

ΕΝ ΤΩΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΩΙ ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΩΙ

Ἡ Λιτὴ καὶ Ἀρτοκλασία.

Οὕτω, μετὰ τὴν ἐκφώνησιν, "Εἴη τὸ κράτος...", ψάλλεται ὑπὸ τοῦ Χοροῦ ἢ ὑφ' ἑνὸς τῶν Κληρικῶν, ἓν, κατ' ἐκλογὴν, Στιχηρὸν ἐκ τῆς Λιτῆς (ἐλλείψει δὲ τούτου τὸ Ἀπολυτίκιον). Ἐκ τῆς βορείας πύλης ἐξέρχονται οἱ τε Διάκονοι καὶ οἱ Ἱερεῖς κατὰ τὴν οἰκίαν τάξιν καὶ ἔρχονται φέροντες εἰς χεῖρας τὴν εἰκόνα τοῦ τῇ ἐπαύριον ἐορταζομένου Ἁγίου καὶ λαμπάδας, καὶ ἴστανται ἐν τῷ μέσῳ τοῦ Ναοῦ, ὅπου εἰσὶ προτεθειμένοι, ἐπὶ ἡντρεπισμένου τετραποδίου, οἱ Ἄρτοι (ἄνωθι τῶν ὁποίων ἄπτουσι πέντε κηρία), ὁ σίτος, ὁ οἶνος καὶ τὸ ἔλεον.

Ὁ μὲν Διάκονος, ἢ ὁ νεώτερος τῶν Ἱερέων, ἐκφωνεῖ τὰς Δεήσεις, ὁ δὲ Χορὸς μεθ' ἐκάστην Δέησιν, ψάλλει εὐλαβῶς καὶ πραεῖα τῇ φωνῇ τρίς, τό· Κύριε, ἐλέησον, ὡς ἡ τάξις.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, υἱείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν, τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῇ (πόλει, κώμῃ), ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τοῦ ἁγίου ναοῦ τούτου, καὶ τῶν δούλων τοῦ

GREAT VESPERS

Litany and Blessing of Loaves.

Following the exclamation, "May the might of Your Kingdom," the Choir or one of the Clergy sings the selected hymn of the Lity (or, if there are none, the Apolytikion). The Deacons and Priests exit in order from the north door, and they process with the icon of the celebrated Saint and candles, and they stand in the center of the church, where a table has been prepared holding the five Loaves (each with a lit candle on it), the wheat, the wine and the oil.

The Deacon, or the youngest priest, intones the Supplication, and the Choirs respond reverently and appropriately.

DEACON

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

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

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

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

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, forgiveness and remission of the sins of all pious and Orthodox Christians living and visiting in this city, the parishioners, the members of the Parish Council and every Ministry of this Parish, and the donors and benefactors of this holy church, and the servants of God [names] who celebrate this holy feast.

Θεοῦ [...] τῶν ἐπιτελούντων τὴν πανήγυριν ταύτην.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ διαφυλαχθῆναι τὴν ἁγίαν Ἐκκλησίαν καὶ τὴν πόλιν ταύτην, καὶ πᾶσαν πόλιν καὶ χώραν, ἀπὸ ὀργῆς, λοιμοῦ, λιμοῦ, σεισμοῦ, καταποντισμοῦ, πυρός, μαχαίρας, ἐπιδρομῆς ἀλλοφύλων, ἐμφυλίου πολέμου καὶ αἰφνιδίου θανάτου· ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἵλεων, εὖμενῇ καὶ εὐδιάλλακτον γενέσθαι τὸν ἀγαθὸν καὶ φιλόανθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν, τοῦ ἀποστρέψαι καὶ διασκεδάσαι πᾶσαν ὀργὴν καὶ νόσον τὴν καθ' ἡμῶν κινουμένην, καὶ ρύσασθαι ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς ἐπικειμένης δικαίας αὐτοῦ ἀπειλῆς, καὶ ἐλεῆσαι ἡμᾶς.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ εἰσακοῦσαι Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν φωνῆς τῆς δεήσεως ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν, καὶ ἐλεῆσαι ἡμᾶς.

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν, ὁ Θεός, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, ἡ ἐλπίς πάντων τῶν περάτων τῆς γῆς καὶ τῶν ἐν θαλάσῃ μακρὰν· καὶ ἵλεως, ἵλεως γενοῦ ἡμῖν, Δέσποτα, ἐπὶ ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

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

Again we pray for the protection of this holy church, this city and every city and land, from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasions, civil strife, and accidental death. That our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and favorable to us by turning and keeping from us all wrath and sickness, and deliver us from His just rebuke, and have mercy on us.

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

Again we pray that the Lord our God may hear the prayer of us sinners, and have mercy on us.

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

PRIEST

Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all those who live everywhere on earth and those far out at sea or in the air. Be gracious toward our sins, Master, and have mercy on us.

For you are a merciful and loving God, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Δέσποτα πολυέλεε, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου Δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, 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 ἐν ἁγίοις Πατέρων ἡμῶν μεγάλων Ἱεραρχῶν καὶ οἰκουμενικῶν Διδασκάλων, Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου, Γρηγορίου τοῦ Θεολόγου καὶ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου, Ἀθανασίου, Κυρίλλου καὶ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Ἐλεήμονος Πατριαρχῶν Ἀλεξανδρίας· Νικολάου τοῦ ἐν Μύροις, Σπυρίδωνος Τριμυθοῦντος καὶ Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως τῶν θαυματουργῶν τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων Μεγαλομαρτύρων Γεωργίου τοῦ Τροπαιοφόρου, Δημητρίου τοῦ Μυροβλήτου, Θεοδώρου τοῦ Τήρωνος, Θεοδώρου τοῦ Στρατηλάτου, Μηνᾶ τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ· τῶν Ἱερομαρτύρων Χαράλαμπος καὶ Ἐλευθερίου, τῆς ἁγίας ἐνδόξου Μεγαλομάρτυρος καὶ πανευφήμου Εὐφημίας· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων Μαρτύρων Θέκλας, Βαρβάρας, Ἀναστασίας, Αἰκατερίνης, Κυριακῆς, Φωτεινῆς, Μαρίνης, Παρασκευῆς καὶ Εἰρήνης· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ Θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννης· **(τοῦ Ἁγίου τῆς ἡμέρας ἐφ' ὅσον δὲν ἐμνημονεύθη ἐν τοῖς ἀνωτέρω, οὗ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν)** καὶ πάντων σου τῶν Ἁγίων.

Εὐπρόσδεκτον ποιήσον τὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν· δώρησαι ἡμῖν τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν παραπτωμάτων ἡμῶν· σκέπασον ἡμᾶς ἐν τῇ σκέπῃ τῶν πτερύγων σου· ἀποδιώξον ἀφ' ἡμῶν πάντα ἐχθρὸν καὶ πολέμιον· εἰρήνευσον ἡμῶν τὴν ζωὴν· Κύριε, ἐλέησον

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

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; **(the saint of the day)**, whose memory we commemorate today; 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

ἡμᾶς καὶ τὸν κόσμον σου, καὶ σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ ἢ ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ὕμνος εἰς τὴν Θεοτόκον.

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἡ Εὐλογία τῶν Ἄρτων.

Κύριε, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ὁ εὐλόγησας τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους ἐν τῇ
ἐρήμῳ, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν πεντακισχιλίου
ἄνδρας χορτάσας, αὐτὸς εὐλόγησον καὶ
τοὺς ἄρτους τούτους, τὸν σῖτον, τὸν οἶνον,
καὶ τὸ ἔλαιον· καὶ πλήθυνον αὐτὰ ἐν
τῇ ἀγίᾳ Ἐκκλησίᾳ, τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ, ἐν
τοῖς οἴκοις τῶν ἐορταζόντων καὶ εἰς τὸν
κόσμον σου ἅπαντα· καὶ τοὺς ἐξ αὐτῶν
μεταλαμβάνοντας πιστοὺς δούλους σου
ἀγίασον.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ εὐλογῶν καὶ ἀγιάζων τὰ
σύμπαντα, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν
ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ ἀνάρχῳ σου Πατρὶ
καὶ τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ
σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ

Πλούσιοι ἐπτώχευσαν καὶ ἐπείνασαν,
οἱ δὲ ἐκζητοῦντες τὸν Κύριον οὐκ
ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ.

your world; and save our souls as a good and
loving God.

PRIEST or: CHOIR

Hymn to the Theotokos.

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

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

Blessing of the Loaves.

Lord, Jesus Christ. our God, You blessed
the five loaves in the wilderness and from
them five thousand men were filled. Bless
now these loaves, the wheat, the wine and
oil and multiply them in this holy church,
this city, in the homes of those who celebrate
today, and in Your whole world. And sanctify
Your faithful servants who partake of them.

For You are He who blesses and sanctifies
all things, Christ our God, and to You we offer
up glory together with Your eternal Father
and Your holy, good, and life-creating Spirit,
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CLERGY

The wealthy have become poor and gone
hungry, but those who seek the Lord shall not
lack any good thing. (GOA)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Πλούσιοι ἐπτώχευσαν καὶ ἐπείνασαν,
οἱ δὲ ἐκζητοῦντες τὸν Κύριον οὐκ
ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ. (δίς)

*Οἱ δὲ Χοροὶ ἐπαναλαμβάνουσι τὸ αὐτὸ δίς, καὶ
μετὰ τοῦτο ἄρχονται ψάλλοντες τὰ Ἀπόστιχα, κατὰ
τὸ Τυπικόν.*

CHOIR

The wealthy have become poor and gone
hungry, but those who seek the Lord shall not
lack any good thing. (2) (GOA)

*The Choirs, having repeated this hymn twice,
commence singing the Aposticha, according to the Typikon.*