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# The Service of Vespers

**on Friday Evening**

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**Menaion - September 21**  
**Leave-taking of the Feast.**

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Μηναῖον - ΤΗΙ ΚΑ' ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Απόδοσις τῆς Ἑορτῆς

**ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ**

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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

(Ἀμήν.)

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ  
προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ  
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν  
Θεῷ.

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

**Ψαλμὸς ΡΓ' (103).**

Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον.  
Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα.  
Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν  
ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον.  
Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὥσει δέρῳ, ὁ  
στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασι τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ.  
Ὅ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ  
περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων. Ὁ  
ποιῶν τοὺς Ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα,  
καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς  
φλόγα. Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γῆν ἐπὶ τὴν  
ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν  
αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἀβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον  
τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων  
στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμῆσεώς  
σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς  
σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουνσιν ὄρη,  
καὶ καταβαίνουνσιν πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν  
ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ

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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.

**Psalms 103 (104).**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my  
God, You are magnified exceedingly; You  
clothe Yourself with thanksgiving and  
majesty, who cover Yourself with light as  
with a garment, who stretch out the heavens  
like a curtain; You are He who covers His  
upper chambers with water, who makes the  
clouds His means of approach, who walks  
on the wings of the winds, who makes His  
angels spirits and His ministers a flame of  
fire. He established the earth on its stable  
foundation; it shall not be moved unto ages of  
ages. The deep like a garment is His covering;  
the waters shall stand upon the mountains;  
at Your rebuke they shall flee; at the sound  
of Your thunder, they shall be afraid. The  
mountains rise up, and the plains sink down  
to the place You founded for them. You set  
a boundary they shall not pass over; neither

παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι  
καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων  
πηγὰς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὀρέων  
διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ  
θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέξονται ὄναγροι  
εἰς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ  
τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου  
τῶν πετρῶν δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων  
ὄρη ἐκ τῶν ὑπερώων αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ καρποῦ  
τῶν ἔργων σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ  
ἐξανατέλλων χόρτον τοῖς κτήνεσι, καὶ  
χλόην τῇ δουλείᾳ τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Τοῦ  
ἐξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ οἶνος  
εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου. Τοῦ ἱλαρύναι  
πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίῳ, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν  
ἀνθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται τὰ  
ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, ἃς  
ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι,  
τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὅρη  
τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ  
τοῖς λαγωαῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιροῦς,  
ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐθου σκότος,  
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται  
πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι  
ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπαῖσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ  
τῷ Θεῷ βρώσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος,  
καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας  
αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται  
ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ  
τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς  
ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα  
ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς  
κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη  
καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν  
ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ  
πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος,  
ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα  
πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφήν

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;  
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

αὐτῶν εἰς εὐκαιρον, δόντος σου αὐτοῖς  
 συλλέξουσιν. Ἀνοίξαντός σου τὴν χεῖρα,  
 τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος,  
 ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ πρόσωπον,  
 ταραχθήσονται. Ἀντανελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα  
 αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν χοῦν  
 αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς  
 τὸ πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ  
 ἀνακαινιεῖς τὸ πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς.  
 Ἦτω ἡ δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας,  
 εὐφρανθήσεται Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις  
 αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποιῶν  
 αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ὁ ἀπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων,  
 καὶ καπνίζονται. Αἰσῶ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ  
 ζωῇ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω.  
 Ἦδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογία μου, ἐγὼ δὲ  
 εὐφρανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείποιεν  
 ἀμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε  
 μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτοῦς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου,  
 τὸν Κύριον.

Ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου  
 σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ.

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε·  
 πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

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

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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. Alleluia. Glory to You,  
 O God. (3)

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

*Ἀπαγγελλομένου ἐπίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ, ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπὴς ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας Τραπέζης ἢ καὶ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ, ἱστάμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ Σολέα (ὡς ἐν τῷ Ὁρθρῳ), καὶ ἀναγινώσκει μυστικῶς τὰς Εὐχὰς τοῦ Λιχνικοῦ·*

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ** (μυστικῶς)

### **ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ**

Κύριε, οἰκτίρμον καὶ ἐλεῆμον, μακρόθυμε καὶ πολυέλεε, ἐνώτισαι τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, καὶ πρόσχες τῇ φωνῇ τῆς δεήσεως ἡμῶν· ποιήσον μεθ' ἡμῶν σημεῖον εἰς ἀγαθόν· ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ σου τοῦ πορεύεσθαι ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ σου· εὐφρανον τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν, εἰς τὸ φοβεῖσθαι τὸ Ὄνομά σου τὸ ἅγιον· διότι μέγας εἶ σὺ, καὶ ποιῶν θαυμάσια· σὺ εἶ Θεὸς μόνος, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὅμοιός σοι ἐν θεοῖς, Κύριε, δυνατὸς ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἀγαθὸς ἐν ἰσχύϊ, εἰς τὸ βοηθεῖν καὶ παρακαλεῖν, καὶ σῶζειν πάντας τοὺς ἐλπίζοντας εἰς τὸ Ὄνομά σου τὸ ἅγιον.

Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

### **ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ**

Κύριε, μὴ τῷ θυμῷ σου ἐλέγξης ἡμᾶς, μηδὲ τῇ ὀργῇ σου παιδεύσης ἡμᾶς, ἀλλὰ ποιήσον μεθ' ἡμῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐπιείκειάν σου, ἱατρὲ 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. [EL]

For to you belong all glory, honour and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [EL]

### **2nd Prayer**

Lord, do not rebuke us in your anger, nor chastise us in your wrath, but deal with us in accordance with your kindness, physician and healer of our souls. Guide us to the harbour of your will. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts to the knowledge of your truth and grant that the rest of the present day and the whole time of our life may be peaceful and without sin, at the prayers of the holy Mother of God and of all the Saints. [EL]



προσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

Ὅτι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, μνήσθητι ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν καὶ ἀχρείων δούλων σου, ἐν τῷ ἐπικαλεῖσθαι ἡμᾶς τὸ ἅγιον ὄνομά σου, καὶ μὴ κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς προσδοκίας τοῦ ἐλέους σου, ἀλλὰ χάρισαι ἡμῖν, Κύριε, πάντα τὰ πρὸς σωτηρίαν αἰτήματα· καὶ ἀξιώσον ἡμᾶς ἀγαπᾶν, καὶ φοβεῖσθαι σε ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας ἡμῶν, καὶ ποιεῖν ἐν πᾶσι τὸ θέλημά σου.

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ

Ὅ τοῖς ἀσιγήτοις ὕμνοις καὶ ἀπαύστοις δοξολογίαις ὑπὸ τῶν ἁγίων δυνάμεων ἀννυμνούμενος, πλήρωσον τὸ στόμα ἡμῶν τῆς αἰνέσεώς σου, τοῦ δοῦναι μεγαλωσύνην τῷ ὀνόματί σου τῷ ἁγίῳ· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν μερίδα καὶ κληρὸν μετὰ πάντων τῶν φοβουμένων σε ἐν ἀληθείᾳ καὶ φυλασσόντων τὰς ἐντολάς σου· προσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων σου.

Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ 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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

### 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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

### 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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

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

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

Κύριε, Κύριε, ὁ τῇ ἀχραντῷ σου παλάμῃ συνέχων τὰ σύμπαντα, ὁ μακροθυμῶν ἐπὶ πάντας ἡμᾶς καὶ μετανοῶν ἐπὶ ταῖς κακίαις ἡμῶν, μνήσθητι τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου καὶ τοῦ ἐλέους σου· ἐπίσκεψαι ἡμᾶς ἐν τῇ σῇ ἀγαθότητι· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν διαφυγεῖν καὶ τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρούσης ἡμέρας, ἐκ τῶν τοῦ πονηροῦ ποικίλων μηχανημάτων, καὶ ἀνεπιβούλευτον τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν διαφύλαξον, τῇ χάριτι τοῦ Παναγίου σου Πνεύματος.

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

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

Ὁ Θεός, ὁ μέγας καὶ θαυμαστός, ὁ ἀνεκδιηγῆτῳ 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 ἀγαθῶν· ὁ ποιήσας ἡμᾶς καὶ τῆς νῦν ἡμέρας τὸ παρελθὸν μέρος ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐκκλίνειν κακοῦ, δώρησαι ἡμῖν καὶ τὸ ὑπόλοιπον ἀμέμπτως ἐκτελέσαι, ἐνώπιον τῆς ἀγίας δόξης σου, ὑμνοῦντάς σε τὸν μόνον ἀγαθόν, καὶ φιλάνθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ

#### 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. [EL]

By the mercy and love for mankind of your Only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [EL]

#### 6th Prayer

O God, great and wonderful, who order the universe with inexpressible loving-kindness and rich providence; who have granted us also the blessings of this world and brought us near to the promised Kingdom through the blessings that have been bestowed on us already; who have made us turn aside from every evil during that part of the present day which is now over, grant us also to complete what remains without blame in the presence of your holy glory, as we sing your praise, who alone are our God, good and the Lover of mankind. [EL]

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



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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗ

Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὑψιστος, ὁ μόνος  
ἔχων ἀθανασίαν, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ  
πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφίᾳ δημιουργήσας.  
Ὁ διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ  
ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον  
θέμενος εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην  
δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός· ὁ  
καταξιώσας ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ  
ἐπὶ τῆς παρούσης ὥρας προφθάσαι τὸ  
πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν  
ἐσπερινὴν σοι δοξολογίαν προσαγαγεῖν·  
αὐτός, φιλάνθρωπε Κύριε, κατεύθυνον  
τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν  
σου καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὁσμὴν  
εὐωδίας. Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν  
ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν ἐπιοῦσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικὴν·  
ἐνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός· ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς  
ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντός  
πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου· καὶ  
δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπausιν τῇ  
ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν 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 τῇ μελέτῃ τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν  
καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς  
διανιστῶμεν πρὸς δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς  
ἀγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ ἱκεσίας τῇ σῇ  
εὐσπλαγχνίᾳ προσάγοντες ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων  
ἁμαρτημάτων καὶ παντός τοῦ λαοῦ σου,  
ὃν ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου ἐν  
ἐλέει 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]

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

*Πληρωθέντος τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ Ψαλμοῦ, ὁ μὲν  
Τερεὺς παραμένει ἐν εὐλαβείᾳ ἐνώπιον τῆς ἀγίας  
Τραπέζης, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς τὸ Τερέα,  
καὶ ἐξελθὼν τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς βορείας  
πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ὁραίας πύλης, καὶ βλέπων  
κατ' ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Χριστοῦ, λέγει τὴν  
Μεγάλην Συναπτὴν, ἥτοι 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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

*When the Opening Psalm is completed the Priest, in  
front of the Holy Table, or the Deacon in his usual place  
outside the Holy Doors, says the Litany of Peace.*

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τοῦ (ἀρχιερατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος), τοῦ τιμίου πρεσβυτερίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ κλήρου καὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ εὐκρασίας ἀέρων, εὐφορίας τῶν καρπῶν τῆς γῆς, καὶ καιρῶν εἰρηνικῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

**DEACON**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For (episcopal rank) (name), for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Ὑπὲρ πλεόντων, ὁδοιπορούντων,  
νοσούντων, καμνόντων, αἰχμαλώτων καὶ  
τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ῥυσθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης  
θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, τοῦ  
Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχράντου,  
ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου Δεσποίνης  
ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας  
μετὰ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες,  
ἐαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν  
ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ  
προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ  
Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς  
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

### ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

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

Κατευθυνθήτω ἡ προσευχή μου, ὡς  
θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου, ἔπαρσις τῶν χειρῶν  
μου θυσία ἑσπερινή. Εἰσάκουσόν μου,  
Κύριε.

For those who travel by land, sea, and air,  
for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for  
their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our deliverance from all affliction,  
wrath, danger, and 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.)

### 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]

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

Μὴ ἐκκλίνῃς 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 ἁμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλὴν μου.

Ὅτι ἔτι καὶ ἡ προσευχή μου ἐν ταῖς εὐδοκίαις αὐτῶν· κατεπόθησαν ἐχόμενα πέτραις οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν· ὥσπερ πάχος γῆς ἐρράγῃ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὅσα αὐτῶν παρὰ τὸν ἄδην.

Ὅτι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ μου· ἐπὶ σοὶ ἤλπισα, μὴ ἀντανέλης τὴν ψυχὴν μου.

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

Πεσοῦνται ἐν ἀμφιβλήστρῳ αὐτῶν οἱ ἁμαρτωλοί· κατὰ μόνας εἰμὶ ἐγὼ ἕως ἂν παρέλθω.

Φωνῇ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐκέκραξα, φωνῇ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐδεήθην.

Ἐκχεῶ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ τὴν δέησίν μου, τὴν θλιψίν μου ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ἀπαγγελῶ.

Ἐν τῷ ἐκλείπειν ἐξ ἐμοῦ τὸ πνεῦμά μου, καὶ σὺ ἔγνωσ τὰς τρίβους μου.

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

Ἀπώλετο φυγὴ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ ἐκζητῶν τὴν ψυχὴν μου.

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

Πρόσχεες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, a door of enclosure about my lips.

Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.

With men who work lawlessness; and I will not join with their choice ones.

The righteous man shall correct me with mercy, and he shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.

For my prayer shall be intense in the presence of their pleasures. Their judges are swallowed up by the rock.

They shall hear my words, for they are pleasant. As a clod of ground is dashed to pieces on the earth, so their bones were scattered beside the grave.

For my eyes, O Lord, O Lord, are toward You; in You I hope; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snares they set for me, and from the stumbling blocks of those who work lawlessness.

Sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone, until I escape.

I cried to the Lord with my voice, with my voice I prayed to the Lord.

I shall pour out my supplication before Him; I shall declare my affliction in His presence.

When my spirit fainted within me, then You knew my paths.

For on the way I was going, they hid a trap for me.

I looked on my right, and saw there was no one who knew me.

Refuge failed me, and there was no one who cared for my soul.

I cried to You, O Lord; I said, "You are my hope, my portion in the land of the living."

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

Γενηθῆτω τὰ ὦτά σου προσέχοντα εἰς τὴν  
φωνὴν τῆς δεήσεώς μου.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

**Ἦχος πλ. β'. Ὁλην ἀποθέμενοι.**

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

Σταυρὸς ἀνυψούμενος, τοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ  
ὑψωθέντος, τὸ πάθος τὸ ἄχραντον,  
ἀνυμνεῖν προτρέπεται κτίσιν ἅπασαν· ἐν  
αὐτῷ κτείνας γάρ, τὸν ἡμᾶς κτείναντα,  
νεκρωθέντας ἀνεζώωσε, καὶ κατεκάλλυνε,  
καὶ εἰς οὐρανοὺς πολιτεύεσθαι, ἡξίωσεν ὡς  
εὐσπλαγχνος, δι' ὑπερβολὴν ἀγαθότητος·  
ὅθεν γεγηθότες, ὑψώσωμεν τὸ ὄνομα  
αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὴν αὐτοῦ μεγαλύνωμεν, ἄκραν  
συγκατάβασιν.

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

Σταυρὸς ἀνυψούμενος, τοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ  
ὑψωθέντος, τὸ πάθος τὸ ἄχραντον,  
ἀνυμνεῖν προτρέπεται κτίσιν ἅπασαν· ἐν  
αὐτῷ κτείνας γάρ, τὸν ἡμᾶς κτείναντα,  
νεκρωθέντας ἀνεζώωσε, καὶ κατεκάλλυνε,  
καὶ εἰς οὐρανοὺς πολιτεύεσθαι, ἡξίωσεν ὡς  
εὐσπλαγχνος, δι' ὑπερβολὴν ἀγαθότητος·

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

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

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

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

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

From Menaion - - -

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

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

The Cross is exalted now \* and it invites  
all creation \* to praise the immaculate \*  
Passion of the Lord who was lifted up on  
it. \* For when He slew thereon \* him who  
had murdered us, \* He gave life again to  
us the dead, \* and made us beautiful, \* and  
He granted us to be citizens \* of heaven,  
as Compassionate, \* due to His exceeding  
benevolence. \* Therefore let us greatly \*  
rejoice as we exalt His holy name, \* and let us  
magnify His divine \* extreme condescension  
to us. [SD]

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

The Cross is exalted now \* and it invites  
all creation \* to praise the immaculate \*  
Passion of the Lord who was lifted up on  
it. \* For when He slew thereon \* him who  
had murdered us, \* He gave life again to  
us the dead, \* and made us beautiful, \* and  
He granted us to be citizens \* of heaven,



ὅθεν γεγηθότες, ὑψώσωμεν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὴν αὐτοῦ μεγαλύνωμεν, ἄκραν συγκατάβασιν.

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

Μωσῆς προετύπου σε, χεῖρας ἐκτείνας εἰς ὕψος, καὶ κατατροπούμενος, Ἀμαλήκ τὸν τύραννον, Σταυρὲ τίμιε, τῶν πιστῶν καύχημα, Ἀθλητῶν στήριγμα, Ἀποστόλων ἐγκαλλώπισμα, Δικαίων πρόμαχε, πάντων τῶν Ὁσίων διάσωμα· διὸ σε ἀνυψούμενον, βλέπουσα ἡ κτίσις εὐφραίνεται, καὶ πανηγυρίζει, δοξάζουσα Χριστὸν τὸν διὰ σοῦ, τὰ διεστῶτα συνάψαντα, ἄκρα ἀγαθότητι.

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

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as Compassionate, \* due to His exceeding benevolence. \* Therefore let us greatly \* rejoice as we exalt His holy name, \* and let us magnify His divine \* extreme condescension to us. [SD]

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

Moses once prefigured you \* when he extended his arms up \* and he routed utterly \* Amalek the tyrant king, \* O most precious Cross; \* the believers' pride and joy, \* Martyr-athletes' support, \* the Apostles' badge and ornament, \* defender of the Just \* and the preservation of the Devout. \* And all creation seeing you \* lifted high is therefore rejoicing now, \* and is celebrating \* and glorifying Christ who has through you \* united those that were separate, \* in His extreme benevolence. [SD]

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

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

Σταυρὲ πανσεβάσμιε, ὃν περιέπουσι  
τάξεις, Ἀγγέλων γηθόμεναι, σήμερον  
ὑψούμενος, θεῖω νεύματι, ἀνυψοῖς  
ἅπαντας, τοὺς κλοπῇ βρώσεως,  
ἀπωσθέντας καὶ εἰς θάνατον,  
κατολισθήσαντας· ὅθεν σε καρδίᾳ καὶ  
χείλεσι, πιστῶς περιπτυσσόμενοι, τὸν  
ἁγιασμόν ἀρυόμεθα· Ὑψοῦτε βοῶντες,  
Χριστὸν τὸν ὑπεράγαθον Θεόν, καὶ τὸ  
αὐτοῦ προσκυνήσατε, θεῖον ὑποπόδιον.

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

Σταυρὲ πανσεβάσμιε, ὃν περιέπουσι  
τάξεις, Ἀγγέλων γηθόμεναι, σήμερον  
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αὐτοῦ προσκυνήσατε, θεῖον ὑποπόδιον.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

**Ἦχος β’.**

Δεῦτε ἅπαντα τὰ ἔθνη, τὸ εὐλογημένον  
ξύλον προσκυνήσωμεν, δι’ οὗ γέγονεν ἡ  
αἰώνιος δικαιοσύνη· τὸν γὰρ Προπάτορα  
Ἀδάμ, ὁ ἀπατήσας ἐν ξύλῳ, τῷ Σταυρῷ  
δελεάζεται καὶ πίστει κατενεχθεὶς πτώμα  
ἐξαίσιον, ὁ τυραννίδι κρατήσας τοῦ

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

O Cross, most revered by all, \* and which  
the orders of Angels \* joyously surround,  
today \* at your exaltation now \* by divine  
command, \* you exalt everyone \* who had  
been evicted \* and who fell completely into  
death \* for having stolen fruit; \* therefore we  
are faithfully kissing you \* with hearts and  
lips caressing you \* and thus are deriving  
the sanctity; \* and shouting, "Exalt Christ \*  
the Lord our God who is exceeding good, \*  
and also worship and venerate \* His divine  
footstool, the Cross." [SD]

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

O Cross, most revered by all, \* and which  
the orders of Angels \* joyously surround,  
today \* at your exaltation now \* by divine  
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the Lord our God who is exceeding good, \*  
and also worship and venerate \* His divine  
footstool, the Cross." [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion - -

**Mode 2.**

Come, all you nations, let us worship the  
blessed tree, through which has come the  
eternal vindication. For he who deceived our  
forefather Adam by means of a tree is himself  
ensnared by the Cross. And he falls headlong  
tumbling down, who formerly held the royal

βασιλείου πλάσματος, Αἵματι Θεοῦ, ὁ  
 ἰὸς τοῦ ὄφεως ἀποπλύνεται· καὶ κατάρα  
 λέλνται, καταδίκης δικαίας, ἀδίκῳ δίκη τοῦ  
 δικαίου κατακρίθέντος· ξύλῳ γὰρ ἔδει τὸ  
 ξύλον ἰάσασθαι, καὶ πάθει τοῦ ἀπαθοῦς,  
 τὰ ἐν ξύλῳ λῦσαι πάθη τοῦ κατακρίτου.  
 Ἀλλὰ δόξα Χριστὲ Βασιλεῦ, τῇ περὶ ἡμᾶς  
 σου φρικτῇ οικονομίᾳ δι' ἧς ἔσωσας πάντας,  
 ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

(Εἵσοδος οὐ γίνεται.)

### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

### ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Προκείμενον. Ἦχος βαρύς.**

Ὁ Θεός, ἀντιλήπτωρ μου εἶ· τὸ ἔλεός  
 σου προφθάσει με. (δίς)

**Στίχ.** Ἐξελοῦ με ἐκ τῶν ἐχθρῶν μου,  
 ὁ Θεός, καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἐπανισταμένων ἐπ' ἐμὲ  
 λύτρωσαί με.

Ὁ Θεός, ἀντιλήπτωρ μου εἶ· τὸ ἔλεός  
 σου προφθάσει με.

masterwork in tyranny. By the blood of God,  
 the venom of the serpent is washed away,  
 and the curse is lifted of the just sentence by  
 the unjust sentence on the Righteous One  
 who was condemned. For it was necessary  
 to remedy tree by tree, and to put an end  
 to the passions suffered by the condemned  
 at the tree by the Passion of the Passionless  
 One. And therefore, glory, O Christ the King,  
 glory to the awesome plan for our salvation,  
 by which You saved everyone, since You are  
 good and You love mankind. [SD]

(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. [SD]

### DEACON

The evening Prokeimenon.

### CHOIR

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.**

You are my protector, O God. Your mercy  
 shall go before me. (2) [SAAS]

**Verse:** Rescue me from my enemies, O God,  
 and redeem me from those who rise up against me.

You are my protector, O God. Your mercy  
 shall go before me.

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Εἵπωμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ  
ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἵπωμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Κύριε παντοκράτορ ὁ Θεὸς τῶν  
πατέρων ἡμῶν, δεόμεθά Σου, ἐπάκουσον  
καὶ ἐλέησον.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ  
ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς,  
εἰρήνης, υἰγείας, 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.

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

**DEACON**

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we  
pray You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox  
Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace,  
health, salvation, protection, forgiveness,  
and remission of the sins of the servants of  
God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing  
and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the  
members of the parish council, the stewards,  
and benefactors of this holy church.

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

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

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

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

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

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς  
ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν,  
τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι,  
νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἐσπέρᾳ  
ταύτῃ, ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς.  
Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων  
ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ  
ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο,  
Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ  
ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε,  
δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς  
εἶ, Δέσποτα, συνέτισον μὲ τὰ δικαιώματά  
σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Ἄγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς  
δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν  
αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης.  
Σοὶ πρόπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρόπει ὕμνος, σοὶ  
δόξα πρόπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ

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

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

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

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

#### PRIEST

For You are a merciful God Who loves  
mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

#### READER

O Lord, keep us this evening without  
sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our  
fathers, and praised and glorified is your  
name to the ages. Amen. O Lord, let your  
mercy be upon us for we have set our hope  
in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me  
your commandments. Blessed are you,  
Master, grant me understanding of your  
commandments. Blessed are you, Holy One,  
enlighten me with your commandments.  
Lord, your mercy is forever. Do not despise  
the works of your hands. To you is due praise,  
to you is due song, to you is due glory, to the  
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now  
and forever and to the ages of ages. [HC]



Ἀγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

Συγγνώμην καὶ ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ τῶν πλημμελημάτων ἡμῶν, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

Τὸν ὑπόλοιπον χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν ἐν εἰρήνῃ καὶ μετάνοιᾳ ἐκτελέσαι, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν, ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικά, καὶ καλὴν ἀπολογία τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

(Amen.)

### DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

And let us ask for a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ.

(Grant this, O Lord.)



Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχράντου,  
ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου Δεσποίνης  
ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας  
μετὰ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες,  
ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζώην  
ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος Θεὸς  
ὑπάρχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν,  
τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι,  
νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλῖνας οὐρανοὺς καὶ  
καταβὰς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,  
ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν  
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλάνθρωπῳ κριτῇ  
οἱ σοὶ δούλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ  
αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων  
ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες  
ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν·  
οὓς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν  
παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιούσαν νύκτα,  
ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης  
ἐνεργίας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ  
ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἴη τὸ κράτος τῆς βασιλείας σου  
εὐλογημένον καὶ δεδοξασμένον, τοῦ  
Πατρὸς, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου  
Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας  
τῶν αἰώνων.

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

(To You, O Lord.)

### PRIEST

For You, O God, are good and love  
mankind, and to You we offer glory, to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

### PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

### DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

### PRIEST (in a low voice)

Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and came  
down for the salvation of the human race, look upon  
your servants and upon your inheritance, for to you,  
the fearful Judge who love mankind, your servants  
have bowed their heads and inclined their necks, not  
waiting for any human help, but awaiting your mercy  
and looking for your salvation. Guard them at every  
moment, during both the present evening and the  
approaching night, from every foe, from every hostile  
operation of the devil and from vain thoughts and evil  
desires.

### PRIEST

May the might of your kingdom be  
blessed and glorified, of the Father and the  
Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and  
to the ages of ages.

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**ΧΟΡΟΣ**

**Ἀπόστιχα. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ.**

**Ἦχος πλ. α'. Χαίροις ἀσκητικῶν.**

Χαίροις ὁ ζωηφόρος Σταυρός, τῆς  
εὐσεβείας τὸ ἀήττητον τρόπαιον, ἡ θύρα  
τοῦ Παραδείσου, ὁ τῶν πιστῶν στηριγμός,  
τὸ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας περιτείχισμα· δι' οὗ  
ἐξηφάνισται, ἡ φθορὰ καὶ κατήργηται,  
καὶ κατεπόθη, τοῦ θανάτου ἡ δύναμις,  
καὶ ὑψώθημεν, ἀπὸ γῆς πρὸς οὐράνια.  
Ὅπλον ἀκαταμάχητον, δαιμόνων ἀντίπαλε,  
δόξα Μαρτύρων Ὁσίων, ὡς ἀληθῶς  
ἐγκαλλώπισμα, λιμὴν σωτηρίας, ὁ  
δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**Στίχ.** Ὑψοῦτε Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν καὶ  
προσκυνεῖτε τῷ ὑποποδίῳ τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ,  
ὅτι ἅγιός ἐστι.

Χαίροις ὁ τοῦ Κυρίου Σταυρός, δι' οὗ  
ἐλύθη τῆς ἀρᾶς τὸ ἀνθρώπινον, τῆς ὄντως  
χαρᾶς σημεῖον, ὁ καταράσων ἐχθρούς,  
ἐν τῇ σῇ ὑψώσει πανσεβάσμιε· ἡμῶν ἡ  
βοήθεια, Βασιλέων κραταίωμα, σθένος  
δικαίων, ἱερέων εὐπρέπεια, ὁ τυπούμενος,  
καὶ δεινῶν ἐκλυτρούμενος, ῥάβδος ἡ τῆς  
δυνάμεως, ὑφ' ἧς ποιμαίνομεθα, ὅπλον  
εἰρήνης ἐν φόβῳ, ὁ περιέπουσιν Ἄγγελοι,  
Χριστοῦ θεία δόξα, τοῦ παρέχοντος τῷ  
κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

(Amen.)

From Menaion ---

**CHOIR**

**Aposticha. For the Cross.**

**Mode pl. 1. Rejoice.**

Rejoice, life-bearing Cross of the Lord, \*  
of true religion the invincible monument, \*  
the door to the blessed Garden, \* support for  
those who believe, \* and the Church's wall of  
defense all around. \* Corruption has vanished  
and is abolished because of you. \* Through  
you the power that was death's has been  
swallowed up, \* and from earth have we been  
exalted to the heavens' heights; \* panoply  
unassailable, \* opponent of demons all, \* the  
Martyrs' glory that truly adorns devoutest  
ascetic saints; \* the port of salvation, \* O all-  
precious Cross, bestowing great mercy on the  
world. [SD]

**Verse:** Exalt the Lord our God, and worship  
at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy. [SAAS]

Rejoice, O precious Cross of the Lord. \*  
Through you mankind has been released from  
the primal curse; \* the sign indicating true joy,  
\* O wood respected by all, \* in your exaltation  
cursing enemies. \* For us you are help in  
need, and the strength of the Emperors, \*  
might of the righteous, and the dignity of  
the priests, \* for when you are signed, you  
redeem us from miseries. \* Rod of the power  
from above, \* by which we are shepherded;  
\* the shield of peace that the Angels in fear  
attend to respectfully; \* divine holy glory \* of  
the Master Christ who grants His great mercy  
to the world. [SD]

**Στίχ.** Ὁ δὲ Θεὸς βασιλεὺς ἡμῶν πρὸ αἰώνων, εἰργάσατο σωτηρίαν ἐν μέσῳ τῆς γῆς.

Χαίροις ὁ τῶν τυφλῶν ὁδηγός, τῶν ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, ἡ ἀνάστασις, ἀπάντων τῶν τεθνεώτων, ὁ ἀνυψώσας ἡμᾶς, εἰς φθορὰν πεσόντας, Σταυρὲ τίμιε· δι' οὗ διαλέλυται, ἡ φθορὰ καὶ ἐξήνηθησεν, ἡ ἀφθαρσία, καὶ βροτοὶ ἐθεώθημεν, καὶ διάβολος, παντελῶς καταβέβληται. Σήμερον ἀνυψούμενον, χερσὶ καθορῶντές σε, Ἀρχιερέων ὑψοῦμεν, τὸν ὑψωθέντα ἐν μέσῳ σου, καὶ σὲ προσκυνοῦμεν, ἀρνούμενοι πλουσίως τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

**Ἦχος πλ. δ'.**

Ὅν περ πάλαι Μωϋσῆς, προτυπώσας ἐν ἑαυτῷ, τὸν Ἀμαλήκ καταβαλὼν ἐτροπώσατο· καὶ Δαυῖδ ὁ μελωδός, ὑποπόδιόν σοι βοῶν, προσκυνεῖσθαι διετάξατο, τίμιον Σταυρόν σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σήμερον ἁμαρτωλοὶ προσκυνοῦντες χεῖλεσιν ἀναξίοις, σὲ τὸν καταξιώσαντα παγῆναι ἐν αὐτῷ, ἀνυμνοῦντες βοῶμέν σοι· Κύριε σὺν τῷ Ἀησιτῇ τῆς βασιλείας σου ἀξίωσον ἡμᾶς.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

**Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν.**

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

**Verse:** *God is our King before the ages; He worked salvation in the midst of the earth.* [SAAS]

Rejoice, you are the guide for the blind, \* and the physician of the sick, O most precious Cross, \* and also the resurrection \* of all who died, lifting up \* all of us who had succumbed to corruption. \* Corruption has been destroyed, and incorruptibility \* through you has blossomed, and we mortals were deified, \* and the Slanderer has been utterly stricken down. \* Seeing you lifted up today \* in the hands of the Hierarchs, \* we in turn now exalt Him who was exalted by means of you, \* and bowing before you \* we adore you, and great mercy we draw abundantly. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

That which Moses of old prefigured in himself and thereby struck down and routed Amalek; and which David the melodist ordered to be adored, calling it Your footstool, namely Your precious Cross, O Christ our God, today we sinners venerate, kissing it with lips unworthy. And as we now extol You who deigned to be nailed thereon, to You we cry out saying, "Count us also worthy of Your Rule, O Lord, together with the Robber, we pray." [SD]

**PRIEST**

**Song of Simeon.**

Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples. A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. [NKJV]

**ΛΑΟΣ**

**Τρισάγιον.**

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἅγιος  
Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ')

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

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε,  
ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα,  
συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἄγιε,  
ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἰάσαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν,  
ἐνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

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

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

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς,  
ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ  
βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,  
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον  
ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ  
ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ  
ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ  
εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι  
ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

Ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις  
καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ  
Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς  
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

**PEOPLE**

**Trisagion Prayers.**

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

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

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

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

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.)

**ΧΟΡΟΣ**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ.**

**Ἦχος α'.**

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ  
εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς  
βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος,  
καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου  
πολίτευμα. (ἐκ γ')

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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

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

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Ἀμήν.

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

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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,

**CHOIR**

From Menaion ---

**Apolytikion. For the Cross.**

**Mode 1.**

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your  
inheritance, granting victory to the faithful  
over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting  
Your commonwealth. (3) [GOA]

**DEACON**

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

**PRIEST**

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

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

**READER**

Amen.

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3) Father, bless!

**PRIEST**

May 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

ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρομοῦ καὶ  
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων  
καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων  
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν  
όσιων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ  
Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων  
Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ  
πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι  
ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

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.)