

THE ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS

AT THE FIRST HOUR

FIRST IDIOMELON

Mode 

By John Michael Boyer

Make 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 from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain
 - ver - shad - - owed by ____ the for - - est. ____ 

(Habakkuk 3:3)

SECOND IDIOMELON

By Gabriel Cremeens

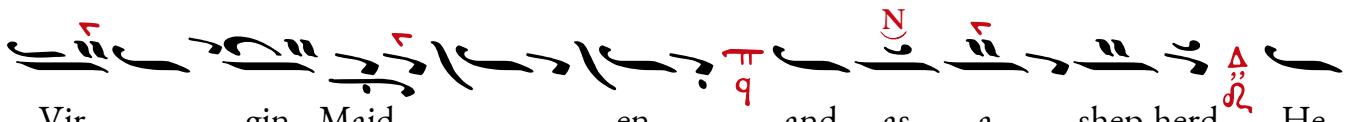
        

ow the proph- e - cy draws near to its ful - fill - -
 -ment, which mys - - ti - 'cly said: "And thou, Beth - le - hem,
 in the land of Ju - - dah, who dost pre - pare the cave,
 art not the least a - mong the princ - - es; 

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, ^N_q and as a _q shep-herd ^A_d He

 shall tend His peo-ple, _q the new Is - ra - el." ^R_d Let _v us _q

 all _q give _q Him glo - ry. ^r_u

VERSE


 O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee and was afraid; ^{II}_u ^{II}_q I con - sid - ered

 Thy works and was _q a - - - mazed. ^{III}_q *(Habakkuk 3:1)*

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

GLORY

By Nicholas Roumas

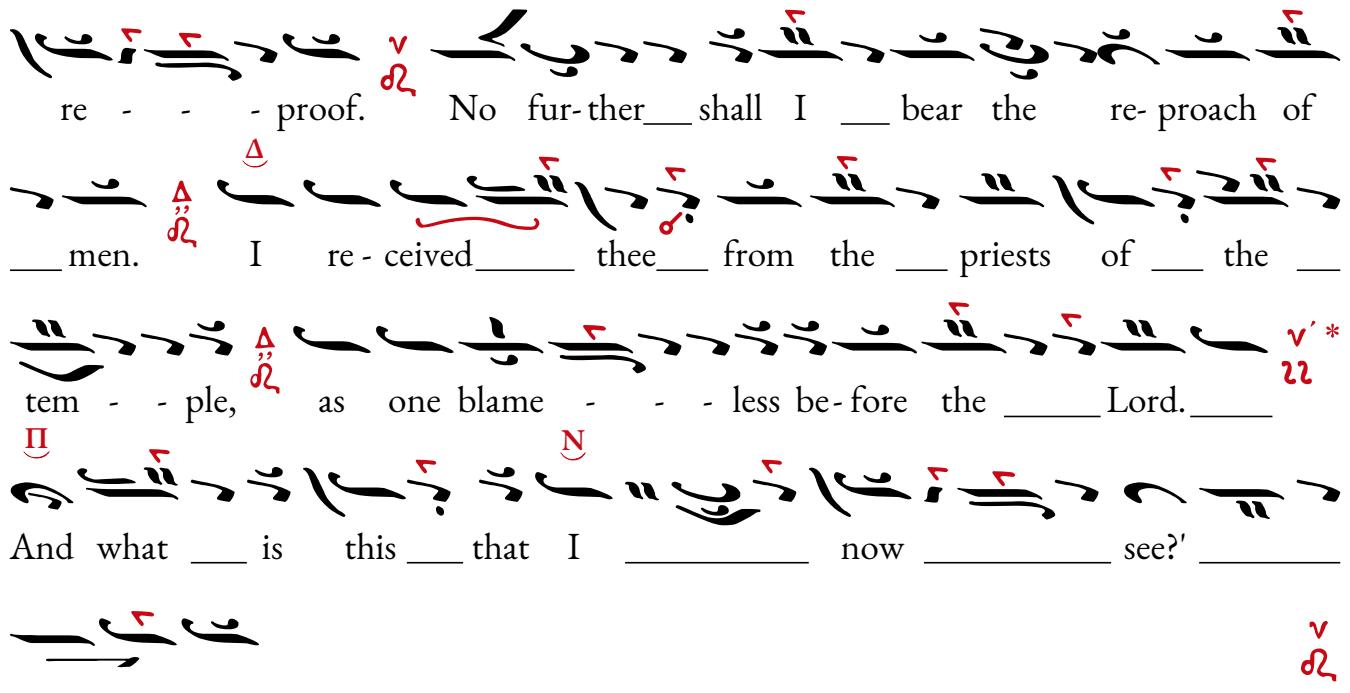
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 N lo - ry to the Fa - - ther, and to the __ Son, B and __
 to __ the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

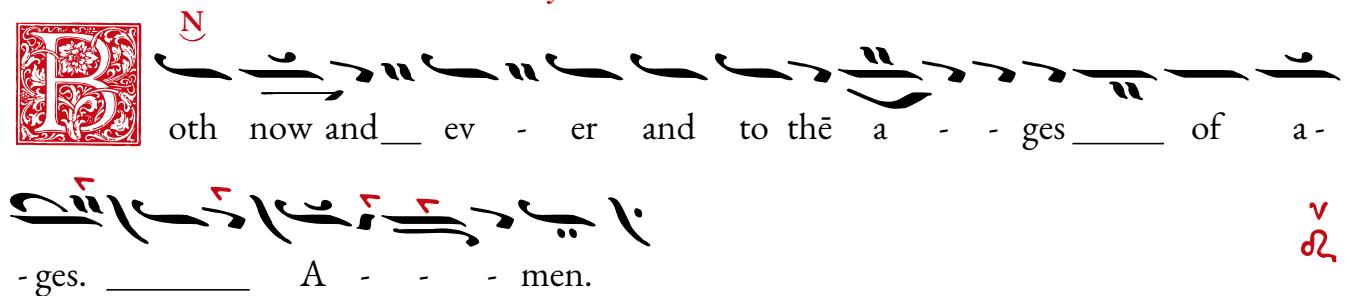
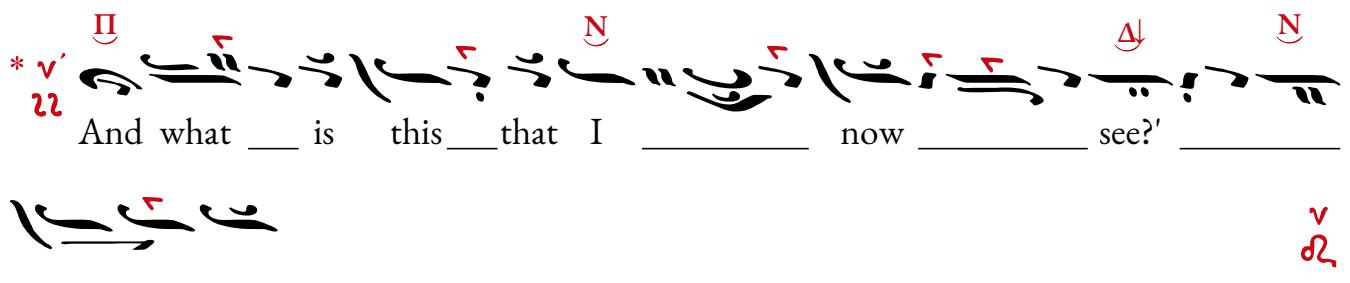
DOXASTIKON

By Gabriel Cremeens

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



BOTH NOW

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

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, thē 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 _____


 our souls. (twice)



VERSE

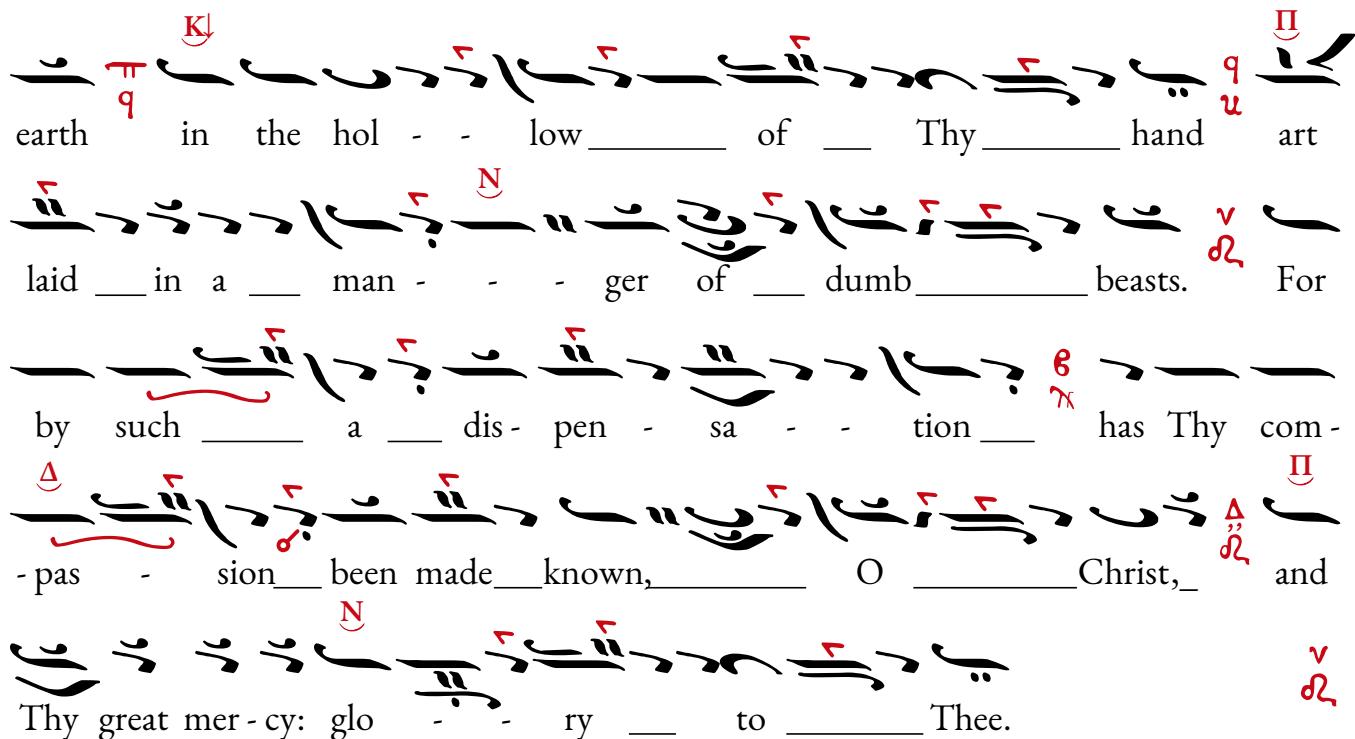
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  God shall come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain
 - ver - shad - owed by the _____ for - - - est. (Habakkuk 3:3) 

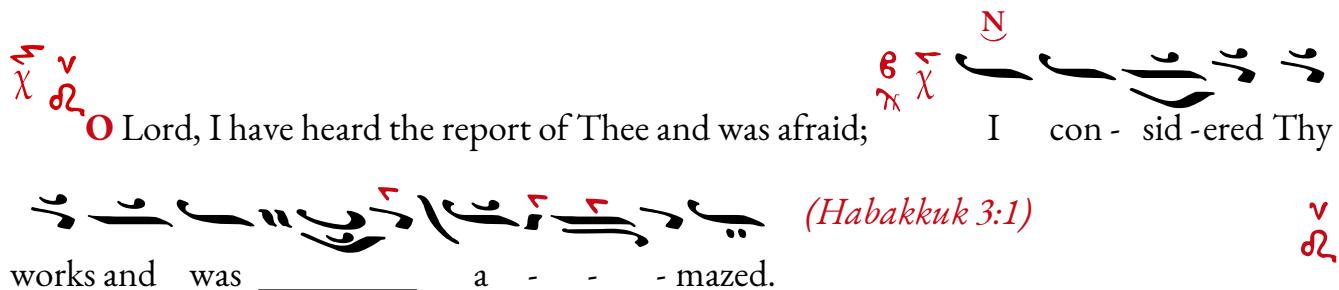
SECOND IDIOMELON

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

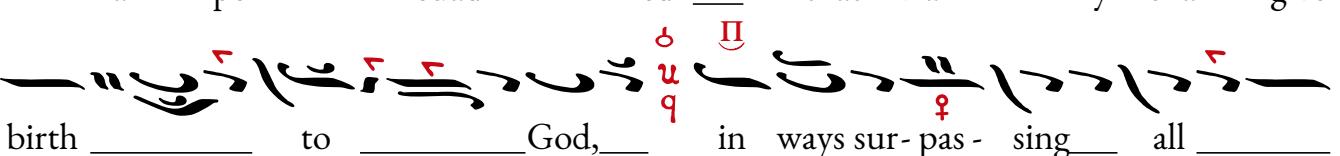
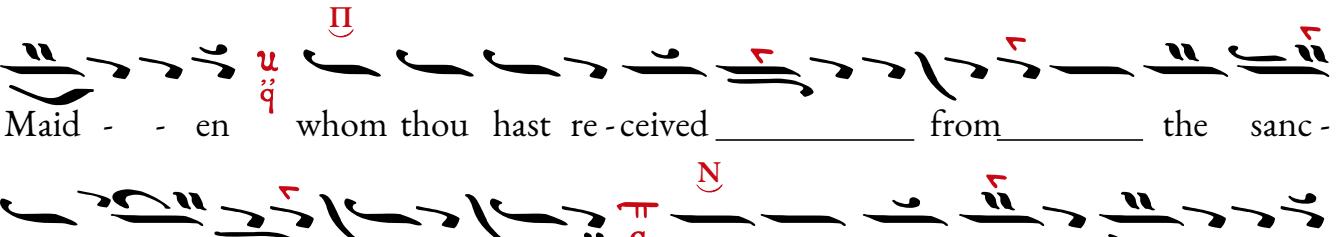
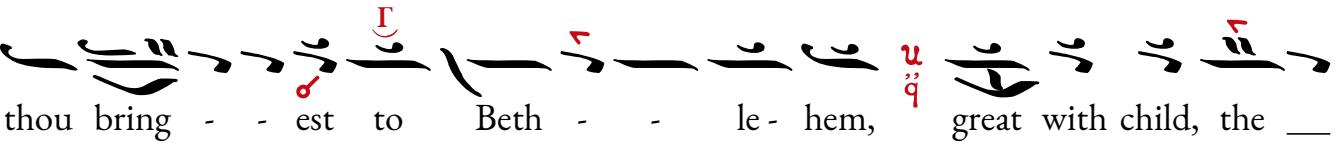

 O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee and was afraid; I con - sid - ered Thy
 works and was _____ a - - - mazed. *(Habakkuk 3:1)*

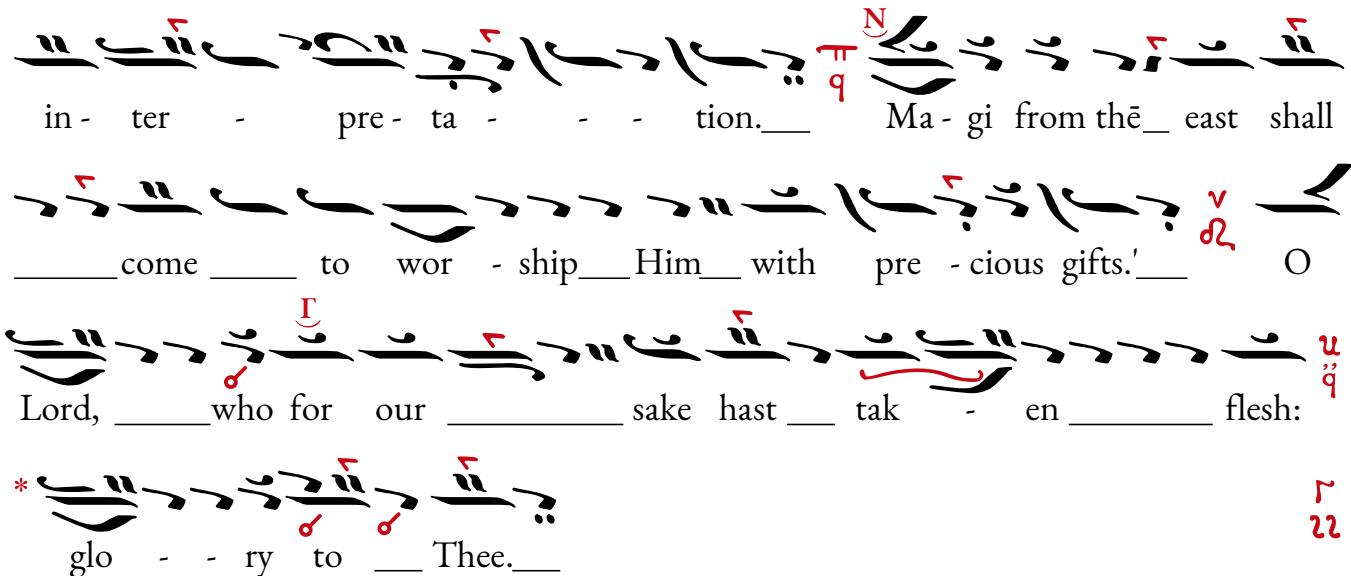
Repeat "Before Thy birth, O Lord," as above.

GLORY

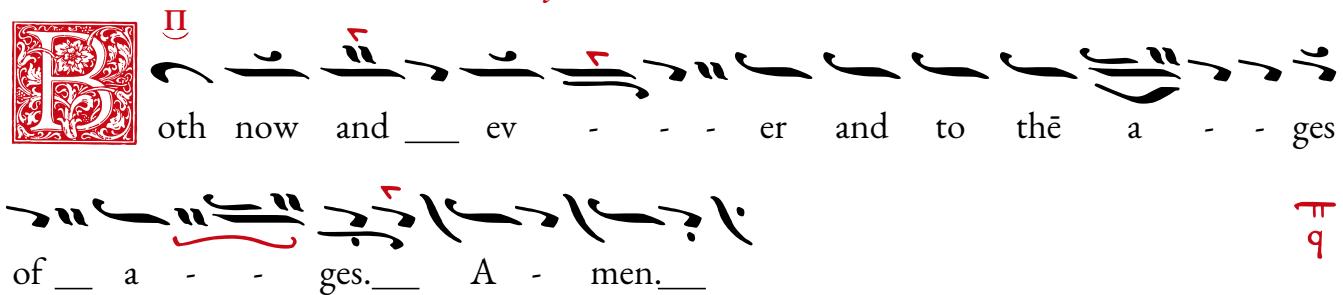
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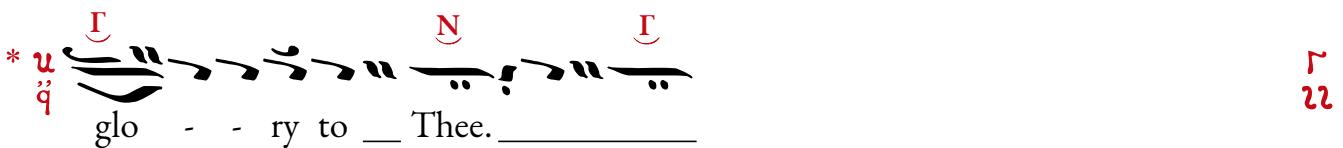
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BOTH NOW

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



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AT THE SIXTH HOUR

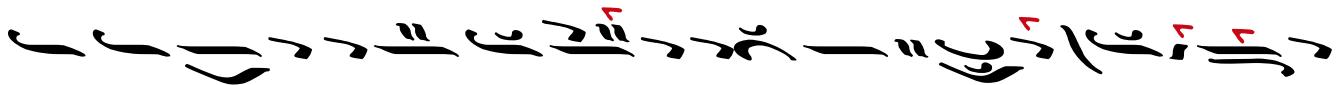
FIRST IDIOMELON

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By Gabriel Cremeens



ome, __ 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 _____
بِرْ (twice) پ
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 curse.

Alternate ending:

* **پ** stor - ing up treas - ure _____ in _____ our _____ souls **وَسْوَاسٌ** **پ** and cry - ing Glo - ry
پ 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 **وَسْوَاسٌ** He may set Ad-am free from thē _____ an - ces - - -
بِرْ tral _____ curse. پ
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VERSE

Mode  Pa ♀

God shall 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

  eark - en, O _ heav - en, and _ give _ ear,
 
 O _____ earth. Let the foun - da - tions be _____ shak - en,
 and let trem - bling lay _ hold up - on the neth - er -
 most parts _____ of _____ the _____ world. For our God _____ and

 Cre - a - tor has clothed Him - self in cre - at - ed -
 flesh,  and He who with His _ strong _ arm fash-ioned cre - a -

 - - tion re - veals Him - self in the womb _ of _ her _
 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. (Habakkuk 3:1)

Repeat "Hearken, O heaven," as above.

GLORY

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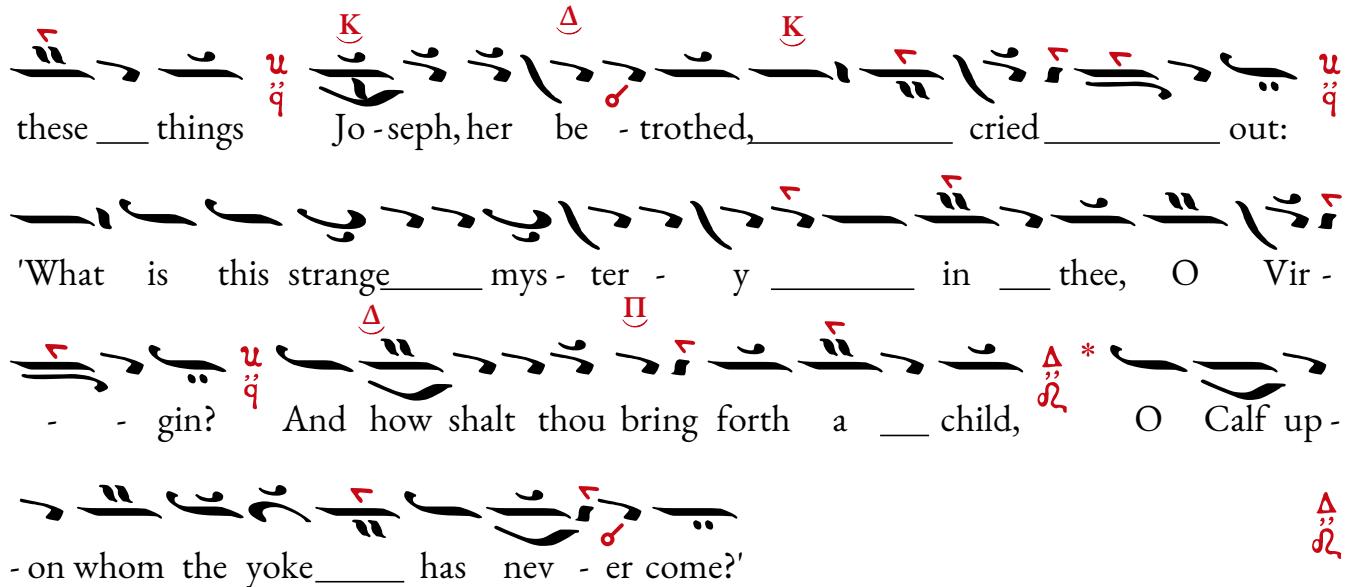
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 lo - - - - ry __ to the Fa - ther, and to the __
 Son, _____ and to the Ho - - ly Spir - - - it.

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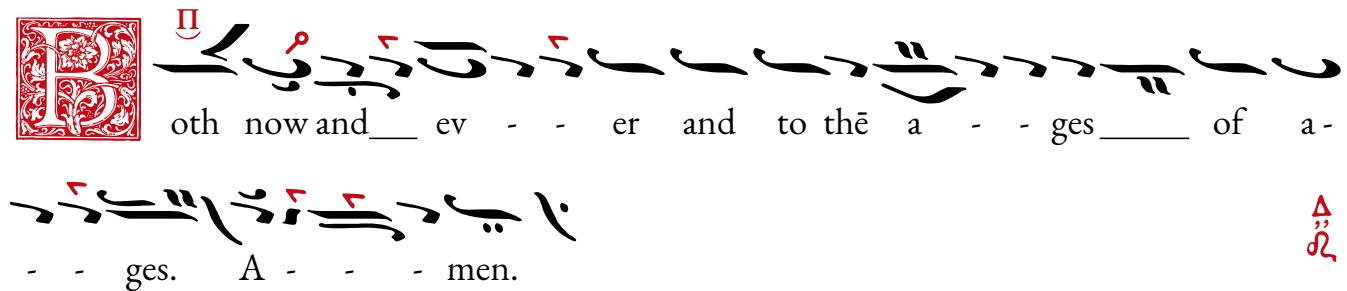
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 ome ____ ye peo - - - ple, bear - - - ers __
 of __Christ, _ and let __us be - hold ____ won - - -
 -ders that strike and__ hold ____ fast ev' - ry mind____ with_ a -
 -maze - - - ment: and in rev'rent__ wor - - ship let ____
 us sing __ prais - - - es ____ with ____ faith. To - day
 a __ Maid - en __ great__ with __ child ____ comes to Beth - le - hem
 to give birth ____ to __ the ____ Lord: and choirs of __ an -
 - gels ____ go __ be - fore____ her. See - - - - ing __

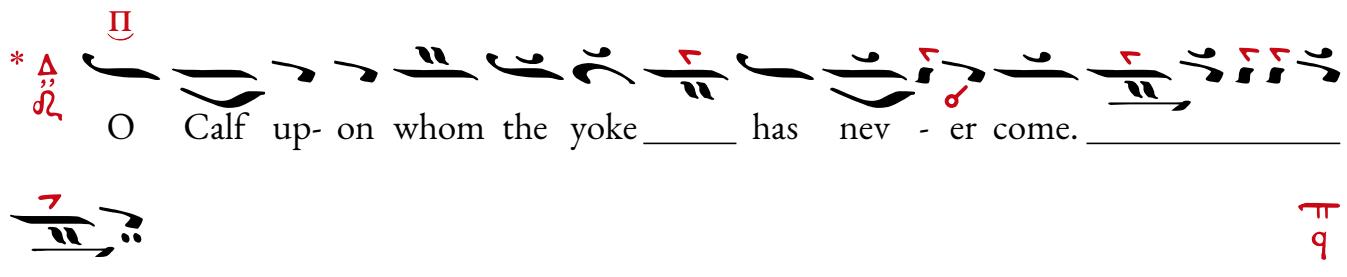

 these __ things **K** Jo - seph, her be - trothed, **K** cried ____ out:
 'What is this strange____ mys - ter - y ____ in __ thee, O Vir -
 - - gin? And how shalt thou bring forth a ____ child, **O** Calf up -
 - on whom the yoke____ has nev - er come?'

BOTH NOW

By Nicholas Roumas


B oth now and____ ev - - er and to thē a - - ges____ of a -
 - - ges. **A** - - - men.

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. **Π**

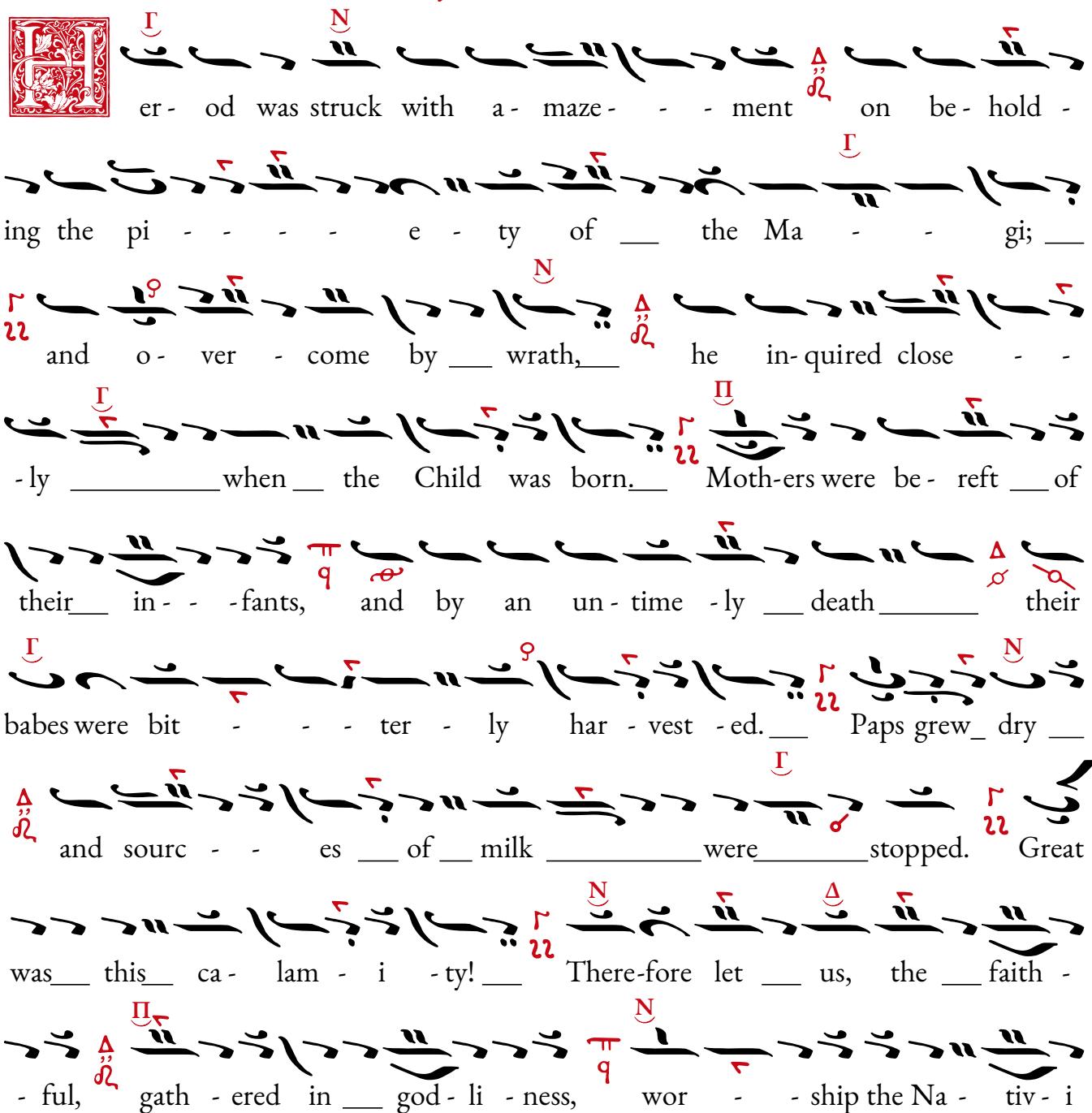

THE ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS

AT THE NINTH HOUR

FIRST IDIOMELON

Mode  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. Moth - ers were be - reft __ of
 their in - - - infants, 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

 (twice)
- ty of Christ.



VERSE

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

SECOND IDIOMELON

By Gabriel Cremeens

 Vir - gin, when Jo-seph went up to Beth -
- le - - hem wound - ed by sor - row, thou -
didst cry - out to him: 'Why art thou down-cast and -
trou - - bled, see - ing me great with child? Why art
thou whol - ly ig - no - - rant of the fear- ful -
mys - - t'ry that comes to pass in me? Hence-
forth, cast ev' - ry fear a - side and un-der-stand this

strange mar - - - vel: for in my womb God now de -
 scends up - on earth for mer - cy's sake, and He has
 tak - - en flesh. Thou shalt see Him ac - cord - ing to
 His good pleas - ure, when He is born; and filled
 with joy thou shalt wor - ship Him as Thy
 Cre - a - - - tor, Whom the an - gels praise with-out ceas - - ing
 in song and glo - - - ri - - - fy with the Fa - -
 ther and the Ho - - ly Spir - - - it.

VERSE

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

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

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
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