

## Final Kontakion

Literally it means "from a pole". Originally this was a long poem. It seems that the text was rolled up on a pole and hence its name. It consisted of a short preliminary stanza and was followed by some 18 to 24 strophes, each known as an ikos. The stanza and the ikos concluded with the same refrain. Today, all what remains is the stanza - particularly called Kontakion - followed by the first ikos. These are to be found in the canon at Matins, between Ode Six and Seven. The Kontakion without the ikos is also sung at the Divine Liturgy and during the Hours. The most famous author of kontakia is St. Romanos the Melodist.

### **The Final Kontakion to be sung is as follows:**

- September 1 – Kontakion of the New Year
- September 2 to 6 – Nativity of the Mother of God
- September 7 – Vigil of the Nativity of the Mother of God
- September 8 to 12 – Nativity of the Mother of God
- September 13 – Dedication of the Basilica of the resurrection
- September 14 to 21 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- September 22 to September 30 – O never-failing Protectress ... Kontakion of the Paraclisis
- October 1 – Protection of the Mother of God
- October 2 to November 7 - O never-failing Protectress ... Kontakion of the Paraclisis
- November 8 to 19 – Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple
- November 20 – Preparation of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple
- November 21 to 25 – Entrance of the Mother of God into the temple
- November 26 to December 8 – Preparation of the Nativity of Our Lord
- December 9 – Maternity of Anne
- December 10 to December 23 – Preparation of the Nativity of Our Lord
- December 24 – Paramony of the Nativity
- December 25 to December 31 – Nativity of Our Lord
- January 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord
- January 2 to 4 – Preparation of the Theophany of Our Lord
- January 5 - Paramony of the Theophany
- January 6 to 14 – Theophany of Our Lord
- January 15 to 31 – Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple
- February 1 – Preparation of the Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple
- February 2 to the Leave-taking - Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple
- July 2 – Kontakion of the Deposition of the Mantle of the Mother of God at Blachernae
- July 3 to 24 – O never-failing Protectress ...
- July 25 – Kontakion of the Grand-parents of Our Lord
- July 26 – O never-failing Protectress ...
- July 27 to 31 – Kontakion of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
- August 1 – Kontakion of the Exaltation of the Cross
- August 2 to 4 - Kontakion of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
- August 5 – Kontakion of the Preparation of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
- August 6 to 13 - Kontakion of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
- August 14 – Kontakion of the Preparation of the Dormition of the Mother of God
- August 15 – 23 – Kontakion of the Dormition of the Mother of God
- August 24 to 30 – Kontakion of the Nativity of the Mother of God
- August 31 – Kontakion of the Deposition of the Cincture of the Mother of God at Calcoprateia

**Triodion**

- Leave-taking of the Presentation to the first Sunday of Lent: Weekdays, O never-failing Protectress ...; Sundays the Kontakion of the Triodion.
- Saturday of our God-bearing the Ascetics, Kontakion of the Ascetics
- The first to the fourth Sunday of the Lent – We are your own, O mother of God ...
- The fifth Sunday – if after March 25, O never-failing Protectress ..., otherwise We are your own, ...
- Saturday of Lazarus – Kontakion of Lazarus
- Palm Sunday – Kontakion of Palm Sunday
- From the Resurrection Sunday to Sunday of Thomas and all Sundays during the period of Easter, (Leave-taking of Easter on Wednesday after the Sunday of the man born Blind) – Kontakion of the Resurrection
- From Monday of St. Thomas to Saturday – Kontakion of St. Thomas
- From Monday of Ointment-Bearing Women to Saturday – Kontakion of the Ointment-Bearing Women
- Monday and Tuesday of the Paralytic – Kontakion of the Paralytic
- Wednesday to Saturday of the Paralytic – Kontakion of Mid-Easter
- Monday to Wednesday of the Samaritan Woman – Kontakion of Mid-Easter
- Thursday to Saturday of the Samaritan Woman – Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman
- Monday and Tuesday of the Man Born Blind – Kontakion of the Man Born Blind
- Wednesday (Leave-taking of Easter) – Kontakion of the Resurrection
- From Thursday of the Ascension to the Leave-taking on Friday (9 days) – Kontakion of the Ascension
- Saturday of the Dead – Kontakion of the Dead
- Sunday of Pentecost to the Leave-taking on Saturday – Kontakion of Pentecost
- Sunday of All Saints – Kontakion of the Divine Body
- Monday to Wednesday – Kontakion of the Preparation of the Divine Body
- Thursday of the Divine Body to the following Thursday – Kontakion of the Divine Body
- From Friday to July 1st – O never-failing Protectress