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Μηνναῖον - ΤΗΙ Ζ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τοῦ Ἀγίου Νικολάου

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. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον
τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων
στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμήσεώς
σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς
σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουνσιν ὄρη,
καὶ καταβαίνουνσι πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν

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PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

READER

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

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

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

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

ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ
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, ὥς
ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύουσιν,
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. Ἔθου σκότος,
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται
πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι
ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπᾶσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ
τῷ Θεῷ βρῶσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος,
καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας
αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται
ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ
τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς
ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα
ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς
κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη
καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν
ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ
πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος,
ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα

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;
the living things are there, both small and
great; there the ships pass through; there is
this dragon You formed to play therein. All

πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφήν
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.

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. 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· ποίησον 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 ποίησον 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 ἀνυμνούμενος, 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. [EL]

3rd Prayer

Lord our God, remember us, sinners and your unprofitable servants, as we call upon your holy Name, and do not put us to shame from the expectation of your mercy, but graciously grant us, Lord, all the requests that are for salvation, and count us worthy to love and to fear you from our whole heart, and in all things to do your will. [EL]

For you, O God, are good and love mankind, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [EL]

4th Prayer

O Lord, who are praised by the holy Powers with never silent hymns and unceasing songs of glory, fill our mouth with your praise to give majesty to your holy Name, and give us a part and an inheritance with all who fear you in truth and who keep your commandments, at the prayers of the holy Mother of God and of all your Saints. [EL]

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

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 ἁγίας δόξης σου, ὑμνοῦντάς σε τὸν μόνον ἀγαθόν, καὶ φιλάνθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν.

Ὅτι σὺ εἰ 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 ἁγίας
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. ^[EL]

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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,
ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν
ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

*Ἀναγινώσκεται ἡ πρώτη στάσις τοῦ 1ου
Καθίσματος τοῦ Ψαλτηρίου. Γίνεται καὶ μικρὰ
Συναπτή.*

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνῃ 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, 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 first stanza of Kathisma 1 of the Psalter may be
read, 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 ever-
virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend

καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος 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 ἐσπερινή. Εἰσάκουσόν μου,
Κύριε.

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

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

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

Παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἐλέγξει με,
ἔλαιον δὲ ἀμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλὴν
μου.

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

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν·
ὥσπερ πάχος γῆς ἐρράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη 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 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.

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 ἀμφιβλήστῳ 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.

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 οὗ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

Γενηθήτω τὰ ὦτά 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 Ἀγίου.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος β'. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

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

Μύροις, παροικήσας αἰσθητῶς, μύρον
ἀληθῶς ἀνεδείχθης, μύρῳ χρυσθεὶς νοητῷ
Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, Ἀρχιεράρχα Χριστοῦ, καὶ
μυρίζεις τὰ πρόσωπα, τῶν πίστει καὶ πόθῳ,
σοῦ τὴν παναοίδιμον, μνήμην τελούντων
ἀεὶ, λύων συμφορῶν καὶ κινδύνων, τούτους
καὶ τῶν θλίψεων Πάτερ, ἐν ταῖς πρὸς τὸν
Κύριον πρεσβείαις σου.

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

Μύροις, παροικήσας αἰσθητῶς, μύρον
ἀληθῶς ἀνεδείχθης, μύρῳ χρυσθεὶς νοητῷ
Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, Ἀρχιεράρχα Χριστοῦ, καὶ
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ἀεὶ, λύων συμφορῶν καὶ κινδύνων, τούτους
καὶ τῶν θλίψεων Πάτερ, ἐν ταῖς πρὸς τὸν
Κύριον πρεσβείαις σου.

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

Νίκη, φερωνύμως ἀληθῶς, τοῦ
πιστοῦ λαοῦ ἀνεδείχθης, ἐν πειρασμοῖς
κραταιά, Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, θεράπων ὄντως
Χριστοῦ· πανταχοῦ γὰρ καλούμενος, ὁξέως
προφθάνεις, πόθῳ τοὺς προστρέχοντας,
ὑπὸ τὴν σκέπην σου· σὺ γὰρ ἐν νυκτὶ καὶ

Stichera. For the Saint.

From Menaion - -

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

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

Myra, which translated means perfume,
* was where you were physically dwelling,
O holy prelate of Christ * Nicholas; and now
anointed with the Spirit's perfume, * you
indeed have become perfume, * perfuming
the faces * of the faithful who each year with
longing celebrate * your all-festive memory,
Father. * Rescue them, by your intercessions, *
from disaster, danger, and calamity. [SD]

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

Myra, which translated means perfume,
* was where you were physically dwelling,
O holy prelate of Christ * Nicholas; and now
anointed with the Spirit's perfume, * you
indeed have become perfume, * perfuming
the faces * of the faithful who each year with
longing celebrate * your all-festive memory,
Father. * Rescue them, by your intercessions, *
from disaster, danger, and calamity. [SD]

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

You are, in accordance with your name,
* for the faithful people in trouble a mighty
victory, * holy father Nicholas, the loyal
servant of Christ. * You are there when you
are invoked * by those who with longing
* turn to your protection, anytime and
anywhere. * You are seen at night and in
daylight * by those who have faith, and

ἡμέρα, πίστει ὀπτανόμενος σῶζεις, ἐκ τῶν
πειρασμῶν καὶ περιστρεφῶν.

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

Νίκη, φερωνύμως ἀληθῶς, τοῦ
πιστοῦ λαοῦ ἀνεδείχθης, ἐν πειρασμοῖς
κραταιά, Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, θεράπων ὄντως
Χριστοῦ· πανταχοῦ γὰρ καλούμενος, ὁξέως
προφθάνεις, πόθῳ τοὺς προστρέχοντας,
ὑπὸ τὴν σκέπην σου· σὺ γὰρ ἐν νυκτὶ καὶ
ἡμέρα, πίστει ὀπτανόμενος σῶζεις, ἐκ τῶν
πειρασμῶν καὶ περιστρεφῶν.

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

Ὡφθης, Κωνσταντίνῳ Βασιλεῖ, σὺν
τῷ Ἀβλαβίῳ κατ' ὄναρ, καὶ τούτους φόβῳ
βαλὼν, οὕτως αὐτοῖς εἰρηκας. Λύσατε
δὴ ἐν σπουδῇ, τῆς εἰρκτῆς οὖς κατέχετε,
δεσμίους ἀδίκως, ἀθώους τυγχάνοντας,
τῆς παρανόμου σφαγῆς· ὅμως ἀλλ' ἐὰν
παρακούσης, ἔντευξιν ποιήσομαι Ἄναξ,
κατὰ σοῦ πρὸς Κύριον δεόμενος.

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

Μέγας, ἀντιλήπτωρ καὶ θερμός, τοῖς ἐν
τοῖς κινδύνοις τελοῦσιν, ὑπάρχεις ἔνδοξε,
Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, Ἱεροκέρυξ Χριστοῦ, τοῖς
ἐν γῇ καὶ τοῖς πλέουσι, τοῖς πόρρῳ καὶ
πέλας, οἷα συμπαθέστατος, καὶ πρεσβευτῆς
κραταιός· ὅθεν συνελθόντες βοῶμεν·

you save them * from besetting trials and
adversities. [SD]

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

You are, in accordance with your name,
* for the faithful people in trouble a mighty
victory, * holy father Nicholas, the loyal
servant of Christ. * You are there when you
are invoked * by those who with longing
* turn to your protection, anytime and
anywhere. * You are seen at night and in
daylight * by those who have faith, and
you save them * from besetting trials and
adversities. [SD]

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

You appeared to Constantine the Great
* and his magistrate named Ablavius in a
frightening dream. * Sternly you commanded
them, "Release immediately * from the
dungeon the prisoners, * whom you hold
unjustly; * for of the unlawful slaughter they
are innocent. * But if you refuse to obey me,
* I will pray intently against you * when I
supplicate the Lord, O Emperor." [SD]

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

Great and ardent guardian of all * people
who are facing grave danger are you, O
Nicholas, * glorious and holy hierarch and
preacher of Christ. * You are known as the
Patron Saint * of sailors, and also * you protect
us traveling near and far by land and air. *
Now we are assembled and cry out: * Pray

Πρέσβευε πρὸς Κύριον ὅπως, πάσης
λυτρωθῶμεν περιστάσεως.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Τεραρχῶν τὴν καλλονήν, καὶ τῶν
Πατέρων κλέος, τὴν βρύσιν τῶν θαυμάτων,
καὶ τῶν πιστῶν ἀντιλήπτορα μέγιστον,
συνελθόντες ὦ φιλέοργοι, ἁσματικοῖς
ἐγκωμίοις ὑμνήσωμεν λέγοντες· Χαίροις
ὁ τῶν Μυρέων φρουρός, καὶ πρόεδρος
σεπτός, καὶ στῦλος ἀπερίτρεπτος. Χαίροις
φωστήρ παμφαέστατε, ὁ τὰ τοῦ κόσμου
πέρατα, διαλάμπων τοῖς θαύμασι. Χαίροις
τῶν θλιβομένων ἡ θεία χαρμοσύνη, καὶ
ἀδικουμένων θερμότατος προστάτης,
καὶ νῦν παμμάκαρ Νικόλαε, μὴ παύσῃ
πρεσβεύων Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, ὑπὲρ τῶν πίστει
καὶ πόθῳ τιμώντων αἰεὶ, τὴν χαρμόσυνον
καὶ πανέορτον μνήμην σου.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Σπήλαιον εὐτρεπίζου· ἡ Ἀμνὰς γὰρ
ἤκει, ἔμβρυον φέρουσα Χριστόν. Φάτνη
δὲ ὑποδέχου, τὸν τῷ λόγῳ λύσαντα τῆς
ἀλόγου πράξεως, ἡμᾶς τοὺς γηγενεῖς.
Ποιμένες ἀγραυλοῦντες, μαρτυρεῖτε θαῦμα
τὸ φρικτόν, καὶ Μάγοι ἐκ Περσίδος, χρυσὸν
καὶ λίβανον καὶ σμύρναν, τῷ Βασιλεῖ
προσάξατε· ὅτι ὤφθη Κύριος ἐκ Παρθένου
Μητρός, ὃν περ καὶ κύψασα, δουλικῶς ἡ
Μήτηρ προσεκύνησε, καὶ προσεφθέγγετο
τῷ ἐν ἀγκάλαις αὐτῆς. Πῶς ἐνεσπάρης μοι,
ἢ πῶς μοι ἐνεφύης, ὁ λυτρωτὴς μου καὶ
Θεός;

the Lord that we be delivered * from every
disaster and from accidents. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion - -

Mode pl. 2.

That refinement of hierarchs and the
glory of the Fathers, the fountain of miracles
and the greatest helper of the faithful, let us
feast-lovers come together and extol with
songful praises, and say to him: Rejoice, O
guard and divine bishop and immovable
pillar of the people of Myra. Rejoice, all-
resplendent luminary, that lights up the
ends of the world with miracles. Rejoice, for
those in trouble you are divine joy, and most
fervent protector of the injured. And now, all-
blessed Nicholas, cease not interceding with
Christ our God, on behalf of those who with
faith and longing ever honor your joyous and
all-festive memory. [SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion - -

Mode pl. 2.

Prepare yourself, O Grotto, for the Ewe
is coming, carrying Christ in her womb.
O Manger, receive Him who released
us earthlings from irrational activity by
His word. You shepherds watching by
night, witness to the awesome wonder.
And you Magi from Persia, offer gold and
frankincense and myrrh to the King. For the
Lord has appeared from a virgin Mother. And
bending over Him, the Mother, as a servant,
worshiped Him, and she addressed the Infant
in her arms, "How were You sown in me,
and how were You implanted in me, O my
Redeemer and my God?" [SD]

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν,
εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθά σου,
Δέσποτα τῶν πάντων, Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε.
Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, ὡς θυμίαμα
ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς
λόγους, ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς
ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι
πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ
ἠλπίσαμεν· μὴ κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ

Ἦχος β'.

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἡ βοήθειά μου παρὰ Κυρίου, τοῦ
ποιήσαντος τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν. (δίς)

Στίχ. Ἦρα τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς μου εἰς τὰ
ὄρη, ὅθεν ἥξει ἡ βοήθειά μου.

Ἡ βοήθειά μου παρὰ Κυρίου, τοῦ
ποιήσαντος τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν.

DEACON (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Prayer of the Entrance

At evening, at morning and at midday we praise,
bless and give thanks, and we pray to you, Master of
all things, Lord who love mankind: Direct our prayer
before you like incense, and do not incline our hearts to
words or thoughts of evil, but deliver us from all that
hunt down our souls. For our eyes look to you, O Lord,
our Lord, and we have hoped in you.

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Mode 2.

Gladsome light of holy glory of the holy,
blessed, heavenly, immortal Father, O Jesus
Christ: arriving at the hour of sunset and
having seen the evening light, we praise the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. It is worthy
for You to be praised at all times with happy
voices, O Son of God and Giver of life; * and
therefore the world glorifies You. [SD]

DEACON

The evening Prokeimenon.

CHOIR

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2.

My help comes from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth. (2) [SAAS]

Verse: I lifted my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Μηναιίου ---

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παροιμ. ι' 7

Μνήμη δικαίου μετ' ἐγκωμίων, καὶ εὐλογία Κυρίου ἐπὶ κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ. Μακάριος ἄνθρωπος, ὃς εὔρε σοφίαν, καὶ θνητὸς ὃς εἶδε φρόνησιν. Κρεῖττον γὰρ αὐτὴν ἐμπορεύεσθαι, ἢ χρυσίου καὶ ἀργυρίου θησαυρούς. Τιμιώτερα δέ ἐστι λίθων πολυτελῶν· (οὐκ ἀντιτάσσεται αὐτῇ οὐδὲν πονηρόν, εὐγνωστός ἐστι πᾶσι τοῖς ἐγγίζουσιν αὐτήν). Πᾶν δὲ τίμιον, οὐκ ἄξιον αὐτῆς ἐστίν. Ἐκ γὰρ τοῦ στόματος αὐτῆς ἐκπορεύεται δικαιοσύνη. Νόμον δὲ καὶ ἔλεον ἐπὶ γλώσσης φορεῖ. Τοιγαροῦν, ἀκούσατέ μου, ὦ τέκνα· σεμνὰ γὰρ ἐρῶ καὶ μακάριος ἄνθρωπος, ὃς τὰς ἐμὰς ὁδοὺς φυλάξει. Αἱ γὰρ ἔξοδοί μου, ἔξοδοι ζωῆς, καὶ ἐτοιμάζεται θέλησις παρὰ Κυρίου. Διὰ τοῦτο παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς, καὶ προῖεμαι ἐμὴν φωνὴν υἱοῖς ἀνθρώπων. Ὅτι ἐγὼ ἡ Σοφία κατεσκεύασα βουλὴν καὶ γνῶσιν καὶ ἔννοιαν ἐγὼ ἐπεκαλεσάμην. Ἐμὴ βουλὴ καὶ ἀσφάλεια, ἐμὴ φρόνησις, ἐμὴ δὲ ἰσχὺς. Ἐγὼ τοὺς ἐμὲ φιλοῦντας ἀγαπῶ, οἱ δὲ ἐμὲ ζητοῦντες εὕρησουσι χάριν. Νοήσατε τοίνυν ἄκακοι πανουργίαν, οἱ δὲ ἀπαίδευτοι ἔνθεσθε καρδίαν. Εἰσακούσατέ μου καὶ πάλιν· σεμνὰ γὰρ ἐρῶ, καὶ ἀνοίγω ἀπὸ χειλέων ὀρθά. Ὅτι ἀλήθειαν μελετήσῃ ὁ λάρυγξ μου, ἐβδελυγμένα δὲ ἐναντίον ἐμοῦ χεῖλη ψευδῆ. Μετὰ δικαιοσύνης πάντα

The Readings

From Menaion ---

READER

The reading is from the Proverbs of Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Pr 10:8a, 7a; 3:13-16, 18; 8:32, 34, 4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 22:24, 22; 15:4b

The remembrance of the righteous is with eulogies; the blessing of the Lord is upon the head of a righteous man. Blessed is a man who finds wisdom, and a mortal who sees discernment; for the profits gained from wisdom are better than the treasures of gold and silver. Wisdom is more valuable than precious stones, and nothing evil will withstand her. She is well known to all who come near her, and no honor is worthy of her. Righteousness proceeds from her mouth, and she carries law and mercy upon her tongue. Now therefore, my son, hear me: Blessed is the man who shall hearken to me and the man who shall guard my ways; for my issues are the issues of life, and grace is prepared from the Lord. You, O men, I exhort, and I utter my voice to the sons of men. I, wisdom, dwell with counsel, and I call upon knowledge and understanding. Counsel and safety are mine; discernment is mine, and strength is mine. I love those who love me, and those who seek me shall find me. Understand astuteness, O simple ones, and put it in your heart, O uninstructed ones. Obey me, for I speak sacred things, and from my lips I will bring forth things that are true. For my mouth shall speak the truth, but false lips are an abomination before me. All the words of

τὰ ῥήματα τοῦ στόματός μου, οὐδὲν ἐν αὐτοῖς σκολιόν, οὐδὲ στραγγαλιῶδες. Πάντα εὐθέα ἐστὶ τοῖς νοοῦσι, καὶ ὀρθὰ τοῖς εὐρίσκουσι γινῶσιν. Διδάσκω γὰρ ὑμῖν ἀληθῆ, ἵνα γένηται ἐν Κυρίῳ ἡ ἐλπίς ὑμῶν, καὶ πλησθήσεσθε Πνεύματος.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παρ Κεφ. 10, 31-32 and 11, 1-12

Στόμα δικαίου ἀποστάζει σοφίαν, γλῶσσα δὲ ἀδίκου ἐξολεῖται· Χεὶλή ἀνδρῶν δικαίων ἐπίστανται χάριτας, στόμα δὲ ἀσεβῶν καταστρέφεται. Ζυγοὶ δόλιοι βδέλυγμα ἐνώπιον Κυρίου, στάθμιον δὲ δίκαιον δεκτὸν αὐτῷ. Οὐ ἔαν εἰσέλθῃ ὕβρις, ἐκεῖ καὶ ἀτιμία, στόμα δὲ ταπεινῶν μελετᾷ σοφίαν. Τελειότης εὐθέων ὁδηγήσει αὐτούς, καὶ ὑποσκελισμὸς ἀθετούντων προνομεύσει αὐτούς. Οὐκ ὠφελήσει ὑπάρχοντα ἐν ἡμέρᾳ θυμοῦ, δικαιοσύνη δὲ ῥύσεται ἀπὸ θανάτου. Ἀποθανὼν δίκαιος ἔλιπε μετὰμελον· πρόχειρος δὲ γίνεται καὶ ἐπίχαρτος ἀσεβῶν ἀπώλεια. Δικαιοσύνη ἀμώμου ὀρθοτομεῖ ὁδοὺς, ἀσέβεια δὲ περιπίπτει ἀδικίᾳ. Δικαιοσύνη ἀνδρῶν ὀρθῶν ῥύσεται αὐτούς, τῇ δὲ ἀβουλίᾳ ἀλίσκονται παράνομοι. Τελευτήσαντος ἀνδρὸς δικαίου οὐκ ὄλλυται ἐλπίς, τὸ δὲ καύχημα τῶν ἀσεβῶν ὄλλυται. Δίκαιος ἐκ θήρας ἐκδύνει, ἀντ' αὐτοῦ δὲ παραδίδοται ὁ ἀσεβής. Ἐν στόματι ἀσεβῶν

my mouth are with righteousness; there is nothing in them crooked or twisted. All things are evident to those who understand and true to those who find knowledge. Therefore, I teach you a true word and good knowledge to be obeyed, that you might answer words of truth to those who question you, that your hope might be in the Lord, and the one who guards it will be filled with the Spirit. [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Proverbs of Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Pr 10:31-32; 11:1-10

The mouth of a righteous man distills wisdom, but the tongue of an unrighteous man utterly destroys. The lips of righteous men distill grace, but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse. Deceitful scales are an abomination before the Lord, but a righteous weight is acceptable to Him. Wherever arrogance enters, there also is dishonor, but the mouth of the humble meditates on wisdom. When a righteous man dies, he leaves regret, but the destruction of the ungodly is immediate and brings joy. Righteousness cuts straight and blameless paths, but ungodliness embraces wrongdoing. The righteousness of upright men delivers them, but lawless men are taken to their destruction. When a righteous man dies, his hope does not perish, but the boast of the ungodly perishes. A righteous man escapes from a snare, but the ungodly man is handed over in his place. There is a snare

παγίς πολίταις, αἴσθησις δὲ δικαίων εὖοδος.
Ἐν ἀγαθοῖς δικαίων κατάρθωται πόλις,
καὶ ἐν ἀπωλείᾳ ἀσεβῶν ἀγαλλίαμα. Ἐν
εὐλογίᾳ εὐθέων ὑψωθήσεται πόλις, στόματι
δὲ ἀσεβῶν κατασκαφήσεται. Μυκτηρίζει
πολίτας ἐνδεῆς φρενῶν, ἀνὴρ δὲ φρόνιμος
ἡσυχίαν ἄγει.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Σοφίας Σολομώντος τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

ΣΣολ 4:7-15

Δίκαιος ἐὰν φθάσῃ τελευτῆσαι, ἐν
ἀναπαύσει ἔσται· γῆρας γὰρ τίμιον,
οὐ τὸ πολυχρόνιον, οὐδὲ ἀριθμῶ ἐτῶν
μεμέτρηται. Πολιὰ δὲ ἐστὶ φρόνησις
ἀνθρώποις, καὶ ἡλικία γήρως, βίος
ἀκηλίδωτος. Εὐάρεστος Θεῷ γενόμενος,
ἡγαπήθη, καὶ ζῶν μεταξὺ ἀμαρτωλῶν,
μετετέθη. Ἡρπάγη, μὴ κακία ἀλλάξῃ
σύνεσιν αὐτοῦ, ἢ δόλος ἀπατήσῃ ψυχὴν
αὐτοῦ. Βασκανία γὰρ φαυλότητος ἀμαυροῖ
τὰ καλὰ, καὶ ῥεμβασμὸς ἐπιθυμίας
μεταλλεύει νοῦν ἄκακον. Τελειωθεὶς ἐν
ὀλίγῳ, ἐπλήρωσε χρόνους μακροῦς· ἀρεστὴ
γὰρ ἦν Κυρίῳ ἡ ψυχὴ αὐτοῦ· διὰ τοῦτο
ἔσπευσεν ἐκ μέσου πονηρίας. Οἱ δὲ λαοὶ
ιδόντες καὶ μὴ νοήσαντες, μηδὲ θέντες ἐπὶ
διανοίᾳ τὸ τοιοῦτον, ὅτι χάρις καὶ ἔλεος
ἐν τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπισκοπὴ ἐν τοῖς
ἐκλεκτοῖς αὐτοῦ.

for citizens in the mouth of the ungodly, but
the perception of the righteous is prosperous.
A city stays upright in the good things of the
righteous, but it is razed to the ground by
the mouths of the ungodly. A man in need of
discernment treats citizens with contempt, but
a man of discernment keeps quiet. [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Wisdom of
Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

WSol 4:7-15

Though a righteous man may die before
his time, he shall be at rest. For old age
is not honored for its length of existence,
nor measured by its number of years; but
discernment is gray hair for mankind, and a
spotless life is the maturity of old age. There
was once a man pleasing to God and loved by
Him, and while living among sinners he was
taken up. He was caught up lest evil change
his understanding or deceit deceive his soul.
For envy arising from lack of judgment
obscures what is good, and a whirling of
desire undermines an innocent heart. He was
made perfect, for in a short time he fulfilled
long years, for his soul was pleasing to the
Lord; therefore, He took him early from the
midst of evil. Yet peoples saw this but did not
understand, nor take such a thing to heart,
that the Lord's grace and mercy are with His
elect and that He watches over His holy ones.

[SAAS]

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.)

Ἦτι 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.)

Ἦτι 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 μετανοίᾳ 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 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.)

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
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλοανθρώπῳ κριτῇ
οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι 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 αἰεὶ 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.

(Ἀμὴν.)

Ἡ Λιτὴ καὶ Ἀρτοκλασία.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἰδιόμελον Α'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος α'.

Ἐνατενίσας ἀκλινῶς τῷ ὕψει τῆς
γνώσεως, καὶ κατοπτεύσας ἀδήλως
σοφίας τὸν βυθόν, σαῖς διδαχαῖς κόσμον
κατεπλούτισας, Πάτερ. Ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἀεὶ
Χριστὸν δυσώπει, Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε.

Ἰδιόμελον Β'.

Ἦχος α'.

Ἀνθρώπε τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ πιστὲ θεράπον,
καὶ οἰκονόμε τῶν αὐτοῦ μυστηρίων, καὶ
ἄνερ ἐπιθυμιῶν τῶν τοῦ Πνεύματος, στήλη
τε ἔμψυχε, καὶ ἔμπνους εἰκὼν· ὡς θεῖον γὰρ
θησαυρὸν σε, ἢ τῶν Μυρέων Ἐκκλησία,
ἀγαμένη προσήκατο, καὶ πρεσβευτὴν τῶν
ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Γ'.

Ἦχος β'.

Κανόνα πίστεως, καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,
ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποιμένῃ σου Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός,
Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· ἐν γὰρ τοῖς Μύροις
μυρίζων, διαλάμπεις φαιδρῶς τοῖς θείοις
σου κατορθώμασιν, ὀρφανῶν καὶ χηρῶν
προστάτα· διὸ ἱκετεύων μὴ παύσῃ, σωθῆναι
τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Δ'.

Ἦχος β'.

Πάτερ Νικόλαε, ἡ μυροθήκη τῶν
λειψάνων σου, τὰ Μύρα πολιουχεῖ· διὸ
καὶ δεσμίους, ἀκρίτως κατακριθέντας, ἐν
ὄνειρῳ Βασιλεῖ τῇ ὀπτασίᾳ σου φανείς,
ἠλευθέρωσας θανάτου, δεσμῶν καὶ
φυλακῆς· ἀλλὰ καὶ νῦν, ὡς τότε, καὶ ἀεὶ, δι'

(Amen.)

Litany and Blessing of Loaves.

CHOIR

Idiomelon 1.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1.

Steadfastly gazing upon the height of
knowledge, / you plumbed secretly the depth
of wisdom. / You enriched the world by your
teachings, Father. // Bishop Nicholas, ever pray
to Christ for us all! [OCA]

Idiomelon 2.

Mode 1.

Faithful servant and man of God; /
minister of His mysteries and man filled with
the desire of the Spirit; / living pillar and
breathing icon: / The Church of Myra claims
you as her treasure // and the intercessor for
our souls. [OCA]

Idiomelon 3.

Mode 2.

Christ our God has made you manifest,
Bishop Nicholas, / as an example of faith and
an image of meekness to your flock. / For you
brought a sweet fragrance into Myra, / shining
brightly by your divine acts of virtue, / as the
advocate of orphans and widows. // Therefore
never cease to intercede that our souls may be
saved. [OCA]

Idiomelon 4.

Mode 2.

Father Nicholas, / the shrine of your
fragrant relics graces Myra abundantly! / And
as you appeared in a dream to the emperor, /
setting free those unjustly condemned to

ὀπτασίας σου φάνηθι, πρεσβέων ὑπὲρ τῶν
ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Ε'.

Ἦχος β'.

Πάτερ Νικόλαε, εἰ καὶ τὰ Μύρα σιωπᾷ,
ἀλλ' ὁ κόσμος ὅλος, ὁ ὑπὸ σοῦ φωτισθείς,
καὶ ἡ τοῦ Μύρου εὐωδία, καὶ τῶν θαυμάτων
τὰ πλήθη, ἀνακράζει εὐφήμοις ὑμνωδίαις,
καὶ οἱ σωθέντες διὰ σοῦ κατάκριτοι. Σὺν
τοῖς ἐν Μύροις καὶ ἡμεῖς μέλποντες βοῶμεν·
Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Σ'.

Ἦχος δ'.

Πάτερ Νικόλαε, τοῦ παναγίου
Πνεύματος μυροθήκη ὑπάρχων, ὡς ἔαρ
μυρίζεις εὐφρόσυνον, τῶν θείων ἀρωμάτων
Χριστοῦ· τῶν Ἀποστόλων γὰρ μιμητὴς
γενόμενος, τὴν οἰκουμένην περιπολεύεις,
διὰ τῶν λόγων τῶν θαυμάτων σου. Ὅθεν
καὶ τοῖς πόρῳ ὡς ἐγγύς, δι' ὄνειρων
ὀπτανόμενος, ἐκ θανάτου λυτροῦσαι,
τοὺς ἀδίκῳ ψήφῳ θνήσκειν μέλλοντας,
διασώζων παραδόξως, ἐκ κινδύνων
πολλῶν, τοὺς ἐπικαλουμένους σε. Διὸ
καὶ ἡμᾶς τῶν ἐπεμβαινόντων δυσχερῶν,
ἐλευθέρωσον σαῖς πρεσβεΐαις, τοὺς ἀεὶ
ἀνευφημοῦντάς σε.

Ἰδιόμελον Ζ'.

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Εὖ δοῦλε ἀγαθὲ καὶ πιστέ· εὖ ἐργάτα
τοῦ ἀμπελῶνος Χριστοῦ· σὺ καὶ τὸ βάρος
τῆς ἡμέρας ἐβάστασας· σὺ καὶ τὸ δοθὲν
σοι τάλαντον ἐπηύξησας, καὶ τοῖς μετὰ
σὲ ἐλθοῦσιν οὐκ ἐφθόνησας. Διὸ πύλη σοι
οὐρανῶν ἠνέγκται· εἰσέλθε εἰς τὴν χαρὰν

prison, death and bonds, // so now also you
visibly intercede for our souls. [OCA]

Idiomelon 5.

Mode 2.

Father Nicholas, / should the city of Myra
be silent, / still the whole world enlightened
by the fragrance of your myrrh and many
wonders, / joined by those condemned and
saved by you, / raises hymns of praise! / And
with the people of Myra we also cry aloud
in songs: // Intercede that our souls may be
saved! [OCA]

Idiomelon 6.

Mode 4.

Father Nicholas, you are the fragrant
temple of the all-Holy Spirit: / As a fountain
flowing with the myrrh of gladness; the
divine spices of Christ. / For you have
gone out into all the earth as an imitator of
the apostles, / through the telling of your
wonders. / You have appeared in dreams
to people far and near, / delivering those
who were to die unjustly from the sword, /
and saving from dangers those who call on
you. / As we praise you unceasingly, // set us
free from approaching calamities by your
intercessions. [OCA]

Idiomelon 7.

Mode pl. 2.

Well done, good and faithful servant; well
done, O laborer of the vineyard of Christ! You
bore the burden of the day, and increased
the talent that was given you, and did not
envy those who came after you. Therefore the
portal of heaven was opened to you. Enter

τοῦ Κυρίου σου, καὶ πρέσβευε ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν,
Ἄγιε Νικόλαε.

Ἰδιόμελον Η'.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Εἰς αἶνον ἔδραμες τοῦ Κυρίου Νικόλαε,
ἐν τῇ προσκαίρῳ ζωῇ, καὶ αὐτὸς σε
ἐδόξασεν ἐν ἐπουρανίῳ, καὶ ὄντως ζωή. Διὸ
παρόρησίαν κεκτημένος πρὸς αὐτόν, ἰκέτευε
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Τῶν ἀνδραγαθημάτων σου, Ὅσιε
Πάτερ, ὁ καρπὸς ἐφείδρυνε τῶν πιστῶν τὰς
καρδίας· τίς γὰρ ἀκούων τὴν ἄμετρόν σου
ταπείνωσιν, τὴν ὑπομονὴν οὐκ ἐθαύμασε;
τὴν πρὸς τοὺς πένητας ἰλαρότητα;
θλιβομένων τὸ συμπαθές; πάντας
θεοπρεπῶς ἐδίδαξας, Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε,
καὶ νῦν τὸν ἀμαράντινον ἀναδησάμενος
στέφανον, πρέσβευε ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Βηθλεὲμ ἐτοιμάζου· εὐτρεπιζέσθω ἡ
φάτνη· τὸ Σπήλαιον δεχέσθω· ἡ ἀλήθεια
ἦλθεν· ἡ σκιά παρέδραμε· καὶ Θεὸς
ἀνθρώποις, ἐκ Παρθένου πεφανέρωται,
μορφωθείς τὸ καθ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ θεώσας τὸ
πρόσλημμα. Διὸ Ἀδὰμ ἀνανεοῦται σὺν τῇ
Εὐᾷ, κρᾶζοντες· Ἐπὶ γῆς εὐδοκία ἐπεφάνη,
σῶσαι τὸ γένος ἡμῶν.

into the joy of you Lord, and intercede on our
behalf, O Saint Nicholas. [SD]

Idiomelon 8.

Mode pl. 4.

During your temporal life, O Nicholas,
you ran to praise the Lord, and He glorified
you in return with true life in heaven.
Therefore, since you have obtained confidence
with Him, entreat Him to save our souls. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 4.

O devout Father, your brave deeds,
like sweet fruit, have filled the hearts of the
faithful with gladness. Who does not marvel
when they hear about your immense humility
and your patience and long-suffering, your
cheerful generosity to those stricken by
poverty, your sympathy for those in trouble?
For all of us, you are a good teacher of the
things of God, O Hierarch St. Nicholas. And
now that Christ has placed on your head
the unfading crown, intercede with Him on
behalf of our souls. [SD]

Both now.

Mode pl. 4.

Prepare, O Bethlehem. Let the manger
make ready and the grotto anticipate. The
truth has come and the shadow has passed
away. Born of a Virgin, God has appeared
to men, taking our form and deifying that
which He assumed. Therefore Adam and Eve
are renewed, and they cry out, "The good-
pleasure of God has appeared on earth for the
salvation of the human race." [SD]

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, 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, καὶ τῶν δούλων τοῦ 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 ἴλεων, εὐμενῇ καὶ εὐδιάλλακτον γενέσθαι τὸν ἀγαθὸν καὶ φιλόνητον 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.

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.

(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.

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

Ἐτι δεόμεθα καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ εἰσακοῦσαι Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν φωνῆς τῆς δεήσεως ἡμῶν τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν, 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 ἴλεως, ἴλεως γενοῦ ἡμῖν, Δέσποτα, ἐπὶ ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις 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 ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(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 ἁσσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου ἐνδόξου Προφήτου Προδρόμου καὶ Βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμεων 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

(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.

(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; Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios

Ἐλεήμονος Πατριαρχῶν Ἀλεξανδρίας·
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
Χαραλάμπους 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
Ἰωακεῖμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ τοῦ ἐν Ἁγίοις
Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Νικολάου, Ἀρχιεπισκόπου
Μύρων τῆς Λυκίας, τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ, οὗ
καὶ 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· ἀποδίωξον
ἀφ' ἡμῶν πάντα ἐχθρὸν καὶ πολέμιον·
εἰρήνευσον ἡμῶν τὴν ζωὴν· Κύριε, ἐλέησον
ἡμᾶς καὶ τὸν κόσμον σου, καὶ σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ ἢ ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ὕμνος εἰς τὴν Θεοτόκον.

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.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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, our Father among the Saints
Nicholas the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of
Myra in Lycia, whose memory we celebrate;
and of all your Saints.

Accept our prayer; grant us forgiveness
of our transgressions; protect us under the
shelter of your wings; drive away from us
every enemy and adversary; grant peace
to our life; Lord have mercy on us and on
your world; and save our souls as a good and
loving God.

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.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἡ Εὐλογία τῶν Ἀρτων.

Κύριε, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ὁ εὐλογήσας τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους ἐν τῇ
ἐρήμῳ, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν πεντακισχιλίους
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
ἀγιάσον.

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.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Πλούσιοι ἐπτώχευσαν καὶ ἐπείνασαν,
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ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ. (δύς)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ**Ἀπόστιχα.****Ἦχος πλ. α'.** Χαίροις ἀσκητικῶν.

Χαίροις ἡ ἱερὰ κεφαλὴ, τὸ καθαρὸν
τῶν ἀρετῶν καταγώγιον, ὁ θεῖος τῆς
θειοτάτης, ἱερωσύνης κανὼν, ὁ Ποιμὴν
ὁ μέγας, ὁ φανότατος, πυρρὸς ὁ τῆς
νίκης, ἐπιφερόμενος ὄνομα, ὁ δεομένοις,
συμπαθῶς ἐπικλῶμενος· ὁ καμπτόμενος,
ἀσθενῶν ταῖς δεήσεσι· ὁ ῥύστης ὁ

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

Rich men turned poor and went hungry;
but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any
good thing. [SAAS]

CHOIR

Rich men turned poor and went hungry;
but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any
good thing. (2) [SAAS]

From Menaion ---

CHOIR**Aposticha.****Mode pl. 1. Rejoice.**

Rejoice, O sacred head of the Church, *
the pure abode of every virtue, O Nicholas,
* divine standard of the most divine * holy
priesthood, and great * Shepherd of the
people, and the beacon-light * that shines
very brightly. You are the namesake of
victory. * And on the needy you take pity

έτοιμότατος, φρουρός ό σωτήριος, πᾶσι τοῖς
πίστει τελοῦσι, τήν παναοίδιμον μνήμην
σου. Χριστόν καταπέμψαι, Παμμακάριστε
δυσώπει, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Στίχ. Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ό θάνατος
τοῦ όσίου αὐτοῦ.

Χαίροις ό ἱερώτατος νοῦς, τὸ τῆς
Τριάδος καθαρὸν ἐνδιαίτημα, ό στῦλος
τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, ό τῶν πιστῶν στηριγμός,
καταπονουμένων ή βοήθεια, ἀστήρ, ό
ταῖς λάμπεσιν, εὐπροσδέκτων δεήσεων,
διασκεδάζων, πειρασμῶν τε καὶ θλίψεων,
σκότος πάντοτε, Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε. ὅρμος
ό γαληνότατος, ἐν ᾧ καταφεύγοντες,
οἱ τρικυμίαις τοῦ βίου περιστατούμενοι
σώζονται. Χριστόν ἐκδυσώπει, ταῖς ψυχαῖς
ἡμῶν δοθῆναι, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Στίχ. Μακάριος ἀνὴρ ό φοβούμενος
τὸν Κύριον, ἐν ταῖς ἐντολαῖς αὐτοῦ θελήσει
σφόδρα.

Χαίροις ό ζήλου θείου πλησθεῖς,
ἀπαγωγῆς τε πονηρὰς λυτρωσάμενος,
ἀδίκως μέλλοντας θνήσκειν, ἐπιστασία
φρικτῇ, καὶ ταῖς δι' ὀνείρων προσφοιτήσεσι.
Πηγὴ ή πηγάζουσα, ἐν τοῖς Μύροις
Νικόλαε, μύρα πλουσίως, καὶ ψυχὰς
καταρδεύουσα, τὰ δυσώδη τε τῶν παθῶν
ἀπελαύνουσα. Μάχαιρα τὰ ζιζάνια, τῆς
πλάνης ἐκτέμνουσα. Πτύον λικμίζον
Ἀρείου, τὰ ἀχυρώδη διδάγματα. Χριστόν

with sympathy. * And unto the prayers of
the sick You incline an ear. * Ready deliverer
of all, * and guardian saving them * who
now religiously honor your ever-ven'erable
memory. * To Christ pray intently, * O all-
blessed one, to send down great mercy to our
souls. [SD]

Verse: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of His holy one.* [SAAS]

Rejoice, pure habitation wherein * the
Holy Trinity made its dwelling, most sacred
mind, * the Church's unshaken pillar, and
the believers' support, * for you are the help
of all who are oppressed. * O Star that at all
times dispels the gloom of adversities * and of
temptations by the radiance of your prayers *
that are well received, holy Hierarch Nicholas,
* calm haven wherein those who meet the
turbulent storms of life * and are surrounded
by tempests escape for refuge and hence are
saved. * To Christ pray with fervor, * holy
father, that great mercy be given to our souls.

[SD]

Verse: *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;
he will delight exceedingly in His commandments.*

[SAAS]

Rejoice, with divine zeal being filled *
you extricated from abduction by treachery,
* through your awesome intervention *
and your appearing in dreams, * those who
had unjustly been condemned to die. * A
well are you, Nicholas, * that abundantly
gushes forth * myrrh oils in Myra, * and that
thoroughly waters souls, * and that drives
away all the stench that the passions bring. *
Saber eradicating tares * of error and heresy;
* Winnowing shovel that threshes the chaffy

καταπέμψαι, ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν δυσώπει, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἀνθρῶπε τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ πιστὲ θεράπων,
λειτουργγὲ Κυρίου, ἄνερ ἐπιθυμιῶν,
σκεῦος ἐκλογῆς, στῦλε καὶ ἐδραῖωμα τῆς
Ἐκκλησίας, Βασιλείας κληρονόμε, μὴ
παρασιωπήσης, τοῦ βοᾶν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν τὸν
Κύριον.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἀνύμφευτε Παρθένε, πόθεν ἦκεις;
τίς ὁ τεκὼν σε; τίς καὶ ἡ Μήτηρ σου; πῶς
τὸν Κτίστην φέρεις ἐν ἀγκάλαις; πῶς οὐκ
ἐφθάρης τὴν νηδύν, μεγάλων παραδόξων
ἐπὶ γῆς τελουμένων, ὁρῶμεν Παναγία, καὶ
προευτρεπίζομεν ἐπάξιόν σοι χρόος, ἐκ τῆς
γῆς τὸ Σπήλαιον, καὶ οὐρανὸν αἰτοῦμεν,
παρασχεῖν τὸν Ἀστέρα, καὶ Μάγοι δὲ
προέρχονται, ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῶν τῆς γῆς, εἰς
δυσμᾶς θεάσασθαι, τὴν σωτηρίαν τῶν
βροτῶν, ὡς βρέφος γαλουχούμενον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὦδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

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

doctrines of Arius. * To Christ pray intently, *
holy Father, that He send down great mercy
to our souls. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

O man of God and loyal servant and
minister of the Lord, man of holy desires,
chosen vessel, pillar and foundation of
the Church of Christ, and inheritor of the
Kingdom, be not silent in calling out to the
Lord on our behalf. [SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

O unwedded Virgin, where are you from?
Who is your father, and who is your mother?
How is it that you carry the Creator in your
arms? How was your womb not impaired?
Great and extraordinary and awesome
mysteries we see taking place in you on earth,
O All-holy Maiden, and we prepare for you,
as is our duty; from the earth, we ready the
Grotto; and from heaven we request that the
Star be granted. Magi are coming westward
from the land of the East, to see the Salvation
of mortals, nursing as an infant. [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 ἰᾶσαι 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

**Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Ἁγίου.
Ἦχος δ'.**

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,
ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ
ποιμνῇ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια·
διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά,
τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα
Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ,
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τῆς Οκτωήχου ---

**Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.
Ἦχος δ'.**

Τὸ ἀπ' αἰῶνος ἀπόκρυφον, καὶ Ἀγγέλοις
ἄγνωστον μυστήριον, διὰ σοῦ Θεοτόκε τοῖς
ἐπὶ γῆς πεφανέρωται· Θεὸς ἐν ἀσυγχύτῳ
ένώσει σαρκούμενος, καὶ Σταυρὸν
ἐκουσίως ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν καταδεξάμενος· δι' οὗ
ἀναστήσας τὸν πρωτόπλαστον, ἔσωσεν ἐκ
θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.
(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογία Κυρίου καὶ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ
ἔλθοι ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, τῇ αὐτοῦ θεία χάριτι καὶ
φιλανθρωπία πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ 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.

CHOIR

**Apolytikion. For the Saint.
Mode 4.**

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of
gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And
to your flock this was evident, by the truth
of your life and deeds. You were humble
and therefore you acquired exalted gifts,
treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father
and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with
Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our
souls. [SD]

From Octoechos ---

**Glory. Both now. Theotokion.
Mode 4.**

O Theotokos, through you became
manifest to us on earth the mystery, which
was hid from eternity, and which the Angels
themselves knew not: that God, uniting
natures without confusion, becomes a man
and accepts crucifixion for our salvation
voluntarily. By virtue of this, resurrecting
man whom He had first created, He saved our
souls from death. [SD]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.
(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

May the blessing and the mercy of the
Lord come upon you by His divine grace and
love for mankind, 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.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Αμήν.

Εὐὸ βούλει, τὸ ἐξῆς·

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Δόξα σοι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, 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, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ τοῦ ἐν Ἁγίοις Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Νικολάου, Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Μύρων τῆς Λυκίας, τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ, οὗ καὶ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν· καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

READER

Amen.

Optional:

PRIEST

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

READER

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.

PRIEST

Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope. Glory to You.

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. (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 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, our Father among the Saints Nicholas the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, whose memory we celebrate; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

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

(Amen.)