


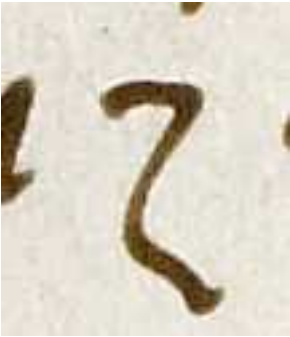

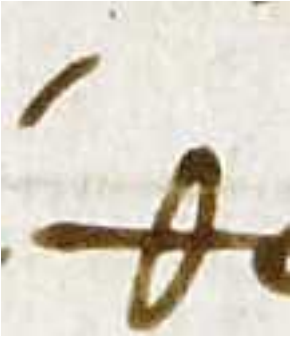







Venetus A Paleographic Guide





Letter Forms


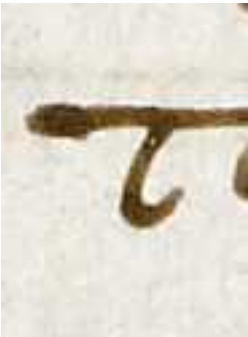

Letter	Example
alpha	
beta	
gamma	
delta	



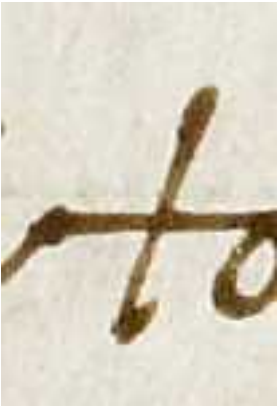
Letter	Example
epsilon	
epsilon2	
epsilon3	
zeta	


Letter	Example
eta	
theta	
iota	

Letter	Example
kappa	
lambda	
mu	
nu	

Letter	Example
xi	
omicron	
pi	
rho	

Letter	Example
sigma	
tau	
upsilon	

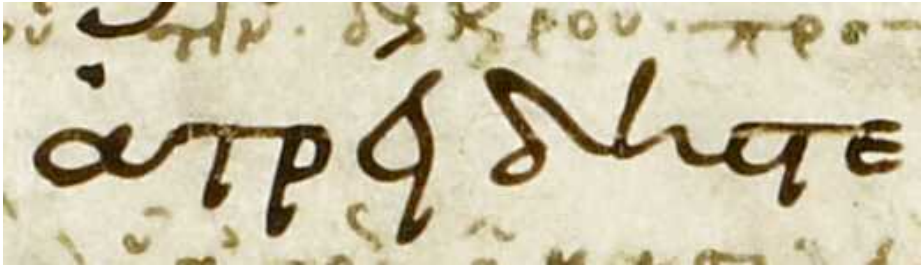
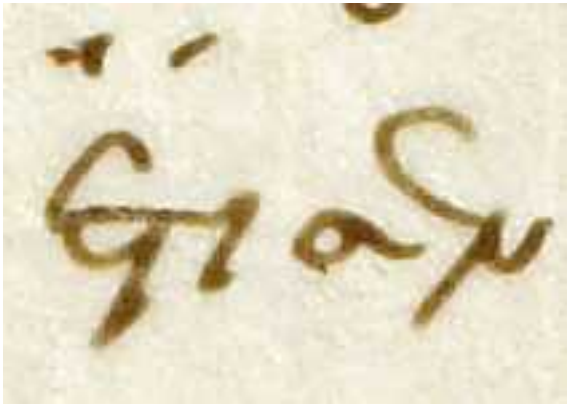
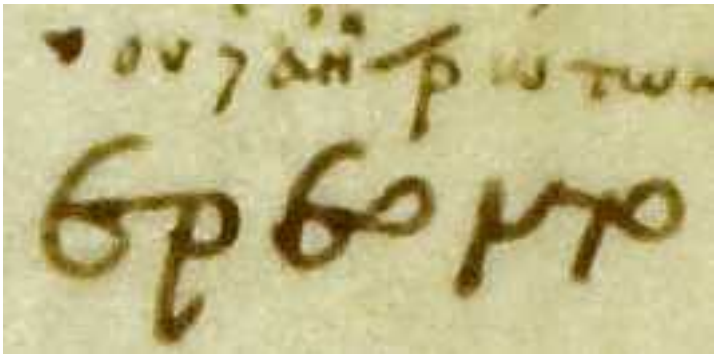
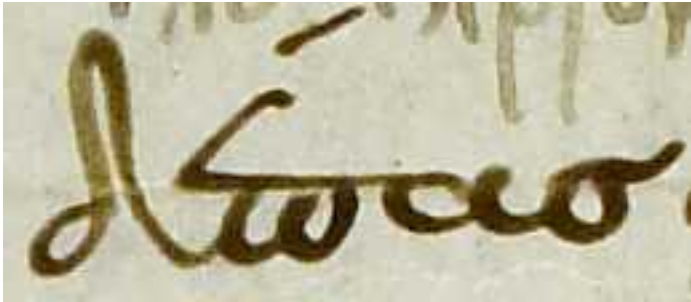
Letter	Example
phi	
chi	
psi	

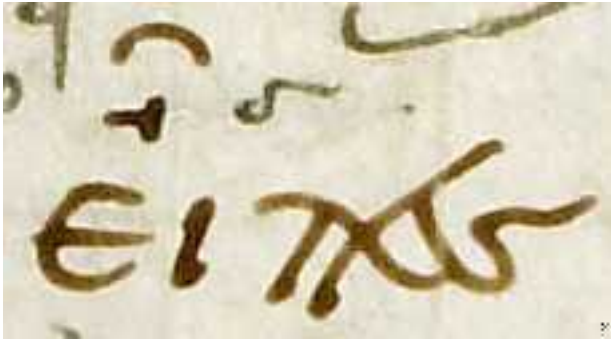
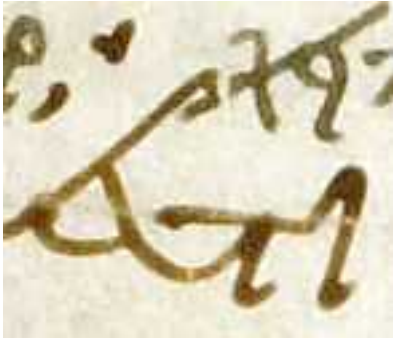
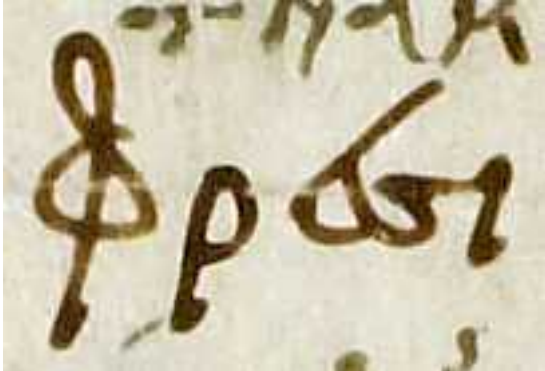
Letter	Example
omega	

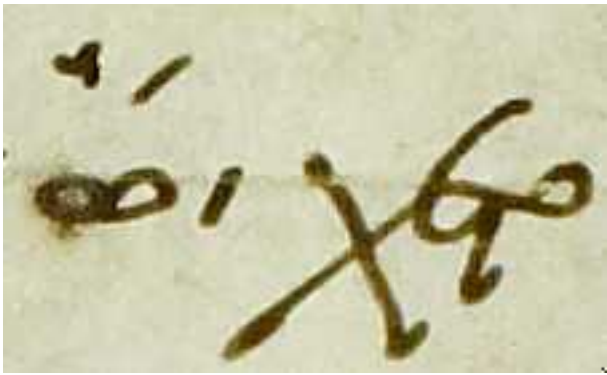

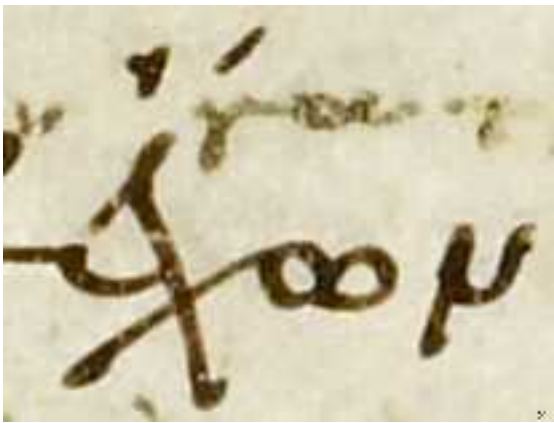
Ligatures

When writing the text, many letters form ligatures in order to save space. Here are some common ones of the Venetus A.

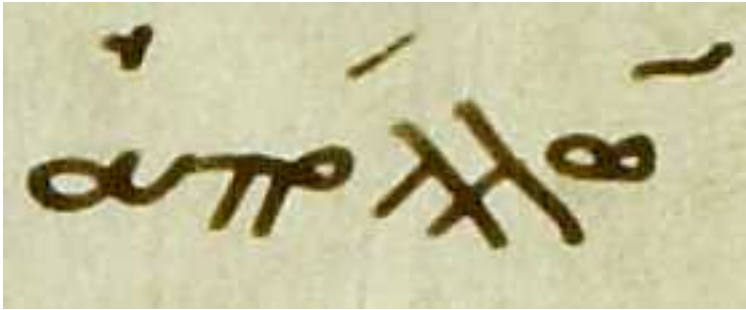
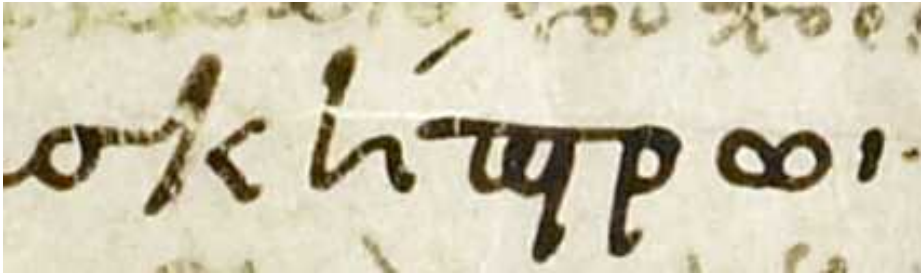
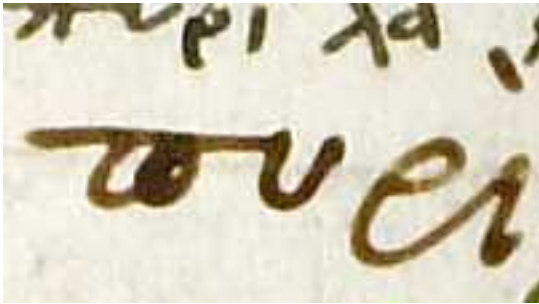
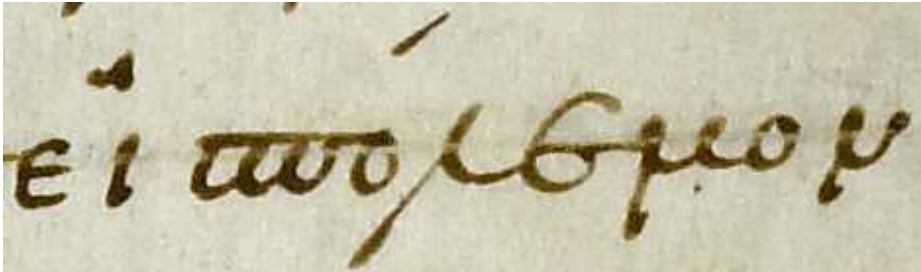
Letter	Example
alpha-chi	
epsilon-epsilon	

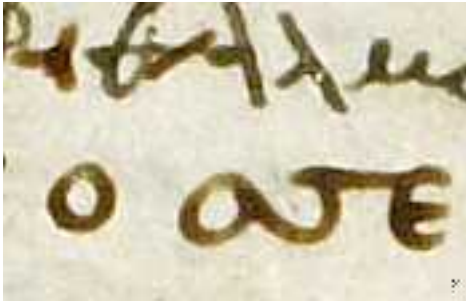
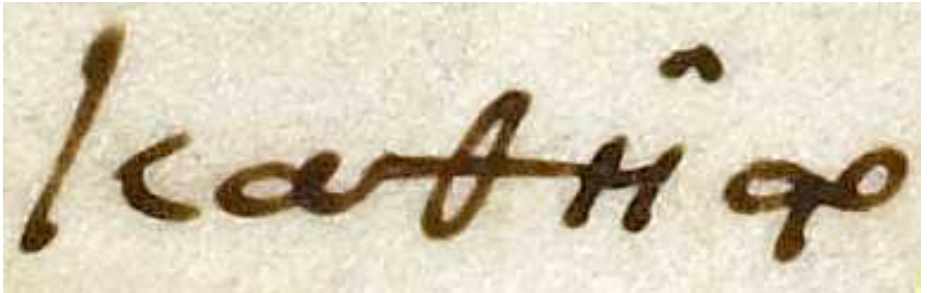
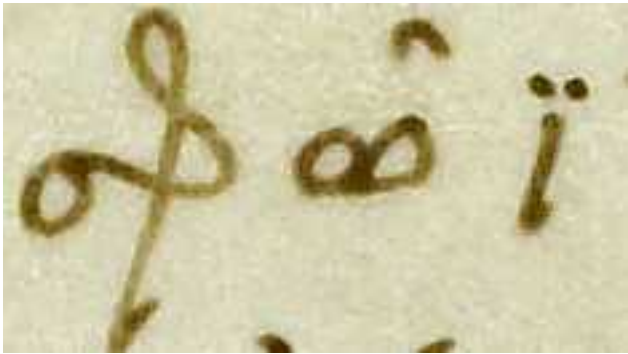
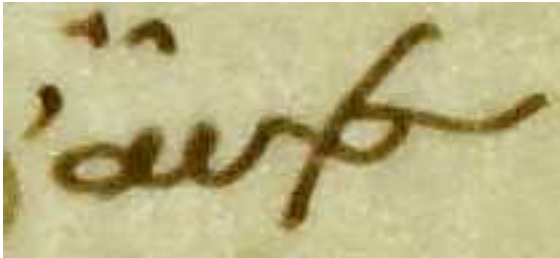
Letter	Example
epsilon-iota	
epsilon-nu	
epsilon-omicron	
epsilon-pi	

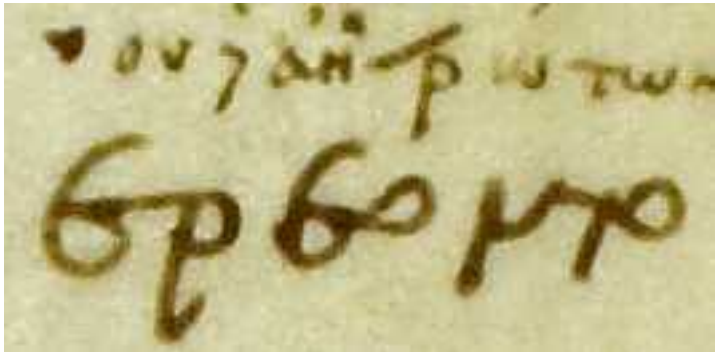
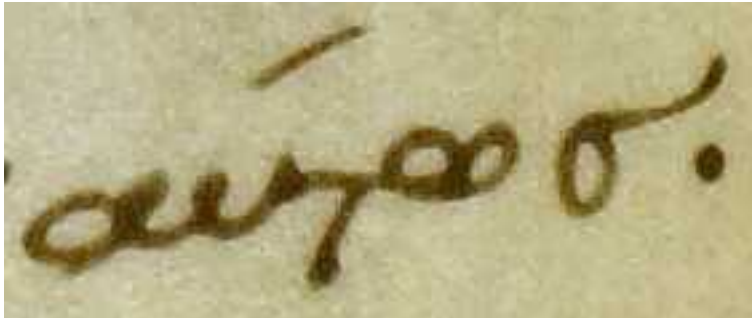
Letter	Example
epsilon-sigma	
epsilon-sigma	
epsilon-sigma	

Letter	Example
epsilon-tau-omicron	
epsilon-upsilon	
epsilon-chi	

Letter	Example
vu-tau-epsilon-sigma	
omicron-sigma	
pi-epsilon	

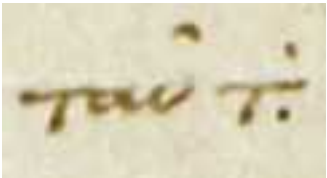
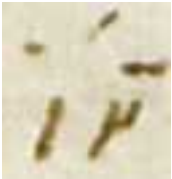
Letter	Example
pi-omicron	
pi-tau	
rho-iota	
sigma-pi	

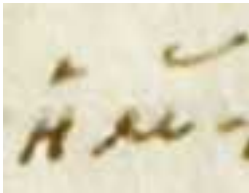
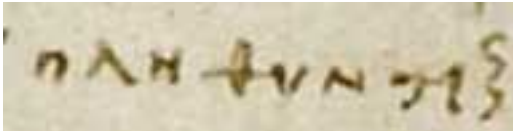
Letter	Example
sigma-sigma	 A photograph of a handwritten Greek letter sigma-sigma (σσ) in brown ink on aged paper. The letters are connected, with the first sigma having a small loop at the top and the second sigma being a simple 'c' shape.
sigma-tau-omicron	 A photograph of a handwritten Greek letter combination sigma-tau-omicron (στο) in brown ink on aged paper. The sigma is a simple 'c' shape, the tau is a vertical line with a horizontal crossbar, and the omicron is a small circle.
sigma-phi	 A photograph of a handwritten Greek letter combination sigma-phi (σφ) in brown ink on aged paper. The sigma is a simple 'c' shape, and the phi is a vertical line with a horizontal crossbar and a small loop at the top.
tau-epsilon	 A photograph of a handwritten Greek letter combination tau-epsilon (τη) in brown ink on aged paper. The tau is a vertical line with a horizontal crossbar, and the epsilon is a simple 'c' shape.

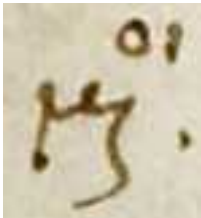
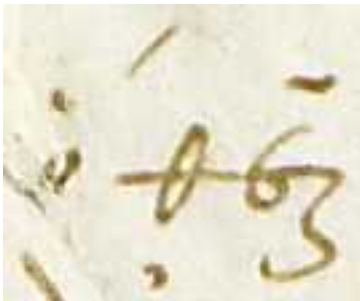

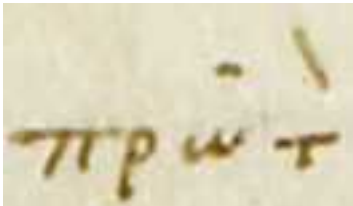
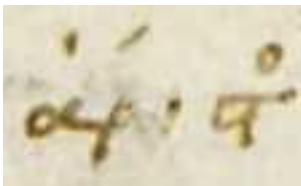
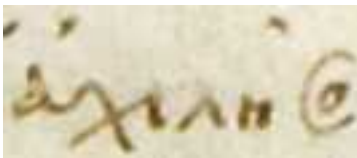
Letter	Example
tau-omicron	
tau-omega	

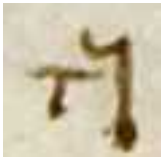
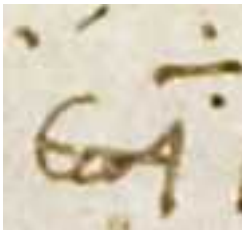
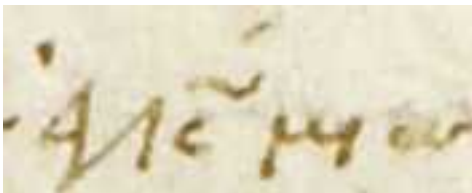
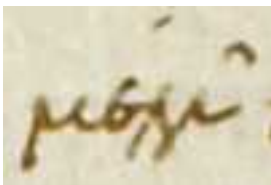
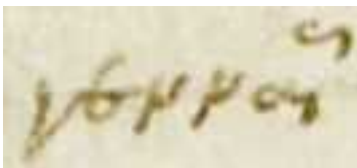
Abbreviations

Morphological Endings

Letter	Example
alpha	
alpha	


Letter	Example
alpha-iota	
alpha-nu	
alpha-sigma	
epsilon-sigma	
eta-nu	
iota-nu	
kappa-omicron-sigma	

Letter	Example
-μεν + ending	
nu	
omicron-iota-sigma	
omicron-nu	
omicron-sigma	
omicron-sigma	

Letter	Example
omicron-epsilon-sigma	
tau-alpha	
omega	
omega-nu	
omega-sigma	

Symbols

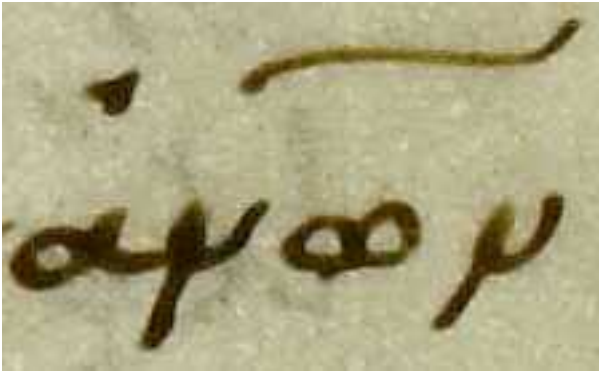

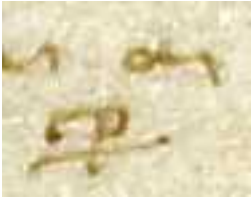


Many words are abbreviated with symbols from which we can distinguish few or no letters.




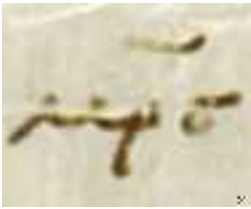
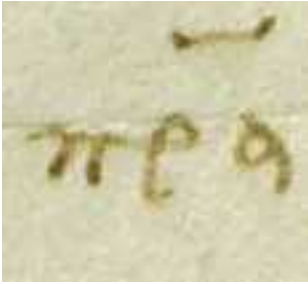
Word	Example
γάρ	

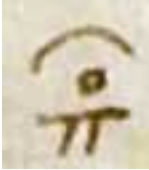
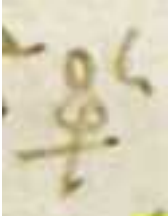

Word	Example
δέ	
ἔστι	
καί	
ὅτι	

Common Words

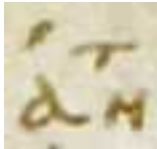

Many words that were common in Byzantine liturgical texts are abbreviated. Usually you have the beginning and end of the word, with the middle letters omitted. Unlike the morphological endings, the abbreviation mark does not always indicate the same string of letters from word to word, so they are tagged as abbreviation in the mark up. Here are some of the common words you will find abbreviated in the Venetus A.


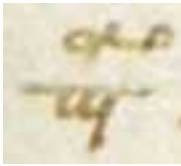
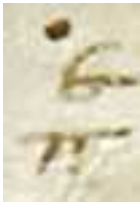

Word	Example
ἄνθρωπος	
υἱός	
γράφει	
εἶναι	
ἡέλιος	

Word	Example
θεός	
λέγει	
λόγος	
μήτηρ	
πατήρ	

Word	Example
πόλις	
φησι	
χρόνος	

Common Prepositions

Word	Example
ἀντί	
διά τό	

Word	Example
παρά	
παρά τό	
περί	
περί	
πρός	
ὑπό	