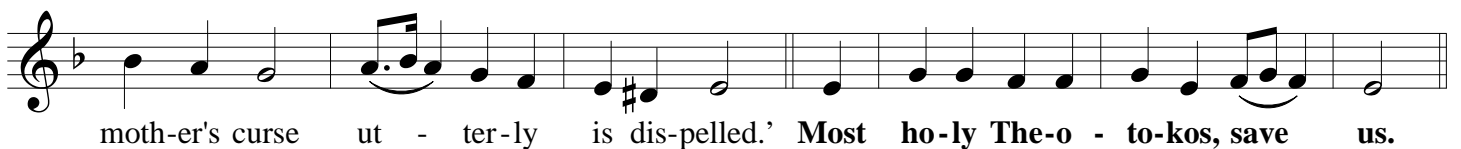
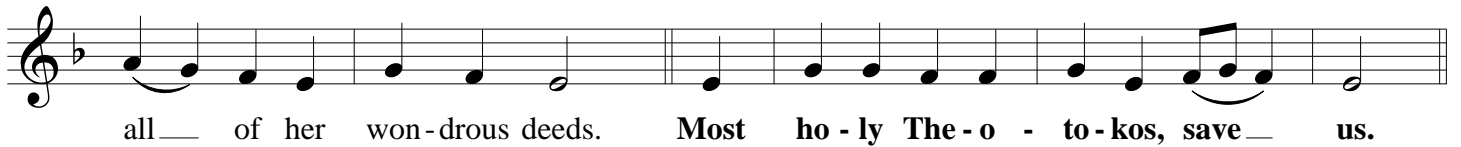
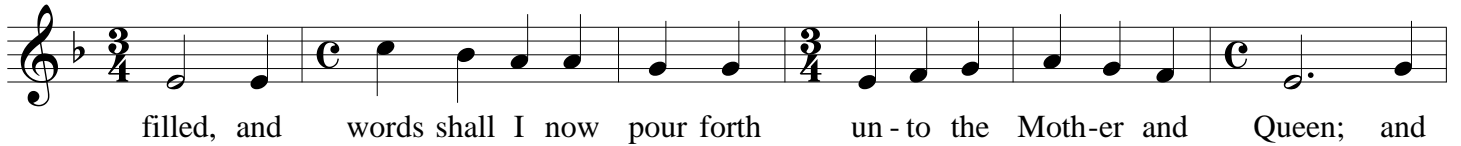


# Canon of the Akathist

## Ode 1

Byzantine Tone 4  
Arr. Basil Crow  
Translation, +HTM



Re - joice, Vir - gin Bride of — God, for thou art Ad - am's re -

-cov - er - y; re - joice, O all - blame - less one; thou art the

death-knell of Ha - des and th on - ly King's pure dwell - ing - place and

pal - ace. Re - joice, fier - y throne of th on - ly Om - nip - o - tent.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Re - joice, O thou on - ly — one who blos - somed forth th un - fad - ing

Rose. Re - joice, for to thee was born th Ap - ple fra - grant and sweet, for

thou art, O Maid, th on - ly King's pure fra - grance. Re -

- joice — O un - wed - ded one, ran - som of all the world.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

O treas-ure of pu - ri - ty, re - joice, for from our most griev-ous fall we

rose once a - gain through thee. Re-joyce, O lil - y most sweet, fill-ing faith-ful

men with fra-grance, O pure La - dy, O in - cense of peer-less scent,

price - less and pre - cious myrrh.

Ode 3

Make stead - fast, O ho - ly The - o - to - kos, thou liv - ing and

nev - er - fail - ing spring, all them that form a com - pa - ny and

gath-er for to praise thy name; and by thy grace di-vine, O Maid, deem them all

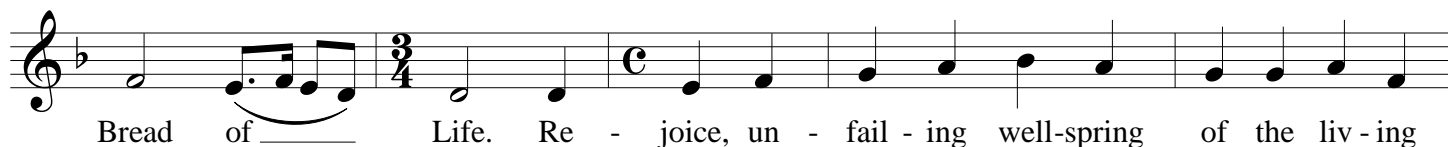
wor - thy of glo - ry's crowns. Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.



Re - joice, O thou un - tilled land that blos - somed the Ear of Wheat




sa-cred and di - vine. A liv-ing ta - ble art thou, Maid, that held the ver - y



Bread of Life. Re - joice, un - fail - ing well-spring of the liv - ing



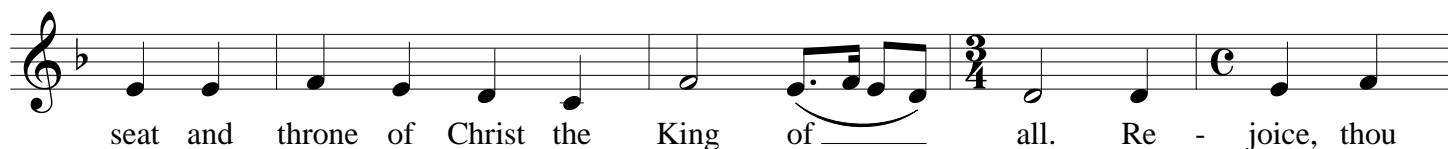
Wa - ter, O Queen of all. Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us.



O heif - er that bare the blame - less Calf for the faith - ful, to



thee we cry, Re - joice! Re - joice, most gra - cious mer - cy



seat and throne of Christ the King of all. Re - joice, thou



ewe that bare the Lamb of God that tak - eth a - way men's sins.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Re - joice, ra-diant morn that hath dawned, bring-ing forth Christ God, the

spir - it - u - al Sun. Re - joice, O dwell - ing of the Light;

thou didst dis - pel the gloom of night and didst whol - ly an -

- ni - hi - late the dark - some ranks of the de - mons' hosts.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

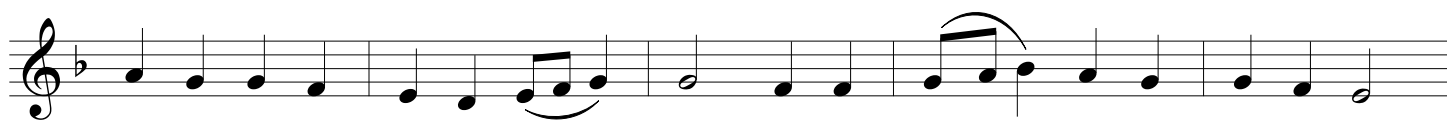
Re - joice, for thou art a - lone the gate - way and

por - tal which God the Word trav - ersed. O La - dy, thou didst

crush the bars and gates of Ha-des by thy child-birth. Re - joice, O ho - ly

en - try of the saved, O praised and all - laud - ed one.

### Ode 4



Seat-ed in His ho - ly glo - ry on the Throne of Di - vin - i - ty,



Je - sus, God tran - scend - ent, com-eth on a light cloud as King of all,



and He hath saved by His pure and un - de - filed hand them that



cry to Him: 'Glo - ry O Christ to Thy sov' - reign might.'



Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. With the voice of song we cry out,



O all - praised one, to thee with faith: Re - joice O fer-tile moun - tain,



cur-dled in the Spir - it by grace di - vine; re - joice, O lamp-stand and



urn of Man - na from on high, which doth sweet-en all pi - ous men's

sens - es in god - ly wise. Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_\_ us.

Thou, O un - de - filed\_\_ La - dy, art the mer - cy - seat

of the world and the lad - der rais - ing all men from th

earth\_\_ to the heights by grace. Re - joice, O bridge that dost

tru - ly lead from death to\_\_ Life all that praise thy name and cry: Re -

- joice\_\_ un - to thee, O Maid. Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_\_ us.

Be - ing high - er than the heav - ens, in thy womb thou didst hold th earth's

Pil - lar and Foun - da - tion, and thou didst not suf - fer tra - vail, O Maid.

Re - joice, O sea - shell that dipp - est in thine own pure blood

the blest pur - ple robe dyed for the King— of all Heav-en's hosts.

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

To the Law-giv - er, O La - dy, didst thou give— birth in ver - y truth,

free - ly, O pure Vir - gin. He hath blot - ted out— our in - iq - ui - ties,

O depth un - known to our minds and height in - ef - fa - ble.

O un - wed - ded Maid, we all through thee— have been de - i - fied.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.



For the world, O Maid, didst thou plait a pure Crown fashioned not by man;

hence with hymns we praise thee, crying out: 'Re-joice O blest

Vir-gin Maid.' Thou art all man-kind's sure ram-part and firm cit-a-del

and our bat-tle-ment and sa-cred shel-ter and safe re-treat.

### Ode 5

All crea-tures were sore a-mazed at thy di-vine and great glo-ry, Maid,

O pure Vir-gin who hast not known wed-lock; for thou didst

hold in thy womb the God of all, and gav-est birth to the

time-less Son, Who doth grant sal-va-tion un-to all them that ac-claim thy name.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. Re - joice, O all - blame - less

one, for thou didst bring forth the Way of Life, sav - ing all of man -

-kind from the flood of sin and trans - gres - sion. Re - joice, O

Bride of God; thy fame and re - port in - spire

awe, for in thee cre - a - tion's Lord made His dwell - ing and place of rest.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. Re - joice, O most spot - less

Maid; thou art our might and our bat - tle - ment, and blest sanc - tu - ar - y

of God's glo - ry, the death of Ha - des and brid - al cham - ber of

light. Re - joice, joy of all an - gel - ic hosts, and the speed - y help of

them that en - treat thee with faith-ful hearts. **Most ho-ly The-o - to-kos, save us.**

Re - joice, fier - y char-i - ot of God the Word, O thou Queen of all;

for in thee the Tree of Life was plant - ed, e - ven the Lord God, O

liv-ing par - a - dise. His sweet - ness doth grant life to all men —

who par - take of Him with faith, though cor - rup-tion once ruled — o-ver them.

**Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.**

Made strong by thy might, O Maid, to thee we cry — out most faith-ful - ly: Re -

- joice, thou — depth un-meas-ured and un-fath - omed. Re - joice, O moun -

- tain whole and un - hewn by — man. Re - joice, O thou cit - y of the King;

glo - ri - ous and laud - a - ble things are most clear - ly told of thee.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

O most spa - cious tab - er - nac - le of the Word, O all - spot - less one:

thou, Maid, art the shell with the di - vine Pearl. Re - joice, O true

rec - on - cil - i - a - tion to God for all them that ev - er call thee

blest, prais - ing thine all won - drous name, O The - o - to - kos and Bride of God.

### Ode 6

On this di - vine and most hon - ored feast of God's all - ho - ly Moth - er, let

all of god - ly mind now cel - e - brate: come, let us faith - ful now clap our

hands and send up glo - ry un - to the God Whom she hath borne.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_\_ us. O un-stained cham-ber of

God the Word, thou art the cause of de - i - fi - ca - tion of all

men, O spot-less one. O ech - o - ing of the Proph - ets' words,

re - joice, thou blest a - dorn - ment of th A - pos - tles' choir.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_\_ us. From thee there came down the

ho - ly Dew that quenched the burn - ing flame of i - dol - a - try;

for this, we cry to thee, 'Re - joice, be - dewed fleece fore - seen of

old in God's most awe - some won - der re - vealed to Gid - e - on!'

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Be-hold, we cry out, 'Re - joice to thee; be thou the port and ha - ven for

all that sail up - on the storm-y sea of griev-ous sor - rows and stum-pling

blocks and of de-ceits un - num - bered laid by the en - e - my. **Both now and**

ev - er, and un - to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

O cause of glad-ness, come fill our thoughts with glad-ness, that we all— may cry

out to thee: 'Re - joice, un - burn - ing bush; Re-joyce, O cloud whol - ly

filled with light, ev - er pro - tect - ing all them that keep the ho - ly Faith.'

Ode 7

No cre - at - ed\_\_\_ thing, but on - ly the Cre - a - tor, would the god - ly -

- mind - ed\_\_\_ Youths a - dore and wor - ship as God, but

man-ful - ly tram-pling down threats of fire, they cried out: 'O su -

- preme - ly\_\_\_ praised and all - ac - claimed One, blest art Thou, O Thou

Lord God of our Fa - thers.' **Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_\_\_ us.**

In ac - claim - ing\_\_\_ thee, we cry, 'Re - joice O char - i -

- ot of the no - et - ic\_\_\_ Sun!' Re - joice, true vine\_\_\_ that didst

bear the tru - ly ripe Clus - ter of grapes, drip - ping with the

Wine that doth glad - den\_ all the souls of them that glo - ri - fy thee most

faith - ful - ly, O Vir - gin. Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_ us.

To the Heal - er\_ of all man-kind hast thou giv - en birth; re - joice, O

Bride of\_ God. Thou art the mys - ti - cal rod\_ from

whom th un - fad - ing Rose blos - somed and bud - ded forth, and through

thee\_ we\_ men in - her - it life, and, filled with joy, cry: 'Re -

- joice to thee, O La - dy!' Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_ us.

Rhe - tor - i - cians' tongues can - not ac - claim thee wor - thi - ly; a - bove the



Ser - a - phim art thou ex - alt - ed, O Maid, for thou,

La - dy, didst bring forth Christ the one King of all. Him do thou —

en - treat, that we who wor-ship thee with faith be now res-cued from all e - vil.

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

To th ends of — earth thy name is ev - er praised and blest, and all men

cry — to — thee: 'Re - joice, O vol - ume where - in the Word was in -

- scribed by the Fath-er's hand, O pure one.' O The-o - to - kos,

pray Him that thy ser-vants be in - scribed in the Book of Life, O famed one.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

We thy slaves, O Maid, en - treat thee and do bow the knee of our heart to

thee; in - cline thine ear, O pure one, and save us who sink in af -

- flic - tion and suf - fer - ing, and pre - serve thy flock from


ev' - ry e - vil and as - sult of the foe, O The - o - to - kos.

### Ode 8

Three guilt-less Youths cast in the fur - nace were saved by th Off-spring, which the

The-o - to-kos bare, then in fig-ure and in type, now in ver-y truth and deed;

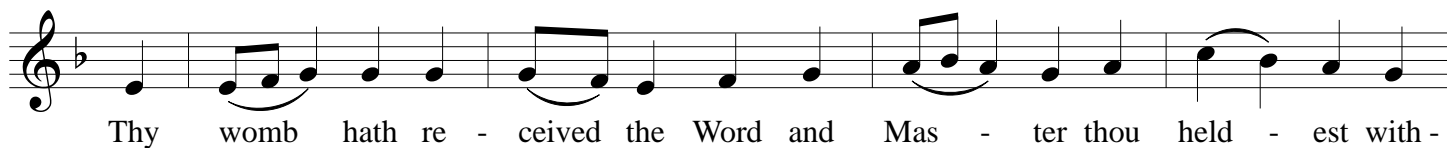
and He hath gath-ered all the world, which cri-eth out in chant: 'Ye



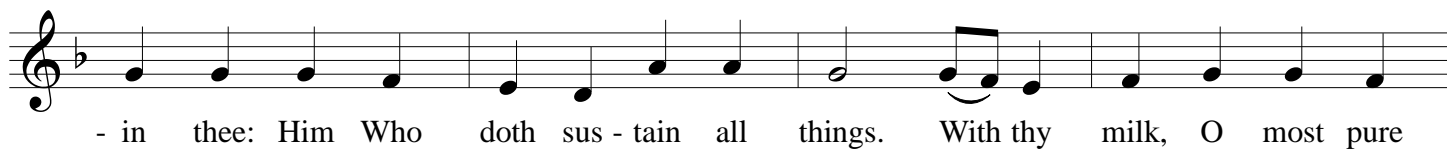
works of His, O sing the Lord's prais-es and ex-alt Him



great-ly for ag-es and all ag-es.' Most ho-ly The-o-to-kos, save us.



Thy womb hath re-ceived the Word and Mas-ter thou held-est with-



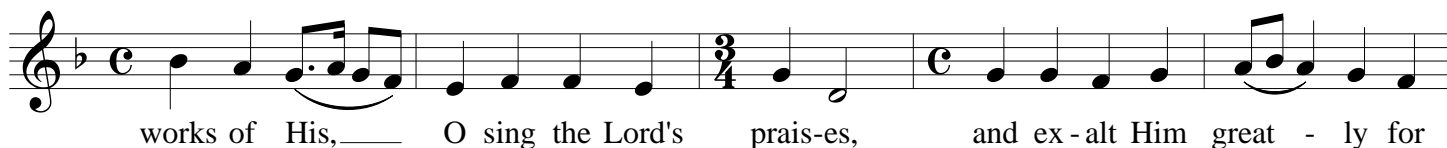
-in thee: Him Who doth sus-tain all things. With thy milk, O most pure



Maid, thou didst feed and nour-ish Him Who by a



nod doth nour-ish all the world. To Him we chant: 'Ye



works of His, O sing the Lord's prais-es, and ex-alt Him great-ly for



ag-es and all ag-es.' Most ho-ly The-o-to-kos, save us.

Blest Mo - ses the proph - et did per - ceive\_ in the bush\_ thy most

won-drous child-birth's awe-some mys-ter - y; this, too, did the god-ly Youths once

clear-ly de - pict of\_ old, as they stood in the flam-ing fire and

were not burned there - by. O un - de - filed\_ and most ho - ly

Vir-gin, hence we all ex - alt\_ thee to ag - es and all ag - es.

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_ us. We that by de - ceit were once stripped

na - ked, are clothed with blest in - cor - rup - tion by thy bring - ing

forth. Though we sat in sin's dark night, through thee we have

seen the light, for thou, O Maid-en full of grace, art an a -

- bode of the Light. For this we chant and cry out thy

prais-es, and ex - alt thee great - ly for ag - es and all ag - es.

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

The dead are, through thee, O Vir - gin, quick - ened, for

thou didst give birth to Christ, the hy - po - stat - ic Life. They that

were be - reft of speech through thee are made el - o - quent;

lep - ers are cleansed, all mal - a - dies are cast a - way from

us. The mul - ti - tude

of aer - i - al spir - its

suff - er - eth de - feat,

O sal - va - tion of all mor - tals.

Both now and ev - er,

and un - to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

O thou who didst bear the world's Sal - va - tion, through thee are we

raised from earth un - to the Heav - ens' heights. Re - joice, O all - blest Maid,

for thou art the shel - ter and de - fense, the wall and ram - part, O pure one, of

them that cry in chant: 'Ye works of His, O sing the Lord's

prais - es and ex - alt Him great - ly for ag - es and all ag - es.'

# Ode 9

Let eve-ry earth-born man up - leap in the spir - it, and now hold his torch on

high; and let all the bod - i - less no - et - ic hosts now

cel - e - brate joy - ous - ly the The - o - to - kos' sub -

-lime and sa - cred fes - ti - val, as they cry \_\_\_\_\_ out: 'Re -

-jice O thou all - bless-ed one, ev - er vir - gin and pure Moth - er of our God.'

Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save \_\_\_\_\_ us. Res - cue us, O Maid, from

hea - then as - saults, temp - ta - tions, and from eve - ry ill, that for the great

mul - ti - tude of sins have come up - on sin - ful mor - tal men;

that, thus de - liv-ered, we thy flock may cry 'Re - joice!' to\_\_\_ thee; for the

faith - ful all be - come par - tak - ers of joy un - end - ing, through

thee,\_\_\_ O all - blame-less one. Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save\_\_\_ us.

Thou hast proved to be\_\_\_ our light and our stead - fast - ness; where - fore, we

cry to thee: 'Re - joice, O ev - er - shin - ing\_\_\_ star, thou who didst

bring the great\_\_\_ Sun in - to the world!' Re - joice, for thou didst o - pen

E - den, which was closed to\_\_\_ us, O pure Maid - en. Re -

- joice, O fier - y pil - lar that dost lead all mor - tal men\_\_\_ to the life on high.



Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us. In the House of God, let

all stand with rev - er - ence and let us all cry out: 'Re - joice, au - gust

Queen of the world!' Re - joice, O Mar - y, sov' - reign

La - dy of us all. Re - joice, for thou a - lone, O Maid, art good and

free of stain a - mong wom - en. Re - joice, O

ves - sel that re - ceived th un - fail - ing pure Myrrh that was poured on thee.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

O ev - er - vir - gin Maid, re - joice, dove that brought - est forth Him Who is mer - ci -

- ful, Re - joice, thou boast of all the Saints and crown of all them

that strove in mar-tyr - dom. Re - joice, most sa-cred or - na-ment of all the

right - eous ones, and a - dorn - ment of all\_\_ them that

cry: 'Re - joice, the sal - va-tion of all\_\_ us thy faith-ful flock!'

Both now and ev - er, and un-to th ag - es of ag - es. A - men.

Spare, O might-y God, for - give Thine in - her - it - ance, and o - ver-look our

sins. To this end Thou hast, O\_\_ Lord, the one that bare Thee seed -

-less - ly here on earth and now en-treat-eth Thee, Who hast for Thy great

mer - cy's\_\_ sake and com - pas - sion willed now to be -

-come a man, and be clothed with a form\_\_ that was not Thine own.