

Royal Hours of Christmas

The Idiomela

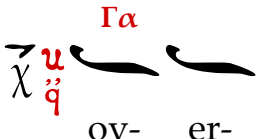
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The Idiomela of the First Hour




Mode $\overset{\Delta}{\rho}\overset{\Delta}{\rho}$ Nη ς


M^{Nη}ake read - y, O _____ Beth- le - hem: let the man-
ger be _____ pre - - - pared,^{Δι} let the cave show_ its _
wel - - come.^Δ The truth has _____ come, the sha - - dow has
passed _____ a - - - way;^Δ born of a Vir - gin, God
has ap - peared _____ to _____ men,^Δ formed as we are and
mak - ing _____ god - - like the gar-ment He _____ has _____
put _____ on.^Δ There-fore_ Ad - - am is re- newed with Eve,
_____ and they call _____ out:^Δ 'Thy good _ plea - - sure has
ap- peared_ on earth to save _____ our _____ kind. Repeat. ^Δ


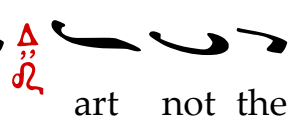
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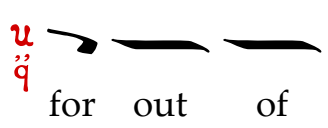
Verse: God shall come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain  Γα
 ov- er-


 Πα
 sha - - - - - dowed__ by _____ the for - - - est. _____



 N  Γα
 ow _____ the__ pro - phe - cy _____ draws near to its ful-
 fil - - - ment, __ which _____ mys - ti - 'cly _____ said:  u q

 Πα
 'And thou, Beth- le - hem _____ in the __ land _____ of Jud -

 Nη  Δ Ω
 - ah, __ who dost pre - pare the __ cave, __ art not the


 Γα  u q
 least a - mong _____ the princ - - - - es: for out of

 u q
 thee _____ shall come forth un- to me _____ in the __ flesh


 Πα  π q
 a Gov - - - - er- nor __ of _____ the Na - - - tions, _____

 Nη  Γα
 Christ our God born__ of __ a Vir- gin Maid, __ and as __ a

 u q
 shep - - - herd He shall tend His__ peo - - - ple, the new Is-



 ra - el.' Let us all give _____ Him glo- ry. _____



Verse: O Lord, I have heard 

 the re- port _____ of _____ Thee _____ and was _____






Repeat.



 a - fraid. _____

Mode  Nη ε


G 
 lo- ry to the Fa - - ther, and to the _____ Son, and _____






 _____ to _____ the Ho- ly _____ Spir - - - it.

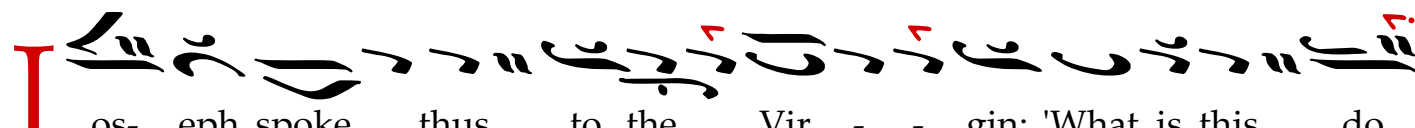


B 
 oth now and _____ ev - er and to the ag - - es _____ of




 ag- es. _____ A - - - men.



J 
 os- eph spoke _____ thus _____ to the _____ Vir - - gin: 'What is this _____ do




 - - ing, O Ma - - - ry, that I see _____



 in _____ thee? _____ I fail to un- der- stand and am _____





 a - - - mazed, _____ and my mind is struck _____ with

Nη
 dis - may. Go _____ from my ___ sight, there-fore, with__ all
 _____ speed. What is this __ do - - ing, O Ma - -
 - ry, that I see _____ in _____ thee? In- stead
 of ___ hon- or, 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?' Sing Both now, then repeat. v
Ω

Final Ending Δι
* Δ Ω _____ Nη v
Ω
 And what is this that I now see?' _____

The Idiomela of the Third Hour

Mode Πα

T
Πα
 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
Πα
 - - - ten ___ Son ap- peares ___ as mor - tal ___
Κε
 man and the Lord of glo - ry is wrapped_ in swadd -
Δι
 - - ling ___ clothes. A ___ star guides_ the ___ Ma - -
Πα
 gi to come ___ and wor - ship ___ Him; and we ___ sing: ___
Δι
Πα
 O Ho - ly Tri - - - ni - - - ty, ___ save ___
Repeat.
 ___ our ___ souls.

Mode $\text{N}\eta$ z

Verse: God shall come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain χ Δ $\text{N}\eta$ ov- er- shad-

owed by the _____ for - - - est. ν z

Be- fore Thy __ birth, O __ Lord, Δ z the an- gel- lic __

hosts __ looked with __ tremb - - ling $\text{N}\eta$ z on this mys- ter- y and were

struck _____ with won - - der: __ ν z for Thou who hast a- dorned

the __ vault of heav - - - en _____ with _____ stars Δ z

hast been well-pleased to be born _____ as _____ a __ babe; ν z

and Thou who holds __ all the __ ends _____ of __ the __ earth in z

the hol - - low of Thy __ hand art laid __ in __ a man - $\Pi\alpha$ $\text{N}\eta$

ger of _____ dumb _____ beasts. ν z For by such a dis- pen-

sa- tion has Thy com - pas - - sion been made known, O __ Christ, __ Δ

^{Nη} and ^{Πα} Thy ^{Nη} great mer - - cy: glo - - ry

to _____ Thee.

Verse: O Lord, I have heard ^{Nη} the re- port of Thee and was _____

a - - - fraid. Repeat.

Mode $\Gamma\alpha\phi$

^{Γα} G lo- ry _____ to the Fa - - - ther and to _____

the _____ Son, ^{Πα} and _____ to the _____ Ho - ly Spir -

_____ it. _____

^{Nη} B oth now _____ and _____ ev - - - er and to _____

_____ the _____ ag - - es of _____ ag - es. A - - men. _____

^{Nη} T ell us, ^{Γα} O Jos - - - eph, ^{u''q} how is it that thou bring- est

to Beth- le - hem, ^{u''q} great _____ with _____ child, ^{Kε} the Maid- en whom

thou hast received 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 persuaded that Ma-ry shall
 give birth to God, in ways sur- pass- ing all
 in - ter- pre- ta- tion. Ma- gi from the 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. 22
Sing Both now, then repeat.

* Final Ending 22
 glo - - - ry to Thee. 22

The Idiomela of the Sixth Hour

Mode 4 Πα 9

Πα
Come, O ye faith - - ful, in- spired by ___ God let us a- rise
 and be- hold the di- vine con- des - cen - sion 22 from on high that
 is made ___ man- i - fest to us in Beth - - - le - - -
Μελ Πα
π hem. Cleans- ing our ___ minds, let us of- fer through our lives
 vir- tues in- stead ___ of ___ myrrh, ___ 22 pre- par - - ing with ___ faith
 our en - - try in- to the ___ feast of the Nat- iv - - -
 i - - - ty, π stor- ing up treas-ure in our souls and ___ cry -
22 ing: Glo- ry in the high - - est to ___ God ___ in Tri-
Μελ
 - - - ni - - - ty, whose good pleas-ure is now re- vealed
Πα
 to ___ men, that in His love ___ for man - kind He may set A- dam
 free ___ from thē an- ces - - - tral ___ curse. Repeat. π 9

Mode $\frac{4}{2}$ Πα ρ

Verse: God shall come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain ^{Πα}
 χ π ρ ov- er- sha-

π ρ dowed by the ___ for - - - - est. π ρ

H ^{Μελ} ^{Πα}
 eark-en, O ___ heav - - - - en, and ___ give ear,

^{Βϛ} π ρ ___ O ___ earth. Let the foun- da- tions be ___ shak - -

^β ^γ π ρ en, and let ___ tremb - - ling lay ___ hold up- on the neth

^{Πα} π ρ - er - - most parts ___ of ___ the ___ world. For

^{Μελ} ^{Πα}
 our God and Cre- a - tor has clothed ___ Him -self in ___ cre- a -

^{Βϛ} ^{Δι} π ρ - - ted ___ flesh, and He who with His strong ___ arm ___

^{Βϛ} ^{Δι} π ρ fash- ioned the ___ cre - a - - tion ___ re - veals Him - self

^{Πα} π ρ in the womb of her ___ that ___ He ___ formed.

^{Μελ} π ρ O the depth ___ of the rich - - es of the wis - dom ___

^{Πα}
and know - - ledge ___ of ___ God! ^{Μελ} How un-search- a -

^{Δι} ble are His judge - - ments, ^{Βϛ} and His ___ ways past ___ find- ing

^Ϟ out! ___ ^Ϟ

^{Πα}
^Ϟ Verse: O Lord, I have heard the report ^χ of Thee and ___ was ___ a -

^Ϟ Repeat. ^Ϟ
- fraid.

Mode ^Ϟ Πα Ϟ

^{Πα} **G** lo - - - - - ry to the Fa-ther, and to ___ the ___

^Ϟ Son, ___ and to the Ho - - - ly Spir- - - it. ^Ϟ

^{Πα} **B** oth now and ev - er, & to thē ag - es of ag - - - es.

^Ϟ A - - - men. ^Ϟ

^{Κε} **C** ome ___ ye ___ peo - - - - - ple, ^{Δι} bear - -

^{Δι} - - - ers ___ of ___ Christ, and let us be- hold

won - ders that strike and hold fast every mind

with a - maze - - ment: and in rev - 'rent wor -

ship let us sing prais - - es with faith. To -

day a Mai - - den 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 Jos - eph,

her be - trothed, cried out: 'What is this

strange mys - ter - y in thee, O Vir - - - gin?

And how shalt thou bring forth child, Calf up - on

whom the yoke has nev - er come?'


Sing Both now, then repeat.





Final Ending
nev - er come?'


The Idiomela of the Ninth Hour






Mode $\overline{\alpha\eta}$ Γα ϕ

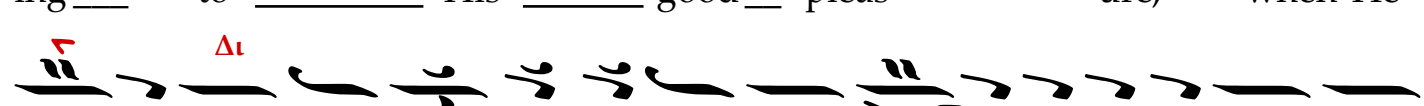
H er- od was struck__ with a- maze - ment Δ on be- hold
 - ing the pi - - - e - ty __ of__ the Ma - $\text{Me}\lambda$
 - gi; and ov- er- come by wrath, $\Pi\alpha$ he in- quired__ close- $\text{N}\eta$
 ly when the Child __ was born. $\Gamma\alpha$ $\text{N}\eta$ Moth- ers were__ be - - - reft
 of __ their __ in - - - fants, $\Pi\alpha$ $\text{N}\eta$ and by an un- time -
 ly __ death their babes were bit - - - ter - ly harv-est- ed. $\Gamma\alpha$
 Paps grew dry and sourc - - - es of __ milk $\text{N}\eta$ were $\Gamma\alpha$
 stopped. $\text{N}\eta$ Great was this cal - am - i - ty! Δ There- - - - fore
 let __ us, the __ faith - - - ful, Δ gath - - - ered in god -
 li - ness, Δ $\Gamma\alpha$ wor - - - ship __ the Na- ti - - - vi $\text{Me}\lambda$
 - ty of __ Christ. $\Gamma\alpha$ Repeat. $\Gamma\alpha$





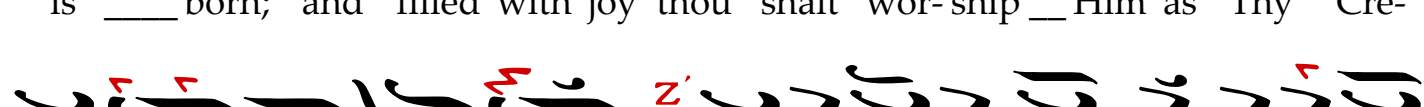
 sake,  and He  has  tak- en  flesh. Thou shalt see Him accord-






 ing  to  His  good  pleas - - ure,  when He





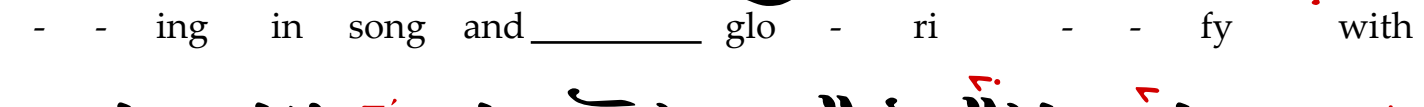
 is  born; and filled with joy thou shalt wor-ship  Him as Thy Cre-








 a - - - tor.  Him the an- gels praise with- out  ceas



 - - ing in song and  glo - ri - - fy  with

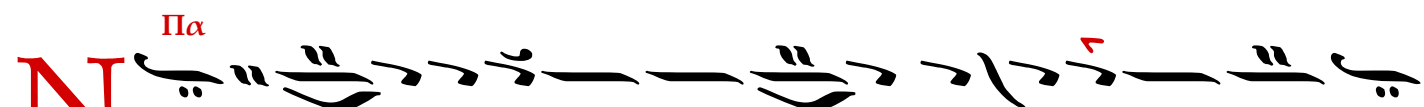




 the Fa - ther  and the Ho- ly Spir - - - it. 


Verse: O Lord, I have heard the report  of Thee and  was a - - fraid. 


Doxastikon of the Ninth Hour, to be Sung Antiphonally by the Right and Left Choir


Mode  Πα ρ







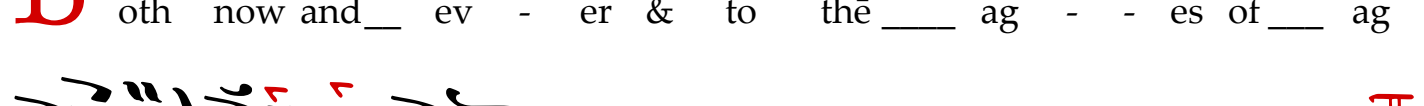
N  ε ε Glo - - ry to the Fa- ther and to  the Son




 and to the Ho - ly Spir- - - it. 



B  oth now and  ev - er & to the  ag - - es of  ag



 - es. A - - - men. 

H^{Πα} e who holds the _____ whole _____ cre - a - - - tion
in the hol- low ___ of His ___ hand ^Δ to- day is ___ born _____ of
the Vir - - - gin. Ε

H^{Πα} e who holds the _____ whole _____ cre - a - - - tion
in the hol- low of His ___ hand ^Δ to- day is ___ born _____
of the Vir - - - gin. Ε

H^{Πα} e who holds the _____ whole _____ cre - a - - - tion
in the hol - low _____ of _____ His _____ hand ^Δ to- day
is born _____ of _____ the Vir - - - gin. Ε

H^{Πα} e whom in _____ es - - - sence ^Δ none _____ can _____
touch is wrapped _____ in swadd - ling _____ clothes _____ as a mor-
- - - tal. Ε

G^{Κε}od ___ who in ___ the be- gin - - ning found - ed ___
 the ___ heav - - ens lies ___ in ___ a man- -
 - ger. Ε ς

H^{Πα}e ___ who rained man - na ___ down ___ on the
 peo- ple in the wild- er- ness ^{Νη} is fed ___ on ___
 ___ milk ___ from ___ His Moth - - - er's ___ breast. Ε ς

He who is the Bride - groom ___ of ___ the ___
 Church ^{Πα} calls ___ un - to ___ Him- self ___ the Ma - - - gi. Ε ς

T^{Δι}he Son ___ of the ___ Vir - - gin ac- cepts ___
 their ___ gifts. Ε ς

W^{Πα}e ___ wor - - ship Thy birth, ___ O ___ Christ. Ε ς

W^{Πα}e ___ wor - - ship Thy birth, ___ O ___ Christ. Ε ς

W ^{Πα}
e wor - - ship ____ Thy birth, ____ O Christ. ____

^Δ ^Π ^{Πα}
Show ____ us ____ al - - so Thy di- vine _E- pi- pha-ny. ____

^Δ
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