

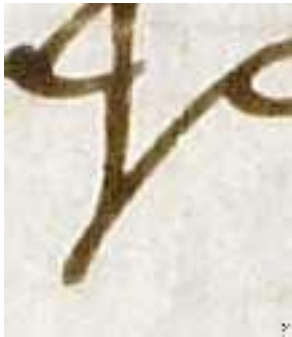



# Venetus A Paleographic Guide

## Letter Forms

Letter	Example
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beta	
gamma	
delta	

Letter	
epsilon	
epsilon2	
epsilon3	
zeta	

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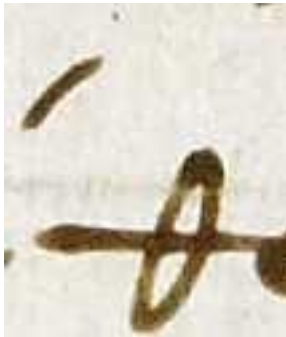
Letter

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eta



theta



iota

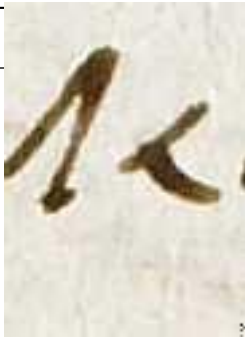


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Letter

kappa

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lambda



mu



nu



Letter	
xi	
omicron	
pi	
rho	

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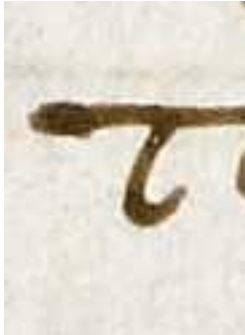
Letter

sigma

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tau



upsilon



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Letter

phi

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chi



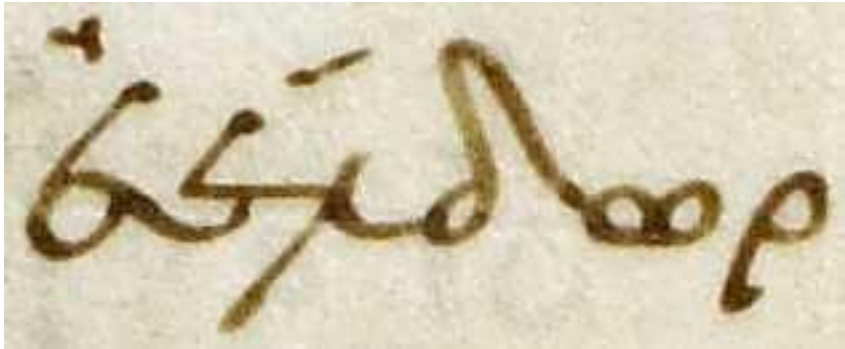
psi



Letter	Example
	
	omega

## Ligatures

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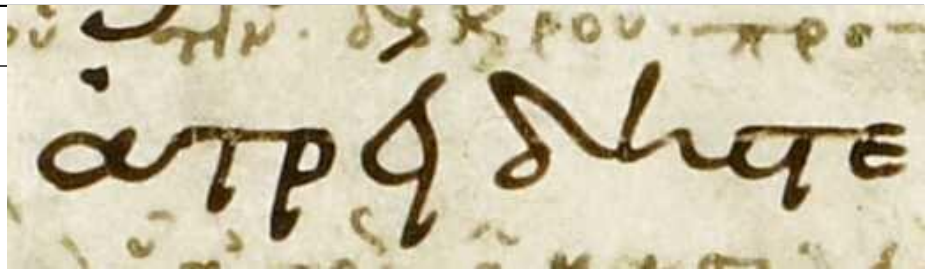
Letter	Example
	
alpha-chi	
	
epsilon-epsilon	



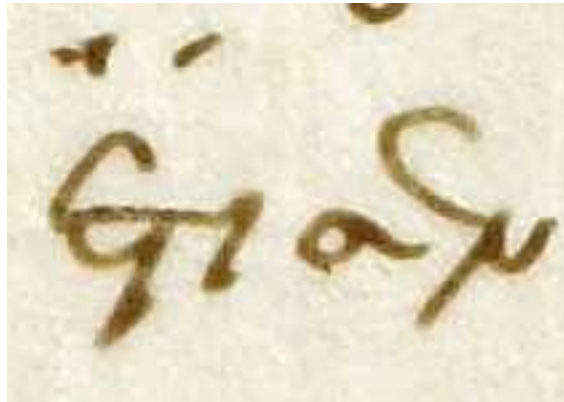
Letter

Example

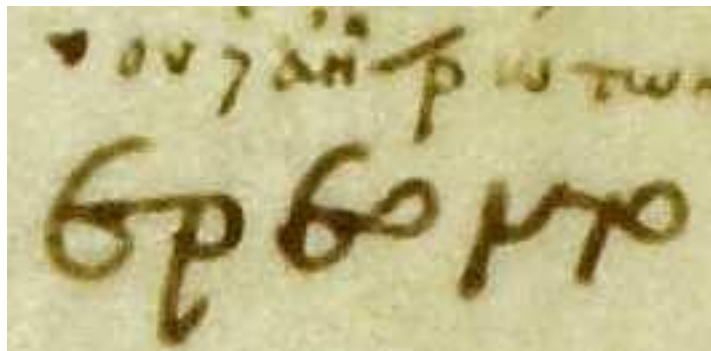
epsilon-iota



epsilon-nu



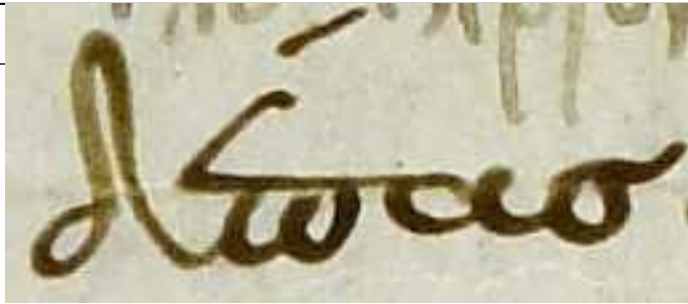
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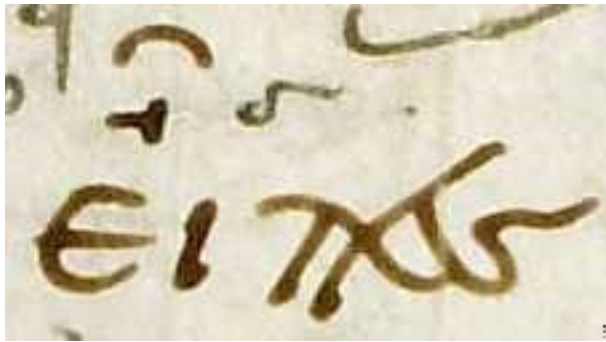
Letter

Example

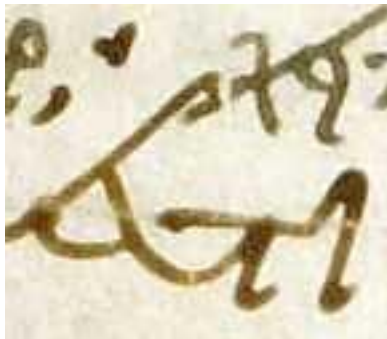
epsilon-pi



epsilon-sigma



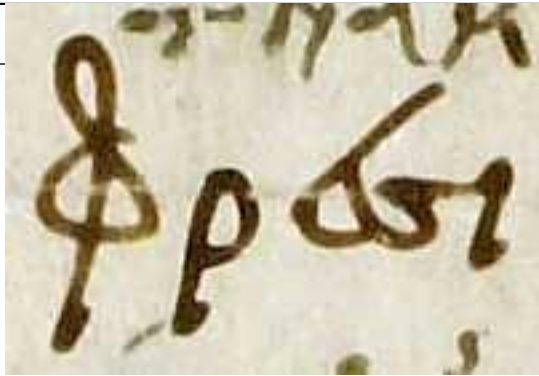
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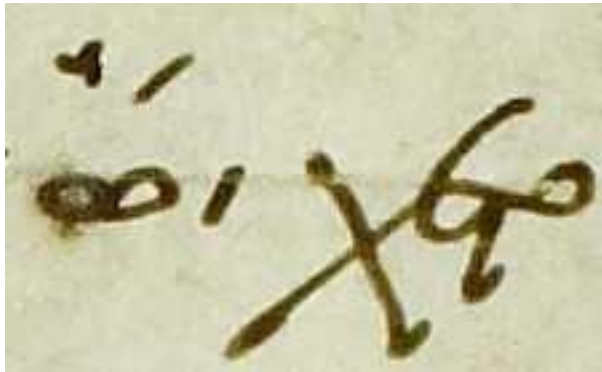
Letter

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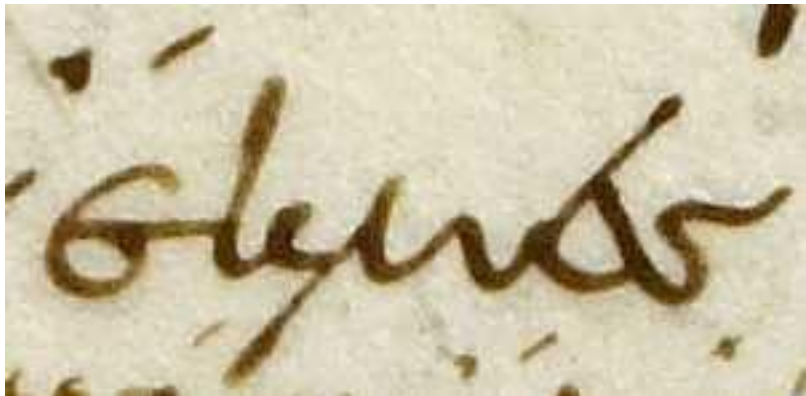
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epsilon-tau-omicron



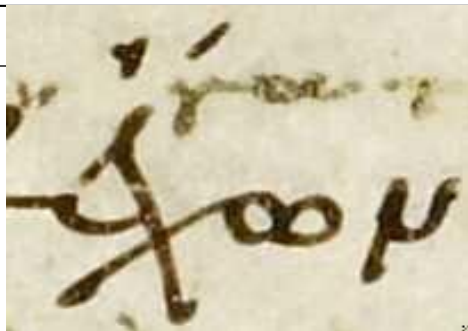
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Letter

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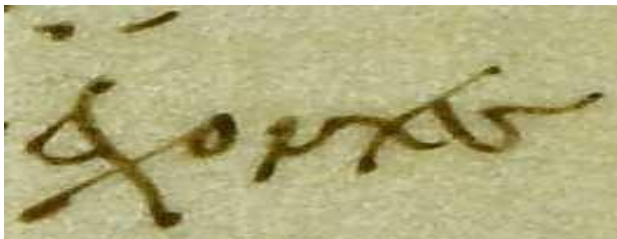
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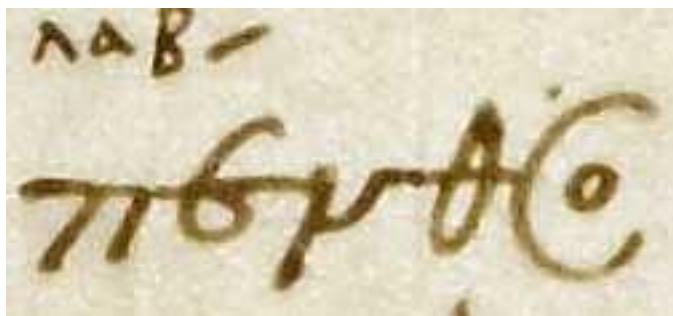
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vu-tau-epsilon-sigma



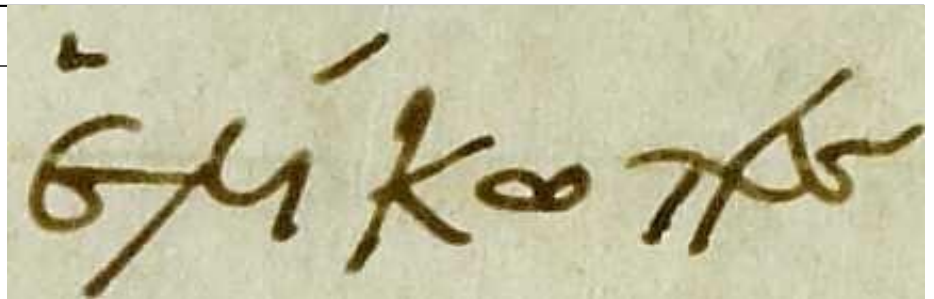
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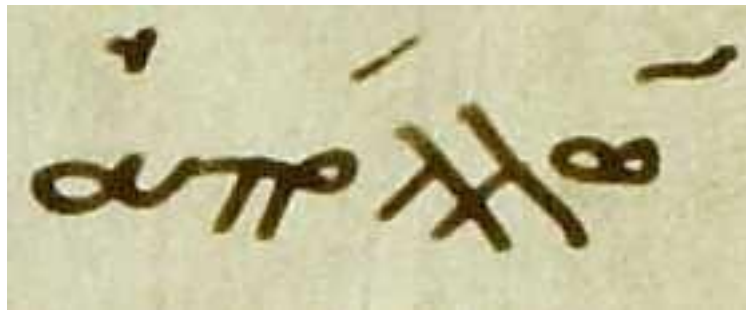
Letter

Example

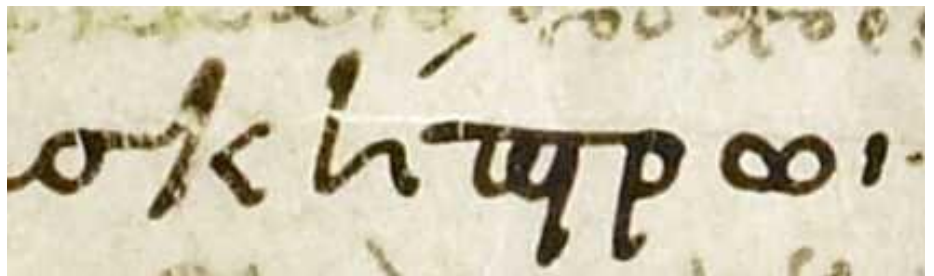
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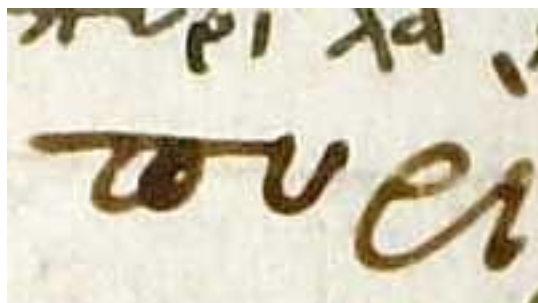
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pi-tau



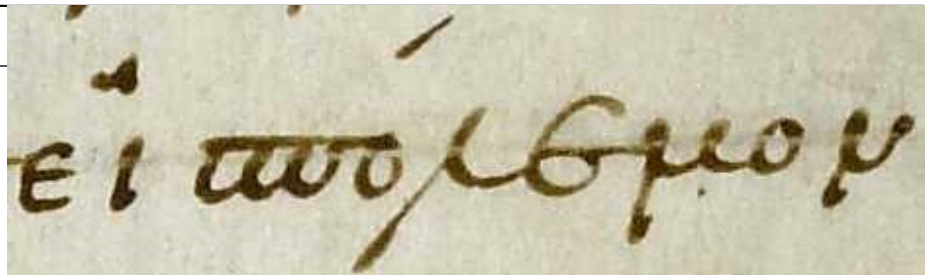
rho-iota



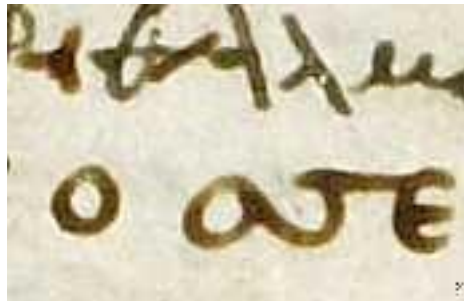
Letter

Example

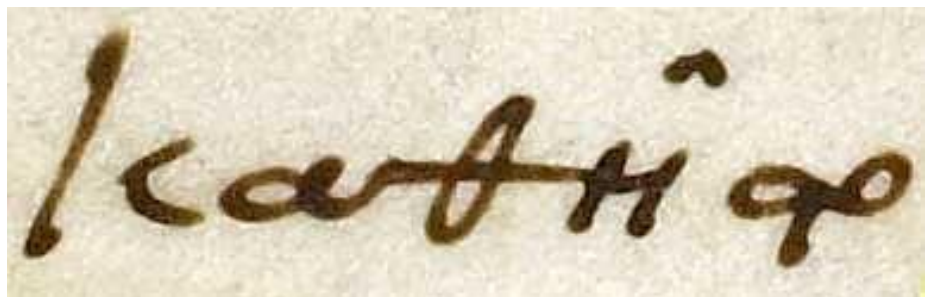
sigma-pi



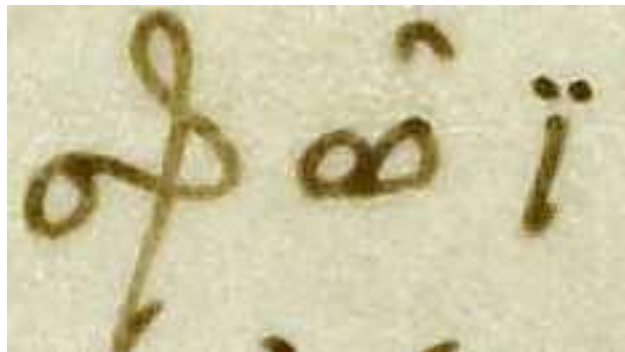
sigma-sigma



sigma-tau-omicron



sigma-phi



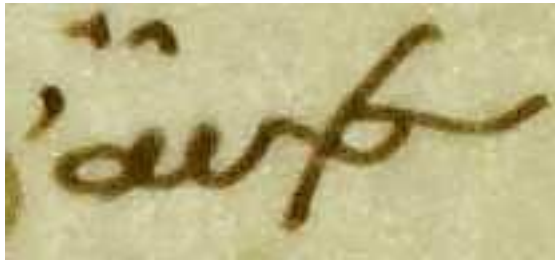


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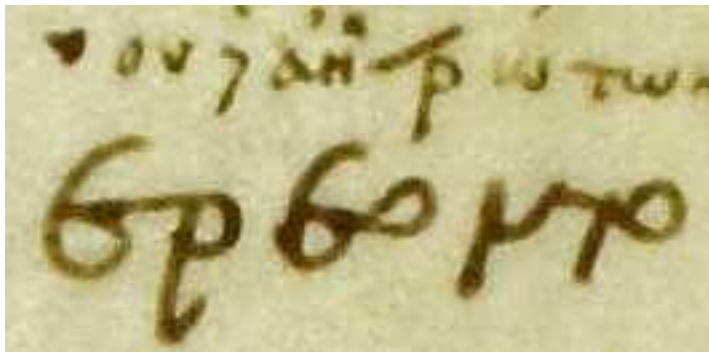
Letter

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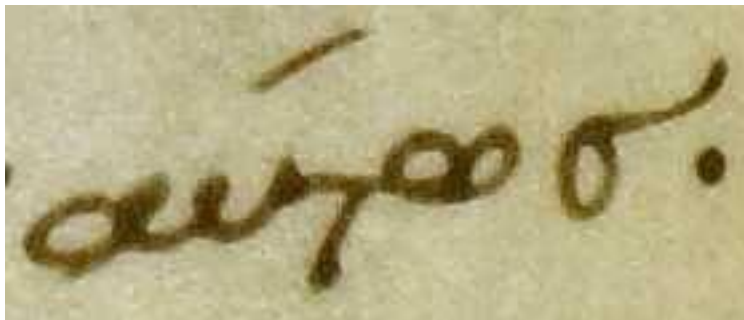
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tau-epsilon



tau-omicron



tau-omega

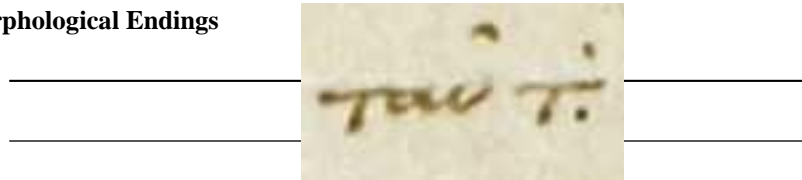
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Letter

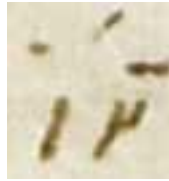
Example

## Abbreviations

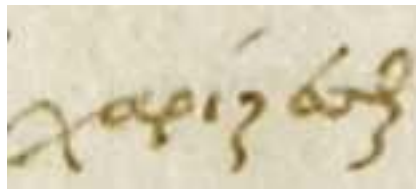
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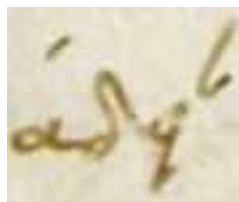
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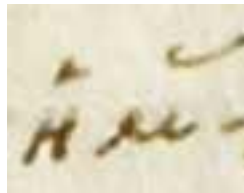
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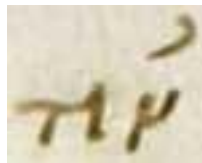
alpha-iota



alpha-nu

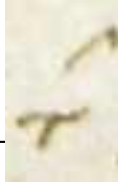
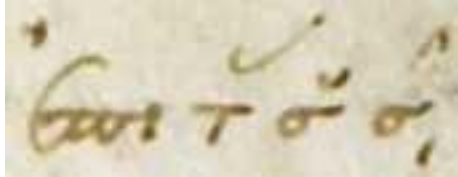
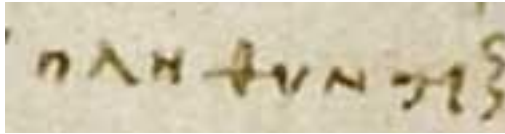
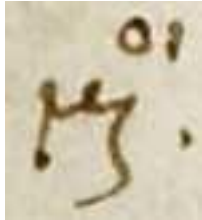
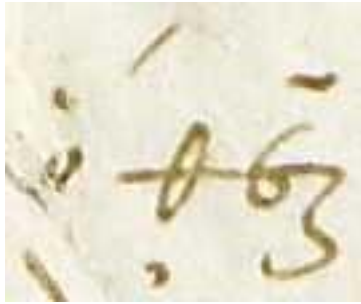



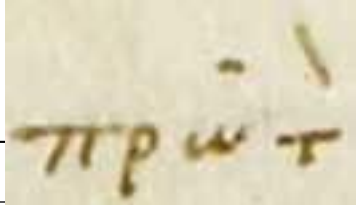
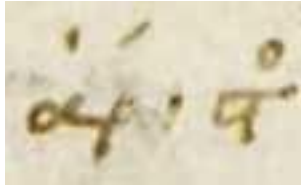
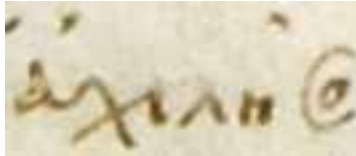
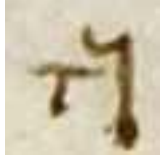
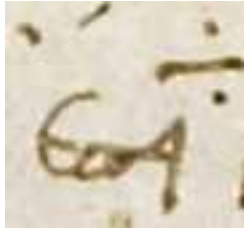
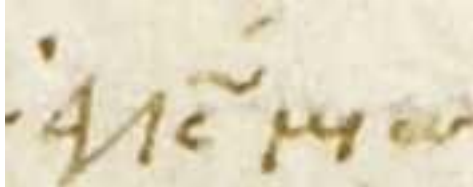
alpha-sigma

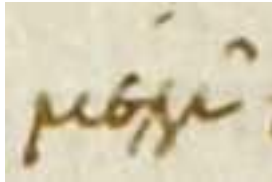
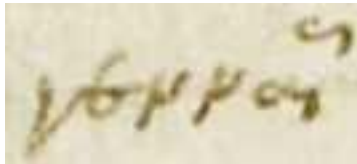


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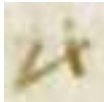

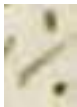
Letter	Example
eta-nu	
iota-nu	
kappa-omicron-sigma - +	
ending	
nu	 

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

Letter	Example
	
omega-nu	
omega-sigma	


### Symbols

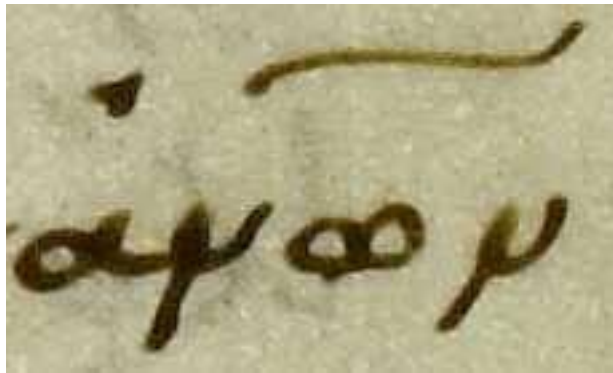
Many words are abbreviated with symbols from which we can distinguish few or no letters.

Word	Example
	
	
	
	

## Common Words

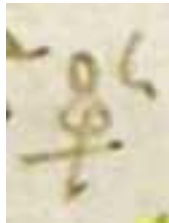
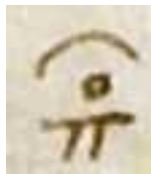
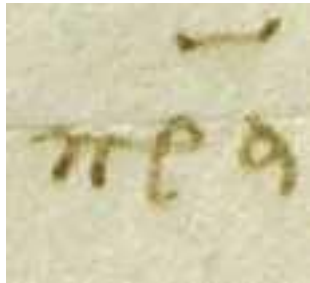
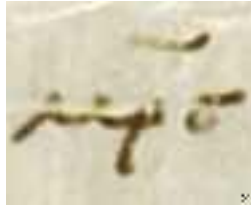
Many words that were common in Byzantine liturgical texts are abbreviated. Usually you have the beginning and end of the word, with the middle letters omitted. Unlike the morphological endings, the abbreviation mark does not always indicate the same string of letters from word to word, so they are tagged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

Word	Example
	
	
	



Word	Example
	
	
	
	
	

Word Example

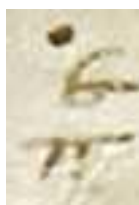
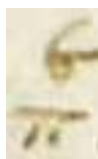
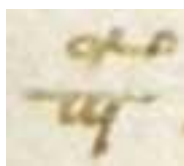
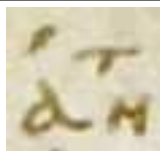


## Common Prepositions

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Word	Example
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Word	Example
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