

TODAY IS HUNG
(Fifteenth Antiphon of Holy Friday Orthros)

Plagal Second Tone

N. Takis (Melody based on Sakellarides)

Lento

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Lento'. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together in groups. There are several measures with rests, particularly in the first line. The score includes repeat signs and a change in time signature to 6/4 in the second line. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: 'To - day is hung on wood, he who hung the earth up - on the wa - ters (3). A crown of thorns crowns him, who is the King of An - gels. He, who wrapped the Hea - vens in clouds, is wrapped in the pur - ple of mock - er - y. He, who freed A-dam in the Jor - dan, re - ceived buf - fet - ings. He was trans - fixed with nails,'

Who is the Bride - groom of the Church.

He was pierced with a lance, Who is the

Son of the Vir - gin.

We wor - ship your Pas - sion, O Christ.

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Show us al - so, your

glo - ri - ous Re - sur - rec - tion.

A NOTE ON THE TRANSLATION: This translation differs slightly from that of the one in the black Holy Week book that is widely used. An effort has been made here to capture some of the ironic poetry of the original Greek. By using the word “hung” and “wrapped” twice in the same sentence, and by translating “ἐπί ξύλου” literally as “wood” and not “the Cross,” the irony of the poem is emphasized.