Saturday of Souls
Canon of the Departed, Tone 8

Ode 1

O ye people, let us send up a hymn

unto our wondrous God, Who freed Israel from bondage,

singing and crying out a hymn of victory

unto Thee Who alone art Master.

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See ye, O see, that I am your God, Who was begot-ten

of the Father be-fore time be-gan, and in latter times was conceived

of the Virgin with-out the aid of man, and have ab-solved the sin of

A-dam the fore-fa-ther, in that I love man-kind.
Ode 3

O Word of God, Who didst establish the heavens by Thine arm:

with the enlightenment of the true understanding of Thee

make steadfast the hearts of us who trust in Thee.
With divine vision, O Word, the prophet perceived Thee,

Who wast to become incarnate of the Theotokos alone,

the mountain overshadowed; and with fear he

glorified Thy power.
My spirit riseth at dawn unto Thee, O God,

for the commandments of Thine advent are light;

wherefore, illumine our mind therewith, O Master,

and guide me to the path of life.
Ode 6

O Thou Who lovest man-kind, accept me, who am held fast by many sins, and who fall down before Thy compassion; and save me, as Thou didst the prophet, O Lord.
O Lord God of our fathers, Who in the beginning founded the earth and established the heavens by Thy word:

Blessed art Thou for ever!
We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord: praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages. The Lord Who was glorified on the holy mountain, and by the fire in the bush revealed to Moses the mystery of the Ever Virgin, hymn ye and exalt Him supremely for all ages!
Thy birth-giving, O Ever-Virgin,

which was revealed to the law-giver on the mountain

in the fire and the bush, for the salvation of us, the

faithful, do we magnify with unceasing hymnody.

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