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# The Service of Vespers

on Tuesday Evening

for Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Triodion - On Tuesday of the Fourth Week at Vespers

Menaion - April 3 Memory of our Devout Father Nikitas the Confessor

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#### Τοιώδιον

Τῆ Τρίτη Δ΄ Έβδομάδος εἰς τὸν Έσπερινόν.

#### Μηναίον - ΤΗι Γ' ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τοῦ Όσίου Πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ Όμολογητοῦ Νικήτα

#### ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν Χοιστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

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

## Ψαλμὸς PΓ' (103).

Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχή μου, τὸν Κύριον. Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα. Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον. Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὡσεὶ δέρριν, ὁ στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασιν τὰ ὑπερῷα αὐτοῦ. Ὁ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων. Ὁ ποιῶν τοὺς Ἁγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα, καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς φλόγα. Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γὴν ἐπὶ τὴν ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἁπὸ ἐπιτιμήσεώς

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#### **VESPERS**

#### **PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)

#### **READER**

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

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

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

#### Psalm 103 (104).

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

σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν. Άναβαίνουσιν ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουσι πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν έθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Όριον ἔθου, ὁ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι καλύψαι τὴν γήν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων πηγάς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὀρέων διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέξονται ὄναγροι είς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου τῶν πετοῶν δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων ὄρη ἐκ τῶν ὑπερώων αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ καρποῦ τῶν ἔργων σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ έξανατέλλων χόρτον τοὶς κτήνεσι, καὶ χλόην τὴ δουλεία τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Τοῦ έξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ οἶνος εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου. Τοῦ ἱλαρύναι πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίω, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν ανθοώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται τὰ ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, ἃς ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι, τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἠγεῖται αὐτῶν. Όρη τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταὶς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ τοὶς λαγωοίς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιρούς, ό ήλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῆ διελεύσονται πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι ωουόμενοι τοῦ άρπᾶσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ βοῶσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος, καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Έξελεύσεται ἄνθοωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ την ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ώς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα έν σοφία ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη καὶ εὐούχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἑρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν

of Your thunder, they shall be afraid. The mountains rise up, and the plains sink down to the place You founded for them. You set a boundary they shall not pass over; neither shall they return to cover the earth. You are He who sends springs into the valley; the waters 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;

ἀριθμός, ζῷα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὖτος, δν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα πρός σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφὴν αὐτῶν εἰς εὔκαιρον, δόντος σου αὐτοῖς συλλέξουσιν. Ανοίξαντός σου την χείρα, τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος, ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ πρόσωπον, ταραχθήσονται. Άντανελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν χοῦν αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ ἀνακαινιεὶς τὸ πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς. "Ητω ή δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, εὐφοανθήσεται Κύοιος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γήν, καὶ ποιῶν αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ὁ ἁπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ καπνίζονται. Άισω τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῆ ζωῆ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω. Ήδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογή μου, ἐγὼ δὲ εὐφοανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείποιεν άμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ ὑπάοχειν αὐτούς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχή μου, τὸν Κύριον.

Ό ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ.

Ως ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε πάντα ἐν σοφία ἐποίησας.

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

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

Ή ἐλπὶς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

the living things are there, both small and great; there the ships pass through; there is this dragon You formed to play therein. All things wait upon You, that You may give them food in due season. When You give it to them, they shall gather it; when You open Your hand, all things shall be filled with Your goodness. But when You turn Your face away, they shall be troubled; when You take away their breath, they shall die and return again to their dust. You shall 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. Glory to You, O God. (3)

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

Απαγγελλομένου ἐπίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ, ὁ Ιερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπὴς ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας Τραπέζης ἢ καὶ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνος τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ, ἱστάμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ Σολέα (ὡς ἐν τῷ Ὅρθρῳ), 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 ποίησον μεθ' ἡμῶν σημεῖον εἰς ἀγαθόν ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐν τῆ ὁδῷ σου τοῦ πορεύεσθαι ἐν τῆ ἀληθεία σου εὔφρανον τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν, εἰς τὸ φοβεῖσθαι τὸ Ὅνομά σου τὸ ἄγιον διότι μέγας εἶ σὺ, καὶ ποιῶν θαυμάσια σὺ εἶ Θεὸς μόνος, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὅμοιός σοι ἐν θεοῖς, Κύριε, δυνατὸς ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἀγαθὸς ἐν ἰσχύϊ, εἰς τὸ βοηθεῖν καὶ παρακαλεῖν, καὶ σῷζειν πάντας τοὺς ἐλπίζοντας εἰς τὸ Ὅνομά σου τὸ ἄγιον.

Ότι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υίῷ καὶ τῷ Αγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

## ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

Κύριε, μὴ τῷ θυμῷ σου ἐλέγξης ἡμᾶς, μηδὲ τῆ ὀργῆ σου παιδεύσης ἡμᾶς, ἀλλὰ ποίησον 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 παρούσης ἡμέρας εἰρηνικὸν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον, καὶ πάντα τὸν χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

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.

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.

## 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.

ποεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

Ότι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Άγίου 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 ἄγιον ὄνομά σου, καὶ μὴ καταισχύνης ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς προσδοκίας τοῦ ἐλέους σου, ἀλλὰ χάρισαι ἡμῖν, Κύριε, πάντα τὰ πρὸς σωτηρίαν αἰτήματα· καὶ ἀξίωσον ἡμᾶς ἀγαπᾶν, καὶ φοβεῖσθαί σε ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας ἡμῶν, καὶ ποιεῖν ἐν πᾶσι τὸ θέλημά σου.

Ότι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

#### **EYXH TETAPTH**

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

Ότι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υίῷ καὶ τῷ

For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## 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.

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.

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]

Άγίω Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

Κύριε, Κύριε, ὁ τῆ ἀχραντφ σου παλάμη συνέχων τὰ σύμπατα, ὁ μακροθυμῶν ἐπὶ πάντας ἡμᾶς καὶ μετανοῶν ἐπὶ ταῖς κακίαις ἡμῶν, μνήσθητι τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου καὶ τοῦ ἐλέους σου ἐπίσκεψαι ἡμᾶς ἐν τῆ σῆ ἀγαθότητι καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν διαφυγεῖν καὶ τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρούσης ἡμέρας, ἐκ τῶν τοῦ πονηροῦ ποικίλων μηχανημάτων, καὶ ἀνεπιβούλευτον τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν διαφύλαξον, τῆ χάριτι τοῦ Παναγίου σου Πνεύματος.

Ἐλέει καὶ φιλανθοωπία τοῦ μονογενοῦς σου Υίοῦ, μεθ' οὖ εὐλογητὸς εἰ, σὺν τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

## ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

Ό Θεός, ὁ μέγας καὶ θαυμαστός, ὁ ἀνεκδιηγήτῳ ἀγαθωσύνη καὶ πλουσία προνοία διοικῶν τὰ σύμπαντα· ὁ καὶ τα 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 άγίας δόξης σου, ὑμνοῦντάς σε τὸν μόνον ἀγαθόν, καὶ φιλάνθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν.

Ότι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ

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

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.

For you are our God and to you we give glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy

καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗ

Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὕψιστος, ὁ μόνος ἔχων ἀθανασίαν, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφία δημιουργήσας. Ο διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ ανα μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον θέμενος εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός ὁ καταξιώσας ήμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς παρούσης ὤρας προφθάσαι τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν έσπερινήν σοι δοξολογίαν προσαγαγείν αὐτός, φιλάνθοωπε Κύοιε, κατεύθυνον τήν προσευχήν ήμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὀσμὴν εὐωδίας. Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν έσπέραν καὶ τὴν ἐπιοῦσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικήν ἔνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός ὁῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπαυσιν τῆ ἀσθενεία ήμῶν ἐδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Ναί, Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, τῶν ἀγαθῶν χορηγέ· ἵνα, καὶ ἐπὶ ταῖς κοίταις ἡμῶν κατανυγόμενοι, μνημονεύωμεν ἐν νυκτὶ τοῦ ὀνόματός σου, καὶ τῆ μελέτη τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς διανιστῶμεν πρὸς δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς άγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ ίκεσίας τῆ σῆ εὐσπλαγχνία προσάγοντες ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων άμαςτημάτων καὶ παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ σου, δν ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου ἐν έλέει ἐπίσκεψαι.

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 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]

Ότι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πληρωθέντος τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ Ψαλμοῦ, ὁ μὲν Τερεὺς παραμένει ἐν εὐλαβείᾳ ἐνώπιον τῆς άγίας Τραπέζης, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς τὸ Τερέα, καὶ ἐξελθών τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς βορείας πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ώραίας πύλης, καὶ βλέπων κατ΄ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνος τοῦ Χριστοῦ, λέγει τὴν Μεγάλην Συναπτήν, ἤτοι τὰ "Εἰρηνικά."

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.

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

Έν εἰρήνη τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ύπὲς τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὀρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπές τοῦ (ἀρχιεςατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος), τοῦ τιμίου πςεσβυτεςίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ κλήςου καὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, τοῦ Κυςίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπέο εὐκοασίας 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.)

Υπέο πλεόντων, όδοιπορούντων, νοσούντων, καμνόντων, αἰχμαλώτων καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπέο τοῦ ὁυσθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχοάντου, 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

Ότι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υίῷ καὶ τῷ Αγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

Αναγινώσκεται τὸ οἰκεῖον Κάθισμα τοῦ Ψαλτηρίου, ἤτοι Κάθισμα 18. Μεθ΄ ὃ ἡ μικρὰ Συναπτή.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Έτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνη τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Αντιλαβοῦ, 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 Άγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς

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 necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

#### **PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)

The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 18. It would be followed by the short litany.

#### **DEACON**

Again and again, in peace, 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 evervirgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἐστιν ή βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Άγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

#### ΧΟΡΟΣ

## $^{\circ}$ Hχος πλ. β'.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου πρόσχες τῆ φωνῆ τῆς δεήσεώς μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγέναι με πρὸς σέ. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Κατευθυνθήτω ή προσευχή μου, ώς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου, ἔπαρσις τῶν χειρῶν μου θυσία ἑσπερινή. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

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

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

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

Παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἐλέγξει με, ἔλαιον δὲ άμαοτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλήν μου.

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

Άκούσονται τὰ ἡήματά μου, ὅτι ἡδύνθησαν· ώσεὶ πάχος γῆς ἐἰἡάγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκοοπίσθη τὰ ὀστᾶ αὐτῶν παρὰ τὸν ἄδην. ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

#### **PRIEST**

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours 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.

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]

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. Ότι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ μου ἐπὶ σοὶ ἤλπισα, μὴ ἀντανέλης τὴν ψυχήν μου.

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

Πεσοῦνται ἐν ἀμφιβλήστοω αὐτῶν οἱ άμαοτωλοί· κατὰ μόνας εἰμὶ ἐγὼ ἕως ἂν παοέλθω.

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

Έκχεῶ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ τὴν δέησίν μου, τὴν θλῖψίν μου ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ἀπαγγελῶ.

Έν τῷ ἐκλείπειν ἐξ ἐμοῦ τὸ πνεῦμά μου, καὶ σὰ ἔγνως τὰς τρίβους μου.

Έν όδ $\tilde{\phi}$  ταύτη,  $\tilde{\eta}$  ἐποφευόμην, ἔκφυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

Άπώλετο φυγὴ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ ἐκζητῶν τὴν ψυχήν μου.

Ποόσχες ποὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδοα.

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

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

Έμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῷς μοι.

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

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

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.

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.

## Στιχηρά τοῦ Τριωδίου.

Τοῦ Τοιωδίου - - -

## Ήχος πλ. β΄. Όλην ἀποθέμενοι.

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

Μέσον γῆς ὑπέμεινας, Σταυρὸν καὶ Πάθος οἰκτίρμον, πᾶσι τὴν ἀπάθειαν, καὶ τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν παρεχόμενος, μεσασμῷ σήμερον, Νηστειῶν ἄπαντες διὰ τοῦτο είς προσκύνησιν, αὐτὸν προτίθεμεν, καὶ περιχαρῶς ἀσπαζόμεθα, ἰδεῖν σου τὰ Παθήματα, καὶ τὴν ζωηφόρον Ἀνάστασιν, ἐκλελαμπουσμένοι, ταῖς θείαις ἀρεταῖς Λόγε Θεοῦ, ἀναδειχθείημεν ἄπαντες, μόνε πολυέλεε.

## **Ἡχος πλ. β΄.** Όλην ἀποθέμενοι.

Ένεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ὑπέμεινά σε, Κύριε, ὑπέμεινεν ἡ ψυχή μου εἰς τὸν λόγον σου. "Ηλπισεν ή ψυχή μου ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Νεκοὸς ἐχοημάτισας, ἐπὶ σταυοοῦ ήπλωμένος, καὶ λόγχη νυττόμενος, καὶ χολην Μακρόθυμε ποτιζόμενος, ὁ Μερρᾶς ύδατα, ἐν χειοὶ Δέσποτα, Μωϋσέως εἰς γλυκύτητα, μεταβαλόμενος ὅθεν δυσωπῶ σε καὶ δέομαι. Τὰ πάθη τὰ πικρότατα, ἐκ τῆς διανοίας μου ἔκτιλον, καὶ τῆς μετανοίας, τῷ μέλιτι γλυκάνας μου τὸν νοῦν, προσκυνητήν με ἀνάδειξον, τοῦ τιμίου Πάθους σου.

## **Ἡχος α΄.** Ὁ πάλαι τῷ Μωσεῖ.

Από φυλακῆς πρωΐας μέχρι νυκτός ἀπὸ φυλακῆς πρωΐας ἐλπισάτω Ἰσραἡλ ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

'Ον πάλαι Μωϋσῆς προτυπώσας, ἐν ταῖς παλάμαις αὐτοῦ, κατετροποῦτο τὸν Άμαλήκ, μέγαν Σταυρόν, σήμερον ἐπ' ὄψει ἡμῶν βλέποντες, λαοὶ προτεθέντα,

#### Stichera of the Triodion.

From Triodion - - -

## Mode pl. 2.

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

O merciful Lord, Thou hast endured the Cross and Passion in the midst of the earth, granting unto all men redemption and freedom from the passions. Therefore, on this middle day of the Fast, we set this Thy Cross before us and we venerate it with great joy. Glorious with the light of the divine virtues, may we all be counted worthy to see Thy Passion and lifegiving Resurrection, O Word of God, who alone art rich m mercy. [KW]

## Mode pl. 2.

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

Nailed upon the Cross, Thy side pierced by the spear, Thou wast counted as a lifeless corpse; and Thou wast given gall to drink, O longsuffering Master, who by the hand of Moses hast made sweet the waters of Marah. Therefore I entreat Thee and I pray: Uproot the bitter passions from my understanding, sweeten my mind with the honey of repentance, and grant that I may worship at Thy holy Passion. [KW]

## Mode 1.

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

We see placed before our eyes today the mighty Cross that Moses once forefigured with his outstretched hands, when he put Amalek to flight. Trembling, O ye peoples, let φοικτῶς ψαύσωμεν ἐν ἁγνότητι νοῦ τε καὶ χειλέων ἐν αὐτῷ γὰο Χοιστὸς ὑψώθη, ἀπονεκοώσας τὸν θάνατον, καὶ τῆς τοιαύτης χάριτος, ἄπαντες καταξιούμενοι, ἐν ἀδαῖς θεοπνεύστοις, τοῦ παντὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα ὑμνολογοῦντες, προσευξώμεθα προφθάσαι, καὶ αὐτὴν τὴν σωτήριον Ἀνάστασιν.

## Έτεοον.

Τοῦ Τοιωδίου - - -

## **Ήχος δ΄.** Έδωκας σημείωσιν.

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

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν, τὸ τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν ποόξενον, πεφηνὸς ξύλον σήμερον, Χοιστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, τὸν Σταυρόν, δι' οὖ περ θάνατος ἐτρώθη, καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῖν, τοῖς ἑπταικόσιν ἐκαινουργήθη σαφῶς, τῷ ὑυσαμένῳ κράζοντες. Ὁ δι' ἡμᾶς ἑκουσίως παθών, ἵνα σώσης τὰ σύμπαντα, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

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

Κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Χριστιανοῖς ἡμῖν δέδοται, ὁ Σταυρός σου Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, δι' οὖ τὰ ἀλλόφυλα τῶν ἐθνῶν τροποῦνται, πλήθη καὶ εἰρήνη, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας σου Χριστέ, ἐπισκιάζει ὀρθοδοξούσης καλῶς, ὅν περ νῦν ἀσπαζόμεθα, καὶ σοὶ θερμῶς ἀνακράζομεν Τῆς μερίδος ἀξίωσον, καὶ ἡμᾶς τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

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

Δάκουσι καθάραντες, τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς αἰσθητήρια, καὶ νηστεία ἁγνίσαντες, δεῦτε

us touch it with pure minds and lips, for upon it Christ was raised when He slew death. May we all be counted worthy of His grace, and, praising the Saviour of all with hymns inspired by God, let us pray that we may come to His saving Resurrection.

## Another.

From Triodion - - -

#### Mode 4.

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

Come, let us worship the Cross of Christ our God that brings us life: for it is set this day before us. Through the Cross death is wounded and the power of Thy Resurrection is newly revealed to us the fallen. Let us cry to our Deliverer: Of Thine own will Thou hast suffered for our sake, to save the whole creation; our God, glory to Thee. [KW]

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

As a power that can never be defeated, Thy Cross, O Saviour, has been given to us Christians: through it the alien hosts of the enemy are put to flight and Thy Church, O Christ, rightly confessing the true Faith, is overshadowed with peace. Kissing it, we raise our fervent cry to Thee: Make us also worthy of the inheritance of Thy saints. [KW]

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

Cleansing with tears the senses of our soul, making them pure through fasting, let

προσκυνήσωμεν, τοῦ Σταυροῦ τὸ ξύλον, δι' οὖ καταργοῦνται τὰ ψυχοφθόρα τῆς σαρκός, τῆ ἐγκρατεία ἀνασκιρτήματα, τῷ σταυρωθέντι κράζοντες. Τῆς σῆς Σωτήρ καταξίωσον, τριημέρου Έγέρσεως, προσκυνῆσαι τὴν ἔλλαμψιν.

Τοῦ Τοιωδίου - - -

Δόξα καὶ νῦν.

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Σήμερον ὁ Δεσπότης τῆς Κτίσεως, καὶ Κύριος τῆς δόξης, τῷ Σταυρῷ προσπήγνυται, καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν κεντᾶται χολῆς καὶ ὄξους γεύεται, ὁ γλυκασμὸς τῆς Ἐκκλησίας στέφανον ἐξ ἀκανθῶν περιβάλλεται, ὁ καλύπτων Οὐρανὸν τοῖς νέφεσι χλαῖναν ἐνδύεται χλεύης, καὶ ὁαπίζεται πηλίνη χειοί, ὁ τῆ χειοὶ πλάσας τὸν ἄνθρωπον τόν νῶτον φραγγελοῦται, ὁ περιβάλλων τὸν Οὐρανὸν ἐν νεφέλαις: ἐμπτυσμοὺς καὶ μάστιγας δέχεται, ὀνειδισμούς καὶ κολαφισμούς, καὶ πάντα ύπομένει, δι' ἐμὲ τὸν κατάκριτον, ὁ Λυτρωτής μου καὶ Θεός, ἵνα σώση Κόσμον ἐκ πλάνης ὡς, εὕσπλαγχνος.

(Εἴσοδος οὐ γίνεται.)

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἁγίας δόξης, ἀθανάτου Πατρός, οὐρανίου, ἁγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ϊδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υίόν, καὶ ἄγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Άξιόν σε ἐν πᾶσι καιφοῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις, Υίὲ Θεοῦ, ζωὴν ὁ διδούς· \* διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ δοξάζει.

us come and venerate the Wood of the Cross: for if we practice abstinence, it overthrows the rebellious and destructive impulses of our flesh. And let us cry to Him who was crucified: O Saviour, make us worthy to venerate the radiance of Thy rising on the third day. [KW]

Glory. Both now.

From Triodion - - -

## Mode pl. 4.

Today the Master of the creation and the Lord of Glory is nailed to the Cross and His side is pierced; and He who is the sweetness of the Church tastes gall and vinegar. A crown of thorns is put upon Him who covers heaven with clouds. He is clothed in a cloak of mockery, and He who formed man with His hands is struck by a hand of clay. He who wraps the heaven in clouds is smitten upon His back. He accepts spitting and scourging, reproach and buffeting; and all these things my Deliverer and God endures for me that am condemned, that in His compassion He may save the world from error. [KW]

(No Entrance)

#### **READER**

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.

## Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Έσπέρας...

Τοῦ Τοιωδίου - - -

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ποοκείμενον. Ήχος  $\pi\lambda$ . β'. Ψαλμὸς  $\Xi Z'$  (67).

Άισατε τῷ Θεῷ, ψάλατε τῷ Ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ.

Όδοποιήσατε τῷ ἐπιβεβηκότι ἐπὶ δυσμῶν, Κύριος ὄνομα αὐτῷ.

Γενέσεως τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

## Kεφ. θ', 8-17

Εἶπε Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τῷ Νῶε, καὶ τοῖς υίοῖς αὐτοῦ μέτ' αὐτοῦ, λέγων Ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ανίστημι την διαθήκην μου ύμιν, καὶ τῷ σπέρματι ὑμῶν μεθ' ὑμᾶς, καὶ πάση ψυχῆ ζώση μεθ' ὑμῶν, ἀπὸ ὀρνέων καὶ ἀπὸ κτηνῶν, καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς θηρίοις τῆς γῆς, ὅσα ἐστὶ μεθ' ὑμῶν, ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν ἐξελθόντων ἐκ τῆς κιβωτοῦ, καὶ στήσω την διαθήκην μου πρός ύμᾶς, καὶ οὐκ ἀποθανεῖται πᾶσα σάρξ ἔτι ἀπὸ τοῦ ύδατος τοῦ κατακλυσμοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἔσται ἔτι κατακλυσμὸς ὕδατος, τοῦ καταφθεῖραι πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν. Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τῷ Νῶε· Τοῦτο τὸ σημεῖον τῆς διαθήκης, δ έγω δίδωμι αναμέσον έμοῦ καὶ ύμων, καὶ ἀναμέσον πάσης ψυχῆς ζώσης, ὅσα ἐστὶ μεθ' ὑμῶν, εἰς γενεάς αἰωνίους. Τὸ τόξον μου τίθημι ἐν τῆ νεφέλη, καὶ ἔσται είς σημεῖον διαθήκης ἀναμέσον ἐμοῦ, καὶ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἔσται ἐν τῷ συννεφεῖν με νεφέλας ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, ὀφθήσεται τὸ τόξον μου ἐν τῆ νεφέλη, καὶ μνησθήσομαι τῆς

## The Readings

#### **PRIEST**

The evening...

From Triodion - - -

#### **READER**

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 67 (68).

Sing to God; sing to His name.

Make ready the way for Him who rides upon the sunset; His name is the Lord. [SAAS]

The reading is from the book of Genesis.

#### **PRIEST**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

#### **READER**

#### 9:8-17

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons with him, saying, "Behold, I am establishing My covenant with you and with your seed after you, and every living creature with you: the birds, the cattle, and all the wild animals of the earth, of all that came out of the ark with you. Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; nor shall there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth." Then the Lord God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you, and every living creature with you, for perpetual generations: I am setting My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. My rainbow shall be in

διαθήκης μου, ἥ ἐστιν ἀναμέσον ἐμοῦ καὶ ὑμῶν, καὶ ἀνὰ μέσον πάσης ψυχῆς ζώσης ἐν πάση σαρκί, καὶ οὐκ ἔσται ἔτι ὕδωρ εἰς κατακλυσμόν, ὥστε ἐξαλεῖψαι πᾶσαν σάρκα. Καὶ ἔσται τὸ τόξον μου ἐν τῆ νεφέλη, καὶ ὄψομαι τοῦ μνησθῆναι διαθήκης αἰωνίου, ἀναμέσον ἐμοῦ, καὶ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἀναμέσον πάσης ψυχῆς ζώσης ἐν πάση σαρκί, ἥ ἐστιν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Θεὸς τῷ Νῶε· Τοῦτο τὸ σημεῖον τῆς διαθήκης, ῆς διεθέμην ἀναμέσον ἐμοῦ καὶ ἀναμέσον πάσης σαρκός, ἥ ἐστιν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.

Ποοκείμενον. Ἦχος  $\pi \lambda$ . β'. Ψαλμὸς ΞΗ' (68).

Ή σωτηρία σου, ὁ Θεός, ἀντιλάβοιτό μου.

Ίδέτωσαν πτωχοί, καὶ εὐφρανθήτωσαν. Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

#### Κεφ. ΙΒ', 8-22

Στόμα συνετοῦ ἐγκωμιάζεται ὑπὸ ἀνδρός, νωθροκάρδιος δὲ μυκτηρίζεται. Κρείσσων ἀνὴρ ἐν ἀτιμία δουλεύων ἑαυτῷ, ἢ τιμὴν ἑαυτῷ περιτιθείς, καὶ προσδεόμενος ἄρτου. Δίκαιος οἰκτείρει ψυχὰς κτηνῶν αὐτοῦ, τὰ δὲ σπλάγχνα τῶν ἀσεβῶν, ἀνελεήμονα. Ὁ ἐργαζόμενος τὴν ἑαυτοῦ γῆν, ἐμπλησθήσεται ἄρτων, οἱ δὲ διώκοντες μάταια, ἐνδεεῖς φρενῶν, ὅς ἐστιν ἡδὺς ἐν οἴνων διατριβαῖς, ἐν τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ ὀχυρώμασι καταλείψει ἀτιμίαν. Ἐπιθυμίαι ἀσεβῶν, κακαί, αἱ δὲ ῥίζαι τῶν εὐσεβῶν, ἐν ὀχυρώμασι. Δι' άμαρτίαν

the cloud, and I will certainly remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh on the earth." Again God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I established between Me and all flesh on the earth." [SAAS]

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 68 (69).

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

Let the poor behold this, and be glad. [SAAS]

The reading is from the Proverbs of Solomon.

#### **PRIEST**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

#### **READER**

#### 12:8-24

The mouth of a man of understanding is praised by a man, but the slothful of heart are treated with contempt. It is better for a man in dishonor to serve himself than for him to surround himself with honor while in need of bread. A righteous man has compassion on the lives of his cattle, but the affections of the ungodly are without mercy. He who works his own land will be satisfied with bread, but those who pursue vain things are in need of discernment. He who is gladdened by wines in passing his time shall leave dishonor in his own strongholds. The desires of the ungodly

χειλέων ἐμπίπτει εἰς παγίδας ἁμαρτωλός, έξολισθαίνει δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν δίκαιος. Ὁ βλέπων λεῖα ἐλεηθήσεται, ὁ δὲ συναντῶν ἐν πύλαις ἐκθλίψει ψυχάς. Ἀπὸ καρπῶν στόματος ψυχὴ ἀνδρὸς πλησθήσεται άγαθῶν, ἀνταπόδομα δὲ χειλέων αὐτοῦ δοθήσεται αὐτῷ. Όδοὶ ἀφρόνων ὀρθαὶ ἐνώπιον αὐτῶν, εἰσακούει δὲ συμβουλίας σοφός. Άφοων αὐθημερὸν ἐξαγγέλλει οργήν αὐτοῦ, κρύπτει δὲ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ, ἀτιμίαν πανοῦργος. Ἐπιδεικνυμένην πίστιν ἀναγγελεῖ δίκαιος, ὁ δὲ μάρτυς τῶν ἀδίκων, δόλιος. Εἰσίν, οἳ λέγοντες, τιτρώσκουσιν μαχαίρα· γλῶσσαι δὲ σοφῶν ίωνται. Χείλη άληθινὰ κατορθοῖ μαρτυρίαν μάρτυς δὲ ταχὺς γλῶσσαν ἔχει ἄδικον. Δόλος ἐν καρδία τεκταινομένου κακά, οί δὲ βουλόμενοι εἰρήνην, εὐφρανθήσονται, οὐκ ἀρέσει τῷ δικαίῳ οὐδὲν ἄδικον, οἱ δὲ ἀσεβεῖς πλησθήσονται κακῶν. Βδέλυγμα Κυρίω χείλη ψευδη, ὁ δὲ ποιῶν πίστει, δεκτὸς παρ' αὐτῷ.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῆ ἑσπέρα ταύτη, 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, Ἅγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν

are evil, but the roots of the godly are in strongholds. By the sin of his lips a sinner falls into snares, but a righteous man escapes from them. He whose looks are gentle will show mercy, but he who contends in the gates will afflict souls. By the fruits of his mouth, the soul of a man will be filled with good things, and the recompense of his lips will be given to him. The ways of undiscerning men are right in their own eyes, but a wise man hearkens to counsels. A man without discernment immediately proclaims his wrath, but an astute man hides his own dishonor. A righteous man declares his honesty openly, but the witness of the unrighteous is deceitful. There are those who wound with a sword as they speak, but the tongues of the wise heal. Truthful lips establish a testimony, but a hasty witness has an unrighteous tongue. There is deceit in the heart of a man who devises evil things, but those who counsel peace shall be glad. Nothing unrighteous will ever be pleasing to the righteous, but the ungodly will be filled with evil things. Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but he who shows faithfulness is acceptable to Him. [SAAS]

#### **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

αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης. Σοὶ πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Αγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας των αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Συγγνώμην καὶ ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαοτιῶν καὶ τῶν πλημμελημάτων ἡμῶν, παοὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τὸν ὑπόλοιπον χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν ἐν εἰρήνη καὶ μετανοία ἐκτελέσαι, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν, ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικά, καὶ

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.

(Amen.)

#### **DEACON**

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

And let us ask for a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering,

καλήν ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχοάντου, 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

Ότι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

## ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

## ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλῖνας οὐρανοὺς καὶ καταβὰς ἐπὶ σωτηρία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἔπιδε ἐπί τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν σου σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλανθρώπῳ κριτῆ οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλάς, τοὺς δὲ αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν οῦς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν παροῦσαν ἑσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης ἐνεργίας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἴη τὸ κράτος τῆς βασιλείας σου εὐλογημένον καὶ δεδοξασμένον, τοῦ

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.)

#### **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

Πατρός, καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ, καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεἰ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Άμήν.)

Τοῦ Τοιωδίου - - -

#### ΧΟΡΟΣ

## Άπόστιχα. Τοῦ Τοιωδίου. Ἰδιόμελον. Ἡχος γ'.

Νικῶν τὸν Τελώνην τοῖς παραπτώμασιν, οὐ ζηλῶ τῆ μετανοία, τοῦ δὲ Φαρισαίου μὴ κεκτημένος τὰ κατορθώματα, μιμοῦμαι τὴν οἴησιν. Ἀλλ' ἡ τῆς σῆς ταπεινώσεως ὑπερβολή, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τὴν δαιμονικὴν ὑψηλοφροσύνην ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ καθελών, τοῦ μέν, τῆς προτέρας πονηρίας, τοῦ δέ, τῆς ἐσχάτης ἀπονοίας, ἀλλοτρίωσόν με, τὴν ἑκατέρων χρηστὴν διάθεσιν, ἐν τῆ ψυχῆ μου βεβαιώσας, καὶ σῶσόν με.

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

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Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Triodion - - -

#### CHOIR

## Aposticha. From the Triodion. Idiomelon. Mode 3.

I have surpassed the Publican in my transgressions, yet I do not vie with him in his repentance; I have not gained the virtue of the Pharisee, yet I imitate his self-conceit. O Christ my God, in Thy supreme humility Thou hast upon the Cross destroyed the devil's arrogance: make me a stranger to the past sins of the Publican and to the great foolishness of the Pharisee; establish in my soul the good that each of them possessed, and save me. [KW]

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

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## Μαοτυοικόν. Ήχος γ'.

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

Ποοφῆται καὶ Ἀπόστολοι, Χοιστοῦ καὶ Μάρτυρες, ἐδίδαξαν ὑμνεῖσθαι, Τριάδα ὁμοούσιον, καὶ ἐφώτισαν τὰ ἔθνη τὰ πεπλανημένα, καὶ κοινωνοὺς Ἀγγέλων ἐποίησαν, τοὺς υἱοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

## 'Ωδην τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

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

#### ΛΑΟΣ

## Τρισάγιον.

Άγιος ὁ Θεός, ἄγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἄγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ')

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Παναγία Τοιάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύοιε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαοτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα, συγχώοησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἅγιε, ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἴασαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

## For the Martyrs. Mode 3.

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

The prophets, the apostles of Christ and the martyrs have taught mankind to sing the praises of the consubstantial Trinity; they have given light to the nations that were gone astray, and they have made the sons of men companions of the angels. [KW]

Glory. Both now. Theotokion.

#### **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. [NKIV]

#### **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. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πάτες ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐςανοῖς, άγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ώς ἐν οὐςανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄςτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμεςον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειςασμόν, ἀλλὰ ςῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηςοῦ.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Αγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

## ΧΟΡΟΣ

Τοῦ Ώρολογίου - - -

## Άπολυτίκια. Ήχος πλ. α'.

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

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

Δόξα.

Ίκετεύσατε ύπὲο ἡμῶν, ἄγιοι Ἀπόστολοι, καὶ Ἅγιοι πάντες, ἵνα ὁυσθῶμεν 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**

From Horologion - - -

## Apolytikia. Mode pl. 1.

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

O Baptist of Christ, be mindful of us all, that we may be delivered from our iniquities; for unto you was given the grace to intercede for us. [5D]

## Glory.

Entreat earnestly for us, O holy Apostles and all Saints, that we be delivered from

κινδύνων καὶ θλίψεων, ὑμᾶς γὰο θεομοὺς προστάτας, πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα κεκτήμεθα.

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

#### Καὶ νῦν.

Υπὸ τὴν σὴν εὐσπλαγχνίαν, καταφεύγομεν Θεοτόκε, τὰς ἡμῶν ἱκεσίας μὴ παρίδης ἐν περιστάσει, ἀλλ' ἐκ κινδύνων λύτρωσαι ἡμᾶς, μόνη Άγνή, μόνη εὐλογημένη.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

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

Έν ὀνόματι Κυρίου εὐλόγησον, Πάτερ.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ό ὢν εὐλογητός, Χοιστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, πάντοτε, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

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

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

peril and affliction; for you are our fervent advocates before the Savior.

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

#### Both now.

Beneath your tender compassion we take refuge, O Theotokos. Despise not our supplications in distress, but deliver us from all peril. You alone are pure; you alone are blessed. [5D]

#### **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**

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

(Amen.)

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

(Amen.)

## Εὐχὴ τοῦ Άγίου Ἐφοαίμ

Κύριε καὶ Δέσποτα τῆς ζωῆς μου, πνεῦμα ἀργίας, περιεργίας, φιλαρχίας καὶ ἀργολογίας μή μοι δῷς.

Πνεῦμα δὲ σωφοοσύνης, ταπεινοφοοσύνης, ὑπομονῆς καὶ ἀγάπης χάοισαί μοι τῷ σῷ δούλῳ.

Ναί, Κύριε Βασιλεῦ, δώρησαί μοι τοῦ όρᾶν τὰ ἐμὰ πταίσματα, καὶ μὴ κατακρίνειν τὸν ἀδελφόν μου.

Ότι εὐλογητὸς εἶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ')

Παναγία Τοιάς, τὸ Όμοούσιον κοάτος, ἡ ἀδιαίοετος βασιλεία, ἡ πάντων τῶν ἀγαθῶν αἰτία, εὐδόκησον δὴ καὶ ἐπ' ἐμοὶ τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ στήριξον, συνέτισον τὴν καρδίαν μου, καὶ πᾶσαν περίελέ μου τὴν βεβηλότητα φώτισόν μου τὴν διάνοιαν, ἵνα διὰ παντὸς δοξάζω, ὑμνῶ, προσκυνῶ καὶ λέγω Εἰς Ἅγιος, εἰς Κύριος, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, εἰς δόξαν Θεοῦ Πατρός. Ἁμήν.

Εἴη τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου εὐλογημένον ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν καὶ ἕως τοῦ αἰῶνος. (ἐκ γ')

## Ψαλμὸς ΛΓ' (33).

Εὐλογήσω τὸν Κύριον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ, διὰ παντὸς ἡ αἴνεσις αὐτοῦ ἐν τῷ στόματί μου. Ἐν τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐπαινεθήσεται ἡ ψυχή μου ἀκουσάτωσαν πραεῖς, καὶ εὐφρανθήτωσαν. Μεγαλύνατε τὸν Κύριον σὺν ἐμοί, καὶ ὑψώσωμεν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Ἐξεζήτησα τὸν Κύριον, καὶ ἐπήκουσέ μου, καὶ ἐκ πασῶν τῶν θλίψεών μου ἐὀῥύσατό με. Προσέλθετε πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ φωτίσθητε, καὶ τὰ πρόσωπα ὑμῶν

## 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]

#### **READER**

Lord, have mercy. (12)

All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible rule, and cause of every good: be well pleased, even with regard to me a sinner. Strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, and take away all my defilement. Illumine my mind, so that I may ever glorify, praise, worship, and say: One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and to the ages. (3)

## Psalm 33 (34).

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall be praised in the Lord; let the gentle hear, and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me; and He delivered me from all my sojourning. Come to Him, and be enlightened, and your face shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from

οὐ μὴ καταισχυνθῆ. Οὖτος ὁ πτωχὸς ἐκέκραξε καὶ ὁ Κύριος εἰσήκουσεν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐκ πασῶν τῶν θλίψεων αὐτοῦ ἔσωσεν αὐτόν. Παρεμβαλεῖ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κύκλω τῶν φοβουμένων αὐτὸν καὶ ὁύσεται αὐτούς. Γεύσασθε καὶ ἴδετε ὅτι χρηστὸς ό Κύριος μακάριος ἀνήρ, ὃς ἐλπίζει ἐπ' αὐτόν. Φοβήθητε τὸν Κύριον πάντες οἱ άγιοι αὐτοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ὑστέρημα τοῖς φοβουμένοις αὐτόν. Πλούσιοι ἐπτώχευσαν καὶ ἐπείνασαν, οἱ δὲ ἐκζητοῦντες τὸν Κύριον οὐκ ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς άγαθοῦ. Δεῦτε, τέκνα, ἀκούσατέ μου φόβον Κυρίου διδάξω ύμᾶς. Τίς ἐστιν ἄνθοωπος ὁ θέλων ζωήν, ἀγαπῶν ἡμέρας ίδεῖν ἀγαθάς; Παῦσον τὴν γλῶσσάν σου ἀπὸ κακοῦ καὶ χείλη σου τοῦ μὴ λαλῆσαι δόλον. Έκκλινον ἀπὸ κακοῦ καὶ ποίησον ἀγαθόν, ζήτησον εἰρήνην καὶ δίωξον αὐτήν. Ὀφθαλμοὶ Κυρίου ἐπὶ δικαίους, καὶ ὧτα αὐτοῦ εἰς δέησιν αὐτῶν. Πρόσωπον δὲ Κυρίου ἐπὶ ποιοῦντας κακὰ τοῦ ἐξολοθοεῦσαι ἐκ γῆς τὸ μνημόσυνον αὐτῶν. Ἐκέκραξαν οἱ δίκαιοι, καὶ ὁ Κύριος εἰσήκουσεν αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκ πασῶν τῶν θλίψεων αὐτῶν ἐὀῥύσατο αὐτούς. Ἐγγὺς Κύριος τοῖς συντετριμμένοις τὴν καρδίαν καὶ τοὺς ταπεινοὺς τῷ πνεύματι σώσει. Πολλαὶ αἱ θλίψεις τῶν δικαίων, καὶ ἐκ πασῶν αὐτῶν ὁύσεται αὐτοὺς ὁ Κύριος. φυλάσσει Κύριος πάντα τὰ ὀστᾶ αὐτῶν, έν έξ αὐτῶν οὐ συντριβήσεται. Θάνατος άμαρτωλῶν πονηρός, καὶ οἱ μισοῦντες τὸν δίκαιον πλημμελήσουσι. Λυτρώσεται Κύριος ψυχὰς δούλων αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐ μὴ πλημμελήσουσι πάντες οἱ ἐλπίζοντες ἐπ' αὐτόν.

all his afflictions. The Angel of the Lord shall encamp around those who fear Him, and He will deliver them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who hopes in Him. Fear the Lord, you His saints, for there is no want for those who fear Him. Rich men turned poor and went hungry; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires life, who loves to see good days? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Shun evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their supplications. The Lord's face is against those who do evil, so as to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them; and He delivered them from all their afflictions. The Lord is near those who are brokenhearted, and He will save the humble in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but He will deliver them from them all. The Lord shall guard all their bones; not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is evil, and those who hate the righteous shall go wrong. The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and all who hope in Him shall not go wrong.

## Ψαλμὸς ΡΜΔ' (144).

Ύψώσω σε, ὁ Θεός μου ὁ βασιλεύς μου, καὶ εὐλογήσω τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τὸν αὶῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Καθ' έκάστην ήμέραν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ αἰνέσω τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αὶῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Μέγας Κύριος καὶ αὶνετὸς σφόδοα, καὶ τῆς μεγαλωσύνης αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἔστι πέρας. Γενεὰ καὶ γενεὰ ἐπαινέσει τὰ ἔργα σου καὶ τὴν δύναμίν σου ἀπαγγελοῦσι. Τὴν μεγαλοποέπειαν τῆς δόξης τῆς ἁγιωσύνης σου λαλήσουσι καὶ τὰ θαυμάσιά σου διηγήσονται. Καὶ την δύναμιν τῶν φοβερῶν σου ἐροῦσι καὶ τὴν μεγαλωσύνην σου διηγήσονται. Μνήμην τοῦ πλήθους τῆς χρηστότητός σου έξερεύξονται καὶ τῆ δικαιοσύνη σου άγαλλιάσονται. Οἰκτίρμων καὶ ἐλεήμων ό Κύριος, μακρόθυμος καὶ πολυέλεος. Χρηστὸς Κύριος τοῖς σύμπασι, καὶ οἱ οἰκτιρμοὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ πάντα τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ. Έξομολογησάσθωσάν σοι, Κύριε, πάντα τὰ ἔργα σου, καὶ οἱ ὅσιοί σου εὐλογησάτωσάν σε. Δόξαν τῆς βασιλείας σου ἐροῦσι καὶ τὴν δυναστείαν σου λαλήσουσι τοῦ γνωρίσαι τοῖς υἱοῖς τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὴν δυναστείαν σου καὶ τὴν δόξαν τῆς μεγαλοποεπείας τῆς βασιλείας σου. Ἡ βασιλεία σου βασιλεία πάντων τῶν αἰώνων, καὶ ἡ δεσποτεία σου ἐν πάση γενεᾳ καὶ γενεᾳ. Πιστὸς Κύριος ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς λόγοις αὐτοῦ καὶ ὅσιος έν πᾶσι τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ. Ὑποστηρίζει Κύριος πάντας τοὺς καταπίπτοντας καὶ άνορθοῖ πάντας τοὺς κατερραγμένους. Οἱ όφθαλμοὶ πάντων εἰς σὲ ἐλπίζουσι, καὶ σὺ δίδως τὴν τροφὴν αὐτῶν ἐν εὐκαιρία. Ανοίγεις σὺ τὰς χεῖράς σου καὶ ἐμπιπλῆς πᾶν ζῷον εὐδοκίας. Δίκαιος Κύριος ἐν

## Psalm 144 (145)

I shall exalt You, my God and my King, and I shall bless Your name forever and unto ages of ages. Every day I shall bless you and praise Your name forever and unto ages of ages. Great is the Lord and exceedingly praiseworthy, and His greatness has no limit. Generation and generation shall praise Your works, and they shall declare Your power. They shall speak of the magnificence of the glory of Your holiness, and they shall describe Your wonders. They shall also speak of the power of Your awesome deeds and describe Your great majesty. They shall overflow with the memory of Your rich goodness, and shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, longsuffering and abundant in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His mercies are upon all His works. O Lord, let all Your works praise You and Your holy ones bless You. They shall tell of Your kingdom's glory, and they shall speak of Your power, that all the sons of men may know Your power and the glory of Your kingdom's magnificence. Your kingdom is a kingdom of all the ages, and Your dominion is from generation to generation. The Lord is faithful in His words and holy in all His works. The Lord supports all who stumble and restores all who are broken down. All eyes hope in You, and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and fill every living thing with Your pleasure. The Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He shall do the will of those who fear Him, and He shall hear their supplications and save πάσαις ταῖς ὁδοῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ ὅσιος ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ. Ἐγγὺς Κύριος πᾶσι τοῖς ἐπικαλουμένοις αὐτόν, πᾶσι τοῖς ἐπικαλουμένοις αὐτὸν ἐν ἀληθεία. Θέλημα τῶν φοβουμένων αὐτὸν ποιήσει καὶ τῆς δεήσεως αὐτῶν εἰσακούσεται καὶ σώσει αὐτούς. Φυλάσσει Κύριος πάντας τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτὸν καὶ πάντας τοὺς άμαρτωλοὺς ἐξολοθρεύσει. Αἴνεσιν Κυρίου λαλήσει τὸ στόμα μου καὶ εὐλογείτω πᾶσα σὰρξ τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἄγιον αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

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

Εὐλόγησον.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις 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 Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

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

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them. The Lord keeps all who love Him, but all the sinners He shall utterly destroy. My mouth shall speak the Lord's praise, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and unto ages of ages.

#### READER

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

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

Father, bless!

#### **PRIEST**

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

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

(Amen.)