

Kontakion - Tone 4

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

Special Melody
"Having been lifted up"
Kiev Caves Lavra

S
A

Casting off the yoke of thy publi-can's of - - fice, thou didst

T
B

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the Kontakion. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music is written in a key with two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Casting off the yoke of thy publi-can's of - - fice, thou didst". The Soprano and Alto parts are primarily chordal, while the Tenor and Bass parts have a more melodic line.

shoul-der the yoke of right-eous-ness and wast shown to be a most

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the Kontakion. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The lyrics are: "shoul-der the yoke of right-eous-ness and wast shown to be a most". The musical notation continues with similar chordal and melodic patterns as the first line.

ex - cel - lent mer - chant, bring - ing in the wisdom from on

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of the Kontakion. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The lyrics are: "ex - cel - lent mer - chant, bring - ing in the wisdom from on". The musical notation continues with similar chordal and melodic patterns.

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Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of the Kontakion. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The lyrics are: "high as rich - es. Where-fore, thou didst preach the Word of truth". The musical notation concludes with similar chordal and melodic patterns.

Kontakion of St. Matthew

and hast up - lift - ed the souls of the despondent, describing

the hour of judgment.

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