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Great Martyr Catherine**

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Μηναῖον - ΤΗι ΚΕ' ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Απόδοσις τῆς Ἑορτῆς τῶν Εἰσοδίων
καὶ Μνήμη τῆς Ἁγίας Μεγαλομάρτυρος
Αἰκατερίνης

ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν πάντοτε, νῦν
καὶ αἰεὶ 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 δέῃον, 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. Ἀναβαίνουσιν ὄρη,

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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

καὶ καταβαίνουνσι πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν
 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, 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
 ὠρνόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπαῖσαι, 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,

to the place You founded for them. You set
 a boundary they shall not pass over; neither
 shall they return to cover the earth. You are
 He who sends springs into the valley; the
 waters shall pass between the mountains; they
 shall give drink to all the wild animals of the
 field; the wild asses shall quench their thirst;
 the birds of heaven shall dwell beside them;
 they shall sing from the midst of the rocks.
 You are He who waters the mountains from
 His higher places; the earth shall be satisfied
 with the fruit of Your works. You are He who
 causes grass to grow for the cattle, and the
 green plant for the service of man, to bring
 forth bread from the earth; and wine gladdens
 the heart of man, to brighten his face with oil;
 and bread strengthens man's heart. The trees
 of the plain shall be full of fruit, the cedars
 of Lebanon, which You planted; there the
 sparrows shall make their nests; the house
 of the heron takes the lead among them.
 The high mountains are for the deer; the
 cliff is a refuge for the rabbits. He made the
 moon for seasons; the sun knows its setting.
 You established darkness, and it was night,
 wherein all the wild animals of the forest
 will prowl about; the young lions roar and
 snatch their prey, and seek their food from
 God. The sun arises, and they are gathered
 together; and they shall be put to bed in their
 dens. Man shall go out to his work and to his
 labor until evening. O Lord, Your works shall
 be magnified greatly; You made all things
 in wisdom; the earth was filled with Your
 creation. There is this great and spacious sea:
 the creeping things are there without number;
 the living things are there, both small and
 great; there the ships pass through; there is

ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα
 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.

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

this dragon You formed to play therein. All
 things wait upon You, that You may give
 them food in due season. When You give
 it to them, they shall gather it; when You
 open Your hand, all things shall be filled with
 Your goodness. But when You turn Your face
 away, they shall be troubled; when You take
 away their breath, they shall die and return
 again to their dust. You shall send forth Your
 Spirit, and they shall be created, and You shall
 renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of
 the Lord be forever; the Lord shall be glad
 in His works; He looks upon the earth and
 makes it tremble; He touches the mountains,
 and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my
 life; I will sing to my God as long as I exist;
 may my words be pleasing to Him, and I shall
 be glad in the Lord. May sinners cease from
 the earth, and the lawless, so as to be no more.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knows its setting. You
 established darkness, and it was night.

O Lord, Your works shall be magnified
 greatly; You made all things in wisdom. [SAAS]

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

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

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

Απαγγελλομένου επίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ, ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπής 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]

πρεσβείαις 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· πρεσβείαις 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 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 ἐπιούσαν 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 ἀνάπαυσιν 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,
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 α'.

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 1.

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 πέτρας οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν· ὥσεί πάχος γῆς ἐρῶράγη 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.

Στιχηρὰ τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος α΄. Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος.

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

Σήμερον πιστοὶ χορεύσωμεν, ἐν ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις, τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾄδοντες, τιμῶντες καὶ τὴν αὐτοῦ, ἡγιασμένην σκηνὴν, τὴν ἔμψυχον κιβωτόν, τὴν τὸν ἀχώρητον Λόγον χωρήσασαν· προσφέρεται γὰρ Θεῷ, ὑπερφυῶς τῇ σαρκὶ νηπιάζουσα, καὶ Ἀρχιερεὺς ὁ μέγας, Ζαχαρίας δέχεται, εὐφραινόμενος ταύτην, ὡς Θεοῦ κατοικητήριον.

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

Σήμερον ναὸς ὁ ἔμψυχος, τῆς ἀγίας δόξης, Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, ἡ μόνη ἐν γυναιξίν, εὐλογημένη Ἀγνή, προσφέρεται τῷ Ναῷ, τῷ νομικῷ κατοικεῖν εἰς τὰ Ἁγία, καὶ χαίρουσι σὺν αὐτῇ, Ἰωακείμ καὶ ἡ Ἄννα τῷ πνεύματι, καὶ παρθενικαὶ χορεῖαι, τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾄδουσι ψαλμικῶς μελωδοῦσαι, καὶ τιμᾶσαι τὴν Μητέρα αὐτοῦ.

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.

Stichera for the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1. *What a paradoxical miracle.*

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

O believers, let us dance today, * singing to the Master in the words of Psalms and hymns, * and honor His tabernacle that He sanctified, * the animate Ark that held * the uncontainable Logos within herself. * For she is offered to God, * being a babe in the flesh supernaturally. * And the great and holy high priest * Zacharias feeling joy * in his heart now receives her * who in time will be the dwelling of God. [SD]

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

On this day the living temple * of the holy glory of Christ our Lord and God, * the only woman to be all-holy, blessed and pure, * is brought to the holy Temple of the Lord to inhabit the holy place. * And therefore does Joachim * along with Anna rejoice in the spirit now. * And the choruses of virgins * chanting hymns to the Lord, * sing to Him and His

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

Σὺ τῶν Προφητῶν τὸ κήρυγμα, Ἀποστόλων δόξα, καὶ Μαρτύρων καύχημα, καὶ πάντων τῶν γηγενῶν ἡ ἀνακαίνισις, Παρθένε Μήτηρ Θεοῦ· διὰ γὰρ σοῦ τῷ Θεῷ καταλλάγημεν. Διὸ τιμῶμεν τὴν σὴν, ἐν τῷ ναῷ τοῦ Κυρίου προέλευσιν, καὶ σὺν τῷ Ἀγγέλῳ πάντες, ψαλμικῶς τὸ Χαῖρέ σοι, τῇ πανσέμνῳ βοῶμεν, τῇ πρεσβείᾳ σου σωζόμενοι.

Τῆς Ἀγίας.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος α'. *Τῶν οὐρανίων ταγμάτων.*

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

Σήμερον τέρεται πόλις ἡ Ἀλεξάνδρεια, τὰ σπάργανά σου Μάρτυς, ἐν τῷ θείῳ ναῷ σου, κατέχουσα προφρόνως· διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς, εὐσεβῶς ἐορτάζομεν, Αἰκατερίνα τὴν μνήμην σου τὴν σεπτήν, ὑπερέχου τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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

Αἰκατερίνης τὴν μνήμην νῦν ἐορτάσωμεν· αὐτὴ γὰρ ὄντως πάσας, τοῦ ἐχθροῦ τὰς δυνάμεις, ἐν λόγῳ τε καὶ ἔργῳ, καθεῖλε στερόχως, καὶ Ῥητόρων τὴν ἔνστασιν· Ἀλλὰ δεήσῃ ταύτης ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἐκ τῶν αἰρέσεων.

Mother, * whom they honor in the words of Psalms. [SD]

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

You are she of whom the Prophets preached, * the Apostles' glory, and the martyrs' pride and joy. * Renewal are you of all us who were born on earth, * O Virgin Mother of God, for we have been reconciled to God through you. * And therefore we honor your procession into the Temple of God the Lord. * And together with the Angel, we cry out in psalms, Rejoice, * to you, all-holy Lady, * at whose intercession we are saved. [SD]

For the Holy Woman.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1. *For the celestial orders.*

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

O Martyr Catherine, the city of Alexandria * today rejoices greatly, * for it proudly possesses * your swaddling-bands in your holy temple. And we * also piously celebrate * the feast of your holy memory, and we ask * that you pray for us who honor you.

[SD]

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

Let us observe the all-festive mem'ry of Catherine today. * She roundly devastated * both in word and in action * the full array of enemy forces indeed * and their rhetorical arguments. O God, by her intercessions deliver us * and protect us from the heresies.

[SD]

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

Χαίροις πανένδοξε Μάρτυς Αἰκατερίνα
σεμνή· ἐν τῷ Σινᾷ γὰρ ὄρει, ἐν ᾧ εἶδε τὴν
βάτον, Μωσῆς μὴ φλεγομένην, ἐν τούτῳ
Χριστός, τὸ θεάρεστον σκῆνός σου, νῦν
μεταθεῖς σε φυλάττει ἕως καιροῦ, τῆς
δευτέρας παρουσίας αὐτοῦ.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος β’.

Χαρμονικῶς τῇ πανηγύρει, τῆς
θεοσόφου Μάρτυρος Αἰκατερίνης,
συνδράμωμεν ᾧ φιλομάρτυρες, καὶ ταύτην
τοῖς ἐπαίνοις, ὡς ἄνθεσι καταστέψωμεν·
Χαίροις βοῶντες αὐτῇ, ἢ τῶν φληνάφων
Ῥητόρων, τὴν θραυστομίαν ἐλέγξασα,
ὡς ἀπαιδευσίας ἀνάπλεων, καὶ τούτους
πρὸς πίστιν θεῖαν χειραγωγήσασα·
Χαίροις ἢ τὸ σῶμα πολυπλόκοις βασάνοις
ἐκδοῦσα, δι’ ἀγάπην τοῦ Ποιητοῦ σου, καὶ
μὴ καταβληθεῖσα, ὡς ἄκμων ἀνάλωτος·
Χαίροις ἢ ταῖς ἄνω μοναῖς, ἀντάξια τῶν
πόνων εἰσοικισθεῖσα, καὶ δόξης αἰωνίου
κατατρύφήσασα, ἧς ἐφιέμενοι οἱ ὑμνωδοί
σου, τῆς ἐλπίδος μὴ ἐκπέσοιμεν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. δ’.

Μετὰ τὸ τεχθῆναί σε, Θεόνυμφε
Δέσποινα, παρεγένου ἐν Ναῷ Κυρίου, τοῦ
ἀνατραφῆναι εἰς τὰ Ἅγια τῶν Ἁγίων, ὡς
ἡγιασμένη. Τότε καὶ Γαβριὴλ ἀπεστάλη
πρὸς σὲ τὴν πανάμωμον, τροφὴν κομίζων
σοι. Τὰ οὐράνια πάντα ἐξέστησαν, ὁρῶντα

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

All-wise and glorious Martyr all-holy
Catherine, rejoice! * Our Savior Christ
transported * your most God-pleasing body *
to Sinai, that Mountain where Moses of old *
saw the bush that was burning not; * and He
preserves and protects it there till the time *
that He comes again to judge the world. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode 2.

O martyr fans, let us joyfully run to the
festival of the Martyr Catherine, who was
wise in God, and let us crown her with praise
as if with flowers. Let us shout salutations
to her, "Rejoice, for you refuted the insolent
speech of the babbling Orators, since it was
brimming with stupidity, and you led them
to the true Faith in God! Rejoice, for you
gave your body over to elaborate tortures,
for the love of your Creator, and like an
indestructible anvil you did not break.
Rejoice, for you were given entrance to the
mansions on high, a worthy compensation
for your labors, and you bask in everlasting
glory! We also long for this, and as we
extol you, we hope that we will not be
disappointed." [SD]

Both now. **For the Feast.**

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 4.

After you were born, O Lady Bride of
God, you went to the Temple of the Lord to be
raised in the Holy of Holies, as one who was
sanctified. Then Gabriel was sent to you, the
all-blameless one, and he brought you food.
All beings in heaven were astounded, seeing

τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον ἐν σοὶ σκηνῶσαν. Διὸ ἄσπιλε ἀμόλυντε, ἡ ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς δοξαζομένη, Μήτηρ Θεοῦ, σῶζε τὸ γένος ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθά σου, Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, 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, ἰδόντες φῶς ἐσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν πᾶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίοις, Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἴδου δὴ εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, πάντες οἱ δοῦλοι Κυρίου. (δίζ)

the Holy Spirit dwelling in you. Therefore, O spotless and unstained Mother of God, glorified in heaven and on earth, ever keep us safe. [SD]

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. 4.

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord. (2) [SAAS]

Στίχ. Οἱ ἐστῶτες ἐν οἴκῳ Κυρίου, ἐν
αὐλαῖς οἴκον Θεοῦ ἡμῶν.

Ἴδου δὴ εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, πάντες οἱ
δοῦλοι Κυρίου.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Σοφίας Σολομῶντος τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. 4, ἐκλογή, καὶ 5, 17

Δίκαιος ἐὰν φθάσῃ τελευτῆσαι ἐν
ἀναπαύσει ἔσται. Κατακρινεῖ δίκαιος
ἀποθανόντων τοὺς ζῶντας ἀσεβεῖς· ὄψονται
γὰρ τελευτὴν δικαίου, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνήσουσι
τί ἐβουλεύσαντο περὶ αὐτοῦ. Ὅτι ῥήξει
Κύριος τοὺς ἀσεβεῖς ἀφώνους πρηνεῖς,
καὶ σαλεύσει αὐτοὺς ἐκ θεμελίων, καὶ ἕως
ἐσχάτου χερσωθήσονται ἐν ὁδύνῃ, καὶ
ἡ μνήμη αὐτῶν ἀπολεῖται. Ἐλεύσονται
γὰρ ἐν συλλογισμῷ ἁμαρτημάτων αὐτῶν
δειλοί, καὶ ἐλέγξει αὐτοὺς ἐξ ἐναντίας
τὰ ἀνομήματα αὐτῶν. Τότε στήσεται ἐν
παρρησίᾳ πολλῇ ὁ δίκαιος κατὰ πρόσωπον
τῶν θλιψάντων αὐτόν, καὶ τῶν ἀθετούντων
τοὺς πόνους αὐτοῦ, ἰδόντες ταραχθήσονται
φόβῳ δεινῷ, καὶ ἐκστήσονται ἐπὶ τῷ
παραδόξῳ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτοῦ. Ἐροῦσι
γὰρ ἐν ἑαυτοῖς μετανοοῦντες καὶ διὰ
στενοχωρίαν στενάξουσιν καὶ ἐροῦσιν.
Οὗτος ἦν, ὃν ἔσχομεν ποτε εἰς γέλωτα καὶ
εἰς παραβολὴν ὀνειδισμού οἱ ἄφρονες;
Τὸν βίον αὐτοῦ ἐλογισάμεθα μανίαν,
καὶ τὴν τελευτὴν αὐτοῦ ἄτιμον. Πῶς δὲ
κατελογίσθη ἐν υἱοῖς Θεοῦ, καὶ ἐν ἁγίοις
ὁ κληρὸς αὐτοῦ ἔστιν. Ἄρα ἐπλανήθημεν

Verse: *Who stand in the house of the Lord, in
the courts of the house of our God.*

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you
servants of the Lord.

The Readings

From Menaion ---

READER

The reading is from the Wisdom of
Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

4:7a, 16a, 17a, 19b-20; 5:1-7

But though a righteous man may die
before his time, he shall be at rest. But a
righteous man who is dead shall condemn
the ungodly who are living. For they will
see the end of the wise man, but will not
understand what the Lord purposed for him,
because He will dash them headlong and
speechless to the ground and shake them
from the foundations. They shall be left dry
and barren to the very end; they shall be in
pain, and their memory shall perish. They will
come with dread in the day of reckoning for
their sins, and their lawless deeds will convict
them to their face. Then the righteous man
will stand with confidence in the presence
of those who afflict him; and those who
reject his labors, when they see him, will be
shaken with dreadful fear; and they shall be
amazed at his unexpected salvation. They
will speak among themselves with regret, and
in anguish of spirit they will groan and say,
“This is the man whom we fools once held
in derision and made a byword of disgrace.
We considered his life to be madness and his
death as without honor. How has he been

ἀπὸ ὁδοῦ ἀληθείας, καὶ τὸ τῆς δικαιοσύνης
φῶς οὐκ ἐπέλαμψεν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὁ ἥλιος οὐκ
ἀνέτειλεν ἡμῖν. Ἀνομίας ἐνεπλήσθημεν
τριβους καὶ ἀπωλείας, καὶ ὠδεύσαμεν
τριβους ἀβάτους, τὴν δὲ ὁδὸν Κυρίου οὐκ
ἔγνωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Σοφίας Σολομώντος τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. γ' 1-9

Δικαίων ψυχαὶ ἐν χειρὶ Θεοῦ, καὶ
οὐ μὴ ἄψηται αὐτῶν βάσανος. Ἔδοξαν
ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἀφρόνων τεθνάναι. Καὶ
ἐλογίσθη κάκωσις ἡ ἔξοδος αὐτῶν, καὶ ἡ
ἀφ' ἡμῶν πορεία σύντριμμα, οἱ δὲ εἰσιν
ἐν εἰρήνῃ. Καὶ γὰρ ἐν ὄψει ἀνθρώπων ἐὰν
κολασθῶσιν, ἡ ἐλπίς αὐτῶν ἀθανασίας
πλήρης. Καὶ ὀλίγα παιδευθέντες, μεγάλα
εὐεργετηθήσονται, ὅτι ὁ Θεὸς ἐπείρασεν
αὐτούς, καὶ εὗρεν αὐτούς ἀξίους ἑαυτοῦ. Ὡς
χρυσὸν ἐν χωνευτηρίῳ ἐδοκίμασεν αὐτούς,
καὶ ὡς ὀλοκάρπωμα θυσίας προσεδέξατο
αὐτούς. Καὶ ἐν καιρῷ ἐπισκοπῆς αὐτῶν
ἀναλάμψουσι, καὶ ὡς σπινθήρες ἐν καλάμῃ
διαδραμοῦνται. Κρινοῦσιν ἔθνη, καὶ
κρατήσουσι λαῶν καὶ βασιλεύσει αὐτῶν
Κύριος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, οἱ πεποιθότες ἐπ'
αὐτόν, συνήσουσιν ἀλήθειαν, καὶ οἱ πιστοὶ
ἐν ἀγάπῃ προσμενοῦσιν αὐτῷ, ὅτι χάρις καὶ
ἐλεος ἐν τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπισκοπὴ ἐν
τοῖς ἐκλεκτοῖς αὐτοῦ.

numbered among the sons of God? and how
is his portion among the saints? Therefore
we went astray from the way of truth, for the
light of righteousness did not shine on us,
and the sun did not rise upon us. We were
satisfied with the paths of lawlessness, and we
traveled through impassable deserts; but the
way of the Lord we have not known. [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Wisdom of
Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the
hand of God, and no torture will ever touch
them. In the eyes of the undiscerning they
seemed to have died, and their departure
was considered to be misfortune, and their
passage from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace. For though in man's
view they were punished, their hope is full
of immortality. Though chastened in a few
things, great kindness will be shown them, for
God tested them and found them worthy of
Himself. He tested them like gold in a furnace
and accepted them as a whole burnt offering.
In the time of their visitation they will shine
forth, and they will run about like sparks
through straw. They will judge nations and
rule over peoples, and the Lord shall reign
over them unto the ages. Those who trust in
Him will understand truth, and the faithful
shall continue with Him in love, because
grace and mercy are upon His elect [and He
watches over His holy ones]. [SAAS]

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Σοφίας Σολομώντος τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. ε' 15. ζ' 3

Δίκαιοι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα ζῶσι, καὶ ἐν Κυρίῳ ὁ μισθὸς αὐτῶν, καὶ ἡ φροντίς αὐτῶν παρὰ Ὑψίστῳ. Διὰ τοῦτο λήφονται τὸ βασίλειον τῆς εὐπρεπείας, καὶ τὸ διάδημα τοῦ κάλλους ἐκ χειρὸς Κυρίου, ὅτι τῇ δεξιᾷ αὐτοῦ σκεπάσει αὐτούς, καὶ τῷ βραχίονι ὑπερασπιεῖ αὐτῶν. Λήψεται πανοπλίαν, τὸν ζῆλον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὀπλοποιήσει τὴν κτίσιν εἰς ἄμυναν ἐχθρῶν. Ἐνδύσεται θώρακα, δικαιοσύνην, καὶ περιθήσεται κόρυθα, κρίσιν ἀνυπόκριτον. Λήψεται ἀσπίδα ἀκαταμάχητον, ὁσιότητα, ὁξυνεῖ δὲ ἀπότομον ὀργὴν εἰς ῥομφαίαν. Συνεκπολεμήσει αὐτῷ ὁ κόσμος ἐπὶ τοὺς παράφρονas, πορεύσονται εὐστοχοὶ βολίδες ἀστραπῶν, καὶ ὡς ἀπὸ εὐκύκλου τόξου τῶν νεφῶν, ἐπὶ σκοπὸν ἀλοῦνται, καὶ ἐκ πετροβόλου θυμοῦ πλήρεις ῥιφήσονται χάλαζαι. Ἀγανακτήσει κατ' αὐτῶν ὕδωρ θαλάσσης, ποταμοὶ δὲ συγκλύσουσιν ἀποτόμως. Ἀντιστήσεται αὐτοῖς πνεῦμα δυνάμεως, καὶ ὡς λαῖλαψ ἐκλικμήσει αὐτούς, καὶ ἐρημώσει πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἀνομία, καὶ ἡ κακοπραγία περιτρέψει θρόνους δυναστῶν. Ακούσατε οὖν, Βασιλεῖς, καὶ σύνετε, μάθετε, δικασταὶ περάτων γῆς, ἐνωτίσασθε οἱ κρατοῦντες πλήθους, καὶ γεγαυρωμένοι ἐπὶ ὄχλοις ἐθνῶν, ὅτι ἐδόθη παρὰ Κυρίου ἡ κράτησις ὑμῖν, καὶ ἡ δυναστεία παρὰ Ὑψίστου.

READER

The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

5:15-6:3

The righteous live forever, and their reward is with the Lord; and their care is by the Most High. Therefore they shall receive a kingly dwelling of dignity and a crown of beauty from the hand of the Lord, because He will shelter them with His right hand and protect them with His arm. He will take His zeal as His full armor and will turn His creation into weapons against His enemies. He will wear righteousness as a breastplate and put on impartial judgment as a helmet. He will take holiness as an unconquerable shield and sharpen His relentless wrath for a sword; and creation will fight with Him against the senseless. Well-aimed flashes of lightning will strike and leap to their object as from a well-drawn bow of clouds; and hailstones full of anger will be hurled as from an engine of war. The water of the sea will be vexed with them, and the rivers will wash over them severely. A powerful wind will oppose them, and like a storm it will winnow them away. Lawlessness will lay waste all the earth, and wrongdoing will overturn the thrones of rulers. Listen therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, you that rule over multitudes, and take pride in yourself over a multitude of nations. For power was given to

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.

you from the Lord, and your lordship from the Most High. [SAAS]

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.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν μακαρίων καὶ αἰοιδίων 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 ἡλπίσαμεν 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 παρίδῃς. Σοὶ πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ

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

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

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἐσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τὴν ἐσπέραν πᾶσαν τελείαν, ἀγίαν, 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 ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. [HC]

(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 οὐρανούς καὶ
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλάνθρωπῳ 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 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.

(Αμὴν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα τῆς Θεοτόκου.

Ἦχος πλ. α'. Χαίροις ἀσκητικῶν.

Χαίρει ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, τὸν οὐρανὸν
τὸν νοητὸν πορευόμενον, ὀρῶντες εἰς
θεῖον οἶκον, ἀνατραφῆναι σεπτῶς, τὴν
Παρθένον μόνην καὶ ἀμώμητον, πρὸς
ἣν ἐκπληττόμενος, Ζαχαρίας ἐβόησε,
Πύλη Κυρίου, τοῦ Ναοῦ ὑπανοίγω σοι,
πύλας χαίρουσα, ἐν αὐτῷ περιχόρευε·
ἔγνων γὰρ καὶ πεπίστευκα, ὡς ἤδη ἡ
λύτρωσις, ἐπιδημήσει προδῆλως, τοῦ
Ἰσραὴλ καὶ τεχθήσεται, ἐκ σοῦ Θεὸς Λόγος,
ὁ δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Στίχ. Ἀκουσον, θύγατερ, καὶ ἴδε καὶ
κλῖνον τὸ οὖς σου καὶ ἐπιλάθου τοῦ λαοῦ σου
καὶ τοῦ οἴκου τοῦ πατρός σου· καὶ ἐπιθυμήσει
ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ κάλλους σου.

Ἄννα ἡ θεία χάρις σαφῶς,
χαριτωθεῖσαν τὴν ἀγνὴν Αἰειάρθενον,
προσάγει μετ' εὐφροσύνης, εἰς τὸν
Ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, προσκαλεσαμένη
προπορεύεσθαι, αὐτῆς τὰς νεάνιδας
λαμπαδηφόρους καὶ λέγουσα· Ἀπιθι
τέκνον, τῷ δοτῇρι γενήθητι, καὶ ἀνάθημα,
καὶ εὐῶδες θυμίαμα. Εἰσελθε εἰς τὰ
ἄδυτα, καὶ γνῶθι μυστήρια, καὶ ἐτοιμάζου
γενέσθαι, τοῦ Ἰησοῦ οἰκητήριον, τερπνὸν
καὶ ὠραῖον, τοῦ παρέχοντος τῷ κόσμῳ, τὸ
μέγα ἔλεος.

Στίχ. Τὸ πρόσωπόν σου λιτανεύσουσιν οἱ
πλούσιοι τοῦ λαοῦ.

Ἐνδον ἐν τῷ Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ
θεοχώρητος ναὸς ἀνατίθεται, Παρθένος
ἡ Παναγία, νεάνιδές τε αὐτῆς, νῦν

(Amen.)

From Menaion ---

CHOIR

Aposticha for the Theotokos.

Mode pl. 1. N/M (Rejoice.)

Heaven and earth rejoice, beholding the
spiritual heaven, / the only Virgin without
blemish, enters the house of God to be reared
in reverence. / Zachariah cried to her in
amazement: / gate of the Lord! to you I open
the gates of the Temple: / rejoice and go round
it in gladness. / For I know and believe that
the deliverance of Israel / shall now come to
dwell openly in our midst / and that from you
shall be born God the Word, // Who grants the
world great mercy! [OCA]

Verse: Listen, O daughter, behold and
incline your ear, and forget your people and your
father's house. For the King desired your beauty.
[SAAS]

Anna, truly blessed by God's grace / led
with gladness into the Temple of the Lord /
the pure and ever-Virgin who is full of grace, /
and she called the young girls to go before
her with lamps in hand. / "Go, child," she said,
"to Him Who gave you to me; / be to Him an
offering and a sweet smelling incense. / Go
into the place which none may enter: / Learn
its mysteries and prepare yourself / to become
the pleasing and beautiful dwelling-place of
Jesus, // Who grants the world great mercy!"
[OCA]

Verse: The rich among the people shall
entreat your favor. [SAAS]

The most holy Virgin, Temple that is to
hold God, / is dedicated within the Temple
of the Lord; / and young girls, bearing lamps,

λαμπαδηφόροι προπορεύονται. Σκιρτᾶ
γεννητόρων, ἡ συζυγία ἡ ἄριστος,
Ἰωακείμ τε, καὶ ἡ Ἄννα χορεύοντες, ὅτι
ἔτεκον, τὴν τὸν Κτίστην κυήσασαν. Ὅτις
περιχορεύουσα, εἰς θεῖα σκηνώματα,
καὶ τρεφομένη Ἀγγέλου, διὰ χειρὸς ἡ
πανάμωμος, Χριστοῦ ὥφθη Μήτηρ, τοῦ
παρέχοντος τῷ κόσμῳ, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα. **Τῆς Ἀγίας.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος β'.

Βίον αὔλον ἐξησκημένη, βῆμα ἄθεον
καταλαβοῦσα, ἔστης τροπαιοφόρος
Αἰκατερίνα σεμνή, ἀνθηφοροῦσα τοῦ
Θεοῦ τὴν λαμπρότητα, καὶ τὸ θεῖον
σθένος ἐνδεδυμένη, δόγμα τυράννου
κατεμυκτήρισας, καὶ ῥητόρων ἔπαυσας, τὰς
φληνάφους ῥήσεις Πολύαθλε.

Καὶ νῦν. **Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Σήμερον τὰ στίφη τῶν Πιστῶν
συνελθόντα, πνευματικῶς πανηγυρίζωμεν,
καὶ τὴν θεόπαιδα Παρθένον καὶ Θεοτόκον,
ἐν Ναῷ Κυρίου προσαγομένην, εὐσεβῶς
ἀνευφημήσωμεν· τὴν προεκλεχθεῖσαν
ἐκ πασῶν τῶν γενεῶν, εἰς κατοικητήριον
τοῦ Παντάνακτος Χριστοῦ, καὶ Θεοῦ
τῶν ὅλων, Παρθένοι, λαμπαδηφοροῦσαι
προπορεύεσθε, τῆς Ἀειπαρθένου τιμῶσαι,
τὴν σεβάσιμον πρόοδον, Μητέρες,
λύπην πᾶσαν ἀποθέμεναι, χαρμονικῶς
συνακολουθήσατε, ὑμνοῦσαι τὴν Μητέρα
τοῦ Θεοῦ γενομένην, καὶ τῆς χαρᾶς τοῦ
κόσμου τὴν πρόξενον. Ἀπαντες οὖν
χαρμονικῶς, τὸ χαῖρε σὺν τῷ Ἀγγέλῳ
ἐκβοήσωμεν, τῇ Κεχαριτωμένη, τῇ ἀεὶ
πρεσβευούσῃ, ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

now go before her./Her noble parents,
Joachim and Anna, leap for joy and dance,/for they have borne her who is to bear the
Creator./And she, the all-pure, with rejoicing
goes round the divine habitations,/and is fed
by the hands of an angel./She it is who will
become Mother of Christ, //Who grants the
world great mercy! [OCA]

Glory. **For the Holy Woman.**

From Menaion - -

Mode 2.

You led a spiritual life, and thus you
captivated the godless tribunal, and you
stood victorious, O Catherine, with dignity,
decked in divine brilliance as if with flowers.
And having put on the power of God, you
ridiculed the tyrant's decree, and you stifled
the nonsensical chatter of the orators, O holy
Martyr who suffered much. [SD]

Both now. **For the Feast.**

From Menaion - -

Mode pl. 2.

Today let us the assembled faithful
triumph in spirit!/Let us reverently praise the
child of God, Virgin and Theotokos/as she is
offered in the Temple of the Lord:/She who
was forechosen from all generations/to be the
dwelling-place of Christ, the Master and God
of all./Virgins bearing lamps, go before her,/honoring the majestic advance of the ever-
Virgin!/Mothers, set aside every sorrow to
follow them in gladness,/singing the praises
of her who became the Mother of God/and
mediator of joy for the world!/With the angel,
let us all joyfully cry: Rejoice! to her, //for she
is the joyous one who ever intercedes for our
souls! [OCA]

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τον 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.

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, ἕνεκεν 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.

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]

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.

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.*)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ
προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας
ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῶ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανῶς
ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν
τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ
ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς
οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

Δόξα. **Τῆς Ἁγίας.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. α'. Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ
ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ
πολιούχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ
ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς
κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῇ
μαχαίρᾳ, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα,
αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

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ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν
τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ

PRIEST

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power
and the glory, of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to
the ages of ages.

(*Amen.*)

CHOIR

Apolytikion of the Feast.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

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pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's
salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin
is presented openly, and in herself she
announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a
great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are
the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

[SD]

Glory. **For the Holy Woman.**

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 1. Let us worship the Word.

Let us praise and extol the all-lauded
Bride of Christ,* the Protectress of Sinai,
divine Saint Catherine,* as the one who
gives aid and her assistance to us;* for she
brilliantly suppressed the impious orators,*
with the sword of the Spirit.* And being
crowned as a martyr,* she asks that all receive
the great mercy. [SD]

Both now.

Apolytikion of the Feast.

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ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς
οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἢ ἐκπλήρωσις.

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 Ἀγίῳ 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,
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων
καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν
οσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν·
(τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ
δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης,

the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

[SD]

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
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, the holy
Great Martyr and all-wise Catherine, whose

καὶ τῆς ἁγίας Μεγαλομάρτυρος καὶ
πανσόφου Αἰκατερίνης, ἧς καὶ τὴν μνήμην
ἐπιτελοῦμεν· 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.)

memory we celebrate; 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.)