

Lenten Triodion

O Inexpressible Condescension!

Theotokion of the Penitential Stichera

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special Melody: *O Lord, although I desired to blot out*

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G clef, common time, and Byzantine chant notation. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff. The melody includes several melodic formulas labeled with letters: D, E, Un., D, and G. The lyrics are as follows:

O in - ex - pres - si - ble con - de - scen - sion! Strange giv - ing of

birth - so ex - ceed - ing mar - vel - ous! How in her arms doth a Vir - gin

car - ry as an in - fant Thee, her own Mak - er and her God?

O Ben - e - fac - tor, Who chōs - est to come forth from her in - carn - ate, O

Lord, be - fore I ut - ter - ly per - ish, do Thou save

me.