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Patriarch Tarasius and various bishops and monks condemn the Acts of John on which an account of the early Christian prayer circle is recorded.
Then he began a hymn, saying,

“Praise (glory, *doxa*) to thee, Father,” and we standing in the circle, followed him with the Amen.

“Glory to thee Logos, glory to thee grace (*charis*, love). Amen.

Glory to thee spirit, glory to thee Holy One; praise to thy glory. Amen (or be praised [*doxa-sou*] with glory. Amen).

We praise thee Father; we thank thee Light in which there is no darkness. Amen.

And while we (all) give thanks, I say (explain):

I wish to be saved and I wish to save. Amen.

I wish to be delivered, and I wish to deliver. Amen.

I wish to bear wounds (*titrōskō*) and I wish to inflict them. Amen.