To God the Savior, Who led His people
in the sea with dry-shod feet, and drowned Pharaoh
and all his army, to Him alone let us chant
for He hath been glorified.

Ode 1

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Canon I, Tone 5

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Ode 3

By the power of Thy Cross, O Christ, make steadfast

Thou my mind, that I may hymn and glorify

Thy saving ascension.
Ode 4

I have heard report of the power of the Cross,

that Paradise hath been opened thereby, and I cried aloud:

Glory to Thy power, O Lord!
Ode 5

Rising at dawn, we cry to Thee: Save us, O Lord!

for Thou art our God, and we know none other than Thee.
The abyss hath engulfed me, and the sea monster became a tomb for me; yet I cried unto Thee Who loveth mankind, and Thy right hand saved me, O Lord.
Blessed is the God of our fathers, Who saved the children who chanted unto Him in the fiery furnace.
Ode 8

The Son and God, Who was begotten of the Father before the ages, and in latter times became incarnate of the Virgin Mother, hymn, O ye priests!

and exalt supremely for all ages!
We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord; praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.
Refrain at the 9th Ode:

Magnify, magnify, O my soul,

O my soul, Him Who hath ascended from earth to heaven, Christ the Bestower of life.
With one-ness of mind, we the faithful magnify thee, the
Mother of God, who in manner past understanding,
and recounting, ineffably gavest birth in
time to the Timeless One.

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