

September 14th
THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS
Katavasiae from Orthros

Byzantine Tone 8

Adapted by Christopher Holwey
from the music of Basil Kazan
(1915-2001)

Ode 1

Ison
Ver - i - ly, Mo - ses hav - ing struck with his rod,___
hor - i - zon - tal - ly, cleav - ing the Red___ Sea and
caus - ing Is - ra - el to cross___ on foot, then hav - ing
struck it trans - verse - ly bring - ing it to - geth - er o - ver
Phar - aoh and his char - i - ots, did trace the Cross,___ thus
sym - bol - iz - ing that in - vin - ci - ble weap - on.
Where - fore, do we praise Christ___ our God,
for that he hath been glo - ri - fied.

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Ode 3

Ison The rod is tak - en as a sym - bol of the mys - t'ry;

for by its bud - ding, it des - ig - nat - eth the Priest.

But now the tree of the Cross_____ hath blos-somed forth with

might and stead - fast - ness to the hith - er - to___ bar - ren Church.

Ode 4

Ison I have heard,_____ O Lord, of the mys - t'ry of thy___

dis - pen - sa - tion, and have con - tem - plat - ed thy works.

Where-fore, have I glo - ri - fied thy___ God - head.

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Ode 5

Ison
O thou thrice-bless - ed Tree, where-on the Lord Christ the
King was stretched, and through which he who was be - guiled
by the tree fell, hav - ing been be-guiled by thee, by the
God that was nailed up - on thee in the flesh, who
grant - - eth safe - ty to our souls.

Ode 6

Ison
When Jo - nah in the bel - ly of the whale did
stretch forth his hands in the form of a cross,
he did fore-shad - ow clear - ly the pas - sion of sal-va - tion;

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and when he came out on the third__ day, he did sym-bol-ize the
world-tran-scend - ing Res-ur-rec - tion of Christ, nailed up - on__
thee__ in the flesh, and il - lu - mi - nat - ing the world
by his third__ day__ Res - ur - rec - tion.

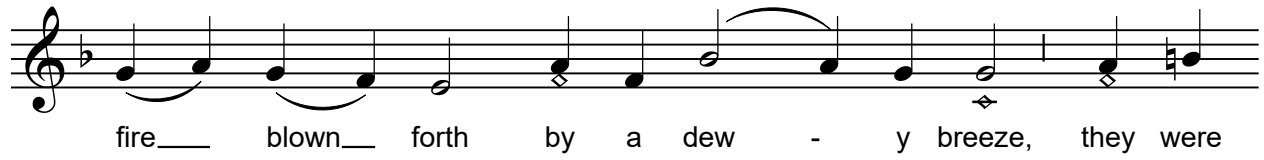
Ode 7

Ison ♪
The mad__ com-mand of thē in - fi - del ty - rant hath
shak - en the na - tions, breath-ing forth__ threats and
blas - phe - mies loathed of God. But the three__ youths were not
ter - ri - fied__ by the bes - tial ter - ror, nor

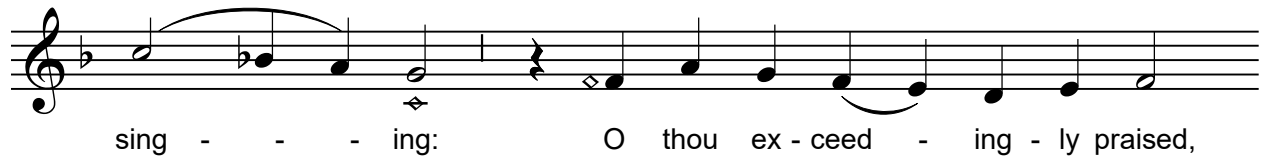
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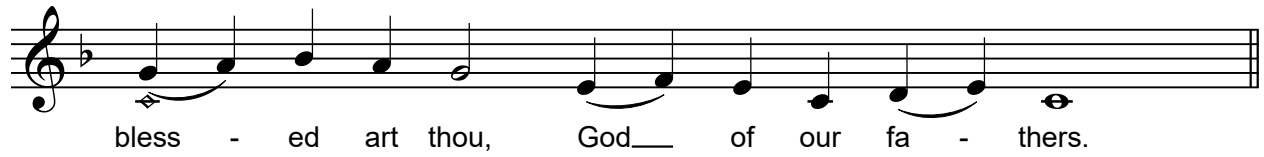
the con-sum-ing fire; for be-ing to-geth-er a-midst the



fire___ blown___ forth by a dew-y breeze, they were



sing - - - ing: O thou ex-ceed-ing-ly praised,

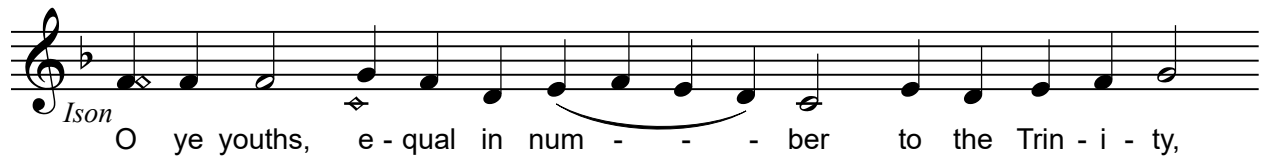


bless-ed art thou, God___ of our fa-thers.

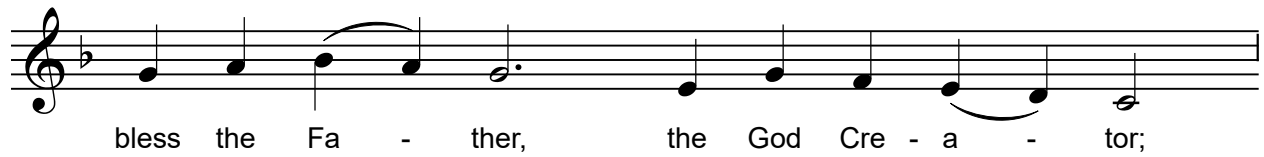
Ode 8



We praise, we bless, and we wor-ship the Lord.



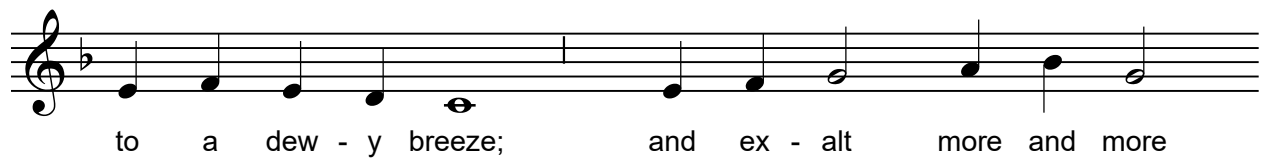
Ison O ye youths, e-qual in num-ber to the Trin-i-ty,



bless the Fa-ther, the God Cre-a-tor;



praise the Word which___ did___ con-de-scend and turn the fire___



to a dew-y breeze; and ex-alt more and more

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thē all - ho - ly Spir - it, who give - eth life
to - all for - ev - er - more.