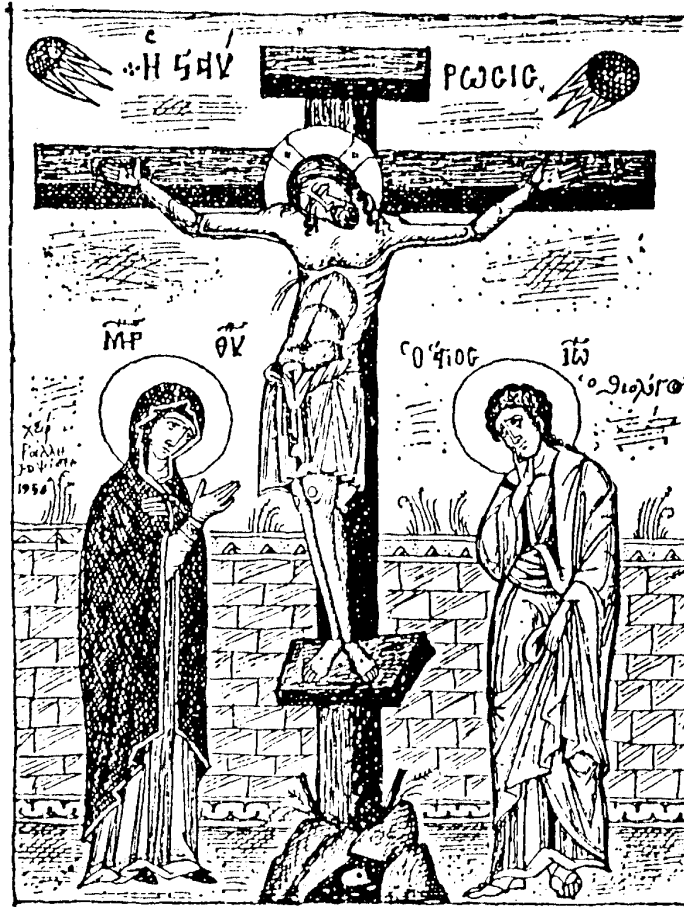


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The Lamentations before the Holy Sepulchre

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ΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΠΡΩΤΗ

STASIS PROTI

FIRST STASIS

1. Ἡ Ζωὴ ἐν τάφῳ
κατετέθης, Χριστέ,
καὶ ἀγγέλων στρατιαὶ,
ἐξεπλήττοντο,
συγκατάβασιν δοξάζουσαι
τὴν Σὴν.

2. Ἡ Ζωὴ πῶς θνήσκεις;
πῶς καὶ τάφῳ οἰκεῖς;
τοῦ θανάτου τὸ βασίλειον
λύεις δέ,
καὶ τοῦ Ἄδου τοὺς νεκροὺς
ἐξανιστᾶς.

3. Μεγαλύνομέν Σε
Ἰησοῦ Βασιλεῦ,
καὶ τιμῶμεν τὴν ταφὴν καὶ
τὰ πάθη Σου,
δι' ὧν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς
φθορᾶς.

4. Μέτρα γῆς ὁ στήσας
ἐν σμικρῷ κατοικεῖς
Ἰησοῦ, Παμβασιλεῦ, τάφῳ
σήμερον,
ἐκ μνημάτων τοὺς θανόντας
ἀνιστῶν.

5. Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ μου,
Βασιλεῦ τοῦ παντός,
τί ζητῶν τοῖς ἐν τῷ Ἄδῃ
ἐλήλυθας;
ἦ τὸ γένος ἀπολύσαι τῶν
βροτῶν;

6. Ὁ Δεσπότης πάντων
καθορᾶται νεκρός,
καὶ ἐν μνήματι καινῷ
κατατίθεται
ὁ κενώσας τὰ μνημεῖα τῶν
νεκρῶν.

7. Ἡ Ζωὴ ἐν ταφῳ
κατετέθης, Χριστέ, καὶ
θανάτῳ Σου τὸν θάνατον
ᾤλεσας,
καὶ ἐπήγασας τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν
ζωήν.

8. Ὁ ὠραῖος κάλλει
παρὰ πάντας βροτοῦς
ὡς ἀνείδεος νεκρὸς
καταφαίνεται,
ὁ τὴν φύσιν ὠραῖσας τοῦ
παντός.

1. i zo-i en ta-fo
ka-te-te-this, chris-te
ke an-ghe-lon stra-ti-e, exe-pli-
ton-do,
sing-ka-ta-va-sin dho-xa-zou-se
tin sin.

2. i zo-i pos thni-skis,
pos ke ta-fo i-kis
tou tha-na-tou to va-si-li-on li-is
dhe
ke tou a-dhou tous ne-krous e-
xa-ni-stas

3. me-gha-li-no-men se
i-i-sou va-si-lef
ke t i-mo-men tin ta-fin ke ta pa-
thi sou
dhi on e-so-sas i-mas ek tis ftho-
ras

4. me-tra yis o sti-sas
en smi-kro ka-ti-kis
i-i-sou pam-va-si-lef, ta-fo si-me-
ron
ek mni-ma-ton tous tha-non-das
a-ni-ston.

5. i-i-sou chri-ste mou,
va-si-lef tou pan-dos
ti zi-ton tis en to a-dhi e-li-li-thas
i to ye-nos a-po-li-se ton vro-ton.

6. o dhe-spo-tis pan-don
ka-tho-ra-te ne-kros
ke en mni-ma-ti ke-no ka-ta-ti-
the-te
o ke-no-sas ta mni-mi-a ton ne-
kron

7. i zo-i en ta-fo
ka-te-te-this, chris-te
ke tha-na-to sou ton tha-na-ton
o-le-sas,
ke e-pi-ya-sas to koz-mo tin zo-in

8. o o-re-os kal-li
pa-ra-pan-das vro-tous
os a-ni-dhe-os ne-kros ka-ta-fe-
ne-te
o tin fi-sin o-ra-i-sas tou pan-dos

1. In a grave they laid Thee,
yet, O Christ Thou art Life,
and the armies of the angels beheld amazed,
giving glory that Thou chose to condescend.

2. How, O Life, dost Thou die?
How dost Thou dwell entombed,
Who hast slashed through all the bonds in the
realm of death,
and hast raised the dead in Hades from their
graves?

3. We, O Lord, exalt Thee,
O Christ Jesus, our King,
and we venerate Thy Passion and burial
through which Thou hast brought redemption
from our sins.

4. Thou hast set the measures
of the earth, yet this day
in a narrow tomb dost dwell, Jesus, King of all,
Who hast raised those who were dead up from
their tombs.

5. O mine own Christ Jesus,
Thou art King of the world.
Why hast Thou come down to Hades to seek the
dead?
Is it not to set the race of mortals free?

6. He Who is the Master
of creation appears
as a corpse and lies entombed in a fresh-hewn
grave,
though He emptied every gravesite of its dead.

7. In a grave they laid Thee,
yet, O Christ, Thou art Life.
By Thy death hast Thou abolished the realm of
death,
and upon the world hast poured down streams
of Life.

8. Fairer in His beauty
than all creatures on earth,
He is seen now lying lifeless, his beauty gone,
yet all beauty in creation springs from Him.

9. Ἰησοῦ, γλυκύ μοι,
καὶ σωτήριον Φῶς
τάφῳ πῶς ἐν σκοτεινῷ
κατακέκρυψαι;
ὦ ἀφάτου καὶ ἀρρήτου
ανοχῆς·

10. Ἀπορεῖ καὶ Φύσις,
νοερὰ καὶ πληθὺς
ἡ ἀσώματος, Χριστέ, τὸ
μυστήριον
τῆς ἀφράστου καὶ ἀρρήτου
Σου ταφῆς.

11. Προσκυνῶ τὸ πάθος,
ἀνυμνῶ τὴν ταφήν,
μεγαλύνω Σου τὸ κράτος,
Φιλάνθρωπε,
δι' ὧν λέλυμαι παθῶν
φθοροποιῶν.

12. Ἡ ἀμνάς τὸν ἄρνα
καθορῶσα νεκρόν,
ταῖς αἰκίσι βαλλομένη
ὠλόλυξε,
συγκινοῦσα καὶ τὸ ποίμνιον
βοᾶν.

13. Οἶμοι, Φῶς τοῦ κόσμου·
οἶμοι, Φῶς τὸ ἐμόν·
Ἰησοῦ μου ποθεινότατε,
ἔκραζεν
ἡ Παρθένος θρηνωδοῦσα
γοερῶς.

14. ὦ Θεὲ καὶ Λόγε,
ὦ χαρὰ ἡ ἐμή,
πῶς ἐνέγκω Σου ταφήν τὴν
τριήμερον;
νῦν σπαράττομαι τὰ
σπλάγχνα μητρικῶς.

15. Τίς μοι δώσει ὕδωρ
καὶ δακρύων πηγὰς;
ἡ Θεόνημος Παρθένος
ἔκραύγαζεν,
ἵνα κλαύσω τὸν γλυκύν μου
' Ἰησοῦν.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ
' Ἀγίῳ Πνεύματι.

16. Ἀνυμνοῦμεν, Λόγε,
Σὲ τὸν πάντων Θεόν,
σὺν Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Ἀγίῳ Σου
Πνεύματι,
καὶ δοξάζομεν τὴν θείαν Σου
ταφήν.

9. i-i-sou gli-ki-mi
ke so-ti-ri-on fos
ta-fo pos en sko-ti-no ka-ta-ke-
kri-pse
o a-fa-tou ke ar-ri-tou a-no-chis

10. a-po-ri ke fi-sis
no-e-ra ke pli-this
i a-so-ma-tos chri-ste to mi-sti-ri-
on
tis a-fra-stou ke ar-ri-tou sou ta-
fis.

11. pro-ski-no to pa-thos
a-ni-mno tin ta-fin
me-gha-li-no sou to kra-tos fi-lan-
thro-pe
dhi on le-li-me pa-thon ftho-ro-pi-
on

12. i am-nas ton ar-na
ka-tho-ro-sa ne-kron
tes e-ki-si va-lo-me-ni o-lo-li-ze
sing-ki-nou-sa ke to pi-mni-on
vo-an

13. i-mi fos tou koz-mou,
i-mi fos to e-mon
i-i-sou mou po-thi-no-ta-te -kra-
zen
i par-the-nos thri-no-dhou-sa yo-
e-ro

14. o the-e ke lo-ye
o cha-ra i e-mi
pos e-neng-o sou ta-fin tin tri-i-
me-ron
nin spa-ra-to-me ta splach-na mi-
tri-kos

15. tis mi dho-si i-dhor
ke dha-kri-on pi-yas
i the-o-nim-fos par-the-nos e-
krav-gha-zen
i-na klaf-so ton ghli-kin mou i-i-
soun

Dhoxa Patri ke Yio, kai aghio
Pnevmati

16. a-ni-mnou-men lo-ye
se ton pan-don the-on
sin pa-tri ke to a-yi-o sou pnev-
ma-ti
ke dho-xa-zo-men tin thi-an sou
ta-fin.

9. O mine own sweet Jesus,
Saving Light of the world,
can the darkness of the grave hide Thy Light
within?
Neither thought nor word can say what Thou
hast borne.

10. Neither Nature's reason,
nor the angels, O Christ,
grasp the mystery enfolding Thy burial,
beyond all our understanding and all words.

11. I revere Thy passion
Thine entombment I praise,
and I magnify Thy might, Loving Friend of
man;
they have ransomed me from passions that
corrupt.

12. When Thy mother saw Thee
brought to slaughter, O Lamb,
she was stabbed with painful torment; her
anguished sobs
called the flock to join her bitter cries of grief.

13. "Woe is me!" the Virgin
mourned through heart-breaking sobs.
"Thou art, Jesus, my most precious, beloved
Son!
Gone is my light, and the Light of all the
world!"

14. "God and Word eternal,
O my Gladness and Joy!
How shall I endure Thy three days inside the
tomb
when my heart is breaking with a mother's
grief?"

15. "Who will give me water,
and a fountain of tears,"
cried the Virgin Bride of God in her deep
despair,
"that in grief for my sweet Jesus I might weep."

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit.

16. We will sing Thy praises,
Word and God of all things,
with Thy Father and Thy Holy Spirit Thou art
praised,
and we glorify Thy burial divine.

Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς
τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰῶνων.
Ἀμήν.

17. Μακαρίζομέν Σε,
Θεότοκε Ἀγνή,
καὶ τιμῶμεν τὴν ταφήν τὴν
τριήμερον
τοῦ Υἱοῦ Σου καὶ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν
πιστῶς.

18. Ἡ Ζωὴ ἐν τάφῳ
κατετέθης, Χριστέ,
καὶ ἀγγέλων στρατιαὶ
ἐξεπλήττοντο
συγκατάβασιν δοξάζουσαι
τὴν Σὴν.

Ke nin ke ai,
ke is tous eonas ton eonon.
Amin.

17. ma-ka-ri-zo-men Se
the-o-to-ke agh-ni
ke ti-mo-men tin ta-fin tin tri-i-me-
ron
tou i-ou sou ke the-ou i-mon pi-
stos.

18. i zo-i en ta-fo
ka-te-te-this, chri-ste
ke an-ghel-lon stra-ti-e, e-xe-pli-
ton-do
sing-ka-ta-va-sin dho-xa-zou-se
tin sin.

Both now and forever and unto the ages of
ages. Amin.

17. Thou art known as blessed,
Theotokos, most pure.
With our faithful hearts we honour the burial
suffered three days by Thy Son, Who is our
God.

18. In a grave they laid Thee,
yet, O Christ Thou art Life,
and the armies of the angels beheld amazed,
giving glory that Thou chose to condescend.

ΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

STASIS DHEFTERA

SECOND STASIS

1. Ἄξιόν ἐστι
μεγαλύνειν Σε τὸν Ζωοδότῃν,
τὸν Σταυρῷ τὰς χεῖρας
ἐκτείναντα
καὶ συντρίψαντα τὸ κράτος
τοῦ ἐχθροῦ.

2. Ἄξιον ἐστι
μεγαλύνειν Σε τὸν πάντων
Κτίστην·
Σοὶ γὰρ τοῖς παθήμασιν
ἔχομεν
τὴν ἀπάθειαν, ρυσθέντες τῆς
φθορᾶς.

3. Ἐφριξεν ἡ γῆ,
καὶ ὁ ἥλιος Σῶτερ, ἐκρύβη,
Σοῦ τοῦ ἀνεσπέρου φέγγους,
Χριστέ,
ἐν τῷ τάφῳ δύντος νῦν
σωματικῶς.

4. Μόνῃ γυναικῶν
χωρὶς πόνων ἔτεκόν Σε,
τέκνον,
πόνους δὲ νῦν φέρω πάθει τῷ
Σῷ
ἀφορήτους, ἀνεβόα ἡ Σεμνή.

5. Τέτρωμαι δεινῶς
καὶ σπαράττομαι τὰ
σπλάγχνα, Λόγε,
βλέπουσα τὴν ἀδικόν σου
σφαγὴν·
ἀνελόγιζεν ἡ Μήτηρ ἐν
κλαυθμῷ.

1. a-xi-on e-sti
me-gha-li-nin se ton zo-o-dho-tin
ton stav-ro tas chi-ras ek-ti-nan-
da
ke sin tri-psan-da to kra-tos tou
ech-thru

2. a-xi-on e-sti
me-gha-li-nin se ton pan-don kti-
stin
sis ghar tis pa-thi-ma-sin e-cho-
men
tin a-pa-thi-an ris-then-des tis
ftho-ras

3. e-fri-xen i yi
ke o i-li-os so-ter e-kri-vi
sou tou a-ne-spe-rou fen-gous
chri-ste
en to ta-fo dhin-dos nin so-ma-ti-
kos

4. mo-ni yi-ne-kon
cho-ris po-non e-te-kon se tek-
non
po-nous dhe nin fe-ro pa-thi to so
a-fo-ri-tous a-ne-vo-a i sem-ni

5. te-tro-me dhi-nos
ke spa-ra-to-me ta splach-na, lo-
ye
vle-pou-sa tin a-dhi-kon sou sfa-
yin
a-ne-lo-yi-sen i mi-tir en klaf-
thmo

1. Truly it is right
that we magnify Thee Who bestows Life,
Who upon the Cross with Thine outspread
Hands
all the power of the enemy hast crushed.

2. Truly it is right
that we magnify Thee, our Creator;
through Thy pain have we been released from
pain,
and from all corruption we have been set free.

3. All the earth did shake
and the sun concealed itself in darkness
when they set Thy body into the tomb,
Christ, the Saviour and the never-setting Sun.

4. "Free from pain, my Child,
I, alone among all women, bore Thee."
said Thy modest Mother with humble voice.
"Now Thy passion brings more pain than I can
bear."

5. "Torn apart am I,
and my womb, O Word, is wrenched within me
as Thine unjust slaughter assaults mine eyes,"
cried the Mother to her Son through bitter tears.

6. Ὡμμα τὸ γλυκὺ
καὶ τὰ χεῖλη Σου πῶς μύσω,
Λόγε;
πῶς νεκροπρεπῶς δὲ
κηδεύσω Σε;
ἀνεβόα μετὰ φρίκης Ἰωσήφ.
6. o-ma to gli-ki
ke ta *chi-li* sou pos *mi-so lo-ye*
pos ne-kro-pre-pos dhe ki-dhev-
so se
a-ne-vo-a me-ta *fri-kis i-o-sif*
6. “Eyes that are so sweet,
and Thy lips, O Word, how shall I close them?”
Joseph cried appalled, trembling in dismay.
“How shall I entomb Thee as befits the dead?”
7. Γῆ Σε, Πλαστουργέ,
ὑπὸ κόλπους δεξαμένη,
τρόμῳ
συσχεθεῖσα, Σῶτερ,
τινάσσεται,
ἀφυπνίωσα νεκροὺς τῷ
τιναγμῷ.
7. *yi se pla-stour-ye*
i-po *kol-pous dhe-xa-me-ni tro-*
mo
sis-che-thi-sa, so-ter ti-na-se-te
a-fi-pno-sa-sa ne-krous to ti-
nagh-mo
7. Fearfully the earth
took Thy body in her bosom, Saviour.
Holding her creator, she quaked in fear,
and awakened those who lay dead in their
tombs.
8. Λίθος λαξευτός
τὸν ἀκρόγωνον καλύπτει
λίθον·
ἄνθρωπος θνητός δ' ὡς
θνητὸν Θεόν,
κατὰ κρύπτει νῦν τῷ τάφῳ·
φρίξον γῆ·
8. *li-thos la-xef-tos*
ton a-*kro-gho-non ka-li-pti li-thon*
an-thro-pos thni-tos dhos thni-ton
theon
ka-ta-*kri-pti nin to ta-fo fri-xon yi*
8. Stone that man has hewn
now conceals the Stone of Life's Foundation;
mortal men entomb God as mortal man,
causing thee, O earth, to tremble in dismay.
9. Ἴδε μαθητὴν,
ὃν ἠγάπησας καὶ Σὴν
Μητέρα,
Τέκνον, καὶ φθογγὴν δός,
γλυκύτατον,
δακρυχέουσα ἐβόα ἢ Ἀγνή.
9. *i-dhe ma-thi-tin*
on *i-gha-pi-sas ke sin mi-te-ra*
te-non ke fthong-ghin dhos gli-ki-
ta-ton
dha-kri-che-ou-sa e-vo-a i agh-ni
9. “Child of mine, behold
Thy belov'd disciple and Thy mother.”
“Grant that I might hear Thy sweet voice
again!”
Thy pure Mother called through flowing tears
to Thee.
10. Κάλλος, Λόγε, πρὶν,
οὐδὲ εἶδος ἐν τῷ πάσχειν
ἔσχες,
ἀλλ' ἐξαναστάς
ὑπερέλαμψας
καλλωπίσας τοὺς βροτοὺς
θείαις ἀνγαῖς
10. *kal-los lo-ye prin*
ou-dhe *i-dhos en to pas-chin es-*
ches
all' e-xa-na-stas i-per-e-plam-
psas
kal-lo-pi-sas tous vro-tous thi-as
av-yes
10. Suffering in pain,
neither form, hadst Thou, O Word, nor beauty,
but by Thine arising, Thy beauty shines,
and Thy holy rays adorn all those on earth.
11. Ἥλιος ὁμοῦ
καὶ σελήνη σκοτισθέντες,
Σῶτερ,
δούλους εὐνοοῦντας
εἰκόνιζον,
οἱ μελαίνας ἀμφιέννυνται
στολάς.
11. *i-li-os o-mou*
ke se-*li-ni sko-tis-then-des so-ter*
dhou-lous ev-no oun-das i-ko-ni-
zon
i me-*le-nas am-fi-en-ni-te sto-las*
11. Sun and moon as one
turned to darkness in their sorrow, Saviour,
and like faithful servants, they wore their grief,
when they wrapped themselves in blackness
like a shroud.
12. Ἐφρίξεν ἰδῶν,
τὸ ἀόρατον Φῶς Σε, Χριστέ
μου,
μνήματι κρυπτόμενον ἄπνου
τε,
καὶ ἐσκότασεν ὁ ἥλιος τὸ
Φῶς.
12. *e-fri-xen i-dhon*
to a-*o-ra-ton fos se chri-ste mou*
mni-ma-ti kri-pto-me-non a-
pnoun te
ke e-*ske-ta-sen o i-li-os to fos*
12. Struck with fear, the sun
saw Thy light invisible as Thou lay
lifeless and concealed in the grave, my Christ,
and it shuddered and relinquished its own light.
13. Ἐκλαιε πικρῶς
ἡ Πανάμωμος Μήτηρ Σου,
Λόγε,
ὅτε ἐν τῷ τάφῳ ἐώρακε
Σὲ τὸν ἀφραστον καὶ
ἀναρχον Θεόν.
13. *e-kle-e pi-kros*
i pa-*na-mo-mos mi-tir sou, lo-ghe*
o-te en to ta-fo e-o-ra-ke
se ton a-fra-ston ke a-nar-chon
the-on
13. Weeping bitter tears,
Thy pure Mother mourned to see Thee lifeless
lying in the tomb, yet Thou art, O Word,
the ineffable and everlasting God.

14. Νέκρωσιν τὴν Σὴν
ἢ Πανάφθορος, Χριστέ, Σοῦ
Μήτηρ
βλέπουσα πικρῶς Σοι
ἐφθέγγετο·
μὴ βραδύνης, ἢ Ζωή, ἐν τοῖς
νεκροῖς.

15. Ὑμνοὶς Σου, Χριστέ,
νῦν τὴν Σταύρωσιν καὶ τὴν
ταφὴν τε
ἅπαντες πιστοὶ ἐκθειάζομεν,
οἱ θανάτου λυτρωθέντες Σὴ
ταφῇ.

*Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῶ καὶ
Αγίῳ Πνεύματι.*

16. Ἐναντιον Θεῶν,
συναΐδιε Λόγε καὶ Πνεῦμα,
σκήπτρα τῶν ἀνάκτων
κραταίωσον
κατὰ πάσης πολεμίων
προσβολῆς.

*Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ,
καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.*

17. Τέξασα Ζωὴν,
Παναμώμητέ Αγνή Παρθένε,
παῦσον Ἐκκλησιὰς τὰ
σκάνδαλα,
καὶ εἰρήνην ἐπιβράβευσον
αὐτῇ.

18. Ἀξιὸν ἐστι,
μεγαλύνειν Σε τον Ζωοδότην,
τόν Σταυρῶ τὰς χεῖρας
ἐκτείναντα
καὶ συντρίψαντα τὸ κράτος
τοῦ ἐχθροῦ.

14. *ne-kro sin tin sin
i pa-naf-tho-ras chri-ste sou mi-tir
vle-pou-sa pi-kros si ef-theng-ge-
to
mi vra-dhi-nis i zo-i en tis ne-kris*

15. *i-mnis sou chri-ste
nin tin stav-ro-sin ke tin ta-fin te
a-pan-des pi-sti ek-thi-a-zo-men
i tha-na-tou li-tro-then-des si ta-fi*

*Dhoxa Patri ke Yio, kai aghio
Pnevmati*

16. *a-nar-che the-e
si-na-i-dhi-e lo-ghe ke pnev-ma
skip-tra ton a-nak-ton kra-te-o-
son
ka-ta pa-sis po-le-mi-on proz-vo-
lis*

*Ke nin ke a-l ke is tous eonas
ton eonon. Amin.*

17. *te-xa-sa zo-in
pa-na-mo-mi-te agh-ni par-the-
ne
paf-son ek-kli-si-as ta skan-dha-
la
ke i-ri-nin e-pi-vra-vef-son af-ti*

18. *a-xi-on e-sti
me-gha-li-nin se ton zo-o-dho-tin
ton stav-ro tas chi-ras ek-ti-nan-
da
ke sin tri-psan-da to kra-tos tou
ech-thru*

14. Witness to Thy death,
through her bitter tears Thine all-pure Mother
weeping, cried aloud unto Thee, O Christ:
“Do not linger with the dead, for Thou art
Life!”

15. Singing hymns. O Christ,
all the faithful now sound forth the praises
of Thy crucifixion and burial
for by Thine entombment we are freed from
death.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit.*

16. God beyond all time,
with the Word and Spirit everlasting!
strengthen every scepter, O righteous Lord,
of the Orthodox against our every foe!

*Both now and forever, and unto the ages of
ages. Amin.*

17. Life was born of Thee
who art holy and most pure, O Virgin.
Grant thy church protection from all dissent
and reward us with the blessing of thy peace.

18. Truly it is right
that we magnify Thee Who bestows Life,
Who upon the Cross with Thine outspread
Hands.
all the power of the enemy hast crushed.

ΣΤΑΣΙΣ ΤΡΙΤΗ

STASIS TRITI

THIRD STASIS

1. Αἱ γενεαὶ πᾶσαι
ὑμνον τῇ ταφῇ Σου,
προσφέρουσι, Χριστέ μου.

2. Καθελὼν τοῦ ξύλου,
ὁ Αριμαθείας
ἐν τάφῳ Σε κηδεύει.

3. Μυροφόροι ἦλθον,
μύρα Σοι, Χριστέ μου,
κομίζουσαι προφρόνως.

4. Δεῦρο πᾶσα κτίσις
ὑμνοὺς ἐξοδίου
προσοίσωμεν τῷ Κτίστη.

1. *e ye-ne-e pa-se
im-non ti ta-fi sou
pro-sfe-rou-si chri-ste mou*

2. *ka-the-lon tou xi-lou
O a-ri-ma-thi-as
en ta-fo se ki-dhe-vi*

3. *mi-ro-fo-ri il-thon
mi-ra si, chri-ste mou
ko-mi-zou-se pro-fro-nos*

4. *dhev-ro pa-sa kti-sis
im-nous e-xo-dhi-ous
pro-si-so-men to kti-sti*

1. Every generation
offers adoration
my Christ, at Thine entombment.

2. The Arimathean
from the Cross has brought Thee
and in Thy tomb hast laid Thee.

3. Anxiously the women
carry myrrh and spices,
my Christ, to lay before Thee.

4. Come with all creation,
and offer hymns of mourning
to honour our Creator.

5. Ὡς νεκρὸν τὸν ζῶντα
σὺν μυροφόροις πάντες
μυρίσωμεν ἐμφρόνως.

6. Ἰωσήφ τρισμάκαρ,
κήδευσον τὸ Σῶμα
Χριστοῦ τοῦ Ζωοδότου.

7. Οὓς ἔθρεψε τὸ μάννα,
ἐκίνησαν τὴν πτέρναν
κατὰ τοῦ Ἐυεργέτου.

8. Ὡ τῆς παραφροσύνης
καὶ τῆς Χριστοκτονίας,
τῆς τῶν Προφητοκτόνων·

9. Ὡς ἄφρων ὑπηρέτης
προδέδωκεν ὁ μύστης
τὴν ἄβυσσον σοφίας.

10. Τὸν ρύστην ὁ πωλήσας
αἰχμάλωτος κατέστη,
ὁ δόλιος Ἰούδας.

11. Ἰωσήφ κηδεύει
σὺν τῷ Νικοδήμῳ,
νεκροπρεπῶς τὸν Κτίστην.

12. Ὡ γλυκύ μου ἔαρ,
γλυκύτατόν μου Τέκνον,
ποῦ ἔδου Σου τὸ κάλλος;

13. Θρῆνον συνεκίνει
ἡ Πάναγνος Σου Μήτηρ,
Σοῦ, Λόγε, νεκρωθέντος.

14. Θάνατον θανάτῳ
Σὺ θανατοῖς, Θεέ μου,
θεία Σου δυναστεία.

15. Πεπλάνηται ὁ πλάνος,
ὁ πλανηθεὶς λυτροῦται
σοφία Σῆ, Θεέ μου.

16. Υἱέ Θεοῦ Παντάναξ,
Θεέ μου, πλαστουργέ μου,
πῶς πάθος κατεδέξω;

17. Ἡ Δάμαλις τὸν Μόσχον
ἐν ξύλῳ κρεμασθέντα
ἠλαλαξεν ὀρώσα.

18. Ὡ Φῶς τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν
μου,
γλυκύτατόν μου Τέκνον,
πῶς τάφῳ νῦν καλύπτῃ;

19. Δοξάζω Σου, Υἱέ μου,
τὴν ἄκραν εὐσπλαγχνίαν,
ἧς χάριν ταῦτα πάσχεις.

20. Ἀνάστηθι Οἰκτίρμον,
ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῶν βαράθρων
ἐξανιστῶν τοῦ Ἄδου.

5. *os ne-kron ton zon-da*
sin mi-ro-fo-ris pan-des
mi-ri-so-men em-fro-nos

6. *i-o-sif tris-ma-kar*
ki-dhef-son to so-ma
chri-stou tou zo-o-dho tou

7. *ous e-thre-pse to man-na*
e-ki-ni-san tin pter-nan
ka-ta tou ev-er-ye-tou

8. *o tis pa-ra fro-si-nis*
ke tis chri-sto-kto-ni-as
tis ton pro-fi-to-kto-non

9. *os af-ron i-pi-re-tis*
pro-dhe-dho-ken o mi-stis
tin a-vi-son so-fi-as

10. *ton ri-stin o po-li-sas*
ech-ma-lo-tos ka-te-sti
o dho-li-os i-ou-dhas

11. *i-o-sif ki-dhe-vi*
sin to ni-ko-dhi-mo
ne-kro-pre-pos ton kti-stin

12. *o gli-ki mou e-ar*
gli-ki-ta-ton mou tek-non
pou e-dhi sou to kal-los

13. *thri-non si-ne-ki-ni*
i pa-nagh-nos sou mi-tir
sou lo-ghe ne-kro-then-dos

14. *tha-na-ton tha-na-to*
si tha-na-tis the-e mou
thi-a sou dhi-na-sti-a

15. *pe-pla-ni-te o pla-nos*
o pla ni-this li-trou-te
so-fi-a si, the-e mou

16. *i-e, the-ou, pan-da-nax*
the-e mou plas-tour-ye mou
pos pa-thos ka-te-dhe-xo

17. *i dha-ma-lis ton mos-chon*
en xi-lo kre-mas-then da
i-la-la-zen o-ro-sa

18. *o fos ton of-thal-mon mou*
gli-ki-ta-ton mou tek-non
fos ta-fo nin ka-li-pti

19. *dho-xa-zo sou i-e mou*
tin ak-ran ef-splach-ni-an
is cha-rin taf-ta pas-chis

20. *a-na-sti-thi i-ktir-mon*
i-mas ek ton va-ra-thron
e-xa-ni-ston tou a-dhou.

5. As women bearing myrrh did,
let us in our awareness
anoint as dead the Living.

6. Three-times blessed Joseph,
thou shalt tend the Body
of Christ, Who hath bestowed Life.

7. Those He fed with manna
have raised their heels to spurn Him
from Whom all things are given.

8. Ignorance most foolish!
Those who slew the prophets
have come, O Christ, to slay Thee.

9. Mindless as a servant,
he who learned the myst'ries
betrayed the Depths of Wisdom.

10. He who sold the Saviour,
Judas the Betrayer,
has sold himself as captive.

11. With help from Nicodemos,
Joseph tends the Body
as does befit the Master.

12. Thou art my sweetest Springtime,
My sweetest Son, I ask Thee,
“Where has Thy beauty faded?”

13. When she beheld Thee lifeless,
O Word, Thine all-pure Mother
cried out in lamentation.

14. Death to Death Thou bringest,
through Thy divine dominion.
My God, by Thine own dying.

15. Foiled is the Deceiver;
Redeemed is the deceived one,
my God, by Thy great wisdom.

16. My God and my Creator,
the King of all, and God's Son,
how hast Thou borne Thy Passion?

17. Beholding Thee suspended
upon the tree, the Mother
cried to her Calf in anguish.

18. “My sweetest Son, most precious,
the Light of mine eyes hidden!
How can a tomb conceal Thee?”

19. “My Son, I give Thee glory
for Thy supreme compassion
which causes Thee to suffer.”

20. Arise, O Lord of Mercy,
and with Thee, also raise us
who linger deep in Hades.

21. Ἀνάστα Ζωοδότα, ἡ Σε τεκοῦσα Μήτηρ, δακρυροοῦσα λέγει.	21. a-na-sta zo-o-dho ta i se te-kou-sa mi-tir dha-kri-ro-ou-sa le-ghi	21. "Arise, Thou Who bestows Life!" the Mother who didst bear Thee through flowing tears entreats Thee.
22. Οὐράνιαι δυνάμεις ἐξέστησαν τῷ φόβῳ νεκρὸν Σε καθορώσαι.	22. ou-ra-ni-e dhi-na-mis e-xe-sti-san to fo-vo ne-kron se ka-tho-ro-se	22. The powers of the Heavens stood up in fear and wonder when they beheld Thee lifeless.
23. Ἐρραναν τὸν τάφον αἱ Μυροφόροι μύρα λίαν πρῶτ' ἐλθοῦσαι. {τρὶς}	23. er-a-nan ton ta-fon e mi-ro-fo-ri mi-ra li-an pro-i el-thou-se (3 times)	23. Early in the morning women bearing myrrh came to sprinkle Thee with spices. (3 times)
24. Εἰρήνην Εκκλησίᾳ, λαῶ Σου σωτηρίαν δώρησαι Σῆ ἐγέρσει.	24. i-ri-nin ek-kli-si-a la-o sou so-ti-ri-an dho-ri-se si e-yer-si	24. By Thy Resurrection grant peace upon Thy churches and to Thy flock salvation.
<i>Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.</i>	<i>Dhoxa Patri ke Yio ke aghio Pnevmati</i>	<i>Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.</i>
25. ὦ Τριάς, Θεέ μου, Πατήρ, Υἱὸς, καὶ Πνεῦμα, ἐλέησον τὸν κόσμον.	25. o tri-as the-e mou pa-tir, i-os, ke pnev-ma e-le-i-son ton koz-mon	25. My God, Who art three Persons, Father, Son, and Spirit, on all the world have mercy.
<i>Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Αμήν.</i>	<i>ke nin ke a-i ke is tous eonas ton eonon. amin</i>	<i>Both now and forever, and unto the ages of ages. Amin.</i>
26. Ἴδεῖν τὴν τοῦ Υἱοῦ Σου Ἀνάστασιν, Παρθένε, ἀξίωσον Σοὺς δούλους.	26. i-dhin tin tou i-ou sou a-na-sta-sin par-the-ne a-xi-o-son sous dhou-lous	26. Deem thy servants worthy, O Virgin, to bear witness at thy Son's Resurrection.
27. Αἱ γενεαὶ πᾶσαι ὑμνον τῇ ταφῇ Σου προσφέρουσι, Χριστέ μου.	27. e ye-ne-e pa-se im-non ti ta-fi sou pros-fe-rou-si chri-ste mou	27. Every generation offers adoration my Christ, at Thine entombment.

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