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Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos**

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Βιβλία - Πηγαι

Μηναϊον - ΤΗ ΚΕ' ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

Ὁ Εὐαγγελισμὸς τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου

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
Θεὸς μου ἐμεγαλύνθησ σου 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 ὁρέων στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμήσεώς σου
φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν.
Ἀναβαίνουσιν ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουσι πεδιά
εἰς τὸν τόπον, ὃν ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον
ἔθου, ὃ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι
καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων πηγὰς ἐν
φάραγγιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὁρέων διελεύσονται
ὑδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ,

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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
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

προσδέχονται ὄναγροι εἰς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσῃ, 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 ἰλαρῦναι πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίῳ, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται τὰ ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, ἃς ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύουσι, τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἢ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὅρη τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ τοῖς λαγωοῖς. 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 τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν χοῦν αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ ἀνακαινιεῖς τὸ πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς. Ἦτω ἡ δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, εὐφρανθήσεται Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις

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 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

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
υπάρχειν 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.

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 ἴσταται ἀσκεπὴς ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας Τραπεζῆς ἢ καὶ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνας τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ, ἱστάμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ Σολέα (ὡς ἐν τῷ Ὁρθρω), καὶ ἀναγινώσκει μυστικῶς τὰς Εὐχὰς τοῦ Λιχνικοῦ·

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (μυστικῶς)

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ

Κύριε, οἰκτίρμον καὶ ἐλεῆμον, μακρόθυμε καὶ πολυέλεε, ἐνώτισαι τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, καὶ πρόσχεσ τῇ φωνῇ 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 σῶζειν 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 σῆι 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 ἀεὶ 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, νοσοῦντων, 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.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος πλ. β΄.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου· πρόσχες τῆ φωνῇ τῆς δεήσεώς μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγέναί με πρὸς σέ. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

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.)

CHOIR

Mode pl. 2.

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

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 συνδυάσω 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 ἀπαγγεῶ.

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.

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

Πρόσχευς πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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.

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.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

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

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος πλ. β΄. Ὁλην ἀποθέμενοι.

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

Βουλὴν προαιώνιον, ἀποκαλύπτων σοι Κόρη, Γαβριὴλ ἐφέστηκε, σὲ κατασπαζόμενος, καὶ φθειρόμενος· Χαῖρε γῆ ἄσπορε, χαῖρε βάτε ἄφλεκτε, χαῖρε βάθος δυσθεώρητον, χαῖρε ἡ γέφυρα, πρὸς τοὺς οὐρανοὺς ἡ μετάγουσα, καὶ κλιμαξ ἡ μετάρσιος, ἦν ὁ Ἰακώβ ἐθεάσατο· χαῖρε θεία στάμνε τοῦ Μάννα, χαῖρε λύσις τῆς ἀρᾶς, χαῖρε Ἀδάμ ἡ ἀνάκλησις, μετὰ σοῦ ὁ Κύριος.

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

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

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

The righteous shall wait for me, until You reward me.

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

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

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 2. *When the saints deposited.*

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

Gabriel appeared to you, * O virgin Damsel, revealing * the pre-eternal plan of God. * And as he saluted you, * he called out and said, * "O unsowed earth, rejoice; * unconsumed bush, rejoice. * O rejoice, depth hard to apprehend. * Rejoice, O sacred bridge * that conveys to heaven. I say, rejoice, * O ladder that is lifted up * and was seen by Jacob the patriarch. * Rejoice, O divine jar * of manna, and the lifting of the curse. * Rejoice, Adam's recovery. * Rejoice, for the Lord is with you." [SD]

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

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

Φαίνη μοι ὡς ἄνθρωπος, φησὶν ἡ ἄφθορος
Κόρη, πρὸς τὸν Ἀρχιστράτηγον, καὶ πῶς φθέγγῃ
ρήματα ὑπὲρ ἄνθρωπον· μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔφης γάρ, τὸν
Θεὸν ἔσεσθαι, καὶ σκηνώσῃ ἐν τῇ μήτρᾳ μου,
καὶ πῶς γενήσομαι, λέγε μοι χωρίον εὐρύχωρον,
καὶ τόπος ἀγιάσματος, τοῦ τοῖς Χερουβὶμ
ἐπιβαίνοντος; Μὴ με δελεάσῃς ἀπάτη· οὐ γὰρ
ἔγνω ἡδονήν, γάμου ὑπάρχω ἀμύητος, πῶς οὖν
παῖδα τέξομαι!

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

Φαίνη μοι ὡς ἄνθρωπος, φησὶν ἡ ἄφθορος
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ἐπιβαίνοντος; Μὴ με δελεάσῃς ἀπάτη· οὐ γὰρ
ἔγνω ἡδονήν, γάμου ὑπάρχω ἀμύητος, πῶς οὖν
παῖδα τέξομαι!

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

Θεὸς ὅπου βούλεται, νικᾶται φύσεως τάξις,
φησὶν ὁ Ἀσώματος, καὶ τὰ ὑπὲρ ἄνθρωπον
διαπράττεται. τοῖς ἐμοῖς πίστευε, ἀληθεῖσι ρήμασι,
Παναγία ὑπεράνωμε· Ἡ δὲ ἐβόησε· Γένοιτό μοι

Adam's recovery. * Rejoice, for the Lord is with
you." [SD]

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

Unto the angelic Chief * says the inviolate
Damsel, * "You appear to be a man. * But how is
it that you speak * superhuman words? * For you
say unto me * that with me God will be, * and will
make His dwelling in my womb. * But how shall I
become * a most spacious confine, explain to me.
* How shall I be a holy place * of the One who
rides on the Cherubim? * Please do not deceive
me. * Since marriage and its pleasures are entailed,
* which I have never experienced, * how then shall
I bear a child?" [SD]

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

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me. * Since marriage and its pleasures are entailed,
* which I have never experienced, * how then shall
I bear a child?" [SD]

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

"When God wills it, nature's laws * are
overridden, O Damsel," * said the incorporeal, *
"and the superhuman deeds * then are brought to
pass. * Therefore, trust that indeed * true are these

νῦν ὡς τὸ ῥῆμά σου, καὶ τέξομαι τὸν ἄσαρκον, σάρκα ἐξ ἐμοῦ δανεισάμενον, ὅπως ἀναγάγη τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ὡς μόνος δυνατός, εἰς τὸ ἀρχαῖον ἀξίωμα, διὰ τῆς συγκράσεως.

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

Θεὸς ὅπου βούλεται, νικᾶται φύσεως τάξις, φησὶν ὁ Ἀσώματος, καὶ τὰ ὑπὲρ ἄνθρωπον διαπράττεται. τοῖς ἐμοῖς πιστεue, ἀληθεσί ρήμασι, Παναγία ὑπεράμωμε· Ἡ δὲ ἐβόησε· Γένοιτό μοι νῦν ὡς τὸ ῥῆμά σου, καὶ τέξομαι τὸν ἄσαρκον, σάρκα ἐξ ἐμοῦ δανεισάμενον, ὅπως ἀναγάγη τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ὡς μόνος δυνατός, εἰς τὸ ἀρχαῖον ἀξίωμα, διὰ τῆς συγκράσεως.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

ᾠχος πλ. β'.

Ἀπεστάλη ἐξ οὐρανοῦ Γαβριὴλ ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος, εὐαγγελίσασθαι τῇ Παρθένῳ τὴν σύλληψιν· καὶ ἐλθὼν εἰς Ναζαρέτ, ἐλογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ, τῷ θαῦμα ἐκπληττόμενος· ὅτι, Πῶς ὁ ἐν ὑψίστοις ἀκατάληπτος ὢν, ἐκ παρθένου τίκεται! ὁ ἔχων θρόνον οὐρανόν, καὶ ὑποπόδιον τὴν γῆν, ἐν μήτρᾳ χωρεῖται γυναικός! ὧ τὰ Ἐξαπτέρυγα καὶ Πολύμματα ἀτενίσαι οὐ δύνανται, λόγῳ μόνῳ ἐκ ταύτης σαρκωθῆναι ἠδύοκησε, Θεοῦ ἐστὶ Λόγος ὁ παρών. Τί οὖν ἴσταμαι, καὶ οὐ λέγω τῇ Κόρῃ; Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ, χαῖρε ἀγνή Παρθένε, χαῖρε Νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε, χαῖρε Μήτηρ τῆς ζωῆς, εὐλογημένος ὁ καρπὸς τῆς κοιλίας σου.

words of mine, * O all-holy and most blameless one." * She then cried out in turn, * "According to your word be it unto me; * and I shall bear the One who is * bodiless but borrowing flesh from me, * so that by His mingling * with man He might restore him to the height * of his primordial dignity, * as the only One who can." [SD]

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

"When God wills it, nature's laws * are overridden, O Damsel," * said the incorporeal, * "and the superhuman deeds * then are brought to pass. * Therefore, trust that indeed * true are these words of mine, * O all-holy and most blameless one." * She then cried out in turn, * "According to your word be it unto me; * and I shall bear the One who is * bodiless but borrowing flesh from me, * so that by His mingling * with man He might restore him to the height * of his primordial dignity, * as the only One who can." [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 2.

From the heavens, the Archangel Gabriel was sent down to announce the conception to the Virgin. When he arrived in Nazareth, he pondered on the wonder in astonishment: "He who is in the highest is incomprehensible. So, how can He be born of a Virgin? Heaven is His throne and earth is His footstool. So, how can He be contained in the womb of a woman? He on whom the six-winged Seraphim and many-eyed Cherubim are unable to gaze is well pleased to become incarnate of her by word alone. It is the Word of God who is present here. So, why am I standing here and not saying to the Maiden, 'Rejoice, you who are full of grace; the Lord is with you. Rejoice, O pure Virgin!

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἑσπέρας καὶ πρωὶ 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 κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ

Ἦχος β΄.

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου σῶσόν με, καὶ ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου κρινεῖς με. (δίς)

Στίχ. Ὁ Θεός, εἰσάκουσον τῆς προσευχῆς μου, ἐνώτισαι τὰ ῥήματα τοῦ στόματός μου.

Ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου σῶσόν με, καὶ ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου κρινεῖς με.

Rejoice, O unwedded Bride! Rejoice, O Mother of Life! Blessed is the fruit of your womb." [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.

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. 1.

Save me, O God, in Your name, and judge me in Your power. (2) [SAAS]

Verse: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Save me, O God, in Your name, and judge me in Your power.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Γενέσεως τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Γε Κεφ. κη' 10

Ἐξῆλθεν Ἰακώβ ἀπὸ τοῦ φρέατος τοῦ ὄρκου καὶ ἐπορεύθη εἰς Χαρράν. Καὶ ἀπήντησε τόπω, καὶ ἐκοιμήθη ἐκεῖ· ἔδυ γὰρ ὁ ἥλιος· καὶ ἔλαβεν ἀπὸ τῶν λίθων τοῦ τόπου, καὶ ἔθηκε πρὸς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐκοιμήθη ἐν τῷ τόπῳ ἐκείνῳ, καὶ ἐνυπνιάσθη. Καὶ ἰδοὺ κλίμαξ ἐστηριγμένη ἐν τῇ γῆ, ἥς ἡ κεφαλὴ ἀφικνεῖτο εἰς τὸν Οὐρανόν, καὶ οἱ Ἄγγελοι τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀνέβαινον καὶ κατέβαινον ἐπ' αὐτῆς. Ὁ δὲ Κύριος ἐπεστήρικτο ἐπ' αὐτῆς, καὶ εἶπεν· Ἐγὼ εἰμι ὁ Θεὸς Ἀβραὰμ τοῦ πατρός σου, καὶ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰσαάκ, μὴ φοβοῦ, ἡ γῆ, ἐφ' ἧς σὺ καθεύδεις ἐπ' αὐτῆς, σοὶ δώσω αὐτήν, καὶ τῷ σπέρματί σου. Καὶ ἔσται τὸ σπέρμα σου ὡσεὶ ἄμμος τῆς γῆς καὶ πλατυνηθήσεται ἐπὶ θάλασσαν, καὶ λίβα, καὶ βορρᾶν, καὶ ἐπὶ ἀνατολάς, καὶ ἐνευλογηθήσονται ἐν σοὶ πᾶσαι αἱ φυλαὶ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἐν τῷ σπέρματί σου. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ εἰμι μετὰ σοῦ, διαφυλάσσων σε ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ πάση, οὐδ' ἐὰν πορευθῆς, καὶ ἐπιστρέψω σε εἰς τὴν γῆν ταύτην, ὅτι οὐ μὴ σε ἐγκαταλίπω, ἕως τοῦ ποιῆσαι με πάντα ὅσα ἐλάλησά σοι. Καὶ ἐξηγέρθη Ἰακώβ ἐκ τοῦ ὕπνου αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπεν· Ὅτι ἐστὶ Κύριος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ τούτῳ, ἐγὼ δὲ οὐκ ᾔδειν. Καὶ ἐφοβήθη, καὶ εἶπεν· Ὡς φοβερὸς ὁ τόπος οὗτος! Οὐκ ἔστι τοῦτο, ἀλλ' ἡ οἴκος Θεοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἡ πύλη τοῦ οὐρανοῦ.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προφητείας Ἰεζεκιήλ τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

The Readings

From Menaion - - -

READER

The reading is from the book of Genesis.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Gn 28:10-17

Now Jacob went out from the Well of Oath and went toward Haran. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. Then he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. So behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. Do not fear, the land on which you lie I will give to you and your seed. Also, your seed shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "The Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." So he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Prophecy of Ezekiel.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ιεζ 43:27-44:4

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος: Ἔσται ἀπὸ τῆς ἡμέρας τῆς ὀγδόης καὶ ἐπέκεινα, ποιήσουσιν οἱ Ἱερεῖς ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον τὰ ὀλοκαυτώματα ὑμῶν, καὶ τὰ τοῦ σωτηρίου ὑμῶν, καὶ προσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, λέγει Κύριος (μδ' 1). Καὶ ἐπέστρεψέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Ἁγίων τῆς ἐξωτέρας τῆς βλεπούσης κατὰ ἀνατολάς, καὶ αὕτη ἦν κεκλεισμένη. Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος πρὸς με· Ἡ πύλη αὕτη κεκλεισμένη ἔσται, οὐκ ἀνοιχθήσεται, καὶ οὐδεὶς οὐ μὴ διέλθῃ δι' αὐτῆς, ὅτι Κύριος ὁ Θεός, Ἰσραὴλ εἰσελεύσεται δι' αὐτῆς, καὶ ἔσται κεκλεισμένη. Διότι ὁ Ἠγούμενος οὗτος κάθηται ἐπ' αὐτὴν τοῦ φαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐνώπιον Κυρίου, κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ Αἰλάμ τῆς πύλης εἰσελεύσεται, καὶ κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν αὐτοῦ ἐξελεύσεται. Καὶ εἰσήγαγέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Ἁγίων τῆς πρὸς βορρᾶν, κατέναντι τοῦ οἴκου· καὶ εἶδον καὶ ἰδοὺ πλήρης δόξης ὁ οἶκος Κυρίου.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παρ Κεφ. θ' 1

Ἡ σοφία ὠκοδόμησεν ἑαυτῇ οἶκον καὶ ὑπῆρξε στύλους ἑπτὰ. Ἔσφαξε τὰ ἑαυτῆς θύματα, καὶ ἐκέρασεν εἰς κρατῆρα τὸν ἑαυτῆς οἶνον, καὶ ἠτοιμάσατο τὴν ἑαυτῆς τράπεζαν. Ἀπέστειλε τοὺς ἑαυτῆς δούλους, συγκαλοῦσα μετὰ ὑψηλοῦ κηρύγματος, ὡς ἐπὶ κρατῆρα, λέγουσα· Ὃς ἐστὶν ἄφρων, ἐκκλινάτω πρὸς με, καὶ τοῖς ἐνδέσει φρενῶν εἶπεν· Ἔλθετε φάγετε τὸν ἐμὸν ἄρτον, καὶ πίετε οἶνον, ὃν κεκέρακα ὑμῖν, ἀπολίπετε ἀφροσύνην, καὶ ζήσεσθε, καὶ ζητήσατε φρόνησιν, ἵνα βιώσητε, καὶ κατορθώσητε σύνεσιν ἐν γνώσει, ὁ παιδεύων κακοῦς, λήψεται ἑαυτῷ

READER

Ezk 43:27-44:4

Thus says the Lord: "When they have completed these days, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt offerings and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord God." Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. And the Lord said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, shall enter by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way." Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Proverbs of Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Pr 9:1-11

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servants to call from the highest places in the town, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who is without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave simpleness, that you may reign forever; seek wisdom, and live; and improve understanding by knowledge. He who corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a

ἀτιμίαν, ἐλέγχων δὲ τὸν ἀσεβῆ, μωμήσεται ἑαυτόν, (οἱ γὰρ ἔλεγχοι τῷ ἀσεβεῖ, μάλωπεσ αὐτῷ). Μὴ ἔλεγγε κακοὺς, ἵνα μὴ μισήσωσί σε, ἔλεγγε σοφὸν καὶ ἀγαπήσει σε. Δίδου σοφῷ ἀφορμὴν, καὶ σοφώτερος ἔσται, γνῶριζε δικαίῳ, καὶ προσθήσει τοῦ δέχεσθαι. Ἀρχὴ σοφίας, φόβος Κυρίου, καὶ βουλή Ἁγίων, σύνεσις, (τὸ γὰρ γνῶναι Νόμον, διανοίας ἐστὶν ἀγαθῆς)· τούτῳ γὰρ τῷ τρόπῳ πολὺν ζήσεις χρόνον, καὶ προστεθήσεται σοι ἔτη ζωῆς.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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 Ὀρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, τῶν ἱερέων, ἱερομονάχων, ἱεροδιακόνων καὶ μοναχῶν, καὶ πάσης τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ἡμῶν ἀδελφότητος.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, υγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ

scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of saints is understanding. For to know the law is the character of a sound mind. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life." [SAAS]

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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.)

Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, the hieromonks, the hierodeacons, the monastics, and all our brotherhood in Christ.

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

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of

ἀφέσεως τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῇ (πόλει, κώμῃ), ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τοῦ ἁγίου ναοῦ τούτου.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν μακαρίων καὶ ἀοιδίμων κτιτόρων τῆς ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης, καὶ ὑπὲρ πάντων τῶν προαναπαυσασμένων πατέρων καὶ ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, τῶν ἐνθάδε εὐσεβῶς, κειμένων, καὶ ἀπανταχοῦ Ὁρθοδόξων.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν καρποφορούντων καὶ καλλιεργούντων ἐν τῷ ἁγίῳ καὶ πανσέπτῳ ναῷ τούτῳ, κοπιώντων, ψαλλόντων καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ περιστῶτος λαοῦ, τοῦ ἀπεκδεχομένου τὸ παρά σου μέγα καὶ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλάνθρωπος 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.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἑσπέρᾳ 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, διδάξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Δέσποτα, συνέτισον μὲ τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Ἅγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα

the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

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

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church, and for all our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us, who here have been piously laid to their rest, as well as the Orthodox everywhere.

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

Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable church, for those who labor and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.

(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

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 αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς
τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(*Ἀμήν.*)

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, ἁγίαν, 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.*)

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]

(*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.*)

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 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 ἑσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης ἐνεργίας 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.*)

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 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.*)

ΧΟΡΟΣ**Ἀπόστιχα τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

Τοῦ Μηναιίου ---

Ἰδιόμελον Α΄. ᾠδὴ δ΄.

Τῷ ἕκτῳ μηνί, ἀπεστάλη ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος πρὸς Παρθένον ἀγνήν, καὶ χαίρειν αὐτῇ προσειπὼν, εὐηγγελίσαστο ἐξ αὐτῆς τὸν Λυτρωτὴν προελθεῖν. Ὅθεν πιστῶς δεξαμένη τὸν ἀσπασμόν, συνέλαβέ σε τὸν προαιώνιον Θεόν, τὸν ἀφράστως εὐδοκῆσαντα ἐνανθρωπῆσαι, εἰς σωτηρίαν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Β΄. ᾠδὴ δ΄.

Στίχ. *Εὐαγγελίζεσθε ἡμέραν ἐξ ἡμέρας τὸ σωτήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν.*

Γλῶσσαν ἣν οὐκ ἔγνω, ἤκουσεν ἡ Θεοτόκος· ἐλάλει γὰρ πρὸς αὐτὴν ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος, τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τὰ ῥήματα· ὅθεν πιστῶς δεξαμένη τὸν ἀσπασμόν, συνέλαβέ σε τὸν προαιώνιον Θεόν. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀγαλλόμενοι βοῶμέν σοι· ὁ ἐξ αὐτῆς σαρκωθείς ἀτρέπτως Θεός, εἰρήνην τῷ κόσμῳ δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἰδιόμελον Γ΄. ᾠδὴ δ΄.

Στίχ. *Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾄσμα καινόν, ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ πᾶσα ἡ γῆ.*

Ἴδου ἡ ἀνάκλησις νῦν ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν, ὑπὲρ λόγον ὁ Θεὸς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ἐνοῦται, Ἀρχαγγέλου τῆ φωνῆ ἡ πλάνη ἐκμειοῦται· ἡ Παρθένος γὰρ δέχεται τὴν χαράν, τὰ ἐπίγεια γέγονεν οὐρανός, ὁ κόσμος λέλυται τῆς ἀρχαίας ἀρᾶς. Ἀγαλλιάσθω ἡ κτίσις καὶ φωναῖς ανυμνεῖτω. Ὁ ποιητὴς καὶ λυτρωτὴς ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

CHOIR**Aposticha of the Feast.**

From Menaion ---

Idiomelon 1. Mode 4.

In the sixth month, the Archangel was sent to the Virgin pure. He said to her to rejoice, and he announced that the Redeemer would be born from her. When she accepted the salutation with faith, she conceived You, the pre-eternal God, Who were well pleased ineffably to become man to save our souls. [SD]

Idiomelon 2. Mode 4.

Verse: *Proclaim from day to day the salvation of our God.* [SAAS]

The Theotokos heard a tongue she knew not. For the Archangel spoke to her the words of the Annunciation. When she accepted the salutation with faith, she conceived You, the pre-eternal God. We also greatly rejoice, and we say to You: O God, Who without changing became incarnate of her, grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls. [SD]

Idiomelon 3. Mode 4.

Verse: *Oh, sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the earth.* [SAAS]

Behold, the restoration has now been revealed to us. God unites himself to man in a manner transcending reason, at the voice of the Archangel. Delusion is greatly diminished. The Virgin is accepting the joy. Things earthly have become heaven. The world has been released from the ancient curse. Let creation greatly rejoice and sing praises. "O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, glory to You!" [SD]

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναιίου ---

Ἦχος δ΄.

Σήμερον χαρᾶς Εὐαγγέλια, παρθενικὴ πανήγυρις, τὰ κάτω τοῖς ἄνω συνάπτεται, ὁ Ἀδάμ καινουργεῖται, ἡ Εὐὰ τῆς πρώτης λύπης ἐλευθεροῦται, καὶ ἡ σκηνὴ τῆς καθ' ἡμᾶς οὐσίας τῆ θεώσει τοῦ προσληφθέντος φυράματος, ναὸς Θεοῦ κεχηρημάτικεν. ὦ Μυστήριον! ὁ τρόπος τῆς κενώσεως ἄγνωστος, ὁ τρόπος τῆς συλλήψεως ἄφραστος, Ἄγγελος λειτουργεῖ τῷ θαύματι, παρθενικὴ γαστήρ τὸν Υἱὸν ὑποδέχεται, Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον καταπέμπεται, Πατὴρ ἄνωθεν εὐδοκεῖ, καὶ τὸ συνάλλαγμα, κατὰ κοινὴν πραγματεύεται βούλησιν, ἐν ᾧ, καὶ δι' οὗ σωθέντες, συνωδὰ τῷ Γαβριήλ, πρὸς τὴν Παρθένον βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ, ἐξ ἧς ἡ σωτηρία, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τὴν καθ' ἡμᾶς προσλαβόμενος φύσιν, πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ἐπανήγαγεν· Αὐτὸν ἰκέτευε, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

ᾠδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνῃ· ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἠτοιμάσας 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΄)

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

Today are glad announcements of joy proclaimed. This is the virgins' festival. The things below are joined to the things on high. Adam is made new again, while Eve is liberated from her former pain and sorrow. And the tabernacle of our human nature, with the deification of the substance that was assumed, has been designated as the temple of God. Oh, the mystery! The manner of the emptying is unknowable, the manner of conception ineffable. An Angel administers the miracle; the virgin womb welcomes the Son into itself. The Holy Spirit is sent down; above the Father gives His consent, and the transaction is effected according to the common wish. So, therein and thereby being saved, let us therefore cry aloud to the Virgin with Gabriel: "Rejoice, O Maiden full of grace, for with you is the Lord, our salvation, Christ our God who from you did assume our own nature, which He thereby led back to himself. To Him pray fervently, entreating Him to save our souls." ^[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)

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

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε,
ιλιάσθητι 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 ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.
Ἀμήν.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἀγιασθήτω
τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθῆτω
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 εἰσενέγκῃς
ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ
πονηροῦ.

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος δ΄.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον,
καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς
τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ
τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ

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.

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

Apolytikion of the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4.

Today is the summary of our salvation, and
the revelation of the age-old mystery. For the Son
of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel
announces the good news of grace. Therefore,
let us join him, and cry aloud to the Theotokos:

τῆ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ
Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ. (ἐκ γ')

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ ὢν εὐλογητός, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
πάντοτε, νῦν, καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰῶνων. (Αμήν.)

Στερεώσαι, Κύριος ὁ Θεός, τὴν ἁγίαν καὶ
ἀμόμητον πίστιν τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων
Χριστιανῶν, σὺν τῇ ἁγίᾳ αὐτοῦ Ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ τῇ
πόλει ταύτῃ εἰς αἰῶνας αἰῶνων.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ, καὶ
ἐνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφεείμ, τὴν
ἀδιαφθόρωσ, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως
Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ δι' ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ διὰ τὴν
ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν ἐκ Πνεύματος ἁγίου
καὶ Μαρίας τῆς Παρθένου σαρκωθῆναι
καταδεξάμενος, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμόμου
ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, ἧς καὶ τὸν Εὐαγγελισμὸν
ἐορτάζομεν· δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ
Σταυροῦ, προστασίας τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων
Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου,
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ
Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμεων
Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων
μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων
ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ

"Rejoice, Maiden full of grace! The Lord is with
you." (3) [SD]

DEACON

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

PRIEST

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

Make firm, Lord our God, the holy and pure
faith of the pious Orthodox Christians, together
with the Holy Church and this city forever.

READER

Amen.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in
glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim;
you without corruption gave birth to God the
Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we
magnify.

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. (3) Father, bless!

PRIEST

May He who for us men and for our salvation
condescended to become incarnate of the the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary, Christ our true God,
through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-
immaculate holy Mother, whose Annunciation
we celebrate; 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

δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

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

(Amen.)