In the Greek Ritual, an ode $(\phi \delta \eta)$ is a system of metrical troparia. Theoretically, every one of the troparia of an ode should have the same rhythm as the first troparion of that ode; that is, every troparion should have the same number of lines, and each line should have the same number of syllables and accents, as the first troparion $(\epsilon i \rho \mu \delta s)$. This rule, however, is not unfrequently violated (within certain limits), even by the best hymnographers.

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