

# The Akathist to Archangel Michael

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# Ode 1

## Kontakion

Chosen captain of the heavenly hosts and defender of mankind,  
delivered by you from afflictions, we offer this hymn of thanksgiving!  
As you stand before the throne of the King of Glory, set us free from all distress,  
that we may cry aloud to you with faith and love:

### Refrain

Re - joice, — Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with  
all the hosts of heav - en!

## Ikos

As leader of the fiery choirs of angels,  
it is right to praise you with angelic tongue, O Michael,  
but until - taught by you - we learn the speech of the bodiless powers,  
hear praise from the lips of thankful mortal beings:

A

Re - joice, first - formed star — of the world!

B

Re - joice, can - dle of truth and jus - tice, shin - ing like gold!

C

Re - joice, first in the choir of an - gels to re - ceive the  
un - cre - at - ed light!

Ode 1

**D**




Re - joice, head of an - gels and arch - an - gels!

**E**



Re - joice, you in whom the cre - a - tive glo - ry




of the Right\_\_ Hand\_\_ shines!

**F**



Re - joice, you who beau - ti - fy the as - sem - bly of all




bod - i - less crea - tures!

**Refrain**



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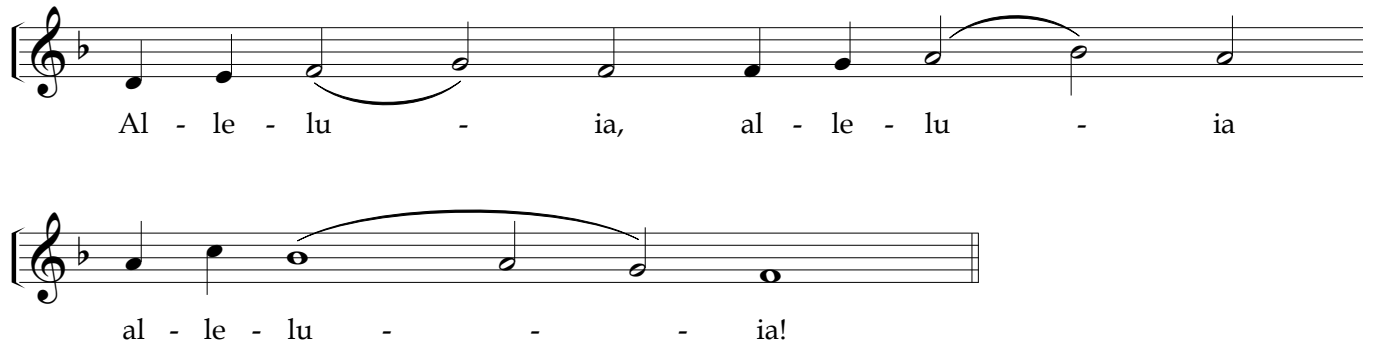


all the hosts of heav - en!

## Ode 2

### Kontakion

Beholding the splendor of your spiritual beauty  
and the strength of your right hand that is like a flash of lightning,  
we - wrapped as we are in the mortal flesh of this earth -  
but filled with joy and thankfulness toward the Creator, cry aloud  
O Archangel of God, with all the hosts of heaven:



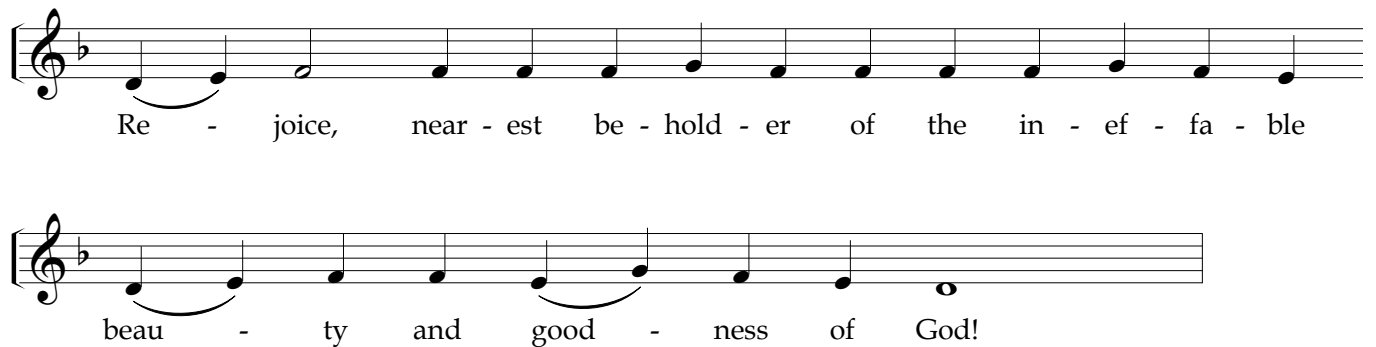
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

al - le - lu - ia!

### Ikos

O most wonderful Michael, leader of the heavenly hosts,  
ask for us a pure mind, free from passions,  
so we may be lifted in thought from earthly to heavenly things,  
and sing a hymn of praise to you:

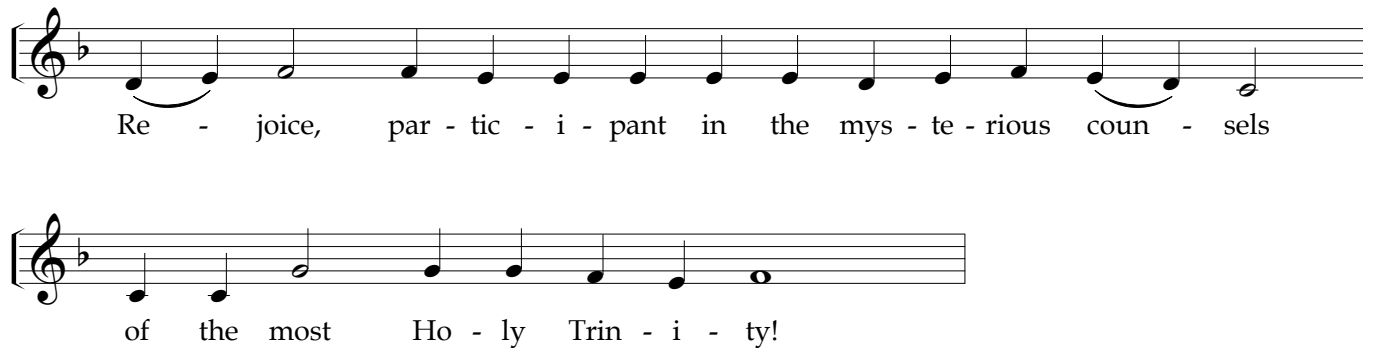
A



Re - joice, near - est be - hold - er of the in - ef - fa - ble

beau - ty and good - ness of God!

B




Re - joice, par - tic - i - pant in the mys - te - rious coun - sels


of the most Ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

Ode 2

C




Re - joice, faith - ful ex - ec - u - tor of the pre - e - ter - nal




judg - ments of the Trin - i - ty!

D




Re - joice, you at whom the heav - en - ly hosts stand a -




mazed in love!

E



Re - joice, you to whom those born on earth give glo - ry!

F




Re - joice, you be - fore whom the hosts of heav - en trem - ble!

Refrain



Re - joice, — Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with



all the hosts of heav - en!

# Ode 3

## Kontakion

Archangel Michael, you manifest the invincible power of zeal for the glory of God. At the head of the choirs of angels, you withstood the arrogant Satan, exceedingly proud and breathing out evil as he and his dark fellow-servants were cast down into the nethermost parts of the world, while the heavenly hosts gloriously led by you shouted as with one voice for joy before the throne of God:

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

al - le - lu - - - ia!

## Ikos

All Christian people have you, O Archangel Michael, as a mighty defender and helper in battle against the adversary. Therefore, wishing to be granted your marvelous protection, we call upon you on the day of your solemn feast in this way:

A

Re - joice, you by whom Sa - tan was cast down

like light - ning from heav - en!

B

Re - joice, you by whom hu - man - i - ty pre - served goes

up to heav - en!

Ode 3

C



Re - joice, splen-did a - dorn-ment of the most ra - diant world on\_\_ high!

D



Re - joice, most glo - rious de - fend - er of the fall - en



world\_\_ here be - low!

E



Re - joice, nev - er - de - feat - ed by the forc - es of e - vil!

F



Re - joice, fixed for - ev - er in truth and vir - tue by di -

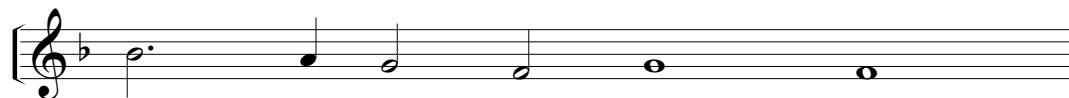


vine\_\_ grace, with all God's an - gels!

**Refrain**



Re - joice,\_\_ Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with



all the hosts of heav - en!

# Ode 4

## Kontakion

O chief ruler of the angels, deliver us – who keep your radiant feast with joy – from the storm of temptations and troubles, for you are a mighty helper in afflictions and you preserve and defend all those crying aloud to Our Lord and Our Lady in the hour of their death:

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

al - le - lu - ia!

## Ikos

Seeing your boldness against the regiments of Satan,  
all the ranks of angels followed after you with joy into the fight  
for the name and the glory of their Master, crying aloud: "Who is like unto God!"  
And we, seeing Satan cast down beneath your feet cry to you as victor:

A

Re - joice, you by whom peace and qui - et re - turned to heav - en!

B

Re - joice, you by whom the spir - it of e - vil was

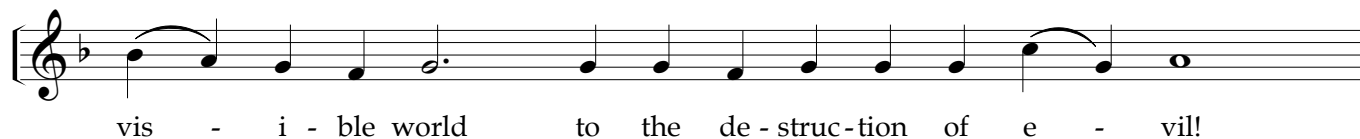
laid low e - ven un - to hell!

C

Re - joice, you who di - rect an - gel - ic ar - mies of the in -

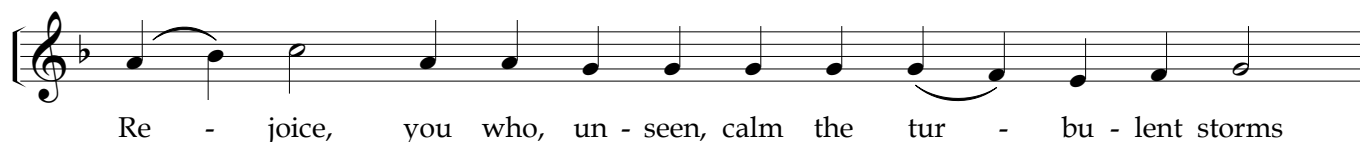


Ode 4

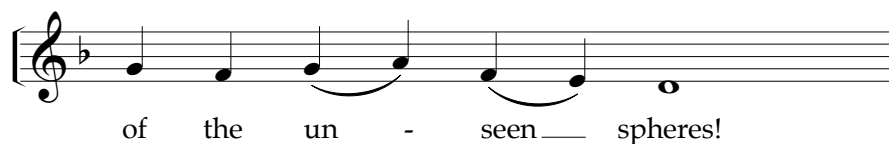


vis - i - ble world to the de - struc - tion of e - vil!

**D**



Re - joice, you who, un - seen, calm the tur - bu - lent storms

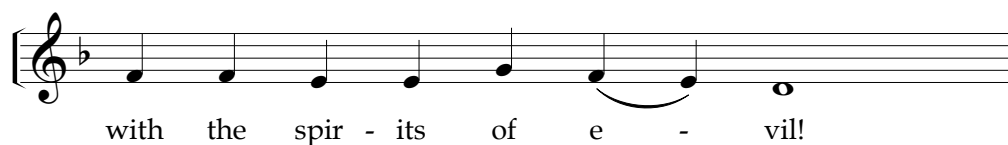


of the un - seen spheres!

**E**

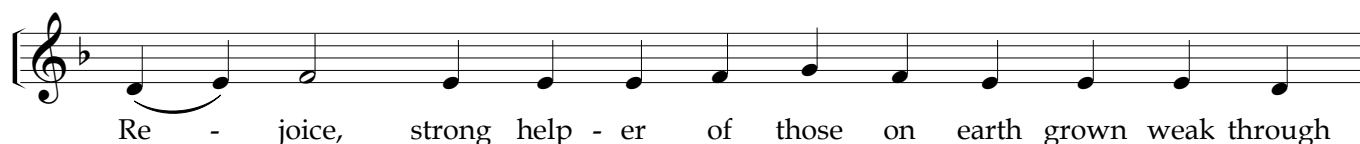


Re - joice, won - der - ful de - fend - er of those wag - ing war



with the spir - its of e - vil!

**F**



Re - joice, strong help - er of those on earth grown weak through

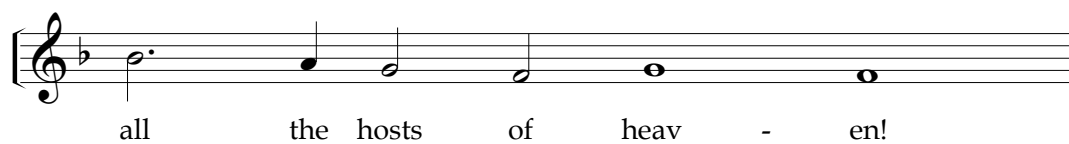


world - ly temp - ta - tions and as - saults!

**Refrain**



Re - joice, Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with



all the hosts of heav - en!

# Ode 5

## Kontakion

You appeared in the Church of Khony as a divine fountain of great miracles. For not only was a large and fearful serpent dwelling there destroyed by your strength, but a stream of water was revealed, healing all bodily ailments, that we might glorify Our God.  
O Lord God of the angels, we cry out to you with Faith:

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

al - le - lu - ia!

## Ikos

Hearing you and knowing you as a great light shining among the choirs of angels, after God and His Holy Mother, we run to you, wonderful Michael. With the rays of your light, illumine all of us who sing to you in the following manner:

A


Re - joice, me - di - a - tor of the law giv - en by the  
hand of Mo - ses on Mount Si - nai!

B


Re - joice, you by whom the judg - es and lead - ers of  
Is - ra - el found strength and pro - tec - tion!

Ode 5

C



Re - joice, you who gift - ed proph - ets and priests with



knowl - edge from the all - know - ing God!

D



Re - joice, you who pro - vide di - vine — wis - dom to the



God - fear - ing giv - ers of the law!

E



Re - joice, you who put kind - ness and mer - cy in - to the




hearts of those — who ad - min - is - ter jus - tice and truth!

Refrain



Re - joice, — Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with



all the hosts of heav - en!

# Ode 6

## Kontakion

When Manoah saw you, the proclaimer of the judgments of God,  
he was filled with doubt and fear, thinking that he would live no longer on earth;  
but by learning from his wife of your great goodness of appearance  
and meekness of words, and by hearing your proclamation  
that he was to beget his son Sampson, in joy and thanksgiving he cried to God:

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

al - le - lu - ia!

## Ikos

You have shone forth wonderfully, O Michael,  
when in the form of a man you stood before Joshua, son of Nun, saying:  
"Take off your shoes, for I am the commander of the hosts of the Lord."  
Marveling, we sing to you:

A

Re - joice, un - tir - ing guard - ian of lead - ers,

rul - ers, and gov - ern - ments!

B

Re - joice, you who are swift to o - ver - throw those in au - thor - i -

ty when they op - pose the com - mand of God!

Ode 6

C



Re - joice, you who ap-peace the tur - bu-lence of re - bel-lious crowds!

D



Re - joice, in - vis - i - ble de - stroy - er of vile\_\_ cus - toms!

E



Re - joice, you who en - light - en those in doubt in the hour\_\_ of



great per - plex - i - ty!

F



Re - joice, you who save all souls be - ing de - stroyed by



false at - tacks!

Refrain



Re - joice,\_\_ Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with

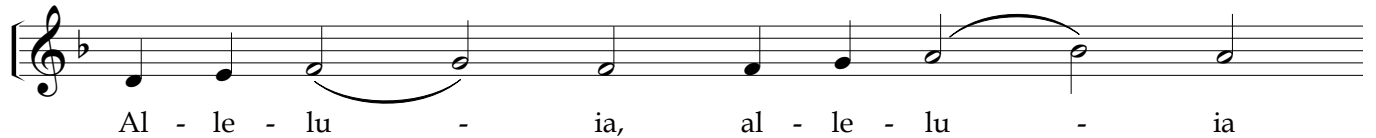


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# Ode 7

## Kontakion

Wanting to show that the fortunes of men are not dependent on themselves, but are always held in His Divine Hand, the Maker of all has given you to the kingdoms of the earth as a defender and keeper, that you may prepare all the tribes and peoples for the eternal Kingdom of God. Therefore, knowing your great service for the salvation of mankind, we cry to God in thanksgiving:

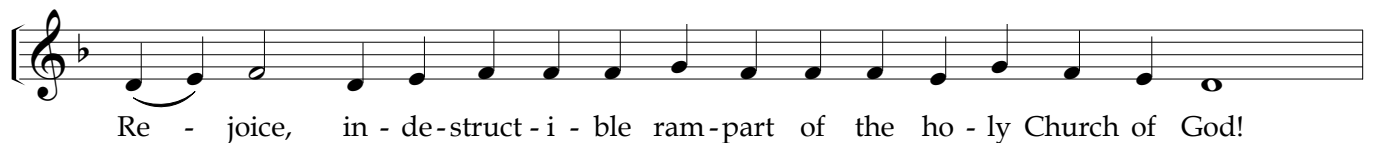


## Ikos

The Creator and Master of all miracles has shown us a new miracle on earth through you, chief angel, when you miraculously saved the church built in honor of your name from being flooded with the waters of the river.

You commanded the rising stream to turn back into the bosom of the earth, at the sight of which the blessed Archippus together with his spiritual children cried to you in thanksgiving:

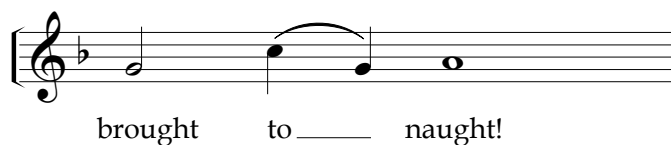
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B

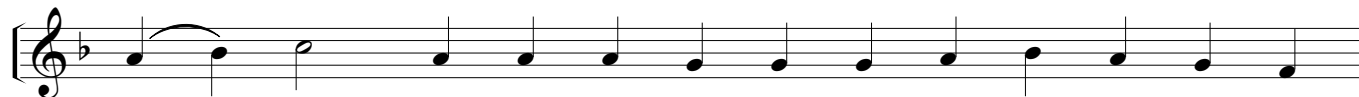


C



Ode 7

D



Re - jice, you who bring joy to all the faith - ful from the



throne of the Al - might - y God!

E

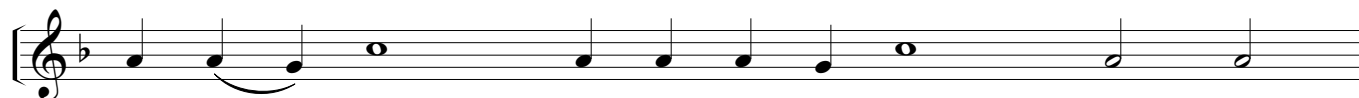


Re - jice, you who lead un - be - liev - ers on the path of



jus - tice and truth!

Refrain



Re - jice, — Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with



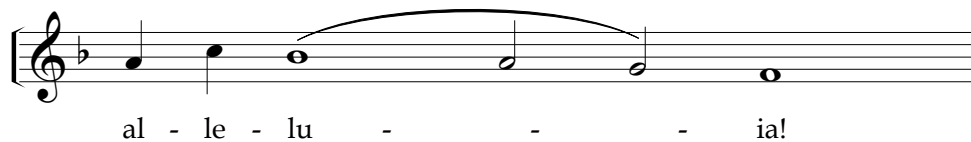
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# Ode 8

## Kontakion

Habakkuk, the prophet, experienced a strange wonder of your power,  
O head of God's armies, when carried off by a Divine Command,  
he was quickly taken from Judah to Babylon to give food to Daniel,  
a prisoner in the den of the lions.

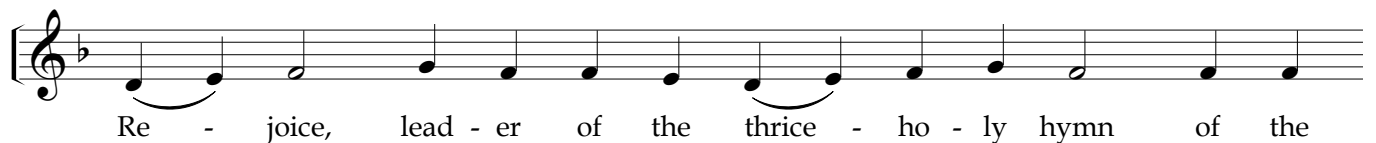
Therefore, amazed at the mighty effect of your strength, he cried out with faith:



## Ikos

Standing before the throne of God, Michael,  
you are entirely in the heights yet you are not far from men and women upon the earth.  
You ever fight against the enemies of mankind's salvation.  
Therefore, all who wish to reach the long-desired homeland of heaven  
cry to you with one accord:

A



B





Ode 8

C




Re - joice, you who struck down Phar - aoh and his faith - less E -



gyp - tians in their op - pres - sive pride!

D




Re - joice, you who glo - rious - ly led the Jews in their wan - dering




through the wil - der - ness!

E



Re - joice, you who quenched the flame of the fier - y fur - nace




for the three — youths in Bab - y - lon!

**Refrain**



Re - joice, — Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with



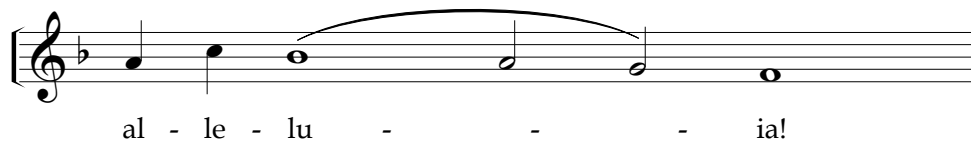
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# Ode 9

## Kontakion

The monks of Holy Mount Athos trembled joyfully  
as they saw you save the God-fearing child who had been thrown into the sea  
with a stone around his neck by money-grubbing men.

The monastery that received him was adorned by your name,  
O Michael, and cries to God in thanksgiving:

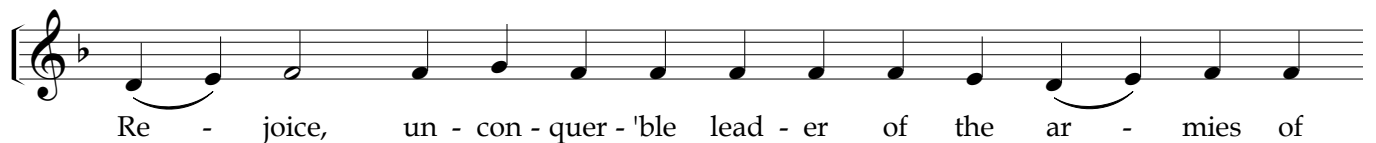


## Ikos

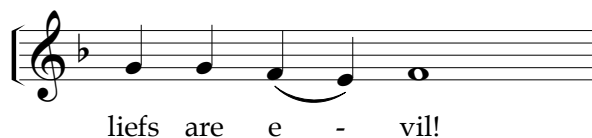
Speakers, eloquent in words and who love clever thoughts, have not sufficient strength  
to declare your might, O Michael, and how in one night you destroyed  
the one hundred and eighty-five thousand warriors of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria,  
as a warning not to blaspheme the Name of the Lord in the future.

We, honoring your zeal for the glory of the truth of God, cry out to you with gladness:

A



B



C

Re - joice, plant - er of the Or - tho - dox faith and wor - ship!

D

Re - joice, up - root - er of her - e - sies and schisms \_\_\_\_ that

harm \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ soul!

E

Re - joice, you who strength - ened the pi - ous Mac - ca - bees

on the field of bat - tle!

F

Re - joice, you who in the tem - ple felled \_ He - lio - do - rus,

cap - tain of the e - vil King An - ti - o - chus!

## Refrain

Re - joice, \_ Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with

all the hosts of heav - en!

# Ode 10

## Kontakion

O chief captain of God, be a helper for us who wish to be saved.  
Deliver and preserve us from distress and mishap,  
and even more from our own evil habits and sins so that,  
progressing in faith, hope and love of Christ, we may thankfully cry out with joy  
to the Master of angels and mankind for your strong defense:

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

al - le - lu - ia!

## Ikos

O chief captain of God,  
you are a wall guarding all who believe  
and a strong pillar in the struggles with visible and invisible enemies.  
With thankful hearts and voices we cry:

A

Re - joice, un - con - quera - ble op - po - nent of the en - e - mies

of the Faith and ad - ver - sar - ies of the Ho - ly Church!


B

Re - joice, un - tir - ing help - er of those who hum - bly an -


nounce the Good News!

C

Ode 10




Re - joice, you who en - light - en with the light of faith




those sit - ting in the land of dark - ness!

D




Re - joice, you who guide the sense - less and de - lud - ed




to paths of truth and re - pent - ance!

E




Re - joice, ter - ri - ble a - veng - er of those who call in



vain up - on the Name — of the Lord!

F



Re - joice, you who bring light - ning up - on those fools




who mock the Mys - t'ries of the Ho - ly Faith!

Refrain



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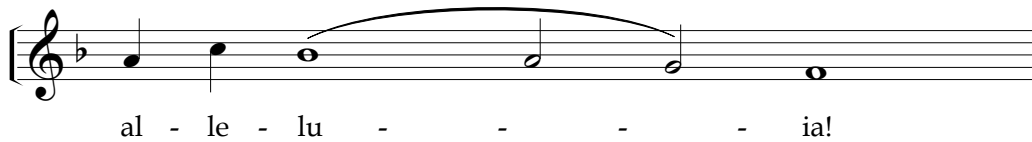
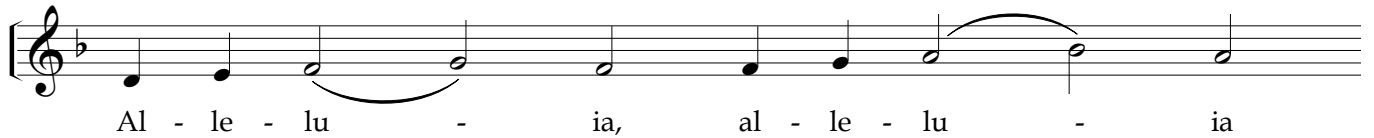
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# Ode 11

## Kontakion

O angel of God, every song of praise falls short because of the multitude of miracles performed by you not only in heaven and on earth, but also in the dark depths of the netherworld.

You have chained the serpent with the bonds of power of the Lord, that those delivered from the evil one's wickedness might bless the Master of heaven and earth, crying:

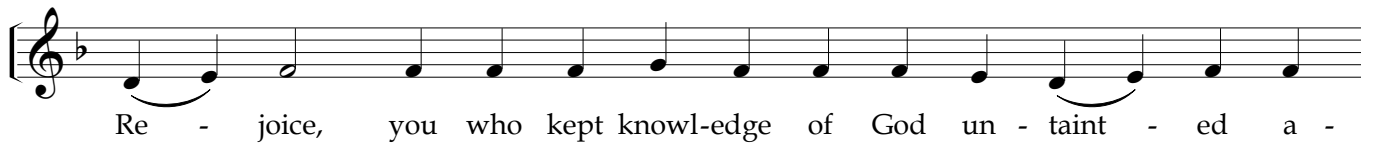


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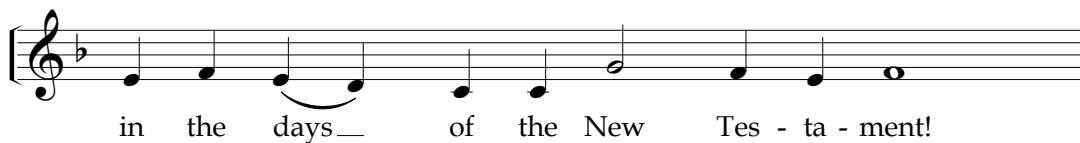
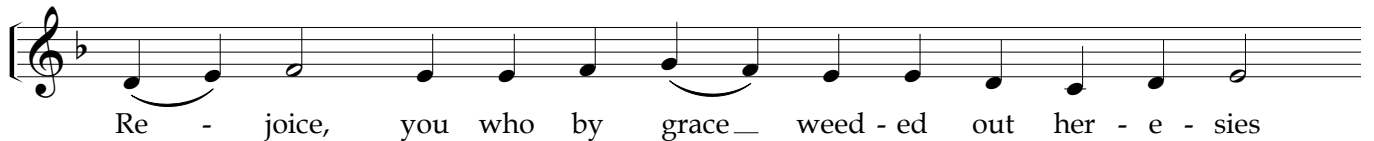
O chief captain, you appeared as a light-bearing servant of truth in the purity of divine worship. Foreseeing the traps set by the spirit of darkness, you forbid him in the Name of the Lord, that he dare not show the hidden body of the prophet Moses, leader of the Jews, to the children of Israel lest they deify him.

Therefore, while we now honor your divinely bright feast, we cry to you:

A



B



C

Re - joice, de - stroy - er of hea - then proph - ets and i - dols!

D

Re - joice, for - ti - fi - er of Chris - tians who strug - gle and

suf - fer!

E

Re - joice, you who fill the weak in spir - it with the

strength of the grace \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God!

F

Re - joice, you who clothe in the ar - mor of faith those who

fail in the flesh!

**Refrain**

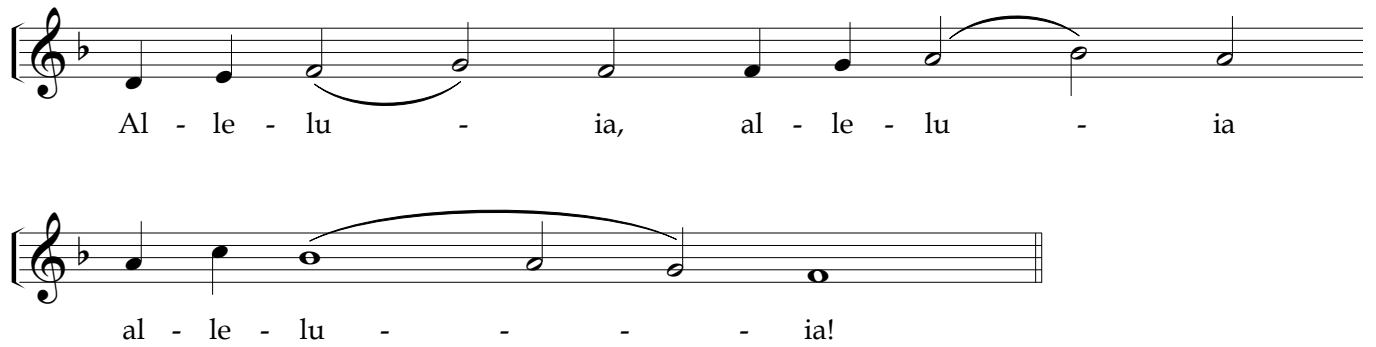
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# Ode 12

## Kontakion

Beg grace for us from God in heaven as we sing to the glory of your honorable name, O Michael, that in the shadow of your protection we may live in all piety and purity until, set loose from the bonds of flesh and death, we may be granted to stand before the flaming throne of the King of Glory and sing with all the choirs of angels:

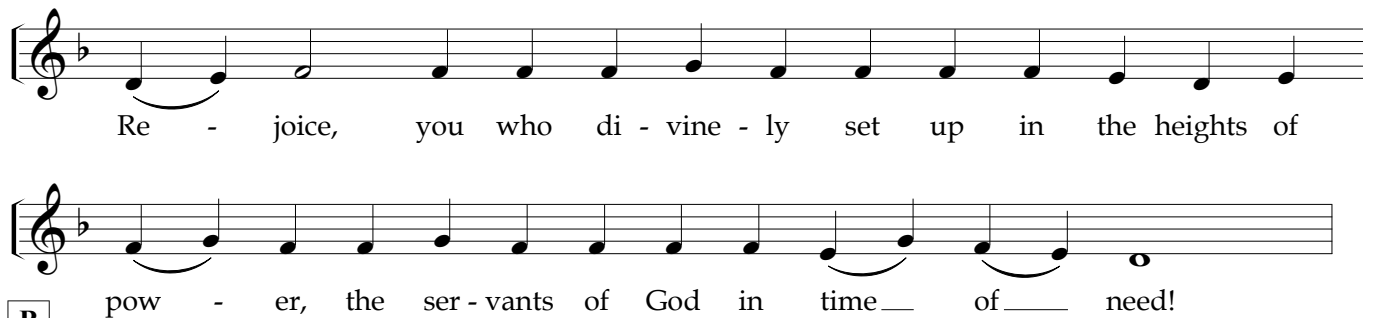


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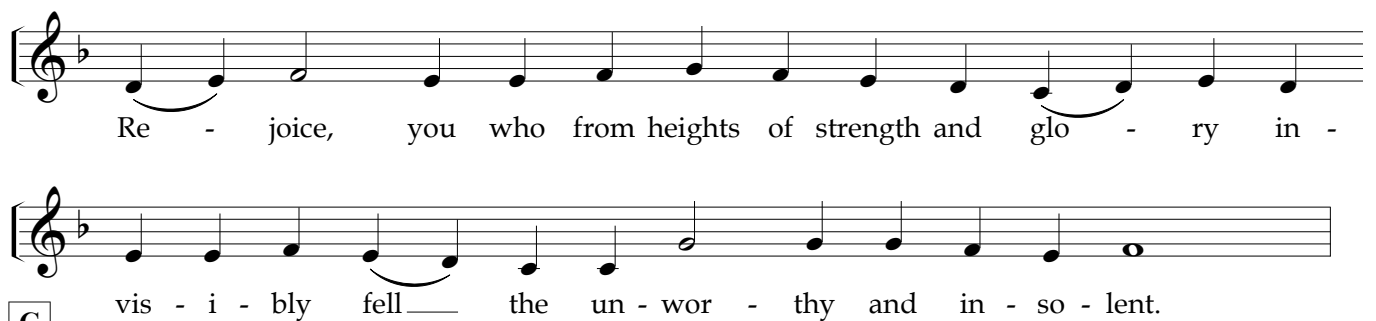
Singing the praises of your many different miracles performed for our salvation, we pray the Lord and Master of all, O Michael, that the spirit of zeal for the glory of God that is within you inspire us who sing to you with these hymns of praise:

A




Re - joice, you who di - vine - ly set up in the heights of  
pow - er, the ser - vants of God in time of need!

B



Re - joice, you who from heights of strength and glo - ry in -  
vis - i - bly fell the un - wor - thy and in - so - lent.

C



Re - joice, you, who on the last day, shall gath - er the cho - sen





from the four ends of the earth!

**D**



Re - joice, you by whom at the voice of God sin - ners shall be com -



mit - ted with the dev - il to e - ter - nal fire!

**E**



Re - joice, you by whom Sa - tan and his an - gels shall be



cast in - to the lake of fire!

**F**



Re - joice, you by whom the right - eous shall glo - rious - ly set - tle



in the man - sion of our heav - en - ly Fa - ther!

**Refrain**



Re - joice, — Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with



all the hosts of heav - en!

# Ode 13

## Kontakion

O most wonderful leader of archangels and angels,  
because of your most marvelous service for the salvation of mankind,  
accept the sound of praise and thanksgiving we offer now to you,  
and as you are filled with the strength of God,  
protect us with your immaterial wings from all visible and invisible enemies,  
that we may endlessly cry to the Lord glorified by you, and who glorified you:

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

al - le - lu - ia!

## Kontakion

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hear praise from the lips of thankful mortal beings:

A

Re - joice, first - formed star of the world!

B

Re - joice, can - dle of truth and jus - tice, shin - ing like gold!

C

Re - joice, first in the choir of an - gels to re - ceive the

un - cre - at - ed light!

D

Re - joice, head of an - gels and arch - an - gels!

E

Re - joice, you in whom the cre - a - tive glo - ry

of the Right Hand shines!

F

Re - joice, you who beau - ti - fy the as - sem - bly of all

bod - i - less crea - tures!


Ode 13

Refrain



Re - jice, — Mi - chael su - preme com - mand - er, with

The first line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains ten notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a half note A5, and a quarter note B5. A slur is placed under the first three notes (G, A, B).



all the hosts of heav - en!

The second line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains five notes: a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a half note D5. The line ends with a double bar line. The number "3x" is written above the staff on the right side.

## Prayer of Entrustment (Spoken)

O great and holy Michael, Archangel of God, standing at the head of the angels before the everlasting + Trinity,

O advocate and preserver of mankind, who - with your hosts in heaven - has broken the head of the daystar, Satan, the exceedingly proud one; you who always puts to shame his evil and cunning servants on earth; we run to you with faith and pray to you with love:

- Be an unbreakable shield and firm bastion for the Holy Church and for our nation, protecting them with your lightning sword.
- Be our guardian angel, a wise counselor and helper of our land, bringing it enlightenment and strength, joy, peace and comfort from the throne of the Eternal Ruling King and Lord our God.
- Be for us supreme commander and defender of our honorable country, crowning it with glory and victory over unjust adversaries, that all who oppose us may know that God and His holy angels stand ready to defend us.
- Be the physician and healer of those wounded or confused.
- Be the pillar and defender of those children of the Church of God who are in captivity.

O Archangel of God, with your help and protection, do not forsake us, who today glorify your holy name. For, although we are great sinners, we still desire not to perish in our iniquities but to turn to the Lord and be made by Him to live for good works.

- Illuminate our minds with the light of the Countenance of God that shines like lightning without ceasing, that we may understand that the will of God concerning us is good and perfect and He knows all that is right for us to do, and even that which is right to omit and overlook.

- Strengthen our weak and feeble purpose by the grace of the Lord; that made firm in the commandments of the Lord we may cease to wallow in earthly thoughts or be drawn by the lusts of the flesh as senseless children, as we reside amidst the perishable beauties of the world.

Above all these things, ask from on high for us the true spirit of repentance, true sorrow and contrition for our sins before God; that we may spend the remaining number of our days in this temporal life, not in the satisfying of our feelings and in the bondage to our passions, but in the blotting out of the evil we have done by tears of faith and heartfelt compunction, by works of charity, chastity, and holy acts of loving mercy.

When the hour of our end and our liberation from the earthly bonds of our own bodies draws near, O Archangel of God, leave us not defenseless against the earthly spirits of evil who try to hinder the entry of man into the heavenly places. Preserved by you, may we reach those all-glorious dwelling-places of Paradise without hindrance, where there is neither sorrow nor sighing, but only life without end.

May we be made worthy to behold the Face of our all-gracious Lord and Master, and falling at His feet with tears may we cry out in joy and tender feeling:

Glory to You, our most tender, dear Redeemer, who, because of Your great love for us – your unworthy servants and handmaidens – you have been pleased to send Your angels in the service of our salvation! For all the powers of heaven praise You, and we give glory, honor and thanksgiving to You, Father +, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (bow)

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy on me. (bow)

Having created me, O Lord, have mercy on me. (bow)

I have sinned immeasurably, O Lord, forgive me. (bow)

My sovereign, most holy Mother of God, save me, a sinner, (bow)

O Angel, my holy Guardian, protect me from all evil. (bow)

Holy Archangel Michael, pray to God for me (or us or Name/s). (bow)

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us & save us!