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Vespers of Holy Saturday

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Τριώδιον - Μεγάλη Ἑβδομάδα

Τῆ Παρασκευῆ εἰς τὸν Ἑσπερινόν.

Ἡ Ἀποκαθήλωσις τῆ Παρασκευῆ τὸ Ἀπόγευμα
Ἑσπερινὸς τοῦ Μεγάλου Σαββάτου

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 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
πετύγων 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
εἰς τὸν τόπον, ὃν ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον
ἔθου, ὃ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι
καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων πηγὰς ἐν
φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὀρέων διελεύσονται

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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

ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέχονται 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 τῆ 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 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

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 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

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 ἁμαρτωλοὶ 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 αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.
Ἀμήν.

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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 ἴσταται 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· πρεσβεΐαις 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 ἀγίας 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 ἀγίας 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.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος α΄.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου· πρόσχευε 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 1.

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 ἐδείθην.

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 δεξιά, 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.

Πρόσχες 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.

Ῥῥασά 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 Τριωδίου - - -

Ἰδιόμελον Α΄. ᾠχος α΄.

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

Πᾶσα ἡ Κτίσις, ἡλλοιοῦτο φόβῳ, θεωροῦσά σε, ἐν σταυρῷ κρεμάμενον Χριστέ. Ὁ ἥλιος ἐσκοτίζετο, καὶ γῆς τὰ θεμέλια συνεταράττετο, τὰ πάντα συνέπασχον, τῷ τὰ πάντα κτίσαντι, ὁ ἐκουσίως δι' ἡμᾶς ὑπομείνας, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τὸ αὐτό.

Ἰδιόμελον Α΄. ᾠχος α΄.

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

Πᾶσα ἡ Κτίσις, ἡλλοιοῦτο φόβῳ, θεωροῦσά σε, ἐν σταυρῷ κρεμάμενον Χριστέ. Ὁ ἥλιος ἐσκοτίζετο, καὶ γῆς τὰ θεμέλια συνεταράττετο, τὰ πάντα συνέπασχον, τῷ τὰ πάντα κτίσαντι, ὁ ἐκουσίως δι' ἡμᾶς ὑπομείνας, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἰδιόμελον Β΄. ᾠχος β΄.

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

Λαὸς δυσσεβῆς καὶ παράνομος, ἵνα τί μελετᾷ κενά; ἵνα τί τὴν ζωὴν τῶν ἀπάντων, θανάτῳ κατεδίκασε; Μέγα θαῦμα! ὅτι ὁ Κτίστης τοῦ Κόσμου, εἰς χεῖρας ἀνόμων παραδίδοται, καὶ ἐπὶ

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 Triodion - - -

Idiomelon 1. Mode 1.

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

All creation was altered in awe, as it saw You hanging on a cross, O Christ. The sun went dark, and the foundations of the earth shook. All things suffered with You who created all things. O Lord, who willingly endured it for us, glory to You! [SD]

Repeat.

Idiomelon 1. Mode 1.

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

All creation was altered in awe, as it saw You hanging on a cross, O Christ. The sun went dark, and the foundations of the earth shook. All things suffered with You who created all things. O Lord, who willingly endured it for us, glory to You! [SD]

Idiomelon 2. Mode 2.

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

Why do the impious and unlawful people meditate on vain things? Why did they condemn to death the One who is the life of all? Great is the marvel! The Creator of the world is delivered

ξύλου ἀνυψοῦται ὁ φιλόανθρωπος, ἵνα τοὺς ἐν Ἄδῃ δεσμώτας ἐλευθερώσῃ, κρίζοντας· Μακρόθυμε Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἰδιόμελον Γ'. Ἦχος β'.

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

Σήμερον σὲ θεωροῦσα, ἡ ἄμεμπτος Παρθένος ἐν Σταυρῷ, Λόγε ἀναρτώμενον, ὀδυρομένη μητρῶα σπλάγχνα, ἐτέρωτο τὴν καρδίαν πικρῶς· καὶ στενάζουσα ὀδυνηρῶς ἐκ βάθους ψυχῆς, παρειὰς σὺν θριξὶ καταζαίνουσα, κατετρύχετο· διὸ καὶ τὸ στήθος τύπτουσα, ἀνέκραγε γοερῶς· Οἴμοι θεῖον Τέκνον! οἴμοι τὸ φῶς τοῦ Κόσμου! τί ἔδυσ ἐξ ὀφθαλμῶν μου, ὁ Ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ; ὅθεν αἱ στρατιαὶ τῶν Ἀσωμάτων, τρόμῳ συνείχοντο λέγουσαι· Ἀκατάληπτε Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἰδιόμελον Δ'. Ἦχος β'.

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

Ἐπὶ ξύλου βλέπουσα, κρεμάμενον Χριστέ, σὲ τὸν πάντων Κτίστην καὶ Θεόν, ἡ σὲ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσα, ἐβόα, πικρῶς· Υἱέ μου, ποῦ τὸ κάλλος ἔδυσ τῆς μορφῆς σου; οὐ φέρω καθορᾶν σε, ἀδίκως σταυρούμενον· σπεῦσον οὖν ἀνάστηθι, ὅπως ἴδω κάγω, σοῦ τὴν ἐκ νεκρῶν, τριήμερον ἐξανάστασιν.

Ἰδιόμελον Ε'. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Σήμερον ὁ Δεσπότης τῆς κτίσεως, παρίσταται Πιλάτῳ, καὶ σταυρῷ παραδίδεται ὁ Κτίστης τῶν ἀπάντων, ὡς ἀμνὸς προσαγόμενος τῇ ἰδίᾳ βουλήσει· τοῖς ἡλοῖς προσπήγνυται, καὶ τὴν

into the hands of lawless men, and the Friend of humanity is lifted up on a cross, in order to free the prisoners in Hades, who cry to Him, "Long-suffering Lord, glory to You!" ^[SD]

Idiomelon 3. Mode 2.

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

The blameless Virgin was watching as You were suspended on the Cross today, O Word of God. She lamented with motherly emotions, and it cruelly broke her heart. She sighed with pain from the depths of her soul, tearing at her face and her hair, and it wore her out. Then, beating her breasts, she mournfully cried aloud, "Woe is me, my divine Child! Alas, the Light of the world! Why did you sink from before my eyes, O Lamb of God?" Then the hosts of bodiless Angels were overcome by trembling and they said, "Incomprehensible Lord, glory to You!" ^[SD]

Idiomelon 4. Mode 2.

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

O Christ God, the Creator of all, Your Mother, who without seed gave birth to You, saw You hanging on the Cross, and she cried out in anguish, "O my Son, where has the handsome sight of You set? I cannot bear to see You unjustly crucified. So, hurry and rise again, so that I may see Your resurrection from the dead on the third day." ^[SD]

Idiomelon 5. Mode pl. 2.

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

Today the Master of creation stands before Pilate; the Creator of all is delivered to be crucified; like a lamb, He is brought of His own will to the Cross. He is fixed with the nails, He is

πλευρὰν κεντᾶται, καὶ τῷ σπόγγῳ προσψαύεται, ὁ μάννα ἐπομβρήσας· τὰς σιαγόνas ραπίζεται, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ Κόσμου, καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν ἰδίων δούλων ἐμπαίζεται, ὁ Πλάστης τῶν ἀπάντων. Ὡ Δεσπότης φιλανθρωπίας! ὑπὲρ τῶν σταυρῶντων παρεκάλει τὸν ἴδιον Πατέρα, λέγων· Ἄφες αὐτοῖς τὴν ἀμαρτίαν ταύτην· οὐ γὰρ οἶδασιν οἱ ἄνομοι, τί ἀδίκως πράττουσιν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἦχος πλ. β΄.

Ὡ! πῶς ἡ παράνομος συναγωγή, τὸν Βασιλέα τῆς Κτίσεως κατεδίκασε θανάτῳ, μὴ αἰδεσθεῖσα τὰς εὐεργεσίας, ἃς ἀναμιμνήσκων, προησφαλίζετο λέγων πρὸς αὐτούς· Λαός μου τί ἐποίησα ὑμῖν; οὐ θαυμάτων ἐνέπλησα τὴν Ἰουδαίαν, οὐ νεκροὺς ἐξανέστησα μόνῳ τῷ λόγῳ; οὐ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐθεράπευσα καὶ νόσον· τί οὖν μοι ἀνταποδίδετε; εἰς τί ἀμνημονεῖτέ μου; ἀντὶ τῶν ἰαμάτων πληγὰς μοι ἐπιθέντες, ἀντὶ ζωῆς νεκροῦντες, κρεμῶντες ἐπὶ ξύλου, ὡς κακοῦργον, τὸν εὐεργέτην, ὡς παράνομον, τὸν νομοδότην, ὡς κατάκριτον, τὸν πάντων βασιλέα. Μακρόθυμε Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἦχος πλ. β΄.

Φοβερὸν καὶ παράδοξον Μυστήριον, σήμερον ἐνεργούμενον καθορᾶται. Ὁ ἀναφῆς κρατεῖται, δεσμεῖται, ὁ λύων τὸν Ἀδὰμ τῆς κατάρας. Ὁ ἐτάζων καρδίας καὶ νεφρούς, ἀδίκως ἐτάζεται, εἰρκτῆ κατακλείεται, ὁ τὴν ἄβυσσον κλείσας, πλάτῳ παρίσταται, ὃ τρόμφῳ παρίστανται οὐρανῶν αἱ Δυνάμεις, ραπίζεται χειρὶ τοῦ πλάσματος, ὁ Πλάστης, ξύλῳ κατακρίνεται, ὁ κρίνων ζῶντας καὶ νεκρούς, τάφῳ κατακλείεται, ὁ καθαιρέτης τοῦ Ἄδου. Ὁ πάντα φέρων συμπαθῶς, καὶ πάντας σώσας τῆς ἀρᾶς, ἀνεξίκακε Κύριε δόξα σοι.

pierced in the side, and He sips from the sponge, He who caused the manna to rain down of old. The Redeemer of the world is smitten on the cheek. The Maker of all is mocked by His own servants. Such is the Master's love for humanity! He prayed to His Father for those who crucified Him, and He said, "Forgive them this sin, for the lawless do not know what they are unjustly doing." [SD]

Glory.

From Triodion - - -

Mode pl. 2.

Oh! How could that unlawful synagogue condemn to death the King of all creation, with no regard for the good things that He had done for them! In His own defense, He reminded them of all these, and said to them, "My people, what did I do for you? Did I not fill Judea with miracles? Did I not raise the dead with but a word? Did I not cure every sickness and disease? And what do you give Me in return? Why do you not remember Me? Instead of healings, you inflict wounds on Me; instead of life, you kill Me. You hang your Benefactor on the Cross as a malefactor, the Lawgiver as an outlaw, the King of all as a criminal." O longsuffering Lord, glory to You! [SD]

Both now.

From Triodion - - -

Mode pl. 2.

Awesome and paradoxical is the mystery that we see unfolding today. He who is untouchable is now arrested. He who releases Adam from the curse is taken prisoner. He who searches and tries the hearts and minds is unjustly put on trial, and He who shut the Abyss is locked up in a prison. Before Pilate now stands He, before whom the hosts of heaven stand and tremble. The Fashioner is struck by the hand of one He fashioned. Condemned to a cross is He who judges the living and the dead. Enclosed in a tomb is the

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας 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 αἰσίσαις, Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ κόσμος σε δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ΄.

Διμερίσαντο τὰ ἱμάτιά μου ἑαυτοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν ἱματισμόν μου ἔβαλον κλῆρον. (δίς)

Στίχ. Ὁ Θεός, ὁ Θεός μου, πρόσχες μοι· ἵνα τί ἐγκατέλιπές με;

Διμερίσαντο τὰ ἱμάτιά μου ἑαυτοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν ἱματισμόν μου ἔβαλον κλῆρον.

Destroyer of Hades. O Lord, You endure it all sympathetically, and You saved us all from the curse. O longsuffering Lord, glory to 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.

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 4.

They divided my garments among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. (2) ^[SAAS]

Verse: O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me?

They divided my garments among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Τῆς Ἐξόδου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Εξ Κεφ. ΑΓ' 11-23

Ἐλάλησε Κύριος πρὸς Μωϋσῆν, ἐνώπιος ἐνωπίω, ὡς εἶ τις λαλήσει πρὸς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ φίλον, καὶ ἀπελύετο εἰς τὴν παρεμβολήν. Ὁ δὲ θεράπων Ἰησοῦς, υἱὸς Ναυῆ νέος, οὐκ ἐξεπορεύετο ἐκ τῆς σκηνῆς. Καὶ εἶπε Μωϋσῆς πρὸς Κύριον· Ἰδοὺ σὺ μοι λέγεις· Ἀνάγαγε τὸν λαὸν τοῦτον, σὺ δὲ οὐκ ἐδήλωσάς μοι, ὃν συναποστελεῖς μετ' ἐμοῦ. Σὺ δέ μοι εἶπας· Οἶδά σε παρὰ πάντας, καὶ χάριν ἔχεις παρ' ἐμοί. Εἰ οὖν εὔρηκα χάριν ἐναντίον σου, ἐμφάνισόν μοι σεαυτὸν, ἵνα γνωστῶς ἴδω σε, ὅπως ἂν ᾧ εὔρηκῶς χάριν ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ ἵνα γνῶ, ὅτι λαός σου τὸ ἔθνος τὸ μέγα τοῦτο. Καὶ λέγει· Αὐτὸς προπορεύσομαί σου, καὶ καταπαύσω σε, καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Εἰ μὴ σὺ αὐτὸς συμπορεύση μεθ' ἡμῶν, μὴ με ἀναγάγῃς ἐντεῦθεν. Καὶ πῶς γνωστὸν ἔσται ἀληθῶς, ὅτι εὔρηκα χάριν παρὰ σοί, ἐγώ τε καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἀλλ' ἢ συμπορευομένου σου μεθ' ἡμῶν; καὶ ἐνδοξασθήσομαι ἐγώ τε, καὶ ὁ λαός σου παρὰ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, ὅσα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἔστιν. Εἶπε δὲ Κύριος πρὸς Μωϋσῆν· Καὶ τοῦτόν σοι τὸν λόγον, ὃν εἶρηκας, ποιήσω· εὔρηκας γὰρ χάριν ἐνώπιον ἐμοῦ, καὶ οἶδά σε παρὰ πάντας. Καὶ λέγει Μωϋσῆς· Δείξόν μοι τὴν σεαυτοῦ δόξαν. Καὶ εἶπεν· Ἐγὼ παρελεύσομαι πρότερός σου τῇ δόξῃ μου, καὶ καλέσω τῷ ὀνόματί μου. Κύριος ἐναντίον σου, καὶ ἐλεήσω, ὃν ἂν ἐλεῶ, καὶ οἰκτειρήσω, ὃν ἂν οἰκτείρω. Καὶ εἶπεν· οὐ δυνήσῃ ἰδεῖν τὸ πρόσωπόν μου· οὐ γὰρ μὴ ἴδῃ ἄνθρωπος τὸ πρόσωπόν μου, καὶ ζήσεται. Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος· Ἰδοὺ τόπος παρ' ἐμοί, καὶ στήθι ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας,

The Readings

From Triodion - - -

READER

The reading is from the book of Exodus.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Ex 33:11-23

Thus the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. Then Moses said to the Lord, "Behold, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you above all, and you have also found grace in My sight.' Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, reveal Yourself to me, that I may see You clearly and find grace in Your sight, and know this great nations is Your people." So He said, "I Myself will go before you and give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If You Yourself do not go up with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be know that Your people and I found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So both I and Your people shall be glorified beyond all the nations on the earth." The Lord then said to Moses, "I will also do this thing you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you above all." Moses replied, "Reveal Yourself to me." Then God said, "I will pass before you in My glory, and I will proclaim My name, the Lord, before you. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man can see My face and live." Moreover, the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me;

ἡνίκα δ' ἂν παρέλθῃ ἡ δόξα μου, καὶ θήσω σε εἰς ὀπὴν τῆς πέτρας, καὶ σκεπάσω τῆ χειρὶ μου ἐπὶ σέ, ἕως ἂν παρέλθω, καὶ ἀφελῶ τὴν χειρὰ μου, καὶ τότε ὄψει τὰ ὀπίσω μου, τὸ δὲ πρόσωπόν μου οὐκ ὀφθήσεται σοι.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'.

Ψαλμὸς ΛΔ' (34).

Δίκασον, Κύριε, τοὺς ἀδικοῦντάς με.

Ἀνταπεδίδοσάν μοι πονηρὰ ἀντὶ ἀγαθῶν.

Ἰὼβ τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἰὼβ Κεφ. ΜΒ' 12-17

Εὐλόγησε Κύριος τὰ ἔσχατα τοῦ Ἰὼβ μᾶλλον, ἢ τὰ ἔμπροσθεν, ἦν δὲ τὰ κτήνη αὐτοῦ, πρόβατα μύρια τετρακισχίλια, κάμηλοι ἑξακισχίλια, ζεύγη βοῶν χίλια, ὄνοι θήλειαι νομάδες χίλια. Γεννῶνται δὲ αὐτῷ υἱοὶ ἑπτὰ, καὶ θυγατέρες τρεῖς. Καὶ ἐκάλεσε τὴν μὲν πρώτην, Ἡμέραν, τὴν δὲ δευτέραν, Κασσίαν, τὴν δὲ τρίτην, Ἀμαλθαίας κέρας. Καὶ οὐχ εὐρέθησαν κατὰ τὰς θυγατέρας Ἰὼβ, βελτίους αὐτῶν ἐν τῇ ὑπ' οὐρανόν, ἔδωκε δὲ αὐταῖς ὁ πατήρ κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς. Ἐζήσθη δὲ Ἰὼβ, μετὰ τὴν πληγὴν, ἔτη ἑκατὸν ἑβδομήκοντα, τὰ δὲ πάντα ἔτη ἔζησθη διακόσια τεσσαράκοντα. Καὶ εἶδεν Ἰὼβ τοὺς υἱοὺς αὐτοῦ, καὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῶν υἱῶν αὐτοῦ, τετάρτην γενεάν, καὶ ἐτελεύτησεν Ἰὼβ πρεσβύτερος, καὶ πλήρης ἡμερῶν. Γέγραπται δὲ· αὐτὸν πάλιν ἀναστήσεσθαι μεθ' ὧν ὁ Κύριος ἀνίστησιν. Οὗτος ἐρμηνεύεται ἐκ τῆς Συριακῆς βίβλου, ἐν μὲν γῆ κατοικῶν τῇ Αὐσίτιδι, ἐπὶ τοῖς ὀρίοις τῆς Ἰδουμαίας, καὶ Ἀραβίας· προὑπῆρχε δὲ αὐτῷ ὄνομα, Ἰωβάβ· λαβῶν δὲ γυναῖκα Ἀράβισσαν, γεννᾷ υἱόν, ᾧ ὄνομα Ἐνών. Ἦν δὲ αὐτὸς πατὴρ μὲν Ζαρέ, ἐκ

you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." [SAAS]

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalms 34 (35).

O Lord, judge those who injure me.

They repaid me evil for good. [SAAS]

The reading is from the book of Job.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Job 42:12-17

Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. And he named the first, Day, the second, Cassia, and the third, Amalthia's Horn. In all the land, there were found no women so beautiful as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. After this affliction, Job lived one hundred and seventy years, and all the years he lived were two hundred forty-eight; and Job saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. So Job died, old and full of days. It is written that he will rise with those whom the Lord resurrects. This man is described in the Syriac book as living in the land of Ausitis, on the border of Edom and Arabia. Previously his name was Jobab. He took an Arabian wife and begot a son named Ennon. But he himself was the son of his father Zare, one of the sons of Esau, and of his

τῶν Ἡσαΐ υἱῶν υἱός, μητρός δὲ Βοσόρρα, ὥστε εἶναι αὐτὸν πέμπτον ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ.

Προφητείας Ἡσαΐου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἡσ Κεφ. ΝΒ', 13 - ΝΔ', 1

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος· Ἴδου συνήσει ὁ παῖς μου, καὶ ὑψωθήσεται, καὶ δοξασθήσεται, καὶ μετεωρισθήσεται σφόδρα. Ὅν τρόπον ἐκστήσονται ἐπὶ σὲ πολλοί, οὕτως ἀδοξήσει ἀπὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸ εἶδός σου, καὶ ἡ δόξα σου ἀπὸ υἱῶν ἀνθρώπων. Οὕτω θαυμάσονται ἔθνη πολλὰ ἐπ' αὐτῷ, καὶ συνέξουσι βασιλεῖς τὸ στόμα αὐτῶν, ὅτι, οἷς οὐκ ἀνηγγέλη περὶ αὐτοῦ, ὄψονται, καὶ οἱ οὐκ ἀκηκόασι, συνήσουσι. Κύριε, τίς ἐπίστευσε τῇ ἀκοῇ ἡμῶν, καὶ ὁ βραχίων Κυρίου τίνι ἀπεκαλύφθη; Ἀνηγγείλαμεν, ὡς παιδίον ἐναντίον αὐτοῦ, ὡς ρίζα ἐν γῆ διψώση. Οὐκ ἔστιν εἶδος αὐτῷ, οὐδὲ δόξα, καὶ εἶδομεν αὐτόν, καὶ οὐκ εἶχεν εἶδος, οὐδὲ κάλλος, ἀλλὰ τὸ εἶδος αὐτοῦ ἄτιμον, καὶ ἐκλείπον παρὰ πάντας τοὺς υἱοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Ἄνθρωπος ἐν πληγῇ ὢν, καὶ εἰδὼς φέρειν μαλακίαν, ὅτι ἀπέστραπται τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ, ἠτιμάσθη καὶ οὐκ ἐλογίσθη. Οὗτος τὰς ἀμαρτίας ἡμῶν φέρει, καὶ περὶ ἡμῶν ὀδυνᾶται, καὶ ἡμεῖς ἐλογισάμεθα αὐτὸν εἶναι ἐν πόνῳ, καὶ ἐν πληγῇ ὑπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἐν κακώσει. Αὐτὸς δὲ ἐτραυματίσθη διὰ τὰς ἀμαρτίας ἡμῶν, καὶ μεμαλάκισται διὰ τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῶν. Παιδεία εἰρήνης ἡμῶν ἐπ' αὐτόν, τῷ μῶλωπι αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς ἰάθημεν. Πάντες ὡς πρόβατα ἐπλανήθημεν, ἄνθρωπος τῇ ὁδῷ αὐτοῦ ἐπλανήθη. Καὶ Κύριος παρέδωκεν αὐτὸν ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις ἡμῶν, καὶ αὐτὸς διὰ τὸ κεκακῶσθαι, οὐκ ἀνοίγει τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ. Ὡς πρόβατον ἐπὶ σφαγὴν ἤχθη, καὶ ὡς ἄμνος ἐναντίον τοῦ κείροντος ἄφωνος, οὕτως οὐκ ἀνοίγει

mother Bosorra. Thus, he was the fifth son from Abraham. [SAAS]

The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Is 52:14-54:1

Thus says the Lord: Behold, My Servant shall have wisdom, and He shall be exalted and glorified exceedingly. Just as many shall be astonished at You, so Your form and glory shall be dishonored by men. Thus many nations shall marvel at Him, and kings shall shut their mouth, because they to whom no report was brought concerning Him shall see; and they who did not hear shall understand. O Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom was the arm of the Lord revealed? We proclaimed His presence as a Child, as a Root in the thirsty land. He had no form or glory, and we saw Him; and He had no form or beauty. But in comparison to all men, His form was lacking in honor. He was a man in suffering and knew how to bear sickness. His face was turned away, and He was dishonored and not esteemed. He bears our sins and suffers for us, yet we considered Him to be in pain, suffering, and ill-treatment. But He was wounded because of our lawlessness, and became sick because of our sins. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His bruise we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray. Man has gone astray in his way, and the Lord delivered Him over for our sins. Although He was ill-treated, He opened not His mouth. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb is silent before his shearers, so He opens not His mouth. In His humiliation His judgment was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the

τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ. Ἐν τῇ ταπεινώσει αὐτοῦ, ἡ κρίσις αὐτοῦ ἤρθη, τὴν δὲ γενεὰν αὐτοῦ τίς διηγῆσεται; ὅτι αἴρεται ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἡ ζωὴ αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ τῶν ἀνομιῶν τοῦ λαοῦ μου ἤχθη εἰς θάνατον. Καὶ δώσω τοὺς πονηροὺς, ἀντὶ τῆς ταφῆς αὐτοῦ, καὶ τοὺς πλουσίους, ἀντὶ τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἀνομίαν οὐκ ἐποίησεν, οὐδὲ εὐρέθη δόλος ἐν τῷ στόματι αὐτοῦ, καὶ βούλεται Κύριος καθαρῖσαι αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς πληγῆς. Ἐὰν δώτε περὶ ἀμαρτίας, ἡ ψυχὴ ὑμῶν ὄψεται σπέρμα μακρόβιον, καὶ βούλεται Κύριος ἐν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ ἀφελεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ πόνου τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ, δεῖξαι αὐτῷ φῶς, καὶ πλάσαι τῇ συνέσει, δικαιοῦσαι δίκαιον, εὖ δουλεύοντα πολλοῖς, καὶ τὰς ἀμαρτίας αὐτῶν αὐτὸς ἀνοίσει. Διὰ τοῦτο αὐτὸς κληρονομήσει πολλούς, καὶ τῶν ἰσχυρῶν μεριεῖ σκῦλα· ἀνθ' ὧν παρεδόθη εἰς θάνατον ἡ ψυχὴ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἀνόμοις ἐλογίσθη, καὶ αὐτὸς ἀμαρτίας πολλῶν ἀνήνεγκε, καὶ διὰ τὰς ἀμαρτίας αὐτῶν παρεδόθη. Εὐφράνθητι στεῖρα, ἡ οὐ τίκτουσα, ῥῆξον καὶ βόησον ἢ οὐκ ὠδίνουσα, ὅτι πολλὰ τὰ τέκνα τῆς ἐρήμου μᾶλλον, ἢ τῆς ἐχούσης τὸν ἄνδρα.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα
Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'. Ψαλμὸς 87.

Ἔθεντό με ἐν λάκκῳ κατωτάτῳ, ἐν σκοτεινοῖς καὶ ἐν σκιᾷ θανάτου.

Στίχ. Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου, ἡμέρας ἐκέκραξα καὶ ἐν νυκτὶ ἐναντίον σου.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

earth, and because of the lawlessness of My people He was led to death. I will appoint evil men for His burial and rich men for His death, because He committed no lawlessness, nor was deceit found in His mouth. The Lord wishes to cleanse Him of His wound, and if You give an offering for sin, Your soul shall see a long-lived seed. The Lord wishes to take away the pain of His soul, to show Him light, to form Him with understanding, and to pronounce righteous the Righteous One who serves many well; and He shall bear their sins. Therefore He shall inherit many, and will divide the spoil with the strong, because His soul was delivered over to death. He was considered among the lawless, and He bore the sins of many, and was delivered over because of their sins. "Be glad, O barren woman who does not bear; break forth and cry out, you who are not in travail, for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman." [SAAS]

The Readings
The Epistle

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

READER

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 87.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places and in the shadow of death.

Verse: O Lord God of my salvation, I cry day and night before You.

DEACON

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

1Κορ 1:18-31, 2:1-2

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ λόγος ὁ τοῦ Σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστὶ, τοῖς δὲ σφζομένοις ἡμῖν δύναμις Θεοῦ ἐστὶ. Γέγραπται γάρ· Ἀπολῶ τὴν σοφίαν τῶν σοφῶν, καὶ τὴν σύνεσιν τῶν συνετῶν ἀθετήσω. Ποῦ σοφός; ποῦ γραμματεὺς; ποῦ συζητητῆς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου; οὐχὶ ἐμώρανεν ὁ Θεὸς τὴν σοφίαν τοῦ Κόσμου τούτου; Ἐπειδὴ γάρ ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ Κόσμος διὰ τῆς σοφίας τὸν Θεόν, εὐδόκησεν ὁ Θεὸς διὰ τῆς μωρίας τοῦ κηρύγματος σῶσαι τοὺς πιστεύοντας. Ἐπειδὴ καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι σημεῖον αἰτοῦσι, καὶ Ἕλληνες σοφίαν ζητοῦσιν, ἡμεῖς δὲ κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον, Ἰουδαίους μὲν σκάνδαλον, Ἕλλησι δὲ μωρίαν, αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἕλλησι, Χριστὸν Θεοῦ δύναμιν καὶ Θεοῦ σοφίαν, ὅτι τὸ μωρὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, σοφώτερον τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἐστὶ, καὶ τὸ ἀσθενὲς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἰσχυρότερον τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἐστὶ. Βλέπετε γάρ τὴν κλήσιν ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί, ὅτι οὐ πολλοὶ σοφοὶ κατὰ σάρκα, οὐ πολλοὶ δυνατοί, οὐ πολλοὶ εὐγενεῖς, ἀλλὰ τὰ μωρὰ τοῦ Κόσμου ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, ἵνα τοὺς σοφοὺς καταισχύνη, καὶ τὰ ἀσθενῆ τοῦ Κόσμου ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, ἵνα καταισχύνη τὰ ἰσχυρά, καὶ τὰ ἀγενῆ τοῦ Κόσμου καὶ τὰ ἐξουθενημένα ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὰ μὴ ὄντα, ἵνα τὰ ὄντα καταργήσῃ, ὅπως μὴ καυχῆσθαι πᾶσα σὰρξ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἐξ αὐτοῦ δὲ ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, ὃς ἐγενήθη ἡμῖν σοφία ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, δικαιοσύνη τε καὶ ἁγιασμὸς καὶ ἀπολύτρωσις, ἵνα, καθὼς γέγραπται. ὁ καυχώμενος, ἐν Κυρίῳ καυχάσθω, κἀγὼ δέ, ἐλθὼν πρὸς ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, ἦλθον, οὐ καθ' ὑπεροχὴν λόγου, ἢ σοφίας, καταγγέλλων ὑμῖν τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ Θεοῦ· οὐ γὰρ ἔκρινα τοῦ εἰδέναι

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

READER

1 Cor. 1:18-31; 2:1-2

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written. "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord." When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Christ and him crucified. [RSV]

τι ἐν ὑμῖν, εἰ μὴ Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τοῦτον ἐσταυρωμένον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη σοι τῷ ἀναγινώσκοντι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀλληλούϊα. ᾠχος πλ. α΄. Ψαλμὸς 68.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. α΄. Σῶσόν με, ὁ Θεός, ὅτι εἰσήλθοσαν ὕδατα ἕως ψυχῆς μου.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β΄. Ἔδωκαν εἰς τὸ βρῶμά μου χολήν, καὶ εἰς τὴν δίψαν μου ἐπότισάν με ὄξος.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. γ΄. Σκοτισθήτωσαν οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ αὐτῶν τοῦ μὴ βλέπειν, καὶ τὸν νῶτον αὐτῶν διαπαντὸς σύγκαμψον.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΥ

Ἐλλαμψον ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν, φιλόανθρωπε Δέσποτα, τὸ τῆς σῆς θεογνωσίας ἀκήρατον φῶς, καὶ τοὺς τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν ὀφθαλμοὺς διάνοιζον εἰς τὴν τῶν εὐαγγελικῶν σου κηρυγμάτων κατανόησιν. Ἐνθες ἡμῖν καὶ τὸν τῶν μακαρίων σου ἐντολῶν φόβον, ἵνα τὰς σαρκικὰς ἐπιθυμίας πάσας καταπατήσαντες, πνευματικὴν πολιτείαν μετέλθωμεν, πάντα τὰ πρὸς εὐαρέστησιν τὴν σὴν καὶ φρονοῦντες καὶ πράττοντες. Σὺ γὰρ εἶ ὁ φωτισμὸς τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ ἀνάρχῳ σου Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί. Ἀκούσωμεν τοῦ ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου.

PRIEST

Peace be with you.

CHOIR

Alleluia. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 68.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Save me, O God, for the waters flood my soul.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *They gave me gall for my food, and they gave me vinegar for my drink.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 3: *Let their eyes be darkened so they may not see, and bend down their backs continually.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

THE PRAYER OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

Shine in our hearts, O Master Who loves mankind, the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind that we may comprehend the proclamations of Your Gospels. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments so that, having trampled down all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the illumination of our souls and bodies, and to You we offer up glory, together with Your Father, Who is without beginning, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Gospel

Great and Holy Friday

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ειρήνη πᾶσι.

(*Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.*)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

(*Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.*)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ματθ. κζ' 1 - 38 Λουκ. κγ' 39 - 43, Ματθ. κζ' 39 - 54, Ιω ιθ' 31 - 37, Ματθ. κζ' 55 - 61

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, συμβούλιον ἔλαβον πάντες οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι τοῦ λαοῦ κατὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ὥστε θανατῶσαι αὐτόν· καὶ δήσαντες αὐτόν ἀπήγαγον καὶ παρέδωκαν αὐτόν Ποντίῳ Πιλάτῳ τῷ ἡγεμόνι. Τότε ἰδὼν Ἰούδας ὁ παραδιδούς αὐτόν ὅτι κατεκρίθη, μεταμεληθεὶς ἀπέστρεψε τὰ τριάκοντα ἀργύρια τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ πρεσβυτέροις λέγων· Ἥμαρτον παραδούς αἷμα ἁθῶν. οἱ δὲ εἶπον· Τί πρὸς ἡμᾶς; σὺ ὄψη. καὶ ρίψας τὰ ἀργύρια ἐν τῷ ναῷ ἀνεχώρησε, καὶ ἀπελθὼν ἀπήγατο. οἱ δὲ ἀρχιερεῖς λαβόντες τὰ ἀργύρια εἶπον· Οὐκ ἔξεστι βαλεῖν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν κορβανᾶν, ἐπεὶ τιμὴ αἱματός ἐστι. συμβούλιον δὲ λαβόντες ἠγόρασαν ἐξ αὐτῶν τὸν ἀγρὸν τοῦ κεραμέως εἰς ταφὴν τοῖς ξένοις· διὸ ἐκλήθη ὁ ἀγρὸς ἐκεῖνος ἀγρὸς αἱματος ἕως τῆς σήμερον. τότε ἐπληρώθη τὸ ρηθὲν διὰ Ἱερεμίου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· καὶ ἔλαβον τὰ τριάκοντα ἀργύρια, τὴν τιμὴν τοῦ τετιμημένου ὃν ἐτιμήσαντο ἀπὸ υἰῶν Ἰσραὴλ, καὶ ἔδωκαν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν ἀγρὸν τοῦ κεραμέως, καθὰ συνέταξέ μοι Κύριος. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἔστη ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ ἡγεμόνος· καὶ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτόν ὁ ἡγεμὼν λέγων· Σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων; ὁ δὲ ἔφη αὐτῷ· Σὺ λέγεις. καὶ ἐν τῷ κατηγορεῖσθαι αὐτόν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀρχιερέων

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(*And with your spirit.*)

DEACON

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

(*Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.*)

DEACON

Matthew 27:1-38, Luke 23:39-43, Matthew 27:39-54, John 19:31-37, Matthew 27:55-61

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death; and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said

καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων οὐδὲν ἀπεκρίνατο. τότε λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλάτος· Οὐκ ἀκούεις πόσα σου καταμαρτυροῦσι; καὶ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ πρὸς οὐδὲ ἓν ῥῆμα, ὥστε θαυμάζειν τὸν ἡγεμόνα λίαν. Κατὰ δὲ τὴν ἑορτὴν εἰώθει ὁ ἡγεμὼν ἀπολύειν ἓνα τῶ ὄχλῳ δέσμιον ὃν ἤθελον. εἶχον δὲ τότε δέσμιον ἐπίσημον λεγόμενον Βαραββᾶν. συνηγμένων οὖν αὐτῶν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· Τίνα θέλετε ἀπολύσω ὑμῖν, Βαραββᾶν ἢ Ἰησοῦν τὸν λεγόμενον Χριστόν; ἦδει γὰρ ὅτι διὰ φθόνον παρέδωκαν αὐτόν. Καθημένου δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τοῦ βήματος ἀπέστειλε πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ λέγουσα· Μηδὲν σοὶ καὶ τῷ δικαίῳ ἐκείνῳ· πολλὰ γὰρ ἔπαθον σήμερον κατ' ὄναρ δι' αὐτόν. Οἱ δὲ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι ἔπεισαν τοὺς ὄχλους ἵνα αἰτήσωνται τὸν Βαραββᾶν, τὸν δὲ Ἰησοῦν ἀπολέσωσιν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἡγεμὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Τίνα θέλετε ἀπὸ τῶν δύο ἀπολύσω ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον· Βαραββᾶν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· Τί οὖν ποιήσω Ἰησοῦν τὸν λεγόμενον Χριστόν; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ πάντες· Σταυρωθήτω. ὁ δὲ ἡγεμὼν ἔφη· Τί γὰρ κακὸν ἐποίησεν; οἱ δὲ περισσῶς ἔκραζον λέγοντες· Σταυρωθήτω. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Πιλάτος ὅτι οὐδὲν ὠφελεῖ, ἀλλὰ μᾶλλον θόρυβος γίνεται, λαβὼν ὕδωρ ἀπενίψατο τὰς χεῖρας ἀπέναντι τοῦ ὄχλου, λέγων· Ἀθῶός εἰμι ἀπὸ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ δικαίου τούτου· ὑμεῖς ὄψεσθε. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς πᾶς ὁ λαὸς εἶπε· Τὸ αἷμα αὐτοῦ ἐφ' ἡμᾶς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ τέκνα ἡμῶν. τότε ἀπέλυσεν αὐτοῖς τὸν Βαραββᾶν, τὸν δὲ Ἰησοῦν φραγελλώσας παρέδωκεν ἵνα σταυρωθῆ. Τότε οἱ στρατιῶται τοῦ ἡγεμόνος παραλαβόντες τὸν Ἰησοῦν εἰς τὸ πραιτώριον συνήγαγον ἐπ' αὐτὸν ὄλην τὴν σπεῖραν· καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτὸν περιέθηκαν αὐτῷ χλαμύδα κοκκίνην, καὶ πλέξαντες στέφανον ἐξ ἀκανθῶν ἐπέθηκαν ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ καὶ κάλαμον ἐπὶ τὴν δεξιὰν αὐτοῦ, καὶ γονυπετήσαντες ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ ἐνέπαιζον αὐτῷ λέγοντες· Χαῖρε, ὁ βασιλεὺς

so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified." And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified." So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and

τῶν Ἰουδαίων· καὶ ἐμπτύσαντες εἰς αὐτὸν ἔλαβον τὸν κάλαμον καὶ ἔτυπτον εἰς τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ. καὶ ὅτε ἐνέπαιξαν αὐτῷ, ἐξέδυσαν αὐτὸν τὴν χλαμύδα καὶ ἐνέδυσαν αὐτὸν τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀπήγαγον αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ σταυρῶσαι. Ἐξερχόμενοι δὲ εὔρον ἄνθρωπον Κυρηναῖον ὀνόματι Σίμωνα· τοῦτον ἠγγάρευσαν ἵνα ἄρῃ τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ. Καὶ ἐλθόντες εἰς τόπον λεγόμενον Γολγοθᾶ, ὃ ἐστὶ λεγόμενος κρανίου τόπος, ἔδωκαν αὐτῷ πιεῖν ὄξος μετὰ χολῆς μεμιγμένον· καὶ γευσάμενος οὐκ ἤθελε πιεῖν. σταυρώσαντες δὲ αὐτὸν διμερίσαντο τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ βάλλοντες κλῆρον, καὶ καθήμενοι ἐτήρουν αὐτὸν ἐκεῖ. καὶ ἐπέθηκαν ἐπάνω τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ τὴν αἰτίαν αὐτοῦ γεγραμμένην· Οὗτός ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων. Τότε σταυροῦνται σὺν αὐτῷ δύο λησταί, εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων. (Λουκ. κγ' 39 – 43) Εἷς δὲ τῶν κρεμασθέντων κακούργων ἐβλασφήμει αὐτὸν λέγων· Εἰ σὺ εἶ ὁ Χριστός, σῶσον σεαυτὸν καὶ ἡμᾶς. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἕτερος ἐπέτιμα αὐτῷ λέγων· Οὐδὲ φοβῆ σὺ τὸν Θεόν, ὅτι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ κρίματι εἶ; καὶ ἡμεῖς μὲν δικαίως· ἄξια γὰρ ὧν ἐπράξαμεν ἀπολαμβάνομεν· οὗτος δὲ οὐδὲν ἄτοπον ἔπραξε. καὶ ἔλεγε τῷ Ἰησοῦ· Μνήσθητί μου, Κύριε, ὅταν ἔλθῃς ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ἀμήν λέγω σοι, σήμερον μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔσῃ ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ. (Ματθ. κζ' 39 – 54) Οἱ δὲ παραπορευόμενοι ἐβλασφήμουν αὐτὸν κινούμενοι τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτῶν καὶ λέγοντες· Ὁ καταλύων τὸν ναὸν καὶ ἐν τρισὶν ἡμέραις οἰκοδομῶν! σῶσον σεαυτὸν· εἰ υἱὸς εἶ τοῦ Θεοῦ, κατάβηθι ἀπὸ τοῦ σταυροῦ. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἐμπαιζόντες μετὰ τῶν γραμματέων καὶ πρεσβυτέρων καὶ Φαρισαίων ἔλεγον· Ἄλλους ἔσωσεν, ἑαυτὸν οὐ δύναται σῶσαι· εἰ βασιλεὺς Ἰσραὴλ ἐστὶ, καταβάτω νῦν ἀπὸ τοῦ σταυροῦ καὶ πιστεύσομεν ἐπ' αὐτῷ· πέποιθεν ἐπὶ τὸν Θεόν, ῥυσάσθω νῦν αὐτόν, εἰ θέλει αὐτόν· εἶπε γὰρ

put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver

ὅτι Θεοῦ εἶμι υἱός. τὸ δ' αὐτὸ καὶ οἱ λησταὶ οἱ συσταυρωθέντες αὐτῷ ὠνείδιζον αὐτόν. Ἀπὸ δὲ ἕκτης ὥρας σκότος ἐγένετο ἐπὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἕως ὥρας ἐνάτης. περὶ δὲ τὴν ἐνάτην ὥραν ἀνεβόησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς φωνῇ μεγάλῃ λέγων· Ἥλι ἡλί, λιμᾶ σαβαχθανί; τοῦτ' ἔστι Θεέ μου, Θεέ μου, ἵνατί με ἐγκατέλιπες; τινὲς δὲ τῶν ἐκεῖ ἐστηκότων ἀκούσαντες ἔλεγον ὅτι Ἥλιαν φωνεῖ οὗτος. καὶ εὐθέως δραμὼν εἷς ἐξ αὐτῶν καὶ λαβὼν σπόγγον πλήσας τε ὄξους καὶ περιθειὸς καλάμῳ ἐπότιζεν αὐτόν. οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ ἔλεγον· Ἄφες ἴδωμεν εἰ ἔρχεται Ἥλιος σώσων αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν κράζας φωνῇ μεγάλῃ ἀφῆκε τὸ πνεῦμα. Καὶ ἰδοὺ τὸ καταπέτασμα τοῦ ναοῦ ἐσχίσθη εἰς δύο ἀπὸ ἄνωθεν ἕως κάτω, καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐσεισθη καὶ αἱ πέτραι ἐσχίσθησαν, καὶ τὰ μνημεῖα ἀνεώχθησαν καὶ πολλὰ σώματα τῶν κεκοιμημένων ἁγίων ἠγέρθη, καὶ ἐξελθόντες ἐκ τῶν μνημείων, μετὰ τὴν ἔγερσιν αὐτοῦ εἰσηλθόντες εἰς τὴν ἁγίαν πόλιν καὶ ἐνεφανίσθησαν πολλοῖς. Ὁ δὲ ἐκατόνταρχος καὶ οἱ μετ' αὐτοῦ τηροῦντες τὸν Ἰησοῦν, ἰδόντες τὸν σεισμόν καὶ τὰ γινόμενα ἐφοβήθησαν σφόδρα λέγοντες· Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς ἦν οὗτος. (Ἰω ιθ' 31 – 37) Οἱ οὖν Ἰουδαῖοι, ἵνα μὴ μείνη ἐπὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ τὰ σώματα ἐν τῷ σαββάτῳ, ἐπεὶ παρασκευὴ ἦν· ἦν γὰρ μεγάλη ἡ ἡμέρα ἐκείνη τοῦ σαββάτου· ἠρώτησαν τὸν Πιλάτον ἵνα κατεαῶσιν αὐτῶν τὰ σκέλη, καὶ ἀρθῶσιν. ἤλθον οὖν οἱ στρατιῶται, καὶ τοῦ μὲν πρώτου κατέαξαν τὰ σκέλη καὶ τοῦ ἄλλου τοῦ συσταυρωθέντος αὐτῷ· ἐπὶ δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐλθόντες ὡς εἶδον αὐτὸν ἤδη τεθνηκότα, οὐ κατέαξαν αὐτοῦ τὰ σκέλη, ἀλλ' εἷς τῶν στρατιωτῶν λόγῃ αὐτοῦ τὴν πλευρὰν ἔνυξε, καὶ εὐθέως ἐξῆλθεν αἷμα καὶ ὕδωρ. καὶ ὁ ἑωρακὼς μεμαρτύρηκε, καὶ ἀληθινὴ αὐτοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ μαρτυρία, κάκεῖνος οἶδεν ὅτι ἀληθῆ λέγει, ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς πιστεύσητε. ἐγένετο γὰρ ταῦτα, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ, Ὅσοῦν οὐ συντριβήσεται αὐτοῦ.

him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe. For these things

καὶ πάλιν ἑτέρα γραφή λέγει· Ὅψονται εἰς ὃν ἐξεκέντησαν. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐκεῖ καὶ γυναῖκες πολλαὶ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν θεωροῦσαι, αἵτινες ἠκολούθησαν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἀπὸ τῆς Γαλιλαίας διακονοῦσαι αὐτῷ· ἐν αἷς ἦν Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ, καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωσὴ μήτηρ, καὶ ἡ μήτηρ τῶν υἱῶν Ζεβεδαίου. Ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης ἦλθεν ἄνθρωπος πλούσιος ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, τοῦνομα Ἰωσήφ, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἐμαθήτευσε τῷ Ἰησοῦ· οὗτος προσελθὼν τῷ Πιλάτῳ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. τότε ὁ Πιλάτος ἐκέλευσεν ἀποδοθῆναι τὸ σῶμα. καὶ λαβὼν τὸ σῶμα ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἐνετύλιξεν αὐτὸ σινδόνι καθαρᾷ, καὶ ἔθηκεν αὐτὸ ἐν τῷ καινῷ αὐτοῦ μνημείῳ ὃ ἐλατόμησεν ἐν τῇ πέτρᾳ, καὶ προσκυλίσας λίθον μέγαν τῇ θύρᾳ τοῦ μνημείου ἀπῆλθεν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ ἡ ἄλλη Μαρία καθήμεναι ἀπέναντι τοῦ τάφου.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη σοι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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.)

took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced." There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. [RSV]

PRIEST

Peace be with you.

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

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.)

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.)

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, ὑγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ 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 περισσῶτος λαοῦ, τοῦ ἀπεκδεχομένου τὸ παρά σοῦ μέγα καὶ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

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

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 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.)

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

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἐσπέρᾳ 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.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἐσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ
Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον
ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῇ σῇ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τὴν ἐσπέραν 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.)

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]

(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.)

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 υπόλοιπον 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.

(*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 πνεύματί σου.*)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνωμεν.

(*Σοί, Κύριε.*)

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.

(*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.*)

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 φιλανθρώπῳ 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 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.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου ---

ᾠχος β΄. Αὐτόμελον.

Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου σε νεκρόν, ὁ Ἄριμαθαίας καθεῖλε, τὴν τῶν ἀπάντων ζωὴν, σμύρνη καὶ σινδόνι σε Χριστὲ ἐκήδευσε, καὶ τῷ πόθῳ ἠπείγετο, καρδίᾳ, καὶ χεῖλει, σῶμα τὸ ἀκήρατον, σοῦ περιπτύξασθαι, ὅμως συστελλόμενος φόβῳ, χαίρων ἀνεβόα σοι· Δόξα, τῇ συγκαταβάσει σου Φιλάνθρωπε.

ᾠχος β΄. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

Στίχ. Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσατο, ἐνεδύσατο Κύριος δύναμιν καὶ περιεζώσατο.

Ὅτε ἐν τῷ τάφῳ τῷ καινῷ, ὑπὲρ τοῦ παντὸς κατετέθης, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ παντός, Ἄδης ὁ παγγέλαστος, ἰδὼν σε ἔπηξεν, οἱ μοχλοὶ συνετρίβησαν, ἐθλάσθησαν πύλαι, μνήματα ἠνοιχθήσαν, νεκροὶ ἀνίσταντο· τότε ὁ Ἄδὰμ

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 Triodion ---

Mode 2. Automelon.

Joseph took You down from the Cross * after You had died, and prepared You, O Christ, for burial. * Using myrrh, he wrapped you in a shroud, O Life of all. * And constrained by his ardent love, * he longed to embrace You, * pressing to Your spotless body his own heart and lips. * But restrained by fear and by reverence, * joyously he cried to You, "Glory * to Your condescension, Lord who love mankind." [SD]

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

Verse: The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with majesty; the Lord clothed and girded Himself with power. [SAAS]

When You, the Redeemer of the world, * lay inside a new rock-hewn sepulcher, for the sake of all, * Hades, now humiliated, cowered seeing You. * Then its bars and the prison gates * were shattered and broken; * tombs were opened, and

εὐχαρίστως, χαίρων ἀνεβόα σοι· Δόξα, τῆ
συγκαταβάσει σου Φιλάνθρωπε.

Ἦχος β΄. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

Στίχ. Καὶ γὰρ ἐστερέωσε τὴν οἰκουμένην, ἣτις
οὐ σαλευθήσεται.

Ὅτε ἐν τῷ τάφῳ σαρκικῶς, θέλων
συνεκλείσθης ὁ φύσει, τῆ τῆς Θεότητος, μένων
ἀπερίγραπτος, καὶ ἀδιόριστος, τὰ θανάτου
ἀπέκλεισας, ταμεῖα καὶ Ἰδοῦ, ἅπαντα ἐκένωσας,
Χριστὲ βασιλεία, τότε καὶ τὸ Σάββατον
τοῦτο, θείας εὐλογίας καὶ δόξης, καὶ τῆς σῆς
λαμπρότητος ἠξίωσας.

Ἦχος β΄. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

Στίχ. Τῷ οἴκῳ σου πρέπει ἀγίασμα, Κύριε, εἰς
μακρότητα ἡμερῶν.

Ὅτε αἱ δυνάμεις σε Χριστέ, πλάνον ὑπ'
ἀνόμων ἐώρων, συκοφαντούμενον, ἔφριττον
τὴν ἄφατον, μακροθυμίαν σου, καὶ τὸν λίθον
τοῦ μνήματος, χερσὶ σφραγισθέντα, αἷς σου
τὴν ἀκήρατον, πλευρὰν ἐλόγχευσαν, ὅμως τῆ
ἡμῶν σωτηρία, χαίρουσαι ἐβόων σοι· Δόξα, τῆ
συγκαταβάσει σου, Φιλάνθρωπε.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. α΄.

Σὲ τὸν ἀναβαλλόμενον, τὸ φῶς ὥσπερ
ἱμάτιον, καθελὼν Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου, σὺν
Νικοδήμῳ, καὶ θεωρήσας νεκρὸν γυμνὸν ἄταφον,
εὐσυμπάθητον θρηῆνον ἀναλαβῶν, ὄδυρόμενος
ἔλεγεν· Οἴμοι, γλυκύτατε Ἰησοῦ! ὄν πρὸ μικροῦ ὁ
ἥλιος ἐν Σταυρῷ κρεμάμενον θεασάμενος, ζόφον

the bodies of the dead arose. * Then did first-
formed Adam, rejoicing, * gratefully cry out to
You, "Glory * to Your condescension, Lord who
love mankind!" [SD]

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

Verse: And He established the world, which
shall not be moved. [SAAS]

When You had been physically enclosed
* in the tomb of Your own volition, remaining
undefined * in the nature of Your Godhead and
uncircumscribed, * then You closed down the
prison-house of death, and You emptied * all the
royal treasuries of Hades, O my Christ. * Thus did
You bestow on this Sabbath * the divine blessing
and glory, * and You honored it with Your own
radiance. [SD]

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

Verse: Holiness is proper to Your house, O
Lord, unto length of days. [SAAS]

When the hosts of angels had beheld * You
being maligned by the lawless as a deceiver, O
Christ, * and the tombstone being sealed by the
hands that had pierced * Your immaculate side,
O Lord, * they shuddered and marveled * at Your
great and indescribable longsuffering. * Yet, for
our salvation rejoicing, * they cried out to You,
saying, "Glory * to Your condescension, Lord who
love mankind!" [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Triodion ---

Mode pl. 1.

You, who cover Yourself with light as with
a garment, were taken down from the Cross by
Joseph, with the help of Nicodemus. When he
saw You dead, naked, and unburied, he took up
a moving lamentation; and stricken with grief
he said, "Alas, O sweetest Jesus! When the sun

περιεβάλλετο, καὶ ἡ γῆ τῷ φόβῳ ἐκυμαίνετο,
καὶ διεῖρήγγυτο ναοῦ τὸ καταπέτασμα· ἀλλ'
ἰδοὺ νῦν βλέπω σε, δι' ἐμὲ ἐκουσίως ὑπελθόντα
θάνατον· πῶς σε κηδεύσω Θεέ μου; ἢ πῶς
σινδόσιν εἰλήσω; ποίαις χερσὶ δὲ προσψαύσω, τὸ
σὸν ἀκήρατον σῶμα; ἢ ποῖα ἄσματα μέλψω, τῇ
σῇ ἐξόδῳ Οἰκτίρμον; Μεγαλύνω τὰ Πάθη σου,
ὕμνολογῶ καὶ τὴν Ταφὴν σου, σὺν τῇ Ἀναστάσει,
κραυγάζων· Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ῥδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν 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,
ἰλάσθητι 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.

saw You hanging on the Cross just a little while
ago, it wrapped itself in darkness; and out of
fear the earth was quaking; and the curtain of
the Temple was torn in two. And now I see You
voluntarily undergoing death for me. How am I
to bury You, my God? Or how can I wrap You
in a shroud? With what hands shall I touch Your
immaculate body, or what songs should I be
singing at Your departure, tender-loving Lord? I
magnify Your Passion, and I extol Your burial and
Your resurrection, as I cry out: O Lord, glory to
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.

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

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἁγιασθήτω
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.

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
αἰῶνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπολυτικά. ᾠχος β΄.

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελὼν
τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ, εἰλήσας
καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας
ἀπέθετο.

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις Γυναίξι, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα
ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς
ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστός, δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη
ἀλλότριος.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

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

Apolytikia. Mode 2.

When he took down Your immaculate Body
from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it
in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for
burial in a new tomb. ^[SD]

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried
out and said to the ointment-bearing women: The
ointments are appropriate for mortal men, but
Christ has been shown to be a stranger to decay. ^[SD]

DEACON

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

PRIEST

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

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ, καὶ ἔνδοξοτέραν, 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 αἰώνων.
Ἀμήν.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ΄) Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ δι' ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ διὰ τὴν ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν, τὰ φορικτὰ πάθη καὶ τὸν ζωοποιὸν σταυρὸν καὶ τὴν ἐκούσιον ταφήν σαρκὶ καταδεξάμενος, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ 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 σῶσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

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 voluntarily endured the awful Passion, the Cross, and Burial, 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.

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

(Amen.)