

THE ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS

AT THE FIRST HOUR

FIRST IDIOMELON

Mode $\text{N} \text{ } \text{A} \text{ } \text{B} \text{ } \text{C}$ Ni D


By John Michael Boyer




ake read - y, O _____ Beth - le - hem: let the man- ger
 be _____ pre - - - pared, let the cave _____ show its
 _____ wel - - - come. The truth has _____ come, _____ the shad - - ow has
 passed _____ a - - - way; born _____ of _____ a Vir - gin, God _____
 has _____ ap - peared _____ to _____ men, formed as we _____ are
 and mak - ing god - - like the gar - ment He _____ has _____ put _____
 on. There - fore Ad - am _____ is re - newed with _____ Eve, and they _____ call
 _____ out: "Thy good _____ pleas - - - ure has ap - peared _____ on earth to save _____
 _____ our _____ kind'. (twice)

VERSE

Mode  Ga ϕ



 God shall come come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain o -

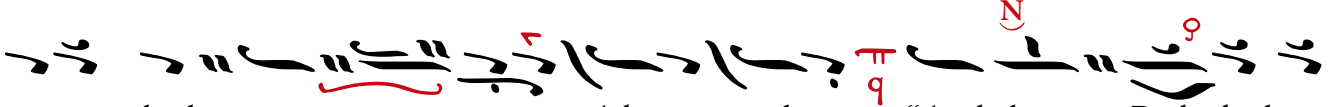
 - ver - shad - - owed by ____ the for - - - est. ____

(Habakkuk 3:3)

SECOND IDIOMELON


By Gabriel Cremeens

  ow the proph- e - cy draws ____ near ____ to its ful - fill - -


 -ment, which ____ mys - - ti - 'cly ____ said: ____ “And thou, ____ Beth - le - hem,

 in the ____ land of Ju - - - dah, ____ who dost pre- pare the ____ cave, ____

 art not the ____ least ____ a - mong ____ the princ - - - es; ____

 for out of thee ____ shall come ____ forth un - to me ____ in ____

 the ____ flesh ____ a Gov - er - nor ____ of the ____ Na - - tions,

 Christ ____ our ____ God ____ born ____ of ____ a

Vir - gin Maid - - - en, ^π_q and as a ^N ^Δ₂ shep-herd He
 shall tend His peo-ple, ^Γ_v the new Is - ra - el." ^Γ_v Let ^Γ_v us ^Γ_v
 all ^u_q give ^Γ_v Him glo - ry. ^Γ_v

VERSE

^χ₂ ^u_q ^χ₂ O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee and was afraid; ^u_q ^χ₂ I con - sid - ered ^Π
 Thy ^χ₂ works and ^χ₂ was ^χ₂ a - - - mazed. ^π_q (Habakkuk 3:1)

Repeat "Now the prophecy draws near," as above.

GLORY

*By Nicholas Roumas*Mode $\pi\delta''$ Ni ϱ 

lo - ry to the Fa - - ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

DOXASTIKON

By Gabriel Cremeens

o - seph spoke thus to the Vir - - -
-gin: 'What is this do - - ing, O Mar - y, that I
see in thee? I fail to un - der - stand and am a -
-mazed, and my mind is struck with dis - - may.
Go from my sight, there-fore, with all speed. What
is this do - - ing, O Mar - y, that I see in
thee? In- stead of hon-our, thou hast brought me shame; in-
-stead of glad-ness, sor - - row; in- stead of praise,

re - - - proof. No fur-ther__ shall I __ bear the re-proach of
 __ men. I re - ceived__ thee__ from the __ priests of __ the __
 tem - - ple, as one blame - - - less be-fore the ____ Lord. ____
 And what __ is this __ that I ____ now ____ see?' ____

BOTH NOW

By Nicholas Roumas

Both now and__ ev - er and to thē a - - ges ____ of a -
 - ges. ____ A - - - men.

Repeat "Joseph spoke thus to the Virgin," as above, but with the following final cadence:

And what __ is this __ that I ____ now ____ see?' ____


THE ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS


AT THE THIRD HOUR

FIRST IDIOMELON

Mode  Pa 

By Gabriel Cremeens



 his _____ is _____ our _____ God, and there shall none oth-
 -er be ac - count - ed _____ of _____ in com - par - - i - son _____
 with _____ Him. Born of _____ a _____ Vir - - - gin, He _____
 comes _____ to dwell _____ a - mong _____ men. Laid _____ in a poor
 _____ man - - - ger, _____ the On - ly - be - got - - - ten _____ Son ap -
 - pears _____ as _____ mor - tal _____ man _____ and the Lord of _____ glo -
 - - ry is wrapped _____ in swad - dling _____ clothes. A star
 guides the _____ Ma - - gi to come _____ and _____ wor - ship _____
 Him; and we _____ sing: _____ O Ho - ly Trin - - - i - ty, save _____

 (twice)
 _____ our _____ souls.



VERSE

Mode  Ni 

 God shall come come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain  o -


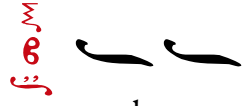
 (Habakkuk 3:3) 
 - ver - shad - owed by the _____ for - - - est.


SECOND IDIOMELON

By Gabriel Cremeens




 e - fore Thy birth, O _____ Lord,  the an - gel - ic hosts _____

 looked with trem - bling on this _____ mys - ter - y  and were

 struck _____ with won - - - der: _____ for Thou who hast _____ a -

 - dorned _____ the vault of heav - - - en with _____ stars _____

 hast been well pleased to be born _____ as _____ a _____

 babe; _____ and Thou who _____ hold - - - est _____ all the ends _____ of the _____

earth in the hol - - low _____ of _____ Thy _____ hand art
 laid _____ in a _____ man - - - ger of _____ dumb _____ beasts. For
 by such _____ a _____ dis - pen - sa - - - tion _____ has Thy com -
 - pas - sion _____ been made _____ known, _____ O _____ Christ, _____ and
 Thy great mer - cy: glo - - ry _____ to _____ Thee.

VERSE

O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee and was afraid; I con - sid - ered Thy
 works and was _____ a - - - mazed. *(Habakkuk 3:1)*

Repeat "Before Thy birth, O Lord," as above.

GLORY

*By Nicholas Roumas*Mode  Ga φ


lo - ry _ to _ the Fa - - - ther, and to _ the _
 Son, and _ to _ the Ho - - - ly Spir - - - it. _

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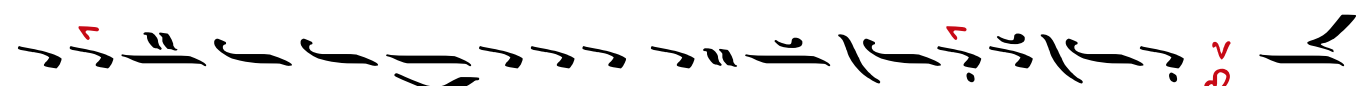
DOXASTIKON

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ell _ us, _ O _ Jo - - seph, how is _ it that
 thou bring - - est to Beth - - le - hem, great with child, the _
 Maid - - en whom thou hast re - ceived _ from _ the sanc -
 - tu - ar - - - y? _ 'I have searched the _ proph - - ets,'
 said _ he, 'and have been warned _ by an an - - - gel; and
 I am per - - suad - - ed _ that Mar - y shall give
 birth _ to _ God, _ in ways sur - pas - sing _ all _




 in - ter - pre - ta - - - tion. Ma - gi from thē east shall



 _____ come _____ to wor - ship Him _____ with pre - cious gifts.' O



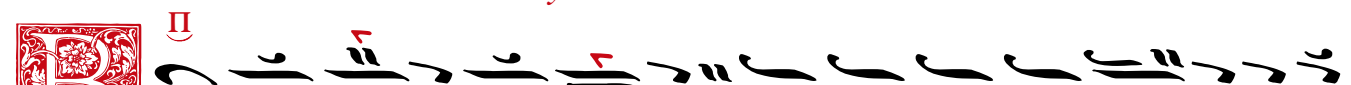
 Lord, _____ who for our _____ sake hast _____ tak - en _____ flesh:



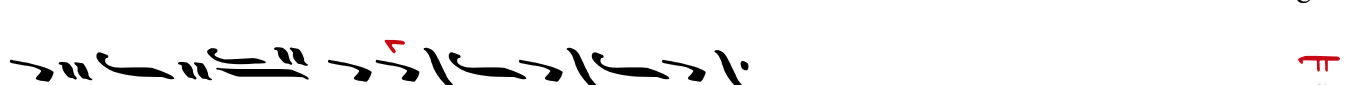
 * glo - - ry to _____ Thee.

BOTH NOW

By Nicholas Roumas




 oth now and _____ ev - - - er and to thē a - - ges



 of _____ a - - ges. A - men.

Repeat "Tell us, O Joseph" as above, but with the following final cadence:



 * glo - - ry to _____ Thee.

THE ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS

AT THE SIXTH HOUR

FIRST IDIOMELON

Mode $\frac{4}{9}$ Pa ♀

By Gabriel Cremeens



Come, O ye faith - - ful, in-spired by God let us a
 - rise and be - hold the di - vine con - de - scen-sion from on high
 that is made man - i - fest to us in Beth - - - le - - - hem.
 Cleans-ing our minds, let us of - fer through our lives vir - tues in -
 - stead of myrrh, pre - par-ing with faith our en - try in - to
 the feast of the Na - tiv - - - i - - - ty, stor - ing
 up treas - ure in our souls and cry - ing: Glo - ry in the high -
 - est to God in Trin - - - i - - - ty, whose good
 pleas-ure is now re-vealed to men, that in His love for man - kind

He may set Ad-am free from thē ___ an - ces - - - tral _____

(twice)

curse.

Alternate ending:

* stor - ing up treas - ure ___ in ___ our ___ souls and cry - ing Glo - ry

in the high - - - est to ___ God in Trin - - - i - - - ty, whose

good pleas - ure is now re - vealed to ___ men, that in His love for

man - kind He may set Ad-am free from thē ___ an - ces - - -

tral _____ curse.


VERSE


Mode $\frac{1}{2}$ Pa ♀

χ π q Π π q χ Π
 God shall come come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain o -
 N Π
 - ver - shad - owed by the ____ for - - - - est. (Habakkuk 3:3) π q


SECOND IDIOMELON

By Gabriel Cremeens


 B Π
 eark - en, O __ heav - - - en, Δ π q Π and __ give __ ear, ____
 N Π
 O ____ earth. Let the foun - da - tions be ____ shak - - - - en,
 M Π M
 π q and let trem - bling lay __ hold π q up - on the neth - - - er -
 Π B
 most parts ____ of ____ the ____ world. For our God ____ and
 Δ π q
 Cre - a - tor has clothed Him - self Δ π in cre - at - - - ed ____
 B Δ π q
 ____ flesh, Δ π and He who with His ____ strong ____ arm fash-ioned cre - a -
 Π Δ π q
 - - tion re - veals Him - self Δ π in the womb ____ of ____ her ____
 N Π
 that ____ He ____ formed. Oh the depth of the ____ rich - - - -



 es of the wis - - - dom ___ and knowl - - - edge ___ of ___




 God! How un - search - a - ble are His ___ judg - - - ments, and ___




 His ways ___ past find - ing ___ out! ___

VERSE



O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee and was afraid; I con - sid - ered Thy



 works and ___ was ___ a - - - mazed.

Repeat "Hearken, O heaven," as above.

GLORY

*By Nicholas Roumas*Mode π^9 Pa φ 

Π lo - - - - - ry _ to the Fa - ther, and to the _

_ Son, _ and to the Ho - - ly Spir - - - it. π^9

DOXASTIKON

By Gabriel Cremeens

Π ome _ ye peo - - - ple, π^9 bear - - - - - ers _

of _ Christ, _ and let _ us be - hold _ won - - - - -

- ders that strike and _ hold _ fast ev' - ry mind _ with _ a -

- maze - - - ment: π^9 and in rev' - rent _ wor - - - ship let _

us sing _ prais - - - - - es _ with _ faith. π^9 To - day

a _ Maid - en _ great _ with _ child ν^2 comes to Beth - le - hem

to give birth _ to _ the _ Lord: π^9 and choirs of _ an -

- - gels π go _ be - fore _ her. π^9 See - - - - - ing _

these ___ things ^{u q} Jo - seph, her ^K be - trothed, ^Δ _____ cried ^K _____ out: ^{u q}

'What is this strange _____ mys - ter - y _____ in ___ thee, O Vir -

- - gin? ^{u q} And how shalt thou bring forth a ___ child, ^Δ * ^{u q} O Calf up -

- on whom the yoke _____ has nev - er come? ^Δ

BOTH NOW

By Nicholas Roumas

B ^Π oth now and _____ ev - - er and to thē a - - ges _____ of a -

- - ges. A - - - men. ^Δ

Repeat "Come, ye people, bearers of Christ," as above, but with the following final cadence:

* ^Δ ^Π O Calf up - on whom the yoke _____ has nev - er come. _____

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THE ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS

AT THE NINTH HOUR

FIRST IDIOMELON

Mode $\overline{\alpha\psi}$ Ga ϕ

By Gabriel Cremeens






er - od was struck with a - maze - - - ment on be - hold -
 ing the pi - - - e - ty of the Ma - - gi; -
 and o - ver - come by wrath, he in - quired close - -
 - ly when the Child was born. Mothers were be - reft of
 their in - - - fants, and by an un - time - ly death their
 babes were bit - - - ter - ly har - vest - ed. Paps grew dry -
 and sourc - - es of milk were stopped. Great
 was this ca - lam - i - ty! There - fore let us, the faith -
 - ful, gath - ered in god - li - ness, wor - - ship the Na - tiv - i




VERSE

Repeat "O Virgin, when Joseph went up to Bethlehem," as above.

GLORY. BOTH NOW

*By Nicholas Roumas*Mode  Pa 

 
 ε ε Glo - - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the __ Son, and to
 the Ho - ly Spir - - - it. 

 
 oth now and __ ev - er and to thē a - - ges of __ a -
 - ges. A - - - men. 

At this point, the hymn below is intoned solemnly and reverently by the canonarch from the middle of the church. It is then sung by the two choirs.

He who holds the whole creation in the hollow of His hand today is born of the Virgin. (3)

He whom in essence none can touch is wrapped in swaddling clothes as a mortal.

God who in the beginning founded the heavens lies in a manger.

He who rained manna down on the people in the wilderness
 is fed on milk from His Mother's breast.

He who is the Bridegroom of the Church calls unto Himself the Magi.

The Son of the Virgin accepts their gifts.

We worship Thy birth, O Christ. (3)

Let us behold Thy divine Epiphany.

DOXASTIKON

*By Gabriel Cremeens*Mode  Pa 

^Π e who holds the _____ whole _____ cre - a - - - tion ^Δ

in the hol - low of His ____ hand ^Δ to - day ____ is ____ born _____

of the Vir - - - gin. ^Ε



^Π e whom in es - sence none can _____ touch _____ is wrapped in

swad-dling clothes _____ as a mor - - - tal. ^Ε



^K od ____ who _____ in ____ the be - gin - - - - - ning ^Ε

found - ed the _____ heav - - - ens ^Δ lies _____ in _____ a man - ^Π

- - - ger. ____ ^Ε



^Π e _____ who rained man - na _____ down on the peo - ple ____ in ^Δ

the ____ wil - der - ness ____ ^Δ is fed on milk ____ from _____ His Moth - ^Π

-er's _____ breast. ____ ^Ε



^Π e who is the Bride-groom of the Church calls

un - to Him - self the Ma - - - gi.



^Π he Son of the Vir- - - gin ac - cepts

their gifts.



^Π e wor - - ship Thy birth, O Christ.



^Δ e wor - - ship Thy birth, O Christ.



^K e wor - - ship Thy birth, O Christ.



^Π et us be - hold

^Π Thy di - vine E - piph - - - a - - - ny.