

GREAT (ROYAL) HOURS OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

THE FIRST HOUR

First Idiomelon

Plagal Fourth Mode

Ὕχος ἡ πᾶς Νη χ

Make ready - y, O Beth- - le- hem; let the man-ger -

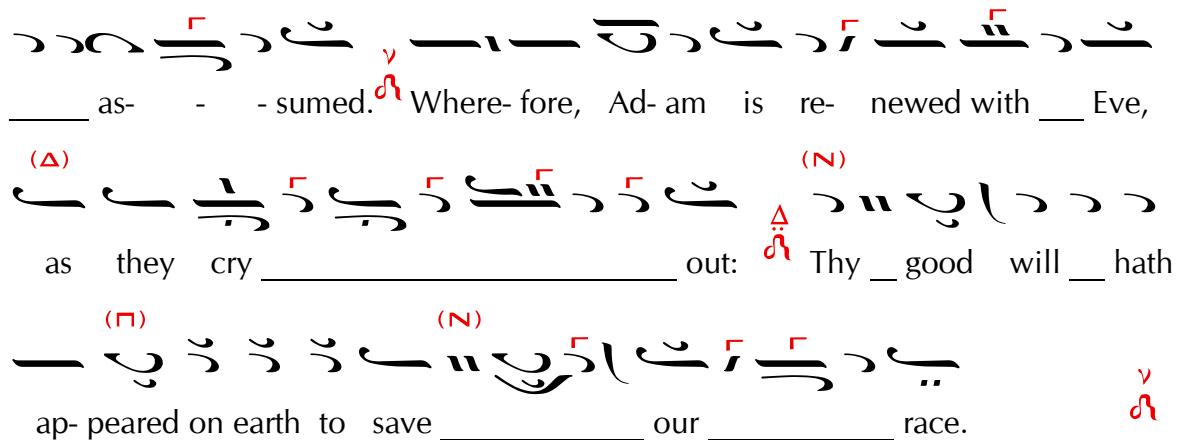
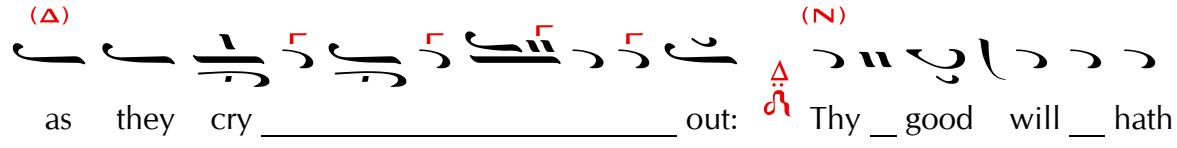
be pre- - pared, let the cave show _____ its wel- - come.

The Truth is _____ come, the shad- - - - ow _____ is _____ passed

____ a- - - way; God _____ hath ap- - peared from a

Vir- - gin _____ un- - - to _____ men, formed _____ as we

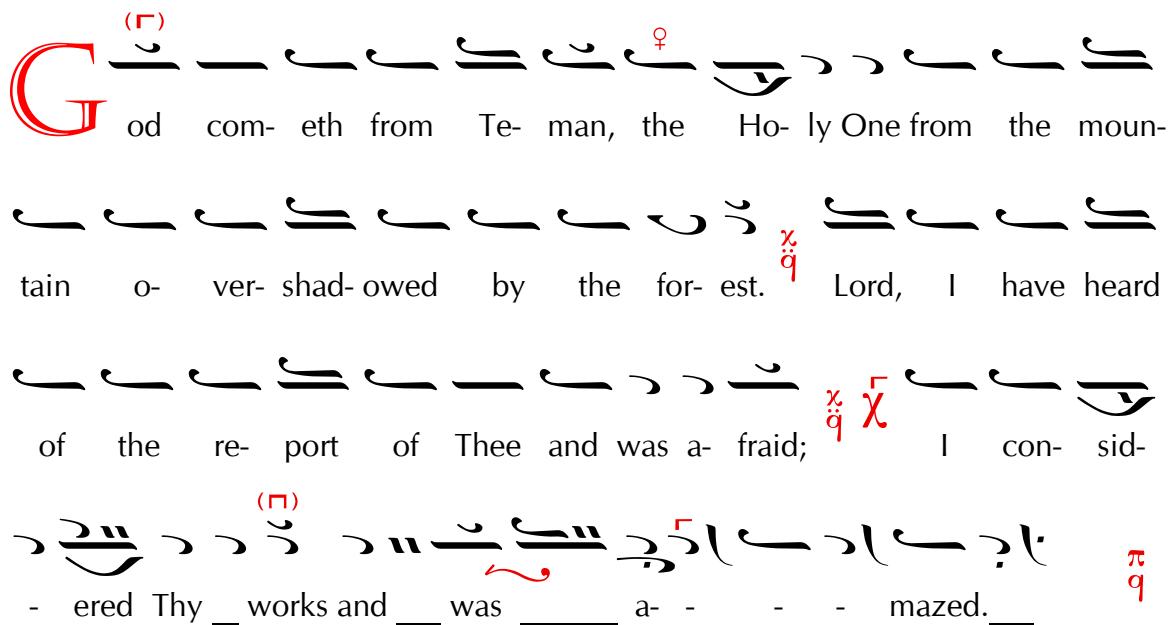
_____ are, _____ and de- i- fy- ing that which He _____ hath


 _____ as - - - sumed.  Where- fore, Ad- am is re- newed with _____ Eve,
 (Δ) 
 as they cry _____ out:  Thy _ good will _ hath
 (Π) 
 ap- peared on earth to save _____ our _____ race. 

Second Idiomelon

Third Mode


 Ḧχος  Γα 


 G  od com- eth from Te- man, the Ho- ly One from the moun-
 tain o- ver- shad- owed by the for- est.  Lord, I have heard
 of the re- port of Thee and was a- fraid;  I con- sid-
 ered Thy _ works and _ was _____ a- - - - - mazed. 

N^(N)ow the proph- - e- cy _ doth __ press for- - - - ward
π^(Π)to ful- fill- ment, which mys- - ti- - 'clly __ saith: **π**^(N) And
τ thou, __ Beth- le- hem in the land __ of Ju- - - -
π^(Π)dah, **χ**^q who pre- par- - est __ the __ cave, **χ**^q art not the
τ __ least __ a- - mong __ the princ- - - - es; **π**^(Π) for
τ out of thee shall come _ un- - to __ Me in the flesh a Rul-
τ er of the __ na- - - - tions, **χ**^o^(K) e- ven Christ
τ our __ God, **χ**^q from __ a Vir- - gin __ Maid- -
τ - - en; **π**^(N) He shall shep-herd His peo- - ple, __ the __
τ new Is- ra- el. **χ**^q Let us __ all ren- - der **χ**^(N) maj- es- ty un-

τοῦ θεοῦ
- to ____ Him.

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Glory, Both Now

Plagal Fourth Mode

Ὕκκλησις τῷ Θεῷ Νῦν

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, ^(N) and

to the Holy Spirit;

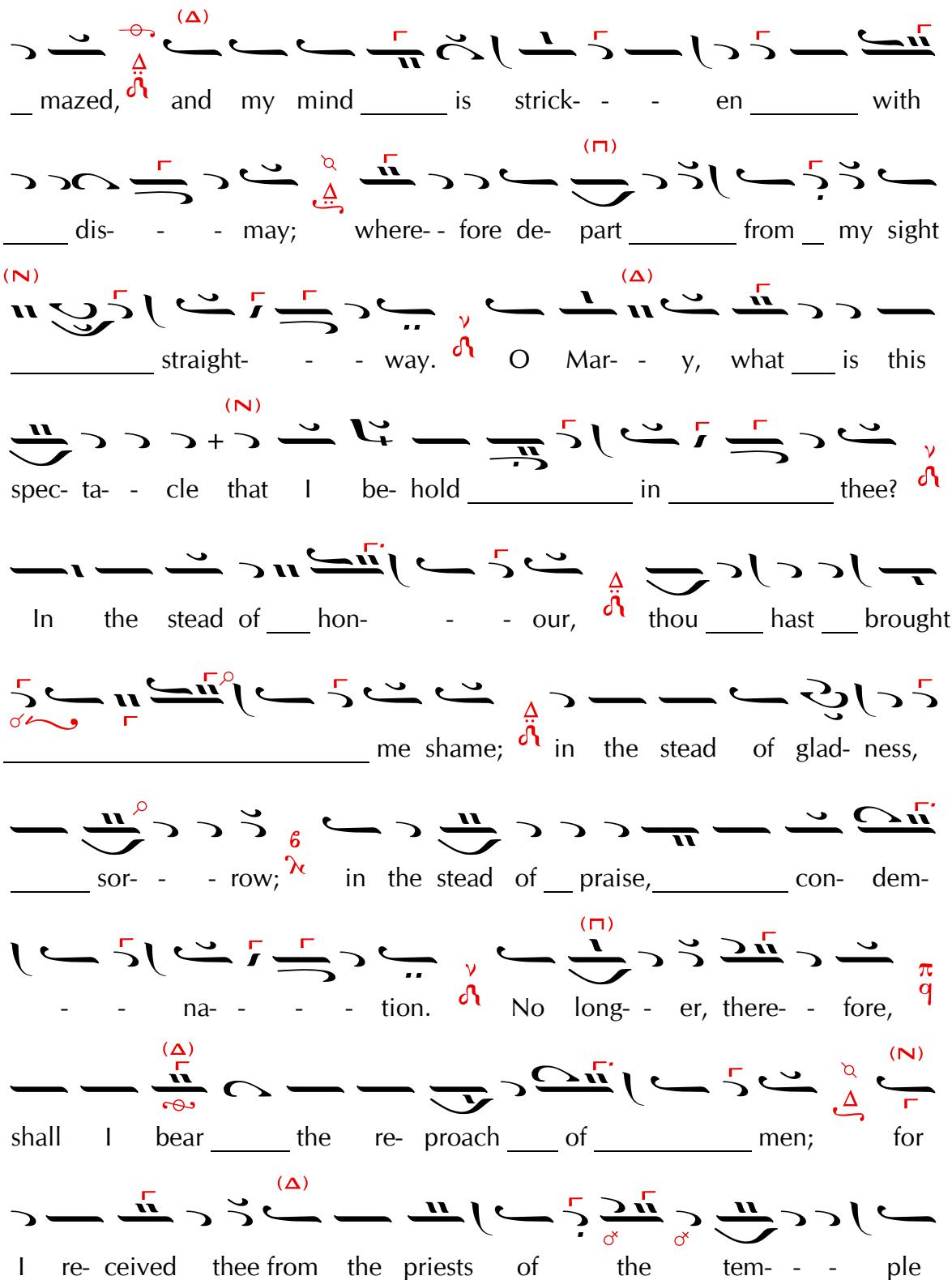
Both now and ever, ^(Δ) and unto ages of

ages. Amen.

Thus saith Joseph to the Virgin

- - - gin: ^(Δ) O Mary, what is this spectacle that

I be - - hold in thee? ^(N) I am at a loss and sore a-


 (Δ) _ mazed,  and my mind _____ is strick- - - en _____ with
 (Π) _____ dis- - - may; where- - fore de- part _____ from _ my sight
 (Ν) straight- - - way.  O Mar- - y, what __ is this
 (Ν) spec- ta- - cle that I be- hold _____ in _____ thee? 
 In the stead of __ hon- - - our,  thou __ hast __ brought
 me shame;  in the stead of glad- ness,
 sor- - - row;  in the stead of __ praise, _____ con- dem-
 na- - - tion.  No long- - er, there- - fore, 
 shall I bear _____ the re- proach ____ of _____ men;  for
 I re- ceived _ thee from the priests of ____ the ____ tem- - - ple

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as one blame- - less be-fore the Lord. And what is
this that I now be- - - hold?
(M)

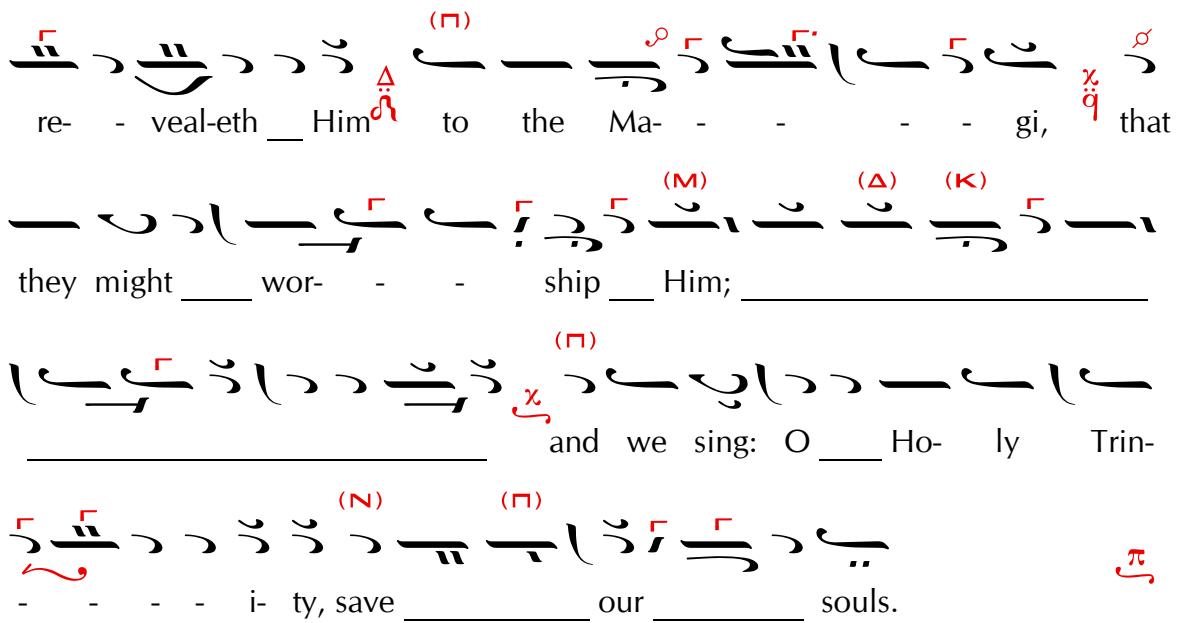
THE THIRD HOUR

First Idiomelon

Plagal Second Mode

Ὕχος πᾶς ἡ α χ

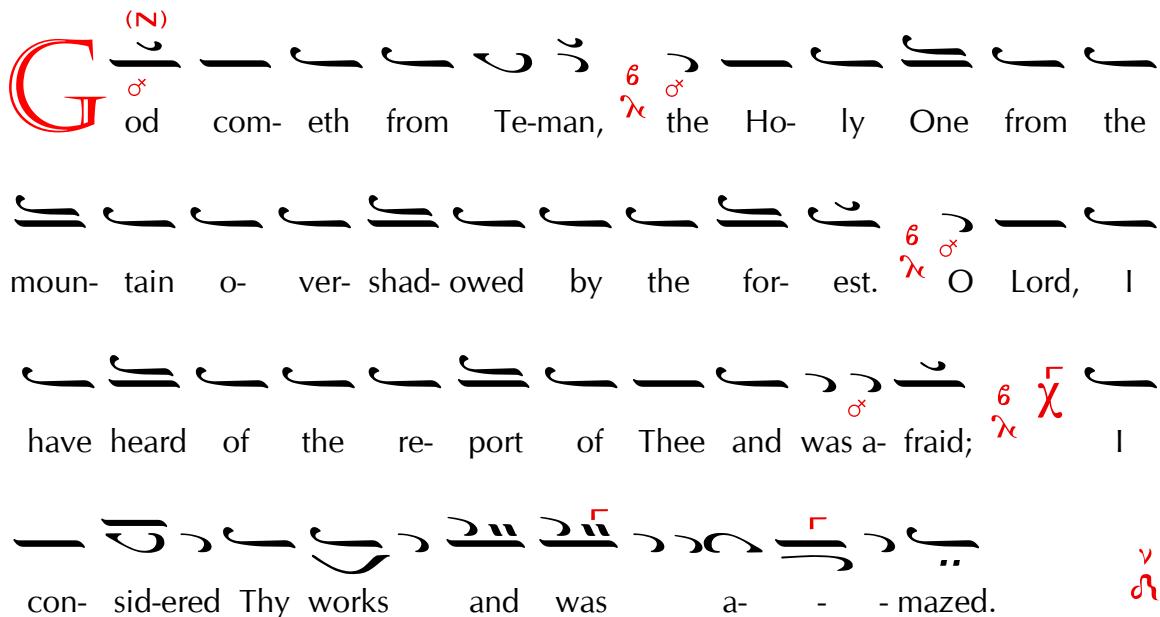
Τ (Π) his _____ is _____ our ____ God; Δ
 (Κ) and there shall none
 oth- er be ac -count-ed of in com- par- i- - son _____ of
 (Δ) (Π)
 _____ Him, Δ e- ven He ____ that is born _____ of _____ a _____
 (Π) (Δ)
 _____ Vir- - - - gin, Δ and dwell- - - eth _____ a-
 (Π) (Δ)
 mong _____ men. Laid _____ in a poor ____ man- - ger, Δ the
 (Κ) (Δ)
 On- ly- be- got- - ten _____ Son is man- i- fest
 (Π) (Δ)
 as _____ a ____ mor- - - tal, Δ and the Lord of Glo- - -
 (Π) (Δ)
 ry Δ is wrapped _____ in swad- - dling _____ clothes. A star


 re - - veal-eth ^(Π) Him ^Δ to the Ma - - - - gi, ^χ ^σ that
 they might ____ wor - - - ship ^(Μ) ^(Δ) ^(Κ) Him; _____
 and we sing: O ^(Π) Ho - ly Trin -
 - - - - i- ty, save ^(Ν) ^(Π) our souls. ^π

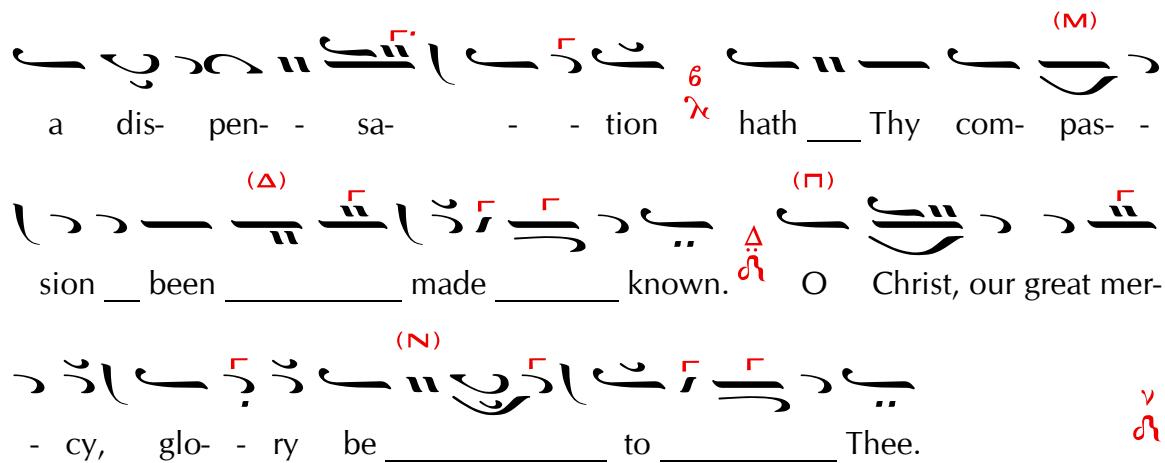
Second Idiomelon

Plagal Fourth Mode

^τΗχος π Δ Νη χ


 G ^(Ν) od com- eth from Te-man, ⁶ ^σ the Ho - ly One from the
 moun- tain o- ver- shad- owed by the for- est. ⁶ ^σ O Lord, I
 have heard of the re- port of Thee and was a- fraid; ^σ χ I
 con- sid-ered Thy works and was a- - - mazed. ^ν Δ

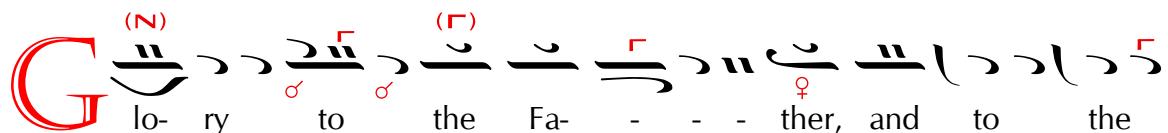
B e- fore Thy birth, O Lord, as the no- et-
 ic hosts looked with trem- bling on
 the mys- ter- y, they were struck
 with awe: for Thou Who hast adored
 the vault of heav- en with
 stars, wast well pleased to be born as a lit- - -
 tle babe; and Thou wast laid in a man-
 ger of dumb beasts, Who hold- est
 all the ut- ter- most parts
 of the earth in Thy hand. For by such

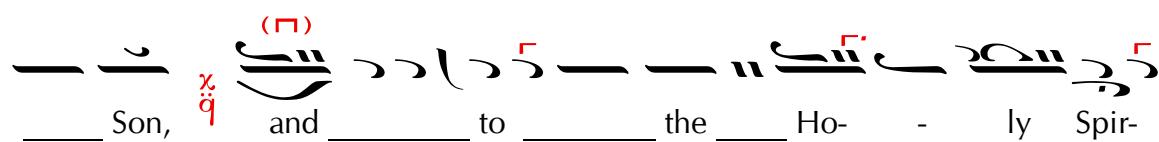

 a dis- pen- - sa- - - tion ⁶
 sion __ been _____ made _____ known. ^(Δ) O Christ, our great mer-
 - cy, glo- - ry be _____ to _____ Thee. ^(N) ^(Π) ^(Π) ^v
⁶
Δ
v

Glory, Both Now

Third Mode

^Φ
 Ἡχος  Γα 


 G ^(N) lo- ry __ to __ the Fa- - - - ther, and to __ the __
^Φ


 Son, ^(Π) and __ to __ the __ Ho- - ly Spir-
^Φ


 it; ^π
q


 B ^(N) oth now __ and ev- - - - er, ^(Π) and ^(Π) un- to ag-


 - - es of __ ag- - es. __ A- - men. ^π
q

T ^(N) tell ^σ us, ^σ O Jo- - - seph, [♀] ^{x̄} q̄ how is
 it thou bring- - est to Beth- - - - le- hem, great with child, ^{x̄} q̄
 her whom thou hast re- ceived from the tem- - - ple
^(N) ^π ^{q̄} as a vir- - - - gin? ^π ^{q̄} I have _
 searched the Proph- ets, saith ^{x̄} q̄ he, ^{x̄} q̄ and have been in- struct-
 ed by an An- - - gel, ^{x̄} q̄ and I am per- - suad- - -
 ed that Mar- y shall give birth to _
 God ^(K) ^{χ̄} in a man- ner past in- - ter- - pre-
 ta- - - - tion. ^π ^{q̄} In hom-age un- - to Him, ^Δ Ma-
 - gi shall come from the East, ^Δ wor- ship- ping Him _

— with _____ pre- - cious gifts. — **Ω** O Thou Who wast in- car- -
- nate _____ for our _____ sakes, **Ϟ** Lord, _____ glo- ry be _____
to _____ Thee. **Ϟ**

THE SIXTH HOUR

First Idiomelon

First Mode

Ὕπαντος ἡμέρας

Come, O ye faithful, let us be lift-ed up with di-vine in-spi-ra-tion, and let us be hold the di-vine con-de-scen-sion from on high that is made man-i-fest to us in Beth-le-hem. And be-ing cleansed in mind, by our way of life let us of-fer vir-tues in the stead of myrrh, faith-ful-ly pre-par-ing our en-try in to the Feast of the Na-tiv-i-

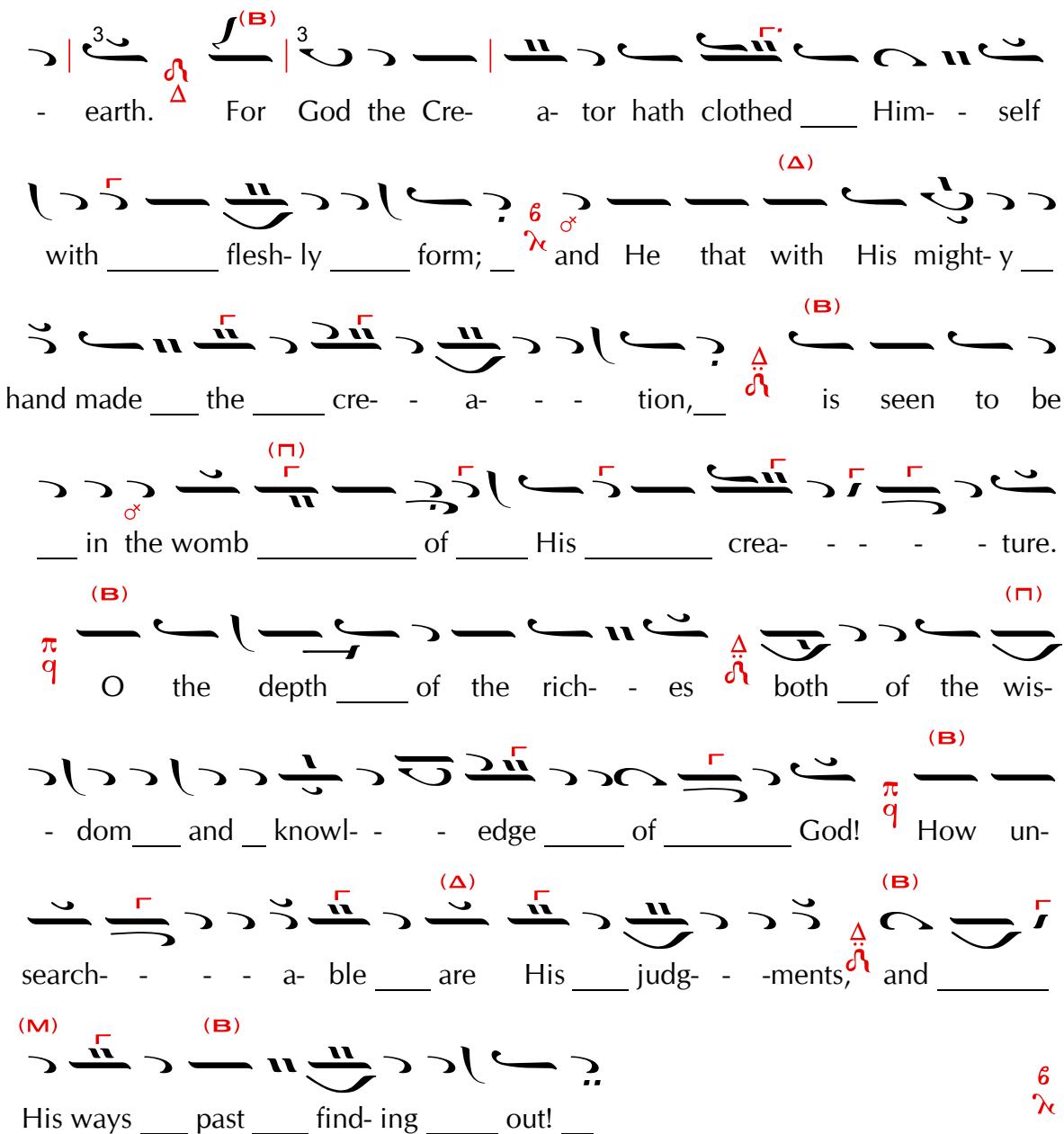
ty, **¶** stor- ing up treas- - ure _____ in _____ our souls _____
 and cry- - - ing: **π** **¶** Glo- - ry in _____ the ____ high- - est
 to God _____ in Trin- - - i- - - - ty, **π** through Whom
 His good will is re- vealed _____ to _____ men, **¶** **π** that as the Friend
 of _____ man **¶** He may de- liv- er Ad- am from _____ thē an- ces-
 tral _____ curse. **π**

Second Idiomelon

Fourth Mode

Ὕχος Ἀ Πα χ

God com- eth from Te- man, π^q the Ho- ly One from the
 moun- tain o- ver- shad- owed by the for- est. π^q O Lord, I
 have heard of the re- port of Thee and was a- fraid; π^q χ I
 con- sid- ered Thy works and _____ was _____ a- - - mazed.
Heark- en, _____ O Heav- - - en, Δ^q and _____ give _____
 ear, _____ O _____ earth. π^q Let the foun- da-tions be _____
 shak- - - - en, π^q let trem- bling lay _____ hold up- on
 the neth- - er- - most re- - gions _____ of _____ the _____


 - earth. For God the Cre- a- tor hath clothed ____ Him- - self
 with ____ flesh- ly ____ form; ^(Δ) ⁶ and He that with His might- y ____
 hand made ____ the ____ cre- - a- - - tion, ^(B) ^Δ is seen to be
 ____ in the womb ____ of ____ His ____ crea- - - - - ture.
 O the depth ____ of the rich- - es ^(Π) ^Δ both ____ of the wis-
 - dom ____ and ____ knowl- - - edge ____ of ____ God! ^(B) ^π How un-
 search- - - a- ble ____ are His ____ judg- - - ments, ^(Δ) ^(B) ^Δ and ____
 His ways ____ past ____ find- ing ____ out! ^(B) ⁶ ^λ

Glory, Both Now

Plagal First Mode

Ἕκτος π λ ḥ Πα

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Glor- - ry to the Fa- - ther, and to ____ the ____ Son,

B oth now and __ ev- - - er, and un- to ag- - es

____ of ____ ag- - - - es. ____ A- - - men. π
q

Come, ____ O ye Christ- - bear-ing ____ peo- - - ple,

— **מִ** — **וֹ** — **מָ** — **לֵ** — **מַ** — **רְ** — **מְ** — **מִ** — **מְ**
mind _____ with _____ a- maze- - - - ment; **π**
q and as we

— “**بِعْدَ** **الْمُؤْمِنِينَ** **وَ** **بِعْدَ** **الْمُشْرِكِينَ** **أَنْ** **لَهُمَا** **مَا** **كَانُوا**
pi- - ous- ly wor- - - - ship, خَل^(Δ) let لَهُمَا us __

chant ^(Π)
 prais- - - es _____ with _____ faith. ^π ^q To- day _____
 a _____ Maid- - en _____ great _____ with _____ child ^(Κ) ^o ^{x̄} com- - eth to Beth-
 le- - hem ^{v'} ^u to give birth _____ un- - - to the _____
 ____ Lord; ^(Δ) ^{x̄} and ____ choirs of ____ An- - - gels ^o ^Δ has- ten _____ be-
 fore _____ her. ^π ^q See- - - ing _____ these _____ things, ^o ^{x̄} Jo- seph
 the Be- trothed _____ cried _____ out: ^(Δ) ^{x̄} What is this
 ____ strange mys- - - ter- - - - y ^(Δ) ^o ^Δ in thee, _____
 O Vir- - - gin? ^π ^q And how shalt thou _____ bring _____
 forth _____ a _____ child, ^(Δ) ^{x̄} thou Heif- - - er that _____ hast not _____
 been yoked? ^(Π) ^(Ν) ^(Π) ^π ^q

THE NINTH HOUR

First Idiomelon

Grave Mode

Ὕκος βαρύς ἀντί Γαχ

H̄erod was a - ston- - ished ἀ when he be- - held
 the pi- - - e- - ty of _____ the Ma- - - gi;
 ἀ and be- ing o- ver- come _____ with an- - - ger,
 he dil- - i- gent- ly in- - quired _____ ἀ what time _____
 it _____ had _____ come _____ to _____ pass. ἀ Moth- - ers were
 be- reaved _____ of their _____ in- - - fants, _____ and
 in a sea- son yet _____ un- - - - - ripe,
 the babes were bit- - - ter- - ly har- vest- ed. _____ ἀ Breasts

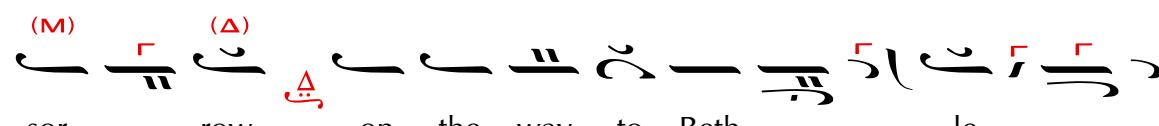
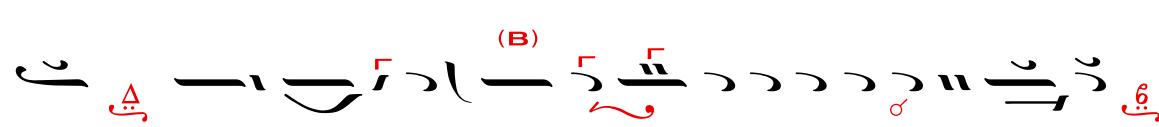
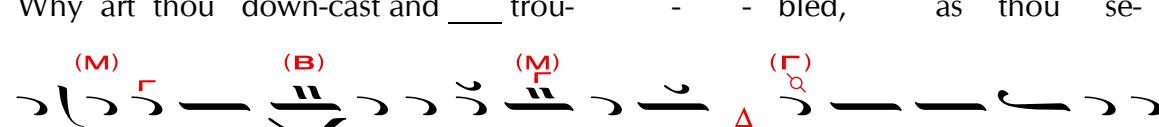
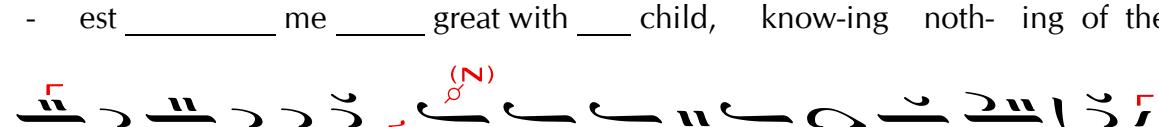
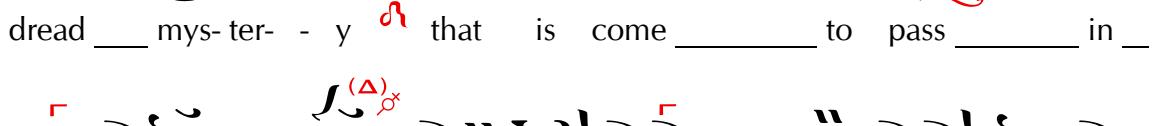
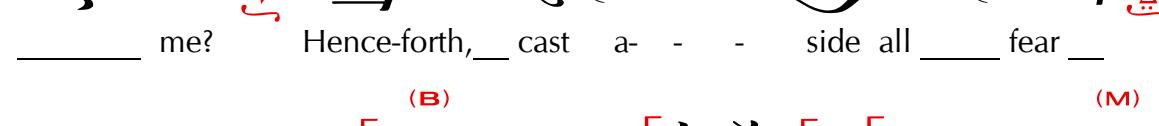
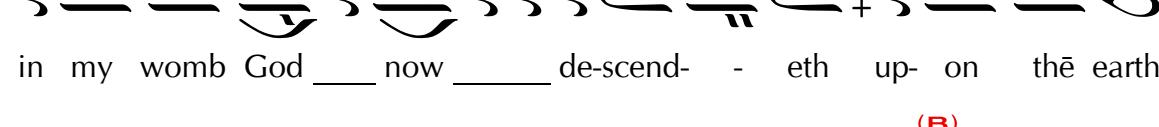
grew dry and the chan- - nels ^(N) of milk closed ^(Γ) up. Great
 was the e- - vil! ^(Δ) Where-fore, let us, the faith- - ful,
^(Π) pi- ous- ly ^(N) gath- - er- ing to- geth- - er,
^(M) wor-ship the Na- - tiv- i- - ty of Christ. ^(χ)

Second Idiomelon

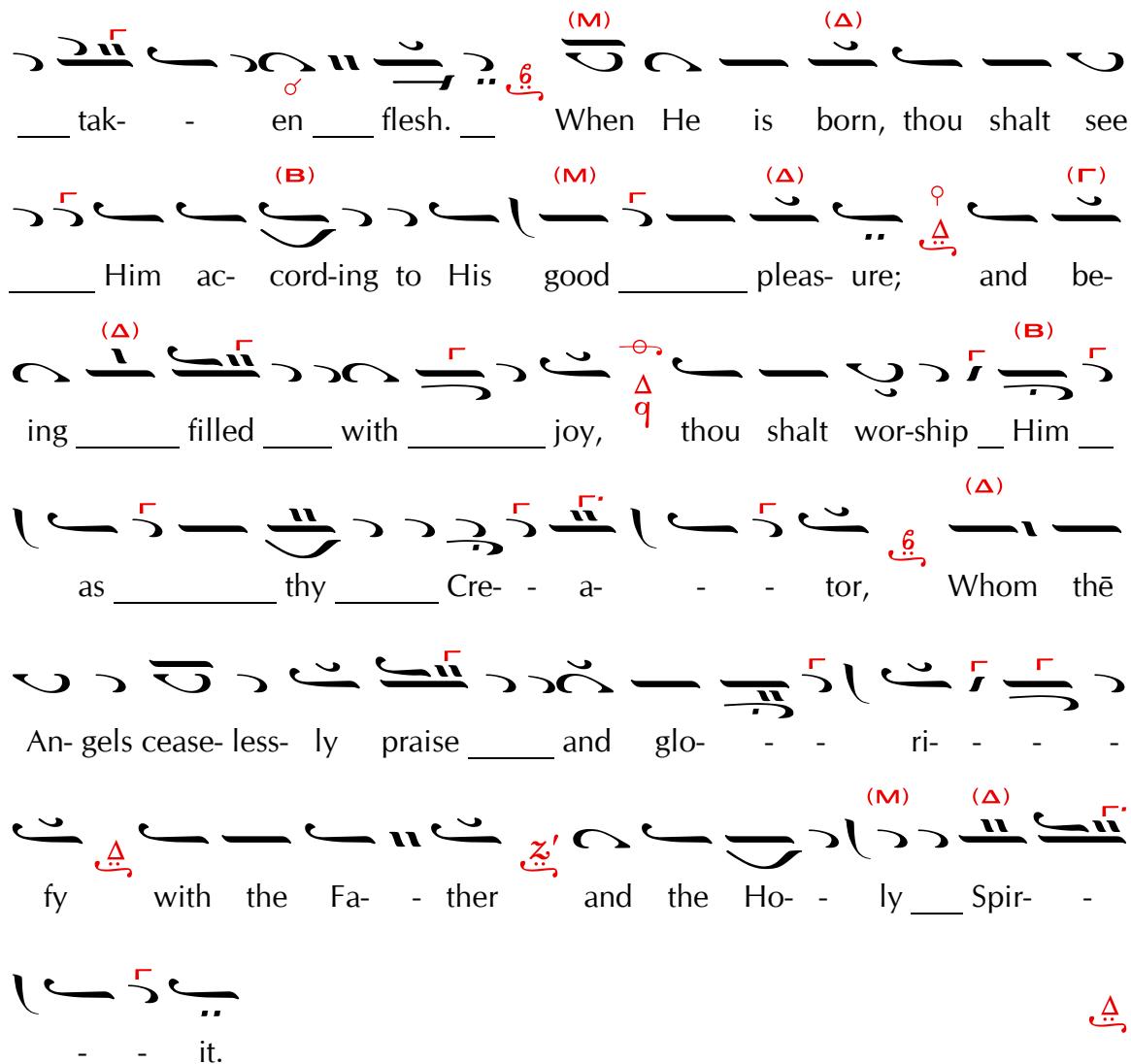
Second Mode

^{τόνος} Ἡχος Διατονία

^(Μ) ^(Δ) God com- eth from Te- man, the Ho- ly One from the moun-
 tain o- ver- shad-owed by the for-est. O Lord, I have heard
 of the re- port of Thee and was a- fraid; ³ I con- sid-
^(Β) ered Thy works and was a- - mazed.

(Δ) 
 Vir- - - gin, as Jo- seph was pierced with
 (M) 
 sor- - row on the way to Beth- - - le- - -
 hem, thou didst cry un- - to him: 
 (Δ) 
 Why art thou down-cast and trou- - - bled, as thou se-
 (M) 
 - est me great with child, know-ing noth- ing of the

 dread mys- ter- - y that is come to pass in

 me? Hence-forth, cast a- - - side all fear 
 (B) 
 and un- der- stand this strange won- - - der; for
 (Δ) 
 in my womb God now de-scend- - eth up- on the earth

 be- cause of His mer- - - cy, and He hath


 tak- - en flesh. When He is born, thou shalt see
 Him ac- cord-ing to His good pleas- ure; and be-
 ing filled with joy, thou shalt wor-ship _ Him _
 as thy Cre- a- tor, Whom the
 An-gels cease- less- ly praise and glo- ri- - -
 fy with the Fa- ther and the Ho- ly Spir- -
 it.

Glory, Both Now

Plagal Second Mode

Ὕχος πιπίλα

Glor- - - ry *πι* to the Fa- ther, and to _____ the _____
 Son, *Δι* and to the Ho- - ly Spir- - - it;
Both now _ and ___ ev- - er, *Δι* and un- to ag- - - -
 es *Δι* of ___ ag- - - es. A- - - men.
To- day ___ there is born of ___ the ___ Vir- - gin *Δι* He
 that hold- eth all ___ cre- - a- - - tion *Δι* in the palm
 ___ of ___ His ___ hand. (*Thrice*)

With ^(K) swad- dling clothes is He wrapped π as

a mor- - - tal, ^(N) ^(Π) He that is un- ap- proach- - a- - - ble in π

Es- - - - - sence.

God ^(K) re- - clin- - - eth ^(Δ) in a man- - - - - - -

ger, ^(Π) ^(Δ) He _____ that of old es- - tab- lished π the

heav- - - ens ^(Π) ^(Δ) in the be- gin- - - - - - -

En- - ning.

With milk π at the ^(Π) breast ^(Δ) is He

nour- - - - - ished, ^(M) ^(Δ) He that in the wil- - -

- der- - - - ness ^(Π) ^(Δ) rained man- - na on the peo- -

ج
- ple.

Mا- gi doth He call _____ to _____ Him- - - self, ا
(Π) ج

He that is the Bride- - groom of _____ the _____ Church. ا
(Π)

T heir gifts doth ____ He ____ re- - ceive, He _____ that _____

is ا the Son _____ of _____ the Vir- - - gin. ا
(Π)

W e wor- - - ship Thy Na- tiv- i- - ty, O Christ. ا
(Π) (N) (M)

W e ____ wor- - - ship Thy Na- tiv- - i- ty, O

Christ. ا
—

W e wor- - - - - ship Thy Na- tiv- i- - ty, O

Christ. ا Show us _____ al- - - so _____ ا
(Δ) (Π)

Menaion – Great (Royal) Hours of the Nativity of Christ

Ἁγαπητε Κύριε
Θυ_ δι_ vine _ The_ oph_ - - - a_ - -
- ny! _____