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O strange and most solemn happening! for Christ the Lord hath affirmed and revealed thee, O Jacob, triumphant in all the wars and a martyr who hast been crowned. For God's own Spirit did then inspire thee to counter those who hated thy wisdom. Woe to their wretchedness! For their hearts were darkened with duplicity, they beheaded thee, O Saint, with malice and foolishness.
Jacob most beatiﬁed, thou art an inaccessible fence.

Thou protectest the faithful from all kinds of their illnesses, as they ask for the Virgin's help. Thou didst become a mighty intercessor and to thy monastery, a strong support. Thou who didst earn the crowns and abundant blessings: constantly implore Christ to bestow upon us His peace and great mercy.

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The Praises

Plagal Fourth Mode

(Special Melody: O strange wonder)

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