

# THE CANON OF THE AKATHIST HYMN ("SALUTATIONS")

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Fourth Mode ("Legetos")


## ODE I

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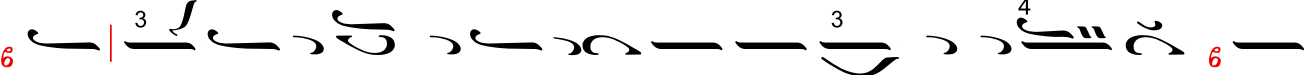
**I** <sup>(B)</sup> shall o - pen my mouth to chant and with the Spir - - it shall I  
 be filled, <sup>λ</sup> and words shall I now pour forth un - to the Moth - er and Queen; <sup>6</sup>  
 and I shall be seen in joy - - ous ju - bil - a - tion, ac - claim - ing ex - ult - ant -  
 -ly all <sup>(Π)</sup> of her won - drous deeds. **(twice)** 6  
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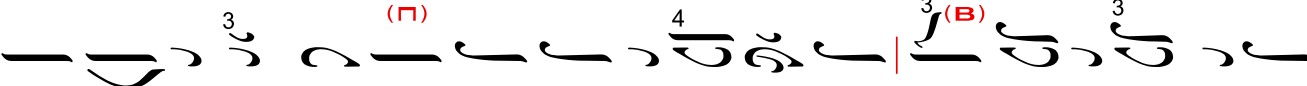
**M** <sup>(B)</sup> ost Ho - ly Moth - er of God, save <sup>(B)</sup> us. 6  
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**O** <sup>(B)</sup> Christ's book en - dowed with life and clear - ly sealed with the Spir -  
 - it's grace, <sup>λ</sup> on see - ing thee, O pure one, the great Arch - an - gel cried out <sup>6</sup>  
 and ex - claimed: Re - joice, O ves - - sel of re - joic - ing, through whom our first moth -  
 - er's curse ut - - - ter - ly is dis - pelled. 6  
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**M**<sup>(B)</sup>  ost Ho - ly Moth - er of God, save\_\_ us. 6  
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**R**<sup>(B)</sup> e - joice, Vir - gin Bride of God, for thou art Ad - am's re - cov - - er - y;

 <sup>6</sup>λ re - joice, O all-blame-less one, thou art the death-knell of Had - es, <sup>6</sup>λ and

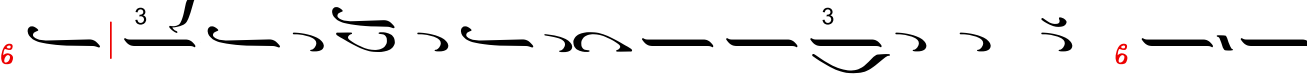
 thē on - ly King's pure dwel - ling place and pal - ace; re - joice, fier - y throne of thē

 <sup>3</sup> on - ly Om-nip - - o - tent. 6  
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**G**<sup>(B)</sup> lo - ry to the Fa - - - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho -

 - ly Spir - it; 6  
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**R**<sup>(B)</sup> e - joice, O thou on - ly one who blos-somed forth thē un - fad - ing Rose;

 <sup>6</sup>λ re - joice, for to thee was born thē Ap - ple fra-grant and sweet, <sup>6</sup>λ for thou

art, O Maid, thē on - ly King's pure fra-grance; re - joice, O un-wed-ded one, ran -

 - som of all the world. 6  
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**B**<sup>(B)</sup> oth now and ev - - - er, and un - to thē ag - - es of ag - - - es. A-

-men.

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**O**<sup>(B)</sup> Treas - ure of pu - ri - ty, re - joice, for from our most griev - ous fall

<sup>6</sup>λ we rose once a - gain through thee; re - joice, O lil - y most sweet, <sup>6</sup>λ fill - ing

faith - ful men with fra - grance, O pure La - dy: O in - cense of peer - less scent, price - less

and pre - cious myrrh.

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**ODE III**

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**M**<sup>(B)</sup> ake stead - - - fast, O ho - ly The - o - - to - kos, thou liv - ing and nev -

er - fail - ing spring, all them that form a com - pa - ny <sup>6</sup>λ and gath - er for to praise thy - name;

and by thy grace di - vine, O Maid, deem them all wor - - thy of glo - ry's crown. <sup>6</sup>λ  
**(twice)**

Most Holy. **R**<sup>(B)</sup> e - joice, O thou un - tilled land that blos - somed thē Ear -

of Wheat sa-cred and di-vine; a liv-ing ta-ble art thou, Maid, that held the ver-

(N) (Π) (Δ) slower (Γ) (B)   
-y Bread of Life; re-joice, un-fail-ing well-spring of the liv-ing Wa-

- - ter, O Queen of all. 6 λ

(B) (Δ)   
Most Holy. O Heif- - - er that bare the blame-less Calf for the faith-

(B) (Π) (Δ)   
- ful, to thee we cry: Re-joice! Re-joice, most gra-cious mer-cy-seat and throne of Christ,

(N) (Π) (Δ) slower (Γ) (B)   
the King of all; re-joice, thou ewe that bare the Lamb of God that tak-

- - eth a- - way men's sins. 6 λ

(B)   
Glory. R e-joice, ra-diant morn that hast dawned, bring-ing forth Christ

(Π)   
God, the spir-it-u-al Sun; re-joice, O dwell-ing of the Light; thou didst dis-pel

(N) (Π) (Δ) slower (Γ) (B)   
the gloom of night, and didst whol-ly an-ni-hi-late the dark-some ranks

of the de-mons' hosts. 6 λ

Both now. **R**<sup>(B)</sup> e- joyce, \_\_\_ for thou art a- lone the gate- way and por- -tal

which God the Word trav- ersed. O La- dy, thou didst crush the bars and gates of Ha- des

by thy child - - - birth; <sup>(N) (Π)</sup> <sup>(Δ) slower</sup> re- joyce, O ho- ly en- try of... <sup>(Γ) 4</sup>

<sup>(Γ) (B)</sup> Right Chorus: the saved, O praised \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ all - - laud- ed one. 6  
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### ODE IV 6 λ

**S**<sup>(B)</sup> eat - - ed in His ho- ly glo - - - ry on the Throne\_ of di- vin - i-

- ty, Je- sus, God tran- scend - - - ent, com- eth on a light\_ cloud as King of all;

<sup>(N) (Π)</sup> and He hath saved by His pure and un - de - fil - - ed\_ hand <sup>(Δ)</sup> <sup>π</sup> them that cry to\_

<sup>(B)</sup> Him: Glo - ry, O Christ, to Thy sov- ereign might. 6  
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Most Holy. **W**<sup>(B)</sup> ith the voice of song we cry \_\_\_ out, O all- praised\_ one,

to thee with faith: re - joyce, O but- ter moun - - - tain, cur- dled in the Spir - - it

by grace di-vine; <sup>3</sup> <sup>(N) (Π)</sup> <sup>6</sup> re - joyce, O lamp-stand and urn of Man-na from on high, <sup>(Δ)</sup> <sup>π</sup> which

doth sweet-en\_ all pi- ous men's sens-es in god- ly wise. <sup>(B)</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>λ</sup>

Most Holy. <sup>(B)</sup> **T** hou, O un - de-fil - ed La - - - -dy, art the mer - - cy - seat

of the world, and the lad-der rais - - - - ing all men from the earth\_ to the

heights by grace. Re - joyce, O bridge that dost tru - ly lead from death\_ to\_ Life <sup>(Δ)</sup> <sup>π</sup> all

that praise thy\_ name, and cry, Re - joyce, un-to thee, O Maid. <sup>(B)</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>λ</sup>

Most Holy. <sup>(Δ)</sup> **B** <sup>slower</sup> e - - - ing high-er than the heav - - - - ens, <sup>(M)</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>z'</sup> <sup>λ</sup> in thy womb\_

\_ thou didst hold the earth's <sup>(B)</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>z'</sup> Pil - lar and Foun-da - - - - tion, and thou didst not

suf - - fer tra - vail, O Maid. <sup>(N) (Π)</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>6</sup> Re-joyce, O sea-shell that dip-pest in thine own pure

blood <sup>(Δ)</sup> <sup>π</sup> the blest pur-ple\_ robe, dyed for the King\_ of all Heav-en's hosts. <sup>(B)</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>λ</sup>

Glory. <sup>(B)</sup> **T** o the Law-giv-er, O La - - - - dy, didst thou give\_ birth in

ver - y truth; free- ly, O pure Vir - - - gin, He hath blot- ted out\_\_ our in - iq-

-ui - ties. <sup>3</sup> <sup>(N) (Π)</sup> <sup>6</sup> O depth un- known to our minds and height in-ef- fa- ble, <sup>(Δ)</sup> <sup>π</sup> O un - wed- ded\_

<sup>3</sup> <sup>(B)</sup> \_\_Maid, we all, through thee, have been de - i- fied.

<sup>6</sup>  
<sup>λ</sup>

Both now. **F** <sup>(B)</sup> or the world, O Maid, didst thou\_\_\_ plait a pure Crown\_ fash-

-ioned not by man; <sup>6</sup> hence, with hymns we praise\_\_\_ thee, cry- ing out: Re - joice, \_\_

<sup>3</sup> <sup>(N) (Π)</sup> <sup>6</sup> O blest Vir- gin Maid! <sup>λ</sup> Thou art all man-kind's sure ram-part and firm cit - - a -

<sup>(Δ)</sup> <sup>π</sup> del, <sup>4</sup> and our bat- tle - ment, <sup>(Δ)</sup>...

<sup>(B)</sup> **Left Chorus:** and sa- cred shel - - ter and safe re- treat.

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<sup>λ</sup>

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<sup>λ</sup>

**A** <sup>(B)</sup> <sup>3</sup> ll crea- tures were sore a- mazed at thy di- vine and great glo - ry, Maid,

<sup>(Δ)</sup> <sup>π</sup> O\_\_\_ pure Vir- gin, who hast not known wed- lock; <sup>λ</sup> <sup>3</sup> for thou didst hold in

thy womb the God of <sup>4</sup> all, and <sup>(B)</sup> gav - est birth to the time-less son, Who doth

grant <sup>(M)</sup> sal - va - <sup>(B)</sup> - tion un - to all them that ac - claim thy name.

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Most Holy. <sup>(B)</sup> **R** <sup>3</sup> e - joice, O all-blame-less one, for thou didst bring forth the Way

of Life, sav - - - ing all man-kind from the flood of sin and trans-gres-

<sup>(Δ)</sup> sion; re-joyce, O Bride of <sup>Δ</sup> God, thy fame and re - port in-spi-re <sup>4</sup> awe;

<sup>(B)</sup> for in thee cre - a - <sup>(N)</sup> tion's Lord <sup>(M)</sup> <sup>(B)</sup> made His dwell-ing and place of rest.

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Most Holy. <sup>(B)</sup> **R** <sup>3</sup> e - joice, O most spot-less Maid; thou art our might and our

bat - tle - ment, and <sup>(N)</sup> <sup>3</sup> blest sanc-tu - ar - y of God's glo - ry, <sup>6</sup> the death

(N) slower

of Ha - des, <sup>(Δ)</sup> and <sup>4</sup> brid - al cham-ber of light; re - joice, joy of all an-gel - ic

<sup>4</sup> hosts, <sup>(B)</sup> and the speed-y help of them <sup>(N)</sup> that en - treat thee with faith - <sup>(M)</sup> <sup>(B)</sup> ful hearts.

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Most Holy. <sup>(B)</sup> **R** <sup>3</sup> e - joice, fier-y char - i - ot of God the Word, O thou Queen of



all; for \_\_\_\_\_ in thee the Tree of Life was plant-ed, e-ven the Lord God, O

liv-ing par-a-dise; His sweet-ness doth grant life to all men who par-take

of Him with faith though cor-rup-tion once ruled o'er them.

Glory. **M**ade strong by thy might, O Maid, to thee we cry out most faith-ful-

-ly: Re-joyce, \_\_\_\_\_ thou depth un-meas-ured and un-fath-omed; re-joyce, O

moun-tain whole and un-hewn by man; re-joyce, O thou cit-y of the

King; glo-ri-ous and laud-a-ble things are most clear-ly told of thee.

Both now. **O** most spa-cious tab-er-nac-le of the Word, O all-spot-

-less one, thou, \_\_\_\_\_ Maid, art the shell with the di-vine Pearl; re-joyce, O

true rec-on-cil-i-a-tion to God for all them that ev-er call thee blest,

prais-ing thine all-won-drous name,...

(M) (B)  
 Right Chorus: O The - o - -to - kos and Bride\_\_of God.  $\lambda$ <sup>6</sup>

ODE VI

$\lambda$ <sup>6</sup>

O<sup>(M)</sup> n this\_\_\_ di-vine and most hon - oured feast  $\pi$ <sup>9</sup> of God's all-ho-ly Moth - -

-er let all\_\_\_ of god - ly mind now cel - e - brate;  $\pi$ <sup>9</sup> come, let us faith-ful now clap our

hands, and send up glo-ry un - - to the God Whom she hath borne. (twice)  $\lambda$ <sup>6</sup>

M<sup>(M)</sup> ost Ho - ly Moth-er of God, save\_\_\_ us.  $\Delta$

$\Delta$  O un - - stained cham-ber of God the Word, thou art the cause of

de - - - i - fi - ca - tion of all men, O spot-less one;  $\pi$ <sup>9</sup> O ech - o - ing of\_ the

Proph-et's words,  $\Delta$  re-joyce, thou blest a - dorn - ment of the A - pos-tles' choir.  $\lambda$ <sup>6</sup>

Most Holy.  $\Delta$  F<sup>(M)</sup> rom thee\_\_\_ there came down the ho - - - ly Dew that quenched the

burn-ing flame\_\_\_ of i - dol - - a - try; for this, we cry\_\_\_ to thee:  $\pi$ <sup>9</sup> Re - joyce, be-

<sup>(Π) (B)</sup>  
-dewed fleece fore-seen of old in God's most awe-some won - der re-vealed to Gid - e-on.<sup>6</sup>

Glory. <sup>(Π)</sup>**G** lo - - ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - - ly

<sup>4</sup>  
Spir - it;



<sup>(Π)</sup>**B**e - - hold, we cry out, Re-joyce, to thee; be thou the port and ha-

<sup>(N) (Π) (B) (Π)</sup>  
- - ven for all that sail up - on the storm - y sea <sup>π 9</sup> of griev - ous sor - - ly

<sup>(B)</sup>  
stum-bling-blocks, and of de - ceits un - num - bered laid by the en - e - my.<sup>6</sup>

Both now. <sup>(Π)</sup>**B**oth now and ev - er, and un - to thē ag - - es of ag - es. A-

-men.



<sup>(Π)</sup>**O** cause of glad-ness, come fill our thoughts <sup>π 9</sup> with glad-ness, that we

<sup>(N) (Π) (B)</sup>  
all may cry out to thee: Re-joyce, un-burn - ing bush! <sup>π 9</sup> Re - joyce, O cloud

<sup>(Π) (B)</sup>  
whol - ly filled with light,...

(B)

Left Chorus: ev - er pro - tect - ing all \_\_\_ them that keep the ho - ly Faith.

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ODE VII

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(B) **N** o cre - at - ed thing, but on - - ly the Cre - at - or would the god - ly -

mind - ed \_\_\_ Youths a - dore and wor - ship as God; but man - ful - ly tram - pling down

threats of fire, they \_\_\_ cried out: O su - preme - ly - praised and all - ac - claimed One, blest

art Thou, O Thou Lord God of our Fa - thers. λ

(B) **I** n ac - claim - ing thee, we cry: \_\_\_ Re - joice, O char - i - ot of the

no - et - ic \_\_\_ Sun! Re - joice, true vine \_\_\_ that didst bear the tru - ly ripe Clus - ter

of grapes drip - ping with \_\_\_ the Wine that doth glad - den \_\_\_ all the souls of them

that glo - ri - fy thee most faith - ful - ly, O Vir - gin.

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(B) **T** o the Heal - er of all man - kind hast thou giv - en birth; re -

-jice, O Bride of      God; thou art the mys - ti - cal rod <sup>6</sup>λ from whom the un-fad-

-ing Rose blos-somed and bud - ded forth; and through thee      we      men <sup>9</sup>π in - -her - it

life and, filled with joy, cry, Re - jice, to thee, O La - dy. <sup>6</sup>λ

Most Holy. **R** <sup>(B)</sup> het - o - -ri - cians' tongues can - -not      ac - claim thee wor - thi - ly;

a - -bove the Ser - a - - phim art thou ex - alt - ed, O Maid; <sup>6</sup>λ for thou, La - dy,

didst bring forth Christ, the one King      of all; <sup>6</sup>λ Him do thou      en - treat <sup>9</sup>π that we

who wor - ship thee with faith be now res - cued from all e - vil. <sup>6</sup>λ

Glory. **T** <sup>(B)</sup> o the ends of earth thy name      is ev - -er praised and blest, and

all men cry to      thee: <sup>6</sup>λ Re - jice, O vol - ume where - in <sup>6</sup>λ the Word was in - scribed

by the Fa - ther's hand, O      pure one. <sup>6</sup>λ O The - o - - to - - kos, pray <sup>9</sup>π Him that

thy serv - ants be in - scribed in the Book of Life, O famed one. <sup>6</sup>λ















