The Ode 1
The Lord performed a miracle and saved the people when of old he turned the moist waves of the sea into dry land. And having been born now of a Virgin by his own choice, he hath trodden for us the way to heaven, being equal to the Father and to men in essence; therefore, do we glorify him.

Incline, O glorious Benefactor, to the praise of thy servants, abolishing the boasting of the proud adversary. And help us who sing to thee to overcome sin, and confirm us on the unshakable foundation of faith.
Ode 4

The Prophet Habakkuk of old foretold in song the recreation of mankind; for he was worthy to behold that sign in an ineffable manner; for the Word did come forth as a new babe from the mountain of the Virgin, for the recreation of the nations.

Ode 5

Grant for-giveness, O Christ, to us who have been in the darkness of our deeds of error since the night, who eagerly praise thee, since thou art the Benefactor; that thou may hasten to us and prepare for us a good way, where-in if we walk we shall find glory and honour.
Ode 6

Verily, Jonah when he was in the depths of the sea, begged to ascend to thee and to be rescued from the tempest. But as for me, having been pierced by the arrows of the tyrant, in thee I seek refuge, O evil destroying Christ. Hasten thou to me and deliver me hastily from my negligence.

Ode 7

The youths, having clung steadfastly to the love of the King of all, ridiculed the praying and blasphemy of the blaspheming usurper. And being filled with wrath, he delivered them to the terrible fire which did not harm them.
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Wherefore, they lifted their voices to the Master, saying,

Blessed art thou unto all ages.

Ode 8

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

The youths who were cast of old into the fire and remained unburned, were a sign of the womb of the Maiden who gave birth supernaturally while yet sealed.

These two matters grace hath accomplished through one miracle, arousing the nations to praise.

Priest/Deacon: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light, let us honor and magnify in song.