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Μηναῖον - ΤΗ ΚΑ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τῆς Ἀγίας Μάρτυρος Ἰουλιανῆς

ΟΡΘΟΣ

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος δ'.

Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν.
Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι
Κυρίου.

Στίχ. α'. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ
ἐπικαλεῖσθε τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἅγιον αὐτοῦ.

ἤ. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ, ὅτι ἀγαθός,
ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. β'. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἐκύκλωσάν με,
καὶ τῷ ὀνόματι Κυρίου ἠμυνάμην αὐτούς.

Στίχ. γ'. Παρὰ Κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη καὶ
ἔστι θαυμαστή ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πᾶσιν
ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθα, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον
τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς
Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γὰρ, 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. **Τῆς Ἀγίας.**

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ ἀμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ
φωνῇ. Σὲ Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σὲ ζητοῦσα
ἀθλῶ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι
τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω διὰ σέ, ὡς
βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπὲρ σου,
ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἁμωμον

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Mode 4.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself
to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord and call
upon His name.

or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for
His mercy endures forever.

Verse 2: All the nations surrounded me, but
in the name of the Lord I defended myself against
them.

Verse 3: And this came about from the Lord,
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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 Holy Woman.**

Mode 4.

Your own ewe-lamb cries to You loudly,
O Jesus, and she says, * "For my Bridegroom
do I long, and seeking You I now contend;
* and I am crucified and buried with You
in Your baptism. * I suffer for Your sake,
that I may reign with You. * I die for You

προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεῖσάν σοι.
Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πασὶν
ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθᾶ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον
τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς
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ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἔτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου
δεηθώμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

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.)

that I may also live in You. * Accept me as
an unblemished sacrifice * as I offer myself
to You with love." * At her entreaties and
intercessions, * save our souls, O Merciful
Lord. [SD]

Both now.

Apolytikion. For the Forefeast.

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unto all. * And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree
of life * has in the grotto blossomed forth from
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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]

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to
the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is
the kingdom and the power and the glory,
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of
ages.

(Amen.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Κάθισμα Α'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος β'. Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ.

Ὁ ἀπρόσιτος Θεός, δι' εὐσπλαγχνίαν
προσιτός, γενόμενός μοι θέλων, προέρχεται
σαρκί, γεννηθῆναι ὡς ἄνθρωπος, ἐν
πόλει Βηθλεέμ, ἐκ Παρθένου νεάνιδος, ὃν
ὕποδέξασθαι προθύμως σπουδάσωμεν,
ἀνακράζοντες φόβῳ· Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Τὸ αὐτό.**

Ὁ ἀπρόσιτος Θεός, δι' εὐσπλαγχνίαν
προσιτός, γενόμενός μοι θέλων, προέρχεται
σαρκί, γεννηθῆναι ὡς ἄνθρωπος, ἐν
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ὕποδέξασθαι προθύμως σπουδάσωμεν,
ἀνακράζοντες φόβῳ· Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Κάθισμα Β'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος γ'. Τὴν ωραιότητα.

Θαῦμα παράδοξον, ὁρᾶται σήμερον!
ὁ γὰρ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, ἐν τῷ σπηλαίῳ σαρκί,
ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου δι' ἡμᾶς, τεχθῆναι νῦν
ἐπιέγεται, Μάγοι μετὰ δώρων δέ, ὡς βασιλεῖ
προσκυνήσουσι, Ποιμένες τε καὶ Ἄγγελοι,
αὐτὸν δοξολογήσουσι, μεθ' ὧν καὶ ἡμεῖς
βοῶμεν· Δόξα τῷ δι' ἡμᾶς ἐνανθρωπήσαντι.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Τὸ αὐτό.**

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βοῶμεν· Δόξα τῷ δι' ἡμᾶς ἐνανθρωπήσαντι.

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

From Menaion ---

Mode 2.

The unapproachable God, through
compassion willing to become approachable
for me, comes forth in flesh, to be born as man
in the city of Bethlehem from a Virgin girl; let
us eagerly hasten to receive him as we cry out
with fear: Lord, glory to you. [EL]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

The unapproachable God, through
compassion willing to become approachable
for me, comes forth in flesh, to be born as man
in the city of Bethlehem from a Virgin girl; let
us eagerly hasten to receive him as we cry out
with fear: Lord, glory to you. [EL]

Kathisma II.

From Menaion ---

Mode 3. N/M (Seeing how beautiful.)

A marvellous wonder appears today! For
our Saviour is now hastening to be brought
to birth for us in the Cave in flesh from the
Virgin. Magi will worship him with gifts as a
king. Shepherds and Angels with glorify him,
with them let us also cry: Glory to him who
for us became man. [EL]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

A marvellous wonder appears today! For
our Saviour is now hastening to be brought
to birth for us in the Cave in flesh from the
Virgin. Magi will worship him with gifts as a
king. Shepherds and Angels with glorify him,
with them let us also cry: Glory to him who
for us became man. [EL]

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ψαλμὸς Ν' (50).

Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου. Ἐπὶ πλεῖον πλύνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με. Ὅτι τὴν ἀνομίαν μου ἐγὼ γινώσκω, καὶ ἡ ἁμαρτία μου ἐνώπιόν μου ἐστὶ διὰ παντός. Σοὶ μόνῳ ἤμαρτον καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν ἐνώπιόν σου ἐποίησα, ὅπως ἂν δικαιωθῇς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις σου, καὶ νικήσης ἐν τῷ κρίνεσθαί σε. Ἴδου γὰρ ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήφθην, καὶ ἐν ἁμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέ με ἡ μήτηρ μου. Ἴδου γὰρ ἀλήθειαν ἠγάπησας, τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κρύφια τῆς σοφίας σου ἐδήλωσάς μοι. Ραντιεῖς με ὕσσῳ, καὶ καθαρισθήσομαι, πλυνεῖς με, καὶ ὑπὲρ χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι. Ἀκουτιεῖς μοι ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εὐφροσύνην· ἀγαλλιάσονται ὅστέα τεταπεινωμένα. Ἀπόστρεψον τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν μου καὶ πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου ἐξάλειψον. Καρδίαν καθαρὰν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ Θεός, καὶ πνεῦμα εὐθὲς ἐγκαίνισον ἐν τοῖς ἐγκάτοις μου. Μὴ ἀπορρίψῃς με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου καὶ το Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἅγιον μὴ ἀντανέλῃς ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Ἀπόδος μοι τὴν ἀγαλλίασιν τοῦ σωτηρίου σου καὶ πνεύματι ἡγεμονικῶ στήριζόν με. Διδάξω ἀνόμους τὰς ὁδοὺς σου, καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἐπὶ σὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι. Ρῦσαί με ἐξ αἰμάτων, ὁ Θεός, ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου· ἀγαλλιάσεται ἡ γλῶσσά μου τὴν δικαιοσύνην σου. Κύριε, τὰ χεῖλη μου ἀνοίξεις, καὶ τὸ στόμα μου ἀναγγελεῖ τὴν αἴνεσίν σου. Ὅτι εἰ ἠθέλησας θυσίαν, ἔδωκα ἄν· ὁλοκαυτώματα οὐκ εὐδοκήσεις. Θυσία τῷ Θεῷ πνεῦμα συντετριμμένον, καρδίαν

READER

Psalms 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,

συντετριμμένην καὶ τεταπεινωμένην ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ ἐξουδενώσει. Ἀγάθυνον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ εὐδοκίᾳ σου τὴν Σιών, καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τείχη Ἱερουσαλήμ. Τότε εὐδοκήσεις θυσίαν δικαιοσύνης, ἀναφορὰν καὶ ὀλοκαυτώματα. Τότε ἀνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

Κοντάκιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος β'. *Τὰ ἄνω ζητῶν.*

Ἐν τῇ Βηθλεέμ, ὁρῶντες σπαργανούμενον, τὸν πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν, κρατοῦντα τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ, προεόρτια ἄσματα, τῇ Τεκούσῃ τοῦτον προσενέγκωμεν· μητρικῶς γὰρ εὐφραίνεται, κρατοῦσα ἐν κόλποις τὸν Υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Ὁ Οἶκος.

Τὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ Υἱὸν ἡ Παρθένος ἐν ἀγκάλαις κρατοῦσα, καὶ μητρικοῖς ἀσπασμοῖς καταφιλοῦσα ἐφθέγγετο· Σπορὰν οὐκ ἔγνων ἐν τῇ συλλήψει, καὶ φθορὰν οὐχ ὑπέστην ἐν τῇ γεννήσει, ἀλλ' ἀγνή ὥσπερ πρῶην εἰμι καὶ μετὰ γέννησιν· διό σου προσκυνῶ Τέκνον τὴν πολλὴν εὐσπλαγχνίαν, καὶ ἄφατον μεγαλουργίαν, ἣν ἔδειξας εἰς ἐμέ· ὅθεν καὶ ἀγάλλομαι, κρατοῦσα ἐν κόλποις τὸν Υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Συναξάριον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου.

Τῇ ΚΑ' τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνὸς μνήμη τῆς ἁγίας Μάρτυρος Ἰουλιανῆς.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ οἱ ἅγιοι πεντακόσιοι Μάρτυρες, οἱ ἐν Νικομηδείᾳ διὰ τῆς ἁγίας Ἰουλιανῆς πιστεύσαντες, ξίφει τελειοῦνται.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ αἱ ἅγιοι ἑκατὸν τριάκοντα γυναῖκες, αἱ ἐν Νικομηδείᾳ, ξίφει τελειοῦνται.

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]

Kontakion.

From Menaion ---

Mode 2. *N/M (In seeking the heights.)*

As we see him who holds the whole earth in his hand wrapped in swaddling clothes in Bethlehem, let us bring prefestal songs to the one who gave him birth; for as a mother she rejoices as she holds in her bosom the Son of God. [EL]

Oikos.

The Virgin, holding in her embrace the Son of God, and as she kissed him with a mother's greetings she exclaimed: In conceiving I knew no seed, and in giving birth I did not undergo corruption, but even after giving birth I am pure as before; and so I venerate, my Child, your great compassion and the ineffable miracle which you have shown me; therefore I too rejoice as I hold in my bosom the Son of God. [EL]

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On December 21 we commemorate the holy Martyr Julianna.

On this day we also commemorate the holy 500 Martyrs who believed through St. Julianna and died by the sword in Nicomedia.

On this day the holy 130 Martyrs died by the sword in Nicomedia.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ μνήμη τοῦ ἁγίου
Μάρτυρος Θεμιστοκλέους.

Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἁγίαις πρεσβείαις, ὁ Θεός,
ἐλέησον καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς. Ἀμήν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὴν Θεοτόκον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ φωτὸς ἐν
ὑμνοῖς τιμῶντες μεγαλύνωμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ὦδὴ θ'.

Μεγαλυνάριον. Ὦχος δ'.

Στίχ. Μεγαλύνει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον,
καὶ ἡγαλλίασε τὸ πνεῦμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ Θεῷ τῷ
σωτῆρί μου.

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

Στίχ. Ὅτι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν
τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ· ἰδοὺ γάρ, ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν
μακαριοῦσί με πᾶσαι αἱ γενεαί.

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

Στίχ. Ὅτι ἐποίησέ μοι μεγαλεῖα ὁ
Δυνατός, καὶ ἅγιον τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, καὶ το
ἔλεος αὐτοῦ εἰς γενεάν, καὶ γενεάν τοῖς
φοβουμένοις αὐτόν.

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

On this day we commemorate the holy
Martyr Themistocles.

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O
God, have mercy and save us. Amen.

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the
Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

Ode ix.

Megalynarion. Mode 4.

Verse: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my
spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. [NKJV]

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. [SD]

Verse: For He has regarded the lowly state
of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all
generations will call me blessed. [NKJV]

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. [SD]

Verse: For He who is mighty has done great
things for me, and holy is His name. And His
mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to
generation. [NKJV]

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. [SD]

Στίχ. Ἐποίησε Κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ,
διεσκόρπισεν ὑπερηφάνους διανοία καρδίας
αὐτῶν.

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

Στίχ. Καθεῖλε δυνάστας ἀπὸ θρόνων,
καὶ ὕψωσε ταπεινούς, πεινῶντας ἐνέπλησεν
ἀγαθῶν, καὶ πλουτοῦντας ἐξαπέστειλε
κενούς.

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

Στίχ. Ἀντελάβετο Ἰσραὴλ παιδὸς αὐτοῦ,
μνησθῆναι ἐλέους, καθὼς ἐλάλησε πρὸς τοὺς
Πατέρας ἡμῶν, τῷ Ἀβραάμ, καὶ τῷ σπέρματι
αὐτοῦ ἕως αἰῶνος.

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

Ὁ Εἰμός. Ἦχος δ'.

Λίθος ἀχειρότμητος ὄρους, ἐξ
ἀλαξεύτου σου Παρθέने, ἀκρογωνιαίος
ἐτμήθη, Χριστὸς συνάψας τὰς διεστώσας
φύσεις. Διὸ ἐπαγαλλόμενοι σὲ Θεοτόκε
μεγαλύνομεν.

Ἄξιόν ἐστιν ὡς ἀληθῶς μακαρίζειν
σε τὴν Θεοτόκον, τὴν ἀειμακάριστον
καὶ παναμώμητον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ

Verse: *He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

Verse: *He has put down the mighty from
their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled
the hungry with good things, and the rich He has
sent away empty.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

Verse: *He has helped His servant Israel, in
remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our
fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

Heirmos. Mode 4.

A cornerstone was cut out without hands
* from a never-quarried mountain, * which
prefigured you, holy Virgin. * The stone is
Christ, who joined the disparate natures. * As
we rejoice because of this, O Theotokos, we
magnify you. [SD]

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos,
ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our
God. Greater in honor than the Cherubim,

ἡμῶν. Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ, καὶ ἔνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφεείμ, τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι σὲ αἰνοῦσι πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπουσι, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἐξαποστειλάριον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος γ΄. Τὸν νυμφῶνά σου βλέπω.

Τὸν νυμφῶνά σου Λόγε, ἡ Μάρτυς ἐπιποθοῦσα, βασάνων ἅπασαν πεῖραν, στερόρως ὑπέστη ῥοπῇ σου· Ἦς πρεσβείαις ὡς Θεός, δέομαί σου, τὴν ψυχὴν μου οἰκτείρησον.

Προεόρτιον.

Ἦχος γ΄. Τὸν νυμφῶνά σου βλέπω.

Βηθλεὲμ γῇ Ἰούδα, εὐτρέπισον τὰς εἰσόδους· ἐν σοὶ γὰρ ἡ Παρθένος, καὶ

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.

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Exaposteilarion.

From Menaion ---

Mode 3. N/M (O my Savior, now I see.)

The Martyr, longing for your bridal chamber, O Word, bravely endured every trial of torments by your aid. At her intercessions I beg you, as God, to have compassion on my soul. [EL]

For the Forefeast.

Mode 3. N/M (O my Savior, now I see.)

Bethlehem, land of Juda, make ready your entrances; for in you the Virgin and Mother of

Θεοτόκος ἦκει νῦν , ἐν Σπηλαίῳ τοῦ τεκεῖν,
ὡς βροτόν, τὸν Θεόν μου καὶ Κύριον.

Οἱ Αἱνοὶ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον.
Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν· αἰνεῖτε
αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις. Σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος τῷ
Θεῷ.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ·
αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις αὐτοῦ. Σοὶ
πρέπει ὕμνος τῷ Θεῷ.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἥλιος καὶ σελήνη, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν
πάντα τὰ ἄστρα καὶ τὸ φῶς.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν οἱ οὐρανοὶ τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ τὸ
ὔδωρ τὸ ὑπεράνω τῶν οὐρανῶν. Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ
ὄνομα Κυρίου.

Ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε, καὶ ἐγενήθησαν, αὐτὸς
ἐνετείλατο, καὶ ἐκτίσθησαν.

Ἔστησεν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα
τοῦ αἰῶνος· πρόσταγμα ἔθετο, καὶ οὐ παρελεύσεται.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, δράκοντες καὶ
πᾶσαι ἄβυσσοι.

Πῦρ, χάλαζα, χιών, κρύσταλλος, πνεῦμα
καταιγίδος, τὰ ποιοῦντα τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ.

Τὰ ὄρη καὶ πάντες οἱ βουνοί, ξύλα καρποφόρα
καὶ πᾶσαι κέδροι.

Τὰ θηρία καὶ πάντα τὰ κτήνη, ἔρπετά καὶ
πετεινὰ πτερωτά.

Βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς καὶ πάντες λαοί, ἄρχοντες καὶ
πάντες κριταὶ γῆς.

Νεανίσκοι καὶ παρθένοι, πρεσβύτεροι μετὰ
νεωτέρων· αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου, ὅτι ὑψώθη
τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ μόνου.

Ἡ ἐξομολόγησις αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ γῆς καὶ οὐρανοῦ. καὶ
ὕψώσει κέρας λαοῦ αὐτοῦ.

Ὑμνος πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ, τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ,
λαῶ ἐγγίζοντι αὐτῷ.

God has now come, to give birth in a Cave as
a mortal to my God and Lord. [EL]

Lauds. Mode pl. 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the
Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise
Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn
to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise
Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a
hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you
stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you
waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's
name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He
commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of
ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass
away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and
all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which
perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all
cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and
flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all
judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger,
let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is
exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He
shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel,
a people who draw near to Him.

Ἀσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ἄσμα καινόν, ἡ αἰνεσις αὐτοῦ
ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ ὁσίων.

Εὐφρανθήτω Ἰσραὴλ ἐπὶ τῷ ποιήσαντι αὐτόν,
καὶ οἱ υἱοὶ Σιών ἀγαλλιάσθωσαν ἐπὶ τῷ βασιλεῖ
αὐτῶν.

Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐν χορῷ, ἐν
τυμπάνῳ καὶ ψαλτηρίῳ ψαλάτωσαν αὐτῷ.

Ὅτι εὐδοκεῖ Κύριος ἐν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑψώσει
πραεῖς ἐν σωτηρίᾳ.

Καυχήσονται ὅσοι ἐν δόξῃ καὶ ἀγαλλιάσονται
ἐπὶ τῶν κοιτῶν αὐτῶν.

Αἱ ὑψώσεις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν τῷ λάρυγγι αὐτῶν, καὶ
ὀρμφαῖαι δίστομοι ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτῶν.

Τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐκδίκησιν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, ἐλεγμοὺς
ἐν τοῖς λαοῖς.

Τοῦ δεῖξαι τοὺς βασιλεῖς αὐτῶν ἐν πέδαις καὶ
τοὺς ἐνδόξους αὐτῶν ἐν χειροπέδαις σιδηραῖς.

Τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐν αὐτοῖς κρῖμα ἔγγραπτον· δόξα
αὕτη ἔσται πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε
αὐτὸν ἐν στερεώματι τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ.

Στιχηρά. Προεόρτια.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'. Αἱ Ἀγγελικαί.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐπὶ ταῖς δυναστείαις
αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῆς
μεγαλωσύνης αὐτοῦ.

Ἡ δημιουργός, νῦν προέρχεται Σοφία,
αἱ προφητικαί, διανίσχουσι νεφέλαι, ἡ
χάρις αἰθριάζει, ἡ ἀλήθεια ἔλαμψε, παύεται
αἰνίγματα σκιώδη, ἡ τῆς Ἑδὲμ ἡνοίγη πύλη,
Ἀδὰμ χόρευε, ὁ πλαστοργὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ἐκὼν πεπλαστούργηται.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ἤχῳ σάλπιγγος, αἰνεῖτε
αὐτὸν ἐν ψαλτηρίῳ καὶ κιθάρᾳ.

Θεσπίσματα πληρῶν, Προφητῶν καὶ
τὰς ὁράσεις, τίκεται σαρκί, καὶ παχύνεται
ὁ Λόγος, καὶ φάτνη τῶν ἀλόγων, γεννηθεῖς

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the
assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let
the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with
tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He
shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall
greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and
a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving
among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles
with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this
glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the
firmament of His power.

Stichera. For the Forefeast.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2. N/M (O angelic powers.)

*Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him
according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]*

The creative Wisdom now advances; the
prophetic clouds part asunder; grace clears
the sky; the truth has shone out; shadowy
riddles cease; the gate of Eden has been
opened; Adam dance; our God who fashioned
us is himself willingly fashioned. [EL]

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise
Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]*

Fulfilling the oracles and visions of the
Prophets, the Word is brought to birth in
flesh and becomes corporeal, and after birth

ἀνακλίνεται. Τοῦτο συγκατάβασις ἡ
ἄκρα! τοῦτο ἡ φορικτὴ οἰκονομία! δι' ἣν
ψάλλομεν· Ὁ Βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ, Χριστὸς
παραγίνεται.

*Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τυμπάνῳ καὶ χορῶ,
αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν χορδαῖς καὶ ὀργάνῳ.*

Ἵνα τῆς φθορᾶς, τὸν ἰὸν ἀποκαθάρσης,
καὶ τὴν ἀρχικὴν, ἀναπλάσης μοι εἰκόνα,
σαρκοῦσαι καὶ θηλάζεις, καὶ σπαργάνοις
ὁ νεύματι, πάντα περιάγων ἐνελίσση,
τετρατουργεῖ ὕμνῳ σε Λόγε, βουλῆς Ἄγγελε,
τῆς πατρικῆς, δι' ἧς ἐγώ, ἀπαθανατίζομαι.

*Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις εὐήχοις,
αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις ἀλαλαγμοῦ.
Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον.*

Κόλπῳ Πατρικῶν, οὐκ ἐκστάς βροτὸς
ωράθης, καὶ Παρθενικαῖς, ἐποχούμενος
ωλέναις, τοὺς Μάγους ἐκ Περσίδος,
δι' ἀστέρος ἐκάλεσας, ἄνακτα Θεὸν
σε προσκυνοῦντας· πνεύματι χειλέων
ἀσεβοῦντας, ἔθνῳ ἀρχοντας, ὃς ἀνελεῖς,
καὶ ποιμανεῖς, λαὸν περιούσιον.

Δόξα. *Αἱ Ἀγγελικαί.*

Λόγος ὁ Πατρί, ὁμοούσιος ὑπάρχων,
ἐκ παρθενικῶν, φυραθεὶς ἀγνῶν αἱμάτων,
καὶ πλάττεται καὶ αὖξει, χρονικῶ
διαστήματι, αὐθὶς τε γεννᾶται ἐν Σπηλαίῳ,
ἐκπληξίς! ἀλλ' Ἄγγελοι κροτοῦσι, βροτοὶ
μέλπουσιν· Ὁ Βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ, Χριστὸς
παραγίνεται.

Καὶ νῦν. *Αἱ Ἀγγελικαί.*

Μάντεως χρησμοί, Βαλαὰμ
ἀποπληροῦνται· οἱ γὰρ Περσικαῖς,

he is laid in a manger of irrational beasts.

This is the supreme condescension! This the
awesome dispensation! For this we sing: The
King of Israel, Christ draws near. [EL]

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise
Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]*

That you may cleanse the poison of
corruption and refashion for me the original
image, you become incarnate and take suck,
and you, who at your behest cause the
universe to revolve, are wrapped around
in swaddling clothes; O Word, who work
wonders, I sing your praise, Angel of the
Father's counsel, through which I am made
immortal. [EL]

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise
Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that
breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]*

Not leaving the bosom of the Father,
you appeared as a mortal; and carried in a
Virgin's arms you summoned from Persia
through a star the Magi who worshipped you
as sovereign God; with the breath of your lips
you destroy the godless rulers of the nations
and shepherd your chosen people. [EL]

Glory. *N/M (O angelic powers.)*

The Word, who is consubstantial with
the Father, kneaded from pure virgin
blood, is fashioned and will grow with the
passing of time, and again is born in a Cave.
Amazement! But Angels clap their hands,
Shepherds sing: the King of Israel, Christ is at
hand. [EL]

Both now. *N/M (O angelic powers.)*

The oracles of the Seer Balaam are being
fulfilled; for those who gaped at Persian

τερατείαις κεχηνότες, ἀστέρος
ἀσυνήθους, τῇ ἐλλάμψει τὸν ἄδυτον,
Ἥλιον Χριστὸν καταυγασθέντες, ἐν
Βηθλεὲμ σωματωθέντα, Θεὸν ἄνακτα,
καὶ ἐθελοῦσιον νεκρόν, τοῖς δώροις
τεκμαίρονται.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δοξολογία (διαβαστά)

Σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ,
καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ, καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν,
καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.
Ἀμήν. Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς
εἰρήνη ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκία. Ὑμνοῦμέν
σε, εὐλογοῦμέν σε, προσκυνοῦμέν σε,
δοξολογοῦμέν σε, εὐχαριστοῦμέν σοι, διὰ
τὴν μεγάλην σου δόξαν. Κύριε Βασιλεῦ,
ἐπουράνιε Θεέ, Πάτερ παντοκράτορ·
Κύριε Υἱὲ μονογενές, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, καὶ
Ἅγιον Πνεῦμα. Κύριε ὁ Θεός, ὁ Ἀμνὸς
τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Πατρὸς, ὁ αἰρῶν τὴν
ἀμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ
αἰρῶν τὰς ἀμαρτίας τοῦ κόσμου. Πρόσδεξαι
τὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν, ὁ καθήμενος ἐν δεξιᾷ
τοῦ Πατρὸς, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Ὅτι σὺ εἶ
μόνος Ἅγιος, σὺ εἶ μόνος Κύριος, Ἰησοῦς
Χριστός, εἰς δόξαν Θεοῦ Πατρὸς. Ἀμήν.
Καθ' ἐκάστην ἡμέραν εὐλογήσω σε,
καὶ αἰνέσω τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα,
καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Κύριε,
καταφυγὴ ἐγενήθης ἡμῖν ἐν γενεᾷ καὶ
γενεᾷ. Ἐγὼ εἶπα· Κύριε, ἐλέησόν με·
ἴασαι τὴν ψυχὴν μου, ὅτι ἥμαρτόν σοι.
Κύριε, πρὸς σὲ κατέφυγον· δίδαξόν με
τοῦ ποιεῖν τὸ θέλημά σου, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεός
μου. Ὅτι παρὰ σοὶ πηγὴ ζωῆς· ἐν τῷ φωτί
σου ὁψόμεθα φῶς. Παράτεινον τὸ ἔλεός
σου τοῖς γινώσκουσί σε. Καταξίωσον,

prodigies, made radiant by the shining of
an unaccustomed star, recognised by their
gifts the unsetting Sun, Christ, embodied in
Bethlehem, to be God, sovereign and willingly
one dead. [EL]

READER

Doxology (read)

To you belongs glory, O Lord our God,
and to you we send up glory, to the Father
and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and
forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. 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; only-
begotten 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 day
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 day we
may be kept without sin. Blessed are you, O
Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and

Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ταύτῃ ἀναμαρτήτους
φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε,
ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν
καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς
τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ
ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν
ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε· δίδαξόν
με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ,
Δέσποτα· συνέτισόν με τὰ δικαιώματά
σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Ἄγιε· φώτισόν με τοῖς
δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν
αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης.
Σοὶ πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ
δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρί, καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ, καὶ τῷ
Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑωθινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν
τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τὴν ἡμέραν πᾶσαν τελείαν, ἀγίαν,
εἰρηνικὴν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον, παρὰ τοῦ
Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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.

DEACON

Let us complete our morning 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 day 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.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν,
ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικά, καὶ
καλὴν 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 Θεὸς ἐλέους, οἰκτιρμῶν, καὶ
φιλανθρωπίας ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν
ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ, καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ, καὶ τῷ
Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, 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, Ἄγιε, ὁ ἐν ὑψηλοῖς κατοικῶν καὶ τὰ
ταπεινὰ ἐφορῶν, καὶ τῷ παντεφώρῳ σου ὄμματι
ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν, σοὶ ἐκλίναμεν τὸν
αὐχένα τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ τοῦ σώματος, καὶ δεόμεθά σου

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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 are the God of mercy and
compassion and love for mankind, and to You
we give glory, to the Father and the Son and
the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to 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)

Holy Lord, dwelling on high and beholding things
below and, with your eye that observes all, keeping
watch over the whole creation, to you we have bowed
the neck of our soul and body, and we beseech you,

Ἄγιε Ἀγίων· ἔκτεινον τὴν χεῖρά σου τὴν ἀόρατον ἐξ ἁγίου κατοικητηρίου σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον πάντας ἡμᾶς· καὶ εἴτι ἡμάρτομεν ἐκουσίως ἢ ἀκουσίως, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος Θεὸς συγχώρησον, δωρούμενος ἡμῖν τὰ ἐγκόσμια καὶ ὑπερκόσμια ἀγαθὰ σου.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Σὸν γάρ ἐστι τὸ ἐλεεῖν καὶ σώζειν ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ, καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ, καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν, καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα. Προεόρτια.

Ἦχος β'. Οἶκος τοῦ Ἐφραθᾶ.

Προλάμπει ὁ ἀστήρ, ἤδη ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ· Ποιμένες μέτ' Ἀγγέλων, οἱ Μάγοι μετὰ δώρων, προφθάσαι εὐτρεπίσθητε.

Στίχ. Ὁ Θεὸς ἀπὸ Θαιμὰν ἦξει, καὶ ὁ Ἄγιος ἐξ ὄρους κατασκίου δασέος.

Ἵνα τῶν Προφητῶν, πληρώσῃ τὰς προρρήσεις, ἐν Βηθλεὲμ γεννᾶται, καὶ τὴν Ἑδὲμ ἀνοίγει, τοῖς ἐξ Ἀδὰμ ὁ Κύριος.

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

Μύρισον Βηθλεὲμ, τὴν Φάτνην τὴν ἁγίαν· ἐν σοὶ γὰρ ὁ Δεσπότης, προσεφαπλοῖ ἀκτῖνας, τῆς ἑαυτοῦ Θεότητος.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Ὁμοιον.**

Δεῦτε οἱ γηγενεῖς, συμφώνως τὴν Παρθένον, Θεοτόκον Μαρίαν, ὑμνήσωμεν ἀπαύστως, ἐξ ἧς ὁ Χριστὸς τίκτεται.

O Holy of Holies: Stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling and bless us all. And, as you are good and love humankind, pardon us if we have sinned in anything, voluntarily or involuntarily, granting us your blessings both of this world and of the world above.

PRIEST

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Menaion ---

CHOIR

Aposticha. For the Forefeast.

Mode 2. N/M (O House of Ephratha.)

The Star shines out already in the Cave; you Shepherds with Angels, you Magi with gifts, get ready to arrive. [EL]

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

That he may fulfil the sayings of the Prophets, the Lord is born in Bethlehem and opens Eden to Adam's posterity. [EL]

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

Anoint with myrrh the holy Manger, Bethlehem; for in you the Master unfurls the beams of his Godhead. [EL]

Glory. Both now. **Same Melody.**

Come, let us who are born of earth ceaselessly hymn with one voice the Virgin, Mary, Mother of God, from Christ is brought to birth. [EL]

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἀγαθὸν τὸ ἐξομολογεῖσθαι τῷ Κυρίῳ
καὶ ψάλλειν τῷ ὀνόματί σου, Ὑψίστε· τοῦ
ἀναγγέλλειν τῷ πρωῒ τὸ ἔλεός σου καὶ τὴν
ἀλήθειάν σου κατὰ νύκτα.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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. Ἅγιε,
ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἰάσαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν,
ὥστεκεν 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.

PRIEST

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
and to sing to Your name, O Most High, to
proclaim Your mercy in the morning and
Your truth at night. [SAAS]

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.

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.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πασὶν
ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθᾶ, 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.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

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

Ἦτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ
ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

Ἦτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς,
εἰρήνης, υἰγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως,
συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν
τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν
εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν, τῶν

(Amen.)

CHOIR

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]

DEACON

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox
Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace,
health, salvation, protection, forgiveness,
and remission of the sins of the servants of
God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing
and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the

κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῇ (πόλει, κώμῃ), ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τοῦ ἁγίου ναοῦ τούτου.

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

Ἔτι 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.)

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

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

Στερεώσαι, Κύριος ὁ Θεός, τὴν ἁγίαν καὶ ἀμώμητον πίστιν τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, σὺν τῇ ἁγίᾳ αὐτοῦ

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.)

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.

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 ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου
καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός,
δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ,
προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων
Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου,
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων
καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν
όσιων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ
Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων
Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ
πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι
ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

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, and of all
the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for
He is good and loves mankind.

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

(Amen.)