

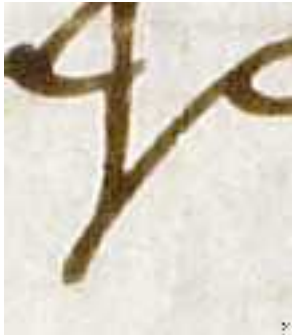



Venetus A Paleographic Guide

Letter Forms

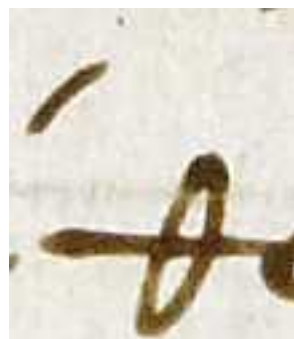
| Letter | Example |
|--------|--|
| alpha |  |
| beta |  |
| gamma |  |
| delta |  |

| Letter | Example |
|----------|--|
| epsilon |  |
| epsilon2 |  |
| epsilon3 |  |
| zeta |  |

| Letter | Example |
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eta



theta



iota

| Letter | Example |
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kappa



lambda








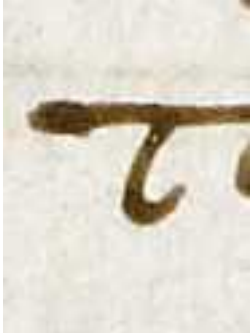

mu



nu



| Letter | Example |
|---------|--|
| xi |  |
| omicron |  |
| pi |  |
| rho |  |

| Letter | Example |
|---------|---|
| sigma |  |
| tau |  |
| upsilon |  |

| Letter | Example |
|--------|---------|
|--------|---------|

phi




chi



psi



| Letter | Example |
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| omega |  |

Ligatures

When writing the text, many letters form ligatures in order to save space. Here are some common ones of the Venetus A.

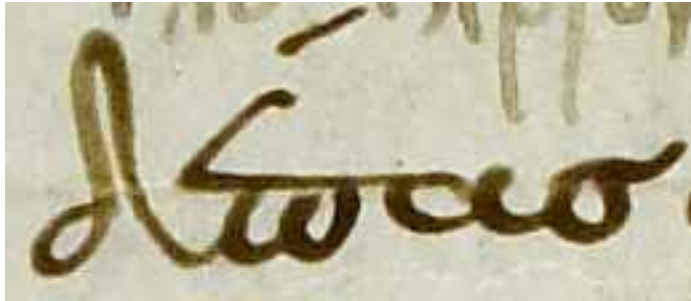
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| alpha-chi |  |
| epsilon-epsilon |  |

| Letter | Example |
|-----------------|--|
| epsilon-iota |  |
| epsilon-nu |  |
| epsilon-omicron |  |

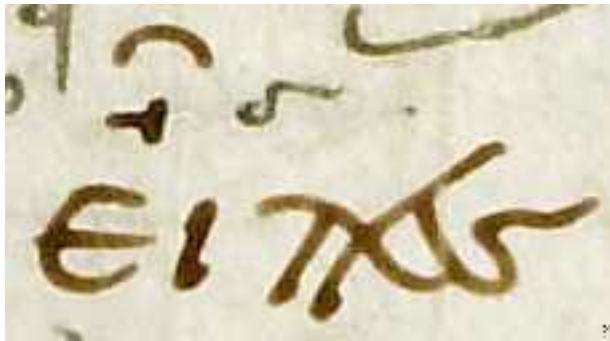
Letter

Example

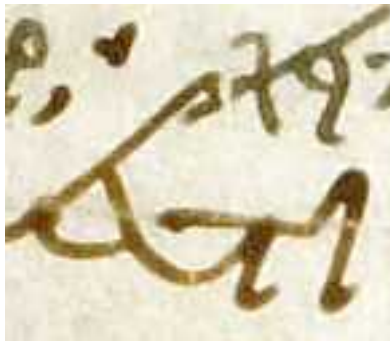
epsilon-pi

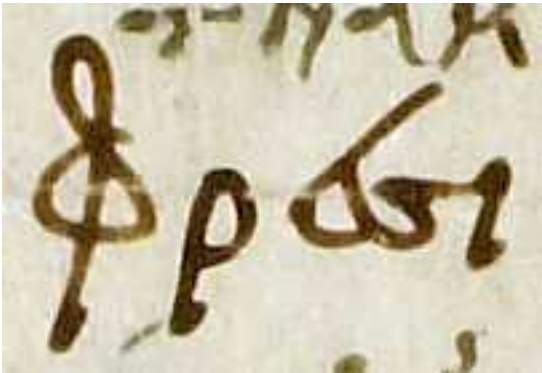
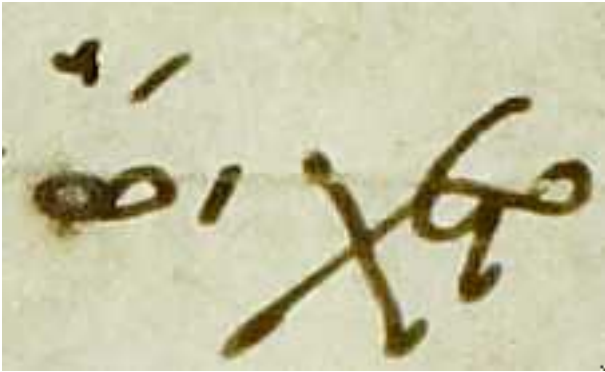
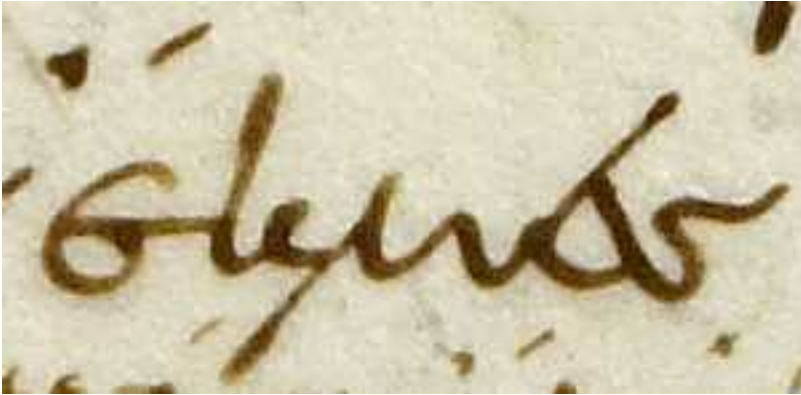


epsilon-sigma



epsilon-sigma

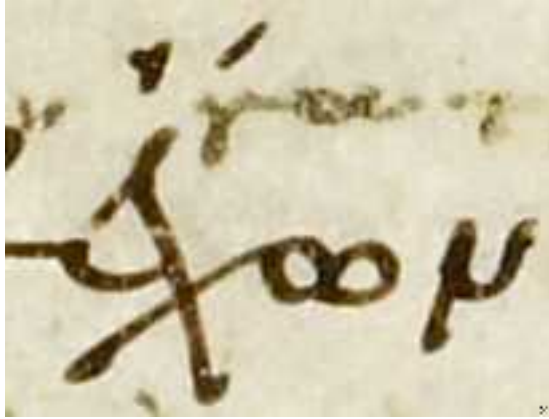


| Letter | Example |
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| epsilon-sigma |  |
| epsilon-tau-omicron |  |
| epsilon-upsilon |  |

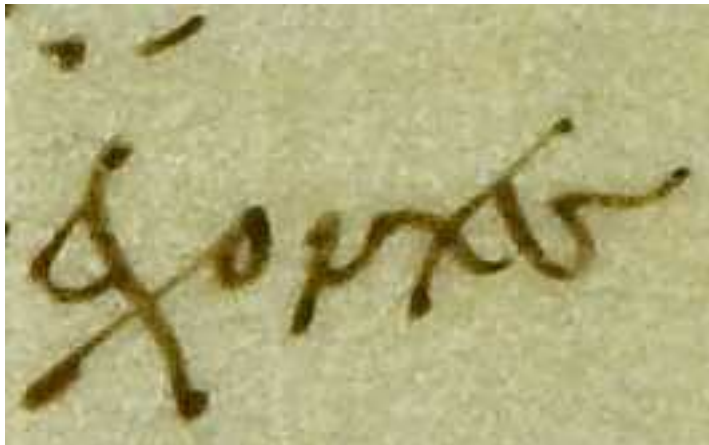
Letter

Example

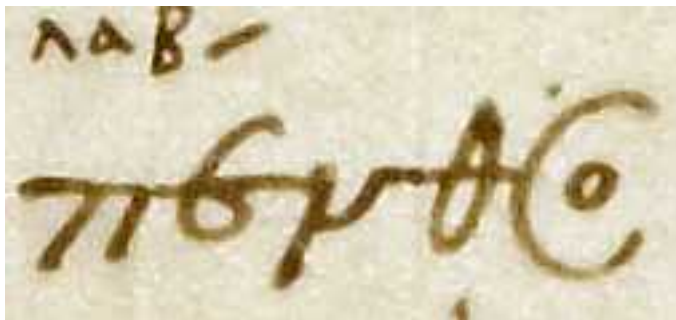
epsilon-chi


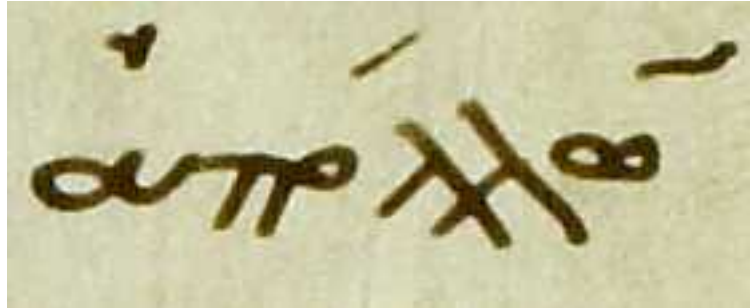
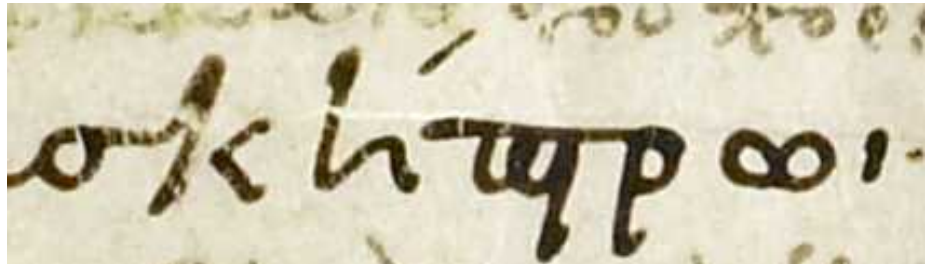
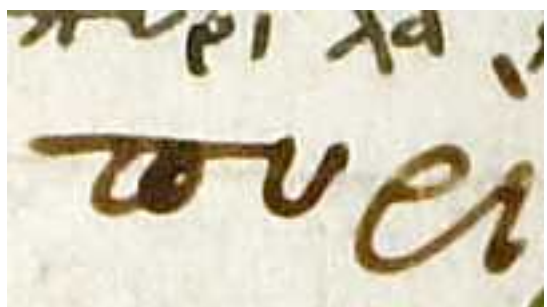


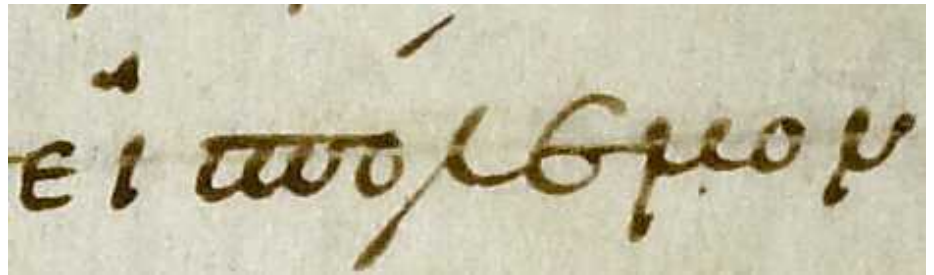
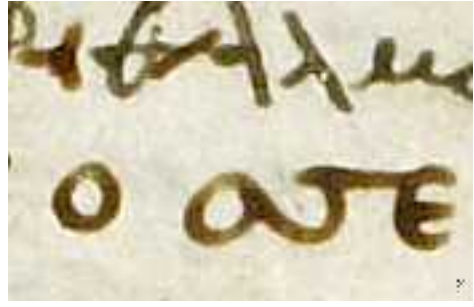

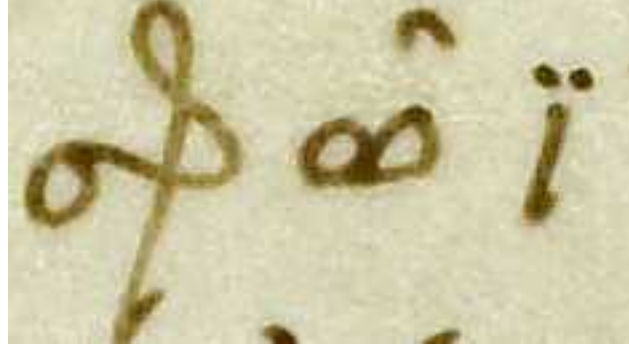
vu-tau-epsilon-sigma

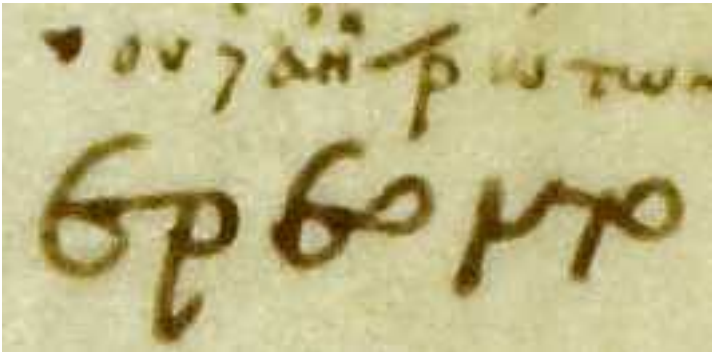


omicron-sigma



| Letter | Example |
|------------|--|
| pi-epsilon |  <p>A handwritten example of the pi-epsilon ligature, showing the Greek letters π and ε joined together in a cursive style. The pi has a small hook at the top, and the epsilon is written as a simple loop.</p> |
| pi-omicron |  <p>A handwritten example of the pi-omicron ligature, showing the Greek letters π and ο joined together. The pi has a small hook at the top, and the omicron is written as a simple loop.</p> |
| pi-tau |  <p>A handwritten example of the pi-tau ligature, showing the Greek letters π and τ joined together. The pi has a small hook at the top, and the tau is written as a simple loop.</p> |
| rho-iota |  <p>A handwritten example of the rho-iota ligature, showing the Greek letters ρ and ι joined together. The rho is written as a simple loop, and the iota is written as a simple loop.</p> |

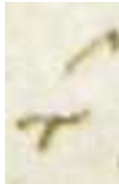
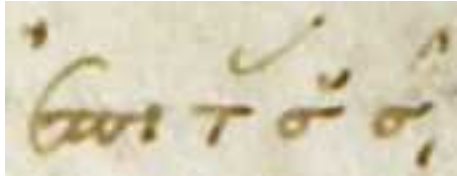
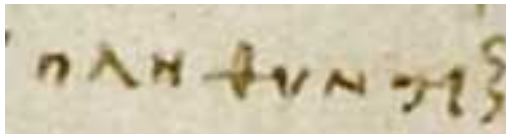
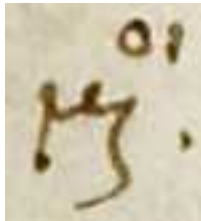
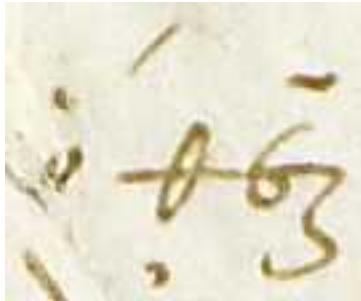

| Letter | Example |
|-------------------|---|
| sigma-pi |  <p>A handwritten example of the sigma-pi ligature, showing the Greek letters sigma and pi joined together in a cursive script. The word "ΕΙΠΟΜΕΝ" is visible, with the sigma-pi ligature forming the "ει" part.</p> |
| sigma-sigma |  <p>A handwritten example of the sigma-sigma ligature, showing two sigma letters joined together. The word "ΟΑΣΕ" is visible, with the sigma-sigma ligature forming the "ασ" part.</p> |
| sigma-tau-omicron |  <p>A handwritten example of the sigma-tau-omicron ligature, showing the Greek letters sigma, tau, and omicron joined together. The word "καθηγο" is visible, with the sigma-tau-omicron ligature forming the "καθ" part.</p> |
| sigma-phi |  <p>A handwritten example of the sigma-phi ligature, showing the Greek letters sigma and phi joined together. The word "φωϊ" is visible, with the sigma-phi ligature forming the "φω" part.</p> |

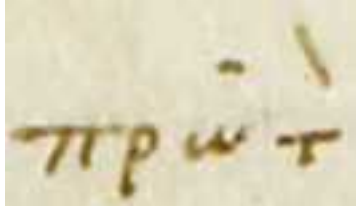
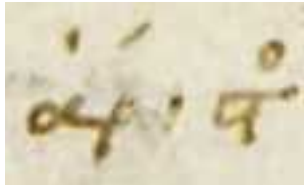
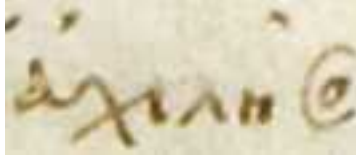

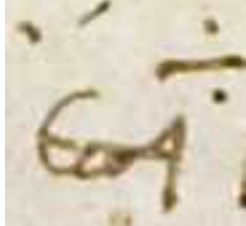
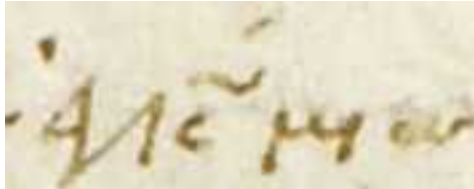
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| tau-epsilon |  |
| tau-omicron |  |
| tau-omega |  |

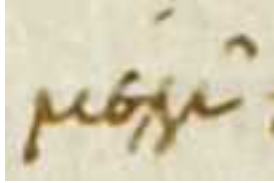
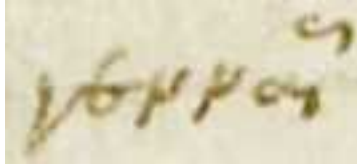
Abbreviations

Morphological Endings

| Letter | Example |
|---------------|---|
| alpha |  |
| alpha |  |
| alpha-iota |  |
| alpha-nu |  |
| alpha-sigma |  |
| epsilon-sigma |  |

| Letter | Example |
|---------------------|--|
| eta-nu |  |
| iota-nu |  |
| kappa-omicron-sigma |  |
| - + ending |  |
| nu |  |
| omicron-iota-sigma |  |

| Letter | Example |
|-----------------------|--|
| omicron-nu |  |
| omicron-sigma |  |
| omicron-sigma |  |
| omicron-upsilon-sigma |  |
| tau-alpha |  |
| omega |  |

| Letter | Example |
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| omega-nu |  |
| omega-sigma |  |

Symbols

Many words are abbreviated with symbols from which we can distinguish few or no letters.

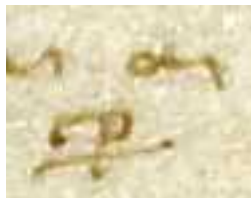
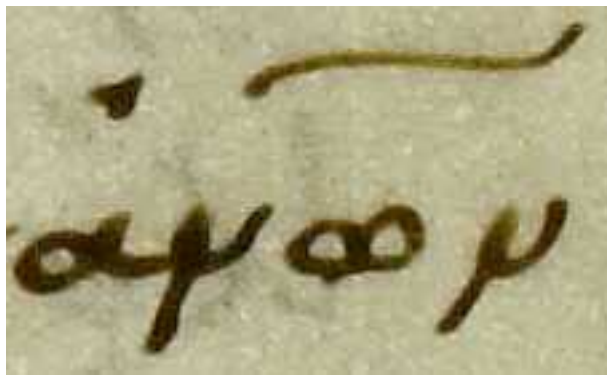
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| Word | Example |
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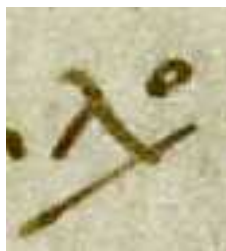
Common Words

Many words that were common in Byzantine liturgical texts are abbreviated. Usually you have the beginning and end of the word, with the middle letters omitted. Unlike the morphological endings, the abbreviation mark does not always indicate the same string of letters from word to word, so they are tagged as abbreviation in the mark up. Here are some of the common words you will find abbreviated in the Venetus A.

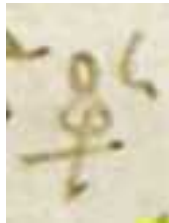
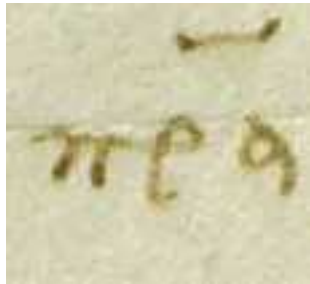
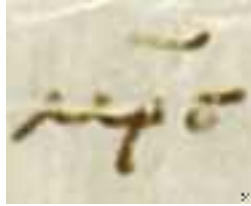
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Word Example

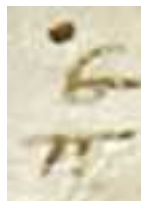

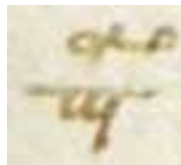
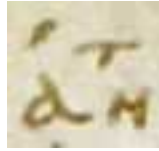


Word Example



Common Prepositions

Word Example



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