

## Akathist to the Theotokos

**Priest: Blessed is our God, + now and ever and forever.**



**Priest: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!**

*(From Pascha until Ascension, "O Heavenly King" is replaced with "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs bestowing life" 3 times)*

**Response:** O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fill all things, treasury of blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, and cleanse us from every blemish, and save our souls, O Blessed One.

**Priest: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us!**

**Response:** Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us!

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**Response:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.**

**Response:** O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, O Lord, cleanse us of our sins, O Master, forgive our transgressions, O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.


**Priest: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)**

**Response:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.**

**Response:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.**

**Response:**   
A - men.

**Priest: Lord, have mercy. (6 times)**

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**Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**Response: Now and ever and forever. Amen.**

**Priest: Come, let us adore God our King. (reverence)**

**Response: Come, let us adore Christ, our King and our God. (reverence)**

**Priest: Come, let us adore and bow down to Christ Himself, our King and our God. (reverence)**

**Response:**   
**Kontakion 1 (Tone 8)**  
To thee, the Cham - pion lea - der,  
  
we thy ser-vants de - di-cate a feast of vic - to - ry and thanks-gi - ving  
  
as ones res - cued out of suf - fer - rings, O The - o - to - kos;  
  
but as thou art with might which is in - vin - ci - ble,  
  
from all dan - gers that can be do thou de - li - ver us,

that we may cry out to thee: "Re-joyce, O Bride Un - wed - ed!"

Refrain:

Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed, Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed.

**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 1**

**An archangel was sent from Heaven to say to the Theotokos: Rejoice!  
 And beholding Thee, O Lord, taking bodily form,  
 he was amazed and with his bodiless voice  
 he stood crying to Her such things as these:**

**Rejoice, Thou through whom joy will shine forth:  
 Rejoice, Thou through whom the curse will cease!**

**Rejoice, recall of fallen Adam:  
 Rejoice, redemption of the tears of Eve!**

**Rejoice, height inaccessible to human thoughts:  
 Rejoice, depth undiscernible even for the eyes of angels!**

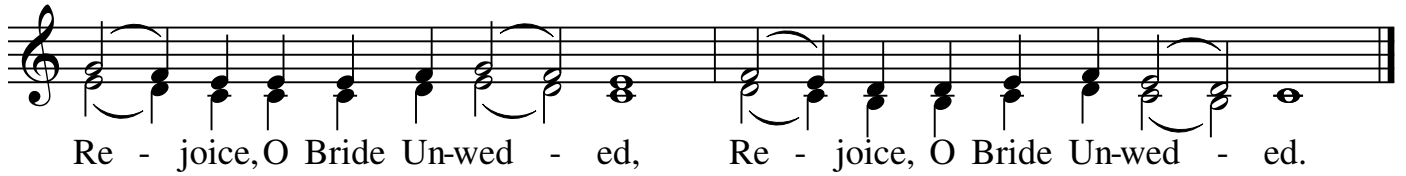
**Rejoice, for Thou art the throne of the King:  
 Rejoice, for Thou bearest Him Who beareth all!**

**Rejoice, star that causeth the Sun to appear:  
 Rejoice, womb of the Divine Incarnation!**

**Rejoice, Thou through whom creation is renewed:  
 Rejoice, Thou through whom we worship the Creator!**

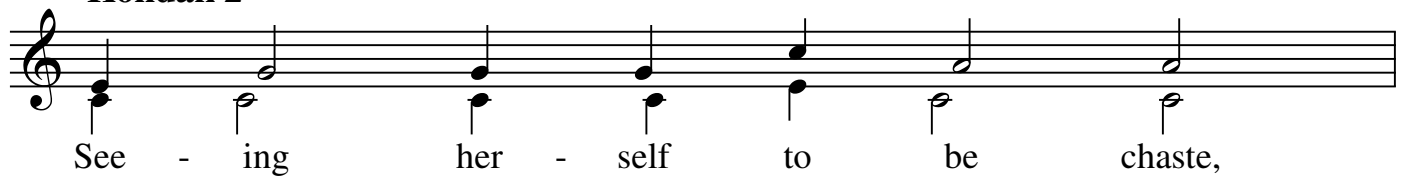
**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

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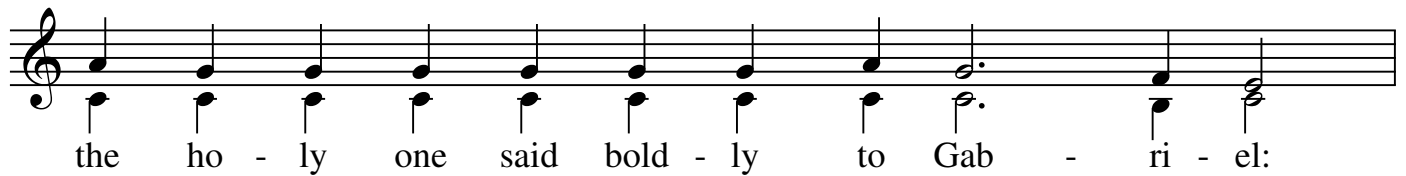


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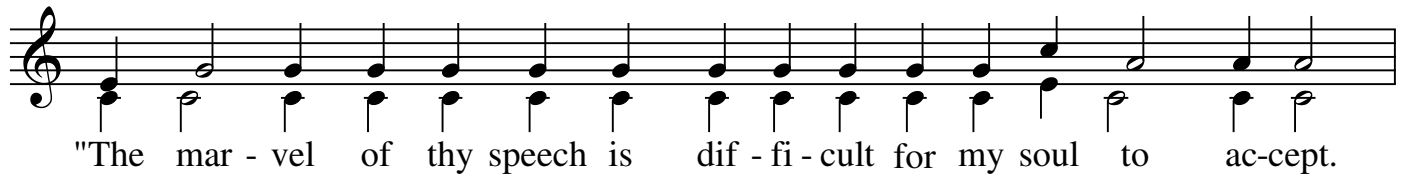
**Kondak 2**



See - ing her - self to be chaste,



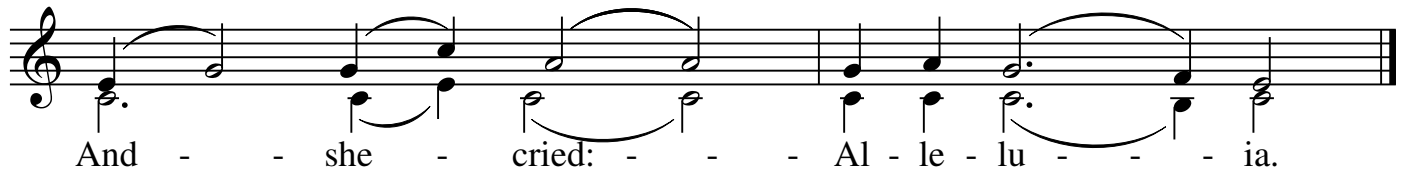
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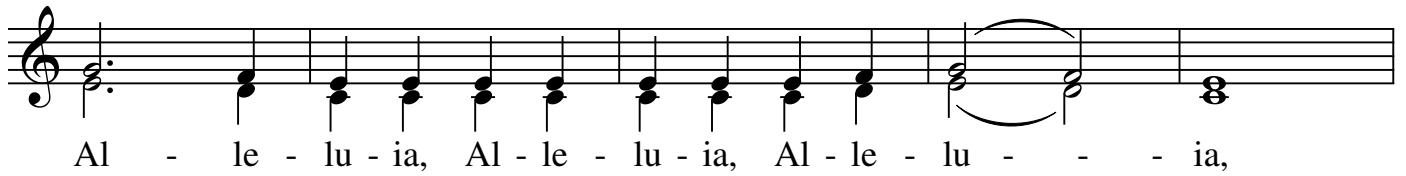
"The mar - vel of thy speech is dif - fi - cult for my soul to ac - cept.



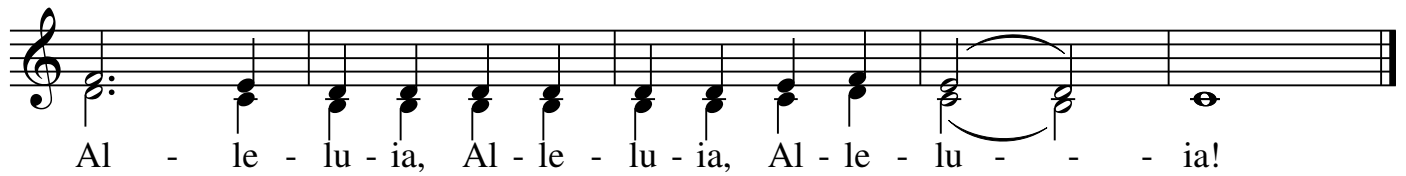
How canst thou speak of a birth from a seed-less con - cep - tion?"



And - - she - - cried: - - - Al - le - lu - - - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 2**

**Seeking to know knowledge that cannot be known,  
the Virgin cried to the ministering one:**

**Tell me, how can a son be born from a chaste womb?  
Then he spake to Her in fear, only crying aloud thus:**

**Rejoice, initiate of God's ineffable will:  
Rejoice, assurance of those who pray in silence!**

**Rejoice, beginning of Christ's miracles:  
Rejoice, crown of His dogmas!**

**Rejoice, heavenly ladder by which God came down:  
Rejoice, bridge that conveyest us from earth to Heaven!**

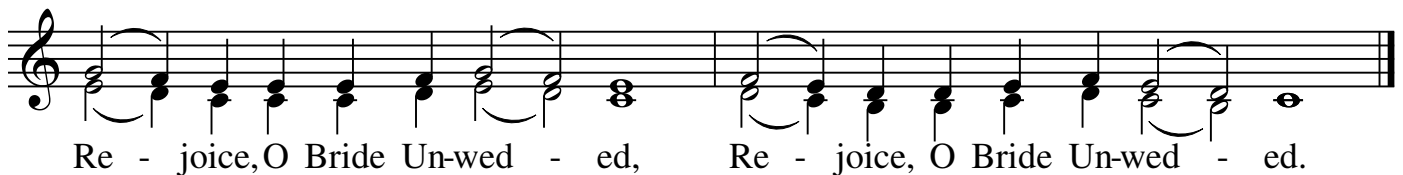
**Rejoice, wonder of angels sounded abroad:  
Rejoice, wound of demons bewailed afar!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who ineffably gavest birth to the Light:  
Rejoice, Thou Who didst reveal Thy secret to none!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who surpassest the knowledge of the wise:  
Rejoice, Thou Who givest light to the minds of the faithful!**

**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**



### Kondak 3

The po - wer of the Most High  
then o - ver - shad - owed the Vir - gin for con - cep - - tion,  
and showed her fruit - ful womb as a sweet mea - dow  
to all who wish to reap sal - va - - - tion,  
as - - - they - sing: - - - Al - le - lu - - - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

### Ikos 3

**Having received God into Her womb,  
the Virgin hastened to Elizabeth  
whose unborn babe at once recognized Her embrace,  
rejoiced, and with leaps of joy as songs, cried to the Theotokos:**

**Rejoice, branch of an Unfading Sprout:  
Rejoice, acquisition of Immortal Fruit!**

**Rejoice, laborer that laborest for the Lover of mankind:  
Rejoice, Thou Who givest birth to the Planter of our life!**

**Rejoice, cornland yielding a rich crop of mercies:  
Rejoice, table bearing a wealth of forgiveness!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who makest to bloom the garden of delight:  
Rejoice, Thou Who preparest a haven for souls!**

**Rejoice, acceptable incense of intercession:  
Rejoice, propitiation of all the world!**

**Rejoice, good will of God to mortals:  
Rejoice, boldness of mortals before God!**

**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**

Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed, Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first phrase, and the second staff contains the melody for the second phrase. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**Kondak 4**

Ha - ving with - in the tem - pest of doub - ting thoughts,  
the chaste Jo - seph was trou - - - bled.

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For know - ing thee to have no hus - band,  
 he sus - pec - ted a sec - ret u - nion, o blame - less one.  
 But ha - ving learned that thy con - cep - tion was of the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 he said: "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 4**

**While the angels were chanting,  
 the shepherds heard of Christ's coming in the flesh,  
 and having run to the Shepherd,  
 they beheld Him as a blameless Lamb that had been pastured in Mary's womb,  
 and singing to Her, they cried:**

**Rejoice, Mother of the Lamb and the Shepherd:  
 Rejoice, fold of rational sheep!**

**Rejoice, torment of invisible enemies:  
 Rejoice, opening of the gates of Paradise!**



**Rejoice, for the things of Heaven rejoice with the earth:  
Rejoice, for the things of earth join chorus with the heavens!**


**Rejoice, never-silent mouth of the Apostles:  
Rejoice, invincible courage of the passion-bearers!**

**Rejoice, firm support of faith:  
Rejoice, radiant token of Grace!**

**Rejoice, Thou through whom hades was stripped bare:  
Rejoice, Thou through whom we are clothed with glory!**


**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**




Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed, Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed.

**Kondak 5**




Ha - ving sigh - ted the di - vine - ly mov - ing star,



the Ma - gi fol - lowed its ra - - - di - ance;



and hold - ing it as a lamp, by it they sought a pow - er - ful king;



and ha - ving reached the Un - reach - a - ble One,

they re - joiced, shou - ting to Him: "Al - le - lu - ia!"

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 5**

**The sons of the Chaldees saw in the hands of the Virgin  
 Him Who with His hand made man.  
 And knowing Him to be the Master,  
 even though He had taken the form of a servant,  
 they hastened to serve Him with gifts,  
 and to cry to Her Who is blessed:**

**Rejoice, Mother of the Unsetting Star:  
 Rejoice, dawn of the mystic day!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who didst extinguish the furnace of error:  
 Rejoice, Thou Who didst enlighten the initiates of the Trinity!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who didst banish from power the inhuman tyrant:  
 Rejoice, Thou Who didst show us Christ the Lord, the Lover of mankind!**

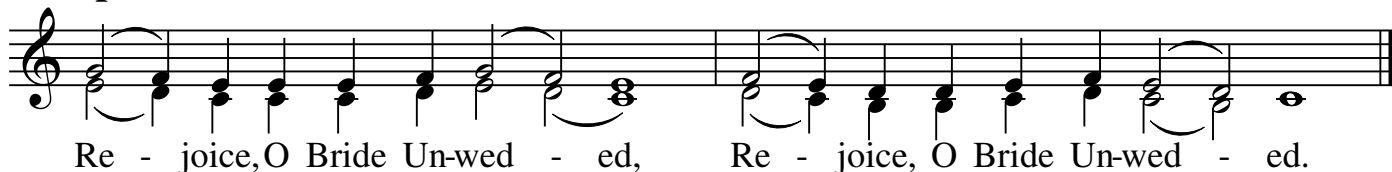
**Rejoice, Thou Who redeemest from pagan worship:  
 Rejoice, Thou Who dost drag us from the works of mire!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who didst quench the worship of fire:  
 Rejoice, Thou Who rescuest from the flame of the passions!**

**Rejoice, guide of the faithful to chastity:  
Rejoice, gladness of all generations!**

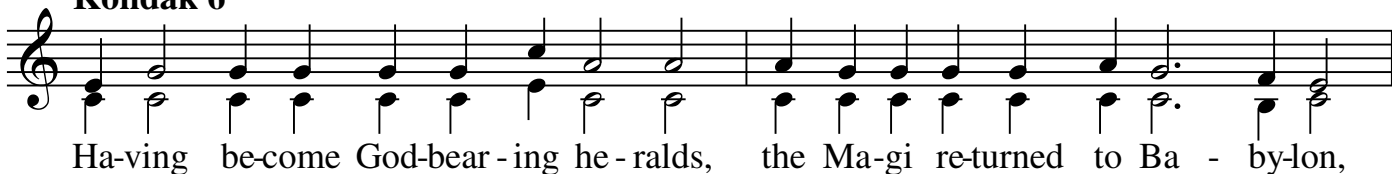
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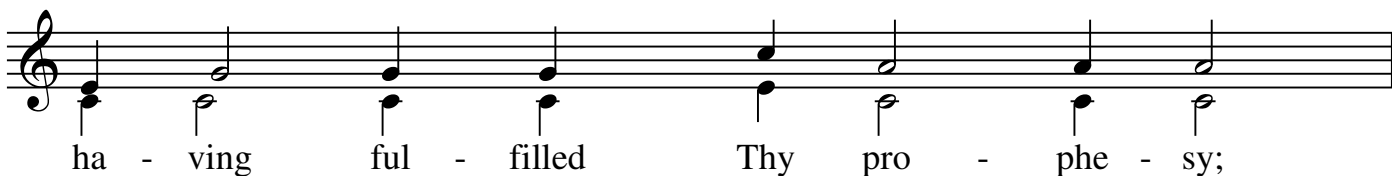


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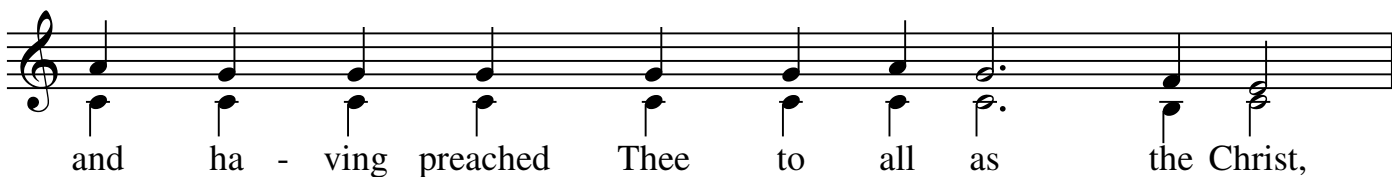
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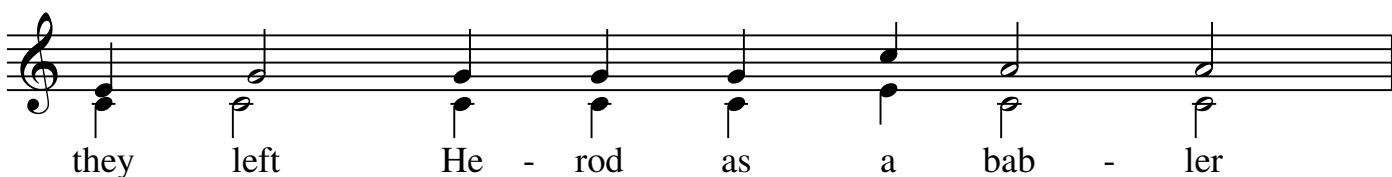
Ha-ving be-come God-bear-ing he-ralds, the Ma-gi re-turned to Ba-by-lon,



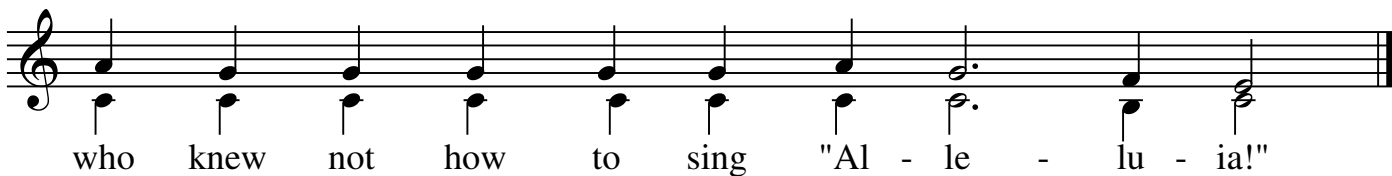
ha-ving ful-filled Thy pro-phe-sy;



and ha-ving preached Thee to all as the Christ,



they left He-rod as a bab-ler



who knew not how to sing "Al-le-lu-ia!"



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 6**

**By shining in Egypt the light of truth,  
Thou didst dispel the darkness of falsehood;  
for its idols fell, O Saviour, unable to endure Thy strength;  
and those who were delivered from them cried to the Theotokos:**

**Rejoice, uplifting of men:  
Rejoice, downfall of demons!**

**Rejoice, Thou who didst trample down the dominion of delusion:  
Rejoice, Thou who didst unmask the fraud of idols!**

**Rejoice, sea that didst drown the Pharaoh of the mind:  
Rejoice, rock that doth refresh those thirsting for life!**

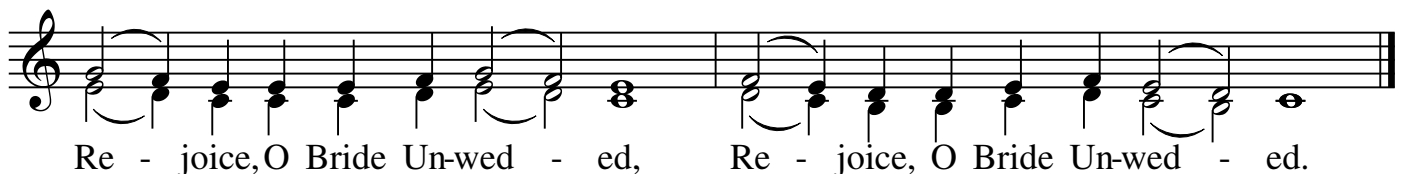
**Rejoice, pillar of fire that guideth those in darkness:  
Rejoice, shelter of the world broader than a cloud!**

**Rejoice, sustenance replacing manna:  
Rejoice, minister of holy delight!**

**Rejoice, land of promise:  
Rejoice, Thou from whom floweth milk and honey!**

**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**



Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed, Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first phrase is 'Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed,' and the second phrase is 'Re - joice, O Bride Un-wed - ed.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

## Kondak 7

When Sy - me-on was a - bout to de - part this age of de - lu - sion,  
Thou wast brought as a Babe to him,  
but Thou wast re - cog-nized by him as a perfect God al - so;  
where-fore, mar - ve - ling at Thine in - ef - fa - ble wis - dom,  
he cried: "Al - le - - lu - ia!"  
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**Priest/Deacon:**

## Ikos 7

**The Creator showed us a new creation**

**when He appeared to us who came from Him.**

**For He sprang from a seedless womb, and kept it incorrupt as it was,  
that seeing the miracle we might sing to Her, crying out:**

**Rejoice, flower of incorruptibility:**

**Rejoice, crown of continence!**

**Rejoice, Thou from whom shineth the Archetype of the Resurrection:  
Rejoice, Thou Who revealest the life of the angels!**

**Rejoice, tree of shining fruit, whereby the faithful are nourished:  
Rejoice, tree of goodly shade by which many are sheltered!**

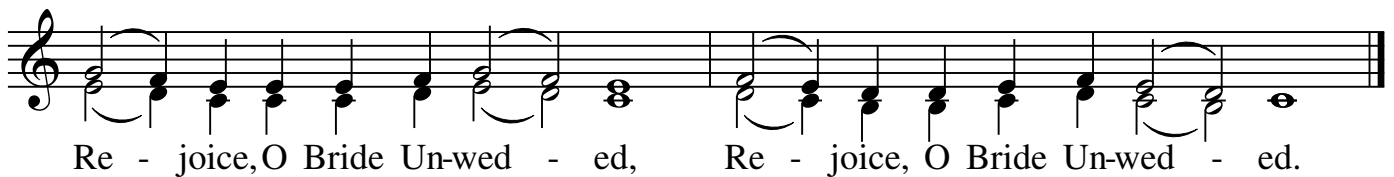
**Rejoice, Thou that has carried in Thy womb the Redeemer of captives:  
Rejoice, Thou that gavest birth to the Guide of those astray!**

**Rejoice, supplication before the Righteous Judge:  
Rejoice, forgiveness of many sins!**

**Rejoice, robe of boldness for the naked:  
Rejoice, love that doth vanquish all desire!**

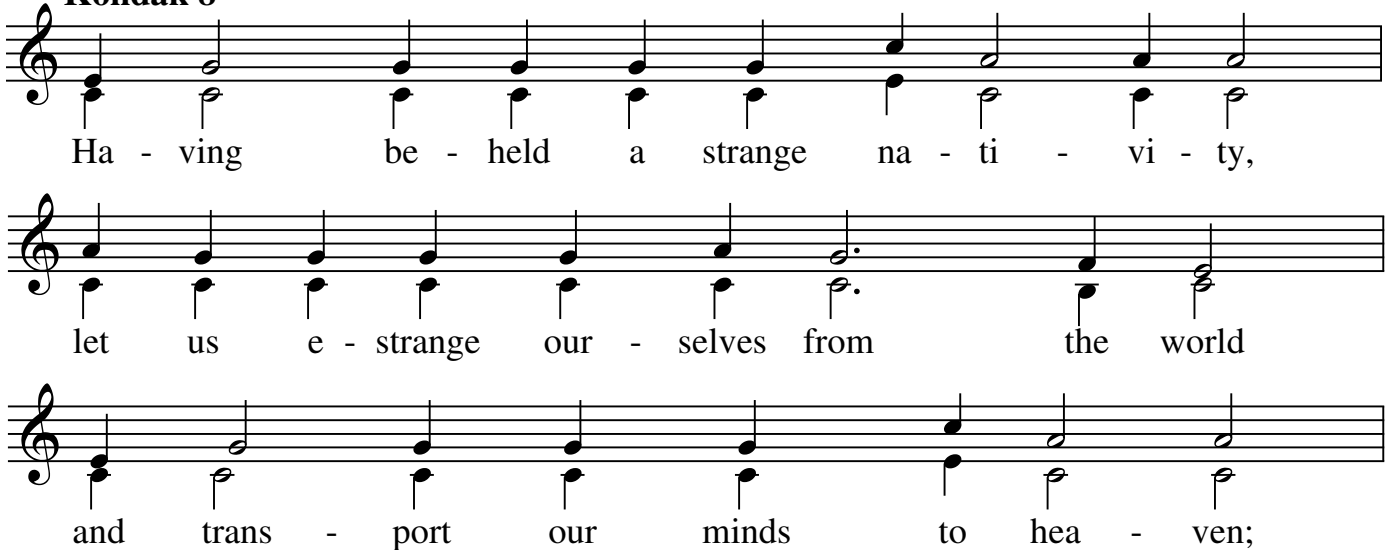
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**Response:**



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**Kondak 8**



Ha - ving be - held a strange na - ti - vi - ty,  
let us e - strange our - selves from the world  
and trans - port our minds to hea - ven;

for the Most High God ap - peared on earth as a low - ly man,  
 be - cause He wished to draw to the heights  
 them that cry to Him: "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
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**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 8**

**Wholly present was the Inexpressible Word among those here below,  
 yet in no way absent from those on high;  
 for this was a divine condescension and not a change of place,  
 and His birth was from a God-receiving Virgin Who heard these things:**

**Rejoice, container of the Uncontainable God:  
 Rejoice, door of solemn mystery!**

**Rejoice, report doubtful to unbelievers:  
 Rejoice, undoubted boast of the faithful!**

**Rejoice, all-holy chariot of Him Who sitteth upon the Cherubim:  
 Rejoice, all-glorious temple of Him Who is above the Seraphim!**


**Rejoice, Thou Who hast united opposites:  
Rejoice, Thou Who hast joined virginity and motherhood!**

**Rejoice, Thou through whom transgression hath been absolved:  
Rejoice, Thou through whom Paradise is opened!**

**Rejoice, key to the kingdom of Christ:  
Rejoice, hope of eternal good things!**

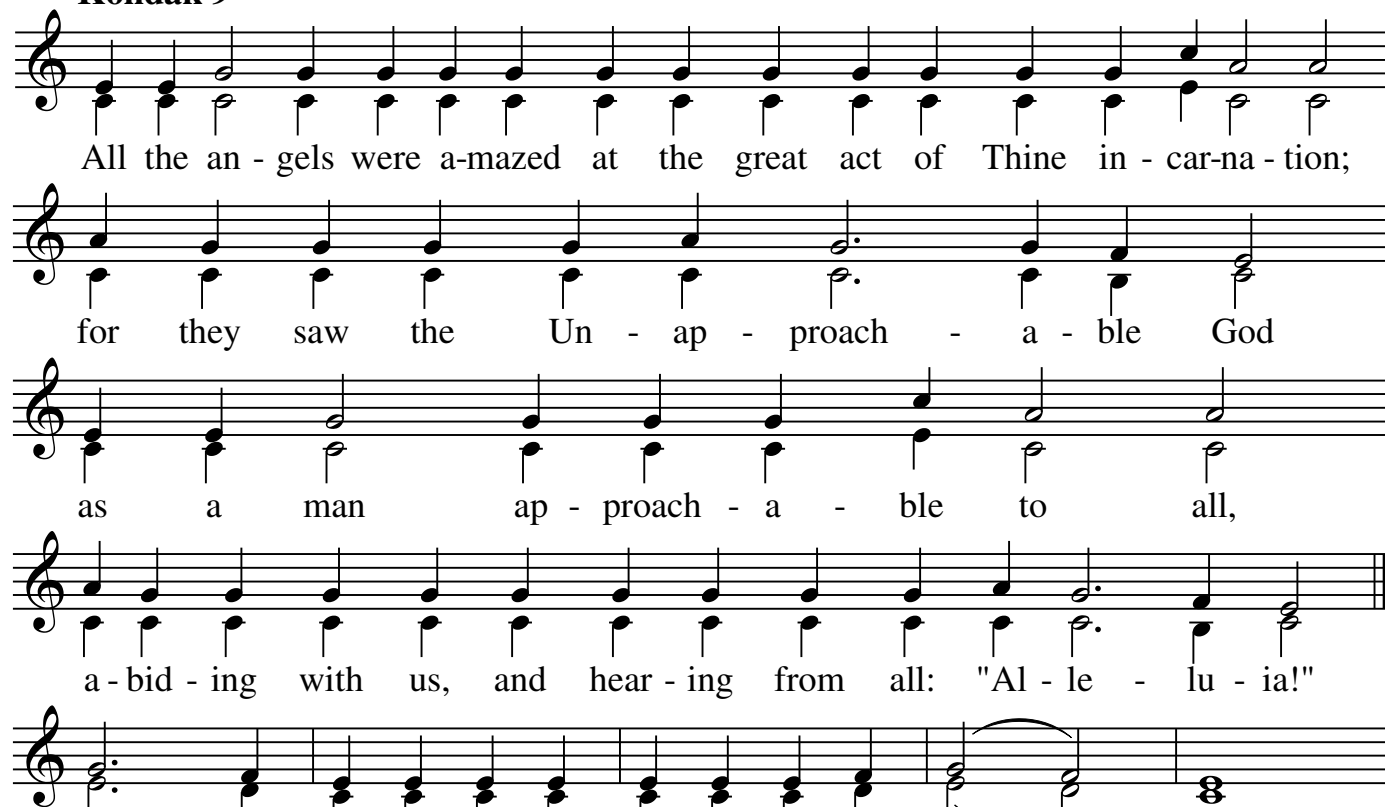
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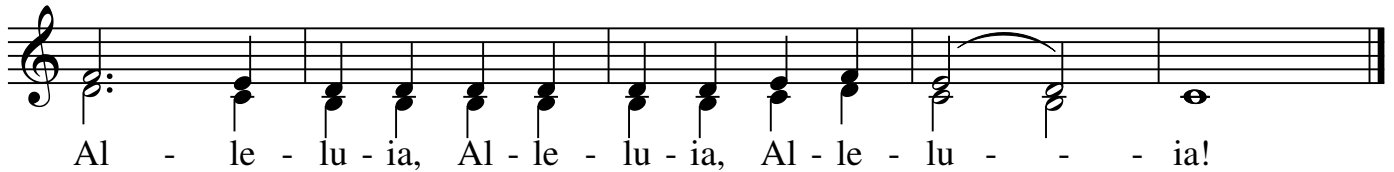
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**Kondak 9**



All the an - gels were a-mazed at the great act of Thine in - car-na - tion;  
for they saw the Un - ap - proach - a - ble God  
as a man ap - proach - a - ble to all,  
a - bid - ing with us, and hear - ing from all: "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia,





**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 9**

**We see most eloquent orators mute as fish before Thee, O Theotokos;  
for they are at a loss to tell  
how Thou remainest a Virgin and could bear a child.  
But we, marveling at this mystery, cry out faithfully:**

**Rejoice, receptacle of the Wisdom of God:  
Rejoice, treasury of His Providence!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who showest philosophers to be fools:  
Rejoice, Thou Who exposest the learned as irrational!**

**Rejoice, for the clever critics have become foolish:  
Rejoice, for the writers of myths have faded away!**

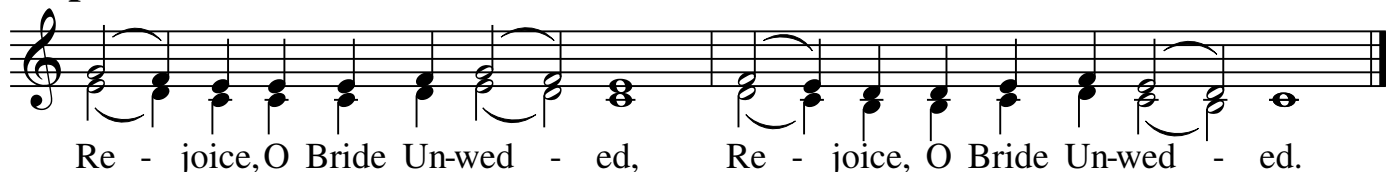
**Rejoice, Thou Who didst rend the webs of the Athenians:  
Rejoice, Thou Who didst fill the nets of the fishermen!**

**Rejoice, Thou Who drawest us from the depths of ignorance:  
Rejoice, Thou Who enlightenest many with knowledge!**

**Rejoice, ship for those who wish to be saved:  
Rejoice, harbor for sailors on the sea of life!**

**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**



### Kondak 10

De - si - - ring to save the world,  
He that is the Cre - a - tor of all came to it ac - cor - ding to His own promise,  
and He that, as God is the Shep - herd,  
for our sake ap - peared un - to us as a man;  
for like cal - ling un - to like,  
as God He hear - eth: "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

### Ikos 10

**A bulwark art Thou to virgins,  
and to all that flee unto Thee, O Virgin Theotokos;  
for the Maker of Heaven and earth prepared Thee,  
O Most-pure one, dwelt in Thy womb, and taught all to call to Thee:**

**Rejoice, pillar of virginity:  
Rejoice, gate of salvation!**

**Rejoice, leader of mental formation:  
Rejoice, bestower of divine good!**

**Rejoice, for Thou didst renew those conceived in shame:  
Rejoice, for Thou gavest wisdom to those robbed of their minds!**


**Rejoice, Thou Who didst foil the corrupter of minds:  
Rejoice, Thou Who gavest birth to the Sower of purity!**

**Rejoice, bridechamber of a seedless marriage:  
Rejoice, Thou Who dost wed the faithful to the Lord!**

**Rejoice, good nourisher of virgins:  
Rejoice, adorer of holy souls as for marriage!**

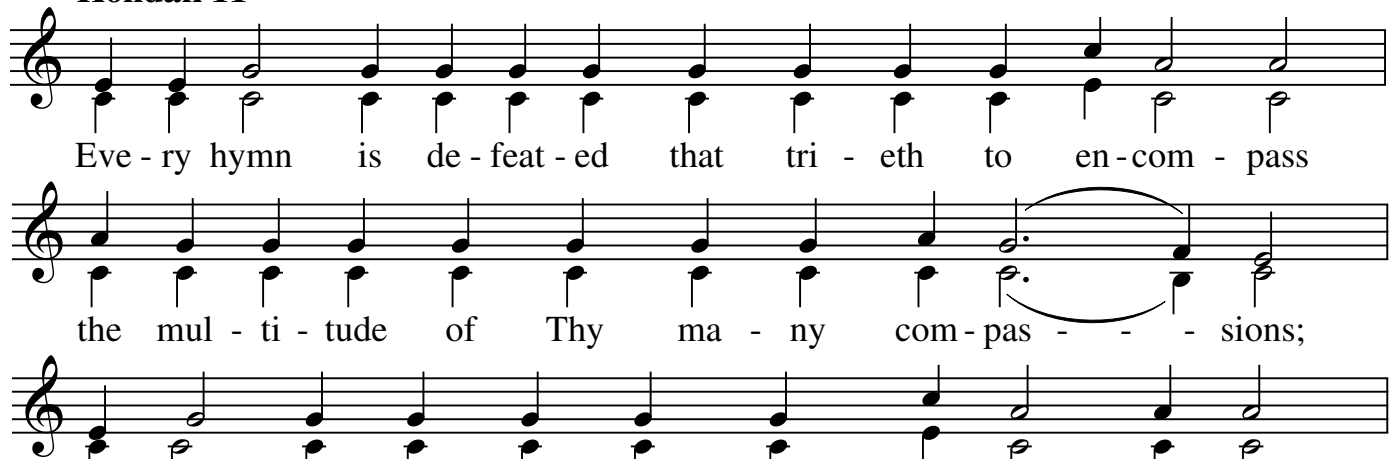
**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**



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**Kondak 11**



Eve - ry hymn is de - feat - ed that tri - eth to en - com - pass  
the mul - ti - tude of Thy ma - ny com - pas - - - sions;  
for if we of - fer to Thee, O Ho - ly King,

songs e - qual in num - ber to the sand,  
no - thing have we done wor - thy of that which Thou hast gi - ven us  
who shout to Thee: - "Al - le - - lu - ia!"  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 11**

**We behold the holy Virgin, a shining lamp appearing to those in darkness;  
for, kindling the Immaterial Light, She guideth all to divine knowledge,  
She illumineth minds with radiance,  
and is honored by our shouting these things:**

**Rejoice, ray of the noetic Sun:  
Rejoice, radiance of the Unsetting Light!**

**Rejoice, lightning that enlightenest our souls:  
Rejoice, thunder that terrifiest our enemies!**

**Rejoice, for Thou didst cause the refulgent Light to dawn:  
Rejoice, for Thou didst cause the river of many streams to gush forth!**

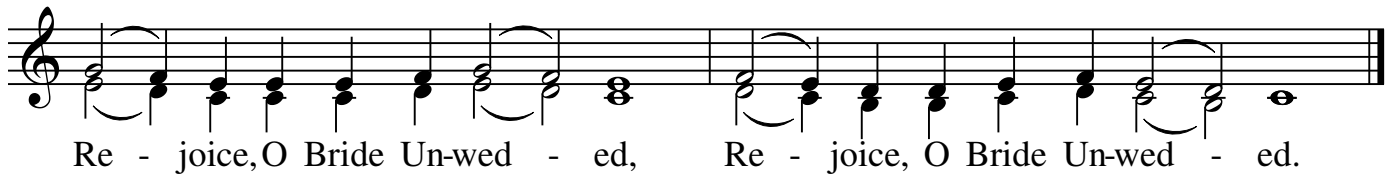
**Rejoice, Thou Who paintest the image of the font:  
Rejoice, Thou Who blottest out the stain of sin!**

**Rejoice, laver that washest the conscience clean:  
Rejoice, cup that drawest up joy!**

**Rejoice, aroma of the sweet fragrance of Christ:  
Rejoice, life of mystical gladness!**

**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**

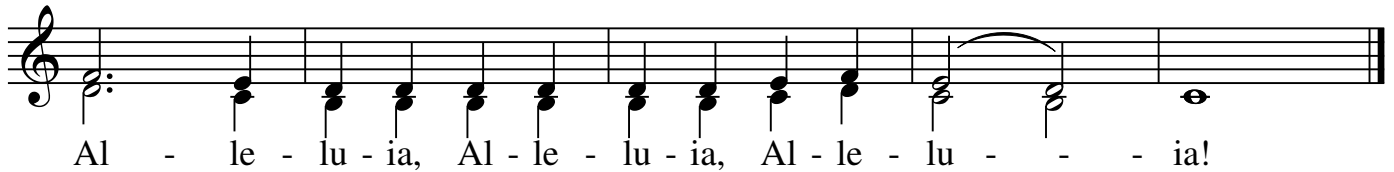


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**Kondak 12**



When the Ab - sol - ver of all man-kind de-sired to blot out an - cient debts,  
of His Own will He came to dwell  
a - mong those who had fal - len from His Grace;  
and ha - ving torn up the hand - writ - ing of their sins,  
He hear - eth this from all: "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
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**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 12**

**While singing to Thine Offspring,  
we all praise Thee as a living temple, O Theotokos;  
for the Lord Who holdeth all things in His hand dwelt in Thy womb,  
and He sanctified and glorified Thee, and taught all to cry to Thee:**

**Rejoice, tabernacle of God the Word:  
Rejoice, saint greater than the saints!**

**Rejoice, ark gilded by the Spirit:  
Rejoice, inexhaustible treasury of life!**

**Rejoice, precious diadem of pious kings:  
Rejoice, venerable boast of reverent priests!**

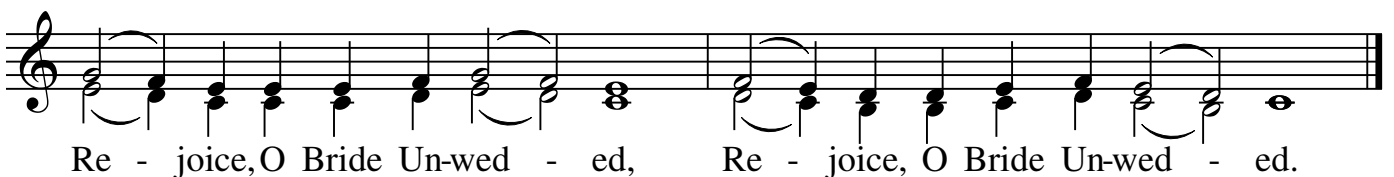
**Rejoice, unshakable fortress of the Church:  
Rejoice, inviolable wall of the kingdom!**

**Rejoice, Thou through whom victories are obtained:  
Rejoice, Thou through whom foes fall prostrate!**

**Rejoice, healing of my flesh:  
Rejoice, salvation of my soul!**

**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**



### Kondak 13

O all - praised Mo - ther who didst bear the Word,  
ho - li - est of all the saints,  
ac - cept now our of - - fer - ring,  
and de - li - ver us from all mis - for - - - tune,  
and res - cue from the tor - ment to come  
those that cry to thee: - "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Priest/Deacon:**

**Ikos 1**

**An archangel was sent from Heaven to say to the Theotokos: Rejoice!  
And beholding Thee, O Lord, taking bodily form,  
he was amazed and with his bodiless voice  
he stood crying to Her such things as these:**

**Rejoice, Thou through whom joy will shine forth:  
Rejoice, Thou through whom the curse will cease!**

**Rejoice, recall of fallen Adam:  
Rejoice, redemption of the tears of Eve!**

**Rejoice, height inaccessible to human thoughts:  
Rejoice, depth undiscernible even for the eyes of angels!**

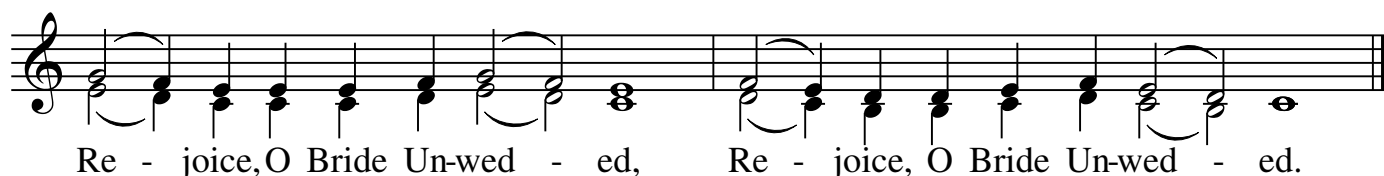
**Rejoice, for Thou art the throne of the King:  
Rejoice, for Thou bearest Him Who beareth all!**

**Rejoice, star that causeth the Sun to appear:  
Rejoice, womb of the Divine Incarnation!**

**Rejoice, Thou through whom creation is renewed:  
Rejoice, Thou through whom we worship the Creator!**

**Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded!**

**Response:**



Re - joi - ce, O Bride Un - wed - ed, Re - joi - ce, O Bride Un - wed - ed.



## Kondak 1



To thee, the Cham - pion lea - der,  
we thy ser-vants de - di-cate a feast of vic-to - ry and thanks-gi - ving  
as ones res - cued out of suf - fer - rings, O The - o - to - kos;  
but as thou art with might which is in - vin - ci - ble,  
from all dan-gers that can be do thou de - li - ver us, that we may cry  
out to thee: "Re - joice, O Bride Un - wed - - ed!"  
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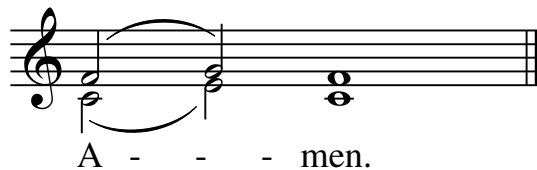
**Priest/Deacon:**

## Prayer to the Most Holy Lady Theotokos

**O most holy Sovereign Lady Theotokos! Higher art thou than all the angels and archangels, and more honourable than all creation, a helper of the wronged art thou, the hope of the hopeless, an intercessor for the poor, the consolation of the sorrowful, a nourisher of the hungry, a robe for the naked, healing for the sick, the salvation of sinners, the help and protection of all Christians.**

**O all-merciful Sovereign Lady Virgin Theotokos! Through thy mercy save and have mercy on the most holy Orthodox patriarchs, the most holy metropolitans, archbishops and bishops, and all the priestly and monastic orders, the military leaders, civic leaders, and Christ-loving armed forces, and well-wishers, and all Orthodox Christians do thou defend by thy precious omophorion, and entreat, O Lady, Christ our God Who was incarnate of thee without seed, that He gird us with His power from on high against our enemies, visible and invisible, O all-merciful Sovereign Lady Theotokos! Raise us up out of the depths of sin, and deliver us from famine, destruction, from earthquake and flood, from fire and the sword, from invasion of aliens and civil war, and from sudden death, and from noxious winds, and from death-bearing plagues, and from all evil. Grant, O Lady, peace and health to thy servants, all Orthodox Christians, and enlighten their minds, and the eyes of their hearts unto salvation; and vouchsafe unto us, thy sinful servants, the kingdom of thy Son, Christ our God; for blessed and most-glorified is His dominion, together with His unoriginate Father, and His Most-Holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

**Response:**



## **Dismissal**

*Facing the Icon of Christ, the Priest says:*

**Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, glory to You!**

*During the Paschal Season, the "Glory...Now and Ever" is replaced by "Christ is Risen from the dead, tramping down death by death and to those in the tombs bestowing life."*

**Response:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father, bless us!

*Facing the faithful, the Priest says:*

**Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, through the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the intercession of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, the venerable and divinely enlightened Fathers, and of Saint ... whom we commemorate this day, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and He loves mankind.**

**Response:**

