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# Συμπλήοωμα Μηναίου ΤΗι ΚΗ' ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ

Ἡ Ἁγία Σκέπη τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου

#### ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν Χοιστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῶ.

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

# Ψαλμὸς PΓ' (103).

Εὐλόγει ή ψυχή μου, τὸν Κύριον. Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδοα. Έξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοποέπειαν ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον. Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ώσεὶ δέἰδίιν, ὁ στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασιν τὰ ὑπερῷα αὐτοῦ. Ό 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 γὴν ἐπὶ τὴν ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν αὶῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμήσεώς σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βοοντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν. Άναβαίνουσιν 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.

#### Psalm 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 καταβαίνουσι πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν έθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Όριον ἔθου, ὁ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι καλύψαι τὴν γήν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων πηγάς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὀρέων διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέξονται ὄναγροι εὶς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου τῶν πετοῶν δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων ὄρη ἐκ τῶν ὑπερώων αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ καρποῦ τῶν ἔργων σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ έξανατέλλων χόρτον τοὶς κτήνεσι, καὶ χλόην τὴ δουλεία τῶν ἀνθοώπων. Τοῦ έξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ οἶνος εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου. Τοῦ ἱλαρύναι πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίω, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν ανθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται τὰ ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, ἃς έφύτευσας. Έκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι, τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἠγεῖται αὐτῶν. Όρη τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταὶς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ τοὶς λαγωοίς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιρούς, ό ήλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῆ διελεύσονται πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι ωουόμενοι τοῦ άρπᾶσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ βοῶσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος, καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Έξελεύσεται ἄνθοωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ την ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ώς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα έν σοφία ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη καὶ εὐούχωοος, ἐκεῖ ἑοπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀριθμός, ζῷα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὖτος,

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

δν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφὴν αὐτῶν εἰς εὔκαιρον, δόντος σου αὐτοῖς συλλέξουσιν. Ανοίξαντός σου την χείρα, τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος, ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ πρόσωπον, ταραχθήσονται. Άντανελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν χοῦν αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ ἀνακαινιεὶς τὸ πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς. "Ητω ή δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, εὐφοανθήσεται Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γήν, καὶ ποιῶν αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ὁ ἁπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ καπνίζονται. Άισω τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῆ ζωῆ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἔως ὑπάρχω. Ήδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογή μου, ἐγὼ δὲ εὐφοανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυοίῳ. Ἐκλείποιεν άμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ ὑπάοχειν αὐτούς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχή μου, τὸν Κύριον.

Ό ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ.

Ως ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε πάντα ἐν σοφία ἐποίησας.

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

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

Ἡ ἐλπὶς 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. Glory to You, O God. (3)

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

Απαγγελλομένου ἐπίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ, ὁ Ιερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπὴς ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας Τραπέζης ἢ καὶ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνος τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ, ἱστάμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ Σολέα (ὡς ἐν τῷ Ὅρθρῳ), καὶ ἀναγινώσκει μυστικῶς τὰς Εὐχὰς τοῦ Λιχνικοῦ·

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (μυστικῶς)

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ

Κύριε, οἰκτίρμον καὶ ἐλεῆμον, μακρόθυμε καὶ πολυέλεε, ἐνώτισαι τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, καὶ πρόσχες τῆ φωνῆ τῆς δεήσεως ἡμῶν ποίησον μεθ' ἡμῶν σημεῖον εἰς ἀγαθόν ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐν τῆ ὁδῷ σου τοῦ πορεύεσθαι ἐν τῆ ἀληθείᾳ σου εὐφρανον τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν, εἰς τὸ φοβεῖσθαι τὸ Ὁνομά σου τὸ ἄγιον 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 σῷζειν πάντας τοὺς ἐλπίζοντας εἰς τὸ Ὀνομά σου τὸ ἄγιον.

Ότι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υίῷ καὶ τῷ Αγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

# ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

Κύριε, μὴ τῷ θυμῷ σου ἐλέγξης ἡμᾶς, μηδὲ τῆ ὀργῆ σου παιδεύσης ἡμᾶς, ἀλλὰ ποίησον μεθ' ἡμῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐπιείκειάν σου, ἰατρὲ 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.

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.

# 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.

ποεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

Ότι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Άγίου 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 ἄγιον ὄνομά σου, καὶ μὴ καταισχύνης ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς προσδοκίας τοῦ ἐλέους σου, ἀλλὰ χάρισαι ἡμῖν, Κύριε, πάντα τὰ πρὸς σωτηρίαν αἰτήματα· καὶ ἀξίωσον ἡμᾶς ἀγαπᾶν, καὶ φοβεῖσθαί σε ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας ἡμῶν, καὶ ποιεῖν ἐν πᾶσι τὸ θέλημά σου.

Ότι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

#### **EYXH TETAPTH**

Ό τοῖς ἀσιγήτοις ὕμνοις καὶ ἀπαύστοις δοξολογίαις ὑπὸ τῶν ἁγίων δυνάμεων ἀνυμνούμενος, πλήρωσον τὸ στόμα ἡμῶν τῆς αἰνέσεως σου, τοῦ δοῦναι μεγαλωσύνην τῷ ὀνόματί σου τῷ ἁγίῳ· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν μερίδα καὶ κλῆρον μετὰ πάντων τῶν φοβουμένων σε ἐν ἀληθεία καὶ φυλασσόντων τὰς ἐντολάς σου· πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων σου.

Ότι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υίῷ 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.

# 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.

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

# 4th Prayer

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

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]

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

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

Κύριε, Κύριε, ὁ τῆ ἀχραντφ σου παλάμη συνέχων τὰ σύμπατα, ὁ μακροθυμῶν ἐπὶ πάντας ἡμᾶς καὶ μετανοῶν ἐπὶ ταῖς κακίαις ἡμῶν, μνήσθητι τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου καὶ τοῦ ἐλέους σου ἐπίσκεψαι ἡμᾶς ἐν τῆ σῆ ἀγαθότητι καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν διαφυγεῖν καὶ τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρούσης ἡμέρας, ἐκ τῶν τοῦ πονηροῦ ποικίλων μηχανημάτων, καὶ ἀνεπιβούλευτον τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν διαφύλαξον, τῆ χάριτι τοῦ Παναγίου σου Πνεύματος.

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

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

Ό Θεός, ὁ μέγας καὶ θαυμαστός, ὁ ἀνεκδιηγήτῳ 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 αγαθῶν· ὁ ποιήσας ἡμᾶς καὶ τῆς νῦν ἡμέρας τὸ παρελθὸν μέρος ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐκκλῖναι κακοῦ, δώρησαι ἡμῖν καὶ τὸ ὑπόλοιπον ἀμέμπτως ἐκτελέσαι, ἐνώπιον τῆς άγίας δόξης σου, ὑμνοῦντάς σε τὸν μόνον ἀγαθόν, καὶ φιλάνθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν.

Ότι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ 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.

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.

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

Ό Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὕψιστος, ὁ μόνος ἔχων ἀθανασίαν, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφία δημιουργήσας. Ο διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ ανα μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον θέμενος εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός ὁ καταξιώσας ήμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς παρούσης ὤρας προφθάσαι τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν έσπερινήν σοι δοξολογίαν προσαγαγείν αὐτός, φιλάνθοωπε Κύοιε, κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὀσμὴν εὐωδίας. Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν έσπέραν καὶ τὴν ἐπιοῦσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικήν ἔνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός ὁῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπαυσιν τῆ ἀσθενεία ήμῶν ἐδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Ναί, Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, τῶν ἀγαθῶν χορηγέ· ἵνα, καὶ ἐπὶ ταῖς κοίταις ἡμῶν κατανυγόμενοι, μνημονεύωμεν ἐν νυκτὶ τοῦ ὀνόματός σου, καὶ τῆ μελέτη τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς διανιστῶμεν πρὸς δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς άγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ ίκεσίας τῆ σῆ εὐσπλαγχνία προσάγοντες ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων άμαςτημάτων καὶ παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ σου, δν ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου ἐν έλέει 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]

# Vespers on Sunday Evening

Ότι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ 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 άγίας Τραπέζης, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς τὸ Τερέα, καὶ ἐξελθών τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς βορείας πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ώραίας πύλης, καὶ βλέπων κατ' ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνος τοῦ Χριστοῦ, λέγει τὴν Μεγάλην Συναπτήν, ἤτοι τὰ "Εἰρηνικά."

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

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

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Έν εἰρήνη τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ύπὲς τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὀρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπές τοῦ (ἀρχιεςατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος), τοῦ τιμίου πςεσβυτεςίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ κλήςου καὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, τοῦ Κυςίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπέο εὐκοασίας 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.)

Υπὲο πλεόντων, όδοιπορούντων, νοσούντων, καμνόντων, αἰχμαλώτων καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπέο τοῦ ὁυσθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Αντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχοάντου, 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

Ότι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υίῷ καὶ τῷ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

#### ΧΟΡΟΣ

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Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου πρόσχες τῆ φωνῆ τῆς δεήσεώς μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγέναι με πρὸς σέ. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Κατευθυνθήτω ή προσευχή μου, ώς 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 χείλη μου.

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

Σὺν ἀνθοώποις ἐογαζομένοις τὴν ἀνομίαν, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνδυάσω μετὰ τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν αὐτῶν.

Παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἐλέγξει με, ἔλαιον δὲ άμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλήν μου.

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

Άκούσονται τὰ ἡήματά μου, ὅτι ἡδύνθησαν· ώσεὶ πάχος γῆς ἐἀῥάγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκοοπίσθη τὰ ὀστᾶ αὐτῶν παρὰ τὸν ἄδην.

Ότι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ μου ἐπὶ σοὶ ἤλπισα, μὴ ἀντανέλης τὴν ψυχήν μου.

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

Πεσοῦνται ἐν ἀμφιβλήστο̞φ αὐτῶν οἱ άμαρτωλοί· κατὰ μόνας εἰμὶ ἐγὼ ἕως ἂν παρέλθω.

Φωνῆ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐκέκραξα, φωνῆ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐδεήθην.

Έκχεῶ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ τὴν δέησίν μου, τὴν θλῖψίν μου ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ἀπαγγελῶ.

Έν τῷ ἐκλείπειν ἐξ ἐμοῦ τὸ πνεῦμά μου, καὶ σὰ ἔγνως τὰς τρίβους μου.

Έν όδ $\tilde{\phi}$  ταύτη,  $\tilde{\eta}$  ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

Απώλετο φυγή ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ ἐκζητῶν τὴν ψυχήν μου.

Ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, Κύριε εἶπα· Σὰ εἶ ἡ ἐλπίς μου, μερίς μου εἶ ἐν γῆ ζώντων.

Ποόσχες ποὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδοα.

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.

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

Έξάγαγε ἐκ φυλακῆς τὴν ψυχήν μου, τοῦ ἐξομολογήσασθαι τῷ ὀνόματί σου.

Έμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῷς μοι.

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

Γενηθήτω τὰ ὧτά σου προσέχοντα εἰς τὴν φωνὴν τῆς δεήσεώς μου.

# Στιχηρά τῆς Θεοτόκου.

Συμπλήρωμα Μηναίου - - -

'Ηχος α'. 'Ω τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος.

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

" Ω τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! ὡς νεφέλην φωτός, ἐφαπλοῖ ἑκάστοτε, τὴν Σκέπην τὴν ἑαυτῆς, ἡ Θεοτόκος Άγνή, καὶ σκέπει περιφανῶς, τῆ μητρικῆ προμηθεία καὶ χάριτι, ἐκ πάσης ἐπιβουλῆς, τοὺς πρὸς αὐτὴν ἀφορῶντας καὶ κράζοντας Κεχαριτωμένη χαῖρε, σκέπη καὶ βοήθεια, τοῦ σοῦ "Εθνους Παρθένε, τοῦ πιστῶς σε μεγαλύνοντος.

Ένεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ὑπέμεινά σε, Κύριε, ὑπέμεινεν ἡ ψυχή μου εἰς τὸν λόγον σου. Ἡλπισεν ἡ ψυχή μου ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Βαβαὶ τῶν σῶν θαυμασίων Άγνή! Σὺ γὰο παραδόξως, ἤπλωσας τὴν Σκέπην σου, καὶ ἔσκεπες θαυμαστῶς πόλιν τὴν ἄνασσαν ἀρτίως δὲ ἐμφανῶς, τῆς φωτοφόρου σου Σκέπης τῆ χάριτι, διέσωσας ἀπειλῆς, ἐπερχομένης λαὸν τὸν Χριστώνυμον. Όθεν σοι χαριστηρίους, αἴνους ἀναμέλποντες, τῶν πολλῶν σου θαυμάτων, μνείαν ἄγομεν γηθόμενοι.

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 Theotokos.

Menaion Supplement - - -

**Mode 1.** *N/M* (*What a paradoxical.*)

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

O marvellous wonder! The pure Mother of God each day unfolds her Protecting Veil, and with her motherly care and grace manifestly protects from every assault those who look to her and cry: Hail, Full of grace, protection and help of the your race that faithfully magnifies you, O Virgin.

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

Ah, your wonders, Pure Virgin! For you marvellously unfolded your Protecting Veil and wondrously protected the Queen of cities; while later by the grace of your light-bearing Protection you openly saved the people that bears Christ's name from hostile threat. Therefore, raising songs of grateful praise, rejoicing we commemorate your many wonders.

Άπὸ φυλακῆς πρωΐας μέχρι νυκτός ἀπὸ φυλακῆς πρωΐας ἐλπισάτω Ἰσραὴλ ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Τὴν ποὸς ἡμᾶς σου ποομήθειαν, οἱ Ἑλλήνων παῖδες, Δέσποινα κηούττομεν, ὑμνοῦντες τὴν μητοικήν, κηδεμονίαν σου ἀρχῆθεν γὰρ συμπαθῶς, ὑπὸ τὴν Σκέπην τὴν σὴν ἡμᾶς ἔθηκας, καὶ κλῆρόν σου ἐκλεκτόν, τὸ εὐαγὲς ἡμῶν Γένος ἀνέδειξας. Όθεν Κεχαριτωμένη, χαῖρε σοι κραυγάζομεν, καὶ τῆς θείας σου Σκέπης, μεγαλύνομεν τὰς χάριτας.

# Έτερα Στιχηρά.

Συμπλήρωμα Μηναίου - - -

Ήχος δ΄. Ώς γενναῖον ἐν Μάρτυσι.

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

Ώς τῆς Σκέπης σου ἄγοντες, τὴν ἀνάμνησιν ἄχοαντε, τὴν σὴν μεγαλύνομεν ἀγαθότητα· ὅτι ἐκ πάσης στενώσεως, λυτροῦσαι τὸ Ἔθνος σου, καὶ ἐθνῶν ἐπιδρομῆς, καὶ παρέχεις ἑκάστοτε, χάριν ἄφθονον, τοῖς ὑμνοῦσι τὰ ξένα μεγαλεῖα, τῆς σῆς δόξης Παναγία, καὶ τῶν θαυμάτων τὸ μέγεθος.

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

Θαυμαστῶς πάλαι ἤπλωσας, ἀοράτως τὴν Σκέπην σου, καὶ τὴν πόλιν ἔσκεπες τὴν βασίλειον, ἀλλὰ καὶ νῦν ἐναργέστατα, ἡμᾶς σκέπεις Ἄχραντε, καὶ φρουρεῖς καὶ συντηρεῖς, τὸν καινὸν Κόρη κλῆρόν σου, πάσης θλίψεως διὰ τοῦτο ὑμνοῦμέν σου τῆς Σκέπης, τὰ δωρήματα Παρθένε, καὶ τὴν ὁσῶραι ἀντίληψιν.

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

The choirs of believers, Sovereign Lady, proclaim your providence towards us, as we praise your mother's care. For from of old in your compassion you placed us beneath your Protection, and declared the race of the Orthodox to be your chosen lot. Therefore, O Full of grace, we cry to you: Hail! and magnify the graces of your godly Protecting Veil. [EL]

#### Additional Stichera.

Menaion Supplement - - -

**Mode 4.** N/M (To a brave one.)

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

As we celebrate the memorial of your Protecting Veil, O Immaculate, we magnify your loving-kindness; because you rescue your race from every constraint and grant each day unstinted grace to those who praise the astounding mighty works of your glory and the greatness of its wonders.

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

Wondrously of old you invisibly unfolded your Protecting Veil and protected the Royal City, but now even more manifestly you protect us, immaculate Maiden, and you guard and keep safe from all affliction your new inheritance. Therefore we sing the praise of the gifts of your Protecting Veil, O Virgin, and your constant help.

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

Πολλαχῶς Κόρη οἴδαμεν, καὶ λαμπρῶς τεθεάμεθα, τῆς Ἁγίας Σκέπης σου τὴν ἐκδήλωσιν, ἐν τεκμηρίοις καὶ θαύμασιν, ἡμῖν διαλάμπουσαν, καὶ ἐν δάκρυσι θερμοῖς, τὴν πολλὴν σου χρηστότητα, ἐδοξάσαμεν ὅτι σώζεις ἡμᾶς ἐν τοῖς κινδύνοις, καὶ παρέχεις εὐφροσύνην, τοῖς θλιβομένοις καὶ πάσχουσι.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν.

Συμπλήρωμα Μηναίου -

# Ήχος πλ. β'.

Σήμε ρον ὁ πιστὸς λαός σου Θεοτόκε, ὂν ἔθνος ἄγιον, καὶ περιούσιον κλῆρον ἀπεφήνω, τῆς σῆς Σκέπης γεραίρει τὴν χάριν, χαριστηρίους ἄδων σοι ῷδάς· Σὺ γάρ, οὐ μόνον ἐν παρωχημέναις γενεαῖς, θαυμαστὰ καὶ παράδοξα ἐν ἡμῖν εἰργάσω, ἀλλὰ καὶ νῦν ἡμᾶς, σκέπεις καὶ ἰθύνεις, καὶ ἐπιδραμόντων ἀπήλλαξας ἐχθρῶν, καὶ εὐφροσύνης ἔπλησας τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν. Όμολογοῦμεν τοίνυν τὴν χάριν, καὶ τῆ φωταυγεῖ σου Σκέπη προστρέχοντες, θερμῶς βοῶμεν· ἄχρι τερμάτων αἰῶνος, σκέπε Παντάνασσα, τοὺς ἀνενδοιάστως ἐπιβοωμένους σου.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΕ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Έσπέρας καὶ πρωΐ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθά σου, Δέσποτα τῶν ἁπάντων, Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε. Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς λόγους, ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ὁῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι

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

In many ways, O Maiden, we know and clearly we have seen the manifestation of your holy Protection, shining out for by proofs and wonders, and with fervent tears we have glorified your abundant goodness, because you save us in dangers and grant joy to the afflicted and the suffering.

Glory. Both now.

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# Mode pl. 2.

Today your faithful people, Mother of God, whom you declared to be a holy nation and a special inheritance, honours the grace of your Protecting Veil, as they sing your songs of thanksgiving. For you have worked wonders and marvels among us in past generations, but now also you protect us and give us strength, you have rescued us from foes who assail us and have filled our souls with joy. Therefore we confess your grace and taking refuge in your radiant Protection, we fervently cry out, 'Until the end of the age, Queen of all, protect those who unhesitatingly call out to you.

**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

πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ ἠλπίσαμεν μὴ καταισχύνης ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Όρθοί.

# ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ

# Ήχος β΄.

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἁγίας δόξης, ἀθανάτου Πατρός, οὐρανίου, ἁγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ἰδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υίόν, καὶ ἄγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν πᾶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις, Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζωὴν ὁ διδούς·\* διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ δοξάζει.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Έσπέρας Προκείμενον.

#### ΧΟΡΟΣ

# Ποοκείμενον. ή Ηχος πλ. δ'.

Ίδοὺ δὴ εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, πάντες οἱ δοῦλοι Κυρίου. (δίς)

**Στίχ.** Οἱ ἑστῶτες ἐν οἴκῳ Κυρίου, ἐν αὐλαῖς οἴκου Θεοῦ ἡμῶν.

Ίδοὺ δὴ εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, πάντες οἱ δοῦλοι Κυρίου.

# Τὰ Άναγνώσματα

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#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Άριθμῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

# Κεφ. θ' 15-23

Καὶ ἐγένετο τῆ ἡμέρα ἡ ἐστάθη ἡ σκηνή, ἐκάλυψεν ἡ νεφέλη τὴν σκηνήν, τὸν οἶκον τοῦ μαρτυρίου. Καὶ τὸ ἑσπέρας ἦν ἐπὶ τῆς σκηνῆς ὡς εἶδος πυρὸς ἕως πρωί. Οὕτως ἐγίνετο διαπαντός ἡ νεφέλη ἐκάλυπτεν

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.

# **DEACON**

The evening Prokeimenon.

#### **CHOIR**

# Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4.

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

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

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

# The Readings

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#### READER

The reading is from the book of Numbers.

#### **DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

#### **READER**

# 9:15-23

Now on the day the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the house of the testimony; from eventide until morning it was on the tabernacle, like the form of fire. So it was always: the cloud αὐτὴν ἡμέρας, καὶ εἶδος πυρὸς τὴν νύκτα. Καὶ ἡνίκα ἀνέβη ἡ νεφέλη ἀπὸ τῆς σκηνῆς, καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα ἀπῆραν οἱ υἱοὶ Ἰσραήλ. Καὶ ἐν τῷ τόπῳ οὖ ἂν ἔστη ἡ νεφέλη, ἐκεῖ παρενέβαλον οἱ υἱοὶ Ἰσραήλ. Διὰ προστάγματος Κυρίου παρεμβαλοῦσιν οί υίοὶ Ἰσραήλ, καὶ διὰ προστάγματος Κυρίου ἀπαροῦσι. Πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας, ἐν αἶς σκιάζει ή νεφέλη ἐπὶ τῆς σκηνῆς, παρεμβαλοῦσιν οί υίοὶ Ἰσραήλ. Καὶ ὅταν ἐφέλκηται ἡ νεφέλη ἐπὶ τῆς σκηνῆς ἡμέρας πλείους, καὶ φυλάξονται οί υίοὶ Ἰσραήλ τὴν φυλακὴν τοῦ Θεοῦ. Καὶ οὐ μὴ ἑξάρωσι. Καὶ ἔσται ὅταν σκεπάζη ή νεφέλη ήμέρας ἀριθμῷ ἐπὶ τῆς σκηνῆς, διὰ φωνῆς Κυρίου παρεμβαλοῦσι καὶ διὰ προστάγματος Κυρίου ἀπαροῦσι. Καὶ ἔσται ὅταν γένηται ἡ νεφέλη ἀφ' έσπέρας ἕως πρωὶ καὶ ἀναβῆ ἡ νεφέλη τὸ πρωί, καὶ ἀπαροῦσιν ἡμέρας ἡ νυκτός. Μηνὸς ἡμέρας πλεοναζούσης τῆς νεφέλης σκιαζούσης ἐπ' αὐτῆς, παρεμβαλοῦσιν οί υίοὶ Ἰσραήλ, καὶ οὐ μὴ ἀπάρωσιν. Ότι διὰ προστάγματος Κυρίου ἀπαροῦσι. Την φυλακην Κυρίου ἐφυλάξαντο διὰ προστάγματος Κυρίου ἐν χειρὶ Μωυσῆ.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Τῆς Ἐξόδου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

#### Κεφ. μ' 15-32

Έγένετο ἐν τῷ μηνὶ τῷ ποώτῳ, τῷ δευτέοῳ ἔτει, ἐκποοευομένων τῶν υίῶν Ἰσραὴλ ἐξ Αἰγύπτου, νουμηνία ἐστάθη ἡ

covered it by day and the form of fire by night. Whenever the cloud ascended from the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel broke camp; and in the place where the cloud stood, there the children of Israel made camp. At the command of the Lord the children of Israel would make camp, and at the command of the Lord they would break camp. All the days the cloud overshadowed the tabernacle, the children of Israel would encamp. Even when the cloud would continue many days on the tabernacle, the children of Israel would obey God's orders, and not break camp. So it would be, whenever the cloud would overshadow the tabernacle a number of days, at the voice of the Lord they would encamp, and at the command of the Lord they would break camp. So it would be, when the cloud would continue from eventide until morning, and the cloud would ascend in the morning, then they would break camp; and if the cloud would continue a day or a night, or a month, or an abundance of days overshadowing it, the children of Israel would encamp and not break camp. At the command of the Lord they would break camp, and at the command of the Lord by the hand of Moses they would obey the Lord's orders. [SAAS]

#### **READER**

The reading is from the book of Exodus.

#### **DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

#### **READER**

40:15-19, 22-32

Then it came to pass in the first month of the second year after their departure from Egypt, on the first day of the month, σκηνή. Καὶ ἔστησε Μωυσῆς τὴν σκηνήν, καὶ ἐπέθηκε τὰς κεφαλίδας, καὶ διενέβαλε τούς μοχλούς, καὶ ἔστησε τοὺς στύλους. Καὶ ἐξέτεινε τὰς αὐλαίας ἐπὶ τὴν σκηνήν, καὶ ἐπέθηκε τὸ κατακάλυμμα τῆς σκηνῆς ἐπ' αὐτὴν ἄνωθεν, καθὰ συνέταξε Κύριος τῷ Μωυσῆ. Καὶ λαβὼν τὰ μαρτύρια ἐνέβαλεν εἰς τὴν κιβωτόν. Καὶ ὑπέθηκε τοὺς διωστῆρας ύπὸ τὴν κιβωτόν, καὶ εἰσήνεγκε τὴν κιβωτὸν εἰς τὴν σκηνήν, καὶ ἐπέθηκε τὸ κατακάλυμμα τοῦ καταπετάσματος, καὶ ἐσκέπασε τὴν κιβωτὸν τοῦ μαρτυρίου, ον τρόπον συνέταξε Κύριος τῷ Μωυσῆ. Καὶ ἐπέθηκε τὴν τράπεζαν εἰς τὴν σκηνήν τοῦ μαρτυρίου, τὸ πρὸς Βοζόᾶν ἔξωθεν τοῦ καταπετάσματος τῆς σκηνῆς. Καὶ προσέθηκεν ἐπ' αὐτῆς ἄρτους τῆς προθέσεως ἔναντι Κυρίου, ὂν τρόπον συνέταξε Κύριος τῷ Μωυσῆ. Καὶ ἔθηκε τὴν λυχνίαν εἰς τὴν σκηνὴν τοῦ μαρτυρίου, εἰς τὸ κλίτος τῆς σκηνῆς τὸ πρὸς νότον. Καὶ ἐπέθηκε τοὺς λύχνους αὐτῆς ἔναντι Κυρίου, ον τρόπον συνέταξε Κύριος τῷ Μωυσῆ. Καὶ ἔθηκε τὸ θυσιαστήριον τὸ χρυσοῦν έν τῆ σκηνῆ τοῦ μαρτυρίου ἀπέναντι τοῦ καταπετάσματος, καὶ ἐθυμίασεν ἐπ' αὐτοῦ θυμίαμα τῆς συνθέσεως, καθάπες συνέταξε Κύριος τῷ Μωυσῆ. Καὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον τῶν καρπωμάτων ἔθηκε παρὰ τὰς θύρας τῆς σκηνῆς. Καὶ ἔστησε τὴν αὐλὴν κύκλω τῆς σκηνῆς καὶ τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου. Καὶ συνετέλεσε Μωυσῆς πάντα τὰ ἔργα. Καὶ ἐκάλυψεν ἡ νεφέλη τὴν σκηνὴν τοῦ μαρτυρίου. Καὶ δόξης Κυρίου ἐπλήσθη ή σκηνή. Καὶ οὐκ ἠδυνάσθη Μωυσῆς εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν σκηνὴν τοῦ μαρτυρίου, ότι ἐπεσκίαζεν ἐπ' αὐτὴν ἡ νεφέλη, καὶ δόξης Κυρίου ἐνεπλήσθη ἡ σκηνή. Ἡνίκα

the tabernacle was set up. So Moses set up the tabernacle, placed the capitals, inserted the bars, and set up the posts. He spread out the curtains over the tabernacle and put the veil of the tabernacle on it above, as the Lord commanded Moses. Then he took the testimonies, put them into the ark, and inserted the poles under the ark. He then brought the ark into the tabernacle, hung up the veil of the covering, and partitioned off the ark of the testimony, as the Lord commanded Moses. Then he put the lampstand in the tabernacle of testimony, on the south side of the tabernacle; and he placed its lamps before the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses. He also put the gold altar in the tabernacle of testimony in front of the veil; and he burned the incense compound on it, as the Lord commanded Moses. Then he put the altar of burnt offering before the doors of the tabernacle. He also set up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar. So Moses finished all the work. Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of testimony, and the tabernacle was filled with the Lord's glory. But Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of testimony because the cloud overshadowed it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud ascended from the tabernacle, the children of Israel prepared to depart with their belongings. But if the cloud did not ascend, they did not prepare to depart until the cloud ascended. For before all Israel, throughout all their journeys, the cloud was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night. [SAAS]

δ' ἂν ἀνέβη ἡ νεφέλη ἀπὸ τῆς σκηνῆς, ἀνεζεύγνυσαν οἱ υἱοὶ Ἰσραηλ σὺν τῆ ἀπαρτία αὐτῶν. Εὶ δὲ μὴ ἀνέβη ἡ νεφέλη, οὐκ ἀνεζεύγνυσαν ἕως ἡμέρας, ἦς ἀνέβη ἡ νεφέλη. Νεφέλη γὰρ ἦν ἐπὶ τῆς σκηνῆς ἡμέρας, καὶ πῦρ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῆς νυκτὸς ἐναντίον παντὸς Ἰσραήλ, ἐν πάσαις ταῖς ἀναζυγαῖς αὐτῶν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προφητείας Ἰεζεκιὴλ τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

#### 43:27-44:4

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος "Εσται ἀπὸ τῆς ἡμέρας τῆς ὀγδόης καὶ ἐπέκεινα, ποιήσουσιν οί Ίερεῖς ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον τὰ ὁλοκαυτώματα ὑμῶν, καὶ τὰ τοῦ σωτηρίου ύμῶν, καὶ προσδέξομαι ύμᾶς, λέγει Κύριος (μδ' 1). Καὶ ἐπέστρεψέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Άγίων τῆς έξωτέρας τῆς βλεπούσης κατὰ ἀνατολάς, καὶ αΰτη ἦν κεκλεισμένη. Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος πρὸς με Ἡ πύλη αὕτη κεκλεισμένη ἔσται, οὐκ ἀνοιχθήσεται, καὶ οὐδεὶς οὐ μὴ διέλθη δι' αὐτῆς, ὅτι Κύριος ὁ Θεός, Ίσραὴλ εἰσελεύσεται δι' αὐτῆς, καὶ ἔσται κεκλεισμένη. Διότι ὁ Ἡγούμενος οὖτος κάθηται ἐπ' αὐτὴν τοῦ φαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐνώπιον Κυρίου, κατὰ τὴν όδὸν τοῦ Αἰλὰμ τῆς πύλης εἰσελεύσεται, καὶ κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν αὐτοῦ ἐξελεύσεται. Καὶ εἰσήγαγέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Ἁγίων τῆς πρὸς βοζό αν, κατέναντι το ῦ οἴκου καὶ εἶδον καὶ ίδου πλήρης δόξης ὁ οἶκος Κυρίου.

#### **READER**

The reading is from the Prophecy of Ezekiel.

#### **DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

#### **READER**

#### 43:27-44:4

Thus says the Lord: "When they have completed these days, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt offerings and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord God." Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. And the Lord said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, shall enter by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way." Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. [SAAS]

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Κύριε παντοκράτος ὁ Θεὸς τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν, δεόμεθά Σου, ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲο τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲο τοῦ (ἀρχιερατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος).

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲς τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, τῶν ἱεςέων, ἱεςομονάχων, ἱεςοδιακόνων καὶ μοναχῶν, καὶ πάσης τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ἡμῶν ἀδελφότητος.

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲς ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰςήνης, ὑγείας, σωτηςίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωςήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαςτιῶν τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν, τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παςεπιδημούντων ἐν τῆ (πόλει, κώμη), ταύτη, τῶν ἐνοςιτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιεςωτῶν τοῦ άγίου ναοῦ τούτου.

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

#### **DEACON**

Let us all say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us all say.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ὑπέο τῶν μακαρίων καὶ ἀοιδίμων κτιτόρων τῆς ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης, καὶ ὑπὲο πάντων τῶν ποοαναπαυσαμένων πατέρων καὶ ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, τῶν ἐνθάδε εὐσεβῶς, κειμένων, καὶ ἁπανταχοῦ ὀρθοδόξων.

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲς τῶν κας ποφοςούντων καὶ καλλιες γούντων ἐν τῷ ἁγίῳ καὶ πανσέπτῳ ναῷ τούτῳ, κοπιώντων, ψαλλόντων καὶ ὑπὲς τοῦ πεςιεστῶτος λαοῦ, τοῦ ἀπεκδεχομένου τὸ παςὰ σοῦ μέγα καὶ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

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

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῆ ἑσπέρα ταύτη, ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Δέσποτα, συνέτισον μὲ τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, ἄγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης. Σοὶ πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υίῷ καὶ τῷ

Again we pray for the blessed and evermemorable 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 allvenerable church, for those who labor and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.

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

#### **PRIEST**

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

#### **READER**

O Lord, keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is your name to the ages. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be upon us for we have set our hope in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed are you, Master, grant me understanding of your commandments. Blessed are you, Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord, your mercy is forever. Do not despise the works of your hands. To you is due praise, to you is due song, to you is due glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Αγίω Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας των αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίω.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Άντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Συγγνώμην καὶ ἄφεσιν τῶν άμαςτιῶν καὶ τῶν πλημμελημάτων ἡμῶν, παςὰ τοῦ Κυςίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τὸν ὑπόλοιπον χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν ἐν εἰρήνη καὶ μετανοία ἐκτελέσαι, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Χοιστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν, ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰοηνικά, καὶ καλὴν ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

(Amen.)

#### **DEACON**

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχοάντου, 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

Ότι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$ 

#### 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 καταβὰς ἐπὶ σωτηρία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἔπιδε ἐπί τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν σου σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλανθρώπῳ κριτῆ οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλάς, τοὺς δὲ αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν οὺς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν παροῦσαν ἑσπέραν 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 Πατρός, καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ, καὶ τοῦ άγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεἰ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

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

(To You, O Lord.)

#### **PRIEST**

For You, O God, are good and love mankind, and to You we offer glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

#### **PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

#### **DEACON**

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

#### **PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of the human race, look upon your servants and upon your inheritance, for to you, the fearful Judge who love mankind, your servants have bowed their heads and inclined their necks, not waiting for any human help, but awaiting your mercy and looking for your salvation. Guard them at every moment, during both the present evening and the approaching night, from every foe, from every hostile operation of the devil and from vain thoughts and evil desires.

#### **PRIEST**

May the might of your kingdom be blessed and glorified, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. (Άμήν.)

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ΧΟΡΟΣ

# Απόστιχα.

Ήχος πλ. α΄. Χαίροις ἀσκητικῶν.

Χαίφοις Θεογεννῆτος άγνή, τῆς ἀγαθότητος πηγὴ ἡ ἀκένωτος, Ἑλλήνων ἡ θεία σκέπη, καὶ προστασία θερμή, καὶ παραμυθία ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσι πρὸς σὲ γὰρ Πανάμωμε, καταφεύγομεν πάντοτε, καὶ σωτηρίαν καὶ εἰρήνην καὶ λύτρωσιν, τῆ σῆ χάριτι, ἀληθῶς κομιζόμεθα ὅθεν τῆς θείας Σκέπης σου, ὑμνοῦμεν τὰ θαύματα, καὶ τῆς προνοίας σου Κόρη, τοὺς οἰκτιρμοὺς μεγαλύνομεν, δι' ὧν ἀεὶ σώζεις, περιστάσεων ποικίλων, τοὺς πεποιθότας σοι.

**Στίχ.** Ηγίασε τὸ σκήνωμα αὐτοῦ ὁ Ύψιστος.

ἄνασσα Άγνὴ ὑπερκόσμιος, Ανδρέα τῷ θεοφόρω, ἐν Βλαχερνῶν τῷ ναῷ, σκέπουσα ἀΰλως τὴν μερίδα σου διὸ τούτου ἄγοντες, ἐτησίαν ἀνάμνησιν, τὰ μεγαλεῖα, ἀνυμνοῦμεν τῆς δόξης σου, καὶ βοῶμέν σοι, ὁ λαός σου Πανάχραντε σκέπε καὶ διαφύλαττε, Παρθένε τῆ Σκέπη σου, οὕς περ οἰκείαν μερίδα, πάλαι ἡμᾶς Κόρη ἔδειξας, παρέχουσα πᾶσιν, εὐφροσύνην καὶ εἰρήνην, καὶ μέγα ἔλεος.

**Στίχ.** Τὸ πρόσωπόν σου λιτανεύσουσιν οἱ πλούσιοι τοῦ λαοῦ.

Σκέπη τῆ φωταυγεῖ σου Άγνή, καὶ τῆ ἐλπίδι τῆς στεὀῥᾶς προστασίας σου, θαὀῥήσας ἀνενδοιάστως, ὁ εὐσεβὴς σου λαός, τῶν ἐχθρῶν τὸ θράσος ἐτροπώσατο διὸ χαριστήριον, ἀναμέλπει σοι αἴνεσιν, καὶ

(Amen.)

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**CHOIR** 

# Aposticha.

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

Hail, pure Mother of God, inexhaustible fount of goodness, protection and fervent defence of the Orthodox, and comfort in afflictions. For in you, All-unblemished, we always take refuge, and by your grace we truly obtain salvation, peace and redemption. Therefore we praise the wonders of your divine Protecting Veil and we magnify, O Maiden, the acts of compassion of your foreknowledge, through which you ever save from disasters of every kind those who have put their trust in you.

**Verse:** The Most High sanctified His tabernacle. [SAAS]

In a radiant vision you appeared to Godbearing Andrew in the church of Vlachernae, as pure Sovereign far above the world, spiritually protecting your inheritance. And so as we celebrate the yearly memorial of this, we praise the greatness of your glory, and we, your people, cry to you, All-pure One, 'Protect and guard with your Protecting Veil, O Virgin, us, whom you showed of old to be your portion, granting us all, O Maiden, joy, peace and great mercy'.

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

Unwaveringly confident in your shining Protecting Veil, pure Virgin, and the hope of your firm defence, your Orthodox people routed the arrogance of the foe. And so they raise their song of thankful praise and τῆς σῆς Σκέπης, ἑορτὴν τὴν ὑπέρλαμπρον, ἄγει σήμερον, καὶ θερμῶς Κόρη κράζει σοι: Σὺ μου σκέπη καὶ πρόμαχος, καὶ μέγα προπύργιον, καὶ σὲ ὑμνῶ Παναγία, τῆ χάριτί σου σωζόμενος, ἀλλὰ καὶ μελλόντων, θλιβερῶν πειρατηρίων, ἡῦσαὶ με Δέσποινα.

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# Ήχος πλ. δ'.

Τῆς Σκέπης σου τῆς σωστικῆς, αἱ πολλαπλαὶ ἐκδηλώσεις, περὶ τὸ Ἐθνος σου Ἄχραντε, πᾶσαν ἀκοὴν καταπλήττουσι. Σὺ γὰρ πάλαι τε καὶ νῦν, ἐν παντὶ καὶ πάντοτε προφθάνεις, καὶ πάσης στενώσεως, ἡμᾶς ἀπαλλάττεις, οἶς οἶδας τρόποις φιλάγαθε. Διὸ Πανύμνητε Δέσποινα, μὴ παύση δεικνύουσα ἡμῖν, τὰ ἀρχαῖα ἐλέη σου, ἄχρι τερμάτων αἰῶνος, ὅτι σόν ἐσμεν ποίμνιον.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

# Ώδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τον δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ἡῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνη· ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἡτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν· φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν, καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραήλ.

# ΛΑΟΣ

# Τοισάγιον.

Άγιος ὁ Θεός, ἄγιος Ἰσχυ<br/>οός, ἄγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ΄)

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Παναγία Τοιάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύοιε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαοτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα, συγχώοησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἅγιε, celebrate today the resplendent festival of your Protecting Veil, and fervently cry to you, pure Maiden, 'You are my protection and champion and great rampart, and saved by your grace, All-holy, I sing your praise. But, Sovereign Lady, deliver me from future oppressive trials.

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# Mode pl. 4.

The manifold displays of your saving Protection for your race, O Immaculate, astound every ear. For both of old and now in every way and at every time you come and deliver us from every constraint by ways that you know, Lover of goodness. Therefore Sovereign Lady all-praised, do not to show us your ancient mercies until the end of the age, for we are your flock.

#### **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. [NKIV]

#### **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. ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἴασαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

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

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πάτες ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐςανοῖς, άγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ώς ἐν οὐςανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄςτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμεςον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ώς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειςασμόν, ἀλλὰ ςῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηςοῦ.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Αγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

#### ΧΟΡΟΣ

#### Άπολυτίκιον.

Συμπλήρωμα Μηναίου --- **Ήχος α΄.** Τῆς ἐρήμου πολίτης.

Τῆς Σκέπης σου Παρθένε, ἀνυμνοῦμεν τὰς χαρίτας, ἣν ὡς φωτοφόρον νεφέλην, ἐφαπλοῖς ὑπὲρ ἔννοιαν, καὶ σκέπεις τὸν λαόν σου νοερῶς, ἐκ πάσης τῶν ἐχθρῶν ἐπιβουλῆς. Σὲ γὰρ σκέπην καὶ προστάτιν καὶ βοηθόν, κεκτήμεθα βοῶντές σοι Δόξα τοῖς μεγαλείοις σου Άγνή, δόξα τῆ θεία Σκέπη σου, δόξα τῆ πρὸς ἡμᾶς σου, προμηθεία Άχραντε.

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

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

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

#### **PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)

#### **CHOIR**

# Apolytikion.

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We sing the praise of the graces of your Protecting Veil, O Virgin, which like a light-bearing cloud you unfold beyond understanding, and you spiritually protect your people from every assault of their foe. For we have gained you as Protection and defender and helper, as we cry out to you: Glory to your mighty deeds, O Pure one; glory to your Protection; glory to your providence towards us, O Immaculate!

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. Έτερον. Απολυτίκιον. Συμπλήρωμα Μηναίου --- Ήχος πλ. δ΄. Θεοτόκε Άειπάρθενε.

Θεοτόκε Άειπάρθενε, τὴν ἁγίαν σοῦ Σκέπην, δι' ῆς περισκέπεις, τοὺς εἰς σὲ ἐλπίζοντας, κραταιὰν τῷ Ἔθνει σου καταφυγὴν ἐδωρήσω· ὅτι ὡς πάλαι καὶ νῦν θαυμαστῶς ἡμᾶς ἔσωσας, ὡς νοητὴ νεφέλη, τὸν σὸν λαὸν περιβαλοῦσα. Διὸ δυσωποῦμεν σε, εἰρήνην τῆ πολιτεία σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

Στερεώσαι, Κύριος ὁ Θεός, τὴν ἁγίαν καὶ ἀμώμητον πίστιν τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ορθοδόξων Χριστιανών, σύν τῆ άγία αὐτοῦ Ἐκκλησία καὶ τῆ πόλει ταύτη εἰς αἰῶνας αἰώνων.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

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

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Κύριε,  $\dot{\epsilon}\lambda\dot{\epsilon}$ ησον. ( $\dot{\epsilon}\kappa\gamma'$ ) Εὐλόγησον.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου άγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, ἦς τῆς

Glory. Both now. Another. Apolytikion. Menaion Supplement - -Mode pl. 4.

Mother of God Ever-Virgin, you have given your holy Protection, through which you protect those who hope in you, as a mighty refuge for your race. For as of old so now you have wondrously saved us, enveloping your people like a spiritual cloud. And so we implore you to grant peace to your commonwealth, and to our souls God's great mercy. [EL]

#### **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 allimmaculate holy Mother, the commemoration άγίας Σκέπης τὴν ἀνάμνησιν ἐπιτελοῦμεν, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν άγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν άγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν (τοῦ Αγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ) τῶν άγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Άγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

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

(Άμήν.)

of whose Holy Protecting Veil we celebrate; 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.)