

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS
Katavasiai from Orthros

(After "Vouchsafe unto me...", these may be sung while the newly-baptized is being clothed.)

Byzantine Tone 8

Adapted by Christopher Holwey
from the music of Basil Kazan
(1915-2001)

Ode 1

Ison
Ver - i - ly, Mo - - ses hav - ing struck with his rod,___

2
hor - i - zon - tal - ly, cleav - ing the Red___ Sea and

3
caus - ing Is - ra - el to cross___ on foot, then hav - ing

struck it trans - verse - ly bring - ing it to - geth - er o - ver

Phar - aoh and his char - i - ots, did trace the Cross, thus

4
sym - bol - iz - ing that in - vin - ci - ble weap - on.

5
Where - fore, do we praise Christ___ our God,

6
for that he hath been glo - ri - fied.

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7 Ode 3

Ison

The rod is tak - en as a sym - bol of the mys - t'ry;

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for by its bud - ding, it des - ig - nat - eth the Priest.

9

But now the tree of the Cross_____ hath blos - somed forth with

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might and stead - fast - ness to the hith - er - to___ bar - ren Church.

11 Ode 4

Ison

I have heard,_____ O Lord, of the mys - t'ry of thy___

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dis - pen - sa - tion, and have con - tem - plat - ed thy works.

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Where-fore, have I glo - ri - fied thy___ God - head.

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14 Ode 5

Ison
O thou thrice-bless - ed Tree, where-on the Lord Christ the

King was stretched, and through which he who was be - guiled

15

by the tree fell, hav - ing been be-guiled by thee, by the

God that was nailed up - on thee in the flesh, who

16

grant - - eth safe - ty to our souls.

17 Ode 6

Ison
When Jo - nah in the bel - ly of the whale did

18


stretch forth his hands in the form of a cross,

19

he did fore-shad - ow clear - ly the pas - sion of sal - va - tion;

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and when he came out on the third day, he did sym-bol-ize the

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world-tran-scend - ing Res-ur-rec - tion of Christ, nailed up - on

22



thee in the flesh, and il - lu - mi - nat - ing the world


23



by his third day Res - ur - rec - tion.


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Ode 7



Ison The mad com-mand of the in - fi - del ty - rant hath

25



shak - en the na - tions, breath-ing forth threats and

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blas - phe - mies loathed of God. But the three youths were not


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ter - ri - fied by the bes - tial ter - ror,


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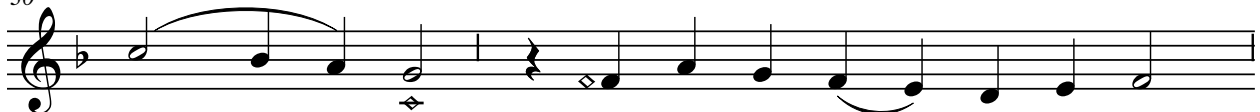
nor__ the con-sum-ing fire; for be - ing to-geth - er a-midst the

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fire__ blown__ forth by a dew - y breeze, they were

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sing - - - ing: O thou ex - ceed - ing - ly praised,


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bless - ed art thou, God__ of our fa - thers.

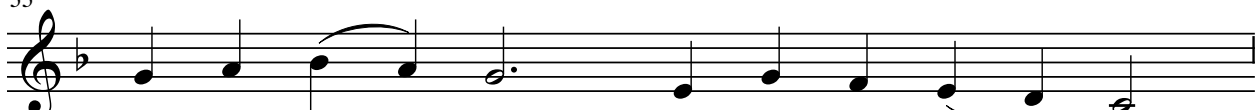
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Ode 8



Ison O ye youths, e - qual in num - ber to the Trin - i - ty,

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bless the Fa - ther, the God Cre - a - tor;

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praise the Word which did con - de - scend and turn the fire_____


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to a dew - y breeze; and ex - alt more and more


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the all - ho - ly Spir - it, who give - eth life

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to all for - ev - er - more.

38 Ode 9




Ison Thou art the mys - ti - cal par - a - dise,

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O The - o - to - - - kos; for that thou,

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be - ing un - tilled, didst bud forth Christ, by whom was

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plant - ed on earth the life - giv - ing tree of the Cross.



Where - fore, as we a - dore it be - ing el - e - vat - ed,



we mag - ni - fy thee.