

## THE KATAVASIA OF THE ANUNCIATION – TONE IV

**Note:** The **Katavasia** are from the feast, except for those odes which conclude with Triodion hymns, wherein the **Katavasia** are prescribed by the Triodion.

**Katavasia I:** I shall open my mouth, \* and be filled with the Spirit, \* and utter discourse to the Queen and Mother; \* and be seen radiantly keeping festival, \* joyfully praising her wonders.

**Katavasia III:** O Theotokos, thou living and plentiful fount, \* establish in spiritual fellowship those who sing hymns to thee, \* and in thy divine glory \* grant them crowns of glory.

**Katavasia IV:** He who sitteth in glory upon the throne of the Godhead, \* Jesus the true God, \* is come in a swift cloud \* and with His sinless hands he hath saved those who cry: \* Glory to Thy power, O Christ.

**Katavasia V:** All creation stands in awe of thy divine glory; \* for thou, O Virgin who hast not known wedlock, \* didst contain within thy womb the God of all, \* and gave birth to the timeless Son, \* bestowing peace, upon all who hymn thee.

**Katavasia VI:** Prefiguring Thy three-day burial \* Prophet Jonah praying in the belly of the sea-monster cried aloud: \* Deliver me from corruption \* O Jesus Thou King of hosts.

**Katavasia VII:** Refusing to worship created things \* in place of the Creator, \* the divinely wise youths bravely trampled down the threatening fire \* and rejoicing they sang aloud: \* O supremely hymned Lord and God of our Fathers, Blessed art Thou.

**Katavasia VIII:** Hearken, O pure Virgin Maiden, \* that Gabriel may tell thee the true counsel of the Most High of old. \* Make ready to receive the Godhead; \* for through thee the Infinite One hath come to dwell among mankind. \* Wherefore, rejoicing, I cry aloud: \* Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

**Katavasia IX:** In nowise may the hand of the defiled \* touch the animate ark of God; \* and let the lips of the faithful \* never-silently cry out with joy to the Theotokos, \* chanting the words of the angel: \* Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace! \* The Lord is with thee!

## THE KATAVASIA OF THE CROSS – TONE I

**Katavasia I:** Moses the servant of God \* prefigured Thy Cross in the days of old,  
\* when he divided the Red Sea with his rod \* and led Israel across on dry land;  
\* and he sang a song of deliverance unto Thee, O Christ our God.

**Katavasia III:** By Thy Cross, O Christ Master, \* set me firmly on the rock of the  
faith: \* Let not my mind be shaken by the assaults \* of the malicious enemy; \*  
for Thou alone art holy.

**Katavasia IV:** Seeing Thee, O mighty Lord, upon the Cross, \* the sun was  
seized with fear and hid its rays, \* with dread the whole creation glorified Thy  
longsuffering, \* and the earth was filled with Thy praise.

**Katavasia V:** Rising early in the morning \* we sing Thy praises, O Savior of the  
world, \* for we have found peace through Thy Cross. \* By it Thou hast renewed  
mankind, \* and led us to the never-waning light.

**Katavasia VI:** Jonah in the belly of the whale \* foreshadowed with his  
outstretched hands \* the figure of the Cross; \* and he leapt out from the sea-  
monster, \* saved by Thy power, O Word.

**Katavasia VII:** The Lord Who delivered the Children from the flames \* took  
flesh and came upon the earth; \* nailed to the Cross, He hath granted us  
salvation, \* He Who alone is blessed and supremely glorified, \* the God of our  
fathers.

**Katavasia VIII:** Daniel, great among the prophets, \* was cast into the lions'  
den; \* but, stretching out his hands in the form of the Cross, \* he was delivered  
from their mouths and kept unharmed, \* blessing Christ our God throughout  
the ages.

**Katavasia IX:** O Virgin Mother and true Theotokos, \* who without seed didst  
bear Christ our God, \* Who wast lifted in the flesh upon the Cross. \* We and all  
the faithful, as is meet, \* magnify thee with thy Son.

## THE KATAVASIA OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

**Katavasia I:** I shall open my mouth, \* and be filled with the Spirit, \* and utter discourse to the Queen and Mother; \* and be seen radiantly keeping festival, \* joyfully praising her dormition.

**Katavasia III:** O Theotokos, thou living and plentiful fount, \* establish in spiritual fellowship those who sing hymns to thee, \* and in thy divine glory \* grant them crowns of glory.

**Katavasia IV:** Perceiving the profound counsel of God, \* that the incarnation of Thee the Most High, \* will be from a Virgin, \* the Prophet Habbakuk cried aloud: \* Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

**Katavasia V:** All creation stands in awe of thine honored dormition; \* for thou, O Virgin who hast not known wedlock, \* hast passed from earth to the everlasting mansions; \* and to never-ending life, \* bestowing salvation unto all who hymn thee.

**Katavasia VI:** Celebrating the divine and solemn feast \* of the Mother of God \* O ye divinely wise, \* let us come, clapping our hands, \* and glorify God who was born of her.

**Katavasia VII:** Refusing to worship created things \* in place of the Creator, \* the divinely wise youths bravely trampled down the threatening fire \* and rejoicing they sang aloud: \* O supremely hymned Lord and God of our Fathers, Blessed art Thou.

**Katavasia VIII:** The Offspring of the Theotokos \* saved the holy children in the furnace. \* He who was then prefigured hath now been born on earth, \* and He gathereth all creation to hymn thee: \* all ye works praise ye the Lord \* and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.

**Katavasia IX:** Let every mortal born on earth, \* radiant with light, in spirit leap for joy; \* and let the host of the angelic powers \* celebrate and honor the repose of the Mother of God, \* and let them cry aloud: \* Rejoice! O all-blessed Theotokos, \* thou pure Ever-Virgin.

## THE IRMOI OF THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS – TONE IV

**Katavasia I:** I shall open my mouth, \* and be filled with the Spirit, \* and utter discourse to the Queen and Mother; \* and be seen radiantly keeping festival, \* joyfully praising her entry.

**Katavasia III:** O Theotokos, thou living and plentiful fount, \* establish in spiritual fellowship those who sing hymns to thee, \* that by thine entry, \* they be granted crowns of glory.

**Katavasia IV:** Perceiving the profound counsel of God, \* that the incarnation of Thee the Most High, \* will be from a Virgin, \* the Prophet Habbakuk cried aloud: \* Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

**Katavasia V:** All creation stands in awe of thy divine glory; \* for thou, O Virgin who hast not known wedlock, \* didst enter into the temple of the Lord; \* thyself being a most pure temple, \* bestowing peace, upon all who hymn thee.

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## THE KATAVASIA OF THE EXULTATION OF THE CROSS – TONE VIII

**Katavasia I:** Inscribing the invincible weapon of the Cross upon the waters, \* Moses marked a straight line before him with his staff \* and divided the Red Sea, \* opening a path for Israel who went over dry-shod. \* Then he marked a second line across the waters \* and united them in one, \* overwhelming the chariots of Pharaoh. \* Therefore let us sing to Christ our God, \* for He hath been glorified.

**Katavasia III:** The rod of Aaron is an image of this mystery, \* for when it budded it showed who should be priest. \* So in the Church, that once was barren, \* the wood of the Cross hath now budded forth, \* filling her with strength and steadfastness.

**Katavasia IV:** O Lord, I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation; \* I have considered Thy works, \* and I have glorified Thy Divinity.

**Katavasia V:** O thrice-blessed Tree, on which Christ the king and Lord was stretched! \* Through thee the beguiler fell, \* who tempted mankind with the tree. \* He was caught in the trap set by God, \* who was crucified upon thee in the flesh, \* granting peace unto our souls.

**Katavasia VI:** Jonah stretched out his hands in the form of a cross \* within the belly of the sea monster, \* plainly prefiguring the redeeming Passion. \* Cast out from thence after three days, \* he foreshadowed the marvelous Resurrection of Christ our God, \* who was crucified in the flesh and enlightened the world \* by His Rising on the third day.

**Katavasia VII:** The senseless decree of the wicked tyrant, \* breathing forth threats and blasphemy hateful to God, \* confused the people. \* Yet neither the fury of the wild beast nor the roaring of the fire \* could frighten the three Children: \* but standing together in the flame, \* fanned by the wind that brought refreshment as the dew, they sang: \* ‘Blessed and supremely praised art Thou, \* O our God and the God of our fathers.’

**Katavasia VIII:** O children equal in number to the Trinity: \* bless ye God, the Father and Creator; \* hymn ye the Word Who came down \* and transformed the fire into dew; \* and supremely exalt ye Him Who giveth life unto all, \* the most holy Spirit, \* throughout the ages!

**Katavasia IX:** O Theotokos, thou art a mystical Paradise, \* who untilled brought forth Christ. \* by Whom the life-giving Tree of the Cross hath been planted upon the earth: \* Therefore celebrating its exaltation on this day, \* Him do we worship \* and thee do we magnify.

## THE KATAVASIA OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD – TONE III

**Katavasia I:** The Sun once passed over dry land \* in the midst of the deep. \* For the water on both sides became firm as a wall \* while the people traversed the sea on foot, \* chanting in a manner pleasing to God: \* Let us sing unto the Lord; \* for gloriously hath he been glorified.

**Katavasia III:** O Lord, the firm foundation of those who put their trust in Thee, \* do Thou establish the Church, \* which Thou hast purchased \* with thy precious blood.

**Katavasia IV:** Thy virtue, hath covered the heavens, O Christ, \* for having come forth from the Ark of Thy sanctification, \* from Thine undefiled Mother, \* Thou hast appeared in the temple of Thy glory \* as an infant borne in arms, \* filling all with Thy praise.

**Katavasia V:** In a vision Isaiah saw upon a throne, \* God lifted up on high \* borne aloft by angels of glory; \* and he cried: ‘Woe is me! \* For I have foreseen God made flesh, \* the Lord of the never-setting light \* and the King of peace.’

**Katavasia VI:** The Elder, having seen with his eyes the salvation \* that was to come unto the peoples from God, \* cried aloud unto Thee: \* ‘O Christ, Thou art my God.’

**Katavasia VII:** O Thou who in the midst of the fire \* bedewed the children as they discoursed on things divine, \* and Who didst take up Thy dwelling in the pure Virgin: \* O Word of God Thee do we reverently praise chanting: \* O God of our fathers, Blessed art Thou.

**Katavasia VIII:** United together in the unbearable fire, \* yet not harmed by the flame, \* the children, champions of godliness, sang a divine hymn: \* O all ye works of the Lord, \* bless ye the Lord and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages.

**Katavasia IX:** In the shadow and the letter of the Law, \* let us, the faithful, discern a figure: \* every male child that openeth the womb \* shall be sanctified to God. \* Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word \* and Son of the beginningless Father, \* the firstborn Child of a Mother who hath not known a man.



## THE KATAVASIA OF THE NATIVITY

**Katavasia I:** Christ is born, render ye glory. \* Christ cometh from heaven, meet ye Him. \* Christ is on earth, be ye exalted. \* O all the earth, sing unto the Lord, \* and sing praises in gladness, O ye people, \* for He hath been glorified.

**Katavasia III:** To the Son who was begotten of the Father \* without change before all ages, \* and in the last times, without seed, was made flesh of the Virgin, \* to Christ our God let us cry aloud: \* Thou hast raised up our horn, holy art Thou, O Lord.

**Katavasia IV:** Rod of the root of Jesse, \* and flower that blossomed from his stem, \* O Christ, Thou hast sprung from the Virgin. \* From the Mountain overshadowed by the forest \* Thou hast come, made flesh from her that knew not wedlock, \* O God who art not formed from matter. \* Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

**Katavasia V:** As Thou art the God of peace and Father of compassions, \* Thou hast sent unto us Thine Angel of great counsel, \* granting us peace. \* Wherefore guided towards the light of the knowledge of God, \* and watching by night we glorify Thee, \* O Lover of mankind.

**Katavasia VI:** The sea monster spat forth Jonah as it had received him, \* like a babe from the womb: \* while the Word, having dwelt in the Virgin and taken flesh, \* came forth from her yet kept her incorrupt. \* For being Himself not subject to decay. \* He preserved His Mother free from all harm.

**Katavasia VII:** Scorning the impious decree of the godless one, \* the Children brought up together in godliness \* feared not the threat of fire, \* but standing in the midst of the flames, they sang: \* O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

**Katavasia VIII:** The furnace moist with dew showed forth an image \* of a wonder past nature, \* for it burned not the youths whom it had received; \* neither did the fire of the Godhead consume the Virgin \* when it descended into her womb. \* Wherefore, chanting, we sing: \* Let all creation bless the Lord and supremely exalt Him throughout all ages!

**Katavasia IX:** A strange and most wondrous mystery do I see: \* the cave is heaven; \* the Virgin the throne of the cherubim; \* the manger a room, in which Christ God, \* whom nothing can contain, is laid. \* Whom we praise and magnify.

## THE KATAVASIA OF PASCHA – TONE I

**Katavasia I:** It is the Day of Resurrection, \* let us be radiant, O ye people; \* Pascha, the Lord's Pascha: \* for from death to life, \* and from earth to heaven, \* Christ God hath brought us, \* as we sing the song of victory.

**Katavasia III:** Come, let us drink a new drink, \* not one miraculously brought forth from a barren rock \* but the Fountain of Incorruption, \* springing forth from the tomb of Christ, \* in Whom we are strengthened.

**Katavasia IV:** On divine watch let the God-inspired Habakkuk stand with us, \* and show forth the light-bearing angel clearly saying: \* Today salvation is come to the world, \* for Christ is risen \* as Almighty.

**Katavasia V:** Let us awake in the deep dawn, \* and instead of myrrh, offer a hymn to the Master, \* and we shall see Christ, \* the Sun of Righteousness, \* Who causeth life to dawn for all.

**Katavasia VI:** Thou didst descend into the nethermost parts of the earth, \* and didst shatter the eternal bars that held the fettered, O Christ, \* and on the third day, \* like Jonah from the whale, \* Thou didst arise from the tomb.

**Katavasia VII:** He Who delivered the Children from the furnace, \* became man, suffereth as a mortal, \* and through His Passion \* doth clothe mortality with the beauty of incorruption, \* He is the only blessed and most glorious \* God of our fathers.

**Katavasia VIII:** The type of the Godhead prefigured in the resplendent three \* loosed the bonds and moistened the flames with dew. \* The Children praise, and all creation that was made doth bless, \* the only Savior and Creator of all, \* as their Benefactor.

**Refrain:** The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: \* Rejoice, O pure Virgin! And again I say, rejoice! \* For thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day, \* and the dead having been raised, be jubilant O ye people!

**Katavasia IX:** Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, \* for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; \* dance now and be glad, O Zion, \* and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, \* in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.



## THE KATAVASIA OF PENTECOST – TONE IV

**Katavasia I:** Covered by the divine cloud, \* he that was slow of tongue proclaimed the Law written by God; \* for having shaken off the impurity from the eye of his mind, \* He beholdeth Him That is, and he is initiated into the knowledge of the Spirit, \* While giving praise with God-inspired songs.

**Katavasia III:** Only the prayer of the Prophetess Anna, \* who of old brought a broken spirit \* unto the Mighty One and God of knowledge, \* loosed the fetters of a childless womb \* and the unruly rebuke of her with children.

**Katavasia IV:** O King of kings, even Thou Who art from the Only One, \* O Word, Who comest forth from the only uncaused Father, \* Thou, as our Benefactor, didst unfailingly send \* Thy Spirit, Equal in might, unto the Apostles, who sing: \* Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

**Katavasia V:** O ye children of the Church, \* whose likeness is like unto light, \* receive ye the fire-breathing dew of the Spirit, \* which is a redeeming purification of offenses; \* for now hath the Law gone forth from Zion, \* even the Spirit's grace, in the form of tongues of fire.

**Katavasia VI:** Thou hast shone forth from the Virgin \* as forgiveness and salvation for us, O Christ Master; \* that, like as Jonah was rift from the belly of the sea monster, \* Thou mightest snatch from corruption \* all the fallen race of Adam.

**Katavasia VII:** The harmonious music of the flutes sounded forth \* to honor the lifeless idol made of gold; \* but the light bearing grace of the Comforter \* doth inspire us to cry out in reverence: \* Trinity in Unity, \* equal in might and beginningless, \* Blessed art Thou!

**Katavasia VIII:** The type of the Godhead prefigured in the resplendent three \* loosed the bonds and moistened the flames with dew. \* The Children praise, and all creation that was made doth bless, \* the only Savior and Creator of all, \* as their Benefactor.

**Katavasia IX:** Rejoice, O Queen boast of virgins and of mothers; \* for every eloquent and capable mouth is unable to extol thee worthily, \* and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend thy childbirth. \* Wherefore, with one accord thee do we glorify.

## THE KATAVASIA OF THEOPHANY – TONE II

*Note: According to the Great Horologion, these Katavasia may be chanted as follows: On January 1, 6, and 14, both sets of Katavasia are chanted; from January 2 to the 5, only the first set is used; from January 7-13, only the second set is used. (the second set may be chanted in TONE II or TONE VI)*

**Katavasia I-A:** The Lord mighty in battle \* uncovered the foundation of the deep \* and led His servants on dry ground; \* but He covered their adversaries with the waters, \* for He hath been glorified.

**Katavasia I-B:** Israel traversed the stormy depths of the sea, \* which had straightway become as dry land; \* but the dark waters engulfed the chief captains of Egypt \* in a watery grave, \* by the mighty power of the right hand of the Master.

**Katavasia III-A:** The Lord who granteth strength unto our kings, \* and exalteth the horn of His anointed, \* is born of a Virgin and cometh unto baptism. \* Therefore let us, the faithful, cry aloud: \* None is as holy as our God.

**Katavasia III-B:** From the ancient snares have we all been set loose, \* and the teeth of the lions have been smashed asunder. \* Let us then rejoice with great joy \* and open wide our mouths, \* weaving with words a sweet hymn to the Word, \* Who delighteth in bestowing gifts upon us.

**Katavasia IV-A:** I heard, O Lord, Thy voice, \* which Thou didst call the voice of one crying in the wilderness, \* for Thou didst thunder over the multitude of waters, \* bearing witness to Thy Son. \* And, wholly filled with the Spirit which had descended, \* He cried aloud: \* Thou art Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God!

**Katavasia IV-B:** Purified by the fire of a mystical vision, \* the prophet praiseth the restoration of mankind; \* and, filled with the inspiration of the Spirit, \* he lifteth up his voice to reveal the incarnation of the ineffable Word, \* by Whom the dominion of the mighty hath been abolished.

**Katavasia V-A:** Jesus, the Prince of Life, \* hath come to set loose from condemnation \* Adam the first-formed man; \* and though as God He needeth no cleansing, \* yet for the sake of fallen man He is cleansed in the Jordan. \* In its streams He slew the enmity \* and bestoweth the peace that passeth all understanding.

**Katavasia V-B:** Washed clean of the poison of the dark and defiled enemy \* by the cleansing of the Spirit, \* we have set out upon a new path \* which leadeth to unapproachable joy, \* to which only they whom God hath reconciled with himself \* can draw near.

**Katavasia VI-A:** The Voice of the Word, the Candlestick of the Light, the Morning Star and Forerunner of the Sun, \* cried in the wilderness to all the peoples: \* 'Repent and be cleansed beforehand. \* For lo, Christ is at hand, \* Who delivereth the world from corruption.

**Katavasia VI-B:** With a supremely blessed voice \* the Father revealed His Beloved One, \* Whom He had begotten from the womb. \* Verily, saith He, this is the splendid Son, \* of the same nature as Myself, \* and He hath come forth from the human race. \* He is My living Word, \* Who by My providence hath become a man.

**Katavasia VII-A:** The breath of the wind heavy with dew \* and the descent of the angel of God \* preserved the Holy Children from all harm, \* as they walked in the fiery furnace. \* Refreshed with dew in the flames, \* they sang in thanksgiving: \* 'Blessed and supremely praised art Thou, \* O Lord God of our fathers.'

**Katavasia VII-B:** He Who burnt the heads of the dragons in the waters, \* cooled the lofty flame \* that encircled the pious youths in the furnace; \* He it is that doth wash away all the unbearable gloom of sin \* by the dew of the Spirit.

**Katavasia VIII-A:** The Babylonian furnace, as it poured forth dew, \* foreshadowed a marvelous mystery: \* how the Jordan should receive in its streams the immaterial fire, \* and should encompass the Creator, \* when He was baptized in the flesh. \* Him do ye peoples bless and supremely exalt throughout all ages.

**Katavasia VIII-A:** Creation hath found itself set free, \* and those who previously sat in darkness are now sons of light; \* alone the prince of darkness moaneth, \* wherefore let His inheritance \* which was formerly in misery \* now bless Him Who hath accomplished this.

**Katavasia IX-A:** Every tongue is at a loss to praise thee as is due: \* even a spirit from the world above is filled with dizziness, \* when it seeketh to sing thy praises, O Theotokos. \* But since thou art good, accept our faith: \* Thou knowest well our love inspired by God, \* for thou art the Protector of Christians and we magnify thee.

**Katavasia IX-A:** The wonders of thy birthgiving pass all understanding, \* O all-pure Bride, blessed Mother! \* Through thee we have received the most perfect salvation, \* wherefore we praise our Benefactor as is meet and right, \* bearing a hymn of thanksgiving unto Him as a gift.

## THE GENERAL KATAVASIA OF THE THEOTOKOS

**Katavasia I:** I shall open my mouth, \* and be filled with the Spirit, \* and utter discourse to the Queen and Mother; \* and be seen radiantly keeping festival, \* joyfully praising her wonders.

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**Katavasia IX:** Let every mortal born on earth, \* radiant with light, in spirit leap for joy; \* and let the host of the angelic powers \* celebrate and honor the holy feast of the Mother of God, \* and let them cry aloud: \* Rejoice! O all-blessed Theotokos, \* thou pure Ever-Virgin.

## THE IRMOI OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – TONE IV

**Irmos I:** The people of Israel passed dry-shod across the watery deep of the Red Sea \* and beholding the riders and captains of the enemy \* swallowed by the waters, they cried out for joy: \* ‘Let us chant unto our God, for He hath been glorified.’

**Irmos III:** The bow of the mighty hath waxed feeble \* and the weak have girded themselves with strength: \* therefore is my heart established \* in the Lord.

**Irmos IV:** I have heard of Thy glorious Dispensation, \* O Christ our God: \* how Thou wast born of the Virgin, \* that Thou mightest deliver from error \* those who cry aloud to Thee: \* Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

**Irmos V:** Thou hast parted light from the primal chaos, \* that Thy works might hymn Thee in light, O Christ, \* as their Creator: \* do Thou direct our paths in Thy light.

**Irmos VI:** In mine affliction I cried unto the Lord, \* the God of my salvation, \* and He hearkened unto me.

**Irmos VII:** Of old the Children of Abraham in Babylon \* trampled down the flame of the furnace, \* crying aloud with hymns: \* O God of our Fathers, blessed art Thou.

**Irmos VIII:** In Babylon the godly Children, \* burning with a fiery zeal for God \* bravely trampled upon the threat of the tyrant and the fire; \* and thrown into the midst of the flames \* they were refreshed with dew and sang: \* Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

**Irmos IX:** Thy birthgiving was revealed to be incorrupt, \* God came forth from thy womb, \* and He appeared upon earth in mortal flesh \* and dwelt among mankind; \* Wherefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.