O my soul, magnify her who is more honorable and who is more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

Heirmos of the 9th Ode

A mystery I know which is strange and wondrous:
the cave is heav'n, and the Vir-gin is the throne

of the cher-ubim; in the con-fines of the

man-ger is laid the in-finite Christ our God,

whom we praise and mag-nify.