1) When ye were sent throughout all the world

as sharpened arrows of the Strong One with winged speed,

ye blunted all of the demons' fiery and terrible darts, O elect Apostles blest in very truth.

The worship of many gods ye put down and cast far away,

while teaching all men true religion and piety,

being sheep indeed of the Chief Shepherd, Christ our God,

He that had both elected you and sent you into the world

into the midst of ungoverned and savage wolves, so that through the Faith ye might turn their fury and ferocity to meekness and humble gentleness.

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2) When, from His most extreme love for man, the hypostatic Word of God lived with mortal men, assuming our very nature to deify it in truth, ye became disciples learning all from Him.

Ye followed in His divine footsteps, O ye all glorious and wise Apostles, imitating His poverty and ye counted all things as rubbish and nothing worth.

Wherefore, ye cast away the second garment with fervent faith, and also took with you neither a staff nor scrip as ye went your way and now are deemed worthy to inherit great and heavenly treasures in the heights.

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3) Rejoice, sacred and venerable head,
thou undeiled abode of virtue and sanctity;
divine canon of the priesthood, that most divine gift of God; and the great and famous shepherd known to all;
thou beacon that worthily art the namesake of victory;
thou who dost answer with compassion those asking thee and who dost incline to the prayers of the suffering.
Rescuer ever ready and the guardian saving all who with right faith keep thy glorious and all
venerable memory. Implore Christ the Savior,
O blest Nicholas, to send down great mercy on our souls.