

Canon of the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos

Ode 1

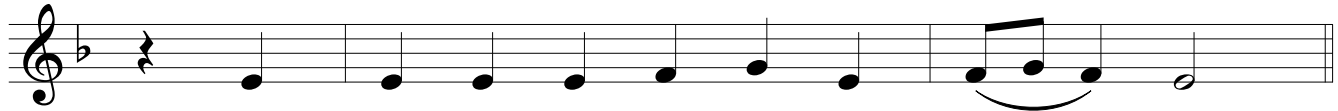
Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

Tone 4
Heirmos

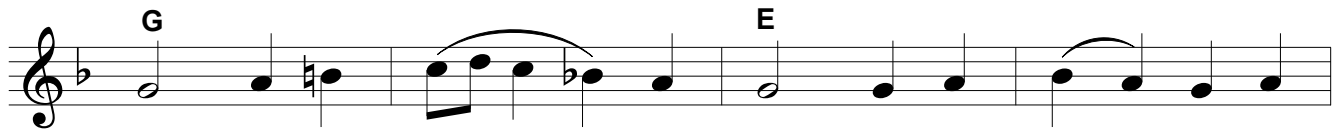
I shall o - pen my mouth and it will be filled with the
Spir - it, and I shall speak forth to the Queen and
Moth - er. I shall be seen joy - ful - ly sing - ing her
prais - es, and I shall de-light to sing of her won - ders.
(Adapted throughout)
Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.
When the great Arch - an - gel saw thee, O im - mac - u - late
one, thou liv - ing book of Christ, sealed by the Spir - it, he
cried un - to thee: Hail, Ves - sel of Glad - ness,



though whom the curse of our first - moth - er is loosed.



Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.



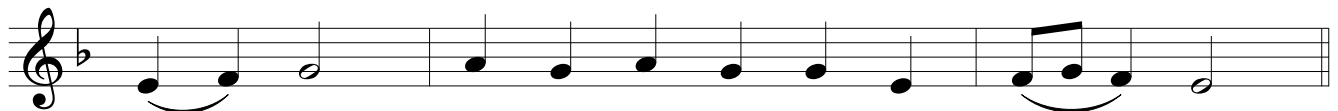
Hail, vir - gin bride of God, thou up - lift - er of



Ad - am and death - knell of Ha - des. Hail, O all -



- blame - less one, thou pal - ace of the on - ly King.



Hail, thou fier - y throne of thē Al - might - y.

(Adapted throughout)



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Hail, thou from whom a - lone didst blos - som thē Un - with - er - ing

Un.

Rose; Hail, thou who didst bear the fra - grant

E

Ap - ple; Hail, im - mac - u - late maid - en,

G E

fra-grance of the King of All and sal - va - tion of the world.

(Adapted throughout)

Both now and ev - er, and un-to ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

G E

Hail, thou treas - ure - house of pu - ri - ty, through

Un.

which we rose up from our fall; Hail, La - dy, sweet-scent-ed

E

lil - y per - fum - ing the faith - ful;

G E

thou fra-grant In - cense and most pre-cious myrrh.

E

As a liv - ing and cop - ious foun - tain, O The - o - to - kos, do thou

strength - en those who hymn thy prais - es, and are joined to -

- geth - er in a spir - it - ual com - pa - ny for thy___ ser - vice;

Un. **E**
and in thy di - vine___ glo - ry make them wor - thy of crowns of glo - ry.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save___ us.

As a clear and un - tilled field thou didst make the Di - vine Ear of

Grain to sprout; Hail, thou liv - ing ta - ble that held the Bread of Life;

Hail,___ thou un - fail - ing foun - tain of Liv - ing Wa - ter.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.

Hail, O mys-tic heif - er that didst bear the Spot-less Calf; Hail, ewe -

- lamb who didst con - ceive the Lamb of God that tak - eth a-way the

sins of the whole world; Hail, thou fer-vent in - ter - ces - sor.

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Hail, O ra - dant dawn, which a - lone dost bear Christ the

Sun, the dwell-ing place of Light; Hail, thou who didst dis - pel the

dark - ness and re - duce to naught the de - mons of gloom.

Ode 4

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He Who sits in clouds of glo - ry up-on the throne of the God - head,

Je - sus the Most High God, came with might - y hand and

saved those who cried out un-to Him: Glo-ry to Thy Pow - er, O Christ!

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save___ us.

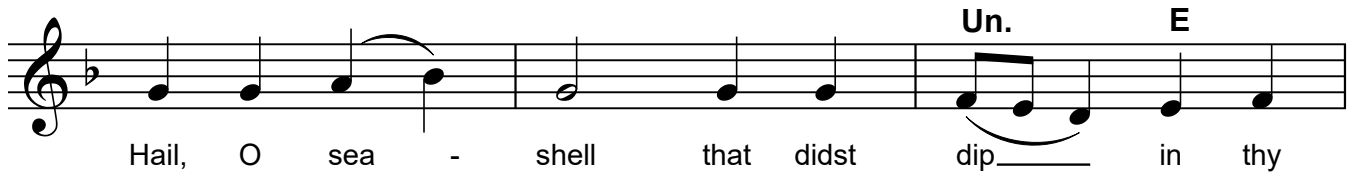
In hymns of faith, O all - praised one, we cry out___ un - to thee:

Hail, thou moun-tain fer-tile with the full - ness of the Spir - it;

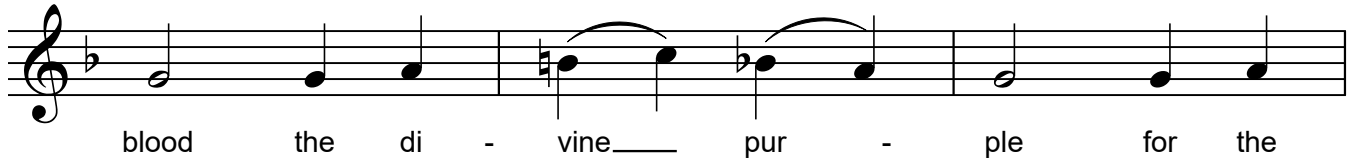
Hail, thou lamp of light and vase of man - na, to the

sens - es of the rev - 'rent most___ sweet.

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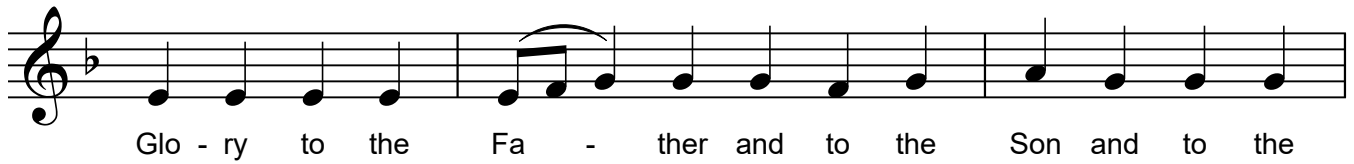
Hail, O sea - shell that didst dip in thy



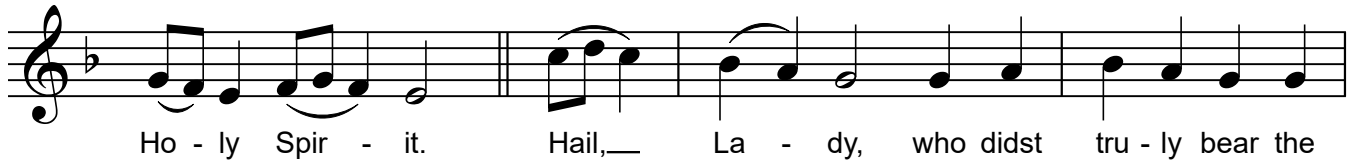
blood the di - vine pur - ple for the



King of the Pow'rs of Heav - en.



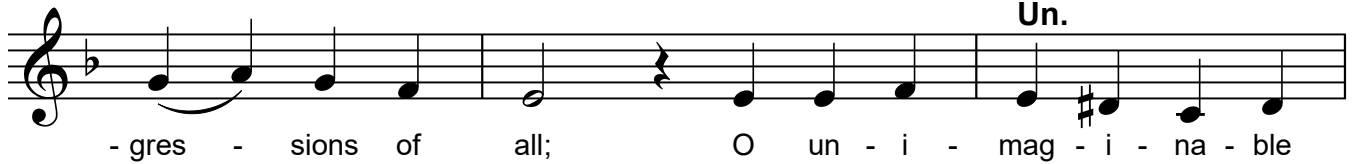
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Spir - it. Hail, La - dy, who didst tru - ly bear the



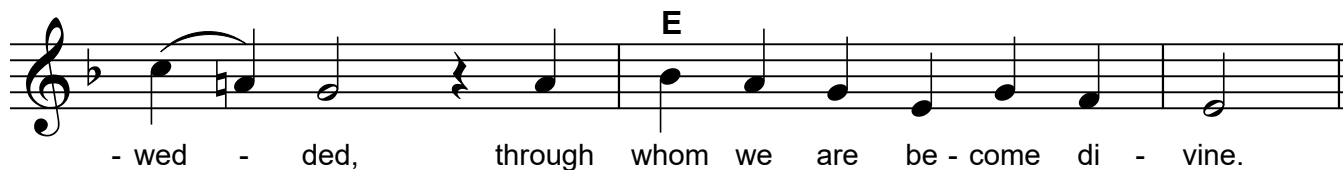
Law - giv - er that free - ly blot - ted out the trans -



- gres - sions of all; O un - i - mag - i - na - ble



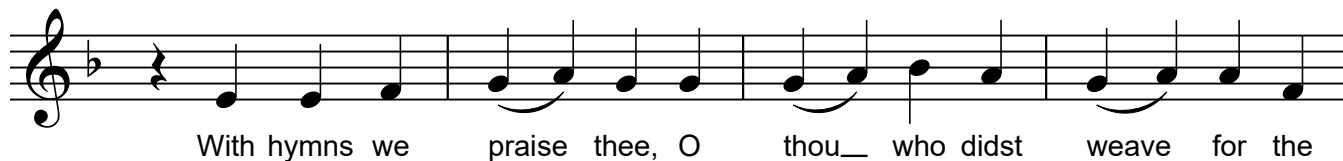
depth, O height in - ef - fa - ble, O maid - en un -



- wed - ded, through whom we are be - come di - vine.



Both now and ev - er, and un - to ag - es of ag - es. A - men.



With hymns we praise thee, O thou_ who didst weave for the



world a crown not wov - en by hands; Hail to thee, O



Vir - gin,___ do we cry: for - tress of all man -



- kind, and ram - part, and strength, and ref - uge di - vine.____

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E
All cre - a - tion was a - mazed at thy di - vine glo - ry, for

G
thou, O un - wed - ded Vir - gin, didst hold with - in thee the

E **Un.** **E**
God of All, and didst bear the E - ter - nal Son, Who re -

-wards with sal - va - tion all who hymn thy prais - es.

E
Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.

Hail, O all - blame - less, who didst bear the Way of Life and save the

world from the del - uge of sin; Hail, bride of

God, thou of great re - port and might - y fame; Hail, thou

dwell - ing - place of the Mas - ter of Cre - a - tion.

E

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save___ us.

Un. E

Hail,___ O im - mac - u - late one, strong - hold and

for - tress of man - kind, and place of hal - lowed glo - ry;

Un. E

death - knell of Ha - des, bri - dal - cham - ber full of light;

G E

Hail, joy___ of the an - gels; Hail,___ help of those who

faith - ful - ly pray___ un - to thee. ___

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save___ us.

E



O mount un - hewn and depth be - yond all meas - ure.



Both now and ev - er, and un - to ag - es of ag - es. A - men.



Thou spa - cious tab - er - na - cle of the Word; Hail! O im -



- mac - u - late one. Thou sea - shell which did prof - fer the Di -



- vine_ Pearl, Hail, O all - won - drous one; thou art the



rec - on - cil - i - a - tion to God, O The - o - to - kos,

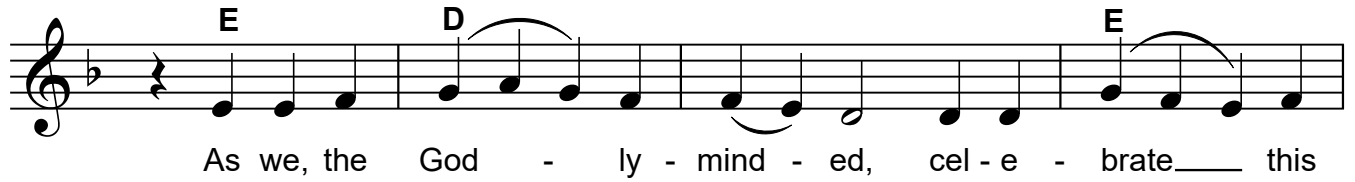


of all who ev - er bless thee.

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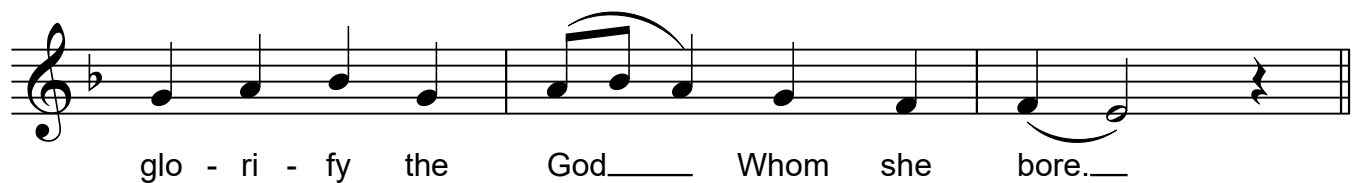
As we, the God - ly - mind - ed, cel - e - brate___ this



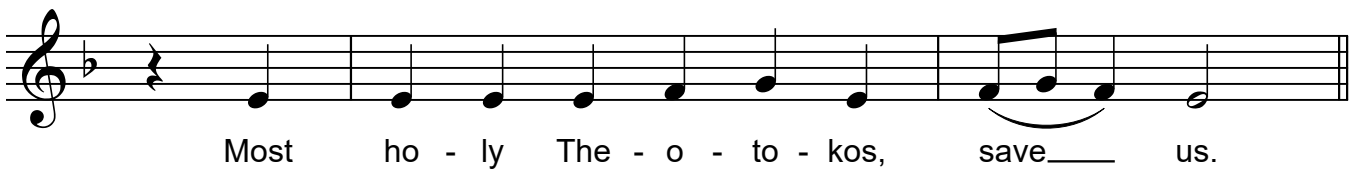
sa - cred and all - hon - 'ra - ble feast of the Moth - er of



God, come, let us clap our hands to - geth - er and



glo - ri - fy the God___ Whom she bore.___



Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save___ us.



Im - mac - u - late bri - dal - cham - ber of the Word, and aid___ to the



sanc - ti - fi - ca - tion of us all, Hail! O all - pure maid - en,

whom the Proph-ets did pro-claim; Hail, thou or - na-ment of
 the A - pos - tles! Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.
 From thee the dew dis - tilled that quenched the flame of pol - y - the - is - m;
 where - fore, we cry__ out__ un - to thee, O Vir - gin,
 Hail! O__ dew - y fleece which Gid - e - on did fore - see.__
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.
 Be - hold, we__ cry out un - to thee: Hail! Be

thou___ our ha - ven and our port when we___ voy-age on the
 sea of trib-u - la - tions and through the snares of thē ad-ver-sar - y.
 Both now and ev - er, and un-to ag - es of ag - es. A - men.
 O cause of joy,___ fa - vor us with rea - son to
 cry___ out___ un - to thee: Hail,___ thou
 bush that burns yet___ un - con - sumed, thou light - filled cloud
 which un - ceas - ing - ly shel - ters the faith - ful.

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The God-ly mind-ed chil - dren wor-shipped not the crea - ture
rather than the Cre - a - tor, but tram-pling up-on the threat of fire in
man - ly fash - ion, they re - joiced and sang:
O All - Praised Lord and God of our Fa - thers,
bless - ed art Thou. Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.
To thee we sing a hymn and cry: Hail! Char - i - ot
of the mys - tic sun; true vine that did pro - duce the ripe
clus - ter of grapes, drip-ping wine to glad - den the souls of
those who with faith do glo - ri - fy thee.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save _____

Hail, ___ thou ___ Bride of God, who didst bear the

Heal - er of Man - kind; the mys - tic staff from which

blos - somed thē Un - fad - ing Flow - er;

Hail, O sov - 'reign La - dy, through whom we ___ are

filled with joy, *and made in - her - i - tors of life. ___

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save ___ us.

The tongue of el - o - quence has not pow - er to

Un.
 sing thy prais - es, O ___ sov - 'reign La - dy,

(*This translation allows for a better understanding of the meaning.)

E G E

for thou wast ex - alt - ed a - bove the Ser - a - phim when thou didst bear
 Christ the King; do thou now im - plore Him to de - liv - er from all
 harm those who faith - ful - ly rev - er - ence thee.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.
 Thē ends of thē earth do praise and bless thee, and cry
 out un - to thee: Hail, pure Maid - en,
 scroll on which the fin - ger of God did in - scribe His Word;
 do thou now im - plore Him, O The - o - to - kos,
 to write down thy ser - vants in the Book of Life.

Both now and ev - er, and un-to ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

E **Un.** **E**

We thy ser - vants bend the knee of our hearts and im -

- plore thee, O pure Maid - en: in - cline thine ear, and **Un.**

save us, who are en - gulfed in trib - u - la - - - -

E

- tions; and guard thy cit - y, O The - o - to - kos, from

ev - 'ry as - sault of her en - e - mies.

Ode 8

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Tone 4
Heirmos

Un. E

The three ho - ly chil - dren in the fur - nace the

Child of the The - o - to - kos saved; then was the

type, now is its ful - fill - ment, and the whole world

G E

gath - ers to sing: All ye works, praise the Lord,

and mag - ni - fy Him un - to all ag - es.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.

D E

Thou didst re - ceive the Word with - in thee, O pure Maid - en,

G

and didst bear Him Who bear - eth all things; thou didst

nour-ish Him with milk, Who by His nod dost sus - tain all the

u - ni-verse; to Him we sing: All ye works, praise the Lord, and

mag - ni - fy Him un - to all ag - es.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.

Mos - es per - ceived in the burn-ing bush the great mys -

- t'ry of thy birth - giv - ing, O chaste and ho - ly Vir - gin; the

chil - dren pre - fig - ured this most clear - ly when they

stood in the midst of the flame and were un-burned;

E

E

Through thee the dead are made to live, for thou didst bear the

713

Life Es - sen - tial; those who be - fore were speech - less now

find use - ful el - o - quence, lep - ers are cleansed, dis - eas - es are

E

driv - en a - way, and the mul - ti - tude of aer - ial spir - its are

van - quished, O Vir - gin, sal - va - tion of mor - tals.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to ag - es of ag - ges. A - men.

E

We hail thee, O all - bless - ed one, who didst

bring forth sal - va - tion for the world, through which we have been

raised from earth to heights a - bove; O pure Maid - en,
thou art shel - ter and strong - hold, bul - wark and for - tress of
all who sing: All ye works, praise the Lord, and
mag - ni - fy Him un - to all ag - es.

(There is no final ending yet. Continue on with Ode 9.)

Ode 9

E
Let all earth-born mor - tals re-joyce in spir - it, bear - ing their
lamps, and let the na - ture of bod - i - less minds
G
cel - e - brate with hon - or the ho - ly fes - ti - val of the
E
Moth - er of God, and cry out:
G E
Hail, all-bless-ed, pure and ev-er-vir-gin The - o - to - kos!
E
Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. Through thee, O
Maid - en, have we faith - ful be - come par - tak - ers of
G
joy, so that we may fur - ther cry out un - to thee: Hail! Do

thou de - liv - er us from per - pet - u - al temp - ta - tion,

Un. from bar - bar - ic at - tack, and from all the mul - ti - tude of e - vils

which we mor - tals suf - fer for the num - ber of our ___ sins.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save ___ us.

E D E Thou hast ap - peared to en - light - en us and be our con - firm -

G - a - tion, where - fore we cry a - loud ___

to ___ thee: Hail! ___ O un - set - ting star which did

E in - tro - duce in - to the world the might - y Sun; Hail, pure maid - en,



who didst o - pen up fast-closed E - den; Hail, fier - y
 pil - lar, which doth lead man's na - ture to the
 life a - bove." Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.
 Let us stand with rev - 'rence in the house of our God, and let us
 cry a - loud: Hail, mis - tress of the world; Hail, Mar - y,
 La - dy of us all; Hail, thou who a - lone art blame - less a - mong
 wom - en, and beau - ti - ful; Hail, O ves - sel, which didst re - ceive in -
 - to thy - self the myrrh which was nev - er be - fore out - poured.

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Hail, O Ev - er - vir - gin, thou dove who didst bring forth

Him Who is mer - ci - ful. Hail, Boast of all the right - eous saints and

crown of those who strive. Hail, or - na - ment di - vine of all the just,

and of us the faith - ful, our sal - va - tion as well. —

Both now and ev - er, and un - to ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

Spare, — O God, Thine in - her - i - tance, and o - ver - look now all our

sins. For as in - ter - ces - sor in Thy sight, O — Christ,

there stands be - fore___ Thee she___ that on

earth con - ceived Thee with - out___ seed, when in Thy

Great Mer - cy Thou hast willed to be shaped in a

form that was___ not Thine own.