man ___ Sym - e - on di - vine


 both serve the Child ___ of the Vir - gin, the Fa - ther's Son ___

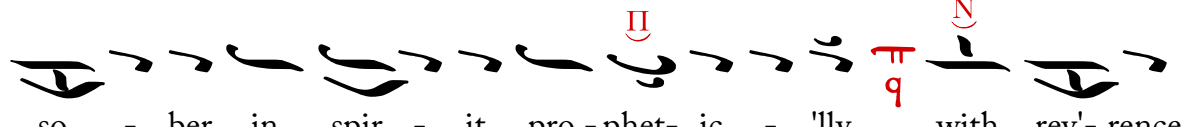
 Who is borne in - to the Tem - ple of the Lord; and the

 Same do they both mag - ni - fy.


 Christ, ___ Thou hast giv - en back to me

 the glad - ness of Thine ___ own sal - va - tion ___ now, thus

 Sym - e - on cried out: Thy serv - ant, wear - ied ___ by the shad - ow's

 gloom, do Thou re - ceive ___ as a new - ly in - i - ti -

 at - ed in Grace, a sac - red min - i - ster of Grace,

 mag - ni - fy - ing Thee with hymns ___ of ___ praise.


 e - vout ___ An - na, ven' - ra - ble in years,

 so - ber in spir - it, pro - phet - ic - 'lly with rev' - rence

thanked the Mas - ter in the Tem - ple ___ clear and o - pen - ly.

While she con-fessed ___ Him, she al - so to all those pre -

sent pro-claimed the The - o - to - kos and pure Maid, whom she

fit- ting - ly did mag - ni - fy.

Ninth Ode - Megalynarion & Katavasia



hou, O The - - o - to - - -

- - kos, ___ art ___ the true

hope of ___ Chris - - tian ___ folk: Keep

and shel - - ter ___ and ___ pre -

- serve ___ them ___ that set

___ their hope ___ in ___ thee.



In the shad - ow and let - ter of _____
 the _____ Law, _____ all _____ we the faith - - ful _____
 be - hold _____ a _____ type: _____ each _____ new -
 born male that o - pen - eth _____ the womb _____ is _____
 _____ ho - ly _____ un - - - to _____ God. _____ Thus, _____
 _____ the be - gin - - - ing - less Fa - - - - ther's _____
 own first - born _____ Word _____ yea, _____ the _____ first
 _____ born of His Moth - er with - out _____ man:
 It _____ is _____ He _____ Whom _____ we
 all _____ mag - - - ni - - - fy. _____