The sun once passed over the dry land born of the deep,
for the water became firm as a wall on either side when the people traversed the sea, chanting in God-pleasing manner:

Let us sing to the Lord, for gloriously hath He been glorified!
Ode 3

O Lord, Thou confirmation of those who trust in Thee,

establish the Church which Thou hast acquired with Thy precious blood.
Canon of the Meeting of our Lord - Tone 3

Ode 4

Thy virtue hath covered the heavens, O Christ;

for, having issued forth from Thine immaculate Mother, the ark of Thy holiness, Thou hast appeared in the Temple of Thy glory as a babe borne in arms, and all things have been filled with Thy praise.
In a vision Isaiah beheld God exalted upon a throne borne aloft by angels of glory, and he cried: Woe is me! for I have beheld beforehand the Incarnate God, the unwaning Light, Who reign-eth with peace!
The elder, beholding with his own eyes

the salvation which was come to the peoples from God,

cried out to Thee, O Christ: Thou art my God!

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Ode 6
We hymn Thee, ___ God ___ the Word Who be-dewed the
the-o-lo-giz-ing chil-dren in the fire and dwelt with-in the
in-cor-rupt Vir-gin, and piously we chant: Blessed is
the God ___ of our fa-thers!
Ode 8

United in the unbearable fire yet unharmed

by its flame, the pious youths chanted in intercession:

Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him

supremely for all ages!
Before the Katavasia of the 8th Ode:

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord; praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.
Ode 9 - Refrain 1

O Virgin Theotokos, thou hope of Christians,

preserve and save those who trust in thee.
Ode 9 - Irmos  Canon of the Meeting of our Lord - Tone 3

In the shadow and the letter of the law do we behold an image,

O ye faithful: every male child which openeth the womb

is consecrated to God. Wherefore, we magnify

the first-born Word of the unoriginate Father,

the first-born Son of the Mother who knew not man.
Ode 9 - Refrain 2

O Virgin Theotokos, thou good help of the world,

protect and preserve it from all want and grief.

Ode 9 - Refrain 3

O God-bearing Symeon, come thou and take up Christ,

to Whom the pure Virgin Mary hath given birth.
Ode 9 - Refrain 4

With his arms the elder Symeon embraceth

the Creator of the law and Master of all things.

Ode 9 - Refrain 5

"It is not the elder who holdeth Me, but rather I hold him;

for he asketh Me to dismiss him."

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Ode 9 - Refrain 6

How dost thou hold the burning Coal, O mystic tongs?

Ode 9 - Refrain 7

How dost thou feed Him Who sustaineth all?

O daughter of Phanuel come and stand with us,

and give thanks to Christ the Savior, the Son of God!
Ode 9 - Refrain 8

The chaste Anna proclaims eth awesome things, confessing Christ, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Ode 9 - Refrain 9

Unapproachable to angels and men is what was wrought within thee, O pure Virgin Mary.
Canon of the Meeting of our Lord - Tone 3

Ode 9 - Refrain 10

The pure dove, the unblemished ewe - - - lamb,

beareth the Lamb and Shepherd into the temple.

Ode 9 - Refrain 11

O Christ, Thou King of all, grant victory over

all heresies to Thy faithful hierarchs!
Ode 9 - Refrain 12

O Christ, Thou King of all, grant me fervent tears, that I may weep over my soul, which I have wickedly ruined.

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