to thee, the champion leader

Plagal of Fourth Tone

To thee, the champion leader, we thy flock dedicate a feast of victory and of thanksgiving, as ones rescued out of sufferings, O Theotokos.

but as thou art one with might which is invincible, from all dangers that can be do thou deliver us, that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, thou Bride unwedded. wedded.
O PURE VIRGIN
NON-LITURGICAL HYMN
BY ST. NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA

Byzantine Tone 5
Not too fast. (♩ = 108-120)

1. O pure and virgin Lady,  
2. O ever-virgin Mary,  
3. Rejoice, song of the Cherubim,  
4. I supplicate Thee, Lady,  

(1) O spotless Theotoko:  
(2) O Mistress of creation:  
(3) Rejoice, hymn of the Angels:  
(4) I humbly call upon Thee:

Refrain:

Rejoice, O Unwedded Bride!
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(1) O vir - gin Queen and Moth - er,
(2) O Bride all - pure and spot - less,
(3) Re-joice, ode of the Ser - a - phim,
(4) O Queen of all, I beg______ Thee

C Bb C

(1) O dew - y Fleece most sa - cred:
(2) O La - dy all - ho - ly:
(3) and joy of the Arch-an - gels:
(4) to grant_______ me Thy fa - vor:

Refrain:

C Bb C

Re - joice, O Un - wed - ded Bride!
(1) O height transcending heaven above,
(2) O holy Mary, Bride and Queen,
(3) Rejoice, O peace, rejoice, O joy,
(4) O spotless and most-honored Maid,

(1) O beam of light most radiant:
(2) O cause of our rejoicing:
(3) and haven of salvation:
(4) O Lady all-holy:

Refrain:

Rejoice, O Unwedded Bride!
(1) O joy of chaste and virgin maids,
(2) O Maiden Queen most honorable,
(3) O bridal chamber of the Word,
(4) I call upon Thee fervently,

(1) surpassing all the Angels:
(2) O Mother most holy:
(3) unfading, fragrant blossom:
(4) Thou art holy:

Refrain:
Rejoice, O Unwedded Bride!
(1) O _ brilliant light of heaven above,
(2) More precious than the Cher - u - bim,
(3) Re - joice, de - light of par - a - dise,
(4) O _ Thou my help, de - liv - er me

(1) most clear and most ra - diant:
(2) more glo - rious than the Ser - a - phim:
(3) Re - joice, life ev - er - last - ing:
(4) from harm and all ad - ver - si - ty:

Refrain:
Re - joice, O Un - wed - ded Bride!
(1) Commanding Chief of heavenly hosts,
(2) Surpassing Prin ci pal ities,
(3) Rejoice, O holy Tree of Life,
(4) And by Thy prayers show me to be

(1) O holiest of holies:
(2) Do min ions, Thrones and Powers:
(3) and Fount of Immortal i ty:
(4) an heir of immortality:

Refrain:
Rejoice, O Un wed ded Bride!
Troparion for the Conception of St John the Baptist

*Tone Four*
Make merry, O barren woman, who before wast unable to bear a child.
or, lo! thou hast conceived the lamp of Sun, who will enlighten all the world suffering from blindness.
Dance, O Zechariah, crying out with boldness: ***
He who will be born is the prophet of the Most High.

Hymns to All Saints of North America

*Tone Five*
Rejoice, O continent of North America, illumined by the holy Gospel.
Rejoice, every place that raised up citizens of the heavenly Kingdom.
Rejoice, our venerable Father Herman, first saint of our land.
Rejoice, O martyrs Juvenaly and Peter, for your blood has watered the seed of faith planted in Alaska.
Rejoice, O holy hierarchs: Innocent and Tikhon, Raphael, Nikolai, and John.
Rejoice, ye righteous priests: Alexis and Jacob.
Rejoice, O hieromartyrs John and Alexander, Vasily and Seraphim.
Rejoice, all saints of North America, For your light has shone forth to the ends of the earth. ***
We beseech you to pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved.
Let us sound a hymn on the trumpet and praise with one accord the Protectress of our land, our Queen, the Theotokos, who intercedes for the land of America. Rejoice, for thou hast crowned our land with thy favor, pouring abundant grace on it. Therefore, the Church in America joyously celebrates thy precious protection and commemorates the multitude of thy miracles. Deprive us not of thy mercies now, O Lady. look favorably upon us in our adversities and afflictions, *** and raise us up by thy powerful intercession.

Troparion to St Herman of Alaska

Tone Four

O blessed father Herman of Alaska, North Star of Christ’s Holy Church, the light of thy holy life and great deeds guides those who follow the Orthodox way. Together we lift high the Holy Cross thou didst plant firmly in America: let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, *** singing His holy Resurrection.
Troparion to St Tikhon of Moscow

*Tone One*
Let us praise Tikhon, Patriarch of all Russia, and Enlightener of North America, an ardent follower of the apostolic traditions, and good pastor of the Church of Christ, who was elected by Divine Providence, and laid down his life for his sheep.
Let us sing to him with faith and hope, and ask for his hierarchical intercessions:
Keep the Church in Russia in tranquility, and the Church in North America in peace; gather her scattered children into one flock, bring to repentance those who have renounced the True Faith; preserve our lands from civil strife, and entreat God’s peace for all people!

Troparion to St John of San Francisco

*Tone Six*
Glorious apostle to an age of coldness and unbelief, invested with the grace-filled power of the saints of old, divinely illumined seer of heavenly mysteries, feeder of orphans, hope of the hopeless, thou didst enkindle on earth the fire of love for Christ upon the dark eve of the Day of Judgement. Pray now that this sacred flame *** may also rise from our hearts.
AKATHIST HYMN
TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

to thee, the champion leader

Plagal of Fourth Tone

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a feast of victory and of thanksgiving,

as ones rescued out of sufferings, O Theotokos;

but as thou art one with might which is invincible,

from all dangers that can be do thou deliver us, that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, thou

Bride unwedded, wedded.
Ikos One

A prince of the angels was sent from heaven, to say to the Theotokos, Rejoice! (three times) And seeing Thee, O Lord, take bodily form at the sound of his bodiless voice, filled with amazement he stood still and cried aloud to her:

Rejoice, for through thee joy shall shine forth:
Rejoice, for through thee the curse shall cease.
Rejoice, recalling of fallen Adam:
Rejoice, deliverance from the tears of Eve.
Rejoice, height hard to climb for the thoughts of men:
Rejoice, depth hard to scan even for the eyes of angels.
Rejoice, for thou art the throne of the King:
Rejoice, for thou holdest Him who upholds all.
Rejoice, star causing the Sun to shine:
Rejoice, womb of the divine Incarnation.
Rejoice, for through thee the creation is made new:
Rejoice, for through thee the Creator becomes a newborn child.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Two

The Holy Maiden, seeing herself in all her purity, said boldly unto Gabriel: ‘Strange seem thy words and hard for my soul to accept. From a conception without seed how dost thou speak of childbirth, crying: Alleluia!

Ikos Two

Seeking to know what passes knowledge, the Virgin said to the ministering Angel: ‘From a maiden womb how can a Son be born? Tell me.’ And to her in fear he answered, crying:

Rejoice, initiate of God’s secret counsel:
Rejoice, faith in that which must be guarded by silence.
Rejoice, beginning of Christ’s wonders:
Rejoice, crown and fulfillment of His teachings.
Rejoice, heavenly ladder by which God came down:
Rejoice, bridge leading men from earth to heaven.
Rejoice, marvel greatly renowned among the angels:
Rejoice, wound bitterly lamented by the demons.
Rejoice, for ineffably thou shalt bear the Light:
Rejoice, for thou hast revealed the mystery to none.
Rejoice, wisdom surpassing the knowledge of the wise:
Rejoice, dawn that illumines the minds of the faithful.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

*Kontakion Three*
Then the power of the Most High overshadowed her that knew not wedlock, so that she might conceive: and He made her fruitful womb as a fertile field for all who long to reap the harvest of salvation, singing: Alleluia!

*Ikos Three*
Bearing God within her womb, the Virgin hastened to Elisabeth; whose unborn child, knowing at once the salutation of the Theotokos, rejoiced and, leaping up as if in song, cried out to her:

Rejoice, vine whence springs a never-withering branch:
Rejoice, orchard of pure fruit.
Rejoice, for thou tendest the Husbandman who loves mankind:
Rejoice, for thou hast borne the Gardener who cultivates our life.
Rejoice, earth yielding a rich harvest of compassion:
Rejoice, table laden with mercy in abundance.
Rejoice, for through thee the fields of Eden flower again:
Rejoice, for thou makest ready a haven for our souls.
Rejoice, acceptable incense of intercession:
Rejoice, propitiation for the whole world.
Rejoice, loving-kindness of God unto mortal man:
Rejoice, freedom of approach for mortals unto God.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!
Kontakion Four
Tossed inwardly by a storm of doubts, prudent Joseph was troubled: knowing thee to be unwedded, O blameless Virgin, he feared a stolen union. But when he learnt that thy conceiving was from the Holy Spirit, he said: Alleluia!

Ikos Four
The shepherds heard the angels glorify Christ’s coming in the flesh. Quickly they ran to the Shepherd, and beheld Him as a lamb without spot, that had been pastured in the womb of Mary; and they sang praises to her, saying:

Rejoice, Mother of the Lamb and Shepherd:
Rejoice, fold of spiritual sheep.
Rejoice, protection against unseen enemies:
Rejoice, key to the door of Paradise.
Rejoice, for heaven exults with earth:
Rejoice, for things on earth rejoice with the heav’ns.
Rejoice, never-silent voice of the apostles:
Rejoice, unconquered courage of the victorious martyrs.
Rejoice, firm foundation of the faith:
Rejoice, shining revelation of grace.
Rejoice, for through thee hell is stripped bare:
Rejoice, for through thee we are clothed in glory.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Five
Seeing the star pointing to God, the Magi followed its radiance. Keeping it before them as a beacon, with its help they sought the mighty King; and attaining the Unattainable, they rejoiced and cried to Him: Alleluia!
**Ikos Five**

The children of the Chaldaeans saw the Virgin holding in her hands Him who with His hands fashioned mankind. Though He had taken the form of a servant, yet they knew Him as their Master. In haste they knelt before Him with their gifts and cried out to the Blessed Virgin:

Rejoice, Mother of the Star that never sets:
Rejoice, bright dawn of the mystical Day.
Rejoice, for thou hast quenched the furnace of deception:
Rejoice, for thou dost illumine all who love the mystery of the Trinity.
Rejoice, for thou hast cast down from his dominion the tyrant that hates man:
Rejoice, for thou hast made known the Lord Christ who loves mankind.
Rejoice, deliverance from the worship of pagan idols:
Rejoice, liberation from the filth of sin.
Rejoice, for thou hast quenched the worship of fire:
Rejoice, for thou hast released us from the flames of passion.
Rejoice, guide of the faithful to chastity:
Rejoice, joy of all generations.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!*

**Kontakion Six**

Becoming God’s messengers, the Magi returned to Babylon. Having fulfilled the prophecy concerning Thee, and preaching Thee to all as Christ, they left Herod to his raving, for he knew not how to sing: Alleluia!
Ikos Six
Shining upon Egypt with the light of truth, Thou hast dispelled the darkness of falsehood; for the idols of that land fell down, unable to endure Thy power, O Savior, and all who were delivered from them cried unto the Theotokos:

Rejoice, restoration of men:
Rejoice, downfall of demons.
Rejoice, for thou hast trampled on the delusion of error:
Rejoice, for thou hast exposed the snares of the idols.
Rejoice, sea that has drowned the invisible Pharaoh:
Rejoice, rock that gives drink to all who thirst for life.
Rejoice, pillar of fire, guiding those in darkness:
Rejoice, protection of the world, wider than the cloud in the wilderness.
Rejoice, food that takes the place of manna:
Rejoice, minister of holy joy.
Rejoice, promised land:
Rejoice, source of milk and honey.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Seven
As Simeon drew near to the time of his departure from this world of error, he received Thee as an infant in his arms, but he knew Thee to be perfect God; and, struck with wonder at Thine ineffable wisdom, he cried: Alleluia!

Ikos Seven
A new creation has the Creator revealed, manifesting Himself unto us His creatures. From a Virgin’s womb He came, preserving it inviolate as it was before: that, beholding the miracle, we might sing her praises, crying:
Rejoice, flower of incorruption:
Rejoice, crown of chastity.
Rejoice, bright foreshadowing of the resurrection glory:
Rejoice, mirror of the angels’ life.
Rejoice, tree of glorious fruit on which the faithful feed:
Rejoice, wood of shady leaves where many shelter.
Rejoice, for thou hast conceived a Guide for the wanderers:
Rejoice, for thou hast borne a Deliverer for the captives.
Rejoice, intercessor with the Righteous Judge:
Rejoice, forgiveness for many who have stumbled.
Rejoice, robe for the naked and bereft of hope:
Rejoice, love surpassing all desire.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Eight
Seeing this strange birth, let us become strangers to the world, fixing our minds in heaven. To this end has the most high God appeared on earth as a lowly man, because He wishes to draw heavenward all who cry alou__d to Him: Alleluia!

Ikos Eight
The Word uncircumscribed was wholly present here below, yet in no wise absent from the realm on high: God descended to earth, yet underwent no change of place. He was born of a Virgin, overshadowed by divine power, and unto her we sing:

Rejoice, enclosure of the God whom nothing can enclose:
Rejoice, gate of the hallowed mystery.
Rejoice, tidings doubted by unbelievers:
Rejoice, undoubted glory of the faithful.
Rejoice, most holy chariot of Him who rides upon the cherubim:
Rejoice, best of all dwellings for Him who is above the seraphim.
Rejoice, for thou bringest opposites to harmony:
Rejoice, for thou hast joined in one childbirth and virginity.
Rejoice, for through thee our sin is remitted:
Rejoice, for through thee Paradise is opened.
Rejoice, key of Christ’s Kingdom:
Rejoice, hope of eternal blessings.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Nine
All the ranks of angels marvelled at the great work of Thine Incarnation. For they saw God, whom none can approach, as a man approachable by all, dwelling in our midst, and hearing from our lips: Alleluia!

Ikos Nine
Eloquent orators we see dumb as the fishes in thy presence, O Theotokos, for they are at a loss to say how thou remainest virgin and yet hast power to bear a child. But we, marvelling at the mystery, cry aloud with faith:

Rejoice, casket of God’s wisdom:
Rejoice, treasury of His providence.
Rejoice, for thou revealest lack of wisdom in the lovers of wisdom:
Rejoice, for thou provest devoid of reason those skilled in reason’s art.
Rejoice, for the cunning disputants are shown to be fools:
Rejoice, for the myth-makers have withered into silence.
Rejoice, for thou hast tom asunder the tangled webs of the Athenians:
Rejoice, for thou hast filled the nets of the fishermen.
Rejoice, for thou dost draw men from the depths of ignorance:
Rejoice, for thou dost illumine multitudes with knowledge.
Rejoice, ship of all who would be saved:
Rejoice, haven for the seafarers of life.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!
Kontakion Ten
Wishing to save the world, the Fashioner of all things came to it of His own free choice. As God He is our Shepherd, yet has He appeared for our sake as a man like us; and calling like by means of like, as God He hears our cry: Alleluia!

Ikos Ten
For virgins and for all who flee to thee thou art a wall, O Virgin Theotokos undefiled: for the Creator of heaven and earth has made thee ready and adorned thee, dwelling in thy womb, and teaching all to sing to thee:

Rejoice, pillar of virginity:
Rejoice, gate of salvation.
Rejoice, beginning of the new and spiritual creation:
Rejoice, provider of God's mercy.
Rejoice, for thou hast given new birth to those conceived in shame:
Rejoice, for thou hast given good counsel to those robbed of understanding.
Rejoice, for thou bringest to naught the corrupter of man's mind:
Rejoice, for thou bringest to birth the Sower of purity.
Rejoice, bridal chamber of a marriage without seed:
Rejoice, for thou joinest in union the faithful to their Lord.
Rejoice, fair nursing-mother of virgins:
Rejoice, bridal escort of holy souls.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Eleven
No hymn can recount the multitude of Thy many mercies. For though we offer unto Thee, O holy King, songs numberless as the sand upon the seashore, yet we do nothing worthy of the blessings Thou hast given us, who cry unto Thee: Alleluia!
Ikos Eleven
We see the Holy Virgin as a lamp of living Light, shining upon those in darkness. Kindling the immaterial Fire, she guides all men to divine knowledge; she illumines our mind with radiance, and we sing these praises in her honor:

Rejoice, beam of the spiritual Sun:
Rejoice, ray of the Moon that never wanes.
Rejoice, lightning-flash that shines upon our souls:
Rejoice, thunder that brings terror to our enemies.
Rejoice, dawn that maketh the manifold Splendour to arise:
Rejoice, spring that maketh the River with many streams to flow.
Rejoice, for thou dost prefigure the baptismal font:
Rejoice, for thou takest away the filth of sin.
Rejoice, water washing clean the conscience:
Rejoice, cup wherein is mixed the wine of mighty joy.
Rejoice, scent of Christ’s fragrance:
Rejoice, life of mystical feasting.
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Twelve
Wishing to grant release from ancient debts, the Redeemer of all men came of His own will to those who were exiled from His grace; He has torn up the record of our sins, and from all He hears the cry: Alleluia!

Ikos Twelve
We all sing in honor of thy Son, O Theotokos, and praise thee as a living temple. For the Lord who holds all things in His hand made His dwelling in thy womb; He hallowed and He glorified thee, teaching all to cry to thee:

Rejoice, tabernacle of God the Word:
Rejoice, greater Holy of Holies.
Rejoice, ark made golden by the Spirit:
Rejoice, never-empty treasure-house of life. 
Rejoice, precious crown of orthodox kings: 
Rejoice, honoured boast of godly priests. 
Rejoice, unshaken fortress of the Church: 
Rejoice, unconquered rampart of the Kingdom. 
Rejoice, for through thee the standards of vict’ry are raised on high: 
Rejoice, for through thee our enemies are cast down. 
Rejoice, healing of my body: 
Rejoice, salvation of my soul. 
Rejoice, * O unwedded Bride!

Kontakion Thirteen
O Mother worthy of all praise, who hast borne the Word, the Holiest of all Holies (three times): accepting this our offering, deliver from every ill and from the punishment to come all those who cry aloud to thee: Alleluia!

Then the first ikos is read again:
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*And then again the first Kontakion:*

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Petitions to Many Saints Known for the Protection of Life
And the Enactment of Just Laws

Tone Six
O most holy Trinity, our God, glory to thee.
O most holy Theotokos, save us.
Holy John, Forerunner and Baptist, pray to God for us.
Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, pray to God for us.
All ye holy Apostles of the Twelve and of the Seventy, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Nicholas, pray to God for us.
Holy Greatmartyr Demetrius, pray to God for us.
Holy Greatmartyr George, pray to God for us.
Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us.
Holy Greatmartyr Katherine, pray to God for us.
Holy Hieromartyr Ephraim of Nea Makri, pray to God for us.
Holy Hieromartyr Juvenaly of Alaska, pray to God for us.
Holy Hieromartyrs John and Alexander, pray to God for us.
Holy Hieromartyr Anatoly, pray to God for us.
Holy Hieromartyrs Seraphim and Vasily, pray to God for us.
All ye holy Innocents slain by Herod, pray to God for us.
Holy forty martyrs of Sebaste, pray to God for us.
Holy Martyr Peter the Aleut, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, pray to God for us.
Holy Father John Chrysostom, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Innocent of Alaska, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Raphael of Brooklyn, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Tikhon of Moscow, pray to God for us.
Holy Father John of San Francisco, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Nikolai of South Canaan, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Eleutherius of Illyria, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Nektarios of Aegina, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Ambrose of Milan, pray to God for us.
Holy Father Tikhon of Zadonsk, pray to God for us.
Venerable Father Stylianus of Paphlagonia, pray to God for us.
Venerable Father Herman of Alaska, pray to God for us.
Venerable Father Paisius of the Holy Mountain pray to God for us.
Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt, pray to God for us.
Venerable Mother Pelagia the Penitent, pray to God for us.
Holy right-believing Constantine and Helen, pray to God for us.
Holy right-believing great prince Vladimir, pray to God for us.
Holy blessed Xenia of Saint Petersburg, pray to God for us.
Holy blessed Matrona of Moscow, pray to God for us.
Holy Prophet and God-seer Moses, pray to God for us.
Holy and glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us.
Holy Prophet Nathan, pray to God for us.
Holy Prophet Daniel, pray to God for us.
Holy Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Peter and Fevronia, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Juliana of Lazarevo, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Father John of Kronstadt, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Father Jacob of Alaska, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Father Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Olga of Alaska, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Abraham and Sarah, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Isaac and Rebecca, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Zecharias and Elisabeth, pray to God for us.
Holy and righteous Joachim and Anna, pray to God for us.
All ye saints, pray to God for us!
Awed by the beauty of thy virginity, and the exceeding radiance of thy purity, Gabriel stood amazed and cried to thee, O Mother of God:

"What praise may I offer thee that is worthy of thy beauty? By what name shall I call thee?"

I am lost and bewildered; but I shall greet thee as I was commanded: 'Hail, art full of grace.'"
Troparion to St. Juliana of Lazarevo

*Tone Four*
Shining forth with grace divine, 
even after death thou hast revealed the radiance of thy life; 
for thou pourest forth fragrant myrrh for healing 
upon all the sick who approach the shrine of thy relics with faith. *** 
O righteous mother Juliana, entreat Christ God, 
that our souls be saved.

Stichera to St Xenia of St Petersburg

*Tone Eight*
We have mindlessly turned away from Christ, 
the Sun of righteousness, 
and the cruel winter of hardness of heart is upon us. 
Yet with the fervor of thy supplications, 
O blessed Xenia, 
do thou warm our frozen hearts, 
that we may awaken from the sleep of unconsciousness, *** 
proclaiming the springtime of the Spirit.

We are lost in the night of sin, 
and a spiritual darkness has congealed around us. 
How will we avoid stumbling into the pit of destruction? 
How will we find the path to salvation? 
Lighting the lamp of thy loving-kindness, O blessed Xenia, 
come forth to meet us who are perishing, 
and, stretching out thy hands to us, ***
lead us to the straight paths.
Where is the wise man, where the scribe, where the disput[er of this age? Hath not God rendered foolish the wisdom of the world? Therefore, O Xenia, thou appearest to the world as a fool, preaching Christ, the Wisdom of God; and enlightened by his grace, *** thou teachest all to abstain from the vanity of the world.

Thou hast acquired perfect poverty, thou hast cast off all worldly thoughts, and hast sacrificed thy mind to God, like the widow’s mite; and so to men thou appearest a fool; yet we know thee to be wiser than the wise. Therefore, we ask instruction of thee: Enlighten our mind with thy splendor, O all-wise Xenia, *** driving away the gloom of ignorance.

Stichera to St Herman of Alaska

Tone Six: ‘Having set all their hope’

Now having come together, let us glorify the wondrous Herman, who, being born of earth, attained the heavens, who brought over the light of Christ, by deeds and by words, to the ends of the universe, to unenlightened people weighed down by the coldness of idolatry, by whose prayers may Christ *** save our souls.
Rejoice, O Valaam,
God’s dwelling,
for thou hast raised up
a wondrous struggler of Christ,
who, like a candle upon a candlestand,
hath shone upon the islands of Alaska,
a land new and unknown,
and hath brought unbelieving people
to the true Faith;
with them then let us glorify God ***
wondrous in His saints.

Having one desire,
to bring unbelieving people
to the One God,
thou wast all things to all men:
teaching the Holy Scripture
and a life in accordance with it,
instructing in handicrafts,
and interceding before the authorities,
nursing men in everything like children,
that thus thou mightest bring them to God; ***
do not leave us who sing to thee.

What is above all,
if not the Lord our Creator,
Adorner of beauty, * Giver of life,
Maintainer and Nourisher of all things:
is it not Him that it is befitting to love,
as most worthy of love, * and to place one’s happiness in Him,
thus, O Saint, didst thou teach;
likewise teach us also ***
with all our heart to love God.
Sticheron for the Holy Forerunner

*Tone Six*

Elisabeth conceived the Forerunner of grace, and the Virgin conceived the Lord of glory. Both mothers greeted each other with a kiss, and the babe leaped up within her womb: the servant praised his Master, and in wonder the mother of the Forerunner cried aloud: ‘Why is this granted to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me? ***

In his great mercy may he save a despairing people!’

O Baptist, thou hast come forth as a messenger from a barren womb, and from thy very swaddling clothes hast thou gone to dwell in the wilderness. Thou wast made the seal of all the prophets: for him whom they had seen in many forms and foretold in dark sayings, thou wast counted worthy to baptize in the Jordan. From heaven hast thou heard the Father’s voice testifying to his beloved Son; and thou hast seen the Spirit in the form of a dove descending with the Father’s words upon him who was baptized. O thou who art higher than all the prophets, cease not to intercede for us ***

who celebrate thy memory with faith!
O thou Light in the flesh
and Forerunner of the Savior,
offspring of a barren mother
and friend of him who was born of a Virgin,
thou hast worshipped him by leaping in the womb
and hast baptized him in the waters of the Jordan.
We entreat thee, O Prophet:
intercede with Christ our Savior, ***
that we may escape from the mighty tempests to come.
The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the

Lord’s testimony is enough for thee, O Forerunner, for thou wast shown to

be more wonderful than the prophets since thou wast granted to 

baptize in the running waters Him whom they proclaimed. Then, having 

endured great suffering for the truth, thou didst rejoice to bring even 

to those in hell the glad tidings that God who appeared in the flesh 

takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.
Jan. 6: Theophany

Troparion • Tone 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the

Trinity was made manifest: for the voice of the Father bore

witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit

it, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ, our God, who hast revealed Thyself, and hast enlightened the world,

glory to Thee!
Palm Sunday

First Troparion • Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Second Troparion • Tone 4

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Seat-ed on Thy throne in heav-en, car-ried on a foal on earth, O Christ-God, ac-cept the praise of angels and the songs of chil-dren who sing: Bless-ed is He that comes to re-call Adam.
Of old Thou didst bury the pursuing tyrant beneath the waves of the sea. Now the children of those who were saved bury Thee beneath the earth.

But like the maidens, let us sing to the Lord, for gloriously has He been glorified.
The Kanon - Ode 3

Lesser Znamenny Chant

Soprano Alto

Thou didst suspend the earth immovably upon the waters. Now creation beholds Thee suspended on Calvary. It quakes with great amazement and cries: "None is holy but Thee, O Lord!"
The Kanon - Ode 4

Soprano

 Alto

Tenor

Bass

Foreseeing Thy divine humiliation on the cross, Habakkuk cried out trembling: "Thou didst shatter the dominion of the mighty by joining those in Hell as the Almighty Lord."
The Kanon - Ode 5

I - saiah saw the never-set-ting light of Thy com-

passionate manifestation to us as God, O Christ. Rising-

ear-ly from the night he cried out: "The
dead shall a-rise. Those in the tombs shall a-wake.

All those on earth shall greatly re-joice."
The Kanon - Ode 6

Jonah was caught but not held fast in the belly of the whale. He was a sign of Thee Who hast suffered and accepted burial. Coming forth from the beast as from a bridal chamber, He called out to the guard: "By observing vanities and lies you
have forsaken your own mercy."
Inexpressible wonder! In the furnace

Thou didst save the holy youths from the flame. Now

Thou art placed in the grave as a lifeless corpse, for the salvation of us who sing: Blessed art

Thou, O God our Redeemer.
The Kanon - Ode 8

Soprano Alto

Be a-mazed, O heav-ens! Be shaken, O foun-da-tions of the earth! Be-hold, He that dwells in the high-
est is numbered among the dead and sheltered in a low-ly tomb. Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests! O people, exalt Him a-bove all for-ev-er!
We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.
Do not lament me, O Mother, seeing me in the tomb, the Son conceived in the womb without seed, for I shall arise and be glorified with eternal glory as God. I shall exalt all who magnify you in faith and in love.
When Thou didst descend to death, O Life

Immortal, Thou didst

slay Hell with the splendor of Thy

head, and when from the

depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the
powers of Heav’n cried out: “O

Giver of Life, Christ our God,
glory to Thee.”
Let God Arise

LET GOD A-RISE, LET HIS E-N-E-MIES BE SCAT-TERED.

TODAY A SA-CRED PAS-CHA IS RE-VEALED TO US; A NEW

AND HO-LY PAS-CHA. A MY-STI-CAL PAS-CHA,

A PAS-CHA WORTHY OF VE-NER-A-TION; A PAS-CHA

WHICH IS CHRIST, THE RE-DEEM-ER; A BLAME-LESS PAS-CHA
A GREAT PASCHA

A PASCHA OF THE FAITH

A PASCHA WHICH HAS OPENED FOR US THE GATES OF PARSE.

A PASCHA WHICH SANCTIFIES ALL THE FAITH

AS SMOKE VANISHES SO LET THEM VANISH.

FROM THAT SCENE O WOMEN BEARERS OF GLAD TIDINGS
AND SAY TO ZION: RECEIVE FROM US THE GLAD TIDINGS

OF JOY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION: EXULT AND BE

GLAD, AND REJOICE, O JERUSALEM, SEEING CHRIST THE

KING WHO COMES FORTH FROM THE TOMB, LIKE A BRIDE-GROOM

IN PROCESSION. SO THE SINNERS WILL PERISH BEFORE THE
FACE OF GOD, BUT LET THE RIGHT-EOUS BE GLAD.

MYRRH-BEAR-ING WO-MEN AT THE BREAK OF DAWN DREW

NEAR TO THE TOMB OF THE LIFE-GI-VER. THERE THEY FOUND

AN AN-GE-L SIT-TING UP-ON THE STONE, HE GREET-ED

THEM WITH THESE WORDS: WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LI-VING A-
MONG THE DEAD? WHY DO YOU MOURN THE IN-COR-RUPT A-

MID COR-RUPTION? GO: PRO-CLAIM THE GLAD TI-DINGS TO

HIS DIS-CI-PLES. THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HAS

MADE! LET US RE-JOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. PAS-CHA OF

BEAU-TY! THE PAS-CHA OF THE LORD! A PAS-CHA
WORTHY OF ALL HONOR HAS DAWNED FOR US.

CHA! LET US EMBRACE EACH OTHER JOYOUSLY.

CHA, RANSOM FROM AFFLICTION! FOR TODAY AS FROM A

BRIDAL CHAMBER CHRIST HAS SHONE FORTH FROM THE

TOMB. AND FILLED THE WOMEN WITH JOY SAYING:
CLAIM THE GLAD TIDINGS TO THE APOSTLES! GLORY

TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW

AND EVER AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. Amen. THIS IS

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION! LET US BE ILLUMINED BY

THE FEAST! LET US EMBRACE EACH OTHER! LET US
CALL "BROTHERS" EVEN THOSE THAT HATE US AND FORGIVE

ALL BY THE RESURRECTION, AND SO LET US CRY:

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPING DOWN DEATH

BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING

LIFE! CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPING
DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND UP-ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BE-

STOW-ING LIFE! CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMP-

LING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND UP-ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS

BE-STOW-ING LIFE!
Great and Holy Pascha
TROPARION

Byzantine Chant, Tone Five
arr. Hierodeacon Herman

Greek:
D
Chris-tos_a-nes-ti_ek_ne_kron_
C    D
tha-na-to tha-na-ton_pa-ti_sas,
D/G D
kai tis_en_dis_mni_ma_si zo_in
D/G D
cha-ri-sa-me-nos.

Slavonic:
D
Chris-tos_vos-kre-se_iz_mert-vikh,
C D
smer-ti-u_smert_po_prav_
D/G D D
i_sus-chim-vo-gro-bekh zhi-vot_da-ro-vav.

Arabic:
D
Al Ma see-hoo qam-a min bai nil_am-wat,
D/G D
wa-wa-ti_al-mout-a bil-mout, wa-wa-ha
D/G D
bal_ha-yat lil-la-thee-na fil-qu-bur.
English

Christ is risen from the dead,

trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

final ending

Christos anesti... nos.
Christos voskrese... vav.
Christ is risen... life.