

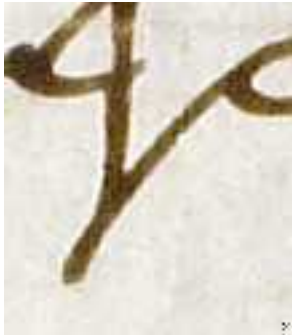




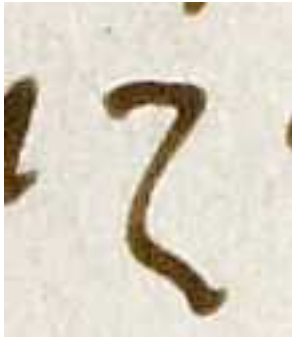

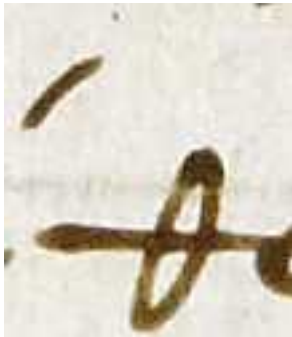







# Venetus A Paleographic Guide



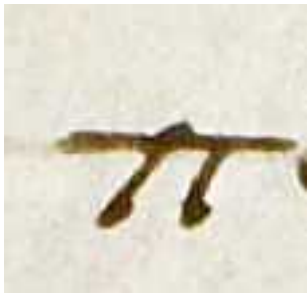

## Letter Forms


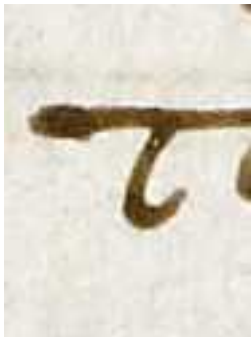

Letter	Example
alpha	
beta	
gamma	
delta	



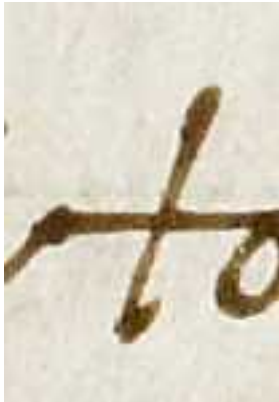
Letter	Example
epsilon	
epsilon2	
epsilon3	
zeta	


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	

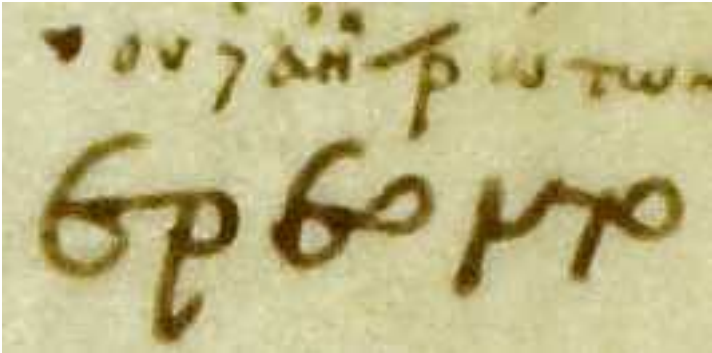
Letter	Example
omega	

## Ligatures

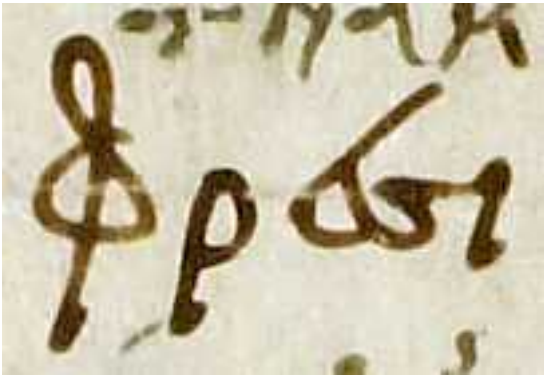
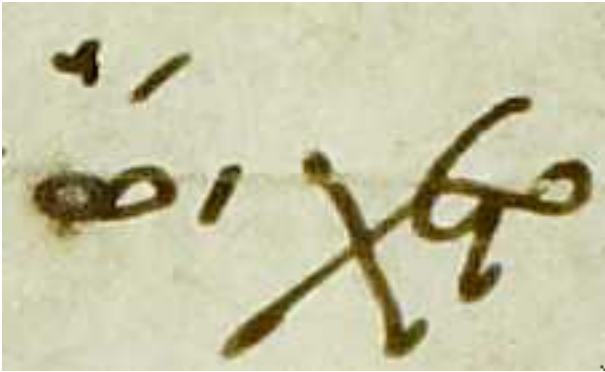
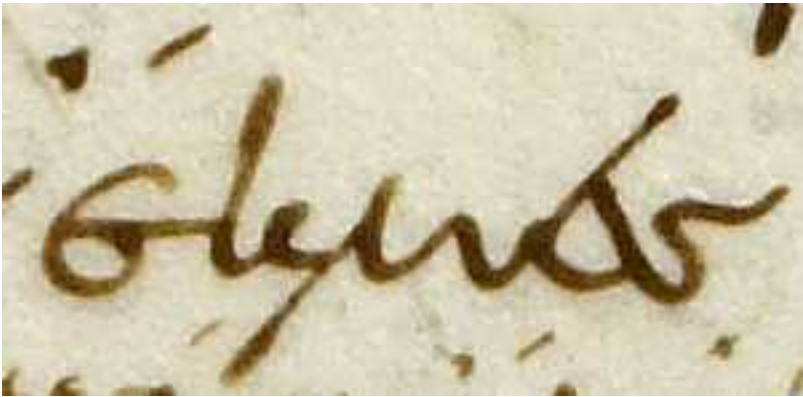
When writing the text, many letters form ligatures in order to save space. Here are some common ones of the Venetus A.

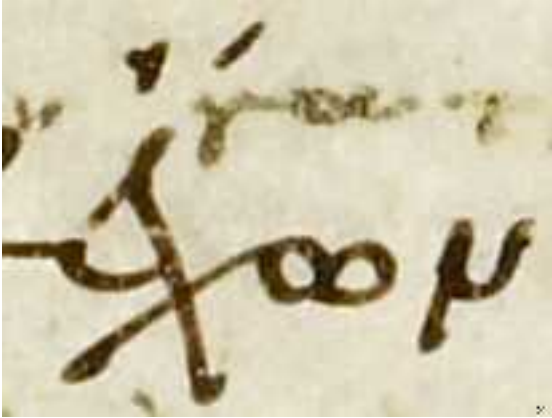
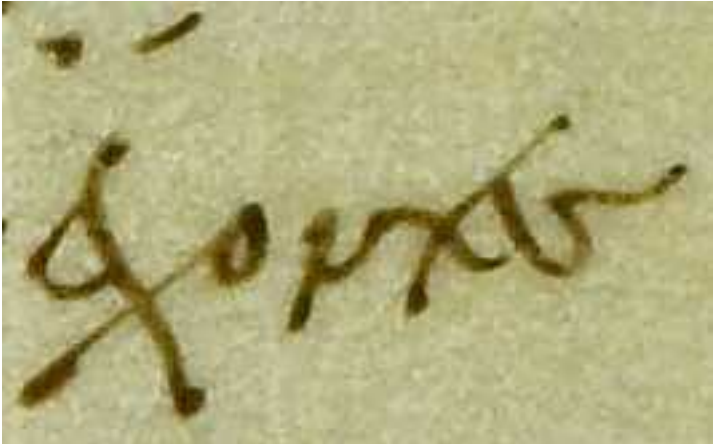
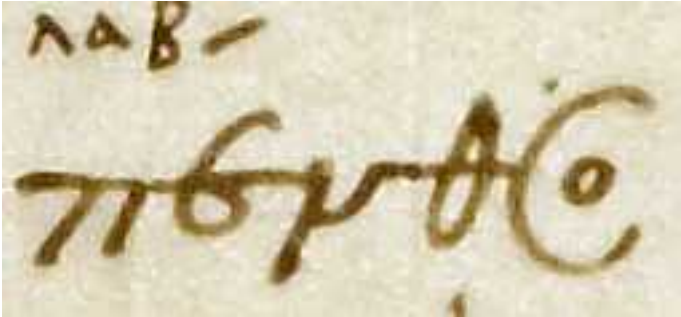
Letter	Example
alpha-chi	
epsilon-epsilon	

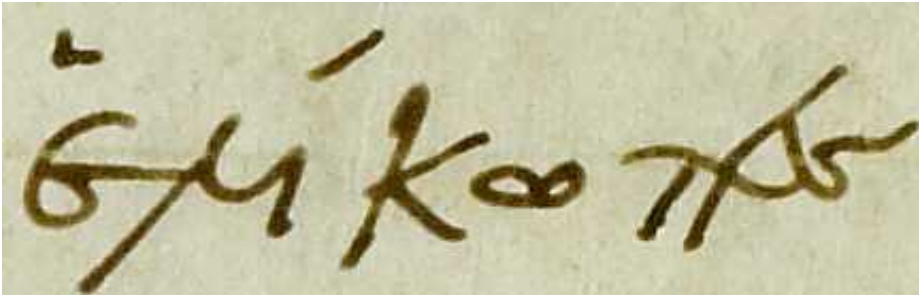
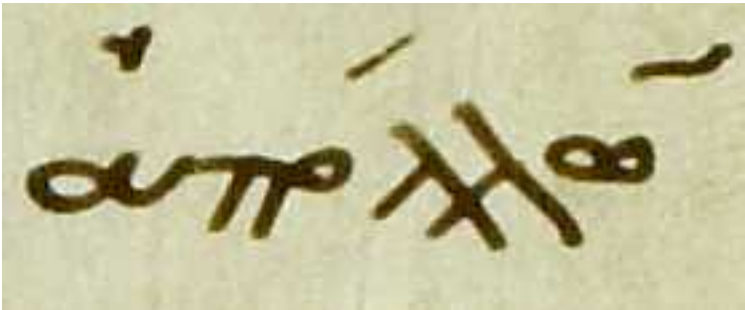
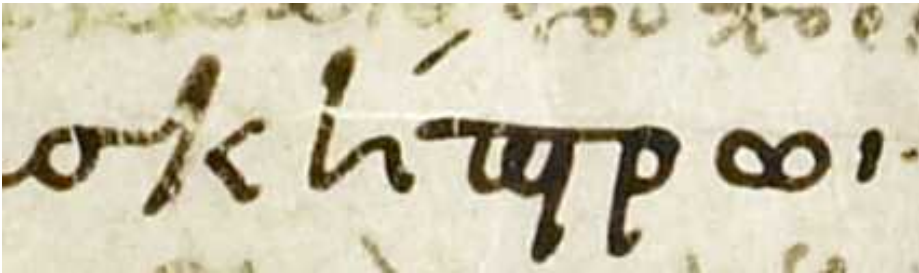
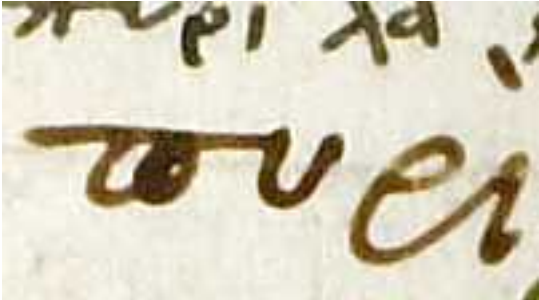


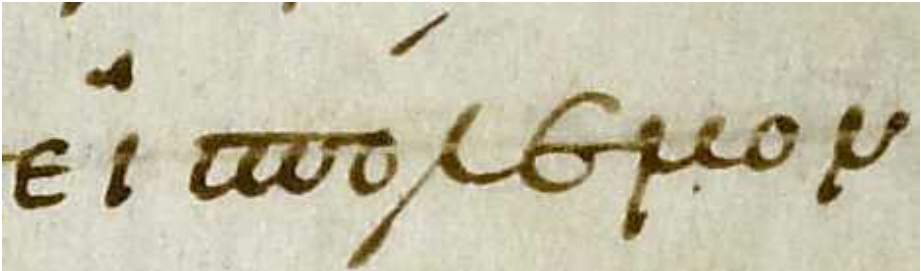
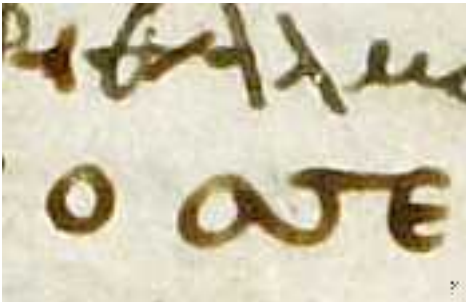
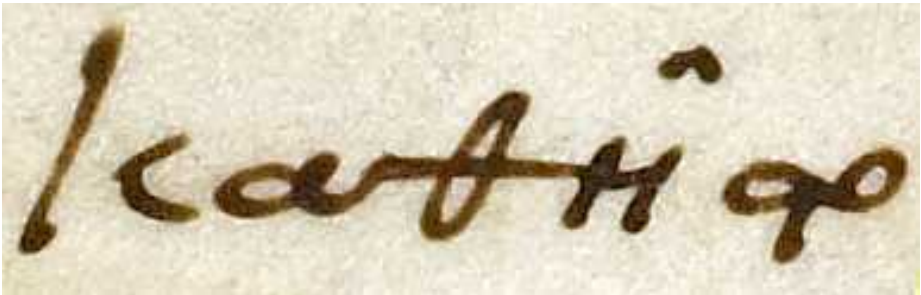
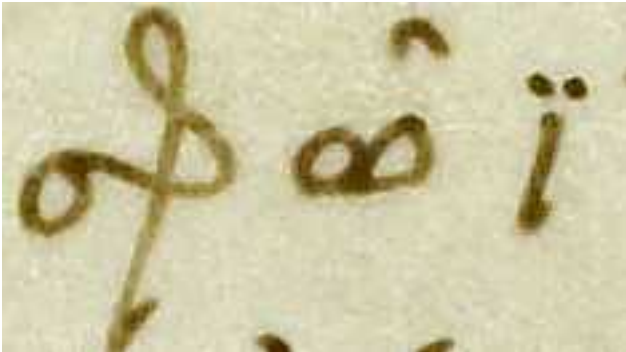
Letter	Example
epsilon-iota	 A photograph of a manuscript page showing a line of text in a cursive script. The focus is on a ligature that combines the Greek letters epsilon and iota, appearing as a single, fluid character within the word.
epsilon-nu	 A photograph of a manuscript page showing a line of text in a cursive script. The focus is on a ligature that combines the Greek letters epsilon and nu, appearing as a single, fluid character within the word.
epsilon-omicron	 A photograph of a manuscript page showing a line of text in a cursive script. The focus is on a ligature that combines the Greek letters epsilon and omicron, appearing as a single, fluid character within the word.

Letter	Example
epsilon-pi	
epsilon-sigma	
epsilon-sigma	

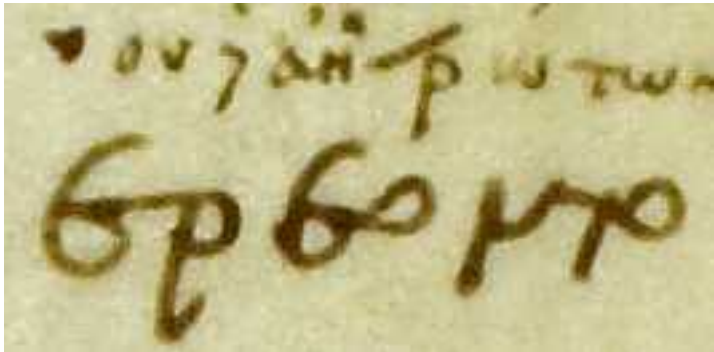
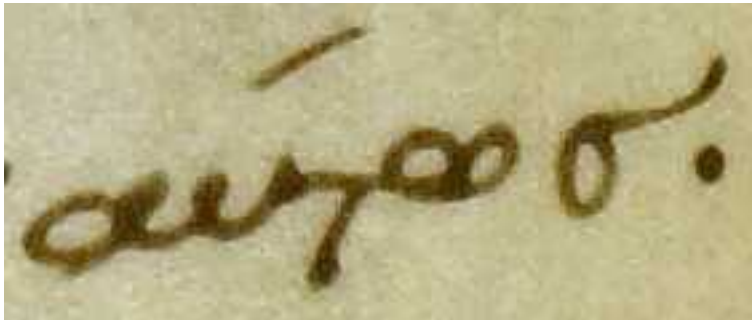
Letter	Example
epsilon-sigma	
epsilon-tau-omicron	
epsilon-upsilon	

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

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

Letter	Example
sigma-pi	 A close-up of a handwritten Greek word in brown ink on aged paper. The word is 'εἰς ποταμόν' (eis potamon), where the sigma-pi ligature (σπ) is clearly visible in the middle of the word.
sigma-sigma	 A close-up of a handwritten Greek word in brown ink on aged paper. The word is 'οὐσσέ' (oussé), where the sigma-sigma ligature (σσ) is clearly visible in the middle of the word.
sigma-tau-omicron	 A close-up of a handwritten Greek word in brown ink on aged paper. The word is 'κατήγο' (kathēgo), where the sigma-tau-omicron ligature (στω) is clearly visible in the middle of the word.
sigma-phi	 A close-up of a handwritten Greek word in brown ink on aged paper. The word is 'σφῆϊ' (sphēi), where the sigma-phi ligature (σφ) is clearly visible in the middle of the word.



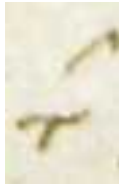
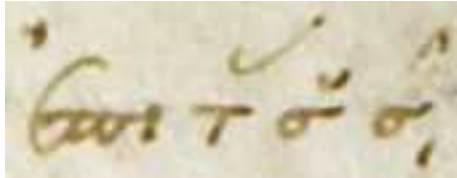
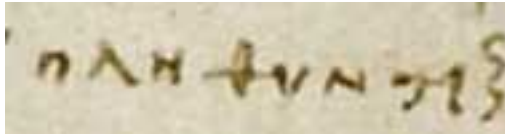
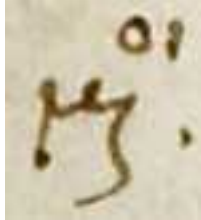
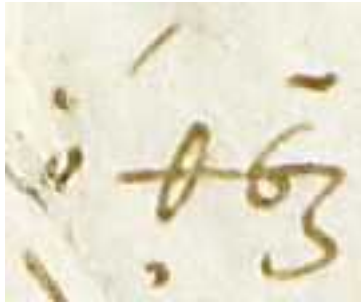

Letter	Example
tau-epsilon	
tau-omicron	
tau-omega	

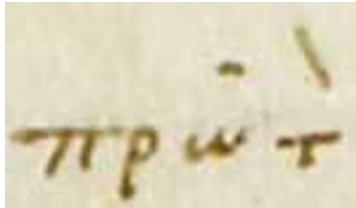
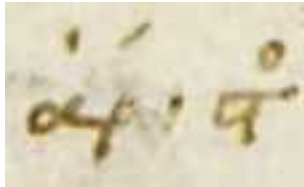
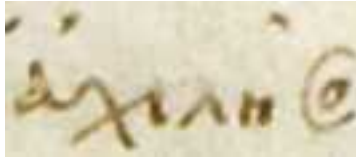

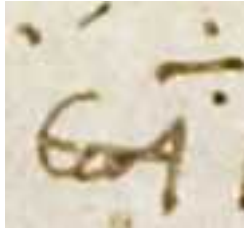
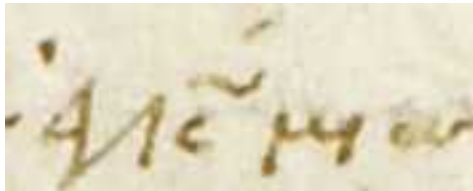
## Abbreviations

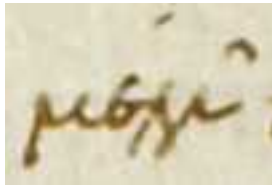
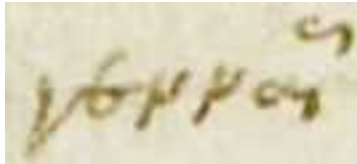
### Morphological Endings

Letter	Example
alpha	
alpha	
alpha-iota	
alpha-nu	
alpha-sigma	
epsilon-sigma	






Letter	Example
eta-nu	
iota-nu	
kappa-omicron-sigma	
- + ending	
nu	
omicron-iota-sigma	

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

Letter	Example
omega-nu	
omega-sigma	

## Symbols

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

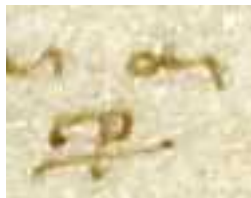
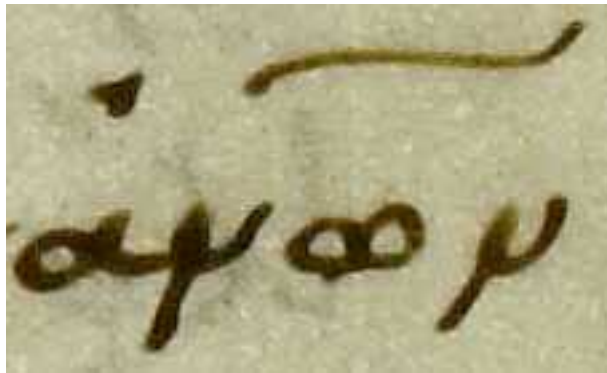
Word	Example
	
	
	
	

Word	Example
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### 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.

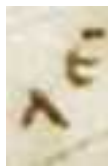
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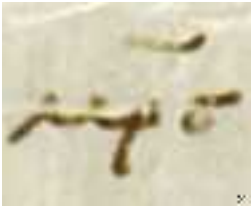
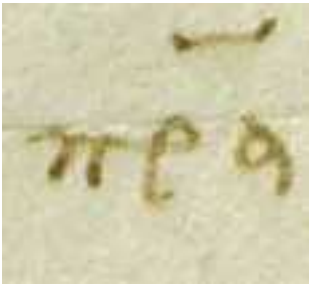

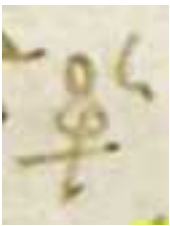



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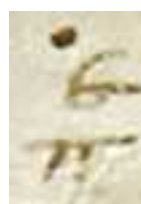
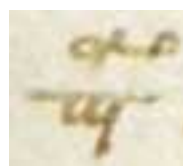
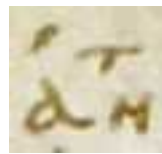
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Word	Example
	
	
	
	
	

## Common Prepositions

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Word	Example
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