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Foreword

As a priest and a spiritual father unequivocally devoted to the Christic revelation for a unitary understanding and teaching of the New Testament in line with the Old Testament, Father Ghelasie eloquently refers, in a preface to a volume of Akathist-hymns, to how “the common and familiar psalms” from the Old Testament are “on-going searches” which find their natural, prostrating, worshipping “fulfillment” through the Akathist-hymn, a mode of composition which had sprung from the moment of the plenary discovery of God’s personal image through the Embodiment of the Word, and is attested, confirmed, and wonderfully glorified in His saints as well. This revelation of man’s plenary encounter and communion with God invokes and finds the glory, praise and chanting through its very expression, under the form of the “psalm” of the New Testament, that is, the Akathist-hymn, the “rejoicing of the fulfillment of life through Christ.”

Naturally, considering this form of unitary expression, the hesychast from Frăsinei does not exclude or dissociate the Psalter, to which he acknowledges its mystery as Akathist book, and whose individual mystery he insists should be even more potentiated. But he does not hesitate to maintain that, for the “Christian life,” “the Christian psalm” is in fact the Akathist-hymn, and he concludes thus that, after Christ’s Embodiment, the Akathist book is in fact the “Christian Psalter” or the “New Psalter.” Which is only natural and not surprising at all because welcoming, receiving into oneself the joy of the Annunciation, the Akathist-hymn is born, is embodied from the mystery of the fundamental expression-speech, rediscovered, re-affirmed

through the image of the gesture as imprinted icon, loaded by the ineffable personal act which blooms, bursts through its ritual-like movement which is the prostration-praise, the glory-joy, the chanting-exaltation itself.

No doubt, the personal act has its inevitable specific participation, it reveals the image of a unique presence, and father Ghelasie, being firmly convinced that each person had his/her "freedom" within the Truth to "exalt God and His saints according to one's own personal voice," presents us with these personalized "versions" which we find also in the volume *Akathist-Hymns*, as "hymns of personal praising," which join, in a natural, quiet and delicate way, other, sometimes multiple, "versions" of hymns, composed by different hymnographers for the exaltation of the same saint or of the same feast.

The hesychast from Frăsinei himself confesses, in the above mentioned preface, his intention to compose these hymns in the manner specific to a hymnology which he intended as resembling the Byzantine iconography, that is, rendered in a certain expression-formulation, transposed into a certain manner of "Image imprinted in Gesture." That is why he asserts, in a premonitory way, that whoever shall discover in these hymns that "Image in Iconic Gesture," he/she shall also have a taste of what he attempted to impart in a personal way as well, through these hymns.

We are all offered this volume, which appears under the title *Akathist-Hymns*, in order to open up a space of discovery, for as many people as possible, of this "Image in Iconic Gesture." This volume opens up a personalized space of transfiguration and transparency of the presence of this hesychast father, through the body of the words-songs of these hymns, a space in which to open ourselves again and again in the ecclesiological space of the encounter, of the communion, of the shared praise-glorification and joy-participation.

So, let us rejoice!

Hieromonk Neofit

The Akathist of the All-Holy Trinity

Kontakion 1

To the Image¹ of greatest Mystery, the All-Holy Godly Trinity, we as well, Your Creation and Work, bow to You with the Prostration of Eternal Joy and thus our Chanting Unites with Heaven and Earth in ceaseless cry: **All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You Forever Love!**

Ikos 1

Behold the Fulfillment of the Godly Revelation, the long-awaited One, which, through the Embodiment of the Son and the Descent of the Holy Spirit, reveals God the Father as well, and thus the Trinity of Mystery is Glorified in Heavens and on Earth.

All-Holy Trinity, Mystery of the Whole Godly Revelation;

All-Holy Trinity, testimony of Angels;

All-Holy Trinity, Heavenly glorification;

All-Holy Trinity, Elevation even beyond the Heavens;

All-Holy Trinity, deep beyond any measure;

All-Holy Trinity, the One filling all Space but not amalgamated with anything;

All-Holy Trinity, the One fulfilling all things without any merging;

All-Holy Trinity, Almighty Will Ordaining it all;

¹ *Image* is a key concept in Fr. Ghelasie's view and in his whole work. In Romanian the word is *chip* which, beside the meaning of *image*, also holds essentially the meaning of *face*, and other conceptually related meanings such as *likeness*, as *appearance*, as *symbol (in the form of)*, (*face*) *expression*, etc. *Chip* can also be *Icon*.

All-Holy Trinity, the Overflow of absolute Love Itself;
All-Holy Trinity, Revealing Yourself beyond Nature in
Creation;
All-Holy Trinity, Bestowing the Semblance of Your Image;
**All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You
Forever Love!**

Kontakion 2

In former days, Isaiah the Prophet only caught a glimpse of the “High Lifted Throne,” and the touch of the Angelic “live coal” opened for him his meager speech, yet now, through Christ and through the Holy Spirit, we can Exalt the Entire Mystery in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Not even Moses the Chosen one could See Your Face, for the Creation could not stay in the Godly Fire, yet we, through Christ, are no longer burned but receive the Life Giving Blessing.

All-Holy Trinity, Image beyond any imagination;
All-Holy Trinity, speech beyond all speaking;
All-Holy Trinity, Whom even the Angels behold with a
Prostrated Mind;
All-Holy Trinity, Seen only in Your Own Radiant Light;
All-Holy Trinity, Revealed only by Christ;
All-Holy Trinity, Illumined only by the Holy Spirit;
All-Holy Trinity, forever a Mystery and eternally Revealing
Yourself;
All-Holy Trinity, from now on You are Close to us;
All- Holy Trinity, Who Descends and Dwells within us;
All-Holy Trinity, Union of all;
All-Holy Trinity, Encounter of all;
**All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You
Forever Love!**

Kontakion 3

You keep it all in Your Almighty power; Your Omniscient Word governs all; through the Holy Spirit You Overflow Life into all, and thus all Creation rests in Your Hand in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Your Seal is upon all, the Godly Traces can be seen upon all, and Your Commands are obeyed by all, else there will be a fall in the bitterest sin.

All-Holy Trinity, You have Created it all;

All-Holy Trinity, You have configured it all;

All-Holy Trinity, You have safeguarded it all with “the right measure²”;

All-Holy Trinity, You have crowned it all with Riches;

All-Holy Trinity, You have ordained it all at Your “pace”;

All-Holy Trinity, You have it all under Your Care;

All-Holy Trinity, You give Life and Nourishment to all;

All-Holy Trinity, You act Lovingly towards all creatures, from smallest to greatest;

All-Holy Trinity, You know it all;

All-Holy Trinity, Nothing is hidden to You;

All-Holy Trinity, all Prostrate before You;

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You Forever Love!

Kontakion 4

The Revelation of great Mystery of the Godly Trinity, a God in Three Persons, the Father Who Begets the Son and at once Proceeds the Holy Spirit, is from now on the Cornerstone of True Faith, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

² Inverted commas, in Father Ghelasie’s work, do not necessarily signal a quote, most of the time, but they are used to underline the words or the syntagms between inverted commas, for the reader to pause a little more over them.

Ikos 4

The pagan heresies have attempted to diminish precisely this Mystery, but the Holy Fathers with alacrity have bequeathed “steadfast teaching” as inheritance, and so the “Godly Trinity” is our “Christian Confession.”

All-Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in Union;

All-Holy Trinity, Unity beyond number;

All-Holy Trinity, absolutely undivided and unamalgamated;

All-Holy Trinity, Of-one-Will and Of-one-Love;

All-Holy Trinity, You are forever Plenary;

All-Holy Trinity, You Overflow Yourself Whole upon the world;

All-Holy Trinity, You Seal Yourself upon all;

All-Holy Trinity, You Effect all at once;

All-Holy Trinity, You reveal Your Image in any Created Being;

All-Holy Trinity, You are Avowed by any Living and Breathing thing;

All-Holy Trinity, Foundation of the All-Holy “Teaching”;

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You Forever Love!

Kontakion 5

You have Created Man in the Likeness of Your Divine Godly Image and You Filled him with the Breath of Mystery, so that everything in him would Come Together and turn into Offering, in the Singing of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

But sin has darkened the Image of Man, Heaven was lost and Man did not take Communion from the Tree of Life, only after Christ’s Embodiment has the Image again been Revealed to him.

All-Holy Trinity and the Mystery of Man's Image;
All-Holy Trinity, through Man You Reveal Your Face;
All-Holy Trinity, through Christ-the-Man You Reveal Yourself;
All-Holy Trinity, through Him You become One with the World;
All-Holy Trinity, You leave Your Impression on all things;
All-Holy Trinity, You Overflow Gifts in all circumstances;
All-Holy Trinity, You have also Ordained Redemption;
All-Holy Trinity, You did not leave us in sin;
All-Holy Trinity, through Man, You wanted to give Image to Eternity;
All-Holy Trinity, through Man, You "Perfect" all things;
All-Holy Trinity, through Man, You are in "Unending End";
All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You Forever Love!

Kontakion 6

The Prophet Elijah could not "discern" You in wind, or fire, or earthquake, but only in the "slight breath moving over all things," for You are truly "beyond" all imagination, Mystery only of the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

The "traces" of Your Work upon Creation could not Reveal You, only the Embodiment of Your Godly Son could, He Who is the "Revelation of the Mystery hidden from all Ages," which "Opens up the Curtain of the Sealed Altar."

All-Holy Trinity, Mystery "over the boundaries" of Creation;
All-Holy Trinity, You have passed over the sin of the fall;
All-Holy Trinity, You have "Prepared" "Your Coming" ever since the time of Adam;

All-Holy Trinity, You have Ordained Redemption unhindered;
All-Holy Trinity, You have punished unto "betterment";

All-Holy Trinity, You have Cleansed unto Sanctification;
All-Holy Trinity, You have Chosen the Prophets;
All-Holy Trinity, You have constantly Spoken to us through
them;

All-Holy Trinity, You have Called upon the Faithful;
All-Holy Trinity, You have “Preserved” a “Chosen People”;
All-Holy Trinity, You have “Chosen the Saints”;

**All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You
Forever Love!**

Kontakion 7

Your great ineffable mercifulness was not hindered by
“the sin which has pervaded the world more and more,” and
thus Christ’s Holy Embodiment has Brought us “the Fulfillment
of the Great Contemplation” and the Joy overwhelming
“the crying of the fall” in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

Through Christ, we now have You, the Image of the Mystery
of the Godly Trinity, the One above all speech, and to You we
Prostrate in the Great Solace of Eternity.

All-Holy Trinity, God, the real One, in Trinity;
All-Holy Trinity, Mystery, the one from the ages, long-awaited;
All-Holy Trinity, Revelation over any expectation;
All-Holy Trinity, Revelation which You Yourself give us;
All-Holy Trinity, Vision which Yourself Reveal to us;
All-Holy Trinity, forever Heralded by the Prophets;
All-Holy Trinity, only “shrouded” by the Prophets;
All-Holy Trinity, Reveal Yourself only through Christ;
All-Holy Trinity, Depicted only through His Embodiment;
All-Holy Trinity, Illumined only through the Holy Spirit;
All-Holy Trinity, Descended, now, through the Mysteries of
the Church;

**All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You
Forever Love!**

Kontakion 8

The Mystery Revelation from the Oak of Mamre which You gave to Abraham through the Three Angels is but a “shadow” of the Theophany from Christ’s Baptism, when the Son in the river Jordan, the Holy Spirit upon Him and the Father’s Voice from Above in truth Reveal Yourself as Godly Trinity, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Your Mystery is beyond the Mind’s understanding and only by Bowing ourselves in deep-felt Prostration do we receive the Illumination through the Holy Spirit and thus, over the “boundaries of our nature,” we can ourselves pass into the “Seeing beyond all other seeing.”

All-Holy Trinity, to You the Mind Prostrates Whole;
All-Holy Trinity, to You all Understanding prostrates;
All-Holy Trinity, before You all Creation kneels;
All-Holy Trinity, “threshold” of the Ones Beyond all things;
All-Holy Trinity, Speech of “a different” Speaking;
All-Holy Trinity, Revealing Yourself in another Vision;
All-Holy Trinity, Seen only with different Eyes;
All-Holy Trinity, to You we prostrate with all our being;
All-Holy Trinity, to You we Sing with great Joy;
All-Holy Trinity, we Confess to Your revelation;
All-Holy Trinity, we Bear Witness to You in all Faith;

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You Forever Love!

Kontakion 9

The wicked philosophers, lacking in Prostration, cannot penetrate the Mystery Beyond all things, where one can only enter “barefoot of all worldly judgment” and thus only the Faithful in Truth can Herald You in Singing: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

With our whole Professing and Prostration, we hold You, All-Holy Trinity, beyond the depth of Mind and the understanding of the Heart, and within Your Own Revelation, with the Illumination of the Holy Spirit, we also receive the Mysteries Beyond Seeing.

All-Holy Trinity, do not be sickened by our meager Faith;

All-Holy Trinity, do not diminish Your Mercifulness towards us;

All-Holy Trinity, forgive us for Professing You too little;

All-Holy Trinity, forgive us for Loving You too little;

All-Holy Trinity, forgive us for Prostrating too little;

All-Holy Trinity, forgive us for being indifferent;

All-Holy Trinity, forgive us for being ungrateful;

All-Holy Trinity, forgive us for being unthankful;

All-Holy Trinity, forgive us for being scornful and blasphemous;

All-Holy Trinity, Godly Love, forgive us;

All-Holy Trinity, Glory to You;

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You Forever Love!

Kontakion 10

In Your Name, All-Holy Trinity, we begin all things, we end them and we Seal them, and thus we too have the Image of Eternity in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Let all heresies be silent, let all Mind Prostrate, all Understanding bow, all knees fall to the ground, for You, All-Holy Trinity, are the Icon over all Images.

All-Holy Trinity, Image even beyond any image;

All-Holy Trinity, Revelation even beyond any revelation;

All-Holy Trinity, eternal Discovery and Mystery;

All-Holy Trinity, Elevation even Above Heavens;
All-Holy Trinity, ceaselessly Praised in Song by Angels;
All-Holy Trinity, Served by Angels;
All-Holy Trinity, Glorified by All the Saints;
All-Holy Trinity, You remain, however, uncontainable;
All-Holy Trinity, You Overflow Yourself over all things
undivided;
All-Holy Trinity, to Whom “beyond nature” we arrive as well;
All-Holy Trinity, all things Receive You unamalgamated;
**All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You
Forever Love!**

Kontakion 11

The Holy Fathers of the Church greatly have endeavored to Elevate Your Image Highest above all things, as a Cornerstone of Eternity which holds the World, and upon which the World is Grounded in the Singing of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

O, Mystery of the ineffable Unity, of the Union of the Those from Above with Those Below, of the Unseen with the seen, of the Eternal with the ephemeral, we Glorify You as well.

All-Holy Trinity, Cornerstone of the Christian Church;

All-Holy Trinity, Cornerstone Revealed to the Whole World;

All-Holy Trinity, Solemn Confession of the Angels;

All-Holy Trinity, Solemn Confession of Men;

All-Holy Trinity, Confession of all Creation;

All-Holy Trinity, Mystery of Mysteries;

All-Holy Trinity, Mystery Wherefrom all Discoveries Spring;

All-Holy Trinity, Mystery That Streams all Revelation;

All-Holy Trinity, “threshold” between the seen and the Unseen;

All-Holy Trinity, “threshold” of the “Unamalgamated” Ones;

All-Holy Trinity, Unity but of all things;

**All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You
Forever Love!**

Kontakion 12

With Solemn Speech and Confession we as well Call Your All-Holy Name, and with profound kneeling we Elevate our Prayer, Trusting in Your unbounded Mercifulness, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

Forgive us, for we rather present to You our needs, and complain of our weaknesses, and too little do we have the due Singing of Praise; forgive us, our Lord and Maker, for we know that You Love us above all things.

All-Holy Trinity, Glory to You!

All-Holy Trinity, our Joy, of Eternity;

All-Holy Trinity, Joy over all things;

All-Holy Trinity, our True Faith;

All-Holy Trinity, our steadfast Faith;

All-Holy Trinity, Trust over all things;

All-Holy Trinity, Trust without doubt;

All-Holy Trinity, Fulfillment we are running to;

All-Holy Trinity, Likeness which we long for as well;

All-Holy Trinity, Icon of Mystery Images;

All-Holy Trinity, Face Revealing Icon;

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on Your Creation, whom You Forever Love!

Kontakion 13

With deep Prostration we bow to You, All-Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Your All-Holy Name we Confess, and the Due Gratitude we, the unworthy, Bring to You, together with the Solemn Prayer that You Redeem us too from the grievous pains, for You are the Haven from Above, and thus we shall Sing: *Alleluia!*

Prayer to God the Father

Lord over all dominions, Father without beginning, the One beyond and of no beginning, You Who have Begotten the Son from the Ages and have Originated the Holy Spirit, as Godly Trinity, the One over all speech and imagination, Who have created us as well “from nothing and non-existence,” and with Your Image have Honored us and granted that You should be Father to us and we should be “Your Sons” whom, though fallen from Your Commandment into grievous sin, You have lifted again through Your Son, the Most Beloved One, through Him, from now on, we run to Your Love. How can we Thank You, except by Prostrating and by Praising Your Name in Song, Greatest Name and higher than Heavens. O, Godly Arms of Father, who can speak Your Love? O, Godly Arms of Father, Eternity Itself! Your Boundless Love overlooks our wantonness and we, worthy of judgment and punishment, find Forgiveness and Relief. We Prostrate to You, Father of Eternity, and we Profess Your Name in Song as the Greatest Name. Have Mercy on us, Your Creation, whom You Love for all Eternity!

Prayer to God the Son

O, Son of God, from Eternity You have Bestowed us Your Image, through Which we ourselves have been Created, and been made “Sons of Creation,” Who furthermore You Yourself have become Embodied so that You could Turn the World into Your Body, You were not deterred by the grievous sin, You have Born the Cross of Salvation and have conquered death with Your Resurrection, and thus, You have Perfected “Your Creation” in “Your Image and Likeness.” O, Godly Son, Lord Jesus Christ, Icon Showing the Face of What could not be Seen, to You we Prostrate and Your Dearest Name we ceaselessly Call, through Your Name we Unite with You in the Eternity to which You lift us as well!

Prayer to God the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King Most Holy Spirit, You descend over the world and overwhelm us with Your Comfort, we Honor You with the same deep Prostration and we endeavor to Ask You to be Merciful, even though we find ourselves in sin, for only You can Cleanse us, can Illumine us so we can thus leave the grievous wantonness.

O, God of the ineffable Trinity, o, Godly Power, Holiest of Names, we Call Your Name in Awe! Gentlest Comforter, All-Holy Spirit, Glory to You!

Prayer to God the All-Holy Trinity

All-Holy Trinity, Revelation of all Fulfillment, we, the powerless ones from below, Honor You with the Most Solemn Prostration and Confess You with the Naming of the Steadfast Faith and thus Our Lord and Maker, we, Your Creation, are truly within the Eternal Love.

Glory to You God, Glory to You!

The Akathist of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Kontakion 1

Greatest Protector and Lord, to You our deliverer from eternal death, we, Your Creation and servants, offer our Prostration and, as the One bestowing upon us Your endless Mercies, deliver us from all perils so we Chant to You:

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Ikos

Maker of the Angels, of All Heavenly Hosts and of the whole World, as You opened the ears and tongue of the deaf and dumb, likewise open for us, the weak ones, our Mind and Tongue to the Praise of Your most Holy Name, so that we may say:

Jesus, One Above all Creation;

Jesus, Creation of the World and its inception;

Jesus, Power that Creates all;

Jesus, Will of our God the Father;

Jesus, One of the Same Being with the Holy Spirit;

Jesus, Word that becomes World;

Jesus, Creator of Heaven and Earth;

Jesus, Maker of Man, the Bearer of Your Image;

Jesus, One Incarnating then into the Image of Man;

Jesus, Love of God Himself;

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 2

You saw the widow crying and, out of Your great mercy, You Raised her Son from the dead as they were carrying him to

the grave; likewise, Raise us from the death of sin, You Lover of mankind, so we can Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Seeking to understand the incomprehensible, Philip asked you: Lord, show us the Father. And You Said: You have been with Me so long, have you not understood that the Father is in Me and I am in the Father?

Jesus, God, the One from before Time;

Jesus, Son of the Godhead;

Jesus, One of the Undivided Being with the Father and the Holy Spirit;

Jesus, Revelation of the Trinity Above it all;

Jesus, Image of the Unfolding Mystery;

Jesus, Mystery overflowing outwards;

Jesus, You Create the World out of Your Heart of Son;

Jesus, Gift of Love offered to the Father;

Jesus, Gratitude of the Holy Spirit;

Jesus, Godhead who overcomes Its Own Self;

Jesus, Wellspring coming from Eternity;

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 3

Jesus, You who Clothed with Power from Above your Apostles who were staying in Jerusalem, clothe us too, who are left naked by sin, with the Warmth of the Holy Spirit Itself, so that we may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Jesus, all Merciful, You called the tax collectors, the sinners and the pagans, do not reject us who are like them, and receive our Chanting too:

Jesus, Strength that has no limits;

Jesus, You Come along with the Light Itself;

Jesus, Love that is boundless;
Jesus, Godly Son Holding the World in Your Arms;
Jesus, You Create a World that can Hold You in Its Arms in
turn;

Jesus, You Make the Creation as Altar to the Father;
Jesus, You Yourself Celebrate the Liturgy;
Jesus, You make us Partakers to this as well;
Jesus, You offer us Your Own Image to Bear;
Jesus, You Inscribe us into Your eternal Love;
Jesus, You Offer Yourself;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 4

Harboring thoughts of doubt Peter was sinking but, seeing
You walking on Water, he Recognized You as True God and,
taking hold of Your Saving Hand, he chanted: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Hearing the blind man, Lord, that You were passing along
his way, he called out: Jesus, Son of David, Have Mercy on me!
And calling him, You opened his Eyes. Likewise, Light the
spiritual Eyes of our Heart.

Jesus, Maker of those from High Above;
Jesus, Maker of those Down Below;
Jesus, Image of the whole Creation;
Jesus, Book of Life Itself;
Jesus, Godly Sower;
Jesus, the very Seed Itself;
Jesus, the Good Soil Itself;
Jesus, You Chose Man to be "Sower";
Jesus, You Yourself took the Image of Man;
Jesus, God-Man and the Man-God;
Jesus, Icon of Fulfillment of it all;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 5

As You have Redeemed us by Your Godly Blood, free us from the chains of the hidden snake and of the bodily passions, lechery and evil sloth, so we can Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

The Hebrew Children seeing You as a Man, You, the Maker and the Lord Himself, they greeted You with branches and crying aloud “Hosanna,” and we also Sing like them.

Jesus, Son of God truly;

Jesus, at once Son of Man as well;

Jesus, You raised the chosen People;

Jesus, You Heralded Yourself through the Prophets;

Jesus, You came into the world “unknown”;

Jesus, You have Revealed Yourself to the Faithful;

Jesus, You have stayed among the lowly ones;

Jesus, You have won those who were lost;

Jesus, You have made Yourself the Savior of the World;

Jesus, King and Servant at once;

Jesus, Icon from Heaven and from Earth;

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 6

The foretelling and the words of the Prophets Coming to Fulfillment, Jesus, You Walked upon the Earth, You, the One beyond reach, and You Lived among Man, relieved our suffering and Healed us through Your Wounds, so we may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

The Light of Your Truth has Shone upon the world and the demonic deception was cast away, as the idols have fallen, unable to withstand Your Strength, and we have obtained Salvation.

Jesus, Truth that banishes deception;
Jesus, Light above all lights;
Jesus, Firmament that proceeds the whole world;
Jesus, but also Great Mercy as well;
Jesus, Bread of imperishable Life;
Jesus, You give us the Water of Life as well;
Jesus, You Offer Yourself even;
Jesus, You lift us from sin;
Jesus, Your Love never lessens;
Jesus, You get over the bitter fall;
Jesus, You recover the Original Image;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 7

Wanting to reveal the Mystery that had been hidden from the Ages, You have offered Yourself as a Lamb to the slaughter, or as a voiceless Sheep before shearing scissors. But as God, You have Risen from the dead and You have lifted us too, so we can Chant to You: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

O, wonder, that You the Maker Himself, surpassing nature, from the Virgin have Incarnated leaving her Integrity untouched, and You have passed through locked Doors to enter with Your Body to Your Apostles, thus reaffirming our faith.

Jesus, Word from Eternity;
Jesus, Word Itself of God;
Jesus, Power that is unfailing;
Jesus, Wisdom above reason;
Jesus, Rule that is never ending;
Jesus, God and at once Incarnated;
Jesus, Kingdom of God;
Jesus, Rule from High Above;
Jesus, Glory beyond it all;

Jesus, Eternity that is ours as well;
Jesus, Our All Merciful Savior;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 8

Seeing the wondrous, unearthly Incarnation of God, let us shun all earthly and corrupted things too, let us elevate our Minds to all Godly things, for this is why He has descended on Earth, to Elevate us as well, so we can Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Having assumed everything down below, at the same time You have never left those High Above, for You have Willingly suffered, You trampled down death by death and, Resurrecting, You granted us eternal Life.

Jesus, Joy of Life Itself;
Jesus, Immortality of Iconic Body³;
Jesus, Light of the Soul;
Jesus, Seeing of the Mind;
Jesus, Penetration of the Conscience;
Jesus, Naming that is never forgotten;
Jesus, Glory that never diminishes;
Jesus, Godly Longing;
Jesus, You are not repulsed even by us;
Jesus, You make us too Partakers in You;
Jesus, You are Good Shepherd for us too;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 9

The Angels ceaselessly Glorify Your Holy Name, Jesus, chanting: Holy, holy, holy, Hosanna in the Highest, whereas we, sinners, on Earth, with our lips of clay Chant: *Alleluia!*

³ See note 19 below about *the Iconic Body*.

Ikos 9

We see the deceiving orators being silenced like voiceless fish, for they cannot conceive to account how You, Immutable God, at once Exist as a Perfect Man, for which mystery we are also left wondering and Prostrating to You.

Jesus, God, the One Beyond it all;
Jesus, You are the Maker of the World;
Jesus, You Descend from the Godhead;
Jesus, You want to be Together with Your Creation;
Jesus, You Unite Yourself with our Life as well;
Jesus, You give the Law, yet the Forgiveness as well;
Jesus, Comforter of those who cry;
Jesus, Helper of those who have not;
Jesus, You do not Judge us by our deeds;
Jesus, You banish the sin from us;
Jesus, You redeem us from death;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 10

Wanting to Save the world, East Sunrise of all sunrises, You came towards the West to meet our darkened nature, You have made Yourself humble to death, yet Your Name suffered no diminishment, but is Glorified in Heaven and on Earth with a loud Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Eternal King, Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse us too of all our corruption, as You have cleansed the ten lepers, and heal us as You have healed Zacchaeus the greedy Publican.

Jesus, Godly Treasure;
Jesus, Wealth that is never spent;
Jesus, Treasury that is never emptied;
Jesus, Feed us, the famished ones, as well;

Jesus, quench our thirst, the parched ones;
Jesus, clothe us as well, the naked ones;
Jesus, rest us too, the ones exhausted by sin;
Jesus, be the Shore of our salvation;
Jesus, be the Captain of our storm beset Life;
Jesus, be the quelling of our tempests;
Jesus, O, our God and Savior;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 11

A song of humbleness we offer You, we the unworthy, as we cry out to You like the woman of Canaan: Jesus, have Mercy on us, for it is not our Daughter but our body which is ferociously possessed by the devil and savagely ridden with passions, so that healing us, we may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

Just as Paul, Your persecutor, was enlightened by the Godly Voice, Lighten our blind and darkened Souls too, our Lord and Maker.

Jesus, You are the Unique Image of Godhead;
Jesus, through You the True God is Revealed to us;
Jesus, Unique and Absolute Son;
Jesus, through You, we are also made Sons of God;
Jesus, Unique Creator of the World;
Jesus, Unique Lord of it all;
Jesus, Unique Savior;
Jesus, You Ascend above all idols;
Jesus, You Reveal the True Face of God;
Jesus, You are from now on the Unique Temple in Heaven and on Earth;
Jesus, Unique Liturgy of Life;
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 12

Bestow Your Grace upon us, Absolver of all our debts, and receive us too, as You did Peter who had denied You and then returned to You, and Call us to You as you did Peter, so we too may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

Praising Your Resurrection, we Believe, together with Thomas, that You are our Lord and God, the One sitting at the right side of the Father together with the Holy Spirit, and that You will Come again to Judge the Living and the dead.

Jesus, our Lord and God;

Jesus, Revelation of the Image of the Godly Trinity;

Jesus, Savior from Heaven and from Earth;

Jesus, to You we, the humble ones, run;

Jesus, to You we run as to our Hope for the ultimate salvation;

Jesus, to You we Pray in hopelessness;

Jesus, in You we Trust for redemption;

Jesus, to You we look for Understanding;

Jesus, from You we await Salvation;

Jesus, to You we confess all our corruption;

Jesus, You are our God and at once United with us;

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 13

O, Most Sweet and Merciful Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World, Receive now this our feeble Prayer, as you received the two coins of the poor widow, and Shelter Your Creation from all visible and invisible enemies, from other people's encroachment, from weakness, hunger and all the disasters and deadly wounds, and mostly from the eternal damnation, saving us, so that we may also Chant to You ceaselessly: *Alleluia!*

The Akathist Hymn

(The Akathist of the Annunciation)

Kontakion 1

Our Lady and Defender, for Your victory, we, your servants, whom You delivered from evil, are ever thankful, O, Theotokos! And, as You have unvanquished Dominion, release us from all our weaknesses, so we may Chant to you: **Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!**

Ikos 1

The foremost Archangel from Heaven was sent to You, to tell You, All-Holy: Rejoice! And beholding the Mystery of the Godly Incarnation, was himself filled with divine fear, and said:

Rejoice, through You the Light Rises again;
Rejoice, through You the curse is lifted;
Rejoice, restoration of Adam from sin;
Rejoice, redemption of Eve's tears;
Rejoice, Mystery hidden from the Ages;
Rejoice, Mystery that is now revealed;
Rejoice, Throne of the Godly King;
Rejoice, Pure Arms of the World;
Rejoice, through You the Maker Shows Himself;
Rejoice, Womb of the Godly Incarnation;
Rejoice, through You Creation is Renewed;
Rejoice, through You the Maker becomes an Infant;
Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 2

Beholding Yourself in Innocence, You told Gabriel the Archangel: «How can I accept the message of your Glorified Voice?... How can there be an Unwedded Birth?»... but the Archangel prostrated Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Seeking to understand the incomprehensible, You have asked the Archangel again: «What Mystery Birth can this be?»... Yet, the Archangel remained in fearful prostration.

Rejoice, Protector of the ineffable Knowledge;

Rejoice, mystery Will of God;

Rejoice, Initiator of Christ's Miracles;

Rejoice, His most Wondrous Incarnation;

Rejoice, Ladder upon which God Himself Descends;

Rejoice, Bridge between Heaven and Earth;

Rejoice, Angels' Anticipation;

Rejoice, Man's Crowning Pinnacle;

Rejoice, depth of Prophecy which is now being fulfilled;

Rejoice, Revelation that no one could conceive;

Rejoice, Opening of the Sealed Door;

Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 3

The Godly Power has Rested on You then and Your Womb, like a Magnificent Mystery, was Filled with Fruition, so the Son of God and at once the Son of the World was Conceived in the Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Carrying the Godly Incarnation, You ran to Elizabeth, herself bearing in her Womb a Noble Infant who Gladly Rejoicing and Leaping at Your Arrival, Rightly Acknowledged You as the Mother of the Incarnated God.

Rejoice, for You gave Birth to the Incarnated Son of God;
Rejoice, Birth of Godhead as Created Being as well;
Rejoice, Blossom whose Fruition is God Himself;
Rejoice, Furrow of the Godly Worker;
Rejoice, Field of the Sower from High Above;
Rejoice, Land that is now offering its Great Harvest;
Rejoice, Light Revealing the Sun as well;
Rejoice, "New Day" that is never-ending;
Rejoice, "new" Making of the World;
Rejoice, Tree of Life that has been Planted;
Rejoice, Heaven that becomes Kingdom;
Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 4

Overcome by thoughts of doubt, the wise Joseph Knew then that You were Blameless, Your Godly Conception being from the Holy Spirit.

Ikos 4

The Shepherds, hearing the Angels Glorifying the Birth of Christ, ran to Him as to their own Shepherd, and Seeing Him as a Lamb in Your Arms, all Prostrated to Him.

Rejoice, Mother of the Lamb and Shepherd too;
Rejoice, Most Holy Stable of the World;
Rejoice, "new" Heaven on Earth;
Rejoice that Heaven and Earth now Encounter each other;
Rejoice that God is Revealing Himself;
Rejoice, Foundation of the now Fulfilled Faith;
Rejoice, Greatest Gift;
Rejoice that the Boundless One is Embraced by Your Arms;
Rejoice that Eternity Rests on Your Bosom;
Rejoice, World's Icon of Mystery;
Rejoice, Prostration of the Entire Creation;
Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 5

Beholding the Godly directed Star, the Magi followed its guiding Light; and holding it like a Torchlight, they Searched for the Great King; and reaching the unapproachable One, they Rejoiced, Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

Beholding, in Your Virgin Arms, the One who Fashioned all Creation, and Acknowledging Him as the Lord Himself of everyone, they offered Him Gifts and songs of Glorification.

Rejoice, through You, the Godly Son Rises;

Rejoice, Dawn of “new beginning”;

Rejoice, Unraveling of the impenetrable Mystery;

Rejoice that all sin is now being exposed;

Rejoice that the tragic fall is now ending;

Rejoice that Angels and Men pass over to the Immutable Shore;

Rejoice, Recovery of the Original Image;

Rejoice that God and the World Embrace one another;

Rejoice that the World stands Before God without amalgamation;

Rejoice, Prospect of Eternity Itself;

Rejoice, Image to whom everyone and everything Prostrates;

Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 6

The God-heralding Magi, upon returning to Babylon, fulfilled the Prophecy and shamed King Herod the deceiver who did not Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

You Walked into Egypt as well, so that the Light would Shine everywhere, and the idols, unable to remain standing any longer, fell Before One who Is the Only God.

Rejoice, New Image of the World;
Rejoice, collapse of the old deception;
Rejoice, drowning of the bodiless pharaoh;
Rejoice, crossing of the “Sea of Mystery”;
Rejoice, exodus from the Egypt of sinfulness;
Rejoice that the Messiah has Come;
Rejoice that Moses is now Christ;
Rejoice that the Manna of the desert is in the Image of the
Bread of Life;
Rejoice that “the Promised Land” is “the Kingdom of God”;
Rejoice that the “cursed” Ground is now being Blessed;
Rejoice that sin is now being absolved;
Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 7

The Old Simeon, begging to be allowed to depart from this world, Rightly and Truthfully Acknowledged You, Mother of the Incarnated God, Joyfully Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

The Creation was Renewed for through Your Birth the Restorer of the World has Come, to Whom we ourselves bring the rightful offering.

Rejoice, Icon-Incarnated Godhead;
Rejoice, Icon, Renewed Created Being;
Rejoice, Icon, at once Invisible and Visible;
Rejoice, Prostration from High Above and from down below;
Rejoice, New Tablets of the Law;
Rejoice, New Ark of the Rebuilt Temple;
Rejoice, Holy of Holies in Opening;
Rejoice, Undoing of all Seals;
Rejoice, what Moses could not hear or see;
Rejoice, Altar prefigured by Elijah;

Rejoice that instead of the “Fire from the Heaven,” God Himself Descended;

Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 8

Beholding the unearthly Birth, let us too separate ourselves from all earthly and corrupted things and, transporting our Minds to all Heavenly things, Chant to the One who Descended to us from below: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Present Below completely, He was never separated from those on High, as being the Godly Word, He embraced it all.

Rejoice, Chamber of the Uncontainable One;

Rejoice, Door of the World, of Great Honor;

Rejoice, Glory that can now be seen;

Rejoice, Word that is not Spoken;

Rejoice that those contrary are no more;

Rejoice that You have United Chastity with Birth;

Rejoice, through whom the Nature of Creation passes over the threshold;

Rejoice, through whom all Things Beyond nature are received;

Rejoice, Mother of Christ the Eternal One;

Rejoice, Mother of Christ who is with us till the end of time;

Rejoice, Mother of Christ of Everyone;

Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 9

All Beings marveled at the great deed of the Incarnation from High Above, at how, becoming a Man, He was not diminished, and for this we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

We see the faithless ones, O, Theotokos, being simply incapable to conceive the Mystery Beyond Nature, and we bring You ceaseless Praise.

Rejoice that You prove philosophers to be mere fools;
Rejoice that You shame all the debaters;
Rejoice that You bring the Wisdom from High Above;
Rejoice, Mind Beyond all things pertaining to the Mind itself;
Rejoice, Heart of the Spirit's Depth;
Rejoice, Knowledge only pertaining to Faith;
Rejoice, Abode of All Things Beyond Nature too;
Rejoice, Mother of the One Gathering the entire Creation;
Rejoice, Mother of the One making Creation into Liturgy;
Rejoice, Godly Love Itself;
Rejoice, also Pure Love of the World;
Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 10

Desiring to Save the World, the Great Shepherd has Incarnated through You, and Made Himself in the Image of Man and Working, so as we all may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

O, Theotokos, Stronghold of Purity and Innocence of the World, Harboring Shore of those who run to You, be our Intercessor to our Lord and Maker, as the one having a Mother's Daring Influence.

Rejoice, Tower of Purity;
Rejoice, Innocence without alteration;
Rejoice, Originator of the Transfiguration from Above;
Rejoice, Bearer of the Godly Gift;
Rejoice, trampling of the snake that had fallen from the Light;
Rejoice that You are from now on Image of Salvation;
Rejoice that we have You as our Great Mercifulness;

Rejoice, our Mother as well;
Rejoice that it is You we run to in dangers;
Rejoice that it is You we look to for salvation;
Rejoice, Image of the Great Mother;
Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 11

If we were to bring You numberless praise and psalms, as many as the grains of sand in the sea, we could not accomplish anything worthy of You, for your Mercifulness is boundless, and for that we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

You are the Torchlight that dissipates all darkness, All-Holy Theotokos, for You have Born the Divine Godly Son and You Made Yourself His Means of Revelation.

Rejoice, Ray of the Son Himself;
Rejoice, Light that never sets;
Rejoice, Light bolt from the Firmament;
Rejoice, Thunder that can cast dread upon all;
Rejoice that You were separated from the heathen thunderstorm;
Rejoice that You make Yourself the Calm Land;
Rejoice, Mother we all Come to;
Rejoice, Mother we all Trust in;
Rejoice, Mother of undiminished Love;
Rejoice, Arms of perpetual Embrace;
Rejoice, Mother who leaves no one to perdition;
Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 12

O, Mother of the Redeemer of all debts, through You, the “record” of all sins is torn, and we again receive the Grace in the Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

We Prostrate to Your Godly Birth, and we Glorify You as the Living Church Itself, with unceasing chanting.

Rejoice, Church-New Temple of the World;

Rejoice, Church, Image of the Son of God Himself;

Rejoice, Church that Opens the sealed Altar;

Rejoice, Church wherein all the World Enters;

Rejoice, Church, God and World in Encounter;

Rejoice, Church, Creation's Speaking with the Creator;

Rejoice, Church wherein Comes the Holy Spirit;

Rejoice, Church wherein God the Father imparts Benediction;

Rejoice, Image of the House of Eternity;

Rejoice, New Jerusalem of Christ;

Rejoice, New Temple Erected all over;

Rejoice, Bride, Unwedded!

Kontakion 13

O, Most-Praised Mother, who gave Birth to the Word, the One Most Holy of all the Saints, accept now this Offering from us, Deliver us from all temptation and save us from the eternal torment, so we may all Chant: *Alleluia!*

The Akathist of the Holy Cross

Kontakion 1

In the Image of the Thrice All-Holy Cross of our Lord we too Prostrate, rejoicing into the Godly Shield and Shelter, Chanting with all our heart: **Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point between You and the World, Christians' Victory!**

Ikos 1

Your Cross, Lord, and Your Mystery are One, and so, through Your Cross We Prostrate to You, with the Angels and with all Creation, as the Encounter between You and the World.

We Prostrate, in the Image of Mystery;

We Prostrate, Image of God the Father's Blessing;

We Prostrate to the Son's Prostration;

We Prostrate, Deep of the All-Holy Spirit;

We Prostrate, Window open from and toward the World;

We Prostrate to God Himself;

We Prostrate, Image of Unamalgamation;

We Prostrate, Image of the Same Will;

We Prostrate to the Godly Image Itself;

We Prostrate, Foundation of it all;

Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point between You and the World, Christians' Victory!

Kontakion 2

Before the Making of the World, You have Conceived it, Lord, through the Image of the Cross, through which, to the Godhead Descending and "Entwining" Itself with the Creation, we too are Chanting : *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Your Mystery, Lord, Overflows and the World is Created, and thus the “Foundation of the Cross” is laid, Foundation which no one can destroy anymore.

We Prostrate, Image of Your Working, Lord;

We Prostrate to the Conceiving Itself of Creation;

We Prostrate, Will that Brings it all into Being;

We Prostrate, Outflow of the Godly Deep⁴;

We Prostrate, Mystery and Revelation in Entwinement;

We Prostrate, Visible and Invisible beyond borders;

We Prostrate to the Threshold of the impassable “chasm”;

We Prostrate, Image of the World’s Beginning;

We Prostrate, Arms of the Foundation of it all;

We Prostrate, One Beyond Beginnings, that Begins it all;

We Prostrate, Union wherein all stand together;

Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point between You and the World, Christians’ Victory!

Kontakion 3

In the Beginning there was the Word God... and the Word Became Flesh, Heaven and Earth were Created and the World was Born, and the Man United it all in the Image of the Cross, Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Heaven was in the Image of the Cross, and in the Middle Earth the Tree of Life, the Encounter-Entwinement of Mystery.

We Prostrate, Image of Heaven;

We Prostrate, Image of the Tree of Life;

⁴ I use the adjective form instead of noun here to recall a relevant and useful image and understanding from *Psalms 41: Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls.*

We Prostrate, Union from High Above and from Below;
We Prostrate to the Godly Union;
We Prostrate, Mystery of Perfection Itself;
We Prostrate, Mystery that “division” cannot divide;
We Prostrate, Cross, Bridge over the “impassable threshold”;
We Prostrate, Cross, Ladder between Heaven and Earth;
We Prostrate, Mystery of the Image of Man;
We Prostrate, Cross, which needs to Grow through Man;
We Prostrate, Cross, Eternalizing of it all;

**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians’ Victory!**

Kontakion 4

The Angels fell from the Light and became the “tree of sin,” and the “snake” climbed on the Cross and the “cross of death” was born, but the Man’s Chanting remained: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Through sin, the Image of the Tree of Life becomes the “cross of suffering,” trying to separate God from the World, but Your Image, Cross, is never lost.

We Prostrate, Cross, Unshaken Foundation;
We Prostrate, Power unvanquished;
We Prostrate, Gold that nothing can stain;
We Prostrate, Light that nothing can spoil;
We Prostrate, Image of the Tree of Eternal Life;
We Prostrate, Seed that Retains its Fruit;
We Prostrate, Fruit that remains forever;
We Prostrate, Root in God even;
We Prostrate, Branches of the Entire World;
We Prostrate, Halting in the Man’s Earth;
We Prostrate, Rest upon the Altar from Below;

**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians’ Victory!**

Kontakion 5

On the Ladder of Prostration the Son of God Himself has Descended, and the Holy Spirit Conceived the World, and thus to the Cross of the Sacrifice we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

The “snake of sin” wanted to stop the Divine Incarnation, and rushed to “climb up” itself on the Tree of Cross, but he fell in the depth of darkness.

We Prostrate, Foundation of the Godly cornerstone;

We Prostrate, exposure of the hidden snake;

We Prostrate, revelation of the deception;

We Prostrate, uncovering of the lie;

We Prostrate, Mystery that Reveals all the Mysteries;

We Prostrate, Deep that is never-ending;

We Prostrate, Godly Seal;

We Prostrate, Closure that cannot be undone;

We Prostrate, Closure wherein everything is Revealed;

We Prostrate, Burden which only the Son of God can carry;

We Prostrate, Path of the World through Christ;

**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians’ Victory!**

Kontakion 6

With the Image of the Cross on His Shoulder the Son of God Came, and the “snake” quickly fell, and the World Could See again and Sang with clear voice: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

Cross, Cross, Immortality, from the “cross of death,” through Christ’s Resurrection You have become again the Cross of Life, and again the Prostration from High Above.

We Prostrate, Cross, Liveliest Living;

We Prostrate, Godly Living Itself;

We Prostrate, Bearer of God;
We Prostrate, Light of Grace, un-extinguished;
We Prostrate, Brilliance that is brightest;
We Prostrate, Presence of God all around;
We Prostrate, Love Descended eternally;
We Prostrate, Love that Embraces the World;
We Prostrate, Movement Itself of God;
We Prostrate, Stillness Itself of God;
We Prostrate, Hand, Eyes and Hearing that never cease;
**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians' Victory!**

Kontakion 7

The fallen angels opposed themselves and tried to break the "Seal of the Cross," but they couldn't, and they were hurtled in darkness, without the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

No one can conceive the One Beyond all images, it is only through the Image of Cross that the Creation can See, and Your Icon, Lord, is Revealed as Prostration.

We Prostrate, Cross, Source of Icon;
We Prostrate, Cross giving birth to the Likeness;
We Prostrate, Cross, Face of God Revealed;
We Prostrate, Cross, Revelation of the Prostration;
We Prostrate, Trace of the Godly Finger;
We Prostrate, Conception from all Creation;
We Prostrate, Law un-amended;
We Prostrate, Power above any Law;
We Prostrate, Wording of the Godly Word;
We Prostrate, Book Unwritten and Written;
We Prostrate, Adornment of all those High Up;
**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians' Victory!**

Kontakion 8

With the Image of Your Cross, Lord, we Clothe ourselves as with a Godly Garment, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

In Heaven and on Earth, Prostration is the Greatest Adornment, and it is only to You, our Lord, that Prostration is due.

We Prostrate to You, our Lord and God;
We Prostrate to You, Whom Prostration is Due;
We Prostrate with the Mystery of Your Image Itself;
We Prostrate, Image of the Godly Son;
We Prostrate, Image that Sanctifies all;
We Prostrate, Image through which we are Cleansed;
We Prostrate, Image of both God and of the Sons of Creation;
We Prostrate, Christ's Resurrection;
We Prostrate, Eternity of Immortality;
We Prostrate, Power from High Up and from Down Below;
We Prostrate, Pillar of the Kingdom of God;

Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point between You and the World, Christians' Victory!

Kontakion 9

O, Heavenly and Earthly Joy of the Angels and of all Creation, to the Image of the Cross we too ceaselessly offer Praise and the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

Sin is always perplexing us and we disgrace the Image of the All-Holy Cross, but armed with It, we set out again towards You, Lord.

We Prostrate, Hope of forsaking sin;
We Prostrate, Faith in Salvation unalterable;

We Prostrate, Strength through which we keep rising;
We Prostrate, deliverance beyond Nature;
We Prostrate, unshackling of those who are slaves;
We Prostrate, Wealth of Great Mystery;
We Prostrate, Judgment of all deceptions;
We Prostrate, Justice of Mercifulness;
We Prostrate, weapon of Christ's Peace;
We Prostrate, Center of the Entire World;
We Prostrate, Glorification of all the Christians;

**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians' Victory!**

Kontakion 10

We, the sinners, are struggling between the Cross of Life and the "cross of death," and we often lose our way, but Prostrating, we Chant again: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

O, Mystery of Prostration, Mystery of Love, of Praise, of Chanting, and of Great Veneration, Glorified Cross, we Prostrate in the same Image as well.

We Prostrate, Prostration of absolute Love;
We Prostrate, Prostration of Glorification;
We Prostrate, Prostration of the Song from High Above;
We Prostrate, Sweetest Calling of God;
We Prostrate, Delightful Calling of Creation;
We Prostrate, Encounter Face to Face;
We Prostrate, Encounter unamalgamated;
We Prostrate, Penetration to the deep;
We Prostrate, Outflow from the deep;
We Prostrate, Wholeness at once;
We Prostrate, o, wonderful Prostration!

**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians' Victory!**

Kontakion 11

Emperor Constantine and his Mother, Helena, Raised the Cross above the idolatrous pagandom, and since then, Cross, You have been the Greatest Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

Cross, You are the Highest Above, on Churches, on towers, on all elevations, in every place from within and from without.

We Prostrate, Fulfillment of the Revelation from High Above;

We Prostrate, Blessing over the entire World;

We Prostrate, Scepter of the true Dominion;

We Prostrate, Image of all Deification;

We Prostrate, Foundation of the Church of Christ;

We Prostrate, Guardian of the Christians;

We Prostrate, Shield undefeated;

We Prostrate, Harbor for everyone;

We Prostrate, Mystery Prayer of the Saints;

We Prostrate, Greatest Icon;

We Prostrate, Prostration of all Prostrations;

Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point between You and the World, Christians' Victory!

Kontakion 12

In Heavens, All-Shining Light, on Earth, the Wood of the Tree of Life, Cross, Cross, we too Chant with all our heart: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

The Whole Grace of the Godly Trinity Overflows from the Cross, and Prostration is itself Your Achievement, o, Cross, Image of Mystery, Image of Kneeling of it all.

We Prostrate to Your Cross, Lord;

We Prostrate, Jesus, Resurrection of the Cross;

We Prostrate, Father God;
We Prostrate, All-Holy Spirit, likewise;
We Prostrate together with all the Saints;
We Prostrate with our Heads bowed down;
We Prostrate with our Hands Raised Up;
We Prostrate with our Eyes Open;
We Prostrate in the Image of the Cross;
We Prostrate kneeling down;
We Prostrate Joyfully;

**Lord, to Your Holy Cross we Prostrate, Meeting Point
between You and the World, Christians' Victory!**

Kontakion 13

O, All-Hallowed Prostration, Earthly Wood of Life, O, Icon from Heavens, Prayer of Mystery, everyone's Salvation, we, who live in this age, offer to You our Strongest Voice in the Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Akathist to the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Kontakion 1

Only You, Son of God, could vanquish the death of sin and, thus, Bring Resurrection to the world, the Eternity within which You have Created all and have Founded all anew, in the Joy of the Godly Love, with which we also Commune by Chanting: **Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!**

Ikos 1

Ineffable is the “Mystery of the Creation of the World” and so is the Mystery through which “the world comes out of the death of sin” when, through Your Resurrection, Lord, the True Image in which You Created it all is Revealed.

Jesus, Godly Word through Which everything was made;

Jesus, Son of God, the Absolute Love;

Jesus, You have Sealed upon the World Your Image of Son;

Jesus, You have Made a Pure Creation;

Jesus, You Cleanse the sin of Creation too;

Jesus, through Your Resurrection, You have vanquished death;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 2

You Created the World, Knowing that it would fall into sin, from Eternity making Yourself its Savior; and behold that, through Your Resurrection, this is fulfilled in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Sin has torn the world between “Life and death” and originated the entrance into the corrupted transience, in the battle between Good and evil, between Birth and murder.

Jesus, along with Eternity, You have again Descended into the World;

Jesus, You have cancelled transience;

Jesus, You have remitted sin;

Jesus, You have taken away the condemnation;

Jesus, You have Restored the Original Image;

Jesus, You have Come with the Mystery of Life;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 3

Life was the Image of Creation, and only through sin did death occur, as a separation from Your Love and as a fall into “self pleasure,” without the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

The fallen angels have torn the Heavens in two, into Light and the most abysmal darkness, just as, through the Man-Adam’s sinning, the Soul was torn from the body, and death appeared in the world.

Jesus, You make the Light Rise again;

Jesus, You Unite the Soul with the Body again;

Jesus, through Your Incarnation, You Transform it all again;

Jesus, You Embrace it all in the Godly Love;

Jesus, You Bring Life again;

Jesus, You Offer us again the Catalyst of Eternity;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 4

You made Lazarus the first Image of the Resurrection from death, You pulled him out from decay and Called him to Life Again, thus vanquishing death in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

The wound of sin You have thus healed, and You have Revealed the True Image of Your Creation, for the Godly Life is Eternal and boundless life.

Jesus, Vanquish our sin as well;

Jesus, Allow us too to partake in the Inheritance of the Resurrection;

Jesus, release us too from the abyss of death;

Jesus, heal us too of the “ancestral wound”;

Jesus, Call us to Life too, as You Called Lazarus;

Jesus, lead us away from the “path of death”;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 5

Ineffable is the Mystery of Your Incarnation into the world, as sin is vanquished and we reach up to the Original Image, moreover, with Your Image that Fulfills all in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

The “fall in the sin of death” was frightening, and now the Great Joy is in Your Resurrection, which brings the Light of Immortality that no one and nothing can dispel.

Jesus, Godly Love that does not remember sin;

Jesus, Love that crosses the “chasm of death”;

Jesus, Love that transforms the Cross into Resurrection;

Jesus, You Make everything Anew;

Jesus, Love that Grows Life again;

Jesus, Love that Springs in Immortality;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 6

Sin treads on the “path of the Cross of death” and Each of us must walk on it but, through Your Godly Cross, You have imparted to us the power of Victory, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

We Prostrate to Your Godly Cross and thus we carry “our cross” in the Hope of Resurrection, which You are now Offering to us.

Jesus, You first took on the Cross of death;

Jesus, You first carried our sins;

Jesus, You first trampled on “the snake of death”;

Jesus, You gave us too the Power of the Cross;

Jesus, You Granted us Salvation through the Cross;

Jesus, from now on, You have Received us in the Eternal Resurrection;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 7

The “Sacrifice of Your Cross,” Jesus Christ, was Great and dreadful, Heaven was petrified and the Earth trembled, yet Great Joy and Light is Your Resurrection in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

We Prostrate to Your Passion of the Cross, O, Lord Jesus, at once with Prostration to Your Resurrection, through which death was vanquished, sin was remitted, and the Creation was released from the dreaded doom.

Jesus, we Prostrate to Your Victorious Cross;

Jesus, we Prostrate to Your Eternal Resurrection;

Jesus, from now on, the suffering of sin no longer discourages us;

Jesus, through Your Resurrection, we too can renounce sin;

Jesus, through Your Resurrection, we too Believe in Eternity;

Jesus, from now on, Your Resurrection is everything for us;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 8

We are still struggling with our sins, and our seen and unseen enemies hound us cunningly, but You, Wellspring of our Salvation, do not forsake us and, thus, with You as our Hope, we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Come, let us drink New Drink, not from empty rock but from the Wellspring of Blamelessness, for Your Tomb, Jesus, Became the Gate of Your Eternal Resurrection.

Jesus, our Lord and Savior;

Jesus, the world's Resurrection from now on;

Jesus, Resurrection that broke the "threshold" of death;

Jesus, Resurrection, ineffable Joy;

Jesus, the sweetest Chanting;

Jesus, Wellspring of Life for all Creation;

Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 9

The entire Creation was transformed with the Leaven of Your Resurrection, the Legacy of the Eternity that is to come, through which we can, from now on, Vanquish all stings of death, Chanting *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

O, Godly Son, sin has got us surrounded by the darkness of death, and here You Come now, with the Light of Life and Receive Us too in It.

Jesus, Godly Light;

Jesus, Light, beyond it all;

Jesus, Light that springs the "Light of the world" too;

Jesus, Light of Eternity that never sets;

Jesus, Light, Your Image of Godly Son Itself;

Jesus, Light, through which everything was Created;
Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 10

Glory to You Who have Saved the World from death! We Sing Glory to You! together with the Angels and with all the Saints, in the never-ending Praise of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Now, all the tombs have been emptied, the Church of Eternity has been Founded, and You have made Yourself High Priest in Heavens and on Earth.

Jesus, Building of the New Temple;
Jesus, Building of Fulfilled Church-Temple;
Jesus, Godly Altar Itself;
Jesus, Incarnated Godhead Itself;
Jesus, Mystery Priesthood Itself;
Jesus, Self-Giving Itself;
Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 11

Your Resurrection is the Victory of the Redeeming Cross, through which, from now on, all is Sanctified, and Your Sweetest Name is Heralded from the Highest Tops, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

We too Prostrate to Your Resurrected Cross, and with Chanting voices we glorify Your Godly Love, through which You elevate us in Your Kingdom.

Jesus, our Life Uncorrupted;
Jesus, our Salvation;
Jesus, our Faith unshaken;

Jesus, our Strongest Confession;
Jesus, the Glory Itself of the Christians;
Jesus, Godly Foundation of the Church;
Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 12

O, incommensurable Joy of Resurrection, o, Happiness beyond it all, o, Communion with the Holy Ones, o, Icon from High Above, we also Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

Heaven and Earth are now within the Happiness of the immortal Eternity and You, Godly Son, are the Wellspring of Immortality, the unexhausted One.

Jesus, Joy of Eternity;
Jesus, Joy of the Godly Kingdom;
Jesus, Joy of the Image Itself of Life;
Jesus, Joy of the Image of Love;
Jesus, Joy of the Godly Image Itself;
Jesus, to the Joy of Your Resurrection we too are running;
Jesus, the Risen One, Resurrect our Soul!

Kontakion 13

To Your Resurrection we Prostrate, Lord Jesus Christ, and we Confess It with our Strongest Voice; in Your Glorification we proclaim our Joy, Praying that You Resurrect us too, and pull us out from death, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of the Holy Spirit

Kontakion 1

Godly Dominion, Holy Spirit Most Holy, the depth of Sanctification and Mercifulness, to You we Prostrate and we ask You, Come and Abide within us, Giver of Life, and cleanse us from every stain, we who are Chanting to You: **Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!**

Ikos 1

God the Father is the Image of the King, the Son is His Likeness as Dominion, and You, Holy Spirit Most-Holy are His Face of Majesty, to whom all Prostration is due.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Divine Dominion;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Face above all seeing;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, deep of the Father's Image;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, together with the Son, showing of the Godhead;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, revelation of the Mystery;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, movement itself of Life;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Equality within the absolute One;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Whole within the Wholeness in Itself;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Same within the Trinity;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Pneuma Love⁵ from the Father's Love;

⁵ *Love* is one of the concepts for which Romanian has two essentially perfect equivalent words: *iubire* and *dragoste*. They are both generally translated in English by *love*, but Fr. Ghelasie distinguishes between the two, in order to describe two different types of *Love*, from an Orthodox Christian theological perspective. These two differentiated terms have to do with the Trinity of Persons, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, both in God, and in Creation-Man:

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, ineffable speaking;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 2

With the full knowledge that we would sin, the Son's Sacrifice Created us, Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Your Mercy gave us Life, and the Forgiveness from the Father's Blessing gave us Being; You especially promised to us that You would cleanse us, and for this we are Chanting to You: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

As the Son wanted to Create the World, You, Sanctification Itself, promised that You would Sanctify It and that sin would be vanquished, so that, through Your Mercy, we have been able to have Life.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Mercy that gave us Life;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, our Creator, together with the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, first Kindness;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, our Intercessor;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You have vanquished sin from the beginning;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, because You removed the obstacle of sin;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Power over the evil of the death brought by sin;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Strength of the Immortal Life;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Foundation of our created Being;

thus there is God the Father as *Love(1)-Conscience-Nous*, there is the Son as *Logos-Language-Selfgiving* and there is the Holy Spirit as *Pneuma-Memory-Love(2)*. To distinguish, I translate them as *Love* and *Pneuma Love* since in the second case love is seen a function of the Holy Spirit which in Romanian is named as the Slavonic term *Duh* (*Pneuma* – see note 9 below) instead of the Latin term, *Spirit*.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Sanctification that overwhelms all things;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, absolute Immovability;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 3

The Father is “the One Who Is,” the Son is “the One Who Exists” and You, Holy Spirit, are “the One Existentializing,” at once, and in the Equality of the One Trinity, to whom we are Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

The Godly Father’s Love has the Mystery of the Son’s Birth and of Your Proceeding, Holy Spirit, Most Holy, without amalgamation, without division and at once in Oneness.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Proceeding in Itself;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Witness of the Birth;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Rest in the Son’s Birth;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Deep⁶ of the Godhead;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Arms that Receive the Birth;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Overflow of the Father’s Love in the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Carrier of the Father’s Deep⁷ in the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Flowing of the Father in the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Joy of the Father in the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Seeing of the Father in the Son’s Eyes;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Likeness of the Father in the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

⁶ See note 4 above.

⁷ See note 4 above.

Kontakion 4

There is no spoken expression for the Mystery of the Godhead, but You, Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Tell us those things above nature, so that we may Partake in them, for which we chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

How can we Name the One who is above all Name? Yet You, Holy Spirit, Most Holy, who are the Mystery Naming, offer us the Namings of Mystery.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Voice of the things unspoken;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Name above all Name;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, unfathomable deep⁸;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Expanse that is unbounded;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, majesty that is unconceivable;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Likeness that cannot be depicted;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Image that we cannot see;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Revelation which comes through You alone;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Communion of Mystery;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Light we can only receive through You;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Understanding we can only know through You;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 5

God the Father is the One Unborn, the Wellspring-Origin; the Son is the One Born, the Water; and You are the Proceeding, the Flowing, as Trinity in Itself, to whom we chant: *Alleluia!*

⁸ See note 4 above.

Ikos 5

God the Father is the Image, the Son is the Likeness-Word,
and You are the Face that Bears the Image and the Likeness.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Wings;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Wings of the World;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Abundance within the Trinity;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Heart of the Father;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Blood of the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Heartbeat of the Whole Trinity;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Image of the Father's Bread;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Tree of the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, the Father's Power and the Son's
Virtue;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Day of the Father and Light of the
Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Garment of the Trinity;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 6

Love is Birth; the Father perpetually Births the Son and the
Son perpetually Rebirths the Father, and You Proceed as well,
as ineffable Mystery, to whom we chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

Father's Love constantly Flows within the Son, and the Son's
Love within the Father, each becoming Communion, which You
Bear above any speaking.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Bearer of Love;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Soul's Love Itself;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Eternal Memory;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Communion of Love Itself;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Great Hierarch together with the Son;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, of Equal Honor;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Show the Father and the Son;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You can Comprise the Absolute;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Kinship Itself;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Oneness in Itself;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 7

The Son Conceived Creation wherein He Poured His Image of Word, and You, Receiving Creation, also Poured Your Image into It, so that we too have all those pertaining to You, through which we also chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

You, Who are Life, through Your Image of Spirit⁹, as Providence-Godly Hand, Hold all and ordain all.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You are the Seal of all things;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You are the Opening of all things;

⁹ *Spirit* here is what we call *Pneuma* in Father Ghelasie's books. The reason is that the word *Spirit* has two equivalent words in Romanian, a Slavonic one, *Duh* pronounced [du:h], and a Latin one, *Spirit*. Most translations of theological and religious books do not mark the difference, and typically the word *Spirit* is used in English. But for Father Ghelasie *Duh* and *Spirit* have distinct meanings, so I have chosen, as a solution for the English translation, to use something closer to Fr. Ghelasie's own definition of the concepts. I have chosen to use the Greek word 'Pneuma' to distinguish clearly between the two terms as they are used in Father Ghelasie's Triad of Soul: *Love-Conscience, Pneuma-Memory-Movement of Soul* and *Spirit-Language (Logos of the Soul)*, Triad which is also reflected in the Created Being, in a similar way. Thus, to clarify, *Pneuma* designates the Holy Spirit (as the Person from the Holy Trinity, and whose equivalent in Romanian is not the Latin *Spirit*, but the Slavonic *Duh*) so that in Man, or the Created Being, *Pneuma* (and *Soul Pneuma*) reflects this correspondence with the Holy Spirit of the Trinity; whereas the *Spirit* is the Son-Logos-Language, with the correspondence in Man with the language-logos, after the Image of the Son.

Also the term *Pneuma* brings to forefront the image and notion of the *Spirit* as *Breath*, which is very significant in Orthodoxy.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Hand of God Himself;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Breath of Eternity;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, unbounded Living;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Hold all things in Your Arms;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Seal from our Heart as well;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Pneuma Love¹⁰ within ourselves;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Sanctification within ourselves;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly “Gift” from all things;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 8

There is no Appearance that would Show Your Image of Spirit, You who are the Deep¹¹ in Itself, yet who reveal Yourself through those pertaining to the Son, who is the Revelation of the Father’s Image, to whom we too chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Your ineffable and invisible Image is within the Icon of the Son’s Light, the One who reveals the Will of the Father.
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You reveal the Greatest Name;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You are the most Holy Name;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, the Father’s Voice toward the Son;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, the Son’s Word toward the Father;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Embrace of the Godhead;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Seeing of the Father;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Hearing of the Son’s Word;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Hand of the Father’s Blessing;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Writing from the Book of the Word;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, endless Measure of the Father;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, boundless Inclusion of the Son;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

¹⁰ See note 4 above about *Love* vs *Pneuma Love*.

¹¹ Same as note 4 above.

Kontakion 9

The Father is God and the Son is the Likeness, and You, Holy Spirit, Most Holy, are the Dwelling in which we abide and chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

Through You, Spirit of Life, we are too Dwellings of Beings, which, having been stained by sin, after the Son's Resurrection, You Come to Renew.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Descend from High on;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Vanquisher of sin;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Crowning of the Son's Sacrifice;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You give us back our Image;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You overflow the Grace again;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Descend in Tongues of Fire;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, through You we Receive again Power from High Above;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Mercifulness that never diminishes;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You give us back the Light;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Bring back the Word;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Spirit¹² within us;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 10

All that is in Heaven and on Earth exist through Your Bringing them into Being in Spirit¹³, and each of us exists in this Image which Unites us with God, chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

You have Spoken through Prophets, You have been the Wisdom of the Chosen Ones, and all the Gifts and Beauties within and without exist through Your Image of Spirit.

¹² Same as note 9 above.

¹³ Same as note 9 above.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Worker;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Bring it all into Being;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Achieve the Will of the Father;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You Celebrate the Liturgy of Love;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, together with the Son, the Work of
Salvation;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, the Spirit in all things;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, the Spirit through which we Receive
Absolution;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Union from Within and without;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Plenitude of the Trinity;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Giver of all things;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Plenary Spirit of Life;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 11

Your Mercy is for us, sinners, Your Most Desired Image, as without It we would no longer have Life, nor would we have Comfort in our bitter suffering, the Comforter being You, to whom we chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

You are Sanctification in Itself, and You have the Power to bear our sinfulness, so that we Call Your name with awe and reverence, but also with Hope in Your inexhaustible Mercy.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Plenary Sanctification;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, consuming Fire;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, as much Holy as Generous;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Deep of Mercifulness;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Penetrating into our deep¹⁴;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You burn up all impurities;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, You melt all corruption;
Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Seal of Immortality;

¹⁴ See note 4 above.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, to You we Prostrate, Most Generous One;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, to You we Pray, have Mercy on us;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, do not forsake us in death;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 12

You are the Most Holy Spirit, You are the Spirit of Power, You are the Abundance of all the Gifts which You Pour over through Grace, You are the Icon of Life, and through You we chant to the Godly Trinity: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

You are the Spirit of the Church of Christ, You are Together with the Son, in the Liturgy of the Father's Love, You are the Bearer of those things from High Above.

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Spirit All-Holy;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Deep that springs outward;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Revelation of Christ's Gospel;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Worker made of Grace;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Invisible Presence;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Come within us too;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, through You, we Unite with those High Above;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Icon within all things;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, God within all things;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Invincible Power of Life;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Flame of Eternity that does not scorch;

Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, have mercy on us!

Kontakion 13

O, Holy Spirit, Most Holy, Godly Dominion, Come with the Tongues of the Spirit's Flames and Give us the Mystery Joy wherein God the Father and the Son Reveal Themselves, o, Most Generous and our Comforter, so that we may chant: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of the Holy Communion

Kontakion 1

Even before the Ages, Son and Word of God, through Your Image, You have Conceived and Created all things, and then, Incarnating Yourself, You have Transformed the World into Your Godly Body: **Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled!**

Ikos 1

Were it not for Your Godly Body, Lord Jesus, and if the World did not take Communion from It, it would be left in the darkness from below, and it would never See or Meet with Its Maker.

Jesus, Godly Body of the World;

Jesus, Encounter between God and the World;

Jesus, Godly Body, the crossing over the “impassable threshold”;

Jesus, Revelation of Those Beyond any Appearance;

Jesus, Godhead that Pours Itself even into a World;

Jesus, Door Opened from within God Himself;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 2

How can the absolute Boundless be Contained into the Bounded? Here is the incomprehensible Mystery, through which You, Son of God, are at once, so that the World may Stand Face to Face with God, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

In the Beginning was the Word and the Word made Itself Body, the World was Made through Him and in Him all things Unite, in the Godly Body.

Jesus, Godly Image of the World;

Jesus, Word that became Body;

Jesus, Love Manifold;

Jesus, Godly Love and the Love of the World;

Jesus, Mystery through which all things were Created;

Jesus, You Yourself then became Incarnated;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 3

Who can put into words the Mystery through which You, the Son of God, Reveal Yourself also in the Image of the World and, moreover, how its Body You have Taken, except in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

O, Godly Love, how can it be that You Pour Yourself also into a Love of Creation? O, Jesus, Two Loves at once which Unite in Your Godly Body!

Jesus, Godhead with His Creation in His Arms;

Jesus, and the Being Embraced with God;

Jesus, at once Godly Son and Son of the World;

Jesus, Gift Descended from Those High Above;

Jesus, Gift of Creation too;

Jesus, Godly Body-Gift Received in Eternity;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 4

You have Created Heaven and Earth, the Angels, and the countless Beings, and You have Chosen Man to be the Image of Your Incarnation, in the great Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Heaven and Earth in the Image of Heaven You have United, only to make it then Your Body-Tree of Life, but Man fell into sin and Heaven was lost.

Jesus, Maker of Heaven and of Earth;

Jesus, You Descended from Those Beyond;

Jesus, You Raise the World as well to Those Beyond;

Jesus, Window from the Godhead Himself;

Jesus, and Window of the World toward God;

Jesus, Manifold Seeing over the “absolute threshold”;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 5

The Making of Heaven and Earth was like a prefiguration of Your Incarnation, and thus the Mystery that is above all expression, through You, Lord Jesus, comes true, so that everyone may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

The Word through whom You have Created all things also had within It the Prophecy of Your Incarnation and, behold, “*the Word that Makes Itself Body*” is the Fulfillment.

Jesus, You make the World Your Body;

Jesus, and the World’s Love which can be at once with God;

Jesus, You Give Creation too the Image of Filiation;

Jesus, You pass beyond the “Double Nature”;

Jesus, Invisible and Visible at once;

Jesus, Altar between the “Two Worlds” which would not Meet otherwise;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 6

The Entire Mystery of the World is the Mystery of the Godly Body, since through HIM all things Begin and End, and all things Born are Gathered up in His Eternity, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

All things Created Prefigure the Godly Body, and all Creation is Clothed in His Image and in Him United, at the “Last Supper.”

Jesus, Last Supper of the Godhead;

Jesus, Supper, that is, final Fulfillment of all;

Jesus, Godly Feast of Your Incarnation in the World;

Jesus, Entrance into Eternity for the World as well;

Jesus, Reception of the World “Alongside” God;

Jesus, Creation’s endless Joy to be face to Face with God;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 7

«Take, Eat, this is My Body... Drink of It, this is My Blood...» are the Great Word from Heaven and from Earth, the Book of Life which makes Itself Tree of Life and in turn becomes the “Godly bread,” for the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

«Unless you Eat the Body of the Son of Man and Drink His Blood, you will have no Life in you, » such is the fearsome Calling for us all.

Jesus, the Word, the Original One;
Jesus, Book of Life from Heavens;
Jesus, Tree of Life from Eden;
Jesus, Birth from the Virgin, with a Body;
Jesus, the Incarnated One-Bread of Life;
Jesus, the Crucified and Resurrected One, Communion Body;
**Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are
Fulfilled**

Kontakion 8

The Entire Making of the World, its Life and Prosperity is
“the Work of the Godly Body,” and all things move towards the
Incarnation in Him, and Unite in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

If the Book of Life does not make itself Tree of Life, and this
Tree does not yield as its Fruition the Incarnation from the Holy
Virgin, the Godly Body is not Fulfilled.

Jesus, Mission Itself of the World;
Jesus, Godly Work Itself within His Own Creation;
Jesus, You were not “stopped” by sin;
Jesus, you have vanquished sin through Your Cross;
Jesus, only in the Godly Body are You the true One;
Jesus, only Incarnated are You the Son of God and of the
World;

**Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are
Fulfilled**

Kontakion 9

«Father, our God, here, Thine Own of Thine Own» have
been and are “the Great Utterance” through which the Most-
Holy Spirit, at the same time, Descends to the Chanting of:
Alleluia!

Ikos 9

Everything in Heavens and on Earth is the Liturgy of the Coming into Being of Your Godly Body, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Himself Comes to Bring Him into Being, Gathering up all the Creation of the World.

Jesus, You have burnt up sin;

Jesus, You have Transformed the World again in its first Image;

Jesus, Love that has swiped away the murderous evil;

Jesus, You have not taken away Your Godly Body from us;

Jesus, Bread of Life, more than "heavenly manna";

Jesus, Savior and Eternity of Creation;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 10

Life in Heavens and on Earth is the "Liturgy of Your Godly Body," and should this "cease" some Day, then the World would perish, since only in this is there the Life and the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Come all of you to the Liturgy of Christ's Godly Body, come to the Wellspring of Immortality and the Fulfillment of Eternity.

Jesus, One together with the Holy Spirit, Liturgy of Godly Love;

Jesus and Holy Spirit, Mercifulness from Eternity;

Jesus and Holy Spirit, do not forsake us in the darkness below;

Jesus and Holy Spirit, Give us the Light that never sets;

Jesus and Holy Spirit, do not abhor us for our corruption;

Jesus and Holy Spirit, Receive us too in the Godly Body;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 11

Who is worthy to take Communion from the Godly Body? O, Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, it is only through the Godly Mercifulness from the Altar that we may “Touch” It in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

The Communion with the Godly Body is not for this World, but for the Next and Eternal One, yet You give us “a Foretaste” of it so that we may also Enter into those pertaining to the High Ones.

Jesus, One as Godly Body, the True Christ of the World;

Jesus, One Crucified as the Savior;

Jesus, One Resurrected as Deified Creation;

Jesus, One as Godly Body, Union of all things;

Jesus, One as Godly Body, Icon from High Above and from Down here;

Jesus, One as Godly Body, the Eternalizing of the World as well;

Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are Fulfilled

Kontakion 12

Lord Jesus Christ, only in Your Body do I myself, the sinner, have Life, so do not let me be without the Union with You, so that Your Work might also be Fulfilled in me, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

O, Most-Holy Spirit, through Christ’s Body You also Descend “upon and in” the World, please, be Merciful to me too, so I can Prostrate to You in Eternity.

Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, Liturgy of the Godly Body;

Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, Love of Eternity;
Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, Pneuma Love wherein all things
Unite;

Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, burn up my transgressions as
well;

Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, do not let me be without the
Ultimate Union;

Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, Prostrating I take Communion;

**Jesus, in Your Godly Body the Beginning and the End are
Fulfilled**

Kontakion 13

Treasure of Heaven and Earth, o, Godly Body of Your
Liturgy, Jesus and Most-Holy Spirit, we bow to You with
Prostration so that we may become worthy too of the Great
Mercifulness of the Communion, and thus, be able to Stand
Before our God the Father in the Eternity of the Chanting of:
Alleluia!

Akathist of the Image of Man

Kontakion 1

God Created the Heavens and the Earth and all the Creatures and, above all that, He then Created Man, in whom He Breathed and Sealed the Godly Image, so that Man's Image of Creation, in his Mystery Encounter, would Unite Creation with its Creator, in the Chanting: **We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!**

Ikos 1

God took the Dirt-Image of the Earth and, in the Mystery Pattern of the Godly Image, He Molded Man's Image of Creation and thus He Made him Body and Soul, with the Seal that nothing can ever remove:

We Prostrate to the Godly Seal of Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal within whom at once Body and Soul were Fashioned;

We Prostrate to the Seal within whom the Image of man was Created;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom God has Incarnated;

We Prostrate to the Seal which Made Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom the Invisible is Revealed;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom a World is also Created;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom the Image of Creation is Born;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom God Passes even Over Himself;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom the Creation Crosses
the Mystery Threshold;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Eternal Foundation of the World;
We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 2

God, who is Beyond all things, Creates also a World which
through the Godly Word is Created, and the Word Seals
Himself on the whole Creation, and in His Pattern all things are
Born and they Grow in His Likeness in the Chanting of:
Alleluia!

Ikos 2

With the Firmament High Above, God Creates the Angels,
through whom the Godly Word Makes Himself also Image of
Being; and down on Earth, the Word also Makes Himself Body,
and Fashions Man from the Outpouring Itself of His Image:

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that Makes Creation;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that Creates the Body as
well;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that Creates the Angels
of Heaven;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that Creates all Beings
of the Earth;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that Creates the Spirit
and the matter;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that makes Himself the
Book of the World's Creation;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that Makes the World
from "nothingness";

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that makes Himself the
Law of life and of movement;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Word that creates Man even
Over the Word;

We Prostrate to the Seal Itself of the Godly Image Breathed into Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Creates Man as Incarnation Itself of God's Image;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 3

The Firmament Above with the Angels are the unceasing Chanting of the Seal of the Godly Word Outpoured also into images of Creation, and the Earth with its things and living creatures are in the same way, and then, Above these, Man, with His Image Itself Sealed, in whom the World and its Maker Encounter, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Man is neither Heaven nor Earth, but is the Abode where Heaven and Earth Meet, at the Altar of the image of Man, where the Heavenly Word is Chanted and the Earthly Bodies Prostrate, and thus they Unite:

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Image of Altar;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Heavenly Word;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Earthly Body;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Church, the Abode of the World;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom God is Working;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom God Overflows the Grace;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom He Ordains all;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom He gives Life to all;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Threshold across the impassable abyss;

We Prostrate to the Seal which is Revealed within Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 4

God Spoke and it was Made, His Word was Sealed in all things and in the Working of the Godly Grace has been Inscribed, so thus all Creation has within Itself the Godly Over-pouring in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

When He Made Man, God no longer Spoke, but He directly Breathed the Seal of His Image, and in This Pattern the Work of Grace Fashioned him as Image of Being of Man, Body and Soul at once, an Abode wherein Heaven could Speak and the Earth would Make itself Body of Heaven:

We Prostrate to the Seal That Fashioned Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Created Man by His Breath;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Brought him to Life in Another Image;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, has Another Substance;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Mirrors the World in Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, crosses over the Threshold of the World;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Makes Man above the Thought of Heaven;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Makes Man above the Senses of the Earth;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Makes Man Breath-Soul;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Makes Man both Earthly and Heavenly Soul;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Makes Man Soul and Body in Union of Image;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 5

God's Image of Mystery is Beyond all things, but Its Seal is the Image of the Godly Son who Reveals the Father-Image

Himself, through the Godly Spirit¹⁵, just like the Trinity that Pours Itself out through the Word and Mirrors Itself through the Spirit¹⁶ in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

The Mystery of the Seal is the Mystery of the Image of the Godly Son and, through His Image of Word, all things are Created and, through Breathing, It Imprints Itself on Man; thus, all Creation is the Body of the Son, through which the Seal of the Son's Image becomes the World's Eternity:

We Prostrate to the Seal That Reveals Itself through the Godly Son;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Incarnates Itself through Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Makes the Son of God Man also;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Makes the Son of God Son of the World too;

We Prostrate to the Seal through which the Son of God Works everything;

We Prostrate to the Seal That Offers Man the Godly Image;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Mystery which Reveals Itself through Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Pearl from the Mystery of the World;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Seed of the Fruit of Life;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Seed for the Man of Creation;

We Prostrate to the Seal, God and Creation that Stand Face to Face;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 6

Neither the Heaven with the Angels, nor the Earth with its living things is the Incarnation of the Godly Son's Image, but

¹⁵ Same as note 9 above, about *Pneuma* and *Spirit*.

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the Image of Man is and, through It, all Creation Unites in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

The Godly Son Writes the World's Creation Book and all things are Brought into Being through the Most-Holy Spirit Who Works the Grace, while Man is Meant to Write himself the "Book of the World," as a Response To God:

We Prostrate to the Seal wherein all things are Written;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Book of Life within all things;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Man himself is Writing in the World;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Man Translates also into Being;

We Prostrate to the Seal that becomes the Cornerstone;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Makes Itself the Sun from the Invisible;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Lights from the Deep;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Conscience of Being;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Love everlasting;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Love that Supports Life itself;

We Prostrate to the Seal wherein Man is Image of Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 7

The Son of God Creates Heaven and Earth through His Word; through Angels the Word becomes Thinking, through the Dirt of the Earth It Becomes Sensing, and in Man they Unite as Body and Soul in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

Heaven and Earth are Born from the Word of the Godly Son, whereas Man himself also Births the Son, Awesome Mystery, so that the Creation may Birth from its Image God the Creator:

We Prostrate to the Seal That Made the Creation who gave Birth;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, makes Itself Seal of Creation too;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, Births the Image of Son;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, makes itself Love;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, makes itself Giving;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, makes itself Speaking;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, Mystery Reveals;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, Creation is Deified;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, is in Filiation with Creation;

We Prostrate to the Seal That, in Man, all things are United;

We Prostrate to the Seal in Whom all things have Eternal Naming;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 8

The Mystery of the World's Creation is the Mystery of the Birth of the Son of God from the Image of Creation, so that the One who was Born from God the Father should be also Born from the Creation-Man, so that God and the World could Meet, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

The Heavenly Thinking Births only the Word, that is why the Angels only have One-Unique Image of Angel-Spirit; and the Earth's Sensing gives a Body to the Word's Thinking; that is why the Body is Double, Masculine and Feminine and, Over these, there is the Image of Man that can Birth even the Image Itself of Son:

We Prostrate to the Seal, Highest Theology;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Philosophy Beyond the Mind;

We Prostrate to the Seal, the One from the Illumination of Spirit;

We Prostrate to the Seal, the One from the Light of Grace;

We Prostrate to the Seal That has all Images and all Names;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Mind itself of the Mind;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Sensing itself of the Senses;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Soul itself of the Soul;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Pattern itself of the Body;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Image itself of any other Image;

We Prostrate to the Seal which in Man makes itself Likeness;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 9

The Unique and Absolute Godly Son Makes Himself also image of Son of Creation, and the Creation is Fulfilled in the Image of Man, so Man is Over the Thinking of Heaven and Over the Sensing of Earth, it is the direct Mystery of the Image of Son Who brings God into Filiation with His Creation, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

The Man-Creation-Adam is the direct Seal of the Image of Son from Whose Rib the Mother-Eve gets Created, the Mother-Image of the Son's Birth-Man, who Achieves the Fulfillment of Creation which, in turn, itself Births God:

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Son-Man which are at once;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Son that is in the Rib of the Image of Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Imprints itself in the Adamic Rib;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Adam's Heart of Mystery;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Image of the Heart of Christ's Incarnation;

We Prostrate to the Seal that makes Eve Mother-Rib of the Son's Birth;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Creates the World out of Its Rib;
We Prostrate to the Seal that Conceives Christ, the God-Man;
We Prostrate to the Seal that Ordains Theotokos;
We Prostrate to the Seal, Mystery Itself of God;
We Prostrate to the Seal, Threshold of Consuming Fire;
We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 10

The (Hu)Man-Adam-Man and the (Hu)Man-Eve-Mother are Image of Son and Image of the Son's Birth, Icon Itself of the World's Creation in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Adam-(Hu)Man is Altar-Priesthood and Eve-(Hu)Man is Icon-Creation with God's Image in Its Arms, and thus Heaven Itself Descends at the Altar-(Hu)Man and the Earth Offers itself, and the World is transfigured into Church-Abode of the Image of the Godly Son, where the Creation is Deified without losing its Image of Creation:

We Prostrate to the Seal, Altar of Adam-Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Icon of Eve-Woman;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom Adam is Sanctified;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom Eve Receives God Himself;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Sanctification of the Godly Son;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Icon of the Son's Birth;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Deification Descending upon Creation;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Deification Staying in Creation;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Deification which the Man Celebrates-Serves;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Deification which the Woman offers as Gift;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Unceasing growth of Life;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 11

O, grievous sin, the Angels' fall from the Image of the Word that had given them their dignity; and the Man's fall from the Image of Son, a sin which makes him mortal and a murderer, which crashes on Earth and torments him dreadfully, without the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

O, terrible sin, which, instead of Heaven, generated hell, and death, instead of the Heaven-Eternity, and released the darkness over the Godly Light, with the chasm of the non-meeting between the Creation and its Maker:

We Prostrate to the Seal, weeping for sin;

We Prostrate to the Seal that lies hidden within us;

We Prostrate to the Seal with Prayer;

We Prostrate to the Seal Strengthened by the Christian Baptism;

We Prostrate to the Seal Fulfilled by Christ's Incarnation;

We Prostrate to the Seal that cannot be Erased;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Foundation of our Being;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Mirrors us;

We Prostrate to the Seal that we Mirror in turn;

We Prostrate to the Seal that we need to take out of passions;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Eternity within Creation;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 12

O, Man, the Seal of the Godly Image has not been erased; dig up again this Precious Treasure from the mud of the murderous passions and cleanse your Image of Altar, and if you are a woman, with Ceaseless Prostrations make yourself into an Icon again, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

The Mind and the Heart of the (Hu)Man-Man are the Image of Son-Altar-Godly Sanctification, and the Mind and Heart of the (Hu)Man-Woman are the Image of Icon-Birth of the Son's Image, and thus they Unite in the Man who Incarnates God, the Mission itself and the Fulfillment of the World's Creation:

We Prostrate to the Seal that Attests God;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom the World is being Created;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom the World is Founded;

We Prostrate to the Seal, wellspring of all things that Exist;

We Prostrate to the Seal through whom the Law is shaped;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Threshold of Eternity;

We Prostrate to the Seal that Intertwines God and the World;

We Prostrate to the Seal to Whom the Creation Prostrates;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Church of the Godly Son;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Confession of the True Faith;

We Prostrate to the Seal, Sign of Heavens, Earth and Man;

We Prostrate to the Seal of the Godly Image!

Kontakion 13

Let us Unite our Mind and our Heart through Ceaseless Prostration, in the Seal of the Image of Son within our Being, over which the Most-Holy Spirit also Shines with the Light of the Grace, which Offers us our God the Father's Loving Blessing, and thus, in Union with Heaven and Earth, let us Chant: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of Repentance

Kontakion 1

Lord, I have fallen from Your Love and I have sunk in my passions into the outer darkness where I am standing separated from You; but Lord, I cannot be without You, I cannot Forget You, so I am calling out from my corruption: **Lord, forgive me, over my sin, I still Prostrate to You!**

Ikos 1

Lord, I, Your Creation, am the Bearer of Your Image and my Life is to Mirror this Godly Image through my Image, to Grow It within me and to be in Your Likeness; but I have fallen in sin, I have buried myself in my passions and I have darkened Your Image.

Lord, forgive me, for I have fallen from Your Image;

Lord, forgive me, for I have “emptied” myself of Your Image;

Lord, forgive me, for I have sinned;

Lord, forgive me, I cannot stay separated from You;

Lord, forgive me, I cannot See You, as I am blinded by corruption;

Lord, forgive me, I will shout out in Eternity: forgive me;

Lord, forgive me, even over my sin, I still Prostrate to You!

Kontakion 2

There is no “erasing of the sin,” it can be erased by nothing since it is “the killing of the Godly Image,” yet only You, Lord, can Pass over it with Your “Forgiveness” and I only with my “Prostration,” in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

“In Eternity I will be a sinner” but in Eternity You will clothe me with Your Forgiveness, and my Prostration alone will be my Eye through which I will See You and I will Love You.

Lord, forgive me, for I have opened the “chasm” of sin;
Lord, forgive me, for I have put out the “Light”;
Lord, forgive me, for I have “spoiled” Your Incorruption;
Lord, forgive me, for what You Have Built I have killed;
Lord, forgive me, for I have begotten the “shadow of death”;
Lord, forgive me, instead of Love, I have kindled “hellfire”;
Lord, forgive me, even over my sin, I still Prostrate to You!

Kontakion 3

My Life’s Fulfillment is that I respond to You in the Likeness of Your Godly Image, instead, I, “void of Image,” “do all those that have no image” and plunge deeper into my corruption, yet I do not “despair,” but “Call out so loud that I shatter the Earth and the Heavens and all things down below,” Forgive me: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

The “Scales of Eternity” are in place, on one side there is “my sin” together with transience and corruption, and on the other Your Forgiveness and my Prostration, and they are hanging “in balance.”

Lord, forgive me, I am forever sinning;
Lord, forgive me, I am always falling into my own delusion;
Lord, forgive me, as I am still running to You;
Lord, forgive me, as I am still “daring” to come to You;
Lord, forgive me, as Prostration is all I have left;
Lord, forgive me, as “Calling out” to You is all I can still do;
Lord, forgive me, even over my sin, I still Prostrate to You!

Kontakion 4

Lord, do not let me go to the “hell where I would no longer be able to Prostrate,” in the hell where “I won’t be able to Call out for Your Forgiveness,” but in “the hell of Forgiveness,” to the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Ineffable is the Image of Godly Love, which cannot be erased by anything, which furthermore, holds the Mystery of Forgiveness and of Prostration, through which we can again, O Lord, “Encounter” each other.

Lord, forgive me, because I do not “despair”;

Lord, forgive me, for even in my sins I still dare come to You;

Lord, forgive me, as I place Your Love Before it all;

Lord, forgive me, as I am “clinging” to my Prostration;

Lord, forgive me, as I am “rebellious inside my own hell”;

Lord, forgive me, as I “call out so loud, I shatter myself”;

Lord, forgive me, even over my sin, I still Prostrate to You!

Kontakion 5

The fallen angel, the devil, cannot Prostrate anymore and it “shall stay like that in its own eternal darkness,” but Man holds precisely the “Eternal Prostration even in eternal blame” in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

Terrible are the “sin’s crying out in hell” and the “consuming Crying out of Prostration,” and both move the “Scales of Eternity.”

Lord, forgive me, I will cry out ceaselessly;

Lord, forgive me, even in my sin, it is still You I Prostrate to;

Lord, forgive me, as I am calling out from my pain;

Lord, forgive me, my only “All-Holy Word”;

Lord, forgive me, my only Image of Light;

Lord, forgive me, Icon of final salvation;
Lord, forgive me, even over my sin, I still Prostrate to You!

Kontakion 6

Sin cannot “kill” the Eternity of Godly Love, it must halt at the “threshold of Forgiveness,” while “nakedness” is covered by the “Fire of Prostration” in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

“The sin that has been stopped in Eternity” by the Saints and the Forgiven also has a Mystery of its own, as it becomes “Eternal non-sinning,” “impassable threshold, with no second sinning,” Entrance in the “Never-ending Love which does not look back.”

Lord, forgive me, it is Your Forgiveness I myself am Hoping for;

Lord, forgive me, as I Trust in Your Forgiveness;

Lord, forgive me and help me “put a stop to the sin inside me”;

Lord, forgive me, as I am still running towards the Eternity of Love;

Lord, forgive me, I am calling out from “the inferno of my sin”;

Lord, forgive me, I am calling out so hard that no one can stop me;

Lord, forgive me, even over my sin, I still Prostrate to You!

Kontakion 7

O Lord, Lord, Lord, Threefold Name of Godly Love, Threefold Forgiveness: The Father’s Love, The Holy Spirit’s Mercifulness and The Son’s Prostration, to You we are Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of Reconciliation and Forgiveness of the Wrathful

Kontakion 1

Wailing and bitterness is the cry of Cain who murdered his Brother, while the cursed sin is trying to make us into murderers too: **O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother's Murderer!**

Ikos 1

Why would I hate my Brother (my Sister), why would I resent him even should he stand against me? – it is the curse of Cain's murder that haunts us, waiting to swallow us too.

O Lord, deliver me from the terrible sin of murder;

O Lord, let Cain's curse appall me;

O Lord, let me hear the Wail of the cry of death;

O Lord, let me stop and forgive my Brother;

O Lord, even if he wronged me, let me forgive;

O Lord, if I wronged him, let him forgive me;

O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother's Murderer!

Kontakion 2

Sin has broken the "Good Nature" Created by You, Lord, and thus there is perpetually the war of death within us, and we are wrestling with it even from birth, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Lord, what horrible poison is the wrath against my Brother, what deadly venom is the resentment boiling inside me, in both my body and Soul:

O Lord, help me out of the war of wrath;

O Lord, appease the fire of my anger;

O Lord, make me see my error first;

O Lord, make me see my weakness first;

O Lord, give me the Strength to take it all on me;

O Lord, elevate me again to the Image of Heaven;

O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother's Murderer!

Kontakion 3

A demonic haze is trying to darken my Mind, to capture my Good Will and, as though in the web of some invisible spider, I let myself be bitten by the poison of hatred, forgetting about: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Lord, You have Created the world with the Image of Peace and of the Immortal Life, but the fallen angels and Man have added the image of murder to that:

O Lord, restore to me the Godly Spirit of Peace;

O Lord, don't let me lose the Light of Life;

O Lord, lift me from the abyss of death;

O Lord, let me tremble from the fear of murder;

O Lord, let this be towards my correction;

O Lord, deliver me from the madness that has gotten hold of me;

O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother's Murderer!

Kontakion 4

Cain became bedeviled conceiving and carrying out the murder of his Brother Abel, and he went mad as the terrible sin tortured him day and night, depriving him of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

O, terrible is the madness of wrath, of anger, resentment and vengeance over my Brother (my Sister), as it leads to the murder which spoils the Image of Life:

O Lord, let the madness of the prospect of murder appall me;

O Lord, deliver me from this demonic madness;

O Lord, help me mollify my Wrath;

O Lord, cool down the fire of malice within me;

O Lord, I Want to cast out any resentment from me;

O Lord, I am trying to promise to fulfill all these;

O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother's Murderer!

Kontakion 5

Lord Jesus, You, Who have Forgiven all those who crucified You, help me forgive my Brother too, so that I could Chant again: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

All-Holy Spirit, You, Who burn and cleanse all the meanness of Beings, have Mercy on me too, so that I will not stay in the corruption which haunts me:

O Lord, Jesus, with Your Help, I Will succeed;

O Lord, Jesus, I am ashamed at my weakness;

O Lord, Jesus, still I don't let go of its hold;

O Lord, All-Holy Spirit, have Mercy upon me;

O Lord, All-Holy Spirit, I don't want to disgrace You anymore;

O Lord, All-Holy Spirit, bring me to the Shore of Life;
O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my
Brother's Murderer!

Kontakion 6

Father and God, absolute Love, how can I still call myself Your Created Son, if I lose precisely the Image of Love? To You I am returning, Father, as the lecherous Son, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

Lord, if I did not have the "malevolence" in me, neither my Brother nor I would have become wrathful, but I am truly the sinister origin of evil:

O Lord, I decry the malevolence that is in me;

O Lord, I Am Asking Forgiveness for my sin;

O Lord, I admit I am the source of the wrath;

O Lord, I admit the guile within me;

O Lord, I Know I must be the first to cultivate Forgiveness;

O Lord, I Know that reconciliation must begin with me;

**O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my
Brother's Murderer!**

Kontakion 7

The angels that fell from Heavens could not ruin and kill the World, until they "planted sin" in the Man Adam, and behold, Lord, through Man, the terrible death and murder has come without the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

Lord, Jesus, through Your Incarnation on Earth, You have vanquished death, You have Forgiven Adam, and we, all the People, through Your Image are now able to defeat the sting of murder and of death:

O Lord, I can see myself ruled by murder;
O Lord, I admit I am a bringer of death;
O Lord, Cain's sin is stirring to germinate within me;
O Lord, don't let me fall in that horrible chasm;
O Lord, I don't want to become the abode of the demons;
O Lord, I Want to Stop any demonic stirring;
**O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my
Brother's Murderer!**

Kontakion 8

I need to be to one who initiates Forgiveness; I must first transform the wrath within me into Love again, it is inside of me that I must recover the Image of Immortal Life, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Even if my Brother seems to persist in Anger, I must all the more remove from me any resentment and receive his shaming of me as a well-deserved punishment:

O Lord, Enlighten my Mind;
O Lord, awaken in me the Thought of reconciliation;
O Lord, I acknowledge the meanness within me;
O Lord, I Want to Ask everyone for Forgiveness;
O Lord, let me be the lowest of all;
O Lord, let me believe myself to be the Lowest of all;
**O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my
Brother's Murderer!**

Kontakion 9

Where are you, "righteousness" of murder and of death?
Where are you "justice" that can condone the destruction of Life and of Peace? Where are you "justice" sprung from sin without the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

Only God, the only One Who is without sin, can “Judge” but His Judgment is Love and His Justice is Mercy and Forgiveness:

O Lord, I know there is no justice in me;

O Lord, I know that my meanness has no reason;

O Lord, I acknowledge my guile;

O Lord, my resentment is out of Self-love;

O Lord, my wrath is out of lust for power;

O Lord, my vengeance is my shame;

O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother’s Murderer!

Kontakion 10

No matter how much my Brother may hurt me, I must not respond in kind, but I must “Stop” his murder with the Prostration of my Forgiveness, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Love and Forgiveness surpass any “justice,” thus the evil is “stopped” and the madness of murder is dispelled while the Light of Mystery bestows Life:

O Lord, what bliss is to be delivered from wrath;

O Lord, what Joy is brought by Forgiveness;

O Lord, it is a true Rebirth;

O Lord, it is a true Sanctifying Bath;

O Lord, it is a Cleansing of the Godly Spirit;

O Lord, it is a Resurrection after the Crucifixion of Death;

O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother’s Murderer!

Kontakion 11

The dreadful storm of resentment, anger and malice against my Brother first starts within me, and lightning bolts and

thunders break up my Mind and my Heart which can no longer
Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

O God, Jesus and All-Holy Spirit, do not be sickened by my weakness for, behold, I, the fallen one, pick myself up with determined resolve to “bow with Forgiveness” to my Brother and to “Willingly receive” his forgiveness:

O Lord, what a dreadful storm is the grief of wrath;

O Lord, what terrible thunders are resentments;

O Lord, I Want to stop any meanness;

O Lord, I promise to raise myself from my fall;

O Lord, I do not want to disgrace the Image of Love anymore;

O Lord, help me with Your Strength;

O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my Brother’s Murderer!

Kontakion 12

I turn the rage of anger and of wrath into rage against my own meanness, and thus, with prostration, I bow to Forgiveness, crying out from the depth of my being: Lord, I do not want to be my Brother’s murderer, instead I want to Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

All the Saints from Heaven and from Earth, I ask you from the depth of my Being, help me come out from the darkness of the sin of death. My Holy Guardian Angel, my Patron Saint, please, do not let me fall prey to the dreadful perdition:

O Lord, we run to the Protection of Your Mother;

O Lord, we run to the intercession of Your Saints;

O Lord, do not be sickened by our weaknesses;

O Lord, suffer us some more and do not punish us;
O Lord, even from our sin, we still attempt a correction;
O Lord, we Trust in Your Mercy that covers all;
**O Lord, My God, deliver me from being, like Cain, my
Brother's Murderer!**

Kontakion 13

O, All-Holy Trinity, God of Immortal Life, Father of boundless Love, Son-Love above any "justice," and All-Holy Spirit, inexhaustible Mercy, bestow upon us Your Godly Blessing of Forgiveness and of Reconciliation so that, delivered from the chasm of death, we could Chant: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of the Ceaseless Prayer

Kontakion 1

O, All-Blessed Mystery is to Stand before the Godly Love, which becomes the Altar upon which Prostration is Brought, as Gift of Ceaseless Prayer: **Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!**

Ikos 1

The Godly Son Himself Prostrates before the Father, the Holy Spirit Bows and They are at once in the Union of Mystery, and we, who are Bearers of this Image, must do the same:

Here I am, Lord, Gift of Prostration I Bring to You;

Here I am, Lord, Your Image within me I Reveal;

Here I am, Lord, the Seal of Your Image I make into Altar;

Here I am, Lord, to Your Godly Altar I Kneel;

Here I am, Lord, I Stand Before You;

Here I am, Lord, I, Creation, Stand Before my Creator;

Here I am, Lord, I Confess You, my Lord and God;

Here I am, Lord, I Bring my Gratitude to You;

Here I am, Lord, I Speak Your name with Joy;

Here I am, Lord, I Come to Meet You;

Here I am, Lord, only United with You do I have Life;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 2

What is Prayer and why is it Desirable to be Ceaseless? Prayer is the Altar-Love, it is Gift-Prostration, it is the Spirit¹⁷-Perpetual Standing in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

¹⁷ Same as note 9.

Ikos 2

This Image of the Mystery Trinity is found also within our Being as Creation, and we cannot Live without the Altar-Love, without Gift-Prayer, without the Spirit-Standing Before the Godhead:

Here I am, Lord, all my Being is Image of Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, my Nature is Prayer itself;

Here I am, Lord, the Creation's Prayer-Prostration to the Creator;

Here I am, Lord, the Creation's Gift which is due to the Creator;

Here I am, Lord, Your Glorification is deep inside me;

Here I am, Lord, I Know Your name from my Birth;

Here I am, Lord, I Recognized Your Name when I first heard It;

Here I am, Lord, You are the First Thinking in my Mind;

Here I am, Lord, You are First Feeling in my Heart;

Here I am, Lord, the reason I Pray ceaselessly;

Here I am, Lord, the reason I Bring You the Gift of Ceaseless Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 3

Who wonders what the Being is finds that the answer is Love; who wonders what Love is finds that it is the Giving-Prostration; who wonders what Prostration is discovers that it is Prayer; who wonders what Prayer is finds the answer is the Chanting of love in the Ceaseless spirit of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Who wonders what Standing in Prayer is, well, it is the Spirit¹⁸ who Gathers all and Transforms all into Abode of

¹⁸ See note 9 above.

Encounter, where Love and Prostration Stand Face to Face without amalgamation:

Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Nature;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Mind;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Heart;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Breath;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Sight;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Hearing;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my whole movement;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Standing;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Mystery Food;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is my Living Drink;
Here I am, Lord, as Prayer is the Ladder between Heaven and Earth;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 4

One perpetually wonders what Prayer is, and one's Mind and Heart constantly come to a Halt at the Threshold of Mystery, where the Creation and the Creator God Both Pass Beyond the Self in the Living Cross, the Most precious Encounter, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

If the Creation Halts at the Godly Threshold and Opens itself to the Descent of God, by making the Cross of Mystery Prostration, it makes precisely the Prayer:

Here I am, Lord, I Halt at the Threshold between You and me;
Here I am, Lord, I Open myself to Your Coming into the World;

Here I am, Lord, I am making the Living Cross of the Encounter;

Here I am, Lord, only within this Cross can I go towards You;

Here I am, Lord, only within this Cross are You Coming towards me;

Here I am, Lord, Halted in the Prostration of this Cross;

Here I am, Lord, in the Creation's Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, in the Prayer of the World itself;

Here I am, Lord, also, with the Mystery Longing;

Here I am, Lord, also, the one kindled by the Light;

Here I am, Lord, also, Creation who can only find its Life with You;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 5

Why must Prayer be Ceaseless? Because Prayer is the Living Cross, the Foundation of the World upon which the Life of all Creatures moves, Life itself being the Ceaseless Prostration, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

Light in Itself is Godhead in Itself, and the World must Ceaselessly Move in relation to It, or else it will fall in the darkness of death:

Here I am, Lord, the Life within me is Prayer Itself;

Here I am, Lord, my Life is Prostration Itself;

Here I am, Lord, my Mind has the Thinking of the Living Cross;

Here I am, Lord, my Heart has also the Feeling of the Cross;

Here I am, Lord, in the Mystery of the Cross do I Pray;

Here I am, Lord, through Cross is the Seeing of the Invisible Ones;

Here I am, Lord, through Cross do I also Speak with You;

Here I am, Lord, the reason why the Cross is Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, the reason why Prayer is the Prostration of the Cross;

Here I am, Lord, Halted in the Ceaseless Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, the reason why Prayer is Halting in the Cross;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 6

In the Beginning there was the Word and the Word is the Mystery Image of the Godly Son, and the Son is the Birth from God the Father's Love, and the Son Responds with His Selfgiving-Prostration, the Mystery Speaking: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

It is through the Son-Godly Word that the World was made and everything is the Son's Speaking-Selfgiving-Prostration towards the Father:

Here I am, Lord, I too am Image of the Godly Son;

Here I am, Lord, I too am a Son's Mystery Prostration;

Here I am, Lord, the Son's Living Cross;

Here I am, Lord, also, the Man, Image of the World's Cross;

Here I am, Lord, also, the Man, Image of the Son's Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, the Son's Gift to the Father;

Here I am, Lord, I too Respond with my Self-giving;

Here I am, Lord, I too Respond with my Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, Receive as well the Gift of my Prostration;

Here I am, Lord, also, the small one, Rising up towards You;

Here I am, Lord, also, the mortal one, Standing at the Eternity's Threshold;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 7

Your Incarnation, Son of God, brings the Revelation of the Living Cross of Mystery, the Threshold between Creator and Creation, which becomes Heavenly and Earthly Church, with the Altar of Love, with the Gift of Prostration, with the Gathering in the State of the Prayer of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

You, Lord Jesus Christ, the Incarnated Son of God, are the Image of the Living Ceaseless Prayer and You are the Great

Hierarch who Celebrates the Liturgy of the Communion-Iconic Body¹⁹ of the World and of Eternity:

Here I am, Lord, Partaker of the Godly Mystery;

Here I am, Lord, Called to Your Altar;

Here I am, Lord, Called upon to Bring my Gift;

Here I am, Lord, Servant of Your Celebration of the Liturgy;

Here I am, Lord Jesus, the Godly Hierarch;

Here I am, Lord, I too Chant Your Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, I too Bow to Your Prostration;

Here I am, Lord, also, longing for Your Communion;

Here I am, Lord, also, thirsting for The Living Water;

Here I am, Lord, also, famished for the Bread of Immortality;

Here I am, Lord, in Your Prayer everything is Fulfilled;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 8

Creation's bitter sin has darkened the Altar-Love, has turned Prostration into murder and death, and has turned the Living Cross into Suffering, and thus the Prayer was lost in the sordid passions which lack the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Creation has disgraced by lechery its Image of Son, has abandoned the Father's Abode and has fallen from the Speaking with God into the "Speaking of death," and thus the Mystery of Prayer was concealed:

¹⁹ In Romanian, there are two words which refer to the body: *Corp* and *Trup*. Father Ghelasie makes a difference between them. Most often the reference is to the biological body (*Corp*), but there is also a reference to the *Resurrected Body, Integral, Iconic Body (Trup)*. I am choosing to translate *Trup* as *Iconic Body*. For a better understanding, Fr. Ghelasie defines it clearly in his study *In Search or a Christian Psychoanalysis*: "the ICONIC BODY is precisely the Integral Personality-SACRED Representation, over Body, wherein the Soul and the Body are UNITED and surpassing appearance."

Here I am, Lord, I long to Seek the Mystery of Prayer;
Here I am, Lord, I want to Build the Altar of Love;
Here I am, Lord, Receive also my humble Gift;
Here I am, Lord, I am trying to Follow in the trail of Your
Saints;

Here I am, Lord, to also become a Son of the Theotokos;
Here I am, Lord, I too must Grow Your Image in me;
Here I am, Lord, I too must try to live like Your Saints;
Here I am, Lord, I too must Incarnate You in me;
Here I am, Lord, I too must Unite with Your Body;
Here I am, Lord, only Theotokos can Birth You, I can only
Incarnate You;

Here I am, Lord, Man is not to Born God but to Incarnate Him;
Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 9

O Prayer, Prayer, so much does my entire Being long for
you, night and day I struggle with the sins and passions within
me, and with Prostration I Call for You, Son of God, and I Ask
You to make me be able again to Ceaselessly Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

How should I Pray? How can I earn the Mystery of Prayer?
Prayer, the Image of Christ's Church, is Godly Altar, it is
Prostration-Gift, it is the Gathering-Standing in Prayer:

Here I am, Lord, Receive me too inside Your Church;

Here I am, Lord, without the Image of the Church there is no
Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church have no Altar;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church do not have the
Prostration-Cross;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church do not have
Gift, only slaughtered sacrifices;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church Think without Seeing;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church Believe You to be “hidden”;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church no longer have the Word of Mystery;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church only have a worldly Speaking;

Here I am, Lord, people without the Church Seek for You and do not find You;

Here I am, Lord, only in the Image of the Church do You Truly Reveal Yourself;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 10

There can be no Prayer except in the Image of the Trinity of Mystery, of Godly Altar-Love, of Gift-Prostration and Standing Before It, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Only through the Image of Christ, the Son of God, can the Trinitarian Prayer be made, and only His Church is the Abode of God’s Descent into the World and of Creation’s Encounter with Him:

Here I am, Lord, also, the Creation-Being of Your Image;

Here I am, Lord, also, Creation-Being with Image of Mystery;

Here I am, Lord, also, Creation-Being Meant to Bear Your Image;

Here I am, Lord, also, a Son of the Godly Church;

Here I am, Lord, also, an Abode of the Grand Encounter;

Here I am, Lord, also, the one with the Sacred Seal;

Here I am, Lord, also, an Heir of the Gift;

Here I am, Lord, also, the one holding the Pearl of Love;

Here I am, Lord, also, a Field wherein Your Image is the Buried Treasure;

Here I am, Lord, also, the one who must dig up that Treasure;

Here I am, Lord, also, the one who must Light the Candle of Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 11

O Prayer, Prayer, how can I also obtain you? I must Learn the Speaking of Love, I must Work the Giving-Prostrating, I must Stand in the Spirit of the Ceaseless Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

Love is the Prayer Itself to God the Father; Prostration is the Prayer Itself to the Son-Lord Christ; the Ceaseless Standing in Prayer is the Prayer to the All-Holy Spirit; and only within this Trinity is Prayer whole:

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I try to Earn the Love;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I try to Stay in the Spirit²⁰;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I Show my Image of Son;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I learn the Godly Speaking;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I untangle my Earthly Nature;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I soar to the Heavenly Things;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I am Resurrected upon the Mystery Cross;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I receive the deliverance from sin;

²⁰ See note 9 above.

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration my Mind becomes Enlightened;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration my Heart is being Cleansed;

Here I am, Lord, through Lord Christ's Image I Pray;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

Kontakion 12

I Call Your All-Holy Name, Lord Jesus Christ, the Incarnated Son of God, I Call It Ceaselessly, with my mouth, with my Mind, in my Heart, with vigil, with fasting, with metanies²¹ and thus I seek Prayer in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

I avoid the deception of phantasms, of all cunning and deluding visions and hearings, and with the Prostration that Stops and puts a Boundary to it all, I make my Humble Prayer:

Here I am, Lord, I Name Your Name, the most Precious Name;

Here I am, Lord, Your Name, Jesus, is in my Mind;

Here I am, Lord, Your Name, Jesus, rests in my Heart;

Here I am, Lord, Your Name I turn into Icon of Prostration;

Here I am, Lord, Your Name I make into the Mystery Threshold;

Here I am, Lord, I Gladly take the Cross of Your Resurrection;

Here I am, Lord, Jesus, Church of the Godly Trinity;

Here I am, Lord, with Prostration I Stand Before You;

Here I am, Lord, through Prostration I Confess You;

Here I am, Lord, Receive me too in the Image of Prayer;

Here I am, Lord, I make Theotokos into the Icon of Prostration;

Here I am, Lord, before You I stand in Prostration!

²¹ *Metania* (*metany*) is a common gesture of worship that presupposes bowing-bending down with the placing of one's forehead on the floor; see <https://orthodoxwiki.org/Worship#Metania>.

Kontakion 13

O Lord, Christ, You are the Image of Prayer from Heaven and Earth, the Prostration-Selfgiving is Your Mystery itself, the Cross and Church are Your Icon itself, through which all Creation is Born and Grows towards the Eternity of the Ceaseless Prayer in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of the Love for God

Kontakion 1

I will love You, God, You have Created me out of Love and have Molded me with the Image of Love; I will love You in response, even if I do not know how to Love You and I can only show my Love through prostration, in the Chanting of: **I will love You, God, Mystery above it all!**

Ikos 1

Out of the Son's Love am I Created, out of the God the Father's Love have I been granted Being, upon the Arms of the Holy Spirit was I Created and thus, out of the Godly Love have I emerged, and the Love for God is my Nature, which Responds with the Love I possess as Creation.

I will love You, God, for I have the Seal of Godly Love;
I will love You, God, for I have the Son's Love;
I will love You, God, for I have the Fatherly Love;
I will love You, God, for I have the Life's Spirit²²'s Love;
I will love You, God, with my Love as Creation;
I will love You, God, with the Mystery of Love Itself;
I will love You, God, Mystery above it all!

Kontakion 2

Your Image of God is the Image of Love Itself, the Mystery Beyond it all, and Your Love has Poured also into a Love of Creation, which becomes the Icon of Your Love, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

²² See note 9 above.

Ikos 2

What is Love? Who can say that, but the one who Loves, the one who Gives Love, the one who makes it into an Altar Offering and Icon of Heart.

I will love You, God, with my Love as Creation;
I will love You, God, with my Love which is unseen;
I will love You, God, with the Love which Itself can only See;
I will love You, God, with the Son's Love-Speaking;
I will love You, God, with the Love-Fatherly Joy;
I will love You, God, with the Love-Arms of the Holy Spirit;
I will love You, God, Mystery above it all!

Kontakion 3

Love is the Mystery of the Absolute Encounter which is not embraced with one's arms, for it gets destroyed; is not kissed, for it would turn into self-love; it only "Stands Face to Face" and Holds the Loved one in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

The Embrace means Coming towards Love, and Kissing means flaming up, but Love is Enfolded only by Love Itself which "does not touch the Loved One," but makes the Loved One into Icon to Worship.

I will love You, God, with the Love of Icon;
I will love You, God, with the Covered Love;
I will love You, God, with the Love that is not to be touched;
I will love You, God, with the Love that is not lessened by my Love;
I will love You, God, with the Love that is unamalgamated with all those pertaining to me;
I will love You, God, with the Love that does not allow me to "enslave" You;
I will love You, God, Mystery above it all!

Kontakion 4

O, Love of Son, Great as boundless infinity; O, Fatherly Love, Absolute Itself; O, Love of All-Holy Spirit, unbounded Deep²³; O, Love in the Image of Trinity, how would I Chant You except in the glorification of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Love is, paradoxically, the “threshold abyss” which, if you attempt to cross, you fall into your own abysmal chasm whereas, if you do not cross, you remain eternally estranged; only through the Mystery of the Altar can you find it, precisely placed over the “abyss.”

I will love You, God, with the Love of Altar;

I will love You, God, with the Love that fills “the chasm with Love”;

I will love You, God, with the Love that is turned into Icon over the “abyss”;

I will love You, God, with the Love in which I turn You into Love;

I will love You, God, with the Love of my Gift of Love;

I will love You, God, with the Love which I turn into Altar over the “threshold”;

I will love You, God, Mystery above it all!

Kontakion 5

Why is it that I, Creation, Love You “before anything” and above anything, and then I Pour my Love for You over myself and over the world? It is because in Your Love I am, myself, Love of Creation and, without it, I lose myself, because the Source of Love is not in me, but in You, and from You it passes through me, and then from me it returns, and thus I Know myself as Love, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

²³ See note 4 above.

Ikos 5

If my Love first passes through me and through the world, it becomes amalgamated, it is enslaved or it becomes enslaving, and then to You it only reaches a blind Love, which cannot See the Love but only “self-love.”

I will love You, God, with the Love for You before anything;

I will love You, God, with the Love which is Free from me and from it all;

I will love You, God, with the Love which does not transform You through me;

I will love You, God, with the Love which does not transform You through the world;

I will love You, God, with the Love which Sees Your Love directly;

I will love You, God, with the Love that is “Kneeling” Before You;

I will love You, God, Mystery above it all!

Kontakion 6

Love is as Big as Eternity; It is unchanging like an Absolute; It is Ceaseless Love as great as Infinity; and It is untouchable, for It has the “impassable threshold of Love,” which is only Given as Altar Offering, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

Our Love as Creation is the Image of the Godly Son’s Love, who Loves God the Father in the ceaseless Love of the All-Holy Spirit, like the Love which is Fulfilled in the Icon of Christ who Himself First Truly Loves and becomes Altar Offering-Gift, as Iconic Body of Communion-Eucharist.

I will love You, God, with the Love from Christ’s Altar;

I will love You, God, even if I am walking the path of the Cross;

I will love You, God, even if I suffer and I cry;

I will love You, God, even if I do not know how to Love You;
I will love You, God, even from the pit of sinfulness;
I will love You, God, with the Love that is above me and
above it all;

I will love You, God, Mystery above it all!

Kontakion 7

«Here it is, Father, Your Creation who Loves You, » says the Son of God at the Liturgy of Love where, with all the Saints, the World is Gathered by the All-Holy Spirit and becomes the Iconic Body of Love-Eucharist, and thus, in Heaven and on Earth, they Chant «I will love You, God»: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of the Holy Guardian Angel

Kontakion 1

To the Heavenly Image we bring the rightful Praise through You, Guardian Angel; You descend from High Up to us, down here, so that Heaven and Earth can Encounter, and so we could Chant: **Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!**

Ikos 1

Heaven is the Angelic Image and Earth is the Human Image, and they are United in Christ's Image, and thus all Creation Speaks with the Creator Himself.

Holy Angel, at my Birth You Chose me;

Holy Angel, at my Birth You Asked God for me;

Holy Angel, You gained me to be Obedient to You;

Holy Angel, with Your Heavenly Strength You have empowered me;

Holy Angel, with Your Love You have Clothed me;

Holy Angel, in Your Arms you have received me from God's Hands;

Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!

Kontakion 2

From my Mother's Womb You have Watched over me and You have ceaselessly and in Mystery spoken to me about the Heavenly Ones; and since then I have known of Chanting together with You: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

You have Taught me so much and, once I came to Life, You have Brought me Up like a Child, so that I may also Know the Creator of all things.

Holy Angel, you knew that I would sin during my life;
Holy Angel, still, you Trusted in my Return;
Holy Angel, Love which cannot be lessened by anything;
Holy Angel, Eager to win me over too for the Lord;
Holy Angel, relentless to deliver me from evil;
Holy Angel, Protector in every moment;
Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!

Kontakion 3

How is it that the one Brighter than the Sun comes to me, the earthly and darkened one?... O, Love of Heaven, it is only befitting that I too should Chant with Love: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

O, All-patient Holy Angel, You are never sickened by the pettiness of my Mind, by the dullness of my Heart or by any of my passions and weaknesses!

Holy Angel, Heavenly Mercy on Earth;
Holy Angel, limitless Patience from Above;
Holy Angel, unshaken Faith in my Salvation;
Holy Angel, Trust in Man's Recovery;
Holy Angel, Intercessor for the forgiveness of sins;
Holy Angel, most infallible Helper;
Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!

Kontakion 4

Such a Great Gift You are, Angels, for us People; because of sin, we are haunted by terrible deceptions at every step but, through You, all these are dispelled, so we can Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Help me too, Holy Guardian Angel, do not let me persist in my passions and Pray to the All-Merciful God to show me Forgiveness.

Holy Angel, You Guard me night and Day;
Holy Angel, You Witness all things pertaining to me;
Holy Angel, You are all too often saddened by me;
Holy Angel, You cover Your Eyes at my corruption;
Holy Angel, You bear my shamelessness;
Holy Angel, You do not cast me from Your Face;
Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!

Kontakion 5

You always urge me to become a true Believer, to pay my dues of Obedience in all earnestness, to abandon all cunningness and meanness, so I can Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

O, my Holy Angel, how much You would want to see me with the true Image that God Gave me, and how much You would Rejoice if I were to be Your faithful follower!

Holy Angel, thank you for Your Heavenly Love;
Holy Angel, Your Faith in my Salvation burns me;
Holy Angel, Your Expectation for my recovery hurts me;
Holy Angel, Your Forgiveness overwhelms me;
Holy Angel, through You I truly see myself;
Holy Angel, I realize who I am;
Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!

Kontakion 6

The Days pass by and, as I am getting closer to the grave, I can see the “emptiness” of my Life and I become so frightened; You, Holy Angel of mine, are my courage through the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

Eternity is “fire and scorching,” and what will remain of me, the corrupt one? Holy Angel, be with me always!

Holy Angel, what will I do as I lack the Fulfillment of my Life?

Holy Angel, how can I remain Fruitless?

Holy Angel, how am I to cross into Eternity without the “Garment of Immortality”?

Holy Angel, I dread I will not be received;

Holy Angel, I am terrified of the Last Judgment;

Holy Angel, I am bitterly ashamed;

Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!

Kontakion 7

O, my Holy Angel, from God’s Hands You took me, into God’s Hands Deliver me, as one who has favor Before Him through the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

If You, Holy Angel of mine, would “Clothe” me with Your Image, then in this way I might be able to cross the “redemptive threshold.”

Holy Angel, do not go back to Heaven without me;

Holy Angel, do not forsake me with the lost ones;

Holy Angel, Pray for me more than ever;

Holy Angel, Ask God to grant me Forgiveness;

Holy Angel, through Your Saintliness I can fulfill my Life’s destiny;

Holy Angel, through Your Love I can reach the shore;

Holy Guardian Angel, Spiritual Joy!

Kontakion 8

O, my Holy Guardian Angel, Love descended from Heaven, lift me, the earthly one, up to God's Kingdom, as the last Fulfillment goes, so that I too may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Akathist to the Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands

There is a tradition which tells how one of the Bethlehem Magi, at the Birth of Jesus, received from the Mother of God a Wimple with Her Image with the Godly Child in Her Arms imprinted upon it, like an Icon Not-Made-By-Hands. It is the source of the tradition according to which all the Icons of the Mother of God have, in fact, this Image not painted by human hands, even if actually a painter has made it. Hence the "Mystery of the Icon in Itself." Where there is an Icon of the Mother of God, it is believed that it has precisely this "Mystery." The more pious ones read Its Akathist.

Kontakion 1

Let us Prostrate to the Icon Not-Made-By-Hands, for the Empress-Virgin Herself Who Has Given Birth to the Son of God imprints Herself in order to be our Protector, so that we can Chant: **Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!**

Ikos 1

Rejoice, Image which becomes Icon;
Rejoice, Icon, God's Revelation into the world;
Rejoice, Godly Gift carried across borders;
Rejoice, Heavenly Blossom Planted in foreign Soil;
Rejoice, Flower of the Tree of Life;
Rejoice, for You turn into Heaven the Ground wherein You
Grow;
Rejoice, Christ's Arm;
Rejoice, God's Bridge to us;
Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 2

And the Magus, hiding the wondrous Icon, o, Mystery, the Icon Showed Itself above everyone, with all Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Ever since then, the Icon's Image Reveals Itself in different places, in the Mountains, in Sketes and Monasteries, even in People's Homes and many wear It at their Bosom.

Rejoice, Icon, Heavenly Mystery;

Rejoice, Icon that Comes to us;

Rejoice, Wonder who Remains in this Land;

Rejoice, God's Love for this Earth;

Rejoice, Mercifulness from Up Above for this world here;

Rejoice, Treasure that hides from the rapacious;

Rejoice, Pearl of great value;

Rejoice, for You have chosen Abode in this Land of ours;

Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 3

And the wondrous Icon would remain in more and more places, and new Places of worship were built, Monasteries and Roadside Crucifixes, so that everyone could Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

O, Felicitous Icon, You have Given Yourself to us, as You have Seen, across the World, this Good Land which could Receive You and where You could make Yourself into the Altar of the Godly Son who has Come into the World.

Rejoice, Icon of the Carpathians, Not-Made-By-Hands;

Rejoice, retrieval of the lost Eden;

Rejoice, Tree without the serpent of sin;

Rejoice, Tree whereupon now the Son of God sits;

Rejoice, withering of the bad tree;

Rejoice, Fruition of the Tree of Life;
Rejoice, Fulfilment of the Godly Promise;
Rejoice, Refuge over the chasm of fall;
Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 4

The darkened pagan world Lights Up through Your Image of Icon and more and more people become a great Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Heaven and Earth separated by sin, now Unite and become again Image of Heaven, where God can once again Reveal Himself.

Rejoice, Icon, the Mystery Itself of the World;
Rejoice, God's Gate from the place beyond vision;
Rejoice, Beginning of a New Infinity;
Rejoice, Light of the First Day;
Rejoice, Body of the Son of God;
Rejoice, Birth in the world of the One Who is Beyond Birth;
Rejoice, most Exquisite Temple;
Rejoice, Purest Creature;
Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 5

God's Fountain of Love Flows on Earth and You, Wondrous Icon, make Yourself into the "Fountain of Living Water", so that we too may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

The Son of God is the Icon of the Godly Love Itself and You, His Mother on Earth, are at once God's Icon and the World's.
Rejoice, Icon, the one from over the "impassable bourn";

Rejoice, for by the Son's Love You were the Chosen Being;
Rejoice, Heavenly Earth come into the world;
Rejoice, Icon-Mother, between Heaven and Earth;
Rejoice, Birth Giver of the Creator within Creation;
Rejoice, One through whom the "history of sin" is turned
backwards;
Rejoice, One through whom the world Sees God again;
Rejoice, Book of Life unbound from all "Seals";
Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 6

Why have You sent Your Image in this land?... You knew that many peoples would come upon us and cause us many terrible hardships, but with You at our side we gain strength in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

O, Icon of Heaven, on this Land's Doorsill, You have come here to bring us the Strength of Life, for You have seen those who ambush and threaten us.

Rejoice, Icon, Strength from Above;
Rejoice, Bastion of God Himself;
Rejoice, for You have Received the Prostration of the Magus;
Rejoice, for You have Chosen him as Ministrant of the New Covenant;
Rejoice, for You have Listened to his "sorrow";
Rejoice, for You have Seen "his Heart's wound";
Rejoice, for through him You have also seen our "wounds";
Rejoice, for You minister for us our Solace;
Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 7

O, how much darkness had been there on Earth and how much wrath and You, the World's Ewe-lamb with the Heavenly

Lamb in Your Arms, searched for the refuge Places, where one could Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

Your Heart of a Mother spoke to You about the “great wail of the Sacrifice,” and how, with Tears, to mellow the terrible Day.

Rejoice, Icon, the Heart Itself of the World;

Rejoice, Holy Heart of Creation;

Rejoice, Tear between Joy and pain;

Rejoice, Crying that vanquishes sin;

Rejoice, sighing that puts a stop to wrath;

Rejoice, Earth made anew;

Rejoice, Earth made Heaven again;

Rejoice, Creation that can no longer die;

Rejoice, Mother of God’s Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 8

You have Come, wondrous Icon unpainted by hand, in this Carpathian Land to Harbour us and to deliver us from the terrible perils and threats, so we can ceaselessly Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

Here, on this Land’s Doorsill, You have seen the “Good Shepherd” ambushed by the “evil shepherds,” and You have seen Yourself, “Heavenly Ewe-lamb,” who can “Resurrect” Him.

Rejoice, Icon of the World’s Ewe-lamb;

Rejoice, Birth Giver to the Shepherd Himself;

Rejoice, that the Shepherd is the Lamb of God Himself;

Rejoice, Mystery of the “Sacrifice” itself;

Rejoice, vanquishing from now on of sin;

Rejoice, conqueror from now on of all evil;

Rejoice, Land of the Shepherd of Life;

Rejoice, Land of the gentle Sheep;

Rejoice, Mother of God’s Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 9

O, Holy Icon, Image of the World with the Maker Himself in Your Arms, Mystery above Nature and the very Mystery of our Life, to You we Prostrate and Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

O, Holy Icon, who dares to take You away from us, who dares to erase Your Image that Imprints Itself everywhere from now on?

Rejoice, Icon, Image of Heavenly Earth;
Rejoice, Image of God Revealed;
Rejoice, Treasure descended from the Sky-Heaven;
Rejoice, Heaven descended upon Earth;
Rejoice, God Himself descended;
Rejoice, God Himself who Embraces the World;
Rejoice, World that Embraces God;
Rejoice, God's Kingdom, Heaven Fulfilled;
Rejoice, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands!

Kontakion 10

O, Mother of God's Icon Not-Made-By-Hands, You have Given Yourself to us as a Mystery that we should Receive and make into Godly Treasure of great value, be for us "immovable Rock" before all our enemies, so that we can become a ceaseless Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of All the Romanian Saints

The Romanian Saints are All those who have lived on Romanian grounds, who have been Founders of Holy Traditions and made themselves "Sons and Fathers" of "our People's Legacy." A People is in the Image of its Sacred Legacy; it is Alive-Living in the Icons of its Saints and in their Holy Relics, Altar of the Eternal Liturgy. There are many Saints less well known or even hidden, but who, with their Holy Gifts, shelter and protect this People from the wrath and evils of the times. The most famous are the more "Sacrificial," a price which is demanded by our increasingly corrupted and murderous world.

Kontakion 1

The Mystery of the Legacy of our Nation and of our Forefathers is the Mystery of the Destiny Each one has in his/her Own Image; so Blessed are You, Saints, who have Fulfilled this with Full and Grace-bearing measure, and thus You have become "The Nation's and the Land's Sainthood":
Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land and People!

Ikos 1

The World's Altars are the "Holy Places and Relics" of those who have truly been God's Sainthood Bearers, and thus the "Kinship of one Nation and one Land" has remained inside a Union which can no longer be broken.

Rejoice, Saints, Living Altars of Prostration;

Rejoice, Saints, who have Sanctified Places as well;

Rejoice, Saints, who have made for Yourselves Abode on Earth as well;

Rejoice, Glory and Honor of a Destiny;
Rejoice, Mystery Work of a Legacy;
Rejoice, Gifts for a Certain Image;
Rejoice, Seeds for a Certain Field;
Rejoice, You, the Chosen Ones with a “Sacred Bound”;
Rejoice, “Covenant of Eternal Union”;
Rejoice, Union which cannot be separated;
Rejoice, Saints, in the Remembrance of a People in Eternity;
**Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land
and People!**

Kontakion 2

What a wonder it is to be Born of Saintly Parents, to Inherit their Virtues, to Live where there are their Holy Sacred Bones, to carry further the Prostration of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

The world is neither “divided” by the Mystery of the Nation and of the Fathers, nor by a Certain Ancestral Land, but by the passion-ridden “dominions,” which destroy precisely the Holy Altars.

Rejoice, Holy Fathers, Godly Mystery;
Rejoice, Fathers, Birth of Life;
Rejoice, Fathers, God’s Image Itself;
Rejoice, Fathers, Abode of Altar;
Rejoice, Fathers, Godly Prostration;
Rejoice, the Chosen Ones of the Earth;
Rejoice, Covenant Promise;
Rejoice, Kinship of Creation;
Rejoice, Kinship, Foundation of Life;
Rejoice, Kinship that Transforms Nature;
Rejoice, Mystery Itself of Eternity;
**Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land
and People!**

Kontakion 3

Thus, Saints of this Romanian Nation and Land, we Celebrate You with the proper Honour and, by making Your Liturgical Remembrance we mirror ourselves in it, in the Great Prostration of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

From the Ages, from the “First Father of this Nation,” to You, All those who have Sanctified this Land, we bring our Blessed Gratitude.

Rejoice, Saints from the Beginnings of this Nation;

Rejoice, Saints of this Land;

Rejoice, Saints of a Kinship with this Land’s Foundation;

Rejoice, You who are Born upon these grounds;

Rejoice, Grandfathers and Ancestors;

Rejoice, You that own this Land’s Legacy;

Rejoice, You that are Inscribed with its Vocation;

Rejoice, You who have taken on this Country’s Yoke;

Rejoice, You who have taken on the “Designed Marked Cross”;

Rejoice, You who have “crossed our Paths”;

Rejoice, Workers of the Romanian People’s Salvation;

Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land and People!

Kontakion 4

This Nation has been Good Soil for the Good Seeds; it has Raised many of those whom God looks upon with Favour, and turned them into inextinguishable Torches, in the Chanting Of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 4

Moreover, You, many Saints from other places, have come to Repose Your Holy Relics into this Blessed Land, becoming Priceless Treasures.

Rejoice, Saints from the Inception of the Ages;
Rejoice, Daco-Roman Saints;
Rejoice, Romanian Saints;
Rejoice, Saints from Caves and Hermitages, from dungeons
and prisons;
Rejoice, Saints from Villages and Citadels;
Rejoice, Saints in Imperial Service;
Rejoice, Saints in Service to the Holy Altars;
Rejoice, Saints Soldiers and Heads of Armies;
Rejoice, Saints of High Rank and Royal Office;
Rejoice, Saints, in Humility of Mystery;
Rejoice, Saints, God's Delight on His Heart's Content;
**Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land
and People!**

Kontakion 5

How should we Name You, o, Saints of this Nation and Land? How can we bring to You the Due Honour and Gratitude, except through the Prostration of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

May Your Remembrance be without the forgetful lessening of any of You; preserved in our memory, or even hidden as yet, or under the mist of the times, to You All we bring our Celebration.

Rejoice, Worshipers of God from the Ages;
Rejoice, Righteous ones from times forgotten;
Rejoice, First Apostles and Confessors of Faith;
Rejoice, First Martyrs and the closest ones to us;
Rejoice, First Hermits longing for the High Spiritual Living;
Rejoice, First adept Monks, Reverend Fathers and Avvas;
Rejoice, First Hierarchs and Priests of the Church;
Rejoice, Founders of Monasteries and Churches;

Rejoice, Defenders and fighters against any encroaching mastery;

Rejoice, Rulers even, crowned with Sainthood;

Rejoice, All Saints, Inscribed upon this Land;

Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land and People!

Kontakion 6

None of You, Named or hidden, from the lowest one to the most highly ranked, You are never forgotten, but All are in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

And thus, may our Celebration be at once for All, with Each in turn and all together, as an All-Holy Gathering of the Godly Love.

Rejoice, Martyrs from the ancient city of Tomis;

Rejoice, Macrobius, Lucian and Dasius;

Rejoice, Argeu, Narcis, Marcelin and Filius the Bishop;

Rejoice, Niceta the Hierarch, Ermil and deacon Statonic;

Rejoice, Vetranion, Casian and Gherman;

Rejoice, Efrem, Montanus the Priest and his wife Maxima;

Rejoice, Irineu, Lupus and Silvan;

Rejoice, Chiril, Chindeas, Tasius and Sava;

Rejoice, Dadas, Pasicrate and Valentin of Durostorum;

Rejoice, Iulian, Nicandru, Isihie, Emilian and Secundus;

Rejoice, Atalos, Kamasis, Filipos and Zoticos;

Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land and People!

Kontakion 7

The Saintly Liturgical Diptych is still shining with Your Names, those who have remained most "Sacrificial," for Your swift and prompt Help in our needs, of those who Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

Even if You “Come from beyond borders,” You have bonded in Kinship with this People and You have become One with the Mystery Destiny of this Land.

Rejoice, Apostles Andrew and Philip, and those Following the Apostles;

Rejoice, Parascheva, Filofteia the Martyr and Teodora;

Rejoice, Transylvanian Martyrs Visarion, Sofronie, Oprea and Ioan;

Rejoice, Hierarchs Iorest and Sava, Iosif from Maramureş, and Teodosie from Brazi;

Rejoice, Ioan from Suceava and the undaunted Brâncoveanu family of Princes;

Rejoice, Rulers Matei Basarab, Ştefan the Great and Saint, and also Neagoe Basarab;

Rejoice, Dimitrie Basarabov and Nicodim the Gentle;

Rejoice, Ioan from Prislop, Paisios and Ioan from Neamţ;

Rejoice, Antonie from Iezer, Neofit from Stănişoara, Daniil the Hermit, Antipa from Calapodeşti, Vasile from Poiana Mărului and Ioan Iacob;

Rejoice, Hierarchs Leontie, Nifon, Calinic, Ghelasie and Ivireanul, Grigorie the Teacher, Pahomie from Gledin and Maxim of the Wallachia;

Rejoice, All those known and unknown;

Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land and People!

Kontakion 8

Saints who have gained God’s Favour, do not let our Glorification of You be overshadowed by our Requests, as we are caught in misfortunes and in need, and so together we may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

O, You, God Loving Saints, You have remained Inscribed in this Land and in this Nation, and thus You have United Heaven and Earth, Most Powerful Mystery of Christ's Incarnation.

Rejoice, Fulfillment of the Godly Mystery;

Rejoice, Pillars holding the Heavens;

Rejoice, Rich Pearls from the Field;

Rejoice, unspoiled Treasures;

Rejoice, Springs of Living Water;

Rejoice, Nourishment from God's Word;

Rejoice, Drink from the All-Holy Spirit;

Rejoice, Blessed Speaking;

Rejoice, Advice of the Highest Wisdom;

Rejoice, Astute Teaching;

Rejoice, Choosing only those pertaining to the Good;

Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land and People!

Kontakion 9

Acknowledging that You are the "Rock-like Foundation" of this Nation, we are too, unworthy though we may seem, the Heirs of Your Mysteries, through which we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

Our Joy is Immense, having You as Protectors and helpers in all our needs, since You are ceaseless Intercessors to Christ for our Salvation.

Rejoice, those who are Blessed by God;

Rejoice, Chosen Ones from the Sons of Men;

Rejoice, the ones that are Purest of Soul;

Rejoice, the ones that are the most Cleansed of Body;

Rejoice, the ones with the most Discerning Minds;

Rejoice, the ones with the most Feeling Hearts;

Rejoice, the ones Wisest in the Spirit²⁴;
Rejoice, the ones Replete with the Word of the Gospel;
Rejoice, the ones most eager for the Good;
Rejoice, the hardest Workers of Spirituality;
Rejoice, the most Loving of God;
**Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land
and People!**

Kontakion 10

Through Your Holy Icons, we too discover our own Image,
and we Mirror in them both our Virtues and our weaknesses,
and thus we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

In truth, we are Blessed to have You as Praying Intercessors
to God and swiftly Deliverers from all our misfortunes and
needs which oftentimes overwhelm us.

Rejoice, Saints, Strengthening our Faith;
Rejoice, Teaching us in all the paths of Life;
Rejoice, Fathers whose Arms are All-too-Loving;
Rejoice, Martyrdom of undaunted Confession;
Rejoice, Piousness of embodied Angels;
Rejoice, obeisant Humility;
Rejoice, Loving Humility;
Rejoice, taking on burdens surpassing nature;
Rejoice, carrying yourselves the burdens of the weak;
Rejoice, healing diseases and weaknesses;
Rejoice, taming all savage evils;
**Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land
and People!**

²⁴ See note 9 above.

Kontakion 11

Your Liturgical Remembrance, the Celebration of the Feasts dedicated to You, the Places where You have carried out Your askesis and work, and where You now Rest Your Holy Relics, all of these are also our Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

Priceless Treasures You are to us, All-Holy Legacy from our People and in Eternity, Exquisite Adornments of our Romanian Church.

Rejoice, Treasures of Romanian Land;

Rejoice, Morning Stars of Christ's Light;

Rejoice, Trees with Fruit of Immortal Life;

Rejoice, Rivers with Healing Waters;

Rejoice, the Earth's Gate to Heaven;

Rejoice, Heaven's Gate to the Earth;

Rejoice, Altars upon which God has Descended;

Rejoice, Altars upon which Christ always Descends;

Rejoice, ceaseless Prayers;

Rejoice, uncountable Intercessions;

Rejoice, our own Saints, who are closest to us than anyone;

Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land and People!

Kontakion 12

You All have remained on Earth Champion Church and have become Victorious Church in Heavens and, through You, us too, the Sons from Down Below, are Born, Grow up and Fulfill our Lives in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

Thus, we maintain the Trust in our Salvation and, through You, we Strengthen our Faith and with renewed daring we run to Christ, where You are now All Gathered together.

Rejoice, our Saints of Kinship and Nation;
Rejoice, Saintly Grandfathers and Ancestors;
Rejoice, Liturgical Remembrance of Ancient Testimony;
Rejoice, Images unaltered by times;
Rejoice, Names preserved with greatest care;
Rejoice, Icons of eternal prostration;
Rejoice, Holy Relics, Living Altars;
Rejoice, Tombs-Churches of Soul;
Rejoice, Tombs-Hearts beating within Rest;
Rejoice, Inscription of Eternity on Earth;
Rejoice, Immortality of the People into Eternity;
**Rejoice, Saints, Altars and Prostration of Romanian Land
and People!**

Kontakion 13

All You Saints of Romanian Nation and Place, Your Liturgical Remembrance is Feast and Joy, but it is at once Supplication for this Country and for us who are in need, so that we can heartily Chant: *Alleluia!*

Akathist of Eternal Memory

Here, in the Carpathian region, there is a specific tradition, "the Memory-Remembrance of the departed Fathers" with whom those who are still Alive have an unbreakable "bond." Our Ancestors-Grandfathers, Parents and all those departed are considered to be "the ones that hold this world" on earth, a lot of them being Holy Fathers who are now standing Before God, Whom they are permanently Supplicating for our Life.

The Heavenly Remembrance of the earthly people and the Earthly Remembrance of those from Heavens constitute the Memorial of Eternity. The Eternal Memory is "Eternal Life," both of those that have moved into the Eternal World and also of those who are permanently Born in the World. The World first has "Fathers in the Life Eternal," and they are the "foundation" of the Life of all those who are Born to Life. When a "New Child" is Born, he/she is first Born from his/her "Nation's Fathers from Life Eternal."

"The Memory of the Fathers" is a poignant specific tradition of Christian Life. "The Heavenly Liturgy and the Earthly Liturgy" are in "direct Connection." Whoever does not Participate in this Union, will never know what "Life Eternal" is.

This Akathist is read at the Service for the Memory of the departed, in the Saturdays dedicated to the Dead, and every time one makes the 40 Days Memorial Service (Panikhída).

Kontakion 1

Your Image Itself is the most Precious Oikonomia, ineffable and unfathomable, that all should be in the Fatherly Union, o, God, Father of everyone, to Whom we bow with deep Prostration: God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers and to all those departed!

Ikos 1

Father, God, You are the Creator of everything, Who Births the Son, Revelation in everything, Who Proceeds the Holy Spirit, Maker of everything; to You we bring the Deepest Prostration.

God, our Father, the Most Precious Name and Name of Mystery;

God, our Father, "One Who Is" always;

God, our Father, One Beyond Beginning in Itself;

God, our Father, Unbounded only Bounded in His Own Self;

God, our Father, One before any Beginning;

God, our Father, Love-Fatherly Image;

God, our Father, Father-Birth of it all;

God, our Father, Father-Arms of Life;

God, our Father, Wellspring in Itself;

God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers and to all those departed!

Kontakion 2

Unfathomed Deep, Father God, Mystery which only You can reveal, You have Created also a World, to also be its Father, and which will Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 2

Godly Son, the "Book of the World's Life" has brought You Offering of Self-giving, wherein all Creation was Inscribed, and You have Received it in Your Arms.

God, our Father, You have Received the Creation's Self-giving;

God, our Father, You could see that the World would sin;

God, our Father, You did not look at sin;

God, our Father, Love that has passed over everything;

God, our Father, and Father of the World;

God, our Father, You have made the World out of Your Own Love;

God, our Father, You have Created out of “nothing”;
God, our Father, You have conceived the “nothing” into
Creation;
God, our Father, You have Sealed it all with Your Image;
**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 3

Father God, Love from the Absolute, the sin of the world
“has cut a wound in Immortality” and Eternity “was torn in
two,” and the Creation’s “death” occurred, but You have not
stopped from Creating, to the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 3

Sin was unable to destroy the World, since You have Sealed
it with “Immortality,” and thus, constantly, “death” passes into
Life again.

God, our Father, Love that is stronger than sin;
God, our Father, Love that passes over death;
God, our Father, All-Mighty Love;
God, our Father, Love, Union without separation;
God, our Father, Fatherly Mystery in Itself;
God, our Father, Image All-Mighty;
God, our Father, Image All-Creating;
God, our Father, Image All-Encompassing;
God, our Father, Image All-Conceiving;

**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 4

We too, with Deep Prostration Bow to You, and our
Speaking, even weak as it is, we still offer it to You, for one
cannot be silent in Your Joy and neither in the Chanting of:
Alleluia!

Ikos 4

From the fallen world, from the darkness down below, the Seal of Your Image is Calling us to You, and so, we are moving towards You with our weak strength.

God, our Father, You Are God in His Own Self;

God, our Father, God from before God;

God, our Father, Father from before any Father;

God, our Father, Image from before any Image;

God, our Father, Absolute from before absolute;

God, our Father, Love before any Love;

God, our Father, All from before it All;

God, our Father, One from Himself and in Himself;

God, our Father, One who is Father to Creation;

God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers and to all those departed!

Kontakion 5

We are to blame for all the suffering of the world, even those of the voiceless creatures, because Man's sin has destroyed the Beauty of Creation, but we are asking for Your Forgiveness, Father, Chanting: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 5

Through Your Son's Cross, sin was vanquished, the curse was lifted, and so we can again return to You.

God, our Father, to Your Forgiveness we Prostrate;

God, our Father, to Your Mercy we are Thankful;

God, our Father, receive also our minimal reformation;

God, our Father, receive also the Souls of the departed;

God, our Father, overlook their sins;

God, our Father, they are our Fathers;

God, our Father, they are our Brothers and our Kin;

God, our Father, they are with You now;
God, our Father, many of them loved You;
**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 6

Many are the sufferings of sin, and the wailing of the world has reached Your Father's Heart, and Your boundless Love is Offering us Forgiveness, for which we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 6

The World You have Created was "torn into two" through the bitter sin, but You cross over the "separating abyss" and remain Father of it all.

God, our Father, sin has separated us from You;
God, our Father, sin has turned into "abyss";
God, our Father, do not turn us away from You;
God, our Father, only You can overlook it all;
God, our Father, only You refuse to forsake Your Creation;
God, our Father, only You Know Each of us;
God, our Father, only You can once again Unite us;
God, our Father, only at You there is again the Encounter;
God, our Father, only through You there is our Restoration;
**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 7

Sin has broken off the Soul from the body, it broke off the World Above from the one down below, it has estranged the Fathers from their Sons, the Brothers from their kinsmen, and only with You there is the Recovery, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 7

You, Father of it All, cannot abide the corruption of Your Creation, and so, Your Love Recreates it.

God, our Father, Love, but also correction;

God, our Father, Appeal, but also punishment;

God, our Father, Forgiveness, but also reprimand;

God, our Father, deliver us from the darkness of sin;

God, our Father, do not let our Fathers forget us;

God, our Father, do not let us forget them either;

God, our Father, many are the Saints of the World;

God, our Father, many have earned Your Favour;

God, our Father, may their Memory be Eternal;

**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 8

Our Lord, Christ, has given us too the Image of Sons, and we have Clothed ourselves in It, and so we have entered in His Eternity, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 8

The All-Holy Spirit has also cleansed us, has had us Transfigured into Light, so that we could Stand Before You, Father of it all.

God, our Father, we do not know much to say;

God, our Father, Prostration is our Response;

God, our Father, Thankfulness is our Praise;

God, our Father, the bowing of the Mind is our glorification;

God, our Father, the contrition of our Heart is our Chanting;

God, our Father, Prayer is our Speaking;

God, our Father, Silence is our state;

God, our Father, Hope is our Expectation;

God, our Father, Faith is our Seeing;
**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 9

Father of Eternity, sin has only left us dejection, but when we run to You, we feel again the ineffable Joy, and from the pit down below we Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 9

Father of Eternity, Your Image is but Life, and so, when we turn towards You, we receive Life again.

God, our Father, Your Image is the Life within us;

God, our Father, see our bitter misfortunes;

God, our Father, suffering and death haunt us perpetually;

God, our Father, there is no one to redeem us;

God, our Father, there is no one to save us;

God, our Father, we dread the hour of our death;

God, our Father, we fear the punishment for sin;

God, our Father, our last Hope;

God, our Father, Love, do not forsake us, Love;

**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 10

Your Image, which You Breathed into Each of us, Your Creation, as with Adam, is now covered by sin, and how will we Stand Before You then? Clothe us with Your Love, so may Chant: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 10

Naked in Eternity we cannot be and, clothed in the garment of hell's darkness, we will only burn when we Stand Before the Light, thus, we tremble and ask for Your Mercy.

God, our Father, Clothe our departed Fathers;
God, our Father, cover their nakedness with Your Love;
God, our Father, Mercifulness of Mercy itself;
God, our Father, Father most Merciful;
God, our Father, do not let Your Creation torn;
God, our Father, Recover Your Image in Your Creation;
God, our Father, do not let You Creation die;
God, our Father, do not forget us;
God, our Father, we know we are in Your Heart;
**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 11

Though we are unworthy, we do not despair, for we know Your Al-Mighty Fatherly Love, and thus, between tears and pain, Your Joy is still Radiating in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 11

Father God, only by Prostrating do we Know Your Love, because to You, Love of all Loves, the Highest Praise is Due.
God, our Father, Joy of Eternity;
God, our Father, Father Holding it All in Your Arms;
God, our Father, You allow Creation to Embrace You too;
God, our Father, O, Icon of Icons;
God, our Father, All the World with You at once;
God, our Father, Creation with its Creator at once;
God, our Father, Union of it all;
God, our Father, Union without separation;
God, our Father, Arms with no boundaries;
**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 12

O, Father God, let us be with our Fathers, with our Kinsmen, with our whole Families and our People together, as in the Icon of Eternity, in the Chanting of: *Alleluia!*

Ikos 12

The Kingdom of Eternity is Your Kingdom, Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the Godly Trinity, and with the Prostrated Creation at once.

God, our Father, Eternity descended into Creation;

God, our Father, Immortality within Creation as well;

God, our Father, Godhead Poured outward;

God, our Father, with the Son and with the Holy Spirit, the
Threefold Love;

God, our Father, yet another Love through the World's
Saints;

God, our Father, for the sinful, yet another act of Mercy;

God, our Father, for all those departed, yet more Mercy;

God, our Father, Love of all Loves;

God, our Father, Father in eternity;

**God, our Father, boundless Love, Give Rest to our Fathers
and to all those departed!**

Kontakion 13

In the Undivided Trinity of the Godhead, Father God of the Created World, lift us up to Love again, we who have fallen out of Love, so that we may be in the Love of it All, in the chanting of: *Alleluia!*

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