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**Menaion - December 5  
Memory of St. Savas the Sanctified**

**Katavasias of Christmas I**

**Text in English**

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**Menaion - December 5**

Memory of our Devout and God-bearing  
Father Savas the Sanctified

**MATINS**

**CHOIR**

**Mode pl. 4.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Apolytikion. For the 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]

Glory. **Repeat.**

From Octoechos - - -

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]

*The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e.  
Kathisma 13. It would be followed by the short litany.*

**PRIEST**

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(To You, O Lord.)*

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

*(Amen.)*

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma I.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 1. N/M (The soldiers.)**

When you completed your life on earth  
in a godly manner, / you were revealed  
to be a pure dwelling-place of the Spirit, /  
enlightening those who turn to you in faith! /  
Therefore, divinely wise Sabbas, our father, /  
beseech your Master, blessed one, // that He  
enlighten our souls as we sing hymns to you!

[OCA]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 1.** *The soldiers keeping watch.*

All we who run to you and with longing take refuge \* in your benevolence know that you are the Mother \* of God, and after giving birth are a virgin in very truth. \* Now we sinners have you as our only protection. \* In temptation we rely on you for salvation, \* O only all-blameless one. [SD]

*The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 14. It would be followed by the short litany.*

**PRIEST**

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**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.)*

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma II.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 4.** *N/M (By conceiving the wisdom.)*

You abandoned the turmoil of life and took your Cross upon your shoulders./You offered yourself completely to God!/You transcended the flesh and the world and

conversed with the Holy Spirit./Therefore you raised men up to fervor:/You emptied the cities and made cities in the desert!/Our God-bearing Father, pray to Christ our God that remission of sins//may be granted to those who celebrate your holy memory with love!

[OCA]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode pl. 4.** *Automelon.*

By conceiving the Wisdom and Word of God \* in your womb inexplicably, Mother of God, \* for the world's sake you carried Him who has the whole world in His hand, \* and in your arms you held Him who holds together the universe, \* which He provides with food, as its Creator and Lord. \* Therefore, O all-holy Virgin Mary, I pray you, \* that I be forgiven of my offences when I shall stand before Him who created me. \* O all-lauded Lady most pure, I implore you to assist me in that hour. \* I am sure you can accomplish whatever you wish. [SD]

**The Polyeleos.**

*Psalm 134 (135).*

*Psalm 135 (136).*

*Selected Psalm Verses*

**Selected Psalm Verses for Monastic Saints**

My supplication. Alleluia.

1. I waited patiently for the Lord, and He heeded me; and He heard my supplication. Alleluia. (39:2) [SAAS]

2. And He established my feet on a rock and kept straight my steps. Alleluia. (39:3) [SAAS]

3. Behold, I fled far away, and lodged in the wilderness. Alleluia. (54:8) [SAAS]

4. I kept watch, and have become like a sparrow alone on a housetop. Alleluia. (101:8)

[SAAS]

5. My tears were my bread day and night. Alleluia. (41:4) [SAAS]

6. My knees were weak from fasting, and my flesh was changed because of the oil. Alleluia. (108:24) [SAAS]

7. Every single night I will dampen my bed; I will drench my couch with my tears. Alleluia. (6:7) [SAAS]

8. I was cut down like grass, and my heart became withered. Alleluia. (101:5) [SAAS]

9. For I forgot to eat my bread. Alleluia. (101:5) [SAAS]

10. Because of the sound of my groaning, my bones cleaved to my flesh. Alleluia. (101:6) [SAAS]

11. I held to hard ways because of the words of Your lips. Alleluia. (16:4) [SAAS]

12. My soul thirsts for You. How often my flesh thirsts for You, in a desolate, impassable, and waterless land. Alleluia. (62:2) [SAAS]

13. My eyes fail me from hoping in my God. Alleluia. (68:4) [SAAS]

14. Many times they warred against me from my youth. Alleluia. (128:1) [SAAS]

15. But I put on sackcloth when they troubled me, and I humbled my soul with fasting. Alleluia. (34:13) [SAAS]

16. Know that the Lord made His holy one wondrous. Alleluia. (4:4) [SAAS]

17. For the Lord loves judgment, and He will not abandon His holy ones. Alleluia. (36:28) [SAAS]

18. The Lord keeps the souls of His saints. Alleluia. (96:10) [SAAS]

19. The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds. Alleluia. (149:5) [SAAS]

20. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy ones. Alleluia. (115:5) [SAAS]

21. His praise in the assembly of His holy ones. Alleluia. (149:1) [SAAS]

22. Sing praises to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness. Alleluia. (29:5) [SAAS]

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

**Mode 1.**

Let us bow in worship and adore \* the Father; likewise let us glorify \* the Son; and also let us praise \* the all-holy Spirit faithfully, \* crying out in unison, \* "Save us all, we implore, all-holy Trinity."

Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 1.**

We Your people now invoke the name \* of Your holy Mother entreating for us. \* O Good One, at her fervent prayers, \* send to us Your tender mercies, O Christ, \* so that we may glorify \* You, the hope of our souls, O Lord.

**PRIEST**

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(To You, O Lord.)*

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

### CHOIR

#### Kathisma III.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.** *By conceiving the wisdom.*

Even though you abandoned all things mundane, \* you were physically living within the world, \* but in spirit you became a partner of the Angels. \* For you killed the passions of the body, O blessed one, \* and thus became a servant of the all-holy Trinity. \* Now you cure the passions and the ills of the ailing. \* By God's grace you drive away evil spirits by word alone, \* holy God-bearing Father. \* Intercede with Christ our God \* that He grant forgiveness of offences \* to those who keep your all-holy memory with faith and love. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode pl. 4.** *By conceiving the wisdom.*

Let us sing hymns in praise of the holy ark \* and the heavenly gate and the shining cloud, \* the all-holy mountain, and the heavenly ladder, \* the rational Paradise, and the redemption of Eve, \* the magnificent treasure of the entire universe. \* For in her and through her for the world was salvation \* accomplished and forgiveness of its ancient

transgressions. \* Let us therefore cry out to her, \* "Intercede with your Son and our God \* that remission of offenses be bestowed \* on those who piously honor your immaculate childbirth." [SD]

### Antiphon I.

#### Mode 4.

Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2) [SD]

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2) [SD]

Glory.

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life, and through cleansing is lifted and brightened, in a hidden, sacred manner, by the trinal Monad. [SD]

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered. [SD]

### Prokeimenon. Psalm 115.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy one. (2)

**Verse:** *What shall I give back to the Lord for all He rendered to me?*

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

### DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

### PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, 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.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**Mode 2.**

Let everything that breathes praise the  
Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise  
the Lord. [SAAS]

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we  
may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

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

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy  
Gospel.

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

*(And with your spirit.)*

**PRIEST**

The reading is from the Holy Gospel  
according to Luke.

**DEACON**

Let us be attentive.

*(Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)*

**PRIEST** *(from the gate)*

**Lk. 6:17-23**

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place,  
with a great crowd of his disciples and a  
great multitude of people from all Judea and  
Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon,  
who came to hear him and to be healed of  
their diseases; and those who were troubled  
with unclean spirits were cured. And all the  
crowd sought to touch him, for power came  
forth from him and healed them all. And

he lifted up his eyes on His disciples, and  
said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the  
Kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger  
now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you  
that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed  
are you when men hate you, and when they  
exclude you and revile you, and cast out  
your name as evil, on account of the Son of  
man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for  
behold, your reward is great in heaven." [RSV]

*(Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)*

**READER**

**Psalms 50 (51).**

Have mercy on me, O God, according  
to Your great mercy; and according to the  
abundance of Your compassion, blot out my  
transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my  
lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For  
I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always  
before me. Against You only have I sinned  
and done evil in Your sight; that You may be  
justified in Your words, and overcome when  
You are judged. For behold, I was conceived  
in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore  
me. Behold, You love truth; You showed  
me the unknown and secret things of Your  
wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop,  
and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and  
I will be made whiter than snow. You shall  
make me hear joy and gladness; my bones  
that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn  
Your face from my sins, and blot out all my  
transgressions. Create in me a clean heart,  
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,



and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

From Menaion - - -

## CHOIR

Glory. **Mode 2.**

At the intercession of Your holy Ascetic, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.**

**Verse:** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.* [SAAS]

Devout Father, the proclamation of your achievements went forth into all the earth. For your labors you found the reward in heaven. You destroyed the arrays of demons, and you attained to the orders of the Angels, whose lifestyle you emulated blamelessly. Since you

have confidence before Christ our God, ask Him to grant peace to our souls. [SD]

## DEACON

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, 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. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

## CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. (12)



**PRIEST**

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Horologion - - -

**CHOIR**

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode i. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

Of old when the Israelite had crossed \* the watery passage as if over a tract of land, \* fleeing from the misery of Egypt, \* he cried: "To God our Redeemer, O let us sing." (2) [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

By many temptations am I distressed. \* Praying to be rescued, for salvation I run to you. \* O Virgin and Mother of the Logos, \* from all afflictions and evils deliver me. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Assaults from the passions unsettle me, \* and they fill my soul to overflowing with much despair. \* Quiet them, O undefiled Maiden, \* with the dispassionate calm of your Son and God. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

O Virgin who mothered our Savior God, \* I earnestly beg that I be rescued from my distress. \* For now as I flee to you for refuge, \* my soul and reason I lift up in ardent prayer.

[SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

My body and soul are alike diseased. \* Only Theotokos, count me worthy of your divine \* providence and gracious visitation,

\* since you are good and the Mother of Him who is good. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. N/M (The rod of Moses.)**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

Sabbas, enlighten us with the splendor of the Holy Spirit/as we praise you with hymns of love:/You are the boast of those who fast; the glory of monastics;/the adornment of the desert and teacher of piety! [OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You offered all your love to God from your youth/and made Him the object of all your desire./You rejoiced as you mortified the movements of the flesh/and the assaults of the passions, all-praised God-bearer Sabbas.

[OCA]

Glory.

You conquered the serpent hidden in the fruit,/trampling it down and passing easily over his traps./You took flight on the wings of faith, Father,/and you rejoiced as you partook of life in the garden of the Cross. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Death has laid hold on us with irresistible attacks,/but it drew near to your Child and perished!/It was destroyed as it rushed against Him!/You indeed gave birth to eternal Life incarnate, Virgin Theotokos! [OCA]

**Ode i. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

Christ is born; glorify Him! \* Christ is come from heaven; go and meet Him. \* Christ is on earth; arise to Him. \* Sing to the Lord, all you who dwell on the earth; \* and in merry spirits, O you peoples, praise His birth. \* For He is glorified. [SD]

From Horologion ---

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode iii. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

O divine Master Builder of the celestial vault, \* as the only Lover of mankind and Founder of the Church, \* establish me, O Lord, in love for You, the believers' \* firm support and ultimate object of all desire. (2) [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

I have named you the shelter and the defense of my life. \* Therefore, I entreat you, O virgin Maid who gave birth to God, \* conduct me to your port, \* originator of good things, \* the believers' firm support, \* only all-lauded one. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

I beseech you, O Virgin, dispel my soul's turbulence, \* also the tempestuous surging of grave despondency. \* For you, O Bride of God, \* gave birth to Christ who is Author \* of serene tranquility, \* only all-spotless one. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Pour the wealth of your goodness and benefactions on all, \* since you bore the great Benefactor, the Cause of every good. \* You carried in your womb \* Christ who is mighty in power; \* therefore you can do all things, \* O Lady blest by God. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

I implore you to help me as I am now being tried \* by distressing ailments, O Virgin, and morbid suffering. \* For I know you to be \* an inexhaustible treasure \* plenteous in remedies, \* only all-blameless one. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 4. N/M (In the beginning.)**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You set your mind as master over the passions, most wealthy one, / revealing yourself to be a dispenser of justice, / for you openly subjected what is lower to what is higher. / Therefore, Father, you flourished like a palm tree in the desert. [OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You resolved to follow in the steps of the Master / and left your native land. / You made your dwelling in the desert, / winning a victory over the adversaries, / strengthened by the power of God! [OCA]

Glory.

Made strong by steadfastness of mind, most blessed one, / you denounced the various wiles of the enemy: / you unmasked them in the sight of all, / destroying his overpowering insolence, O wise one. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

You have been known as indeed the wonderful gate / of the dispensation of the Word Who saves us. / For you have brought forth for us, Virgin Mother, / the spiritual Ray of the all-divine Godhead. [OCA]

**Ode iii. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

To the Son, begotten \* without flux, of the Father, before the ages, \* and who was lately made incarnate \* of the Virgin without seed; \* to Christ God now let us cry aloud: \* You have exalted the horn of our strength. Only You are holy, O Lord. [SD]

**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 you are our 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.)*

Mid-Ode Kathisma or Hypakoe

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 4.** *N/M (By conceiving the wisdom.)*

You abandoned the turmoil of life and took your Cross upon your shoulders./You offered yourself completely to God!/You transcended the flesh and the world and conversed with the Holy Spirit./Therefore you raised men up to fervor:/You emptied the cities and made cities in the desert!/Our God-bearing Father, pray to Christ our God that remission of sins//may be granted to those who celebrate your holy memory with love!

[OCA]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode pl. 4.** *N/M (By conceiving the wisdom.)*

O Virgin, from the time I was an infant, I who am defiled have polluted this lowly soul of mine, and I have soiled myself by words and deeds, and I am at a loss, what to do, where to run, except that I know no hope other than you. Woe to me, worthless servant that I am!. That is why I now come to you as a suppliant, O all-immaculate Lady, and I entreat you and confess to you that I have sinned. Intercede with your Son and our God, that He grant to me forgiveness of my sins. O Virgin, I have set my every hope on you. [SD]

From Horologion ---

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode iv. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

I have heard the report, O Lord, \* of Your incarnation, which is a mystery. \* I considered Your astounding works, \* and I glorified Your divinity. (2) [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

I entreat you, O Bride of God \* who have borne the Helmsman and Lord, to pacify \* the confusion that my passions bring \* and the surging waves of my iniquities. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

You have borne the compassionate \* Lord who is the Savior of all who sing your praise. \* Hence, bestow upon me the abyss \* of your own compassion which I now invoke. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

We who know you, O wholly pure \* Virgin, to be truly the Mother of our God, \* have enjoyed so many gifts from you. \* Hence, we sing this canticle of gratitude. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

In possessing you as our hope \* and  
the stable buttress and solid battlement \* of  
salvation, O all-lauded one, \* we are liberated  
from all misery. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. N/M (You are my strength.)**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You cleansed and expanded the state of  
your soul with Godly visions;/you indeed  
built it into a dwelling place of divine gifts,  
divinely blessed one./As a follower of the  
Master,/by laying on your hands, you healed  
the afflicted. [OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

The one who spoke against you in  
arrogance, Father,/was swallowed up like  
the wretched Dathan/and was destroyed  
like Abiram,/for the grace of God, intending  
the salvation of many,/invisibly preserved  
you,/most blessed, glorious and divinely-wise  
Sabbas. [OCA]

Glory.

Divinely spoken one, you chastened your  
senses with the Law of God./You directed  
your skillful thought/to the knowledge of  
bodiless and spiritual things./You went  
without hindrance from glory to glory/and  
from strength to strength, O Father. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

You have been revealed as a newly  
created and beautiful paradise,/for you  
divinely bear within your womb/and give  
birth to the Tree of Life planted there./It  
pours out the hope of salvation on all/who  
with faith know you to be the Theotokos! [OCA]

**Ode iv. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

Jesse's root produced a branch, O Christ, \*  
and You its flower blossomed forth, \* from the  
Virgin who by Habakkuk prophetically once  
was called \* overshadowed, dense mountain.  
\* From her who knew not man You came  
incarnate, \* the immaterial God. \* Glory to  
Your power, O Lord. [SD]

From Horologion - - -

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode v. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

Sovereign Lord our God, \* as the One who  
loves humanity, \* with your commandments  
enlighten us, we pray; \* and also grant us \*  
Your peace with Your own uplifted arm. (2)

[SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Since you bore the prime \* Source of  
happiness, impart to me, \* O pure Maid, your  
unadulterated joy. \* And fill my heart now \* to  
overflowing with your happiness. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Mother of our God, \* do redeem us from  
all jeopardy, \* since the eternal Redemption  
you have borne, \* and Peace that passes \* all  
understanding, O Virgin pure. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Dissipate the gloom \* of my trespasses,  
O Bride of God, \* with the effulgence of your  
irradiance, \* being the Mother \* of the divine  
pre-eternal Light. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Cure the weakness wreaked \* by my  
passions, O pure virgin Maid. \* Account me  
worthy of your solicitude, \* and by your  
earnest \* intercessions give me health again. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. N/M (Why, O Lord.)**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You sent steady thought towards Him  
Whom you desired / and from Him you  
received the certain grace of splendid  
miracles. / Father, you have compassionately  
healed those / who turn to you in faith, O  
venerable one. [OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You put away the heavy coarseness of  
the flesh, / becoming a divinely fashioned and  
chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit. / Wondrous  
one, you were adorned with abstinence from  
foods, / with patience and chastity. [OCA]

Glory.

You were appointed to be the loud herald /  
of the divine dogmas of the Councils, Father. /  
You participated with the saints, blessed one, /  
and enlightened emperors, / to whom you  
were clearly shown to be protected by the  
grace of God. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

All pure one, intercessor for the faithful, /  
indestructible rampart of those that praise  
you, / save my soul, since you gave birth in the  
body to God, / the Salvation revealed to the  
whole human race! [OCA]

**Ode v. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

God of peace and Father of mercies,  
Your Son \* You have sent unto us as Your  
messenger, \* the Angel of great counsel who  
is granting peace. \* Therefore having been  
guided to the light of godly knowledge, \*  
waking from the night to dawn, we sing Your  
glory, O Lover of man. [SD]

From Horologion - - -

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

I pour out my supplication to the Lord, \*  
and I tell Him all about my afflictions, \* and  
that my soul has been flooded with evils, \*  
and that my life has come close to being in  
hell. \* Like Prophet Jonah, I entreat, \* "Raise  
me up from corruption, O Lord my God." (2)

[SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Solicit \* your Son and Lord to rescue me  
\* from the enemies' malignance, O Virgin, \*  
as He redeemed out of death and corruption  
\* my human nature held down by mortality  
\* and overpowered by decay, \* having freely  
submitted Himself to death. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

O Virgin, \* I know you well as Patroness  
\* of my life and most reliable sentry. \* For you  
disperse a great throng of temptations, \* and  
spiteful treatment by demons you drive away.  
\* And constantly do I entreat \* to be saved  
from my passions' depravity. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

We have you \* as a protective citadel \*  
and the absolute salvation, O Maiden, \* of our  
souls, and in straits as a broad way. \* And in  
your light we unceasingly jubilate. \* And now,  
O Lady, we beseech, \* from the passions and  
perils deliver us. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

I lie now \* in failing health upon my bed,  
\* and there is no cure for my ailing body. \* But  
I entreat, O good Lady who gave birth \* to the  
Reliever of illnesses, who is God \* the Savior



of the world, and plead: \* raise me up from the ravages of disease. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. N/M** (*Be gracious to me.*)

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You acquired love for God and neighbor,/ fulfilling the chief precepts of the Law and the prophets./ Father, you achieved the virtue that cannot be attained,/ surpassing all others! [OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You reached a life on earth equal to that of the angels/ and Christ has given you honor equal to theirs,/ sending your soul as a companion in the ranks of the holy ones. [OCA]

Glory.

You were revealed to be a child of wisdom,/ for you desired the beginning of wisdom: the fear of God./ You were strengthened by that O Father,/ and attained the perfection permitted to men. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Pure Lady, you gave birth to God,/ the Savior and Deliverer of all Who took our flesh upon Himself./ Save those who call upon you from misfortune. [OCA]

**Ode vi. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

Such as it received \* Jonah as an embryo, the sea beast disgorged him from its bowels intact. \* With the Virgin, though, when the Logos had dwelt in her taking on flesh, \* He came forth from her preserving her yet incorrupt. \* For from her no fluxion suffered He, \* and He kept her unaltered in childbirth.

[SD]

**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 You are the King of peace and the savior of our souls, 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.)*

From Menaion - - -

**READER**

**Kontakion.**

**Mode pl. 4. O Champion General.**

Since to God, who knew about you before you were born, you were through virtue offered as a blameless sacrifice from the time you were an infant, O blessed Savas, you became the pride and joy of the ascetic saints, the praiseworthy populator of the wilderness. Hence I cry to you, Rejoice, O Father extolled by all. [SD]

**Oikos.**

As the offshoot of wisdom, O devout Savas, from childhood you longed for the hypostatic Wisdom. When it dwelt with you, it separated you from the earth and led you up on high, and weaved for you a garland of immaterial flowers and laid it on your



hallowed head, O Godly-minded man. Being thus decorated, propitiate God, that I might worthily be given wisdom of speech, so that I may extol your holy Dormition which Christ our God glorified. Therefore we cry to you, Rejoice, O Father extolled by all. [SD]

**Synaxarion.**

*From the Menaion.*

On December 5, we commemorate our devout father Savas the Sanctified.

On this day we also commemorate the holy martyr Anastasios.

On this day the holy martyr Diogenes died by stoning.

On this day the holy martyr Averkios died by the sword.

On this day devout St. Nonnos reposed in peace.

Devout St. Gratos reposed in peace.

We also commemorate our devout father Nektarios of Mt. Athos.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

*From Horologion - - -*

**CHOIR**

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode vii. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

Those Servants from Judea, \* who of old were deported and sent to Babylon, \* once treaded on the fire \* of the furnace by holding \* to the faith in the Trinity \* and chanted: Blessed are You the God of our fathers. (2) [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

As You wished our salvation \* to be thusly dispensed, You abode within the womb \* of the all-holy Virgin \* whom You have

manifested \* to the world as our patroness. \* O Savior, blessed are You \* the God of our fathers. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

O pure Mother, implore Him \* unto Whom you gave birth, Who delights in steadfast love, \* to free from their offenses \* and from their souls' defilements \* those who cry out in faith and say \* to Him: O blessed are You \* the God of our fathers. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

You have shown forth Your Mother \* as a tower of safety, salvation's treasury, \* a spring of incorruption, \* the doorway of repentance \* unto all those who cry aloud \* and say: O blessed are You \* the God of our fathers. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Unto us you delivered \* Christ the Savior; and hence we entreat you: Deign to heal \* the bodily diseases \* and spiritual ailments \* of your servants who earnestly \* to your divine shelter run, \* O Lady Theotokos. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

*From Menaion - - -*

**Mode pl. 4. N/M (The fire in Babylon.)**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

You put away passing things / and were rewarded with those which are eternal. / Since you led an angelic life, / you join the chorus with the angels. / Together with them, you sing: / Blessed are You, God of our fathers! [OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

Your great and most honorable lavra cries out to the Lord in thanksgiving, / presenting you as its inhabitant, founder and citizen. /

Wise one, it cries out in praise:/Blessed are  
You, God of our fathers! [OCA]

Glory.

Most wise Sabbas, ever entreat the Lord/  
for the sake of the flock you have gathered./  
Earnestly pray that your labors may be  
preserved forever/for those who bear fruit  
and cry out with love:/Blessed are You, God  
of our fathers! [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

With true reason, we call you the bridal  
chamber,/the banquet hall and throne of the  
Word's incarnation./Your purity is ineffable  
and we rejoice to cry to your Son:/Blessed are  
You, God of our fathers! [OCA]

**Ode vii. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

The Servants nurtured piously together,  
\* with contempt regarding the impious  
king's decree, \* intrepidly faced the threat of  
holocaust, \* and while standing in the midst of  
flames they chanted thus, \* saying: O God of  
the fathers, You are blessed. [SD]

From Horologion - - -

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode viii. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

O praise and bless Him \* who by the  
armies of Angels \* is extolled as King of the  
heavens, \* supremely exalting Him unto all  
the ages. (2) [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Do not disdain us \* who need the help  
that you offer, \* virgin Maiden, and who bless  
and extol you, \* supremely exalting you unto  
all the ages. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Virgin, you pour out \* your great  
abundance of healings \* over those who

faithfully extol you \* and exalt supremely  
your ineffable childbirth. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

You heal the sicknesses \* of my soul, O  
pure Virgin, \* and the physical pains that  
afflict me. \* Hence I glorify you the highly  
favored Maiden. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

You drive away from us \* the assaults of  
temptations \* and the onsets of passions, O  
Virgin. \* Therefore do we praise you in hymns  
throughout the ages. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. N/M (The tyrant king.)**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

The ranks of the Saints joyfully precede  
your most pure soul,/leading it on it's way  
to the place of rest,/to luminous dwellings,  
where the choirs of Saints are./With them  
now you sing:/Priests, praise Christ;/people  
exalt Him above all forever! [OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

Strange are your miracles, God-bearer:/  
You tamed wild beasts, for you had stilled  
the waves of the passions./With your gift  
of prophecy you foretold things to come!/  
Casting out the ranks of demons,/you  
wounded them with your truly powerful  
vigils, prayers and fasts/and with the  
invincible weapon of the Cross! [OCA]

Glory.

He who spoke of old to Moses from the  
pillar of cloud and fire,/showed you to be a  
most splendid pillar,/reaching from the earth  
where your patient and long-suffering body

lies,/to the heavens./We stand before your  
relics in confidence and chant with faith:/  
People, exalt Christ above all forever! [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

You remained Virgin and gave birth  
without knowing a man!/By your strange  
childbearing you have brought all together,/   
abolishing the conflict of time and great  
distance,/bearing in your womb Christ, the  
Giver of peace!/We sing hymns to Him in  
faith and exalt Him above all forever! [OCA]

**Ode viii. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

*We praise and we bless and we worship the  
Lord.*

Babylon's bedewing furnace bore the  
image \* of an extraordinary wonder. \* For  
it did not burn the youths it accepted, \*  
nor did the fire of Divinity consume the  
Virgin's womb wherein it went. \* So let us  
melodiously chant in praise: \* Let all creation  
bless and extol the Lord, \* and let it exalt Him  
supremely to the ages. [SD]

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

**Ode ix.**

**Megalyrnarion. Mode pl. 4.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From Horologion - - -

**Canon for the Theotokos.**

**Ode ix. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

You are the Theotokos \* lit'rally, O Virgin; \* and we confess it, for we have been saved through you \* whom we, O pure one, with choirs of angels magnify. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Do not dismiss the river \* of my tears, O Virgin. \* For in your womb you conceived and you carried Christ \* the Lord who takes every teardrop away from every face. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

With joy, all-holy Virgin, \* fill my heart to fullness, \* having received, O pure Maiden, the fullness of joy \* and thereby causing the sorrow of sin to disappear. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

For those who flee for safety \* unto you, O Virgin, \* be a retreat and a fortress immovable, \* defense and shelter and refuge and joyous ecstasy. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

With rays of your effulgence \* brighten us, O Virgin, \* who in the Orthodox manner declare you to be \* the Theotokos who drives out the gloom of ignorance. [SD]

*Most-holy Theotokos, save us.*

Restore my health, O Virgin; \* for because of illness, \* I am reduced to a state of tormenting pain. \* Transform my feeble condition into vitality. [SD]

**Canon for the Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. N/M (The heavens.)**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

Your shrine sends out a sweet spiritual fragrance,/Bringing fruitful joy to your children who ardently surround you,/commemorating your angelic sojourn on earth, venerable one,/and the radiance, glory and eternal beauty that were granted to you!

[OCA]

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

Father, water sprang forth in the desert/and the parched earth became moist, transformed by your prayers!/Legions of fasters inhabit it as though it were a river valley/and the land of the Jordan blossoms as a lily/watered by your tears. [OCA]

Glory.

The splendor of heavenly saints shone on you,/for you were a righteous man, O Father./You openly loved the true righteousness of Christ:/following His way of life, most blessed one,/you imitated His life-giving holiness as far as you were able. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Pure one, you are more highly exalted than all mortals/in your incomparable excellence,/for in your womb, you contained God,/the Creator of all creation./Pray to Him, for He is merciful,/that He may grant His

Churches unity of mind, peace and serene well-being. [OCA]

**Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 1.**

*O my soul, magnify her who is greater in honor and in glory than the armies of heaven.*

I see here a strange and paradoxical mystery. \* For, behold, the grotto is heaven; \* cherubic throne is the Virgin; \* the manger a grand space \* in which Christ our God the uncontainable reclined as a babe; \* Whom in extolling do we magnify. [SD]

**DEACON**

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST**

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

*(Amen.)*

**CHOIR**

**Exaposteilarion.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 3. N/M (The Elder.)**

You made the desert a city, divinely-wise Father Sabbas, / with your ways of loving wisdom! / Adornment of the fathers, /

you made it a perfect spiritual paradise, / blossoming with the divine flowers of those with similar ways, / who fittingly celebrate your holy memory! [OCA]

**Another.**

**Mode 3. O Logos, light unaltered.**

Let the wilderness rejoice \* and blossom forth like a lily; \* for you have increased her children, \* O Godly-minded Savas.\* And let the region of Jordan \* today be joyfully exultant \* at your divine memorial. [SD]

**Theotokion.**

**Mode 3. O Logos, light unaltered.**

O Tower fashioned of pure gold, \* and City which has a twelvefold wall, \* O Throne aglitter with sunshine, \* magnificent Chair of the King, \* incomprehensible wonder, \* how did you nurse the Master? [SD]

**Lauds. Mode 1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Stichera. For the Devout Woman.**

From Menaion - - -

### **Mode 1. For the celestial orders.**

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

The Godly-minded Saint Savas, being a sojourner, \* disdaining earthly matters \* and in love with the heavens, \* and a desert-dweller, invites us all \* to observe the time-honored day \* of his departure to God and to celebrate \* his memorial with faith and love.

[SD]

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

The Godly-minded Saint Savas, being a sojourner, \* disdaining earthly matters \* and in love with the heavens, \* and a desert-dweller, invites us all \* to observe the time-honored day \* of his departure to God and to celebrate \* his memorial with faith and love.

[SD]

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

Since you became by your virtues outside the flesh and the world \* and did throughout your lifetime \* glorify through those virtues \* the Lord of glory, worthily He in turn \* glorified you and showed you forth \* as a divine spring of healings for us on earth, \* Father Savas, wise and God-inspired. [SD]

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

Modest and innocent, gentle, simple and quiet too, \* in superhuman measure, were you truly, O Father. \* You were known as worthy in every way, \* as a spiritual house of God, \*



while yet material. And sympathetically \* you transmit to us the gifts He gave you. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 2.**

Devout Father, the proclamation of your achievements went forth into all the earth. For your labors you found the reward in heaven. You destroyed the arrays of demons, and you attained to the orders of the Angels, whose lifestyle you emulated blamelessly. Since you have confidence before Christ our God, ask Him to grant peace to our souls. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Theotokos, you are the true vine that produced the fruit of life. Lady, we fervently entreat you to intercede along with the devout one and all the saints, that our souls be treated mercifully. [SD]

**Great Doxology**

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

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.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**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]

**DEACON**

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

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

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

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

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

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

**PRIEST**

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

*(Amen.)*

**DEACON**

Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST**

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

*(Amen.)*

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

*(And with your spirit.)*

**DEACON**

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

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

Holy Lord, dwelling on high and beholding things below and, with your eye that observes all, keeping watch over the whole creation, to you we have bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we beseech you, O Holy of Holies: Stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling and bless us all. And, as you are good and love humankind, pardon us if we have sinned in anything, voluntarily or involuntarily, granting us your blessings both of this world and of the world above.

**PRIEST**

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

*(Amen.)*

**DEACON**

Wisdom.

*(Father, bless!)*

**PRIEST**

Blessed are You, Christ our God, always now and forever and to the ages of ages.  
*(Amen.)*

Make firm, Lord our God, the holy and pure faith of the pious Orthodox Christians, together with the Holy Church and this city forever.

**READER**

Amen.

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3) Father, bless!

**PRIEST**

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, 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.)*