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**on Sunday Evening
for Monday, March 15, 2021**

**Triodion - Grave Mode.
on Sunday Evening**

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Μηναῖον - Τῆ Ἰε' Μαρτίου

Μνήμη τῶν Ἁγίων Μαρτύρων, Ἀγαπίου καὶ τῶν σὺν αὐτῷ

ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν αὐτῷ, Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Ψαλμὸς ΡΓ' (103).

Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον. Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα. Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον. Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὡσεὶ δέρριν, ὁ στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασιν τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ. Ὁ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων. Ὁ ποιῶν τοὺς Ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα, καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς φλόγα. Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γῆν ἐπὶ τὴν ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμῆσεώς σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουσιν ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουσι πεδία

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VESPERS

PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

READER

Come, let us worship and bow down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalm 103 (104).

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly; You clothe Yourself with thanksgiving and majesty, who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, who stretch out the heavens like a curtain; You are He who covers His upper chambers with water, who makes the clouds His means of approach, who walks on the wings of the winds, who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. He established the earth on its stable foundation; it shall not be moved unto ages of ages. The deep like a garment is His covering; the waters shall stand upon the mountains; at Your rebuke they shall flee; at the sound of Your thunder, they shall

εἰς τὸν τόπον, ὃν ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων πηγὰς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὁρέων διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέξονται ὄναγροι εἰς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου τῶν πετρῶν δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων ὄρη ἐκ τῶν ὑπερώων αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ καρποῦ τῶν ἔργων σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ ἐξανατέλλων χόρτον τοῖς κτήνεσι, καὶ χλόην τῇ δουλείᾳ τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Τοῦ ἐξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ οἶνος εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου. Τοῦ ἰλαρύναι πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίῳ, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται τὰ ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, ἃς ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι, τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἢ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὅρη τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ τοῖς λαγωαῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιρούς, ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπᾶσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ βρῶσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος, καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀριθμὸς, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος, ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφήν αὐτῶν εἰς εὐκαιρον, δόντος σου αὐτοῖς συλλέξουσιν. Ἀνοιξαντός σου τὴν χεῖρα, τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος, ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ πρόσωπον, ταραχθήσονται. Ἀντανελεῖς

be afraid. The mountains rise up, and the plains sink down to the place You founded for them. You set a boundary they shall not pass over; neither shall they return to cover the earth. You are He who sends springs into the valley; the waters shall pass between the mountains; they shall give drink to all the wild animals of the field; the wild asses shall quench their thirst; the birds of heaven shall dwell beside them; they shall sing from the midst of the rocks. You are He who waters the mountains from His higher places; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Your works. You are He who causes grass to grow for the cattle, and the green plant for the service of man, to bring forth bread from the earth; and wine gladdens the heart of man, to brighten his face with oil; and bread strengthens man's heart. The trees of the plain shall be full of fruit, the cedars of Lebanon, which You planted; there the sparrows shall make their nests; the house of the heron takes the lead among them. The high mountains are for the deer; the cliff is a refuge for the rabbits. He made the moon for seasons; the sun knows its setting. You established darkness, and it was night, wherein all the wild animals of the forest will prowl about; the young lions roar and snatch their prey, and seek their food from God. The sun arises, and they are gathered together; and they shall be put to bed in their dens. Man shall go out to his work and to his labor until evening. O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom; the earth was filled with Your creation. There is this great and spacious sea: the creeping things are there without number; the living things are there, both small and great; there the ships pass through; there is this dragon You formed to play therein. All things wait upon You, that You may give them food in due season. When You give it

τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν
χοῦν αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς τὸ
πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ ἀνακαινεῖς τὸ
πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς. Ἦτω ἡ δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας, εὐφρανθήσεται Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις
αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποιῶν αὐτὴν
τρέμειν, ὁ ἀπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ καπνίζονται.
Ἄσω τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ
μου ἕως ὑπάρχω. Ἦδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογία μου,
ἐγὼ δὲ εὐφρανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείπειεν
ἀμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ
ὑπάρχειν αὐτούς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν
Κύριον.

Ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος,
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ.

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε· πάντα ἐν
σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.
Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.
Ἀμήν.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Δόξα σοι
ὁ Θεός. (ἐκ γ')

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

to them, they shall gather it; when You open Your
hand, all things shall be filled with Your goodness.
But when You turn Your face away, they shall be
troubled; when You take away their breath, they
shall die and return again to their dust. You shall
send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth. Let the
glory of the Lord be forever; the Lord shall be glad
in His works; He looks upon the earth and makes
it tremble; He touches the mountains, and they
smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will
sing to my God as long as I exist; may my words
be pleasing to Him, and I shall be glad in the Lord.
May sinners cease from the earth, and the lawless,
so as to be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knows its setting. You established
darkness, and it was night.

O Lord, Your works shall be magnified
greatly; You made all things in wisdom. [SAAS]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O
God. (3)

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

Ἀπαγγελλομένου ἐπίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ, ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπὴς ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας Τραπεζῆς ἢ καὶ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνας τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ, ἱστάμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ Σολέα (ὡς ἐν τῷ Ὁρθρῷ), καὶ ἀναγινώσκει μυστικῶς τὰς Εὐχὰς τοῦ Λιχνικοῦ·

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (μυστικῶς)

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ

Κύριε, οἰκτίρμον καὶ ἐλεῆμον, μακρόθυμε καὶ πολυέλεε, ἐνώτισαι τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, καὶ πρόσχεσ τῆ φωνῆ τῆς δεήσεως ἡμῶν· ποιήσον μεθ' ἡμῶν σημεῖον εἰς ἀγαθόν· ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ σου τοῦ πορεύεσθαι ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ σου· εὐφρανον τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν, εἰς τὸ φοβεῖσθαι τὸ ὄνομά σου τὸ ἅγιον· διότι μέγας εἶ σὺ, καὶ ποιῶν θαυμάσια· σὺ εἶ Θεὸς μόνος, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁμοίός σοι ἐν θεοῖς, Κύριε, δυνατὸς ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἀγαθὸς ἐν ἰσχύϊ, εἰς τὸ βοηθεῖν καὶ παρακαλεῖν, καὶ σώζειν πάντας τοὺς ἐλπίζοντας εἰς τὸ ὄνομά σου τὸ ἅγιον.

Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

Κύριε, μὴ τῷ θυμῷ σου ἐλέγξης ἡμᾶς, μηδὲ τῇ ὀργῇ σου παιδεύσης ἡμᾶς, ἀλλὰ ποιήσον μεθ' ἡμῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐπιείκειάν σου, ἰατρὲ καὶ θεραπευτὰ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν· ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐπὶ λιμένα θελήματός σου· φώτισον τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τῶν καρδιῶν ἡμῶν, εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τῆς σῆς ἀληθείας· καὶ δώρησαι ἡμῖν τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρουσίας ἡμέρας εἰρηνικὸν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον, καὶ πάντα τὸν χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν· πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

Ὅτι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἔστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ

While the Opening Psalm is being read the Priest, bareheaded and standing in front of the Holy Table, says quietly the following Prayers at the Lighting of the Lamps.

PRIEST (inaudibly)

1st Prayer

O Lord, compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and full of mercy, listen to our prayer and attend to the voice of our supplication. Make for us a sign for good. Guide us in your way, to walk in your truth. Make glad our hearts to fear your holy Name, because you are great and do wondrous things. You alone are God, and there is none like you, O Lord, among gods: powerful in mercy and loving in strength to help and to console and to save all who hope in your holy Name. [EL]

For to you belong all glory, honour and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [EL]

2nd Prayer

Lord, do not rebuke us in your anger, nor chastise us in your wrath, but deal with us in accordance with your kindness, physician and healer of our souls. Guide us to the harbour of your will. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts to the knowledge of your truth and grant that the rest of the present day and the whole time of our life may be peaceful and without sin, at the prayers of the holy Mother of God and of all the Saints. [EL]

For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Father, Son and

Υίου καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

EYXH TPITH

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, μνήσθητι ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν καὶ ἀχρείων δούλων σου, ἐν τῷ ἐπικαλεῖσθαι ἡμᾶς τὸ ἅγιον ὄνομά σου, καὶ μὴ κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς προσδοκίας τοῦ ἐλέους σου, ἀλλὰ χάρισαι ἡμῖν, Κύριε, πάντα τὰ πρὸς σωτηρίαν αἰτήματα· καὶ ἀξίωσον ἡμᾶς ἀγαπᾶν, καὶ φοβεῖσθαι σε ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας ἡμῶν, καὶ ποιεῖν ἐν πᾶσι τὸ θέλημά σου.

Ὅτι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς ὑπάρχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

EYXH TETARTH

Ὁ τοῖς ἀσιγήτοις ὕμνοις καὶ ἀπαύστοις δοξολογίαις ὑπὸ τῶν ἁγίων δυνάμεων ἀνυμνούμενος, πλήρωσον τὸ στόμα ἡμῶν τῆς αἰνέσεώς σου, τοῦ δοῦναι μεγαλωσύνην τῷ ὀνόματί σου τῷ ἁγίῳ· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν μερίδα καὶ κληῖρον μετὰ πάντων τῶν φοβουμένων σε ἐν ἀληθείᾳ καὶ φυλασσόντων τὰς ἐντολάς σου· πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων σου.

Ὅτι πρέπει σοὶ πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

EYXH PEMPTH

Κύριε, Κύριε, ὁ τῆ ἀχραντῶ σου παλάμη συνέχων τὰ σύμπαντα, ὁ μακροθυμῶν ἐπὶ πάντας ἡμᾶς καὶ μετανοῶν ἐπὶ ταῖς κακίαις ἡμῶν, μνήσθητι τῶν οἰκτιρισμῶν σου καὶ τοῦ ἐλέους σου· ἐπίσκεψαι ἡμᾶς ἐν τῇ σῆ ἀγαθότητι· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν διαφυγεῖν καὶ τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρουσίας ἡμέρας,

Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. ^[EL]

3rd Prayer

Lord our God, remember us, sinners and your unprofitable servants, as we call upon your holy Name, and do not put us to shame from the expectation of your mercy, but graciously grant us, Lord, all the requests that are for salvation, and count us worthy to love and to fear you from our whole heart, and in all things to do your will. ^[EL]

For you, O God, are good and love mankind, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. ^[EL]

4th Prayer

O Lord, who are praised by the holy Powers with never silent hymns and unceasing songs of glory, fill our mouth with your praise to give majesty to your holy Name, and give us a part and an inheritance with all who fear you in truth and who keep your commandments, at the prayers of the holy Mother of God and of all your Saints. ^[EL]

For to you belong all glory, honour and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. ^[EL]

5th Prayer

Lord, Lord, who uphold the universe by your immaculate hand, who are long-suffering towards us all and who repent of evils, remember your acts of compassion and your mercy. Visit us in your loving kindness and grant that for the rest of the present day we may escape the manifold wiles of

ἐκ τῶν τοῦ πονηροῦ ποικίλων μηχανημάτων, καὶ ἀνεπιβούλευτον τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν διαφύλαξον, τῆ χάριτι τοῦ Παναγίου σου Πνεύματος.

Ἐλέει καὶ φιλανθρωπία τοῦ μονογενοῦς σου Υἱοῦ, μεθ' οὗ εὐλογητὸς εἶ, σὺν τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

Ὁ Θεός, ὁ μέγας καὶ θαυμαστός, ὁ ἀνεκδιηγήτῳ ἀγαθωσύνη καὶ πλουσία προνοία διοικῶν τὰ σύμπαντα· ὁ καὶ τὰ ἐγκόσμια ἀγαθὰ ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, καὶ κατεγγυήσας ἡμῖν τὴν ἐπηγγελμένην βασιλείαν, διὰ τῶν ἤδη κεχαρισμένων ἡμῖν αγαθῶν· ὁ ποιήσας ἡμᾶς καὶ τῆς νῦν ἡμέρας τὸ παρελθὸν μέρος ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐκκλῖναι κακοῦ, δώρησαι ἡμῖν καὶ τὸ ὑπόλοιπον ἀμέμπτως ἐκτελέσαι, ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας δόξης σου, ὑμνοῦντάς σε τὸν μόνον ἀγαθόν, καὶ φιλάνθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΕΥΧΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗ

Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὑψίστος, ὁ μόνος ἔχων ἀθανασία, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφίᾳ δημιουργήσας. Ὁ διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον θέμενος εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός· ὁ καταξιώσας ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς παρούσης ὥρας προφθάσαι τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν ἑσπερινὴν σοὶ δοξολογίαν προσαγαγεῖν· αὐτός, φιλάνθρωπε Κύριε, κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς

the evil one, and, by the grace of your All-holy Spirit, keep our life free from assault. ^[EL]

By the mercy and love for mankind of your Only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. ^[EL]

6th Prayer

O God, great and wonderful, who order the universe with inexpressible loving-kindness and rich providence; who have granted us also the blessings of this world and brought us near to the promised Kingdom through the blessings that have been bestowed on us already; who have made us turn aside from every evil during that part of the present day which is now over, grant us also to complete what remains without blame in the presence of your holy glory, as we sing your praise, who alone are our God, good and the Lover of mankind. ^[EL]

For you are our God and to you we give glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. ^[EL]

7th Prayer

Great and most high God, who alone possess immortality, who dwell in unapproachable light, who fashioned all creation with wisdom, who made the separation between the light and the darkness and who placed the sun to have authority over the day and the moon and the stars to have authority over the night, who have counted us sinners worthy even at this present hour to come into your presence with confession and thanksgiving and to offer you our evening hymn of glory; do you, O Lord who love mankind, direct

θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὄσμην εὐωδίας. Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν ἐπιούσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικὴν· ἔνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὄπλα φωτός· ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπαυσιν τῆ ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν ἐδώρησας, πάσης διαβολικῆς φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Naί, Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, τῶν ἀγαθῶν χορηγέ· ἴνα, καὶ ἐπὶ ταῖς κοίταις ἡμῶν κατανυγόμενοι, μνημονεύωμεν ἐν νυκτὶ τοῦ ὀνόματός σου, καὶ τῆ μελέτῃ τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς διανιστῶμεν πρὸς δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς ἀγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ ἱκεσίας τῆ σῆς εὐσπλαγχνίᾳ προσάγοντες ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων ἀμαρτημάτων καὶ παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ σου, ὃν ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου ἐν ἐλέει ἐπίσκεψαι.

Ὅτι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς ὑπάρχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πληρωθέντος τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ Ψαλμοῦ, ὁ μὲν Ἱερεὺς παραμένει ἐν εὐλαβείᾳ ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας Τραπέζης, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς τὸ Ἱερέα, καὶ ἐξελθὼν τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς βορείας πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ὁραίας πύλης, καὶ βλέπων κατ' ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνας τοῦ Χριστοῦ, λέγει τὴν Μεγάλην Συναπτὴν, ἣτοι τὰ "Εἰρηνικά."

our prayer like incense before you and accept it as a savour of sweet fragrance. Grant us that the present evening and the coming night may be peaceful, clothe us with weapons of light, deliver us from every night-time fear and from every deed that walks in darkness. And give us sleep, which you have bestowed on us for our rest in our weakness, freed from every fantasy of the devil. Yes, Master of all things, giver of blessings, may we also be filled with compunction on our beds and call to mind your Name in the night, and enlightened by meditation on your commandments may we rise with gladness of soul to give glory to your loving-kindness, as we bring to your compassion supplications and entreaties on behalf of our own sins and those of all your people. At the prayers of the holy Mother of God visit them with mercy. [EL]

For you, O God, are good and love mankind, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [EL]

When the Opening Psalm is completed the Priest, in front of the Holy Table, or the Deacon in his usual place outside the Holy Doors, says the Litany of Peace.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τῆς ἄνωθεν εἰρήνης καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τῆς εἰρήνης τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου, εὐσταθείας τῶν ἁγίων τοῦ Θεοῦ Ἐκκλησιῶν καὶ τῆς τῶν πάντων ἐνώσεως, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τοῦ ἁγίου οἴκου τούτου, καὶ τῶν μετὰ πίστεως, εὐλαβείας καὶ φόβου Θεοῦ εἰσιόντων ἐν αὐτῷ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τοῦ (ἀρχιερατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος), τοῦ τιμίου πρεσβυτερίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ κλήρου καὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τοῦ εὐσεβοῦς ἡμῶν ἔθνους, πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας ἐν αὐτῷ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τῆς πόλεως ταύτης, πάσης πόλεως, χώρας καὶ τῶν πίστει οἰκούντων ἐν αὐταῖς, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ εὐκρασίας ἀέρων, εὐφορίας τῶν καρπῶν τῆς γῆς, καὶ καιρῶν εἰρηνικῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

DEACON

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For (episcopal rank) (name), for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Ἐπὲρ πλεόντων, ὁδοιπορούντων, νοσούντων, καμνόντων, αἰχμαλώτων καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τοῦ ῥυσθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀπειλοῦντος ἡμᾶς λοιμοῦ τοῦ κορονοϊοῦ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐπὲρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν τῶν κατὰ τῆς νόσου τοῦ κορονοϊοῦ ἀγωνιζομένων, ἰατρῶν, νοσηλευτῶν καὶ ἐπιστημόνων, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου Δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

Ὁ ἦχος καὶ τὰ πρῶτα τέσσαρα στιχηρὰ τῆς Ὀκτωήχου, καθὼς καὶ τὰ τελευταῖα τρία στιχηρὰ καὶ Θεοτοκίον τοῦ Μηναίου, ἀλλάζουν κάθε χρόνο.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος βαρύς.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου· πρόσχες τῆ φωνῇ τῆς δεήσεώς

For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and distress, and from the peril of the coronavirus against us, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our brethren, those who lead the fight against the coronavirus, the doctors, the medical workers and the scientists, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

The mode and first four stichera from the Octoechos, as well as the last three stichera and Theotokion from the Menaion, depend on the date, and therefore they change from year to year.

CHOIR

Grave Mode.

Lord, I have cried to You; hear me. Hear me, O Lord. Lord, I have cried to You; hear me. Give

μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγένοι με πρὸς σέ. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Κατευθυνθήτω ἡ προσευχή μου, ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου, ἔπαρσις τῶν χειρῶν μου θυσία ἑσπερινή. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Θοῦ, Κύριε, φυλακὴν τῷ στόματί μου, καὶ θύραν περιοχῆς περὶ τὰ χεῖλη μου.

Μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὴν καρδίαν μου εἰς λόγους πονηρίας, τοῦ προφασίζεσθαι προφάσεις ἐν ἀμαρτίαις.

Σὺν ἀνθρώποις ἐργαζομένοις τὴν ἀνομίαν, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνδύασω μετὰ τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν αὐτῶν.

Παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἐλέγξει με, ἔλαιον δὲ ἀμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλὴν μου.

Ὅτι ἔτι καὶ ἡ προσευχή μου ἐν ταῖς εὐδοκίαις αὐτῶν· κατεπόθησαν ἐχόμενα πέτρας οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν· ὡσεὶ πάχος γῆς ἐρράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὀστᾶ αὐτῶν παρὰ τὸν ἄδην.

Ὅτι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ μου· ἐπὶ σοὶ ἤλπισα, μὴ ἀντανέλης τὴν ψυχὴν μου.

Φύλαξόν με ἀπὸ παγίδος ἧς συνεστήσαντό μοι, καὶ ἀπὸ σκανδάλων τῶν ἐργαζομένων τὴν ἀνομίαν.

Πεσοῦνται ἐν ἀμφιβλήστρω αὐτῶν οἱ ἀμαρτωλοί· κατὰ μόνας εἰμὶ ἐγὼ ἕως ἂν παρέλθω.

Φωνῆ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐκέκραξα, φωνῆ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐδεήθην.

Ἐκχεῶ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ τὴν δέησίν μου, τὴν θλιψίν μου ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ἀπαγγελῶ.

Ἐν τῷ ἐκλείπειν ἐξ ἐμοῦ τὸ πνεῦμά μου, καὶ σὺ ἔγνωσ τὰς τρίβους μου.

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἧ ἔπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

Κατενόουν εἰς τὰ δεξιὰ, καὶ ἐπέβλεπον, καὶ οὐκ ἦν ὁ ἐπιγινώσκων με.

Ἀπώλετο φυγὴ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ ἐκζητῶν τὴν ψυχὴν μου.

heed to the voice of my supplication when I cry to You. Hear me, O Lord. [SAAS]

Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord. [SAAS]

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, a door of enclosure about my lips.

Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.

With men who work lawlessness; and I will not join with their choice ones.

The righteous man shall correct me with mercy, and he shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.

For my prayer shall be intense in the presence of their pleasures. Their judges are swallowed up by the rock.

They shall hear my words, for they are pleasant. As a clod of ground is dashed to pieces on the earth, so their bones were scattered beside the grave.

For my eyes, O Lord, O Lord, are toward You; in You I hope; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snares they set for me, and from the stumbling blocks of those who work lawlessness.

Sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone, until I escape.

I cried to the Lord with my voice, with my voice I prayed to the Lord.

I shall pour out my supplication before Him; I shall declare my affliction in His presence.

When my spirit fainted within me, then You knew my paths.

For on the way I was going, they hid a trap for me.

I looked on my right, and saw there was no one who knew me.

Refuge failed me, and there was no one who cared for my soul.

Ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, Κύριε εἶπα· Σὺ εἶ ἡ ἐλπίς μου, μερίς μου εἶ ἐν γῆ ζώντων.

Πρόσχες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθη σφόδρα.

Ῥῥασά με ἐκ τῶν καταδιωκόντων με, ὅτι ἐκραταιώθησαν ὑπὲρ ἐμέ.

Στιχηρά. Κατανυκτικά.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἦχος βαρύς.

Ἐξάγαγε ἐκ φυλακῆς τὴν ψυχὴν μου, τοῦ ἐξομολογήσασθαι τῷ ὀνόματί σου.

Ὡς ὁ ἄσωτος Υἱός, ἦλθον κἀγὼ Οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με προσπίπτοντα, ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου, ὁ Θεός, καὶ ἐλέησόν με.

Ἦχος βαρύς.

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

Ὡς ὁ περιπεσὼν εἰς τοὺς ληστάς, καὶ τετραυματισμένος, οὕτω κἀγὼ περιέπεσα, ἐξ ἐμῶν ἁμαρτιῶν, καὶ τετραυματισμένη ὑπάρχει μου ἡ ψυχὴ, πρὸς τίνα καταφύγω ὁ υπεύθυνος ἐγὼ, εἰμὴ πρὸς σὲ τὸν Εὐσπλαγχνον, τῶν ψυχῶν τὸν ἰατρόν. Ἐπίχεε ἐπ' ἐμὲ ὁ Θεός, τὸ μέγα σου ἔλεος.

Ἦχος βαρύς.

Ἐκ βαθέων ἐκέκραξά σοι, Κύριε· Κύριε, εἰσάκουσον τῆς φωνῆς μου.

Ὡς τὴν συκῆν τὴν ἄκαρπον, μὴ ἐκκόψης με Σωτὴρ τὸν ἁμαρτωλόν, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ πολλῶ τῷ ἔτει, συγχώρησίν μοι δώρησαι, ἀρδεύων μου τὴν ψυχὴν, τοῖς δάκρυσιν τῆς μετανοίας, ἵνα κἀγὼ καρπὸν προσενέγκω σοι ἐλεημοσύνης.

I cried to You, O Lord; I said, "You are my hope, my portion in the land of the living."

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

Stichera. For compunction.

From Triodion - - -

Grave Mode.

Bring my soul out of prison to give thanks to Your name, O Lord. [SAAS]

Like the prodigal son, I have returned, loving Father. As one of Your hired hands accept me who fall down to You, and have mercy on me. [SD]

Grave Mode.

The righteous shall wait for me, until You reward me. [SAAS]

Like the man who fell among the robbers and was wounded, because of my own sins, I have also fallen, and my soul has likewise been wounded. In whom shall I, who am at fault, take refuge, if not in You the compassionate Physician of our souls? O God, pour on me the oil of Your great mercy. [SD]

Grave Mode.

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. [SAAS]

O Savior, sinner that I am, do not cut me down, like the unfruitful fig tree. But this year grant me forgiveness, and water my soul with the tears of my repentance, so that I may bring to You as fruit, charity and acts of mercy. [SD]

Ἦχος βαρύς. Οὐκ ἔτι κωλύομεθα.

Γενηθήτω τὰ ὦτά σου προσέχοντα εἰς τὴν
φωνὴν τῆς δεήσεώς μου.

Ὡς Ἥλιος ὑπάρχων δικαιοσύνης,
φωταγώγησον τὰς καρδίας τῶν σοὶ βοώντων,
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἦχος β΄. Ἄγγελος μὲν τὸ Χαῖρε.

Ἐὰν ἀνομίας παρατηρήσης, Κύριε Κύριε, τίς
ὑποστήσεται; ὅτι παρὰ σοὶ ὁ ἰλασμός ἐστιν.

Ἐγκρατεία τὴν σάρκα, ταπεινῶσαι πάντες
σπουδάσωμεν, τὸ θεῖον ὑπερχόμενοι στάδιον, τῆς
ἀμώμου Νηστείας, καὶ εὐχαῖς καὶ δάκρυσι, Κύριον
τὸν σώζοντα ἡμᾶς ἐκζητήσωμεν, καὶ λήθην τῆς
κακίας παντελῆ ποιήσωμεν βοῶντες. Ἠμάρτομέν
σοι, σῶσον, ὡς πάλαι Νινευίτας, Χριστὲ Βασιλεῦ,
καὶ κοινωνοὺς ἡμᾶς, οὐρανίου Βασιλείας ποιήσον
εὐσπλαγχνε.

Ἦχος β΄. Ἄγγελος μὲν τὸ Χαῖρε.

Ἐνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ὑπέμεινά σε, Κύριε,
ὑπέμεινεν ἡ ψυχὴ μου εἰς τὸν λόγον σου. Ἦλπισεν ἡ
ψυχὴ μου ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Ἐμαυτὸν ἀπελπίζω, ἐννοῶν τὰ ἔργα μου
Κύριε, τὰ πάσης τιμωρίας ἐπάξια· ἰδοὺ γὰρ
παραβλέψας, τὰ σεπτὰ σου Σῶτερ ἐντάλματα,
ἀσώτως μου τὸν βίον ἠνάλωσα· διὸ καθικετεύω,
μετανοίας ὄμβροισ με καθάρας, νηστεία καὶ
δεήσει, ὡς μόνος Ἐλεήμων ἐκλάμπρυνον, καὶ
μὴ βδελύξῃ με Εὐεργέτα τῶν ἀπάντων, καὶ
Ἐπεράγαθε.

Grave Mode. No longer are we barred.

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplication. [SAAS]

The Sun of Righteousness as You are, O
Savior, * rightly guide our hearts to the light as we
cry out: * Glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

From the Triodion.

From Triodion - - -

Mode 2. (not metered)

If You, O Lord, should mark transgression, O
Lord, who would stand? For there is forgiveness
with You. [SAAS]

We are entering the godly contest of the
blameless Fast. Let us all diligently subdue the
flesh through self-control. Let us seek the Lord
with prayers and tears, and completely obliterate
every vice, and shout to Him: "We have sinned
against You. Save us, as You saved the Ninevites
of old, O Christ our King. Grant us to share in
Your heavenly Kingdom, O compassionate Lord."
[SD]

Mode 2. (not metered)

Because of Your law, O Lord, I waited for
You; my soul waited for Your word. My soul hopes
in the Lord. [SAAS]

I drive myself to despair, when I consider
how my deeds are worthy of every punishment,
O Savior. Yes, I have ignored Your divine
commandments, and wasted my life as a profligate.
Therefore I implore You the only merciful Lord:
Purify me with tears of repentance, and illumine
me by fasting and prayer, and do not abhor me, for
You are very good and the Benefactor of all. [SD]

Ἦχος β΄. *Τῶν ὑπὲρ νοῦν δωρεῶν.*

Ἀπὸ φυλακῆς πρωΐας μέχρι νυκτός· ἀπὸ φυλακῆς πρωΐας ἐλπίσάτω Ἰσραὴλ ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Τὸν τῆς Νηστείας καιρόν, φαιδρῶς ἀπαρξώμεθα, πρὸς ἀγῶνας πνευματικούς ἐαυτοὺς ὑποβάλλοντες, ἀγνίσωμεν τὴν ψυχὴν, τὴν σάρκα καθάρωμεν, νηστεύσωμεν ὡσπερ ἐν τοῖς βρώμασιν ἐκ παντός πάθους, τὰς ἀρετὰς τρυφῶντες τοῦ Πνεύματος, ἐν αἷς διατελοῦντες πόθῳ, ἀξιοθείημεν πάντες, κατιδεῖν τὸ πάνσεπτον Πάθος Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ τὸ ἅγιον Πάσχα, πνευματικῶς ἐναγαλλιώμενοι.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Στιχηρὰ τοῦ Μηναίου.

Τῆ Ἰε' Μαρτίου

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄. *ᾠδὴ τοῦ παραδόξου.*

Ὅτι παρὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ τὸ ἔλεος καὶ πολλὴ παρ' αὐτῷ λύτρωσις, καὶ αὐτὸς λυτρώσεται τὸν Ἰσραὴλ ἐκ πασῶν τῶν ἀνομιῶν αὐτοῦ.

Μάρτυρες Χριστοῦ ἐπτάρημοι, τῶν διωκτῶν τὰς ὀρμάς, καὶ τὸν βίαιον θάνατον, εἰς οὐδὲν ἠγήσασθε, ἀλλ' ἐτοιμῶς ἐσπεύσατε, ἀνδρειοφρόνως πρὸς τὰ παλαίσματα, καὶ νίκης στέφος ἀναδησάμενοι, συνηριθμήθητε, τοῖς δικαίοις ἅπασιν, μεθ' ὧν ὑμᾶς, πάντοτε γεραίρομεν καὶ μακαρίζομεν.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, ἐπαινέσατε αὐτόν, πάντες οἱ λαοί.

Μάρτυς ἀθλητὰ Ἀγάπια, τῶν ἀγαθῶν τὴν πηγὴν, ὀρεκτῶν τὸ ἀκρότατον, ἀγαπήσας ἔσπευσας, τοῦ πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον, τοῦ μαρτυρίου ἐπικαλούμενος, Θεοῦ τοῦ ζῶντος τὸ θεῖον ὄνομα, ᾠδὴ τῆς ἀνδρείας σου! ὦ τῆς καρτερίας σου! δι' ἧς τυχεῖν, δόξης καὶ λαμπρότητος, σαφῶς ἠξίωσαι.

Mode 2. (not metered)

From the morning watch until night; from the morning watch until night, let Israel hope in the Lord. [SAAS]

Let us cheerfully begin the season of Lent, and undergo the spiritual struggles. Let us purify and cleanse our souls and bodies. As we fast from foods, let us also abstain from giving in to any of the passions, and instead delight in the virtues of the Spirit. May we persevere in them with love, and then be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ our God, and to celebrate holy Pascha with spiritual joy. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

Stichera from the Menaion.

March 15

Mode pl. 4. What a paradoxal.

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption; and He shall redeem Israel from all his transgressions. [SAAS]

Seven Martyr Saints of Christ our God, * counting as nothing the rage * of the men persecuting you, * and the thought of violent death, * you proceeded to martyrdom, * being prepared with a manful frame of mind. * Now you are wearing the crown of victory, * and you are numbered with * all the righteous, and with them you are extolled. * For all time we honor you and also call you blest. [SD]

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; praise Him, all you peoples. [SAAS]

Martyr and athlete Agapius, * you loved the source of all good * and the highest of things desired; * you contested faithfully, * and you hastened to drink the cup * of holy martyrdom, calling all the while * on the divine Name of Christ, the Living God. * Great was your valiancy! * Great was your endurance! And for this you

Ὅτι ἐκραταιώθη τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια τοῦ Κυρίου μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

Μάρτυρες ἀξιοθαύμαστοι, ἐθελουσίῳ σφαγῆ, ἑαυτοὺς ἐξεδώκατε, καὶ τὴν γῆν τοῖς αἵμασι, τοῖς ἡμῶν ἡγιασάτε, καὶ τὸν αἰθέρα κατελαμπρύνετε, τῆ διαβάσει, καὶ νῦν οἰκίζεσθε, εἰς τὰ οὐράνια, πρὸς φῶς τὸ ἀνέσπερον, ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν, πάντοτε δεόμενοι, θεοειδέστατοι.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.**

ᾠχος πλ. δ'. Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου.

Χαῖρε φωτὸς θεῖον ὄχημα, χαῖρε Κυρίου ναέ, καὶ σκηνὴ ἀγιάσματος, φῶς ἡμῖν ἀνέτειλας, ἐξ ἀχράντου νηδύος σου, κατα φωτίζον κόσμου τὰ πέρατα, καὶ ἀγιάζον ἡμᾶς χρηστότητι, χαῖρε κεφάλαιον, σωτηρίας Ἄχραντε, χαῖρε φρικτόν, ἄκουσμα καὶ λάλημα, τῶν πεποιθότων εἰς σέ.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας καὶ πρωῖ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθά σου, Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε. Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς λόγους, ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ ἠλπίσαμεν· μὴ κατασχύνης ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

were * counted worthy to receive glory and splendor divine. [SD]

For His mercy rules over us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever. [SAAS]

Martyrs, admiration is your due, * for you presented yourselves * to be slaughtered of your own will, * and you sanctified the earth * with your blood that was shed for Christ, * and with your passage you brightened up the sky. * And now you dwell in the heavenly abodes, * where you are very close * to the Light that never sets, and you entreat * evermore on our behalf, O truly Godlike Saints. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 4. *What a paradoxal.*

Chariot of light divine, rejoice! * Rejoice, O temple of God, * tabernacle of holiness! * From your holy, spotless womb * has the Light risen on us all, * and it illumines all corners of the world, * and sanctifies us with goodness that is His. * You, O Immaculate, * are salvation's summary, therefore, rejoice, * awesome message and report of those who hope in you! [SD]

DEACON (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Prayer of the Entrance

At evening, at morning and at midday we praise, bless and give thanks, and we pray to you, Master of all things, Lord who love mankind: Direct our prayer before you like incense, and do not incline our hearts to words or thoughts of evil, but deliver us from all that hunt down our souls. For our eyes look to you, O Lord, our Lord, and we have hoped in you.

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise.

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ

Ἦχος β΄.

Φῶς ἰλαρὸν ἀγίας δόξης, ἀθανάτου Πατρός,
οὐρανίου, ἀγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ,
ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ἰδόντες φῶς
ἐσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον
Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν πᾶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι
φωναῖς αἰσίαις, Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ
κόσμος σὲ δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Μὴ ἀποστρέψῃς τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τοῦ
παιδός σου, ὅτι θλίβομαι· ταχὺ ἐπάκουσόν μου·
πρόσχευε τῇ ψυχῇ μου, καὶ λύτρωσαι αὐτήν.

Στίχ. Ἡ σωτηρία σου, ὁ Θεός, ἀντιλάβοιτό
μου.

Μὴ ἀποστρέψῃς τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τοῦ
παιδός σου, ὅτι θλίβομαι· ταχὺ ἐπάκουσόν μου·
πρόσχευε τῇ ψυχῇ μου, καὶ λύτρωσαι αὐτήν.

Στίχ. Ἰδέτωσαν πτωχοὶ καὶ εὐφρανθήτωσαν·
ἐκζητήσατε τὸν Θεόν, καὶ ζήσεται ἡ ψυχὴ ὑμῶν.

Μὴ ἀποστρέψῃς τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τοῦ
παιδός σου, ὅτι θλίβομαι· ταχὺ ἐπάκουσόν μου·
πρόσχευε τῇ ψυχῇ μου, καὶ λύτρωσαι αὐτήν.

Καὶ πάλιν·

Μὴ ἀποστρέψῃς τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τοῦ
παιδός σου, ὅτι θλίβομαι· ταχὺ ἐπάκουσόν μου·
πρόσχευε τῇ ψυχῇ μου, καὶ λύτρωσαι αὐτήν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Εἴπωμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ ἐξ
ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἴπωμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Mode 2.

Gladsome light of holy glory of the holy,
blessed, heavenly, immortal Father, O Jesus Christ:
arriving at the hour of sunset and having seen the
evening light, we praise the Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, God. It is worthy for You to be praised at all
times with happy voices, O Son of God and Giver
of life; * and therefore the world glorifies You. [SD]

DEACON

The evening Prokeimenon.

CHOIR

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4.

Turn not Your face from Your child, for I am
afflicted; hear me speedily. Give heed to my soul
and redeem it. [SAAS]

Verse: *And the salvation of Your presence, O
God, lays hold of me.*

Turn not Your face from Your child, for I am
afflicted; hear me speedily. Give heed to my soul
and redeem it.

Verse: *Let the poor behold this, and be glad;
seek God, and your soul shall live.*

Turn not Your face from Your child, for I am
afflicted; hear me speedily. Give heed to my soul
and redeem it.

And again:

Turn not Your face from Your child, for I am
afflicted; hear me speedily. Give heed to my soul
and redeem it.

DEACON

Let us all say with all our soul and with all our
mind, let us all say.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Κύριε παντοκράτορ ὁ Θεὸς τῶν πατέρων
ἡμῶν, δεόμεθά Σου, ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός
Σου, δεόμεθά Σου, ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε,
ἐλέησον.)

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ
Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε,
ἐλέησον.)

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τοῦ (ἀρχιερατικοῦ βαθμοῦ)
ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος).

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε,
ἐλέησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς
ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ
Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ
ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξιώσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἑσπέρα ταύτῃ,
ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ,
Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν
καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.
Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς,
καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε,
δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ,
Δέσποτα, συνέτισον μὲ τὰ δικαιώματά σου.
Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Ἄγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί
σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα
τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης. Σοὶ πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ
πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ
Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς
τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray
You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to
Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have
mercy.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.)

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.)

Again we pray for (episcopal rank) (name).

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.)

PRIEST

For You are a merciful God Who loves
mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now
and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

READER

O Lord, keep us this evening without sin.
Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and
praised and glorified is your name to the ages.
Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be upon us for
we have set our hope in you. Blessed are you,
O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed
are you, Master, grant me understanding of your
commandments. Blessed are you, Holy One,
enlighten me with your commandments. Lord,
your mercy is forever. Do not despise the works
of your hands. To you is due praise, to you is due
song, to you is due glory, to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the
ages of ages. [HC]

(Αμήν.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τὴν ἑσπέραν πᾶσαν τελείαν, ἀγίαν, εἰρηνικὴν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Ἄγγελον εἰρήνης, πιστὸν ὁδηγόν, φύλακα τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων ἡμῶν, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Συγγνώμην καὶ ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ τῶν πλημμελημάτων ἡμῶν, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τὰ καλὰ καὶ συμφέροντα ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν καὶ εἰρήνην τῷ κόσμῳ, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τὸν ὑπόλοιπον χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν ἐν εἰρήνῃ καὶ μετανοίᾳ ἐκτελέσαι, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν, ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικά, καὶ καλὴν ἀπολογία τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου Δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Amen.)

DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For that which is good and beneficial for our souls, and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

And let us ask for a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς ὑπάρχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματι σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνωμεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλῖνας οὐρανοὺς καὶ καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλοανθρώπῳ κριτῇ οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν ἀχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν· οὐς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης ἐνεργείας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἴη τὸ κράτος τῆς βασιλείας σου εὐλογημένον καὶ δεδοξασμένον, τοῦ Πατρὸς, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα. Τοῦ Τριωδίου.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος δ΄.

Ἐλαμψεν ἡ χάρις σου Κύριε, ἔλαμψεν ὁ φωτισμὸς τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν· ἰδοὺ καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος· ἰδοὺ καιρὸς μετανοίας, ἀποθώμεθα τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For You, O God, are good and love mankind, and to You we offer glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of the human race, look upon your servants and upon your inheritance, for to you, the fearful Judge who love mankind, your servants have bowed their heads and inclined their necks, not waiting for any human help, but awaiting your mercy and looking for your salvation. Guard them at every moment, during both the present evening and the approaching night, from every foe, from every hostile operation of the devil and from vain thoughts and evil desires.

PRIEST

May the might of your kingdom be blessed and glorified, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Aposticha. From the Triodion.

From Triodion - - -

Idiomelon. Mode 4.

Your grace has shone forth, O Lord; the illumination of our souls has shone forth. Behold, this is the acceptable season; behold, this is the season of repentance. Let us put away the works

τοῦ φωτός, ὅπως διαπλεύσαντες τὸ τῆς Νηστείας μέγα πέλαγος, εἰς τὴν τριήμερον Ἀνάστασιν καταστήσωμεν, τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τοῦ σώζοντος τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ ἦρα τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς μου τὸν κατοικοῦντα ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. Ἴδου ὡς ὀφθαλμοὶ δούλων εἰς χεῖρας τῶν Κυρίων αὐτῶν, ὡς ὀφθαλμοὶ παιδίσκης εἰς χεῖρας τῆς Κυρίας αὐτῆς, οὕτως οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν πρὸς Κύριον τὸν θεὸν ἡμῶν, ἕως οὗ οἰκτειρήσαι ἡμᾶς.

Ἐλαμψεν ἡ χάρις σου Κύριε, ἔλαμψεν ὁ φωτισμὸς τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν· ἰδοὺ καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος· ἰδοὺ καιρὸς μετανοίας, ἀποθώμεθα τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα τοῦ φωτός, ὅπως διαπλεύσαντες τὸ τῆς Νηστείας μέγα πέλαγος, εἰς τὴν τριήμερον Ἀνάστασιν καταστήσωμεν, τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, τοῦ σώζοντος τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Μαρτυρικόν.

ᾠχος δ΄.

Στίχ. Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, Κύριε, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὅτι ἐπὶ πολὺ ἐπλήσθημεν ἐξουδενώσεως, ἐπὶ πλεῖον ἐπλήσθη ἡ ψυχὴ ἡμῶν. Τὸ ὄνειδος τοῖς εὐθινοῦσι, καὶ ἡ ἐξουδένωσις τοῖς ὑπερηφάνοις.

Ὁ ἐνδοξαζόμενος, ἐν ταῖς μνεΐαις τῶν Ἁγίων σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ὑπ' αὐτῶν δυσωπούμενος, κατάπεμψον ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.**

ᾠχος δ΄. Ὡς γενναῖον ἐν Μάρτυσι.

Τῶν Ἀγγέλων αἱ τάξεις σε, Θεομητορ δοξάζουσι· τὸν Θεὸν γὰρ Πάναγνε ἀπεκύησας, τὸν σὺν Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Πνεύματι, ἀεὶ συνυπάρχοντα, καὶ Ἀγγέλων στρατιάς, ἐκ μὴ ὄντος βουλήματι, ὑποστήσαντα, ὃν ἰκέτευε σῶσαι καὶ φωτίσαι,

of darkness, and put on the armor of light, so that we may navigate the immense ocean of Lent, and arrive at the third-day Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Savior of our souls. [SD]

Verse: *I lift my eyes to You, who dwell in heaven. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hands of their masters, as the eyes of the maidservant look to the hands of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God until He shall have compassion on us.* [SAAS]

Your grace has shone forth, O Lord; the illumination of our souls has shone forth. Behold, this is the acceptable season; behold, this is the season of repentance. Let us put away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, so that we may navigate the immense ocean of Lent, and arrive at the third-day Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Savior of our souls. [SD]

For the Martyrs.

Mode 4.

Verse: *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we are greatly filled with contempt; our soul is greatly filled with it. We are a disgrace to those who prosper, and a contempt to the arrogant.* [SAAS]

O Christ our God, You are glorified when we commemorate Your saints. As they implore You on our behalf, send down to us Your great mercy.

[SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 4. *To a brave one.*

All the ranks of angelic hosts glorify you, O Bride of God. * You, O Theotokos, gave birth to God the Word, * who with the Father and Spirit is existing eternally. * He created all the hosts * of the Angels ex nihilo, * by His will as God. * All-pure Virgin, now pray that He illuminate our souls

τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν ὀρθοδόξως, σὲ ἀνυμνούντων
Πανάχραντε.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

ᾠδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τον δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα, κατὰ
τὸ ῥῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνῃ· ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου
τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἠτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον
πάντων τῶν λαῶν· φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν, καὶ
δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραήλ.

ΛΑΟΣ

Τρισάγιον.

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἅγιος
Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ')

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.
Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.
Ἀμήν.

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε,
ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα,
συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῶν. Ἅγιε, ἐπίσκεψαι
καὶ ἴασαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, ἕνεκεν τοῦ
ὀνόματός σου.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε,
ἐλέησον.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.
Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.
Ἀμήν.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἀγιασθήτω
τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω
τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.
Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον.
Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς
ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης
ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ
πονηροῦ.

and that He save us, * who are correctly extolling
you. [SD]

PRIEST

Song of Simeon.

Lord, now You are letting Your servant
depart in peace, according to Your word; for my
eyes have seen Your salvation which You have
prepared before the face of all peoples. A light to
bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of
Your people Israel. [NKJV]

PEOPLE

Trisagion Prayers.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have
mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.
Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our
transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Τοῦ Ὡρολογίου - - -

Ἀπολυτικά. Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Μαρία, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ· εὐλογημένη σὺ ἐν γυναιξί, καὶ εὐλογημένος ὁ καρπὸς τῆς κοιλίας σου, ὅτι Σωτῆρα ἔτεκες τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Βαπτιστὰ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, πάντων ἡμῶν μνήσθητι, ἵνα ῥυσθῶμεν τῶν ἀνομιῶν ἡμῶν· σοὶ γὰρ ἐδόθη χάρις πρεσβεύειν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν.

Δόξα.

Ἰκετεύσατε ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν, ἅγιοι Ἀπόστολοι, καὶ Ἅγιοι πάντες, ἵνα ῥυσθῶμεν κινδύνων καὶ θλίψεων, ὑμᾶς γὰρ θερμοὺς προστάτας, πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα κεκτήμεθα.

Τὸ τελευταῖον τοῦτο τροπάριον κατὰ τὴν ἀρχαίαν τάξιν λέγεται χῶμα ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀναγνώστου. Σήμερον ὁμως συνήθως ψάλλεται καὶ τοῦτο, ὡς καὶ τὰ προηγούμενα.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ὑπὸ τὴν σὴν εὐσπλαγχνίαν, καταφεύγομεν Θεοτόκε, τὰς ἡμῶν ἰκεσίας μὴ παρίδης ἐν περιστάσει, ἀλλ' ἐκ κινδύνων λύτρωσαι ἡμᾶς, μόνη Ἁγνή, μόνη εὐλογημένη.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ΄)

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ, καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφείμ, τὴν

PRIEST

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

From Horologion - - -

Apolytikia. Mode pl. 1.

O Virgin Theotokos, rejoice, Mary full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you have borne the Savior of our souls

[SD]

O Baptist of Christ, be mindful of us all, that we may be delivered from our iniquities; for unto you was given the grace to intercede for us. [SD]

Glory.

Entreat earnestly for us, O holy Apostles and all Saints, that we be delivered from peril and affliction; for you are our fervent advocates before the Savior. [SD]

This final troparion, according to older rules, is simply recited by the Reader. In current practice, however, it is usually, sung much like the preceding hymns.

Both now.

Beneath your tender compassion we take refuge, O Theotokos. Despise not our supplications in distress, but deliver us from all peril. You alone are pure; you alone are blessed. [SD]

READER

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim;

ἀδιαφθόρως, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

Ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου εὐλόγησον, Πάτερ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ ὦν εὐλογητός, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, πάντοτε, νῦν, καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

Ἐπουράνιε Βασιλεῦ, τοὺς πιστοὺς ἄρχοντας ἡμῶν στερέωσον· τὴν πίστιν στήριξον· τὰ ἔθνη πράυνον· τὸν κόσμον εἰρήνευσον· τὴν ἁγίαν Ἐκκλησίαν (ἢ Μονὴν) ταύτην καλῶς διαφύλαξον· τοὺς προαπελθόντας πατέρας καὶ ἀδελφοὺς ἡμῶν ἐν σκηναῖς δικαίων τάξον· καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐν μετανοίᾳ καὶ ἐξομολογήσει παράλαβε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

(Ἀμήν.)

Καὶ ποιῶμεν Μετανοίας τρεῖς μεγάλας, λέγοντες μυστικῶς ἐν ἐκάστη Μετανοίᾳ ἀνὰ Στίχον τῆς ἐπομένης Εὐχῆς τοῦ Ὁσίου Ἐφραίμ.

Εὐχὴ τοῦ Ἁγίου Ἐφραίμ

Κύριε καὶ Δέσποτα τῆς ζωῆς μου, πνεῦμα ἀργίας, περιεργίας, φιλαρχίας καὶ ἀργολογίας μὴ μοι δῶς.

Πνεῦμα δὲ σωφροσύνης, ταπεινοφροσύνης, ὑπομονῆς καὶ ἀγάπης χάρισαί μοι τῷ σῶ δούλῳ.

Ναί, Κύριε Βασιλεῦ, δώρησαί μοι τοῦ ὄραν τὰ ἐμὰ πταίσματα, καὶ μὴ κατακρίνειν τὸν ἀδελφόν μου. Ὅτι εὐλογητὸς εἶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Μετὰ δὲ ταύτας, ἐτέρας μικρὰς ἰβ Μετανοίας, λέγοντες καθ' ἐκάστην, "Ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ἐλέησόν με." Εἶ αὖθις Μετάνοιαν μεγάλην μίαν, λέγοντες πάλιν τὸν τελευταῖον στίχον τῆς ἀνωτέρω Εὐχῆς.

you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

Blessed are You, Christ our God, always now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

O heavenly King, uphold our rulers, strengthen the Faith, calm the nations, give peace to the world. Protect this holy Church (or, Monastery); grant our departed fathers and brethren that they may dwell with the righteous, and accept us in repentance and confession; for You are good and love mankind.

(Amen.)

We now make three prostrations: i.e. we recite the Prayer of St. Ephraim (quietly or mentally), and with each verse we make a bow or prostration.

Prayer of St. Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life, do not permit the spirit of laziness and meddling, the lust for power and idle talk to come into me.

Instead, grant me, your servant, the spirit of prudence, humility, patience and love.

Yes, Lord and King, give me the power to see my own faults and not to judge my brother. For you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Then we make the sign of the cross 12 times, each time saying, "God, be gracious to me a sinner and have mercy on me." Then we repeat the third verse of the Prayer (quietly or mentally) and make a final bow or prostration.

Ναί, Κύριε Βασιλεῦ, δώρησαί μοι τοῦ ὄραν τὰ ἐμὰ πταίσματα, καὶ μὴ κατακρίνειν τὸν ἀδελφόν μου. Ὅτι εὐλογητὸς εἶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἰκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

Τούτου δὲ ψαλλομένου πάντες οἱ πιστοὶ λαμβάνουν συγχώρησιν παρὰ τοῦ ἱερέως (ἢ τοῦ τυχόν χοροστατοῦντος ἀρχιερέως) ἀσπαζόμενοι τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος β΄. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

Πάντων προστατεύεις Ἀγαθή, τῶν καταφευγόντων ἐν πίστει, τῇ κραταιᾷ σου χειρὶ· ἄλλην γὰρ οὐκ ἔχομεν, ἁμαρτωλοὶ πρὸς Θεόν, ἐν κινδύνοις καὶ θλίψεσιν, αἰεὶ μεσιτείαν, οἱ κατακαμπτόμενοι, ὑπὸ πταισμάτων πολλῶν. Μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ Ὑψίστου· ὅθεν σοὶ προσπίπτομεν ῥῦσαι, πάσης περιστάσεως τοὺς δούλους σου.

Yes, Lord and King, give me the power to see my own faults and not to judge my brother. For you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

READER

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Father, bless!

PRIEST

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

As the following Theotokion is being sung by the left choir, all the faithful in attendance file past the priest (or hierarch if present) to kiss his hand and receive forgiveness.

CHOIR

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

All those who for refuge flee with faith * unto you, O good one, you shelter beneath your mighty hand. * We your servants have no other intercessor like you * always praying to God for us * in dangers and sorrows, * sinners that we are, bent down because of many misdeeds. * Therefore, we fall prostrate before you. * Rescue us from

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Δι' εὐχῶν τῶν ἁγίων πατέρων ἡμῶν, Κύριε
Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

(Ἀμήν.)

every affliction, * since you are the Mother of the
Most High God. [SD]

PRIEST

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord
Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us [and save
us].

(Amen.)