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# The Service of Vespers

**on Wednesday Evening**

**for Thursday, December 5, 2019**

**Menaion - December 5**

**Memory of St. Savas the Sanctified**

**Text in English**

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Memory of St. Savas the Sanctified

**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  
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  
this dragon You formed to play therein. All  
things wait upon You, that You may give  
them food in due season. When You give  
it to them, they shall gather it; when You

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

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

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

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

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

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

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

**PRIEST** (*inaudibly*)

### **1st Prayer**

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

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

### **2nd Prayer**

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

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

### **3rd Prayer**

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

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

### **4th Prayer**

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

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

### **5th Prayer**

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

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

### 6th Prayer

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

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

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.*

**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.)*

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.)*

*The first stanza of Kathisma 1 of the Psalter may be read, followed by the short litany.*

**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 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.)*

**CHOIR**

**Mode pl. 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]

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.

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 Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 1. N/M (God-bearing Father.)**

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

Divinely wise Sabbas,/you stand together with the angels and dwell with the venerable ones,/you converse with the prophets/and are co-heir of the Kingdom with the martyrs and apostles!/You dwell in unfading Light/and shine with His Divine light and intense desire,/standing before Him with boldness and unceasing enlightenment,/delighting in His beauties!/Entreat Christ, O venerable



Father, // beseeching Him to grant unity to the Church, peace and great mercy! [OCA]

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

Divinely wise Sabbas, / you stand together with the angels and dwell with the venerable ones, / you converse with the prophets / and are co-heir of the Kingdom with the martyrs and apostles! / You dwell in unfading Light / and shine with His Divine light and intense desire, / standing before Him with boldness and unceasing enlightenment, / delighting in His beauties! / Entreat Christ, O venerable Father, // beseeching Him to grant unity to the Church, peace and great mercy! [OCA]

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

Divinely wise Sabbas, / you are an unquenchable lamp of abstinence, / a radiant beacon for monastics illumined with rays of love! / You are the confirmation and strength of those who honor you with faith, / a treasury of healings and true dweller in the desert / which you showed to be the Paradise of God bearing the divine fruit of salvation! / Entreat Christ, O venerable one, // beseeching Him to grant unity to the Church, peace and great mercy! [OCA]

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

Divinely wise Sabbas, / you are an unquenchable lamp of abstinence, / a radiant beacon for monastics illumined with rays of

love! / You are the confirmation and strength of those who honor you with faith, / a treasury of healings and true dweller in the desert / which you showed to be the Paradise of God bearing the divine fruit of salvation! / Entreat Christ, O venerable one, // beseeching Him to grant unity to the Church, peace and great mercy! [OCA]

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

Divinely wise Sabbas, / you are a fiery pillar of the virtues, / a beacon guiding men from the sea of life to the harbor of God! / As a pure dwelling of the Holy Spirit, you disregarded spiritual deceptions. / You are an instructor of monastics, / a sure measure of abstinence, / a radiant height of humility and fountain pouring forth a depth of healing. / Entreat Christ, O venerable one, // beseeching Him to grant unity to the Church, peace and great mercy! [OCA]

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

Divinely wise Sabbas, / you are a fiery pillar of the virtues, / a beacon guiding men from the sea of life to the harbor of God! / As a pure dwelling of the Holy Spirit, you disregarded spiritual deceptions. / You are an instructor of monastics, / a sure measure of abstinence, / a radiant height of humility and fountain pouring forth a depth of healing. / Entreat Christ, O venerable one, // beseeching Him to grant unity to the Church, peace and great mercy! [OCA]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 2.**

You preserved the dignity of God's image in you, and through asceticism you set your mind to rule over the destructive passions; and thus you ascended to the likeness of God as far as possible. For you had manfully exerted force on your nature, and hastened to subordinate the inferior to the superior, and to make the flesh subservient to the spirit. Therefore you became the ultimate monastic, the founder of the desert, teacher of those who live with integrity, the most exact rule of virtue. Now in heaven, O blessed Savas, you gaze no longer at reflections in a mirror, but clearly at the Holy Trinity, interceding directly for those who with faith and love honor you.

[SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode pl. 2.**

Who will not call you blessed, most holy Virgin? Who will not sing praises of your wondrous birth giving? For the only begotten Son, timelessly having shone forth from the Father, came forth from you who are pure. And having been ineffably made flesh, he, who by nature is God, for our sake became also by nature man: not in two divided persons, but in two natures without confusion. O honored and all blessed one, beseech him to have mercy on our souls. [HC]

**DEACON** *(in a low voice)*

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**Prayer of the Entrance**

At evening, at morning and at midday we praise, bless and give thanks, and we pray to you, Master of

all things, Lord who love mankind: Direct our prayer before you like incense, and do not incline our hearts to words or thoughts of evil, but deliver us from all that hunt down our souls. For our eyes look to you, O Lord, our Lord, and we have hoped in you.

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Arise.

**CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

**Mode 2.**

Gladsome light of holy glory of the holy, blessed, heavenly, immortal Father, O Jesus Christ: arriving at the hour of sunset and having seen the evening light, we praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. It is worthy for You to be praised at all times with happy voices, O Son of God and Giver of life; \* and therefore the world glorifies You. [SD]

**DEACON**

The evening Prokeimenon.

**CHOIR**

**Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 1.**

Save me, O God, in Your name, and judge me in Your power. (2) [SAAS]

**Verse:** *O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.*

Save me, O God, in Your name, and judge me in Your power.

**The Readings**

From Menaion - - -

**READER**

The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon.

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

**READER**

WSol 3:1-9

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

**READER**

The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon.

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

**READER**

WSol 5:15-6:3

The righteous live forever, and their reward is with the Lord; and their care is by the Most High. Therefore they shall receive a kingly dwelling of dignity and a crown of beauty from the hand of the Lord, because He will shelter them with His right hand and protect them with His arm. He will take His zeal as His full armor and will turn His

creation into weapons against His enemies. He will wear righteousness as a breastplate and put on impartial judgment as a helmet. He will take holiness as an unconquerable shield and sharpen His relentless wrath for a sword; and creation will fight with Him against the senseless. Well-aimed flashes of lightning will strike and leap to their object as from a well-drawn bow of clouds; and hailstones full of anger will be hurled as from an engine of war. The water of the sea will be vexed with them, and the rivers will wash over them severely. A powerful wind will oppose them, and like a storm it will winnow them away. Lawlessness will lay waste all the earth, and wrongdoing will overturn the thrones of rulers. Listen therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, you that rule over multitudes, and take pride in yourself over a multitude of nations. For power was given to you from the Lord, and your lordship from the Most High. [SAAS]

**READER**

The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon.

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

**READER**

WSol 4:7-15

Though a righteous man may die before his time, he shall be at rest. For old age is not honored for its length of existence, nor measured by its number of years; but discernment is gray hair for mankind, and a spotless life is the maturity of old age. There was once a man pleasing to God and loved by Him, and while living among sinners he

was taken up. He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or deceit deceive his soul. For envy arising from lack of judgment obscures what is good, and a whirling of desire undermines an innocent heart. He was made perfect, for in a short time he fulfilled long years, for his soul was pleasing to the Lord; therefore, He took him early from the midst of evil. Yet peoples saw this but did not understand, nor take such a thing to heart, that the Lord's grace and mercy are with His elect and that He watches over His holy ones.

[SAAS]

### DEACON

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church, and for all our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us, who here have been piously laid to their rest, as well as the Orthodox everywhere.

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

Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable church, for those who labor and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.

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

### PRIEST

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

*(Amen.)*

### READER

O Lord, keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is your name to the ages. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be upon us for we have set our hope in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me

your commandments. Blessed are you,  
Master, grant me understanding of your  
commandments. Blessed are you, Holy One,  
enlighten me with your commandments.  
Lord, your mercy is forever. Do not despise  
the works of your hands. To you is due praise,  
to you is due song, to you is due glory, to the  
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now  
and forever and to the ages of ages. [HC]

*(Amen.)*

**DEACON**

Let us complete our evening prayer to the  
Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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.

*(Amen.)*

**Litany and Blessing of Loaves.**

**CHOIR**

**Idiomelon 1.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 2.**

Venerable Sabbas,/on earth, you trained  
in the school of fasting./You blunted all the  
attacks of the passions with the flow of your  
tears./Divine and honored ladder leading  
to heaven,/your God-pleasing life has been  
made known to all/for through it you showed  
the fruits of faithfulness./By it you heal the  
weaknesses of the passions/of those who cry  
out to you with faith:/Rejoice, most golden  
star of the east;/our pastor and the radiant  
lamp of monastics!/Rejoice, ever-praised  
one,/good and splendid nourishment of the  
desert/and unshaken strength of the church!/  
Rejoice, great guide of those who stray!/  
Rejoice, for you are our boast and the radiant  
joy of the universe! [OCA]

**Idiomelon 2.**

**Mode 2.**

Let us honor Sabbas,/an earthly angel,  
a heavenly man of God,/the blameless  
adornment of the world,/the delight of the  
pious, the boast and strength of those who  
fast!/He was planted in the house of God/  
and flourished in righteousness like a cedar  
in the desert./He increased Christ's flock of  
rational sheep//in holiness and righteousness!

[OCA]

**Idiomelon 3.**

**Mode 2.**

Venerable Father,/you earnestly taught  
yourself the virtues from childhood./You  
became an instrument of the Holy Spirit!/  
You received from Him the gift of working  
miracles/and urged others to disdain the  
delights of this earth./Now that you are  
most purely enlightened with divine light,//  
enlighten our minds, our Father Sabbas! [OCA]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 2.**

You received a desire for the good things  
past understanding/and you turned from  
all the beautiful things in the world./As  
a person well-pleasing to God/you were  
not trapped by the fruit as Adam was;/you  
drove the serpent away with abstinence./You  
lived an angelic life and now you dwell in  
the heavens/nourished by the tree of life./  
Sanctified Sabbas,//entreat God on behalf of  
us who celebrate your memory with faith. [OCA]

Both now.

**Mode 2.**

O Mother of God, I have committed my  
every hope wholly unto you. Keep me under  
your shelter. [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 mercy, life, peace,  
health, salvation, visitation, forgiveness  
and remission of the sins of all pious and  
Orthodox Christians living and visiting in  
this city, the parishioners, the members of  
the Parish Council and every Ministry of this  
Parish, and the donors and benefactors of this  
holy church, and the servants of God [names]  
who celebrate this holy feast.

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

Again we pray for the protection of this  
holy church, this city and every city and land,  
from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake,  
flood, fire, sword, foreign invasions, civil  
strife, and accidental death. That our good  
and loving God may be merciful, gracious and  
favorable to us by turning and keeping from  
us all wrath and sickness, and deliver us from  
His just rebuke, and have mercy on us.

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

Again we pray that the Lord our God may  
hear the prayer of us sinners, and have mercy  
on us.

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

### **PRIEST**

Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all  
those who live everywhere on earth and those  
far out at sea or in the air. Be gracious toward  
our sins, Master, and have mercy on us.

For you are a merciful and loving God,  
and to you we give glory, to the Father and  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever  
and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

Peace be with all.

*(And with your spirit.)*

### **DEACON**

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

### **PRIEST**

Most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ  
our God, through the intercessions of our  
most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-  
Virgin Mary, the power of the precious  
and life giving Cross, the protection of the  
honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the  
supplications of the honorable and glorious  
prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the  
holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our  
Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs  
and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great,  
Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom,  
Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful,  
patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop  
of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous,  
Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers;  
the holy, glorious great Martyrs George  
the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes,  
Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the  
General, Menas the Wonderworker, the  
Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios;  
the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs;  
the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable  
Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs  
Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine,  
Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene;  
of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron  
saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of  
God Joachim and Anna, our devout and God-  
bearing father Savas the Sanctified, whose  
memory we celebrate, and of all your Saints.

Accept our prayer; grant us forgiveness  
of our transgressions; protect us under the  
shelter of your wings; drive away from us



every enemy and adversary; grant peace to our life; Lord have mercy on us and on your world; and save our souls as a good and loving God.

**PRIEST or: CHOIR**

**Hymn to the Theotokos.**

O Virgin Theotokos, rejoice, Mary full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you have borne the Savior of our souls [SD]

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

**PRIEST**

*Blessing of the Loaves.*

Lord, Jesus Christ. our God, You blessed the five loaves in the wilderness and from them five thousand men were filled. Bless now these loaves, the wheat, the wine and oil and multiply them in this holy church, this city, in the homes of those who celebrate today, and in Your whole world. And sanctify Your faithful servants who partake of them.

For You are He who blesses and sanctifies all things, Christ our God, and to You we offer up glory together with Your eternal Father and Your holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

**CLERGY**

Rich men turned poor and went hungry; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. [SAAS]

**CHOIR**

Rich men turned poor and went hungry; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. (2) [SAAS]

*From Menaion - - -*

**CHOIR**

**Aposticha.**

**Mode pl. 1. Automelon.**

Rejoice, the fragrant treasure indeed \* of true ascetical achievements, all-blessed one, \* for taking upon your shoulders the cross and giving yourself \* over to the Master Christ entirely, \* you trampled the mind intent on the flesh and on earthly things, \* and with the virtues made your soul shine resplendently, \* and you raised it up to intense love inspired by God. \* Therefore, all-lauded Saint, as we surround your all-holy tomb, \* Savas, we ask to be granted the love of God for humanity, \* by your intercessions, \* and beseech that His great mercy be granted to the world. [SD]

**Verse:** *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy one.* [SAAS]

God-bearing Sabbas,/in your godly wisdom, venerable one,/you approached the fire of the Spirit,/revealing yourself in the world as a divinely glowing ember,/enlightening the souls of those who faithfully come to you/and leading them to the unfading light!/Moistened from on high with the grace of God,/you quench the burning fire of the desert./Therefore, Christ, Who directs God's righteousness/has openly granted you a crown of victory, blessed one.//Entreat Him to grant our souls great mercy! [OCA]

**Verse:** *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His commandments.*

[SAAS]

Divinely wise one,/your life was manifested as a ladder/spanning the gulf between earth and the heavens./You ascended the heights and were counted worthy to converse with Christ the Master,/most blessed one!/Having enlightened your mind with this radiance,/you received a splendor equal to that of the angels!/Now as you stand before Him, venerable one,/pray that we who celebrate your divine and most holy memory may stand with you,//and that He will grant the world great mercy! [OCA]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

We the multitudes of monastics honor you, O Savas, as our teacher and guide. For through you we have learned to walk the truly straight and narrow path. Blessed are you, who served Christ and triumphed over the power of the enemy. As you consort now with the Angels and dwell with the Devout and Righteous, pray with them to the Lord, that He have mercy on our souls. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

Lady, receive the supplications of your servants, and rescue us from all necessity and affliction. [SD]

**PRIEST**

**Song of Simeon.**

Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You

have prepared before the face of all peoples. A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. [NKJV]

**PEOPLE**

**Trisagion Prayers.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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. For the Devout Man.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Savas, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls. [SD]

*From Octoechos - - -*

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

Born of a Virgin, O Good One who also endured crucifixion for our sake, who by death took the spoils of death as plunder and showed resurrection, being God, O despise not the ones that You formed with Your own hand. Demonstrate Your love for man, O Lord of mercy, and accept Your Mother, the Theotokos, who intercedes on our behalf, O Savior, and save us a despairing people. [SD]

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

**PRIEST**

May the blessing and the mercy of the Lord come upon you by His divine grace and love for mankind, 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.

*Optional:*

**PRIEST**

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

**READER**

*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.*

**PRIEST**

Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope.  
Glory to You.

**READER**

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, our devout and God-bearing father Savas the Sanctified, whose memory we celebrate, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

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

*(Amen.)*