As great E-li-as had a char-i-ot of fire of_____ old, so thou,

O Fath-er, didst de-vise a good lad-der on_____ earth, where-by thou
didst as-cend_____ un- to high-est Heav-en. He did
not leave be-hind his means_____ of_____ as- cent, nor did he be-
queath it to be_____ pos-sessed by_____ oth-ers; but as
for thee, even af- ter death, thou yet pos-ses-sest thy
pil- lar for all to see. O thou ce-
les-sial man and thou ter-res-trial an-
gel, un-sleep-ing lum-i-nar-y shining on the whole_
world, O our illustrious and righteous Father, Sym- 

- - - - - on, with great fervor make interces-

sion, be-seech-ing Christ our God that our souls be saved, we pray.

O right-eous Father, if thy pillar had a voice to speak, it

never would cease crying aloud concerning thy pains and

struggles and great labors and lamentations.

For it was not thy pillar that bare thee up; but

it was supported by thee and ever borne up

like some most mighty and fruitful tree, receiv-

ing increase and growth from ceaseless tears. The
Angels marveled, and the sons of men were awed—struck, and demons quaked with fear, beholding thine endurance. O our illustrious and righteous Father—

Sym-e- on, with great fervor make interces-sion, be-seeching Christ our God that our souls be saved, we pray.

O righteous Father, emulating Christ, thy Sovereign Lord, thou wentest up thy pillar as though ascending a cross, while strength-ened with the might of the Holy Spirit.

But Christ the Lord gave the sins of all men, blotting out the writing against the sons of Adam,
while thou didst vanquish and bring____ to nought every assault of the passions and carnal lusts; He, as a spotless sheep; thou, as a willing victim; He, on the Cross of shame; and thou, upon thy pillar. Oour illustrious and righteous Father Sym-e-on, with great fervor make intercession, beseeching Christ our God that our souls be saved, we____ pray.