Typicon for the Fifth Akathist :

Priest: Blessed is our God at all times...

<u>**Choir:**</u> Chants the following Troparion three times, twice in a lengthy melody, but rapidly on the third time:

Tone 8

As soon as the Archangel had understood what he had been told in secret, he hastened to the house of Joseph and he said to the Virgin all-pure: *Behold, the One who made the heavens bow as He came down, will be contained in you, whole and without undergoing change. As I see Him in your womb in the likeness of a servant, I am bewildered and cry out: Hail, O Bride, and Virgin ever-pure!*

- 1. We your servants...(Triumphant leader...). Incensing.
- 2. First Part of the Chants (1-6)
- 3. We your servants...
- 4. Odes 1 and 3 of the Canon
- 5. We your servants...
- 6. Second Part of the Chants (7-12)
- 7. We your servants...
- 8. Odes 4, 5 and 6 of the Canon
- 9. We your servants...
- 10. Third Part of the Chants (13-18)
- 11. We your servants...
- 12.Odes 7, 8 and 9 of the Canon
- 13. We your servants...
- 14. Fourth Part of the Chants (19-24)
- **15.** In the Melkite Tradition, the Hierarch (or the Priest) sings the First Chant again, repeating the first sentence* three times.
- 16. We your servants...

Veneration of the Icon of the Theotokos while the Choir sings: At the magnificence of your virginity...

* An Archangel was sent from heaven to greet the Mother of God (3 times).

Then the rest of the first chant.