

Priest/Deacon: The Theotokos, the Mother of the Light, let us honor and magnify in song.

Ode 9 - First Canon

Mag-ni - fy, — O my soul, her who is more hon'-ra - ble and more ex -  
- alt - ed in glo - ry than the heav - en - ly hosts.  
I be - hold a strange and won - der - ful mys - ter - y:  
the cave a heav - en, the Vir - gin a Che - ru - bic  
throne, and the man - ger a no - ble place in which hath lain Christ th un - con -  
- tained — God. Let us, there - fore, praise and mag - ni - fy — him.  
Mag - ni - fy, — O my soul, the God born in flesh from the Vir - gin.  
When the Ma - gi saw a new and strange star ap - pear - ing sud - den - ly, mov - ing in a  
won - der - ful way, and tran - scend - ing the stars of heav - en in  
bright - ness, they were guid - - - ed by it to Christ, the  
King born on earth in Beth - le - hem, for our sal - va - - - tion.

Mag-ni - fy, — O my soul, the King born in a cave.  
The Ma - gi said: Where is the child King, the new - born, whose  
star — hath ap - peared? For we have ver - i - ly come to wor-ship  
him. And Her - od, the con - tend - er a - gainst God,  
trem - bled, and be-gan to roar in fol - ly to kill — Christ.  
Mag - ni - fy — O my soul, the God — wor-shipped by the  
Ma - - - gi. Her-od as - cer - tained from the Ma - gi  
a - bout the time — of the star by whose guid - ance they  
where led to Beth-le-hem to wor - ship with pre-sents Christ who  
guid-ed them, and so they re - turned to their coun - try, dis - re - gard-ing  
Her - od, th e - vil mur-der-er of babes, — mock - ing — him.

Ode 9 - Second Canon



To-day the Vir-gin giv-eth birth to the Lord in-side the cave.



Ver-i-ly, it is eas-i-er for us to en-dure si-lence



since there is no dread dan-ger there - from for us. But be -



- cause of our strong de-sire, O Vir-gin, and Moth-er at the



same time, to in-dite well-bal-anced songs of praise, this be -



- com-eth in-deed on-er-ous to us. Where-fore, grant us



pow'r to e-qual our nat-u-ral in-cli-na-tion.

Chanter: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.



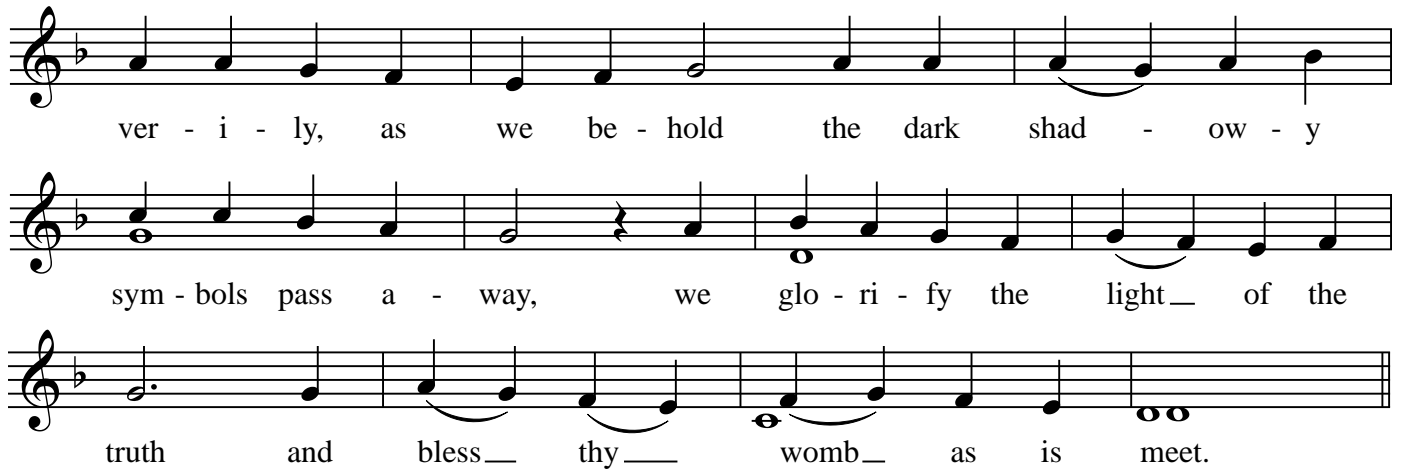
Mag-ni-fy, O my soul, the might of th in-di-vis-i-ble and



three-per-soned God-head. O pure one, Moth-er of the Word



that ap-pear-eth new-ly from thee, O closed door,



ver - i - ly, as we be - hold the dark shad - ow - y  
sym - bols pass a - way, we glo - ri - fy the light\_ of the  
truth and bless\_ thy\_ womb\_ as is meet.

Chanter: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



Glo - ri - fy,\_\_\_ O my soul, her\_\_\_ who\_\_\_ hath de -  
- liv - ered us from\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ curse.  
The Christ - pleas - ing peo - ple, O Vir - gin,  
hav - ing de - served to be grant - ed its de - sire by the  
com - ing of God, doth seek\_ now with tears thy help to  
wor - ship the glo - ry of his en - liv - en - ing ap - pear - ance  
where - in is the re - new - al of birth; for it is

thou who dost dis - trib - ute grace, O pure one.

*We then conclude with the two Katavasiae and their Magnifications of the 9th Ode of each Canon.*

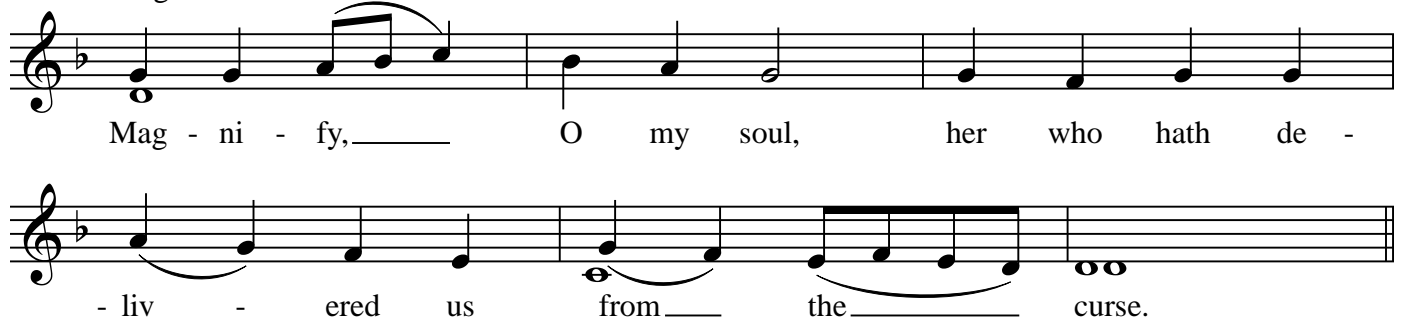
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Magnification of 9th Ode - Second Canon



Mag - ni - fy, O my soul, her who hath de -  
- liv - ered us from the curse.

Katavasia of 9th Ode of Second Canon



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si - lence since there is no dread dan - ger  
there - from for us. But be - cause of our strong de - sire, O  
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nat - u - ral in - cli - na - tion.