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Μηναῖον - ΤΗΙ ΚΤ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τῶν Ἁγίων δέκα Μαρτύρων τῶν ἐν Κρήτῃ

ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

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

Ψαλμὸς ΡΓ' (103).

Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον.
Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα.
Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον.
Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὥσει δέρῳ, ὁ στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασι τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ.
Ὅ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων.
Ὁ ποιῶν τοὺς Ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα, καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς φλόγα.
Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γῆν ἐπὶ τὴν ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.
Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων στήσονται ὕδατα.
Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμήσεώς σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν.
Ἀναβαίνουνσιν ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουνσι πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν

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PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

READER

Come, let us worship and bow down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalms 103 (104).

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly; You clothe Yourself with thanksgiving and majesty, who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, who stretch out the heavens like a curtain; You are He who covers His upper chambers with water, who makes the clouds His means of approach, who walks on the wings of the winds, who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. He established the earth on its stable foundation; it shall not be moved unto ages of ages. The deep like a garment is His covering; the waters shall stand upon the mountains; at Your rebuke they shall flee; at the sound of Your thunder, they shall be afraid. The mountains rise up, and the plains sink down to the place You founded for them. You set

ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ
παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι
καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων
πηγὰς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὀρέων
διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ
θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέξονται ὄναγροι
εἰς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ
τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου
τῶν πετρῶν δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων
ὄρη ἐκ τῶν ὑπερώων αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ καρποῦ
τῶν ἔργων σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ
ἐξανατέλλων χόρτον τοῖς κτήνεσι, καὶ
χλόην τῇ δουλείᾳ τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Τοῦ
ἐξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ οἶνος
εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου. Τοῦ ἱλαρύναι
πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίῳ, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν
ἀνθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται τὰ
ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, ὥς
ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύουσιν,
τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὅρη
τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ
τοῖς λαγωαῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιροῦς,
ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος,
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται
πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι
ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπᾶσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ
τῷ Θεῷ βρῶσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος,
καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας
αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται
ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ
τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς
ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα
ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς
κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη
καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν
ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ
πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος,
ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα

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

πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφὴν αὐτῶν εἰς εὐκαιρον, δόντος σου αὐτοῖς συλλέξουσιν. Ἀνοίξαντός σου τὴν χεῖρα, τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος, ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ πρόσωπον, ταραχθήσονται. Ἀντανελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν χοῦν αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ ἀνακαινιεῖς τὸ πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς. Ἦτω ἡ δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, εὐφρανθήσεται Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποιῶν αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ὁ ἀπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ καπνίζονται. Αἰσῶ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω. Ἦδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογία μου, ἐγὼ δὲ εὐφρανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείποιεν ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτοῦς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον.

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

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε· πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

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

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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

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

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

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

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

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (μυστικῶς)

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

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

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

PRIEST (inaudibly)

1st Prayer

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

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

2nd Prayer

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

προσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ

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

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

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

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

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

5th Prayer

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

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

6th Prayer

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

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗ

Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὑψιστος, ὁ μόνος
ἔχων ἀθανασίαν, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ
πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφίᾳ δημιουργήσας.
Ὁ διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ
ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον
θέμενος εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην
δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός· ὁ
καταξιώσας ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ
ἐπὶ τῆς παρούσης ὥρας προφθάσαι τὸ
πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν
ἐσπερινὴν σοι δοξολογίαν προσαγαγεῖν·
αὐτός, φιλάνθρωπε Κύριε, κατεύθυνον
τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν
σου καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὁσμὴν
εὐωδίας. Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν
ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν ἐπιούσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικὴν·
ἐνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός· ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς
ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντός
πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου· καὶ
δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπαυσιν τῇ
ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν ἐδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς
φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Ναί, Δέσποτα
τῶν ἀπάντων, τῶν ἀγαθῶν χορηγέ· ἵνα,
καὶ ἐπὶ ταῖς κοίταις ἡμῶν κατανυγόμενοι,
μνημονεύωμεν ἐν νυκτὶ τοῦ ὀνόματός
σου, καὶ τῇ μελέτῃ τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν
καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς
διανιστῶμεν πρὸς δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς
ἀγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ ἱκεσίας τῇ σῇ
εὐσπλαγχνίᾳ προσάγοντες ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων
ἁμαρτημάτων καὶ παντός τοῦ λαοῦ σου,
ὃν ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου ἐν
ἐλέει ἐπίσκεψαι.

Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of
ages. Amen. ^[EL]

7th Prayer

Great and most high God, who
alone possess immortality, who dwell
in unapproachable light, who fashioned
all creation with wisdom, who made the
separation between the light and the darkness
and who placed the sun to have authority
over the day and the moon and the stars
to have authority over the night, who have
counted us sinners worthy even at this
present hour to come into your presence with
confession and thanksgiving and to offer
you our evening hymn of glory; do you, O
Lord who love mankind, direct our prayer
like incense before you and accept it as a
savour of sweet fragrance. Grant us that the
present evening and the coming night may
be peaceful, clothe us with weapons of light,
deliver us from every night-time fear and
from every deed that walks in darkness. And
give us sleep, which you have bestowed on us
for our rest in our weakness, freed from every
fantasy of the devil. Yes, Master of all things,
giver of blessings, may we also be filled with
compunction on our beds and call to mind
your Name in the night, and enlightened by
meditation on your commandments may we
rise with gladness of soul to give glory to
your loving-kindness, as we bring to your
compassion supplications and entreaties on
behalf of our own sins and those of all your
people. At the prayers of the holy Mother of
God visit them with mercy. ^[EL]

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

*Πληρωθέντος τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ Ψαλμοῦ, ὁ μὲν
Τερεὺς παραμένει ἐν εὐλαβείᾳ ἐνώπιον τῆς ἀγίας
Τραπεζῆς, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς τὸ Τερέα,
καὶ ἐξελθὼν τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς βορείας
πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ὁραίας πύλης, καὶ βλέπων
κατ' ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Χριστοῦ, λέγει τὴν
Μεγάλην Συναπτὴν, ἥτοι τὰ "Εἰρηνικά."*

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

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

DEACON

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος δ'.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν
μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε,
ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου·
πρόσχες τῇ φωνῇ τῆς δεήσεώς μου, ἐν τῷ
κεκραγέναι με πρὸς σέ. Εἰσάκουσόν μου,
Κύριε.

Κατευθυνθήτω ἡ προσευχή μου, ὡς
θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου, ἔπαρσις τῶν χειρῶν
μου θυσία ἑσπερινή. Εἰσάκουσόν μου,
Κύριε.

For those who travel by land, sea, and air,
for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for
their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our deliverance from all affliction,
wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to
the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For to You belong all glory, honor, and
worship, to the Father and to the Son and to
the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the
ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Mode 4.

Lord, I have cried to You; hear me. Hear
me, O Lord. Lord, I have cried to You; hear
me. Give heed to the voice of my supplication
when I cry to You. Hear me, O Lord. [SAAS]

Let my prayer be set forth before You
as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the
evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord. [SAAS]

Θοῦ, Κύριε, φυλακὴν τῷ στόματί μου, καὶ θύραν περιοχῆς περὶ τὰ χεῖλη μου.

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

Σὺν ἀνθρώποις ἐργαζομένοις τὴν ἀνομίαν, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνδυάσω μετὰ τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν αὐτῶν.

Παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἐλέγξει με, ἔλαιον δὲ ἁμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλὴν μου.

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

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν· ὥσεί πάχος γῆς ἐρῶράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὀστᾶ αὐτῶν παρὰ τὸν ἄδην.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

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

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

Πρόσχεες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

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

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.

Στιχηρά. Προεόρτια.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος δ'. Ὁ ἐξ ὑψίστου κληθεῖς.

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

Τοῦ Ἡσαΐου φωνὴ ἀποπληροῦται· ἰδοὺ ἡ Παρθένος γάρ, τὸν ἀπερίληπτον, περιγραφόμενον σώματι, ἐν μήτρᾳ φέρει, καὶ παραδόξως τεκεῖν ἐπείγεται, θεόδεκτον Σπήλαιον προευτρεπίσθητι, ἡ Βηθλεὲμ ἐτοιμάσθητι· ὁ Βασιλεὺς γάρ, σὲ ἡρετίσατο εἰς κατοίκησιν. Δέχου ἡ φάτνη σπαργανούμενον, βρέφος Χριστὸν λύειν μέλλοντα, τὰς σειράς τῶν πταισμάτων, τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀγαθότητι.

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

Ἡ φωτεινὴ τε καὶ ἔμψυχος νεφέλη, τὸν ὄμβρον βασιτάζουσα τὸν ἐπουράνιον, τοῦτον ἐν γῇ νῦν προέρχεται, ἐναποστάξαι, ὅπως ἀρδεύσῃ ταύτης τὸ πρόσωπον. Τὸ ἔαρ τῆς χάριτος, ἡ νοητὴ χελιδὼν, ἔνδον ἐν σπλάγχνοις κατέχουσα, ἀρρήτῳ λόγῳ, ἐναποτίκτει χειμῶνα ἄθρον, διασκεδάζον, τὸ Παλάτιον, τὸ καθαρόν καὶ

Stichera. For the Forefeast.

From Menaion - - -

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

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

Now is fulfilled the saying of Isaiah the prophet:/The uncircumscribed Lord is enclosed in the womb of the Virgin:/She hastens to give Him birth most wondrously./Let the divine cavern be prepared;/make ready, O Bethlehem:/the King delights to take up his abode in you;/manger, receive Christ as a babe in swaddling bands, //Who in his goodness comes to loose men from the chains of sin. [OCA]

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

The radiant and life-bearing cloud/ carrying the heavenly rain/now comes forth to shed Him upon the earth/that He may water the face of the ground:/she is the flower of grace and the spiritual spring!/She disperses the winter of godlessness,/bearing in her womb Him Who was conceived by a

ἀμίαντον, Βασιλέα Σπηλαίω, ἐπεισάγει
σωματούμενον.

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

Συναπεγράφης τοῖς δούλοις ὁ
Δεσπότης, πταισμάτων χειρόγραφον,
σχίσαι βουλόμενος, καὶ ἀπογράψασθαι
ἅπαντας, ἐν βίβλῳ ζώντων, θανατωθέντας
κλοπῇ τοῦ ὄφεως· Παρθένος δὲ φέρει
σε, τὸν πάντα φέροντα, σάρκα θνητὴν
περικείμενον, καὶ καταλύειν, σμικρῷ
Σπηλαίῳ· ἐπευδοκήσαντα· ὃν γεννηθέντα,
τάξεις ἄνωθεν, Ἀγγελικαὶ ἀνυμνήσουσι,
μετὰ θείων Ποιμένων, ἐκκληττόμεναι τὸ
κράτος σου.

Τῶν Μαρτύρων.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος δ'. Ὡς γενναῖον ἐν Μάρτυσι.

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

Ἡ δεκάς ἡ θεόλεκτος, καὶ λαμπὰς
ἡ δεκάπυρρος, ἡ ταῖς θείαις λάμπεσι
καταυγάζουσα, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τὸ
πλήρωμα, οἱ στῦλοι οἱ ἄσειστοι, οἱ ἀστέρες
οἱ φαιδροί, οἱ τὴν γῆν οὐρανώσαντες,
ταῖς λαμπρότησι, τῶν μεγίστων ἀγώνων
ἐγκωμίαις, ἱεροῖς μεγαλοφώνως,
ἀνευφημείσθωσαν σήμερον.

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

Εὐφημείσθω Θεόδουλος, Ζωτικός
τε καὶ Πόμπιος, Βασιλείδης Εὐπορος,
Ἀγαθόπους τε, καὶ Σατορνίνος Γελάσιος,
καὶ θεῖος Εὐάρεστος, μεθ' ὧν Εὐνικιανός,
νῦν τιμάσθωσαν ἄσμασιν· οἱ πανεύδιοι,

wondrous Word: // the royal palace brings into
the cave the incarnate King! [OCA]

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

Wishing to destroy the bond of our sins, /
You, Master, were enrolled by your servants, /
inscribing in the book of life / all who were
held in death by the serpent's deceit. / You
uphold all things and are clothed in mortal
flesh, borne by a Virgin: / She accepts to lodge
in a small cave to give You birth! / The host of
angels from on high sing with the shepherds, //
trembling before your power. [OCA]

For the Martyrs.

From Menaion - -

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

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

On this day let the group of ten holy
Martyrs elect of God be extolled in sacred
hymns of praise sung with uplifted voices.
They are a lamp with ten flames, which
illuminates the complement of the Church with
divine rays; they are unshaken pillars, and
bright stars that made earth like heaven, by
the brilliance of their great contests. [SD]

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

Let us extol the holy Martyrs: Theodoulos,
Zotikos, and Pompey, Vasilides and Eforos,
Agathopus, Saturninos, Gelasios, Evarestos,
and Evnikianos; and let us honor them now
in song. They are a calm harbor in the storm.

τῶν ἐν ζάλῃ λιμένες, οἱ τὴν πλάνην,
στηλιτεύσαντες καὶ στέφος, νικητικὸν
κομισάμενοι.

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

Τὰ τῆς Κρήτης βλαστήματα, Ἐκκλησίας
ἐρείσματα, καὶ πιστῶν ἀμάραντα
ὠραῖσματα, τοῦ Παραδείσου ἡδύπνοα, τὰ
ἄνθη τὰ τίμια, τὰ εὐπρόσδεκτα Χριστοῦ, καὶ
τερπνότατα σφάγια, ἀναθήματα, οὐρανίου
ναοῦ τε τὴν δεκάδα, τῆς Τριάδος τὴν Ἀγίαν,
τοὺς Ἀθλοφόρους ὑμνήσωμεν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος β’.

Κρήτη προεορτάζει σήμερον, τὰ
Γενέθλια Χριστοῦ, ἐν τῇ μνήμῃ τῶν
Ἀθλοφόρων· διὸ εὐχαῖς αὐτῶν Κύριε, σῶσον
τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος β’.

Βηθλεὲμ γῇ Ἰούδα, τὸ κατὰ σάρκα
πολίτευμα, φαιδρῶς εὐτρέπισον τὸ θεῖον
Σπῆλαιον, ἐν ᾧ Χριστὸς σαρκὶ τίκτεται, ἐξ
ἀπειράνδρου ἁγίας Παρθένου, εἰς τὸ σῶσαι
τὸ γένος ἡμῶν.

(Εἵσοδος οὐ γίνεται.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἁγίας δόξης, ἀθανάτου
Πατρός, οὐρανίου, ἁγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ
Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν,
ιδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα,
Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν

They exposed deceptive error, and they
received crowns of victory. [SD]

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

Let us extol the medal-winning Martyrs,
the offspring of Crete, the supporters of
the Church, the unfading ornaments of
the faithful, the precious fragrant flowers
of Paradise, the finest sacrificial victims
acceptable to Christ, those ten holy men
dedicated in the celestial temple to the Trinity.

[SD]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode 2.

Today, Crete celebrates the fore-feast
of the Birth of Christ, in the memory of its
medal-winning Martyrs. Therefore we entreat
You, Lord, that by their prayers You save our
souls. [SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

Mode 2.

Bethlehem, land of Judah, / prepare the
divine cavern / as a dwelling for God to be
born in the flesh / from a Virgin who knew not
a man // in order to save mankind. [OCA]

(No Entrance)

READER

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

πᾶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίοις,
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ
δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

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

Στίχ. Οἱ ἐστῶτες ἐν οἴκῳ Κυρίου, ἐν
ἀνταίῃ οἶκον Θεοῦ ἡμῶν.

Ἴδου δὴ εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, πάντες οἱ
δοῦλοι Κυρίου.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν
ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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. 4.

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

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

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

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.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

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.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλίνας οὐρανούς καὶ
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
ἐπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλοανθρώπῳ κριτῇ
οἱ σοὶ δούλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ
αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων
ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες
ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν·
οὓς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν
παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα,
ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης
ἐνεργίας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ
ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἴη τὸ κράτος τῆς βασιλείας σου
εὐλογημένον καὶ δεδοξασμένον, τοῦ
Πατρὸς, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου
Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας
τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος πλ. β'. Τριήμερος ἀνέστης.

Ἡ ἄπειρος σοφία Θεοῦ, τὸν οἶκον
ἐαυτῆς ὑπὲρ νοῦν, ἐκ Παρθένου,
ῥηματοποίησε Χριστός, καὶ ἔρχεται ἐν φάτνῃ

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.)

From Menaion ---

CHOIR

Aposticha of the Feast.

Mode pl. 2. N/M (O Christ, as it is written.)

Christ, Who is the infinite wisdom of
God, /has wondrously built a house for
Himself from the Virgin; /she comes into

ἀλόγων καὶ Σπηλαίῳ, σαρκὶ τεχθῆναι ὑπὲρ
ἔννοιαν.

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

Ὡράθης τοῖς Προφήταις Χριστέ, ὡς
θέμις ἦν θεάσασθαι, σὲ τὸν Κτίστην· ἐν
ἐσχάτοις δὲ καιροῖς, τοῖς πᾶσιν ἐπεφάνης,
ἀνθρώποις ἐν τῇ πόλει, τῇ Βηθλεὲμ βροτός
γενόμενος.

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

Διέδραμε μηνύων ἀστήρ, τὸν Ἥλιον
τῆς δόξης Χριστόν, Ἀστρολόγους ἐν τῇ
πόλει Βηθλεὲμ· καὶ Ἄγγελοι Ποιμένας, νῦν
εὐαγγελιοῦνται μεθ' ὧν συνδράμωμεν
θεόφρονες.

Δόξα. **Τῶν Μαρτύρων.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος γ'.

Προεόρτιος σήμερον, ἡ τῶν Μαρτύρων
ἐπέστη ἑορτή, τὴν Γενέθλιον ἡμῖν,
προὔπογράφουσα ἡμέραν, τὸν ἐξ Ἡλίου
Ἥλιον, τὸν ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου, Θεὸν
ἐπιφανέντα, σαρκὶ ἀνακηρύττουσα. Δεκάς
Μαρτύρων ἐν Κρήτῃ, στερόνως ἀθλήσασα,
τοὺς στεφάνους τῆς νίκης ἐξ οὐρανοῦ
ἐδέξαντο· πρὸς οὓς βοήσωμεν· Χορὸς
ἀγιόλεκτος ἱκετεύσατε Χριστόν, Ἅγιοι
Μάρτυρες, ὑπὲρ τῶν πίστει τελούντων, τὴν
πάνσεπτον μνήμην ὑμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος γ'.

Εὐτρεπίζου Βηθλεὲμ· ἡνοικταὶ γὰρ ἡ
Ἑδέμ, ἐτοιμάζου Ἐφραθᾶ· ἀνανεοῦται γὰρ

the cave and manger of dumb beasts:/There
she will give birth in the flesh to Him//in a
manner beyond all understanding. [OCA]

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

You are the adornment of the prophets, O
Christ:/it is fitting and right that You should
reveal yourself,/visiting us as a man in the
latter days, //born in the city of Bethlehem. [OCA]

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

The star rises in the heavens,/revealing
Christ, the sun of righteousness./The
stargazers proceed to the city of Bethlehem;/
the angels announce glad tidings to the
shepherds./Let us run with them, our hearts
cleansed by godliness. [OCA]

Glory. **For the Martyrs.**

From Menaion - -

Mode 3.

Today we celebrate the forefestal feast of
the Martyrs, which is a harbinger for us of the
coming feast of the Nativity, as it heralds the
Sun from the Sun who physically appeared
from the Virgin. The Ten Martyrs in Crete
competed mightily, and they received the
crowns of victory from heaven. Let us say to
them, "O holy Martyrs, chosen and sanctified
choir, entreat Christ on behalf of us who
faithfully observe your most solemn memory.

[SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion - -

Mode 3.

Make ready, Bethlehem, for Eden is
opened;/prepare, Ephratha, for Adam

ὁ Ἀδάμ, καὶ ἡ Εὐὰ σὺν αὐτῷ· ἡ κατάρα γὰρ
λέλυται, ἡ σωτηρία ἐν κόσμῳ ἐξήνθησε,
καὶ ψυχὰι τῶν Δικαίων εὐτρεπίζονται,
ὡς προῖκα δωροφορίας, ἀντὶ μύρου τὸν
ὕμνον προσάγουσαι, σωτηρίαν ψυχῆς,
καὶ ἀφθαρσίαν κομιζόμεναι. Ἴδου γὰρ ἐν
φάτνῃ ἀνακείμενος, προτρέπει ὕμνωδιάν
πνευματικὴν ἐπιτελέσαι, τοὺς βοῶντας
ἀπαύστως· Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

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

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Κανὼν Τριώδιον Προεόρτιον

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ὡδὴ ε'.

Πρὸς σέ ὀρθρίζω. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Πρὸς σέ ὀρθρίζω, τὸν δι' εὐσπλαγχνίαν,
σεαυτὸν τῷ πεσόντι, κενώσαντα ἀτρέπτως,
καὶ δούλου μορφὴν, ἐκ Παρθένου
φορέσαντα. Λόγε Θεοῦ, τὴν εἰρήνην
παράσχου μοι φιλάνθρωπε. (δύς)

Δόξα.

Ῥυφθέντες φρένας, καὶ
προκαθαρθέντες, μυστηρίου μεθέξει,
φρικτῆς οἰκονομίας, σῶμα καὶ ψυχὴν,
Βηθλεὲμ πρὸς τὴν πόλιν ἀνέλθωμεν, τὸν
Δεσπότην τικτόμενον ὀψόμενοι.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ὁρᾶτε φίλοι, μάτην μὴ θροεῖσθε· ὁ γὰρ
ἄφρων Ἡρώδης, θρασύνεται τὸν Κτίστην,
κτεῖναι τεχθέντα· ἀλλ' αὐτὸς ὡς ζωῆς καὶ

and Eve are renewed./Salvation enters the
world and the curse is destroyed;/make
ready, hearts of righteous men:/instead
of myrrh, bring hymns as an offering of
wisdom:/receive salvation and immortality
of your souls and bodies./Behold, the Master
lying in the manger/urges us to complete
our spiritual songs./Let us cry out to Him
unceasingly, //O Lord, glory to You! [OCA]

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]

From Menaion - - -

Three-ode Canon of the Forefeast

CHOIR

Ode v.

N/M (Early in the morning.) Mode pl. 2.

Early will I seek You, O Word of God,/Who
without change emptied yourself in your
compassion for fallen man,/Who received
from a Virgin the form of a servant./Grant
peace to us, O Lover of mankind. (2) [OCA]

Glory.

Let us purify our minds,/washing
ourselves with the divine mysteries;/let us
draw near in soul and body to Bethlehem,/that
we may behold the fearful dispensation
of the birth of the Lord. [OCA]

Both now.

Behold, my friends, do not fear in vain;/in
false confidence the lawless Herod seeks
to murder the newborn Judge,/but He is the

θανάτου κρατῶν, ζῇ καὶ σώζει, τὸν κόσμον
ὡς φιλάνθρωπος.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ὡδὴ η'.

Στήλην κακίας ἀντιθέου. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Στήλην κακίας ἀντιθέου, Παῖδες
θεῖοι παρεδειγμάτισαν· κατὰ Χριστοῦ
δὲ φρουαττόμενος, Ἡρώδης θρασύνεται,
βουλεύεται κενά, κτεῖναι μελετᾷ, τὸν
ζωῆς κρατοῦντα παλάμη· ὃν πᾶσα Κτίσις
εὐλογεῖ, δοξάζουσα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. (δίς)

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ἀπὸ βλεφάρων ῥαθυμίας, ὕπνον
πάντα πιστοὶ τινάξωμεν· ἐν προσευχῇ δὲ
γρηγορῶμεν, πειρασμοὺς ἀποτρέποντες
τοὺς ἐκ τοῦ πονηροῦ, καὶ σὺν Ποιμέσι,
θεαταὶ τῆς δόξης δειχθῶμεν, Χριστοῦ
τεχθέντος· ὃν ὕμνῃ δοξάζουσα πᾶσα ἡ
κτίσις.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Βέβηλον ἔπος ἐκ χειλέων, προῖεναι
πιστοὶ κωλύσωμεν, λόγους εὐφήμους
μελετήσαντες· Χριστῷ δὲ προσάξωμεν,
τῷ λύσαντι ἡμᾶς τῆς ἀλογίας, ἐν ἀλόγοις
κειμένῳ φάτνῃ· ὃν πᾶσα κτίσις εὐλογεῖ,
δοξάζουσα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Δόξα.

Βάθος σοφίας, καὶ τῆς γνώσεως
τοῦ Κτίστου, τίς ἐρευνήσει βροτῶν;
Θεοῦ κριμάτων τίς τὴν ἄβυσσον, σοφὸς
καταλήψεται; δι' ὧν τοὺς οὐρανοὺς κλίνας,
τοῖς βροτοῖς σαρκοφόρος συνανεστράφη·
ὃν πᾶσα κτίσις εὐλογεῖ, δοξάζουσα εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἀπαγορεύειν σαρκικῶν παθῶν,
καὶ κόσμου τερπνῶν σπουδάσωμεν,

Master of life and of death, / Who brings life
and salvation to the world. [OCA]

From Menaion - -

Ode viii.

(N/M) Mode pl. 2.

The godly youths exposed a monument
of godless wickedness, / but the lawless Herod
plots against Christ, / studying how to kill
Him Who holds life in his hand, / Whom all
creation blesses and glorifies throughout all
ages. (2) [OCA]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Shake the sleep of heedlessness from your
eyes, O faithful; / be vigilant in prayer; shun
the temptations of the evil one. / With the
shepherds behold Christ Who comes to be
born: / Bless Him Whom all creation glorifies
in song. [OCA]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Guard your lips against evil words,
O faithful; / speak in sincerity and truth to
Christ. / He frees us from vain and reasonless
speech, / lying in the manger of dumb beasts, /
the Lord Whom all creation blesses and
glorifies throughout all ages. [OCA]

Glory.

Who among men understands the depth
of the wisdom and knowledge of God? /
Who among the wise can explain the abyss
of God's love for mankind? / He has bowed
the heavens and come down to live with
men, / the Lord Whom all creation blesses and
glorifies throughout all ages. [OCA]

Both now.

Let us eagerly abandon the delights of the
world; / let us spurn the passions of the flesh. /

πνευματικῶν δὲ ἀντισχώμεθα, φροντίδων
θεόφρονες, ἀξίους ἑαυτοὺς τῷ τικτομένῳ,
παριστῶντες ἐξ ἔργων Δεσπότη· ὃν πᾶσα
κτίσις εὐλογεῖ, δοξάζουσα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ὦδὴ θ'.

Ὁ Εἰρμός. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβεὶμ, καὶ
ἐνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφεὶμ,
τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν,
τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν. (δίς)

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ὀλέθριον δόγμα τοῦ δυσμενοῦς,
συνταραττομένου, τῇ Γεννήσει τοῦ Ἰησοῦ,
Νηπίων ἀκάκων, ἀπειργάσατο φόνον, ἡμεῖς
δὲ τὸν τεχθέντα, πιστοὶ τιμήσωμεν.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Νόμους τοὺς τῆς φύσεως ἀδικῶν, καὶ
θεσμοὺς τοὺς θεῖους, ἀθετῶν Ἡρώδης
δεινός, μητέρας ἀνόμως, ἠτέκνωσε καὶ
βρέφη, ἀνεῖλεν ἀναιτίως, διὰ τὴν πάντων
Ζωήν.

Δόξα.

Τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ἡνοικται τῆς Ἑδέμ, πύλη
τικτομένου, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ τοῦ Λυτρωτοῦ·
πηγὴ τε διψῶσιν, ἀθανασίας βλύζει, ὁ
Κύριος τῆς δόξης, ὃν μεγαλύνομεν.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἐκύκλουν ὡς Θρόνον χερουβικόν,
Ἄγγελοι τὴν φάτνην· τὸ γὰρ Σπήλαιον
οὐρανόν, ἑώρων κειμένου, ἐν αὐτῷ τοῦ
Δεσπότη, καί, Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις, Θεῷ
ἐκκράυαζον.

Let us cling fast to thoughts of godliness,/
offering ourselves and our good works to the
newborn Master, /Whom all creation blesses
and glorifies throughout all ages. [OCA]

From Menaion ---

Ode ix.

Heirmos. Mode pl. 2.

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. (2) [SD]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

As Herod the King, with evil intent,/
conspires to kill the blameless infants, /let us
the faithful honor the Mother of Jesus, /fleeing
from the malice of darkness. [OCA]

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Miserable Herod! /You despise the laws
of nature and blaspheme the statutes of
God. /Slaying the innocent infants, /you have
rendered the mothers barren /in your hatred
for the Life of the world. [OCA]

Glory.

The gate of Eden is opened to all
peoples: /the fountain of desires, flowing
with immortality: /the cave of the newborn
Redeemer, /the Lord of glory, Whom we
magnify in song. [OCA]

Both now.

The angels surround the manger as the
throne of the cherubim; /they behold the
cavern as heaven. /They sing to the Master
enthroned in the cave: /Glory to God in the
highest! [OCA]

Ὁ Εἰμός.

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

ΛΑΟΣ

Τρισάγιον.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ

Heirmos.

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]

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

Αγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Amen.)

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

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

Δόξα. Τῶν Μαρτύρων.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος γ'. Τὴν ὠραιότητα.

Τὴν πολυθαύμαστον Κρήτην τιμήσωμεν, τὴν ἐξανθήσασαν ἄνθη τὰ τίμια, τοὺς μαργαρίτας τοῦ Χριστοῦ, Μαρτύρων τοὺς ἀκρέμονας. Δέκα γὰρ ὑπάρχοντες, ἀριθμῷ οἱ μακάριοι, δύναμιν μυρίοπλον τῶν δαιμόνων κατήσχυναν· διὸ καὶ τοὺς στεφάνους ἐδέξαντο, Μάρτυρες Χριστοῦ οἱ καρτερόψυχοι.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

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

and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Apolytikion. For the Forefeast.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

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

Glory. For the Martyrs.

From Menaion ---

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

Let us show forth our great praise of Crete/ which brought forth these precious Christians: the pearls of Christ! / And these blessed ten, the offspring of martyrs, / who few in number, yet overcame all the deceits of powerful demons. // Therefore these martyrs of Christ have been crowned with victory! [OCA]

Both now.

Apolytikion. For the Forefeast.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

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

Ἐτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ
ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.)

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

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

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

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

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

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

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

DEACON

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

PRIEST

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

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

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!

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

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

(Ἀμήν.)

PRIEST

May Christ our true God, through
the intercessions of His all-pure and all-
immaculate holy Mother, the power of the
precious and life-giving Cross, the protection
of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven,
the supplications of the honorable, glorious
prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of
the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles,
of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs,
of our righteous and God-bearing fathers,
(local patron saint); of the holy and righteous
ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all
the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for
He is good and loves mankind.

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

(Amen.)