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Great Compline

on Monday Evening

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**Horologion
Triodion**

Holy Monday

On Monday Evening at Compline.

GREAT COMPLINE

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
present in all places and filling all things,
treasury of good things and giver of life: come;
take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every
stain, and save our souls, O Good one.

READER

(Amen.)

Trisagion Prayers.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
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Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages
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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.

READER

Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

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 4.

You heard me when I called, O God of
my righteousness. You strengthened my heart
when I was in distress; have mercy on me,
and hear my prayer. How long, O you sons
of men, will you be slow of heart? Why do
you love vain things and seek after lies? Know
that the Lord made His Holy One wondrous;
the Lord will hear me when I cry to Him. Be
angry, and do not sin; have remorse upon
your beds for what you say in your hearts.
Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and hope
in the Lord. There are many who say, "Who

will show us good things?" O Lord, the light of Your face was stamped upon us. You put gladness in my heart; from their season of wheat, wine, and oil they were multiplied. I will both sleep and rest in peace, for You alone, O Lord, cause me to dwell in hope. [SAAS]

Psalm 6.

O Lord, do not reprove me in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled; and my soul is greatly troubled; but You, O Lord, how long? Return, O Lord, and deliver my soul. Save me because of Your mercy for there is no remembrance of You in death; and in Hades who will give thanks to You? I am weary with my groaning; every single night I will dampen my bed; I will drench my couch with my tears. My eye is troubled by anger; I grow old among all my enemies. Depart from me, all you workers of lawlessness; for the Lord heard the voice of my weeping; the Lord heard my supplication; the Lord received my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; let them turn back and be suddenly ashamed. [SAAS]

Psalm 12 (13).

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me to the end? How long will You turn Your face from me? How long will I take counsel in my soul, having grief in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Look upon me and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death, lest my enemy say, "I prevailed against him"; those who afflict me greatly rejoice, if I am shaken. But I hope in Your mercy; my heart

shall greatly rejoice in Your salvation; I will sing to the Lord, who shows kindness to me; I will sing to the name of the Lord Most High.

[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)

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.

Psalm 24 (25).

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God. I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies laugh at me. For all who wait upon You shall not be ashamed; let those be ashamed who act lawlessly in vain. Make known Your ways to me, O Lord, and teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation, and on You I wait all the day. Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your mercy, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor of my ignorance; but remember me according to Your mercy, because of Your loving-kindness, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He will instruct sinners in His way. He will guide the gentle in judgment; He will teach the gentle His ways. All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth for those who seek His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my sin, for it is

great. Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way He chooses. His soul shall dwell among good things; his seed shall inherit the earth. The Lord is the strength of those who fear Him, and to those who fear Him, His name is the Lord, and He will show them His covenant. My eyes are always toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the trap. Look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am only-begotten and poor. The afflictions of my heart have been widened; bring me out of my distresses. Look on my humiliation and my pain and forgive all my sins. Look on my enemies, because they multiply, and they hate me with unjustified hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, because I hope in You. The innocent and the upright cleave to me because I wait upon You, O Lord. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his afflictions. [SAAS]

Psalm 30 (31).

In You, O Lord, I hope; may I not be ashamed forever; in Your righteousness deliver and rescue me. Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily; be to me a God who protects me, and a house of refuge to save me. For You are my strength and my refuge, and for Your name's sake You will guide and sustain me; for You will bring me out from the snare they hid for me; for You are my protector. Into Your hands I shall entrust my spirit; You redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. You hate those who maintain their empty vanities, but I hope in the Lord. I will greatly rejoice and be glad because of Your mercy, for You beheld my humiliation; You saved my soul from distress, and did not shut me up into the hands of the enemy;

You set my feet in a wide place. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am afflicted; my eye is troubled with anger; so are my soul and my stomach. For my life is wasted with grief and my years with sighing; my strength is weakened with poverty, and my bones are troubled. I became a reproach among all my enemies, and especially to all my neighbors, and a fear to all my acquaintances; those who saw me outside fled from me. I am forgotten like one whose heart is lifeless; I was made like a vessel that is utterly broken. For I heard the blame of many who dwell round about when they were gathered together against me, when they plotted to take my life. But as for me, I hope in You, O Lord; I said, "You are my God." My times are in Your hands; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me in Your mercy. O Lord, do not let me be ashamed, because I call upon You; let the ungodly be ashamed, and lead them down into Hades. Let deceitful lips become speechless when they speak lawlessness against the righteous with arrogance and contempt. How great, O Lord, is the abundance of Your goodness You hide for those who fear You, which You will work for those who hope in You in the sight of the sons of men. You shall hide them in the secret of Your presence from the disturbance of men; You will shelter them in Your tabernacle from the contradiction of tongues. Blessed is the Lord, for He magnified His mercy in a fortified city. But I said in my ecstasy, "Indeed, I am cast away from the countenance of Your eyes." Therefore You heard the voice of my supplication when I cried to You. Love the

Lord, all you His saints, for the Lord seeks out truth, and He repays those who act with great arrogance. Be courageous, and let your heart be strengthened, all who hope in the Lord. [SAAS]

Psalm 90 (91).

He who dwells in the help of the Most High shall lodge in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my protector and my refuge, my God; I will hope in Him; for He shall free me from the snare of the hunters, and from every troubling word." He shall overshadow you with His shoulders, and under His wings you shall hope; His truth shall encircle you with a shield. You shall not be frightened by fear at night, nor from an arrow that flies by day, nor by a thing moving in darkness, nor by mishap and a demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you; but you shall observe with your eyes, and you shall see the reward of sinners. For You, O Lord, are my hope; You made the Most High your refuge. Evils shall not come to you, and a scourge shall not draw near your dwelling; for He shall command His angels concerning you, to keep you in all your ways; in their hands they shall bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone; You shall tread upon the asp and the basilisk, and you shall trample the lion and the dragon. "For he hoped in Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him, because he knew My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him; I am with him in affliction, and I will deliver and glorify him. With length of days I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation." [SAAS]

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

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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CHOIR

Mode pl. 2.

God is with us. Know this, O Gentiles, and be defeated. For God is with us. [SAAS]

Give ear, all you to the very ends of the earth. For God is with us.

Be defeated although you are strong. For God is with us.

For even if you should be strong again, you will be defeated again. For God is with us.

Then too, whatever counsel you take, the Lord will scatter it abroad. For God is with us.

And whatever word you shall speak, it will not continue among you. For God is with us.

But do not be afraid of their terror, nor be troubled. For God is with us.

Sanctify the Lord Himself, and He shall be your fear. For God is with us.

So if you trust in Him, He shall be as a sanctuary for you. For God is with us.

I shall wait for God, and I will trust in Him. For God is with us.

Behold, I and the children God gave me.
For God is with us.

A people who walk in darkness, behold a
great light. For God is with us.

And you who dwell in the country of the
shadow of death, upon you a light will shine.
For God is with us.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son
is given. For God is with us.

And the government will be upon His
shoulder. For God is with us.

And of His peace there is no end. For God
is with us.

His name will be called the Angel of Great
Counsel. For God is with us.

Wonderful Counselor. For God is with us.

Mighty God, Master, Prince of Peace. For
God is with us.

Father of the age to come. For God is with
us.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit. For God is with us.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen. For God is with us.

God is with us. Know this, O Gentiles, and
be defeated.

For God is with us.

READER (*intoned*)

Having passed the day, I give thanks
to you, Lord; and I ask of you to grant me
the evening and the night without sin, O my
Savior, and save me. [HC]

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit.*

Now that the day has gone by, I glorify
you, Master; I ask of you to grant me the
evening and the night without sin, O my
Savior, and save me. [HC]

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.*

Having traversed the day, I sing hymns
to you, O Holy One; I ask of you to grant me
the evening and the night free of plots, * O my
Savior, and save me. [HC]

CHOIR

Mode pl. 2.

As a bodiless nature, the Cherubim * ever
glorify You with unceasing hymns; [SD]

And the six-winged beings, the Seraphim,
* also highly exalt You with endless voice;

The entire array of angelic hosts * sings its
praises of You with thrice-holy hymns.

You, O Father, existing before all things, *
have Your Son unoriginate with yourself,

And the equally honored Spirit of life; *
thus You show that inseparable are the Three.

O all-holy and virgin Mother of God * and
you servants and witnesses of the Word,

With the choirs of prophets and martyred
saints, * all of you who enjoy everlasting life:

Intercede in great earnest on our behalf, *
inasmuch as we all are in dire straights;

So that all of us, freed now from the deceit
* of the devil, may sing the angelic hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Thrice-holy Lord, have
mercy on us and save us. Amen.

READER

The Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen. [GOA]

CHOIR

Mode pl. 2.

O all-holy Lady and Theotokos, intercede for us sinners. (3) [SD]

All you heavenly Hosts of holy Angels and Archangels, intercede for us sinners. (2)

Saint John the Baptist, Prophet and Forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for us sinners. (2)

Holy, glorious Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs, and all Saints, intercede for us sinners. (2)

Devout, God-bearing Fathers, Shepherds, and Teachers of the whole world, intercede for us sinners. (2)

(local patron saint), intercede for us sinners. (2)

O invincible and indestructible and divine power of the precious and life-giving Cross, do not abandon us sinners. (2)

God, be gracious to us sinners. (2)

God, be gracious to us sinners, and have mercy on us.

READER

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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.)

READER *(read)*

Troparion.

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming in the middle of the night; and blessed is the servant He shall find awake and watching; unworthy is the other He shall find being lazy. So beware, O soul of mine, be not overcome by sleep, so that you not be handed over to death and be shut out from the Kingdom. Come to your senses and cry aloud: Holy, holy, holy are You our God. ^[SD]

Lord, have mercy. **(40)**

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

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

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

Prayer of St. Basil

Lord, Lord, who have delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, deliver us from anything that lurks about in darkness. Accept the lifting of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Make us worthy to traverse the time of night blamelessly, untouched by evil, and redeem us from every disturbance and fear caused by the devil. Grant contrition to our souls and concern to our minds about the accounting at your awesome and just judgment. Nail down our bodies with your fear, and deaden our earthly members, so that even in the quiet of our slumber we may be enlightened by the contemplation of your ordinances. Keep away from us every indecent fantasy and harmful desire. Awaken us in the time of prayer rooted in the faith, and thriving in your instructions; through the good will and goodness of your only begotten Son with whom you are blessed, together with your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. ^[HC]

READER

Amen.

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.

Psalms 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my

lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

Psalm 101 (102).

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not turn Your face from me; in the day when I am afflicted, incline Your ear to me; in the day when I call upon You, hear me quickly. For my days vanished like smoke, and my bones burned up like firewood. I was cut down like grass, and my heart became withered, for I forgot to eat my bread. Because of the sound of my groaning, my bones cleaved to my flesh. I have become like a pelican in a desert; I have become like an owl in a ruined house; I kept watch, and have become like a sparrow alone on a housetop. My enemies reproached me all day long, and those who praised me swore against me. For I ate ashes like bread, and mixed my drink with weeping because of the wrath of Your countenance and Your anger; for You lifted me up and broke me down. My days were far spent like a shadow, and I am withered like grass. But You, O Lord, remain forever, and Your remembrance is from generation to generation. When You rise up, You shall have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have compassion on her, because the time is come; for Your servants took pleasure in her stones, and they shall have compassion for her dust. And the Gentiles shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory; for the Lord shall build Zion, and He shall be seen in His glory. He regarded the prayer of the humble, and He did not despise their supplication. Let this be written for another generation, and the people who are created shall praise the Lord; for He looked down from the height of His holy place; the Lord looked upon the earth from heaven, to hear

the groaning of those bound, to set free the sons of the slain, to declare the Lord's name in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem, when the peoples and the kingdoms are gathered together to serve the Lord. He replied to Him in the way of strength, "Declare to me the fewness of my days; take me not away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations. In the beginning, O Lord, You founded the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands. They shall perish, but You shall remain, and all things shall grow old like a garment, and like a cloak You shall change them, and they shall be changed; but You are the same, and Your years shall not fail. The children of Your servants shall dwell there, and their seed shall be led to prosperity forever." [SAAS]

PRIEST

Prayer of Manasses, King of Judah

O Lord, Almighty, the God of our Fathers, of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and of their righteous seed; who created the heaven and the earth with all their adornment; who bound the sea by the word of your command; who shut up the abyss and scaled it with your awesome and glorious name; whom all things dread and before whose power they tremble, because the majesty of your glory is unbearable and the threat of your anger against the sinners unendurable; yet the mercy of your promise is both, immeasurable and unfathomable, for you are the Lord most high, compassionate, long-suffering and all merciful, and relent on the wickedness of man. You, Lord, in the multitude of your goodness promised repentance and forgiveness to those who have sinned against you, and in your

infinite compassion appointed repentance for sinners that they may be saved. Therefore, Lord, the God of the powers, you have not appointed repentance for the righteous, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who have not sinned against you, but you appointed repentance for me the sinner, for I have committed more sins than the grains of the sand of the sea. My transgressions have multiplied, Lord; my transgressions have multiplied, and I am not worthy to look up and see the height of the sky from the multitude of my iniquities, being weighted down by many iron chains, so that I cannot raise my head; there is no respite left for me because I provoked your anger and committed evil before you not having done your will and not having kept your commandments. And now I bend the knee of my heart, beseeching your goodness. I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned and I acknowledge my transgressions; but I beg and ask of you: Forgive me, Lord, forgive me and do not destroy me with my transgressions; do not be angry with me forever and keep my evils in me, and do not condemn me to the depths of the earth; for you are God, the God of those who repent, and in me you shall show all your goodness; for even though I am unworthy, you shall save me according to the multitude of your mercy, and I shall praise you without ceasing all the days of my life. For every heavenly power sings your praises, and yours is the glory unto the ages of ages. [HC]

(Amen.)

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trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
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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.)

READER (read)

Kontakion.

Consider your final hour, O wretched
soul; be frightened by how the fig tree was cut
down; and therefore with diligence cultivate
the talent that was given you, being vigilant

and crying out, "Let us not be left out of the
wedding hall of Christ." [SD]

READER

Lord, have mercy. (40)

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

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

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

Prayer of St. Mardarios

O Master God, Father Almighty, only
begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ, and Holy
Spirit: One Godhead, One Power, have mercy
on me, a sinner, and in your knowing ways
save me, your unworthy servant; for you are
blessed unto the ages of ages. [HC]

READER

Amen.

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 69 (70).

O God, [give heed] to help me. [O Lord, make haste to help me.] May those who seek my soul be dishonored and shamed; may those who plot evils against me be turned back and disgraced; may those be turned back immediately who shame me, saying, "Well done! Well done!" May all who seek You greatly rejoice and be glad in You, and let those who love Your salvation always say, "Let God be magnified." but I am poor and needy; O God, help me. You are my helper and deliverer, O Lord; do not delay. [SAAS]

Psalm 142 (143).

O Lord, hear my prayer; give ear to my supplication in Your truth; answer me in Your righteousness; do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for no one living shall become righteous in Your sight. For the enemy persecuted my soul; he humbled my life to the ground; he caused me to dwell in dark places as one long dead, and my spirit was in anguish within me; my heart was troubled within me. I remembered the days of old, and I meditated on all Your works; I meditated on the works of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a waterless land. Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faints within me; turn not Your face from me, lest I become like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning, for I hope in You; make me know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, for to You I flee for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness.

For Your name's sake, O Lord, give me life; in Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction. In Your mercy You shall destroy my enemies; You shall utterly destroy all who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

[SAAS]

Doxology

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, and we thank you, for your great glory. Lord, King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty; only-begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Lord God, the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world. Accept our supplication, you who sit at the right of the Father, and have mercy on us. For you are the only Holy One, you are the only Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Every evening I shall bless you, and I shall praise your name forever, and unto the ages of ages. Lord, you have become for us a refuge from generation to generation. I have said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Lord, to you I have fled; teach me to do your will, for you are my God. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we shall see light. Extend your mercy to those who know you. Grant, O Lord, that in this night we may be kept without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name unto the ages. Amen. Let your mercy, Lord, come upon us, just as we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed are you, O Master, make me understand your

commandments. Blessed are you, O Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord, your mercy remains forever, do not turn away from the works of your hands. To you belongs praise, to you belongs a hymn, to you belongs glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

CHOIR

From Triodion - - -

Canon from the Triodion.

Ode ii. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

Attend, O heaven, and I shall speak, and sing in praise of Christ, who took flesh from a Virgin and came to dwell among us. (2) [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

In spirit let us go with Christ to the Mount of Olives, and joining the apostles let us lodge with Him for the night. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Understand, O my humble heart, the parable of the millstone of which Christ spoke in prophecy, and be watchful. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Prepare thyself for thy departure, O my soul. Near at hand is the coming of the Judge who favours no man's person. [KW]

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Theotokion.

O Theotokos undefiled, Virgin alone worthy of all praise, pray to thy Son for us thy servants. [KW]

Another Heirmos. Same Mode.

See now, see that I am God: before the world was made, before earth and heaven were established, I knew all things, for I dwell

wholly in the Father and bear the whole Father in Myself. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

With My word I have established heaven and earth, for I was with the Father; and with My word I uphold all creation, for I am Word and Wisdom and Power, the Father's Image, His fellow-worker and His equal in might. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Who has appointed the times of the year? Who watches over the ages? Who ordains all things and makes them move, except Him who is ever with the Father from all eternity, as the ray is in the light? [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Jesus, beyond measure is Thy love for mankind! For Thou hast made known to us the appointed time when the end of the world shall come to pass, though Thou hast hidden the hour from us; yet Thou hast plainly revealed the signs which shall precede its coming. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

All things Thou understandest, all things Thou knowest, Jesus, for as God Thou hast within Thee all the glory of the Father, and by nature Thou hearest in Thyself the whole Spirit, coeternal with the Father. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Master and Lord, Maker of the ages, grant that at the Last Day we also may hear Thy holy voice, calling the chosen of the Father into the Kingdom of heaven. [KW]

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

O Trinity uncreated and without beginning, O undivided Unity, Three and One, Father, Son and Spirit, a single God, accept this our hymn from tongues of clay, as if from mouths of flame. [KW]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Thou art revealed, O Virgin, as the holy Tabernacle of God: for in thee the King of heaven took up His dwelling bodily, and from thee He came forth in beauty, having refashioned man within Himself by His divine power. [KW]

Kathisma.

Mode 2.

Moved by Thy tender mercy, O Christ our Benefactor, Thou dost of Thine own will go forth to meet Thy Passion, wishing to deliver us from the passions and from condemnation in hell. Therefore we all sing the praises of Thy holy sufferings and we glorify Thy deep self-abasement, O Saviour. [KW]

Ode viii. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

O ye angels and ye powers of heaven, sing to Him who sits upon the throne of majesty, and is glorified unceasingly as God: bless, praise and exalt Him above all for ever. (2) [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou hast heard, my soul, how Christ spoke in prophecy to His holy disciples, foretelling the consummation of all things. Make ready, then, since thou knowest that the end will come; the hour of departure is at hand. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou knowest, O unfruitful soul, the example of the wicked servant. Fear, then, and neglect not the gift of grace which has been given unto thee, not to be hidden in the earth but to be used. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

May thy lamp shine brightly, O my soul; and, like the lamps of the five virgins, may it overflow with the oil of compassion; and so thou shalt find open before thee the door of Christ's bridal chamber. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

When the Teacher spoke of night on the Sabbath and in the winter, He foretold darkly, as in a riddle, the storm of the present age, which is the seventh day of the week, when the end shall come as the winter. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou hast heard, my soul, how on that day the fearful coming of thy Master shall be as swift as the lightning that shines across the heaven. Make haste, then, and be ready. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

When the Judge shall come with thousands and ten thousands of the angelic hosts and powers, then - woe is me! - what fear and trembling shall be thine, my soul, when all shall stand naked before Him. [KW]

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

The Trinity is one God: the Father is not begotten like the Son, nor does the Son proceed like the Spirit, but each keeps His distinctive properties; and I glorify the Three as light and God for ever. [KW]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

At the intercessions of the Theotokos receive our prayer, O God; send down Thy mercy in abundance upon all, and grant Thy peace to Thy people. [KW]

Ode ix. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

The burning bush upon the mountain revealed in prophecy to the Giver of the Law Christ's birth from the Ever-Virgin for our salvation: and with never-silent songs of praise we magnify Him. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

My soul, thou hast heard the Judge foretelling and teaching thee about the time of the end. By thine acts prepare for thy departure, lest thou be rejected by God as unworthy. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

From the fig tree, O my soul, learn to recognize the coming of the end. When its leaves are tender and it puts forth branches, then the time of summer is at hand; and when thou shalt see these things, know that the end is near, even at the doors. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Who save Thee knows Thy Father? Who save Thee knows the hour or the day? for in Thee are all the treasures of wisdom, Christ our God. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

The books shall be opened and the thrones shall be set up; all men shall stand naked and their deeds shall be examined. Neither witness nor accuser will be there, for everything is manifest in God's sight. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

The Judge of all is led to judgement. He who sits upon the throne of the cherubim stands before Pilate as one accused, and suffers all things that Adam may be saved. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Our mighty and divine Passover approaches: it shall come after two days, so Christ teaches, foretelling the day of the Passion on which He shall be offered as a sacrifice to the Father. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thy Mother stood beside Thy Cross, O Saviour, and seeing Thine unjust death she cried aloud: 'Woe is me, my Child, O Light that never sets! O Sun of glory, shine with Thy brightness upon all.' [KW]

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

O Holy Unity, Trinity in single Godhead, God one in three, one Nature in three Persons, equal in honour and undivided in glory, save our souls from danger. [KW]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O Christ, receive the intercessions of Thy Mother: at her prayers give peace to the world, strengthen the power of our rulers, and unite Thy Churches in one. [KW]

Heirmos.

The burning bush upon the mountain revealed in prophecy to the Giver of the Law Christ's birth from the Ever-Virgin for our salvation: and with never-silent songs of praise we magnify Him. [KW]

READER

Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mode pl. 2. or: Mode pl. 4.

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for no
other helper do we have in tribulations, but
You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us. [SD]

*Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the
firmament of His power. [SAAS]*

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for no
other helper do we have in tribulations, but
You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us. [SD]

*Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him
according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]*

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for no
other helper do we have in tribulations, but
You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us. [SD]

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise
Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]*

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for no
other helper do we have in tribulations, but
You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us. [SD]

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise
Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]*

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for no
other helper do we have in tribulations, but
You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us. [SD]

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise
Him with triumphant cymbals. Let everything that
breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]*

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for no
other helper do we have in tribulations, but
You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us. [SD]

Praise God in His saints. [SAAS]

Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

[SAAS]

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for no
other helper do we have in tribulations, but
You... Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

[SD]

CHANTER

Mode 2. (intoned)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

O Lord, if we did not have Your Saints as intercessors, and Your benevolence being compassionate towards us, how would we dare to extol You, O Savior, whom the Angels bless unceasingly? O Master who know our hearts, we pray You to spare our souls. [SD]

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Theotokos, my offences are indeed very many. * To you I run, O Maiden pure, and I pray for salvation. * Visit my infirm and ailing soul, * and pray for me to your Son and our God, * to grant to me forgiveness for the evils I have done, O only blessed Lady. [SD]

CHOIR

Mode 2.

O all-holy Theotokos, during my lifetime, I pray do not abandon me, nor entrust me to merely human protection; rather you help me yourself and have mercy on me. [SD]

O Mother of God, I have committed my every hope wholly unto you. Keep me under your shelter. [SD]

READER

Lord, have mercy. (40)

O Christ our God, who at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth, are worshipped and glorified, long suffering and plenteous in mercy and compassion; who love the just and show mercy to the sinners; who call all men to salvation through the promise of the blessings to come: Do you, the same

Lord, receive also our supplications at this present time, and direct our lives according to your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set our minds right; clear up our thoughts, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and distress. Surround us with your holy Angels so that being guarded and guided by their presence, we may arrive at the unity of the faith and the knowledge of your ineffable glory; for blessed are you unto the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

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.

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.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

May God have compassion on us and bless us; may his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

READER

Amen.

PRIEST

Prayer of St. Ephraim

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

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

Yes, Lord and King, give me the power to see my own faults and not to judge my brother.

For you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen. ^[HC]

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

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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.

READER

Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12)

Prayer to the Virgin

by Paul the Monk of the
Monastery of Evergetis

O spotless, unstained, incorruptible, undefiled, pure Virgin, Lady Bride of God, who through your wondrous birth-giving united God the Word with mankind, and linked the fallen nature of our human race with the heavenly; the only hope of the hopeless and the help of the persecuted; the ready support of those who seek refuge in you, and the shelter of all the Christians: do not despise me, the wretched sinner who have defiled myself with shameful thoughts and words and deeds, and through negligence of thought have become slave to the pleasures of life. But as the Mother of our compassionate God, and a friend of man, have compassion on me the sinner and prodigal, and accept this prayer from my impure lips; and using your motherly standing, entreat your Son and our Master and Lord to open unto me the depths of his loving goodness and, overlooking my innumerable faults, to return me to repentance and make me a worthy servant of his commandments. Stand by me forever; in this life as a merciful and compassionate and good and lovingly warm protector and helper, by repulsing the assaults of the adversary and leading me toward salvation; and at the time of my death, by embracing my miserable soul and driving far away from it the dark faces of the evil demons; and at the awesome day of judgment by redeeming me from eternal hell, and proclaiming me an heir of the ineffable glory of your Son and our God. May I enjoy such fate, my Lady, most-holy Theotokos,

through your intercession and protection; through the grace and love for mankind of your only begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. To whom belong all glory, honor and worship, together with his beginningless Father, and the all holy and good and life giving Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ
by Antiochus, Monk of Pandektos

And grant to us, Master, as we depart for sleep, rest of body and soul, and preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin, and from every dark and nocturnal pleasure. Arrest the drives of passion; extinguish the burning arrows of the Evil One which insidiously fly in our direction; suppress the rebellions of our flesh, and calm our every earthly and material thought. And grant to us, O God, alert mind, prudent thinking, sober heart, light sleep free of any satanic fantasy. Awaken us at the time of prayer rooted in your commandments and having unbroken within us the remembrance of your ordinances. Grant that we may sing your glory through the night by praising and blessing and glorifying your most honorable and majestic name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

Most glorious, ever virgin, blessed Theotokos, bring our prayer before your Son and our God, and entreat him, through you, to save our souls. [HC]

The Father is my hope, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my shelter, Holy Trinity, glory to you. [HC]

O Mother of God, I have committed my every hope wholly unto you. Keep me under your shelter. [SD]

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

Most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all your Saints.

Accept our prayer; grant us forgiveness of our transgressions; protect us under the shelter of your wings; drive away from us every enemy and adversary; grant peace

to our life; Lord have mercy on us and on your world; and save our souls as a good and loving God.

(Amen.)

READER

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

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

Father, bless!

PRIEST

May He who is coming to His voluntary Passion for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, (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.

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For all pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our (episcopal rank) (name).

For our nation.

For the armed forces.

For our departed fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers.

For those who have mercy on us and serve us.

For those who hate us and those who love us.

For those who have asked us the unworthy to pray for them.

For the release of captives.

For those who are traveling.

For those who are ill.

Let us pray also for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.

And for all our family and friends who have fallen asleep before us, the Orthodox here and everywhere piously laid to sleep.

Let us also say for ourselves: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

CHOIR

Mode 1. O Martyrs, extolled.

The Virgin was watching You, O Christ,
* as You were unjustly slaughtered, and
lamenting she cried aloud, * "O sweetest
Son of mine, * how are You suspended *
on a cross and dying now? * For You of
old suspended the earth on water. O most-
merciful * Benefactor, I your handmaiden *
and your Mother * pray You not abandon me."

[SD]

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)