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# The Service of Vespers

**on Thursday Evening**

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**Menaion - December 20**

**Memory of the Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer; and  
Forefeast of the Birth of our Savior**

**Texts in Greek and English**

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**Μηναῖον - ΤΗΙ Κ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

Μνήμη τοῦ Ἁγίου Ἱερομάρτυρος  
Ἰγνατίου τοῦ Θεοφόρου· καὶ Προεόρτια τῶν  
Γενεθλίων τοῦ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν.

**ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ**

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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

(Ἀμήν.)

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ  
προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ  
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν  
Θεῷ.

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

**Ψαλμὸς ΡΓ' (103).**

Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον.  
Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα.  
Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν  
ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον.  
Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὥσει 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 αἵωνος. Ἄβυσσος 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  
ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπαῖσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ  
τῷ Θεῷ βρώσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος,  
καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας  
αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται  
ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ  
τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς  
ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα  
ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς  
κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη  
καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν  
ἀριθμὸς, 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. Αἰσω 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 ἀεί, 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.

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

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ** (μυστικῶς)

### **ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ**

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

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

### **ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ**

Κύριε, μὴ τῷ θυμῷ σου ἐλέγξης ἡμᾶς, μηδὲ τῇ ὀργῇ σου παιδεύσης ἡμᾶς, ἀλλὰ ποιήσον μεθ' ἡμῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐπιείκειάν σου, ἱατρὲ καὶ θεραπευτὰ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν· ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐπὶ λιμένα θελήματός σου· φώτισον τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τῶν καρδιῶν ἡμῶν, εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τῆς σῆς ἀληθείας· καὶ δώρησαι ἡμῖν τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρούσης ἡμέρας εἰρηνικὸν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον, καὶ πάντα τὸν χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν·

*While the Opening Psalm is being read the Priest, bareheaded and standing in front of the Holy Table, says quietly the following Prayers at the Lighting of the Lamps.*

**PRIEST** (inaudibly)

### **1st Prayer**

O Lord, compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and full of mercy, listen to our prayer and attend to the voice of our supplication. Make for us a sign for good. Guide us in your way, to walk in your truth. Make glad our hearts to fear your holy Name, because you are great and do wondrous things. You alone are God, and there is none like you, O Lord, among gods: powerful in mercy and loving in strength to help and to console and to save all who hope in your holy Name. [EL]

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

### **2nd Prayer**

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



προσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ

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

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ

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

Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ

For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. <sup>[EL]</sup>

### 3rd Prayer

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

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

### 4th Prayer

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

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

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

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

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

Ὁ Θεός, ὁ μέγας καὶ θαυμαστός, ὁ ἀνεκδιηγῆτῳ ἀγαθωσύνη καὶ πλουσία προνοία διοικῶν τὰ σύμπαντα· ὁ καὶ τα ἐγκόσμια ἀγαθὰ ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, καὶ κατεγγυήσας ἡμῖν τὴν ἐπηγγελμένην βασιλείαν, διὰ τῶν ἤδη κεχαρισμένων ἡμῖν ἀγαθῶν· ὁ ποιήσας ἡμᾶς καὶ τῆς νῦν ἡμέρας τὸ παρελθὸν μέρος ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐκκλίνειν κακοῦ, δώρησαι ἡμῖν καὶ τὸ ὑπόλοιπον ἀμέμπτως ἐκτελέσαι, ἐνώπιον τῆς ἀγίας δόξης σου, ὑμνοῦντάς σε τὸν μόνον ἀγαθόν, καὶ φιλάνθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν.

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

### 5th Prayer

Lord, Lord, who uphold the universe by your immaculate hand, who are long-suffering towards us all and who repent of evils, remember your acts of compassion and your mercy. Visit us in your loving kindness and grant that for the rest of the present day we may escape the manifold wiles of the evil one, and, by the grace of your All-holy Spirit, keep our life free from assault. [EL]

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

### 6th Prayer

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

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



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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗ

Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὑψιστος, ὁ μόνος  
ἔχων ἀθανασίαν, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ  
πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφίᾳ δημιουργήσας.  
Ὁ διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ  
ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον  
θέμενος εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην  
δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός· ὁ  
καταξιώσας ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ  
ἐπὶ τῆς παρούσης ὥρας προφθάσαι τὸ  
πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν  
ἐσπερινὴν σοι δοξολογίαν προσαγαγεῖν·  
αὐτός, φιλάνθρωπε Κύριε, κατεύθυνον  
τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν  
σου καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὁσμὴν  
εὐωδίας. Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν  
ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν ἐπιοῦσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικὴν·  
ἐνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός· ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς  
ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς  
πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου· καὶ  
δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπausιν τῇ  
ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν ἐδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς  
φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Naί, 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 παντὸς 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  
Τραπεζῆς, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς τὸ Τερέα,  
καὶ ἐξελθὼν τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς βορείας  
πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ὁραίας πύλης, καὶ βλέπων  
κατ' ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Χριστοῦ, λέγει τὴν  
Μεγάλην Συναπτὴν, ἥτοι τὰ "Εἰρηνικά."*

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

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

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

**DEACON**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

### ΧΟΡΟΣ

#### Ἦχος 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 πέτραις οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

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

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

Πρόσχεες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

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

**Στιχηρά. Προεόρτια.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

**Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.**

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

Προεορτάσωμεν λαοί, Χριστοῦ τὰ  
Γενέθλια, καὶ ἐπάραντες τὸν νοῦν, ἐπὶ  
τὴν Βηθλεὲμ ἀναχθῶμεν τῇ διανοίᾳ, καὶ  
κατίδωμεν τὴν Παρθένον, τοῖς ψυχικοῖς  
λογισμοῖς, ἐπειγομένην τίκτειν ἐν Σπηλαίῳ,  
τὸν τῶν ὅλων Κύριον καὶ Θεὸν ἡμῶν,  
οὗ Ἰωσήφ κατιδὼν τῶν θαυμάτων τὸ  
μέγεθος, ἐδόκει ἄνθρωπον θεωρεῖν, ὡς  
βρέφος σπαργανούμενον, ὑπενόει δὲ ἐκ  
τῶν πραγμάτων, Θεὸν εἶναι ἀληθινόν,  
τὸν παρέχοντα ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν, τὸ μέγα  
ἔλεος.

**Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.**

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

Προεορτάσωμεν λαοί, Χριστοῦ τὰ  
Γενέθλια, καὶ ἐπάραντες τὸν νοῦν, ἐπὶ  
τὴν Βηθλεὲμ ἀναχθῶμεν τῇ διανοίᾳ,  
καὶ κατίδωμεν τὸ ἐν Σπηλαίῳ μέγα  
μυστήριον· ἡνοικταὶ γὰρ ἡ Ἑδέμ, ἐκ

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 Forefeast.**

From Menaion - -

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

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

Peoples, let us celebrate the forefeast of  
the Nativity of Christ; and raising our minds,  
let us be taken up in spirit to Bethlehem, and  
let us contemplate with spiritual thoughts the  
Virgin, who hastens to give birth in a Cave  
to the Lord of all things and our God. Joseph,  
as he contemplated the greatness of the  
wonders, seemed to see a human, wrapped  
in swaddling clothes like an infant; while he  
understood from the things that came to pass  
that he was the true God, who grants our  
souls his great mercy. [EL]

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

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

Peoples, let us celebrate the forefeast of  
the Nativity of Christ; and raising our minds,  
let us be taken up in spirit to Bethlehem,  
and let us contemplate the great mystery in  
the Cave; for Eden has been opened, as God



Παρθένου ἀγνῆς Θεοῦ προερχομένου,  
ὑπάρχοντος τελείου τοῦ αὐτοῦ, ἐν Θεότητι  
καὶ ἀνθρωπότητι· διὸ κράξωμεν, Ἅγιος ὁ  
Θεός, ὁ Πατὴρ ὁ Ἀναρχος, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός,  
ὁ Υἱὸς ὁ σαρκωθεὶς, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, τὸ  
παράκλητον Πνεῦμα, Τριάς Ἁγία δόξα σοι.

**Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.**

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

Ἄκουε οὐρανέ, καὶ ἐνωτίζου ἡ γῆ· ἰδοὺ  
γὰρ ὁ Υἱὸς καὶ Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ Πατρός,  
πρόεισι τεχθῆναι, ἐκ κόρης ἀπειράνδρου,  
εὐδοκία τοῦ φύσαντος αὐτὸν ἀπαθῶς, καὶ  
συνεργεία τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος. Βηθλεὲμ  
εὐτρεπίζου, ἄνοιγε πύλην ἡ Ἐδέμ· ὅτι ὁ  
ὦν, γίνεται ὁ οὐκ ἦν, καὶ ὁ πλαστοουργὸς  
πάσης κτίσεως διαπλάττεται, ὁ παρέχων τῷ  
κόσμῳ, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**Τοῦ Ἁγίου.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος δ'. Ὁ ἐξ ὑψίστου κληθεὶς.**

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

Ὁ Θεοφόρος καλούμενος ἀξίως,  
ὅτε ὁ Δεσπότης σε, μάκαρ, Ἰγνάτιε, ὡς  
συμπαθὴς ἠγκαλίσσατο, φιλοσοφίας, τῆς  
ἀνωτάτω φαίνων τὰ δόγματα, τότε τὴν  
πολύφωτον αἴγλην εἰσδέδεξαι, καθάπερ  
σπόγγος τὰ νάματα ἐκ τῆς ἀβύσσου, τῶν  
φωτισμάτων ἀνιμησάμενος· ὅθεν κατ' ἴχνος  
ἠκολούθησας, τῷ καλοῦντι Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ  
ἡμῶν, ὃν ἰκέτευε σῶσαι, καὶ φωτίσαι τὰς  
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

comes forth from a pure Virgin, he who is  
perfect in both divinity and humanity. And  
so let us cry: Holy God, the Father without  
beginning; Holy Strong, the incarnate Son;  
Holy Immortal, the comforter Spirit. Holy  
Trinity, glory to you! [EL]

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

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

Listen, O heaven, and give ear, O earth;  
for see, the Son and Word of God the Father  
goes forth to be born of a Maiden, who knows  
not man, by the good pleasure of him who  
begot him impassibly, and by the co-operation  
of the Holy Spirit. Bethlehem make ready,  
Eden open your gate; because the One who Is  
becomes what he was not, and the fashioner  
of all creation is being fashioned, he who  
grants the world his great mercy. [EL]

**For the Saint.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode 4. N/M (When you were called.)**

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

Rightly are you called God-bearer: when  
the Master in his compassion took you in his  
arms, blessed Ignatios, as he revealed the  
doctrines of the true wisdom from the highest,  
then you received the beam with many lights,  
soaking up, like a sponge, the waters from the  
deep of enlightenments; and so you followed  
step by step Christ our God who called you.  
Implore him to save and enlighten our souls.

[EL]

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

Ὁ τετρωμένος ἀγάπη τῇ τελείᾳ, ὅτε  
ὁ προσητήριος, ἔρως ἀνέφλεγε, σοῦ τὴν  
ψυχὴν ἱερώτατε, πρὸς τὸν Δεσπότην, σὲ  
κατεπείγων Πάτερ πορεύεσθαι, τότε τὸν  
αἰδιδίμον λόγον ἐβόησας· Σῖτος ὑπάρχω  
τοῦ Κτίσαντος, καὶ δι' ὀδόντων, δεῖ με  
θηρίων πάντως ἀλήθεσθαι, ἵνα τῷ Λόγῳ  
καθαρώτατος, ἄρτος φανῶ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν  
ὃν ἰκέτευε σῶσαι, καὶ φωτίσαι τὰς ψυχὰς  
ἡμῶν.

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

Συνεσταυρώθης Χριστῷ Ἱεροφάντορ,  
ὅτε τὸν θεόπνευστον λόγον ἀνέκραξας·  
Ὁ ἐμὸς ἔρως ἐσταύρωται, καὶ κοινωνῆσαι,  
τούτῳ τοῦ πάθους λίαν ἐπείγομαι· ἐντεῦθεν  
Ἰγνάτιε, καθάπερ ἥλιος, ἀνατολῆς  
ἐξορμώμενος, ἐπὶ τὴν δύσιν, καταφωτίζων  
μάκαρ διέδραμες, καὶ βασιλείας διαδήματι,  
ἐκοσμήθης Χριστῷ προσαγόμενος· ὃν  
ἰκέτευε σῶσαι, καὶ φωτίσαι τὰς ψυχὰς  
ἡμῶν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

**Ἦχος πλ. δ'.**

Θεοφόρε Ἰγνάτιε, τὸν σὸν ἔρωτα  
Χριστὸν ἐνστερνισάμενος, μισθὸν ἐκομίσω,  
τῆς ἱερουργίας τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου τοῦ Χριστοῦ,  
τὸ τελειωθῆναι δι' αἵματος· διὸ σῖτος  
γενόμενος τοῦ ἀθανάτου γεωργοῦ, δι  
ὀδόντων θηρίων ἠλέσθης, καὶ ἄρτος ἡδὺς  
αὐτῷ ἀνεδείχθης, πρέσβευε ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν,  
Ἀθλητὰ μακάριε.

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

Wounded with perfect love, when the  
whirlwind of affection set your soul aflame,  
most holy Father, urging you forward to go  
towards the Master, then you cried out that  
revered word, 'I am the Creator's wheat, and  
I must be completely ground by the teeth of  
wild beasts, that I may appear as the purest  
bread for the Word, our God'. Implore him to  
save and enlighten our souls. [EL]

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

You were crucified with Christ, O  
Revealer of mysteries, when you cried  
aloud that inspired word, 'My love has been  
crucified, and I am pressing forward with  
speed to share in his suffering'. Therefore,  
blessed Ignatios, you set out like the sun from  
the East and sped towards the West, giving  
light, and you were adorned with a diadem of  
the Kingdom as you were brought to Christ.  
Implore him to save and enlighten our souls.

[EL]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

Godbearer Ignatios, you enfolded Christ  
your love in your embrace, and you received  
the reward of your priestly service of the  
Gospel: to be perfected through blood;  
and so, becoming wheat of the immortal  
husbandman, you were ground by the teeth  
of wild beasts and were revealed as sweet

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

**Ἦχος πλ. δ'.**

Ὑπόδεξαι Βηθλεέμ, τὴν τοῦ Θεοῦ  
Μητρόπολιν· φῶς γὰρ τὸ ἄδυτον, ἐπὶ σὲ  
γεννῆσαι ἤκει. Ἄγγελοι θαυμάσατε ἐν  
οὐρανῷ, ἄνθρωποι δοξάσατε ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.  
Μάγοι ἐκ Περσίδος, τὸ τρισσόκλεον δῶρον  
προσκομίσατε. Ποιμένες ἀγραυλοῦντες, τὸν  
Τρισάγιον ὕμνον μελωδήσατε. Πᾶσα πνοή,  
αἰνεσάτω τὸν Παντουργέτην.

**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  
ἠελπίσαμεν· μὴ κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

**ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ**

**Ἦχος β'.**

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

bread for him. Blessed Athlete, intercede on  
our behalf. [EL]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

Bethlehem receive the Mother City of  
God; for she has come to give birth in you  
to the unwaning light. You Angels, marvel  
in heaven; mankind give glory upon earth,  
Magi from Persia bring your triple glorious  
gift, Shepherds abiding in the fields sing the  
thrice-holy hymn. Let everything that has  
breath praise the Maker of all. [EL]

**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]

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

**ΧΟΡΟΣ**

**Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

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

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

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

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Εἴπωμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἴπωμεν.

(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.

**DEACON**

The evening Prokeimenon.

**CHOIR**

**Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2.**

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἐσπέρᾳ ταύτῃ, ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων

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

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

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

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



ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ  
ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο,  
Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ  
ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε,  
δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς  
εἶ, Δέσποτα, συνέτισον μὲ τὰ δικαιώματά  
σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Ἄγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς  
δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν  
αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδῃς.  
Σοὶ πρόπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρόπει ὕμνος, σοὶ  
δόξα πρόπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ  
Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς  
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν  
ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

name to the ages. Amen. O Lord, let your  
mercy be upon us for we have set our hope  
in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me  
your commandments. Blessed are you,  
Master, grant me understanding of your  
commandments. Blessed are you, Holy One,  
enlighten me with your commandments.  
Lord, your mercy is forever. Do not despise  
the works of your hands. To you is due praise,  
to you is due song, to you is due glory, to the  
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now  
and forever and to the ages of ages. [HC]

(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.



(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.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

Ὅτι 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.)

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ** (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλῖνας οὐρανοὺς καὶ  
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,  
ἐπίδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν  
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλοανθρώπῳ κριτῇ  
οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ  
αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων  
ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες  
ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν·

(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.)

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

οὓς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν  
παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν 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.

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

## ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Ἀπόστιχα τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

**Ἰδιόμελον Α'. Ἦχος β'.**

Βηθλεὲμ γῆ, Ἰούδα, τὸ κατὰ σάρκα  
πολίτευμα, φαιδρῶς εὐτρέπισον τὸ θεῖον  
Σπήλαιον, ἐν ᾧ Θεὸς σαρκὶ τίκτεται, ἐξ  
ἀπειράνδρου Ἀγίας Παρθένου, εἰς τὸ σῶσαι  
τὸ γένος ἡμῶν.

**Ἰδιόμελον Β'. Ἦχος β'.**

**Στίχ.** Ὁ Θεὸς ἀπὸ Θαμὰν ἦξει, καὶ ὁ  
Ἅγιος ἐξ ὄρους κατασκίου δασέος.

Δεῦτε ἅπαντες, Χριστοῦ τὰ Γενέθλια,  
πιστῶς προεορτάσωμεν, καὶ νοητῶς  
τὸν ὕμνον, ὡς ἀστέρα προβαλλόμενοι,  
μαγικὰς δοξολογίας, μετὰ Ποιμένων  
βοήσωμεν· Ἦλθεν ἡ σωτηρία τῶν  
βροτῶν, ἐκ παρθενικῆς νηδύος, πιστοὺς  
ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

**Ἰδιόμελον Γ'. Ἦχος β'.**

**Στίχ.** Κύριε, εἰσακήκοα τὴν ἀκοήν σου,  
καὶ ἐφοβήθην, Κύριε, κατενόησα τὰ ἔργα σου,  
καὶ ἐξέστην.

Οἶκος τοῦ Ἐφραθα, ἡ Πόλις ἡ ἁγία, τῶν  
Προφητῶν ἡ δόξα, εὐτρέπισον τὸν οἶκον, ἐν  
ᾧ τὸ θεῖον τίκτεται.

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.

(Amen.)

From Menaion ---

## CHOIR

**Aposticha of the Feast.**

**Idiomelon 1. Mode 2.**

Bethlehem, land of Juda, city according  
to the flesh, radiantly make ready the divine  
Cave, in which God comes to birth in flesh  
from a Holy Virgin who knows not man, to  
save our race. [EL]

**Idiomelon 2. Mode 2.**

**Verse:** God will come from Teman, the Holy  
One from the mount of shaded leafy trees. [SAAS]

Come, let us all faithfully celebrate  
the forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; and  
spiritually setting forth our hymn like a  
star, let us with the Shepherds shout aloud  
the Magis' hymn of glory, 'The salvation of  
mortals has come from a virgin womb, to call  
back believers'. [EL]

**Idiomelon 3. Mode 2.**

**Verse:** Lord, I have heard Your report and  
was afraid; I considered Your works and was  
greatly astonished. [SAAS]

O House of Ephratha, \* the city that is  
holy, \* the glory of the Prophets, \* prepare

Δόξα. **Τοῦ Ἀγίου.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

**Ἦχος α'.**

Ὡ τῆς στερεῶς καὶ ἀδαμαντίνου σου  
ψυχῆς, ἀξιομακάριστε Ἰγνάτιε! σὺ γὰρ  
πρὸς τὸν ὄντως σὸν ἐραστήν, ἀνένδοτον  
ἔχων τὴν ἔφεσιν, ἔλεγες· Οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν ἐμοὶ  
πῦρ φιλούλον, ὕδωρ δὲ μᾶλλον ζῶν, καὶ  
λαλοῦν ἐν ἐμοί, ἐνδοθέν μοι λέγον· Δεῦρο  
πρὸς τὸν Πατέρα· ὅθεν θείῳ Πνεύματι  
πυρπολούμενος, θῆρας ἠρέθισας κόσμους σε  
θάπτον χωρίσαι, καὶ πρὸς τὸν ποθοῦμενον  
παραπέμψαι Χριστόν· ὃν ἰκέτευε, σωθῆναι  
τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

**Ἦχος β'.**

Ἴδου καιρὸς ἤγγικε τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν·  
εὐτρεπίζου Σπήλαιον, ἡ Παρθένος ἐγγίζει  
τοῦ τεκεῖν, Βηθλεὲμ γῆ Ἰούδα, τέρπου  
καὶ ἀγάλλου, ὅτι ἐκ σοῦ ἀνατέταλκεν ὁ  
Κύριος ἡμῶν. Ἀκούσατε ὄρη καὶ βουνοί,  
καὶ τὰ περὶ χωρὰ τῆς Ἰουδαίας, ὅτι ἔρχεται  
Χριστός, ἵνα σώσῃ ὃν ἐπλασεν ἄνθρωπον,  
ὡς φιλόανθρωπος.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

**Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.**

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

your house, for therein \* the Virgin will give  
birth to God. [SD]

Glory. **For the Saint.**

From Menaion - -

**Mode 1.**

How firm and adamant was your  
soul, most blessed Ignatios! For as you had  
an unyielding desire for your true lover, you  
said, 'There is in me no matter-loving fire,  
but rather living water, which speaks in me,  
and from within says to me: Come to the  
Father'; therefore, fired by the divine Spirit,  
you roused wild beasts to part you quickly  
from the world and send you to Christ the  
beloved; implore him that our souls may be  
saved. [EL]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion - -

**Mode 2.**

See, the time of our salvation has drawn  
near. Cave make ready, the Virgin is drawing  
near to give birth. Bethlehem, land of Judea, be  
glad and rejoice, because from you our Lord  
has dawned. Listen, mountains and hills, and  
lands around Judea, because Christ is coming  
to save mankind whom he fashioned, for he  
loves mankind. [EL]

**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]

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Κανὼν Τριώδιον Προεόρτιον****ΧΟΡΟΣ****Ὦδὴ α'.****Ὁ Εἰρμός. Ἦχος β'.**

Τῷ τὴν ἄβατον, κυμαινομένην  
θάλασσαν, θείῳ αὐτοῦ προστάγματι,  
ἀναξηράναντι, καὶ πεζεῦσαι δι' αὐτῆς, τὸν  
Ἰσραηλίτην λαὸν καθοδηγήσαντι, Κυρίῳ  
ἄσωμεν· ἐνδόξως γὰρ δεδόξασται. (δίς)

Δόξα.

Ἡ ἀπόρρητος, Λόγου Θεοῦ κατάβασις,  
ὅπερ αὐτὸς θεάνθρωπος, Χριστὸς  
γινώσκεται, τὸ Θεὸς οὐχ ἄρπαγμόν, εἶναι  
ἡγησάμενος, ἔρχεται δούλου μορφῇν,  
ἀναδεξόμενος, Κόρης ἐξ ἀγνῆς θεόπαιδος.

Καὶ νῦν.

Διακονῆσαι, Χριστὸς ἐκὼν προέρχεται,  
οὗ τὴν μορφῇν ὁ πλαστοργὸς νῦν  
ὑποδύεται, τῷ πτωχεύσαντι Ἀδάμ, ὁ  
πλουτῶν θεότητι, ξένην ἀνάπλασιν, καὶ  
ἀναγέννησιν, ὡς εὐσπλαγχνός δωρούμενος.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ὦδὴ η'.****Ὁ Εἰρμός. Ἦχος β'.**

Ἐφριξε παίδων εὐαγῶν, τὸ ὁμόστολον  
ψυχῆς ἄσπιλον σῶμα, καὶ εἶξε τὸ τραφέν,  
ἐν ἀπείρῳ ὕλῃ, ἀκάματον πῦρ. Αἰζώου δὲ  
ἐκμαρανθείσης φλογός, διαιωνίζων ὕμνος  
ἀνεμέλπετο. Τὸν Κύριον πάντα τὰ ἔργα  
ὑμνεῖτε, καὶ ὑπερυψοῦτε, εἰς πάντας τοὺς  
αἰῶνας. (δίς)

Δόξα.

Ἦμας μου πάντας συγγενεῖς, ἄρτι  
θήσομαι, εἰ τὰς ἐμὰς ἐντολὰς τηρήσετε,  
φησὶν ὁ Χριστὸς ἀνθρώποις, ἐκ μήτρας  
Ἀγνῆς, προερχόμενος· οἷς τὴν εἰρήνην

From Menaion ---

**Three-ode Canon of the Forefeast****CHOIR****Ode i.****The Heirmos. Mode 2.**

To the Lord who by his divine command  
dried up the pathless raging sea and guided  
the Israelite people through it on foot let us  
sing; for he has been greatly glorified. (2) [EL]

Glory.

The ineffable descent of the Word of God,  
that is of the God-man Christ, is made known;  
he did not think that to be God was robbery,  
but is coming having taken the form of a  
servant from a pure Maiden, Child of God. [EL]

Both now.

Christ comes willingly to serve the one  
whose form the fashioner now puts on. He  
enriches Adam in his penury with Godhead,  
granting him a strange refashioning and  
rebirth, as he is compassionate. [EL]

From Menaion ---

**Ode viii.****The Heirmos. Mode 2.**

The unwearied fire, nurtured by limitless  
fuel shuddered at the unsullied body, close  
companion of the soul, of the docile youths,  
and gave way; while as the ever-living flame  
died down a hymn that lives for ever was  
being raised, 'Praise the Lord, all you his  
works, and highly exalt him to all the ages'.

(2) [EL]

Glory.

I will make you all my kinsmen, if you  
keep my commandments, says Christ to  
mankind, as he comes from a pure womb. He  
gives them peace and now commands them to

διδούς, τὰ ταπεινὰ φρονεῖν νῦν ὑποτίθεται,  
καὶ Κύριον γινώσκειν τοῦτον καὶ ψάλλειν.  
Σὲ ὑπερυψοῦμεν, εἰς πάντας τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Καὶ νῦν.

Τάξεως ἔμπαλιν ἐν σοί, σαρκικῆς  
ἐστὶν ὁ τόκος Λόγε Θεοῦ· οὐχ αἷμα γὰρ  
καὶ σὰρξ, σὴν Ἁγίαν σάρκα συνίστησιν,  
ἀλλὰ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου παρουσία,  
καὶ τοῦ Ὑψίστου θεία ἐπισκίασις· καὶ  
Κύριον γινώσκοντές σε ὑμνοῦμεν, καὶ  
ὑπερυψοῦμεν, εἰς πάντας τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ὡδὴ θ'.**

**Ὁ Εἰμός. Ἦχος β'.**

Ἐμεγάλυνας Χριστέ, τὴν τεκοῦσάν  
σε Θεοτόκον, ἀφ' ἧς ὁ πλάστης ἡμῶν,  
ὁμοιοπαθὲς περιέθου σῶμα, τὸ τῶν  
ἡμετέρων λυτήριον ἀγνοημάτων.  
Ταύτην μακαρίζοντες, πᾶσαι γενεαὶ σὲ  
μεγαλύνομεν. (δίς)

Δόξα.

Ῥύπον πάντα ἐμπαθῇ, ἀπωσάμενοι  
ἐπαξίως, τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, γνώμη  
ἀναλάβωμεν ἔμφρονα· καὶ γὰρ ἀρῶν πάρος  
προέρχεται σάρκα φορέσαι, καὶ πᾶσι  
δωρήσασθαι, θείαν διὰ Πνεύματος  
ἀνάπλασιν.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἀφορῶντες εἰς Χριστόν, ταπεινούμενον  
ὑψωθῶμεν, ἐκ χαμαιζήλων παθῶν,  
ζήλω δὲ καλῷ μὴ φρονεῖν ὑψηλά, πίστει  
παιδευθέντες, ἐν πνεύματι ταπεινωθῶμεν·  
ὅπως τὸν τικτόμενον, ἐν ὑποποιοῖς ἔργοις  
ὑψώσωμεν.

**Ὁ Εἰμός.**

Ἐμεγάλυνας Χριστέ, τὴν τεκοῦσάν  
σε Θεοτόκον, ἀφ' ἧς ὁ πλάστης ἡμῶν,

have lowly thoughts, to recognise him as Lord  
and chant: We highly exalt you to all the ages.

[EL]

Both now.

O Word of God for you being given birth  
was the reverse of the order of the flesh; for it  
was not flesh and blood which sustained your  
holy flesh, but the presence of the Holy Spirit  
and the divine overshadowing of the Most  
High; and knowing you as Lord, we hymn  
and highly exalt you to all the ages. [EL]

From Menaion ---

**Ode ix.**

**The Heirmos. Mode 2.**

You magnified the Mother of God who  
gave you birth, O Christ, from whom you  
our Fashioner put on a body with feelings  
like ours, the ransom of our faults. As all we  
generations call her blessed we magnify you.  
(2) [EL]

Glory.

Rejecting all the stain of passion, let  
us take up as befits the coming of Christ a  
prudent disposition; for he is coming forth  
without stain to bear flesh and to grant to all  
divine refashioning through the Spirit. [EL]

Both now.

Looking to Christ, who humbles himself,  
let us be lifted up from the passions that seek  
the ground; with good zeal trained by faith  
not to think lofty things, let us be humbled in  
spirit; that by works which exalt we may exalt  
up the One who is being brought forth. [EL]

**The Heirmos.**

You magnified the Mother of God who  
gave you birth, O Christ, from whom you

ὁμοιοπαθεῖς περιέθου σῶμα, τὸ τῶν  
ἡμετέρων λυτήριον ἀγνοημάτων.  
Ταύτην μακαρίζοντες, πᾶσαι γενεαὶ σὲ  
μεγαλύνομεν.

#### ΛΑΟΣ

##### Τρισάγιον.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

our Fashioner put on a body with feelings  
like ours, the ransom of our faults. As all we  
generations call her blessed we magnify you.

[EL]

#### PEOPLE

##### Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed  
be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will  
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

#### PRIEST

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



(Ἀμήν.)

**Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος δ'.**

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πᾶσιν  
ἢ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθαῖ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον  
τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς  
Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης  
γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον  
φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς  
ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται,  
τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

Δόξα. **Τοῦ Ἁγίου.**

**Ἦχος δ'.**

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων  
διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν  
πρᾶξιν εὗρες Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας  
ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας  
ὀρθοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις  
αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Ἰγνάτιε, πρέσβευε  
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν.

**Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος δ'.**

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πᾶσιν  
ἢ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθαῖ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον  
τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς  
Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης  
γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον  
φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς  
ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται,  
τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

(Amen.)

**Apolytikion. For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode 4.**

O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened  
unto all. \* And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree  
of life \* has in the grotto blossomed forth from  
the Virgin. \* Indeed her womb is shown to be  
spiritually \* a Paradise, in which is found the  
God-planted Tree. \* And if we eat from it we  
shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of  
old. \* Christ is born, so that He might raise up  
\* the formerly fallen image. [SD]

Glory. **For the Saint.**

**Mode 4.**

Becoming a partner with the Apostles  
in way of life and successor to their thrones,  
O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you  
found an entrance to contemplation. Hence  
you rightly expounded the word of truth,  
and you shed your blood in struggling for the  
faith, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with  
Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our  
souls. [SD]

Both now.

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**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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

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

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Ἀμήν.

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

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν,  
ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου  
καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός,  
δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ,  
προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων  
Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου,  
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ  
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων  
καὶ πανευφήμεων 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, καὶ τοῦ  
ἁγίου ἐνδόξου Ἱερομάρτυρος Ἰγνατίου τοῦ  
Θεοφόρου, οὗ καὶ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν·

**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  
and glorious hieromartyr Ignatius the God-  
bearer, whose memory we are observing; and

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.)

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.)