### Horologion Triodion

On Friday Before Palm Sunday at Compline.

Saturday of Lazarus

# **Small Compline**

### **PRIEST**

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

### **READER**

Amen.

### **PRIEST**

Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, treasury of good things and giver of life: come; take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O Good one.

#### **READER**

# 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. [GOA]

#### **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.*)

#### **READER**

Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

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

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

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

### Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed

me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

### Psalm 69 (70).

O God, [give heed] to help me. [O Lord, make haste to help me.] May those who seek my soul be dishonored and shamed; may those who plot evils against me be turned back and disgraced; may those be turned back immediately who shame me, saying, "Well done! Well done!" May all who seek You greatly rejoice and be glad in You, and

let those who love Your salvation always say, "Let God be magnified." but I am poor and needy; O God, help me. You are my helper and deliverer, O Lord; do not delay. [SAAS]

### Psalm 142 (143).

O Lord, hear my prayer; give ear to my supplication in Your truth; answer me in Your righteousness; do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for no one living shall become righteous in Your sight. For the enemy persecuted my soul; he humbled my life to the ground; he caused me to dwell in dark places as one long dead, and my spirit was in anguish within me; my heart was troubled within me. I remembered the days of old, and I meditated on all Your works; I meditated on the works of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a waterless land. Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faints within me; turn not Your face from me, lest I become like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning, for I hope in You; make me know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, for to You I flee for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. For Your name's sake, O Lord, give me life; in Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction. In Your mercy You shall destroy my enemies; You shall utterly destroy all who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

[SAAS]

# Doxology

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, and we thank you, for your great glory. Lord, King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty; onlybegotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Lord God, the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world. Accept our supplication, you who sit at the right of the Father, and have mercy on us. For you are the only Holy One, you are the only Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Every evening I shall bless you, and I shall praise your name forever, and unto the ages of ages. Lord, you have become for us a refuge from generation to generation. I have said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Lord, to you I have fled; teach me to do your will, for you are my God. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we shall see light. Extend your mercy to those who know you. Grant, O Lord, that in this night we may be kept without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name unto the ages. Amen. Let your mercy, Lord, come upon us, just as we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed are you, O Master, make me understand your commandments. Blessed are you, O Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord, your mercy remains forever, do not turn away from the works of your hands. To you belongs praise, to you belongs a hymn, to you belongs glory, to the Father and the Son and

the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### The Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen. [GOA]

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Logos. We magnify you, the true Theotokos. [GOA]

From Triodion - - -

### **Canon for Lazarus**

#### **CHOIR**

# Ode i. Heirmos. Mode 1.

Let us all sing a triumphant song unto God, Who has done strange wonders with His mighty arm, and has saved Israel: for He is glorified. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O my Savior, Thou hast raised Lazarus who was four days dead, and freed him from corruption by Thy mighty arm; and in Thy strength Thou hast revealed Thy power.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Calling Lazarus from the tomb, immediately Thou hast raised him; but Hell below lamented bitterly, and groaning, trembled at Thy power, O Savior.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou hast shed tears for Lazarus, O Lord, thus proving that Thou hast truly taken flesh at Thine Incarnation; and that, being God by nature, Thou hast become by nature a man like us. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou hast made the tears of Martha and Mary to cease, O Lord and Savior, by raising Lazarus from the dead, and in Thy power Thou hast endued a corpse with the breath of life.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Obedient to the laws of human nature, Thou hast asked, O Master, where Lazarus was laid, showing to all, O Savior, that at Thine Incarnation Thou hast become true man for our sake. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Calling Lazarus by name, Thou hast broken in pieces the bars of Hell and shaken the power of the enemy; and before Thy Crucifixion, Thou hast made him tremble because of Thee, O only Savior.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Master, Thou hast come as God to Lazarus, bound captive by Hell, and Thou hast loosed him from his fetters, for all things submit to Thy command, O Mighty Lord.

Glory.

Let us now glorify Father, Son and Spirit, undivided Trinity in Unity of Nature, and with the angels let us glorify Him as one uncreated God. [KW]

Both now.

O Virgin Mother, still remaining virgin, Thou hast conceived the Creator of the World through the Holy Spirit, according to the good pleasure of the Father; and without alteration or confusion, He became what we are. [KW]

# Ode ii. Heirmos. Mode 1.

Attend, O heaven, and I shall speak and sing in praise of Christ, the Savior of the world, Who alone loves mankind.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Glory to Thee, Who alone hast called a four-day corpse from the tomb, raising Lazarus, Thy friend. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

A lifeless corpse, he heard Thy voice; and at once he rose from the dead, filled with the breath of life and glorifying Thee, O Lord.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Lazarus already stank; but, receiving the command of Thy life-giving voice, O my Savior, he arose from the tomb. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou hast shed tears for Thy friend Lazarus, O my Savior, proving that Thou hast taken on Thyself our nature, and then Thou hast raised him up. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Hell trembled when it saw him, bound in his grave-clothes yet returning at once to the life of this world when he heard Thy voice.

Glory.

The Jews were amazed when Thou hadst called Lazarus, O Savior, and raised him by Thy word, though his corpse already stank.

Both now.

The palaces of Hell were shaken, when in its depths Lazarus began once more to breathe, straightway restored to life by the sound of Thy voice. [KW]

# Ode iii. Heirmos. Mode 1.

The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the rock upon which Christ has established the Church that he has redeemed from among the nations. (2) [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O strange and marvelous wonder!
Although He knew the answer, yet as if ignorant, the Maker of All asked, "Where does he lie, whom ye lament? Where is Lazarus buried, whom I shall shortly raise up for your sake, alive from the dead." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Jesus commanded them to take away the stone that they had rolled upon thee when they buried thee; and immediately he raised thee, calling thee, "Lazarus, rise up and come to Me, that Hell may tremble at My voice." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Martha and Mary, O Lord, cried out lamenting: "Lo, he whom Thou hast loved is four days dead and stinks. If Thou hadst been here, Lazarus would not have died." But since Thou art everywhere present, at once Thou has called Lazarus and raised him up. KM

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Shedding tears for Thy friend, O Savior, Thou hast shown the reality of Thine Incarnation: the flesh that Thou hast taken from us was united to Thee in essence, not in appearance only. And, since Thou art a God who lovest mankind, immediately Thou hast called him and raised him up. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"Woe is me! Now am I destroyed utterly,"
Hell cried out, and thus he spoke to Death,
"See, the man from Nazareth has shaken the
lower world, and cutting open my belly he has
called a lifeless corpse and raised it up." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

What is this madness that has seized you, O ye Jews? Why do ye disbelieve? How long will ye wander in falsehood? Ye see the dead man leap up when Christ calls him, and do ye still disbelieve in Christ? Truly ye are all children of darkness.

### Glory.

I acknowledge Thee as one of the Trinity, even though Thou art incarnate, and I worship Thee as one single Son, who hast without seed taken flesh from the Theotokos, yet art glorified with the Father and the Spirit.

### Both now.

O strange and dread sight, foreseen by the prophets who proclaimed the truth: by divine providence the Virgin Theotokos conceived without seed and gave birth to God without corruption, remaining still a virgin after childbirth. [KW]

# Ode iv. Heirmos. Mode 1.

The sun's light was extinguished and the moon was halted in its course; Thou wast lifted, O Longsuffering Lord, upon the Cross, and with it Thou hast built Thy Church. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Lord, Thou hast shed tears for Lazarus, showing that Thou art man; and Thou hast raised him from the dead, O Master, showing to the peoples that Thou art the Son of God.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Lifeless, he heard Thy command, O Loving Savior, "Lazarus, come forth," and bound with grave-clothes he leapt up at once, bearing witness to Thy power. KWI

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Christ our God, Thou hast made the tears of Martha and Mary to cease; calling Lazarus, through Thine own authority Thou hast raised him by Thy voice, and he worshipped Thee. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

As man, Thou hast shed tears for Lazarus; as God, Thou hast raised him up. Thou hast asked, O Loving Lord, "Where is he buried, dead these four days?", thus confirming our faith in Thine Incarnation.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Wishing in Thy love to reveal the meaning of Thy Passion and Thy Cross, Thou hast broken open the belly of Hell that never can be satisfied, and as God Thou hast raised up a man four days dead.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Who has ever known or heard of a man raised from the dead, when his corpse already stank? Elijah and Elisha raised the dead, yet not from the tomb or four days after death [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Lord, we sing the praises of Thy might; O Christ, we sing the praises of Thy Passion: for through the one in Thy tender mercy Thou hast worked a miracle; and the other Thou hast as man accepted willingly for our salvation.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou art God and man, proving by Thine actions the true reality of both Thy natures. In

and as God Thou hast raised up the man four days dead. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

The Jews were amazed, O Master, when they saw dead Lazarus rising from the tomb at Thy voice; yet still they believed not in Thy miracles. [KW]

### Glory.

Without beginning hast Thou shone forth from Thy Father as one of the Trinity, O Savior; and within time Thou hast come forth from the Spirit, taking flesh in the Virgin's womb, O transcendent God. [KW]

### Both now.

The Theotokos conceived without seed and gave birth without suffering corruption. For, bringing forth these wonders to pass, God emptied Himself that He might be united to us. [KW]

# Ode v. Heirmos. Mode 1.

Give us Thy peace, O Son of God, for we know no other God save Thee. We call upon Thy Name, for Thou art God of the living and the dead. (2) [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Since, Lord, Thou art Life and true Light, Thou hast called dead Lazarus and raised him up, for in Thy power Thou hast shown to all that Thou art God of the living and the dead. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Hell, that had received so many, was unable to resist Thy sovereign command, O Jesus; but trembling, it surrendered Lazarus,

the flesh Thou hast come to the tomb, O Word, four days dead, yet brought up to life by Thy voice. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Joining dust to spirit, O Word, by Thy word in the beginning, Thou hast breathed into the clay a living soul. And now, by Thy word, Thou hast raised up Thy friend from corruption, and from the depths of the earth.

[KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

None can withstand Thy behest, O Lord, for when Thou hast called dead Lazarus, though lifeless, he arose at once, and though his feet were bound, he walked. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O folly of the Jews! O blindness of the enemy! Who has ever known a corpse raised from the grave? Once Elijah raised the dead, yet not from the tomb or four days after death. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

There is none like Thee, O Forbearing Lord. Thou doest all things for our sake as God, and Thou sufferest as man. Make us all partakers of Thy Kingdom, at the prayers of Lazarus. [KW]

# Glory.

O Trinity Who wast before all things began, Father Almighty, Son and Holy Spirit, coeternal and equal in honor, Holy Unity in three Persons: save us children of Adam who with faith sing Thy praises. [KW]

#### Both now.

Thine undefiled womb was sanctified, pure Virgin, by the transcendent God Who took flesh from it: He is adorned as one of the Trinity, the Word from the Father, one God with the Spirit. [KW]

# Ode vi. Heirmos. Mode 1.

Thou hast cast me, O Savior, into the deep waters of the sea; yet Thou hast saved me from the servitude of death, and loosed the bonds of my transgressions. (2) [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"Thou knowest all things, yet hast asked where I was buried. As man by nature, Thou hast wept for me, O Savior, and Thou hast raised me from the dead by Thy command."

[KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"Thou hast called me from the lowest depths of Hell, O Savior," cried Lazarus to Thee when Thou hast set him free from Hell; "and Thou hast raised me from the dead by Thy command." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"Thou hast clothed me in a body of clay, O Savior, and breathed life into me, and I beheld Thy light; and Thou hast raised me from the dead by Thy command." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"Thou hast breathed life into my flesh, O Savior, when there was no breath within it; Thou hast bound it fast with bones and sinews, and Thou hast raised me from the dead by Thy command." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou hast broken open the all-devouring belly of Hell and snatched me out, O Savior,

by Thy power; and Thou hast raised me from the dead by Thy command. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou hast clothed Thyself in all my human nature, O Savior, and hast kept pure in childbirth the undefiled womb from which Thou camest forth incarnate, being one of the Trinity.

# Glory.

O Holy Trinity, I glorify Thy compassion, and with the angels I sing the thrice-holy hymn: have mercy on the souls of us who praise Thee. [KW]

### Both now.

O marvelous wonder! The Word entered Thine undefiled womb, pure Virgin Mother, yet preserved it virgin after childbirth.

# Ode vii. Heirmos. Mode 1.

The fire, O Savior, did not touch or trouble Thy children in the furnace. Then with one voice the three sang Thy praise and blessed Thee, saying, "O God of our Fathers, blessed art Thou." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Savior who lovest mankind, Thou hast wept over the dead, in this way showing to all the peoples that, being God, Thou hast become man for our sakes; and, shedding tears by Thine own choice, Thou hast given us proof of Thy heartfelt love. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

When Lazarus, four days dead, heard Thy voice below, O Savior, he rose up and sang Thy praises, crying aloud joyfully, "Thou art

my God and Maker; I glorify and worship Thee, for Thou hast raised me up." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"Though I lie in bonds, O Savior," Lazarus cried from below to Thee his Deliverer, "yet shall I not remain forever in the depth of Hell, if Thou wilt only call to me, 'Lazarus, come out;' for Thou art my Light and my Life."

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"I implore thee, Lazarus," said Hell, "Rise up, depart quickly from my bonds and be gone. It is better for me to lament bitterly for the loss of one, rather than of all those whom I swallowed in my hunger." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"Why dost thou delay, Lazarus?" cried Hell. "Thy Friend stands calling to thee: 'Come out.' Go, then, and I too shall feel relief. For since I swallowed thee, all other food is loathsome to me." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

"O Lazarus, why dost thou not rise up swiftly?" cried Hell below, lamenting. "Why dost thou not run straightway from this place? Lest Christ take prisoner the others, after raising thee." [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Thou art magnified, O Master Christ, through the many miracles Thou hast performed. For Thou hast given light to the blind and opened the ears of the deaf by a word; and, calling Thy friend Lazarus, as God Thou hast raised him from dead.

# Glory.

Let us sing praises to the Trinity, glorifying the eternal Father, the Son and the Spirit of righteousness, one single Essence that we magnify in threefold song: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O Trinity.

### Both now.

We glorify Thee, O Christ, as one of the Trinity. Without changing, Thou wast made flesh from the Virgin, and hast endured all things as man, O Jesus; but, though united with us, Thou wast not divided from the Father's nature.

# Ode viii. Heirmos. Mode 1.

O heaven of heavens and the waters that are above the heavens, bless and praise the Lord. (2) [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

The Maker who upholds all things, came to Bethany in his compassion, to raise Lazarus.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Four days dead, already stinking, bound in grave-clothes, lacking the breath of life, at Thy call, O Lord, he leapt up endued with life.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

The Jewish people, seeing the dead man rise at Thy command, O Christ, gnashed their teeth in fury. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Jews, the Light shines round you, but ye still remain in darkness. Why do ye doubt

the resurrection of Lazarus? It is the work of Christ. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Rejoice, Zion, and sing praises to the Giver of Life, who by His word has raised Lazarus from the tomb.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

The heavenly hosts and men on earth sang Thy praises, O my Savior, for Thou hast raised Lazarus. [KW]

### Glory.

I glorify and praise Father, Son and Spirit, and with never-silent voice I cry: O Thrice-Holy, glory to Thee. [KW]

### Both now.

I bless and worship Thee, born from the Virgin, yet never parted from the throne of Thy holy glory. [KW]

# Ode ix. Heirmos. Mode 1.

He has showed strength with His arm; He has put down the mighty from their seats and exalted the humble, for He is the God of Israel. The Dayspring from on High has visited us and guided us into the way of peace.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Let Bethany sing with us in praise of the miracle, for there the Creator wept for Lazarus in accordance with the law of nature and the flesh. Then, making Martha's tears to cease and changing Mary's grief to joy, Christ raised him from the dead. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

To confirm men's faith in Thy Resurrection, O Word, Thou hast called Lazarus from the tomb and as God hast raised him up, to show the peoples that Thou art both God and man in very truth, who dost raise up the temple of Thy body. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Shaking the gates and iron bars, Thou hast made Hell tremble at Thy voice. Hell and Death were filled with fear, O Savior, seeing Lazarus their prisoner brought to life by Thy word and rising from the tomb.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

All were dismayed to see Thee, Savior, weeping over dead Lazarus, and in their misery they said: "Behold how he loves him." Then Thou hast straightway called him, and at Thy command the dead man rose, delivered from corruption. [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

The gates were shaken and the bars were shattered, and the bonds which held the dead man were loosed. When Christ spoke in power, Hell groaned bitterly and cried aloud: "Woe is me! What and whence is this voice that brings the dead to life?" [KW]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Rise up, obedient to the voice of thy friend outside, calling thee. This is He who raised the dead of old: for when Elijah and Elisha brought the dead to life, He it was that spoke and acted through them. KWI

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Word and Savior, we sing the praises of Thy surpassing power. For, by Thy word, as Creator of all things, Thou hast raised from the depths dead Lazarus with his bones and sinews, as Thou hast raised the widow's son from the bier. [KW]

### Glory.

Most Holy Trinity, O God the Eternal Father, O Coeternal Son and Word of God, O Holy Spirit of God, Loving Comforter; one Light of the Threefold Sun, Consubstantial Essence, one God and Lord, take pity on the world. [KW]

### Both now.

O Jesus, who hast made all things in wisdom, Thou hast clothed Thyself in my whole nature, taken from the Virgin, yet forever Thou remainest wholly in the bosom of the Father; and Thou hast, as God, sent down Thy Holy Spirit on Thy flock: cover us with Thy shadow.

#### Heirmos.

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### **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.*)

#### **READER**

#### Kontakion.

From Triodion - - -

### **Mode 2.** *In seeking the heights.*

The joy of all men, the Truth who is Christ our God, the light and the life, the resurrection of the world has appeared unto those on earth, in that He is benevolent, becoming the type of the Resurrection, and granting divine remission unto all. [50]

Lord, have mercy. (40)

O Christ our God, who at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth, are worshipped and glorified, long suffering and plenteous in mercy and compassion; who love the just and show mercy to the sinners; who call all men to salvation through the promise of the blessings to come: Do you, the same Lord, receive also our supplications at this present time, and direct our lives according

to your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set our minds right; clear up our thoughts, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and distress. Surround us with your holy Angels so that being guarded and guided by their presence, we may arrive at the unity of the faith and the knowledge of your ineffable glory; for blessed are you unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

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

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

#### **PRIEST**

May God have compassion on us and bless us; may his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

### **READER**

Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12)

Save us, all-holy Theotokos.

**Prayer to the Virgin** by Paul the Monk of the Monastery of Evergetis

O spotless, unstained, incorruptible, undefiled, pure Virgin, Lady Bride of God, who through your wondrous birth-giving united God the Word with mankind, and linked the fallen nature of our human race with the heavenly; the only hope of the

hopeless and the help of the persecuted; the ready support of those who seek refuge in you, and the shelter of all the Christians: do not despise me, the wretched sinner who have defiled myself with shameful thoughts and words and deeds, and through negligence of thought have become slave to the pleasures of life. But as the Mother of our compassionate God, and a friend of man, have compassion on me the sinner and prodigal, and accept this prayer from my impure lips; and using your motherly standing, entreat your Son and our Master and Lord to open unto me the depths of his loving goodness and, overlooking my innumerable faults, to return me to repentance and make me a worthy servant of his commandments. Stand by me forever; in this life as a merciful and compassionate and good and lovingly warm protector and helper, by repulsing the assaults of the adversary and leading me toward salvation; and at the time of my death, by embracing my miserable soul and driving far away from it the dark faces of the evil demons; and at the awesome day of judgment by redeeming me from eternal hell, and proclaiming me an heir of the ineffable glory of your Son and our God. May I enjoy such fate, my Lady, most-holy Theotokos, through your intercession and protection; through the grace and love for mankind of your only begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. To whom belong all glory, honor and worship, together with his beginningless Father, and the all holy and good and life giving Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

# **Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ** by Antiochus, Monk of Pandektos

And grant to us, Master, as we depart for sleep, rest of body and soul, and preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin, and from every dark and nocturnal pleasure. Arrest the drives of passion; extinguish the burning arrows of the Evil One which insidiously fly in our direction; suppress the rebellions of our flesh, and calm our every earthly and material thought. And grant to us, O God, alert mind, prudent thinking, sober heart, light sleep free of any satanic fantasy. Awaken us at the time of prayer rooted in your commandments and having unbroken within us the remembrance of your ordinances. Grant that we may sing your glory through the night by praising and blessing and glorifying your most honorable and majestic name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

Most glorious, ever virgin, blessed
Theotokos, bring our prayer before your Son
and our God, and entreat him, through you, to
save our souls. [HC]

The Father is my hope, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my shelter, Holy Trinity, glory to you. [HC]

O Mother of God, I have committed my every hope wholly unto you. Keep me under your shelter. [5D]

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

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

Father, bless!

### **PRIEST**

May He who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For all pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our (episcopal rank) (name).

For our nation.

For the armed forces.

For our departed fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers.

For those who have mercy on us and serve us.

For those who hate us and those who love us.

For those who have asked us the unworthy to pray for them.

For the release of captives.

For those who are traveling.

For those who are ill.

Let us pray also for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.

And for all our family and friends who have fallen asleep before us, the Orthodox here and everywhere piously laid to sleep.

Let us also say for ourselves: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# **PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)