1) By the Spirit all inspired, the Prophets preached Thee beforehand, the Incomprehensible, that shone out eternally ere the morning star from the immaterial bodyless divine womb of Thy Father, and that Thou, O Lord, also wouldst be a child, made flesh of the Virgin that knew not man, and Thou, united unto men, wouldst be seen by those dwelling on the earth.
Through Thy holy Prophets vouchsafe Thine inner light to them that praise Thy Resurrection, which passeth speech, since Thou art compassionate.

2) Preaching of Thee with their words, the God-proclaimers and Prophets also honored Thee with deeds, reaping as the fruit thereof life that hath no end.

Standing fast, they would not worship the creation in the stead of Thee, the Creator.

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But, as the Gospel saith, they renounced the whole world and were conformed unto the Passion Thou didst bear, which they had foretold in their prophecies.

Through their intercessions, account us worthy blamelessly to run the course of abstinence to the end, only greatly merciful One.

3) Though uncircumscribable, O Lord, in Thy divine nature, yet when Thou becamest flesh

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in the last days, Thou didst deign to be circumscribed.

For when Thou tookest flesh Thou didst also take on its whole nature with its properties.

Wherefore, depicting that likeness of Thine image, O Sovereign Lord,

we kiss it, offering relative worship and are raised up to love of Thee.

And there from we draw forth the grace of healings,

truly following in the Apostles’ traditions that they received from Christ our God.

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4) Truly hath the Church of Christ received as precious adornment the most bright and radiant restoration of the pure, holy, and august icons of the Savior Christ, of the Theotokos, and of all the companies of Saints.

By this is she made bright, splendidly made fair with the grace of God,

and mightily doth drive away all the thronging ranks of the heretics,
and in joy and gladness doth glorify the man be-friend-ing God, Who for her sake patient-ly en-dured vol-un-tar-y suf-fer-ings.