

General Pannikhida - Canon

Tone 6

Obikhod (Soprano Melody)

arr. J.J. Kotalik (2018)

after Apr. I. Soroka & T. Heckman

Irmos 1

When Israel passed on foot o - ver the deep as if it were dry land,

and beheld their pur - su - er Pha - roah drown - ing in the sea,

they cried a - loud un - to God: Let us sing a song of

vic - to - ry.

In common practice, only Odes 1, 3, 6, and 9 are sung, and the canon is abbreviated as such:

- Irmos 1
- Refrains
- Katavasia 3 (Irmos 3)
- Refrains
- Katavasia 6 (Irmos 6)
- Kontakion: 'With the Saints', and Ikos
- Refrains
- Katavasia 9 (Irmos 9)

However, all the irmosi have been supplied for special occasions, and for the eves of funerals, when the canon is less frequently abbreviated.

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Irmos 3

There is none as ho - ly as Thou, O Lord my God,

who hast ex - alt - ed the power of Thy faithful, O Bless - ed One,

and hast es - tab - lished us up - on the rock of Thy con - fes -

- - sion.

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Irmos 4

Christ is my strength, my Lord, and my God, the ven' - ra - ble Church

sings in a man - ner be - fit - ting God, with a pure mind

keep - ing fes - ti - val in the Lord.

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Irmos 5

Il - lu - mine with Thy di - vine Light, O Good One,

the souls of those who keep vig - il in love, that they may know Thee, O

Word of God, as the true God who re - calls them from the

dark - ness of sin.

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Irmos 6

Be - hold - ing the sea of life — surg - ing with the storm of temp -

ta - tions, and tak - ing ref - uge in Thy calm haven I cry

Ending #1 (arr. Apr. I. Soroka):

un - to Thee: Raise — up my life from cor - rup - tion,

Ending #2 (arr. T. Heckman):

O great - ly Mer - ci - ful One. Raise up my life

from cor - rup - tion, O great - ly Mer - ci - ful One.

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Irmos 7

An an - gel made the fur - nace moist with dew for the god - ly youths,

but the com-mand of God consumed the Chaldeans and made the ty - rant cry

out: Bless-ed art Thou, O God of our Fa - thers.

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Irmos 8

Out of the flames Thou didst sprin - kle dew on the god - ly ones, and

with water didst kindle the sacrifice of the Right - eous One, for Thou

do - est all things as Thou will - est, O Christ. Thee do we ex - alt

through - out all ag - - - es.

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Irmos 9

It is not possible for men to see God,

upon whom the ranks of angels dare not gaze, but through thee,

O All-Pure One, was the Word Incarnate revealed unto men:

whom magnifying, together with the heavenly hosts, we call

Thee blessed.