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# The Service of Matins

**for Friday, April 12, 2019**

**Triodion - Mode 4.  
on Friday Morning**

**Triodion - On Friday of the Fifth Week  
at Matins**

**Menaion - April 12  
Memory of St. Basil, Bishop of Parium**

**Text in English**

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**MATINS**

**CHOIR**

**Mode 4.**

**Verse 1:** *My spirit rises early in the morning to You, O God, for Your commands are a light upon the earth.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** *Learn righteousness, you who dwell on the earth.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 3:** *Jealousy will seize an untaught people; and now fire will devour the adversaries.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 4:** *Bring more evils on them, O Lord, bring more evils on them, on the glorious of the earth.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

From Horologion - - -

**Triadic Hymns**

**Mode 4.**

Like the Cherubim we dare to glorify the unoriginate Father, and You, O Christ God, and Your all-holy Spirit, and we say: Holy, holy, holy are You our God. By the power of Your Cross save us. [SD]

Glory.

Now like the order of Angels in heaven, and the ranks of people on earth, with we offer You a hymn of victory, O good One.

Holy, holy, holy are You our God. By the intercessions of the Saints save us. [SD]

Both now.

We mortals dare to offer You the hymn of Your noetic ministers, and we say: Holy, holy, holy are You our God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us. [SD]

*The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 13. There is no litany, but immediately the following:*

From Triodion - - -

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma I.**

**Kathisma I. For the Cross.**

**Mode 4. Come quickly.**

O Savior, the Jewish people had You nailed to a cross, \* by which in the early days You called us back to yourself \* from the Gentiles, O Christ our God. \* Thereupon of Your own will \* You, O Lord, stretched Your hands out, \* accepting to have Your side pierced \* by a lance, [O Master], \* in the multitude of Your tender mercies, \* as You alone love mankind. [SD]

**Verse:** *Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet.* [SAAS]

**Mode 4. N/M (Come quickly.)**

O Christ, the light of our souls, as we now look at Your immaculate Cross and venerate it, we cheerfully shout to You: Glory to You, who were willingly lifted up on it! Glory to You, who through it illumined all of creation. Because of Your Cross, we unceasingly sing hymns to You and glorify You. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

**Mode 4. Come quickly.**

Beholding You lifted up upon the tree of the Cross, \* Your immaculate Mother grieved, O Word of God, and she said, \* lamenting maternally: \* You, as the Life of all things, \* are with death now conversing, \* wishing in Your compassion \* to give life unto those who are dead. \* This wonder without precedent \* baffles me, O my Son. [SD]

*The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 20. It would be followed by the short litany.*

**DEACON**

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST**

For 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**

*From Triodion ---*

**Kathisma II. From the Triodion.**

**Mode 1.**

O Christ, Thou hast stretched out Thine hands upon the Wood, by Thy wounds healing Adam's wound. I therefore pray Thee:

heal the wounds that the deceiver has inflicted on my soul, and through prayer and fasting, Saviour, enable me to serve and worship Thee.

[KW]

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

**Mode 1.**

Beholding Thee, O Christ, stretched dead upon the Cross, Thine all blameless Mother cried aloud: 'O my Son, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, what is this ineffable act of love, whereby in Thy compassion Thou hast saved the creation of Thy holy hands?' [KW]

*There is no reading of an additional Kathisma from the Psalter.*

**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**

*From Triodion ---*

**Kathisma III. From the Triodion.**

**Mode pl. 2.**

O Cross, guardian of the world, exorcist of devils, thee we have as our invincible

protection in all things: grant that we may spend the remainder of the Fast with a pure conscience, and guide our souls to Christ, O blessed Wood. [KW]

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

**Mode pl. 2.**

Pure and honoured Virgin, glory of the angels, standing by the Cross of thy Son and God, thou couldst not bear to listen to the drunken insults heaped upon Him by His enemies, but thou hast cried aloud, lamenting as a mother: 'O Lord who lovest mankind, how dost Thou endure their threatening? Glory be to Thy forbearance.' [KW]

**READER**

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory. Both now.

**Psalm 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]

**PRIEST**

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, 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 Menaion - - -

#### CHOIR

##### Canon for the Saint.

##### Ode i. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

*Verse: Let us sing to the Lord, for He is greatly glorified.*

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." [SD]

#### Troparia.

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O Father, the inexpressible triple Light has risen on you in the immovable kingdom of heaven, and the celebration of the righteous has rightly received you. [SD]

*Verse: The Lord reigns forever and ever and ever. For Pharaoh's horses went with his chariots and horsemen into the sea.* [SAAS]

O Father, the inexpressible triple Light has risen on you in the immovable kingdom of heaven, and the celebration of the righteous has rightly received you. [SD]

*Verse: But the children of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea.* [SAAS]

O glorious Basil, the gates of Eden opened to you. You have been included in the Church of the first-born; and as a hierarch, you have joined the sainted hierarchs. [SD]

Glory.

O devout Father, once you purified the eye of your mind, you ascended the mount of virtue, like Moses did Sinai. You saw the One Who Is, and you cleaved to Him. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O Mother of God, the Artificer of all hypostatically united to the flesh He assumed from you, and He ineffably was born from you, and He was well pleased to dwell among mortals. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

##### Canon for the Saint.

##### Ode iii. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

*Verse: Holy are You, O Lord, and my spirit praises You.*

Lord, You are the firm support \* of those who have recourse unto You. You are the light



\* of those who are benighted. \* And my spirit  
sings praise to You. [SD]

**Troparia.**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O Saint, your admirable memory is  
celebrated by all, and it splendidly cheers  
Orthodox congregations. [SD]

*Verse: The Lord went up into the heaven and  
thundered. The Lord judges the ends of the earth.*

[SAAS]

O Saint, your admirable memory is  
celebrated by all, and it splendidly cheers  
Orthodox congregations. [SD]

*Verse: He gives strength to our leaders, and  
He will exalt the horn of His Christ.* [SAAS]

O devout Basil, since you have stripped  
off the cloud of the body and are free from  
bonds, you have gone to be close to God. [SD]

Glory.

O devout Father, you worthily received  
a blessed end and the joy of the elect, for you  
were yourself elect and chosen. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O all-pure Mother of God, I shall not be  
put to shame, for I have you as my helper. I  
shall be delivered from my enemies, for I have  
you as my protectress. [SD]

**Heirmos.**

Lord, You are the firm support \* of those  
who have recourse unto You. You are the light  
\* of those who are benighted. \* And my spirit  
sings praise to You. [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.)*

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma.**

From Menaion - - -

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

Your holy memory, like the sun, has  
arisen \* on us, shining its light on creation,  
wise Basil, \* and making it luminous with  
your God-given miracles. \* Celebrating  
it today, we pray you and cry out: \* Holy  
Hierarchy, on our behalf make entreaty \* to  
Christ to save our souls. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

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

The bright and brilliant light of the  
sunshine was hidden \* when You were lifted  
up on the Cross, Lord and Logos. \* Amazed  
was creation all, and it shuddered and quaked  
in fear. \* And your Mother stood nearby and  
wept as she uttered, "My beloved Child, alas,  
my light never-setting, \* You die voluntarily!"

[SD]

From Menaion - - -

**Canon for the Saint.**

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

*Verse: Glory to Your strength, O Lord.*

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

**Troparia.**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O Father Basil, you brought down the haughty spirit of wicked heresy by your entreaties to the Lord, and thus brought joy and gladness to the Church. [SD]

*Verse: The Lord God is my strength; He will direct my feet to the end.* [SAAS]

O Father Basil, you brought down the haughty spirit of wicked heresy by your entreaties to the Lord, and thus brought joy and gladness to the Church. [SD]

*Verse: He will set me upon high places, so to conquer by His song.* [SAAS]

O Father, the Judge of the contest accepted your relentless resistance to your opponents, and He settled you in the heavenly mansions. [SD]

Glory.

O Saint, you endured persecution, and you passed your life amidst great perils, all for the sake of the traditions preserved in the Church of Christ. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O immaculate Virgin, implore the God whom you bore, to forgive the failings of us who supplicate you. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

**Canon for the Saint.**

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

*Verse: O Lord our God, grant us peace.*

To You we rise in early morn, \* and cry out, Save us, O Lord; \* for You only are our God; \* we have no other except for You. [SD]

**Troparia.**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O God-bearer, the grace of God came and dwelt in you; it made you a most faithful pastor of the Church. [SD]

*Verse: My spirit rises early in the morning to You, O God, for Your commands are a light upon the earth.* [SAAS]

O God-bearer, the grace of God came and dwelt in you; it made you a most faithful pastor of the Church. [SD]

*Verse: Learn righteousness, you who dwell on the earth.* [SAAS]

O glorious Basil, you followed after the spirit of life, and thus you deadened the passions and the mind set on the flesh. [SD]

*Verse: O Lord, Your arm is exalted, but they did not know it. But when they know it, they shall be ashamed.* [SAAS]

O godly-minded Father, you led your whole life in chastity and righteousness; then you received the reward for virtue. [SD]

*Verse: Jealousy will seize an untaught people; and now fire will devour the adversaries.* [SAAS]

**Theotokion.**

All-blameless Mother and Virgin, all-holy sanctuary, you gave birth to the Lord, the source of dispassion. [SD]

*(read)*



**Intermediate Verses of Ode Five.**

O Lord our God, grant us peace, for You render everything to us. [SAAS]

O Lord our God, possess us; O Lord, we know no other besides You; we name Your name.

The dead will not see life; neither will physicians raise them. Therefore You brought evils upon them and destroyed them, and took away every male of theirs.

Because of Your fear, O Lord. We have been with child, we have been in pain, and we have given birth. We brought forth the spirit of Your salvation on the earth. [SAAS]

*(sung)*

From Triodion - - -

**Canon 1 from the Triodion.**

**Ode v. Mode 1. (NM)**

*Verse: Bring more evils on them, O Lord, on the glorious of the earth* [SAAS]

O Jesus, supreme in love, who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain, Thou hast stretched out Thine hands upon the Cross. I therefore pray Thee: take pity on me, for I am stretched upon the rack and tormented by the enemy. [KW]

*Verse: O Lord, I remembered You in my hard circumstances. Your chastening to us was a small affliction.* [SAAS]

O Jesus, supreme in love, Thou hast awoken from Thy sleep upon the Cross and roused us to salvation, when we lay sleeping in the lowest depths of destruction. Therefore we glorify Thee with faith. [KW]

*Verse: As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs, when she draws near the*

*time of her delivery, so we became Your beloved.*

[SAAS]

O Saviour, give light to the hearts of Thy servants, and count us worthy to behold the day of Thy Passion and Thy lifegiving Resurrection, as we praise the power of Thy Kingdom. [KW]

*Verse: We shall not fall] but the inhabitants of the world shall fall.* [SAAS]

**Theotokion.**

Seeing Thee nailed upon the Cross, the all-pure Virgin was wounded to the heart and she cried in grief: 'O Lord, in Thy tender mercy Thou hast patiently endured Thy Passion, granting freedom from the passions unto all.'

[KW]

**Canon 2 from the Triodion.**

**Ode v. Mode pl. 2. (NM)**

*From the night I seek Thee early.*

*Verse: The dead shall rise up; and those in the tombs shall arise. Those in the earth shall be glad.*

[SAAS]

In Thy love for mankind Thou hast stretched out Thine hands, and the Jews nailed Thee to the Cross and pierced Thy side with a spear. All these things Thou dost endure, O Christ, for our salvation. [KW]

*Verse: For your dew is a healing for them, but the land of the ungodly shall come to an end.* [SAAS]

Adam died of old through eating from a tree, but he found life again through the tree of the Cross, O merciful Lord, and so he rejoiced once more in Paradise. [KW]

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

O Trinity, I praise Thee as Unity by nature, without beginning, uncreated,

supreme in sovereignty, beyond perfection,  
God and Light and Life, Creator of the world.

[KW]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

In thy childbearing that surpasses nature,  
the laws of nature, holy Virgin, are plainly  
made void. For without seed thou hast given  
birth to God, begotten before all ages from the  
Father. [KW]

*Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

O Christ my Master, I honour Thy Cross,  
the spear and the nails, for through them Thou  
hast delivered us from corruption, making us  
immortal by Thy Passion. [KW]

**Heirmos (NM). Mode pl. 2.**

From the night I seek Thee early, O Lover  
of mankind: give me light, I pray Thee, and  
guide me in Thy commandments, and teach  
me, O Saviour, to do Thy will. [KW]

From Menaion - - -

**Canon for the Saint.**

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

*Verse: Save us, O Lord, like You saved the  
Prophet Jonah.*

Be gracious to me, O Lord, \* for many  
are my iniquities; \* and bring me up from  
the deep \* of evils, I supplicate. \* For I have  
cried out to You, God of my salvation. \* O my  
Savior, hearken unto me. [SD]

**Troparia.**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O devout Saint, goaded by the delightful  
zeal for heavenly things, you have left your  
see on earth. Being very meek and gentle, you  
are rich now with an undefiled inheritance in  
the land of the meek. [SD]

*Verse: Those who follow vanity and lies  
forsake their own mercy. [SAAS]*

O devout Saint, goaded by the delightful  
zeal for heavenly things, you have left your  
see on earth. Being very meek and gentle, you  
are rich now with an undefiled inheritance in  
the land of the meek. [SD]

*Verse: As much as I vowed, I shall offer up to  
You, to You, the Lord of Deliverance. [SAAS]*

O admirable Basil, you zealously taught  
the divine, pious, and Orthodox position that  
veneration ought to be given to the icon of  
the Savior, and you derided the delusion and  
error of the heresy of the blasphemers. [SD]

*Glory.*

O all-celebrated Father, filled with divine  
delight, you were translated to God, and thus  
your longing to be with Him was fulfilled.  
With the Saints now, you behold His majesty  
and glory. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O all-blameless Virgin, humanity has been  
saved from mortality and corruption; and to  
Him, who by nature gives life, you gave birth  
without seed, for us who faithfully extol you.

[SD]

**Heirmos.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, \* for many  
are my iniquities; \* and bring me up from  
the deep \* of evils, I supplicate. \* For I have  
cried out to You, God of my salvation. \* O my  
Savior, hearken unto me. [SD]

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*(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 Triodion ---*

### **READER**

#### **For the Martyrs. Mode 4.**

The solemn feast of the medal-winning Martyrs showed that the Church is heaven; and Angels join chorus with people to celebrate. By the entreaties of Your Saints, O Christ our God, save our souls. *[SD]*

#### **Synaxarion.**

*From the Menaion.*

On April 12, we commemorate our devout father Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium.

On this day in the year 942, the precious Belt (also called sash, garment and cincture) of our most-holy Lady Theotokos was transferred from the Diocese of Zela to Constantinople, during the reign of Constantine and Romanos Porphyrogenitoi. Afterwards, on August 31, it was moved to the holy shrine of Chalcoprateia.

On this day we also commemorate our devout mother Anthousa, daughter of Emperor Constantine V.

On this day we also commemorate the holy martyrs Demes and Proteon.

On this day we also commemorate the holy hieromartyr Artemon.

On this day we also commemorate the three holy martyrs, Menas, David and John.

Devout Akakios the new, who lived as an ascetic in the Skete of Kafsokalivia on Mt. Athos in the 18th century, died in peace.

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

*From Menaion ---*

### **CHOIR**

#### **Canon for the Saint.**

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

*Verse: Blessed are You, the God of our fathers.*

Servants, descendants of the Hebrews, \* bravely trampled down the flame within the furnace; \* and they changed into dew \* the fire, and they chanted: \* Blessed are You, O Lord, the God \* of our fathers to the ages. *[SD]*

#### **Troparia.**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O all-blessed Basil, as you dwell now in immaterial light, you enjoy such ineffable gladness, as you sing: "O Lord our God, blessed are You unto ages of ages." *[SD]*

*Verse: Blessed are You on the throne of Your kingdom, and You are praised and exalted beyond measure unto the ages. [SAAS]*

O all-blessed Basil, as you dwell now in immaterial light, you enjoy such ineffable

gladness, as you sing: "O Lord our God, blessed are You unto ages of ages." [SD]

*Verse: Blessed are You in the firmament of heaven, for You are praised and glorified unto the ages.* [SAAS]

O all-blessed Saint, you have been crowned with a halo of divine majesty, and you dance for joy with the hosts on high, as you sing: "O Lord our God, blessed are You unto ages of ages." [SD]

Glory.

O Saint, mystic of the Holy Trinity and minister of heavenly mysteries, pray the King be gracious to us who sing: "O Lord our God, blessed are You unto ages of ages." [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O pure Virgin, the curse of the original Eve was transformed into a blessing, when you gave birth to the Son of God, to whom we all sing: "O Lord our God, blessed are You unto ages of ages." [SD]

**Ode viii.**

From Menaion - - -

**Canon for the Saint.**

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

*Verse: O you works, to the Lord sing a hymn, and exalt Him beyond measure unto the ages.*

By Your grace those Servants, \* who adhered exceedingly to Your commandments, \* once became the victors \* over the tyrant \* and the burning flame in the furnace and cried aloud: \* Bless the Lord, O all you the works of the Lord, \* and supremely exalt Him unto all the ages. [SD]

**Troparia.**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O all-blessed Basil, you have been freed from life's sorrows and turmoil, and you have received ineffable joy and gladness; and now you sing: "Sing a hymn to the Lord, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages." [SD]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

O all-blessed Basil, you have been freed from life's sorrows and turmoil, and you have received ineffable joy and gladness; and now you sing: "Sing a hymn to the Lord, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages." [SD]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, you heavens of the Lord, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

O Father, teacher of sacred things, you zealously championed the doctrines of the Fathers; you readily suppressed the twitching tongues of blasphemers; and now you sang: "O you works, bless the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages." [SD]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, all you waters above the heaven, all you powers of the Lord, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

O Father, initiate of sacred mysteries, how lovely is the place where you dwell now! How delightful, where you walk, as you sing: "O you works, bless the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages." [SD]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, you sun and moon, you stars of heaven, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

**Theotokion.**

O all-holy Virgin, we believers all have you as our protection. We are delivered from adversities, through your intercessions; and we sing to Christ: "O you works, bless the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages." [SD]

*(read)*

**Intermediate Verses of Ode Eight.**

Bless the Lord, every shower and dew, all you winds, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages. [SAAS]

Bless the Lord, you fire and heat, you winter cold and summer heat, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.

Bless the Lord, you dewes and snows, you frost and cold, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.

Bless the Lord, you hoarfrosts and snows, you lightning and clouds, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.

Bless the Lord, you light and darkness, you night and day, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.

Bless the Lord, you earth, you mountains and hills, and all you things growing on the earth, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.

Bless the Lord, you springs, you seas and rivers, you sea-monsters and everything that moves in the waters, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages. [SAAS]

*(sung)*

From Triodion - - -

**Canon 1 from the Triodion.**

**Ode viii. Mode 1. (NM)**

*Verse: Bless the Lord, all you birds of heaven, all ou wild animals and cattle, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

Thou wast fixed upon the Cross with nails, O Saviour, and Thou hast blunted the sting of the evil one; a crown of thorns was placed upon Thy head in mockery, and Thou hast uprooted the thorns of man's transgression. We therefore sing Thy praises, and we cry: Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all for ever. [KW]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, O children of men. Bless the Lord, O Israel, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

Thou hast stretched out Thine hands upon the Cross, O Christ, gathering mankind to the knowledge of Thyself; Thou hast suffered Thy side to be pierced by the spear, causing a fountain of illumination to well up for us who sing: Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all for ever. [KW]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, O priests of the Lord, O servants of the Lord, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

Merciful Lord, with the streams of Thy compassion cleanse my heart that is defiled by the wounds of sin, and make the waters of contrition to spring up within me, that I may cry to Thee, O Jesus Christ: Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all for ever. [KW]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, O holy ones and humble in heart,*



*and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.*

[SAAS]

**Theotokion.**

We acknowledge thee, O Virgin, as the sacred Vessel that held the manna of the Deity, as Ark and Table, Candlestick and Throne of God, Pavilion and Bridge that brings us to divine life; and we sing: Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all for ever. [KW]

**Canon 2 from the Triodion.**

**Ode viii. Mode pl. 2. (NM)**

*Offering the same hymn.*

*Verse: Bless the Lord, O Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishaël, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

Christ is crucified and I am restored to life; and with the Children I sing: O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord. [KW]

*Verse: Bless the Lord, O Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs, and exalt Him beyond measure, unto all the ages.* [SAAS]

By Thy death upon the Cross the world is delivered from corruption, and with the Children it sings: O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord. [KW]

*Verse: We bless the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we sing a hymn to Him and exalt Him beyond measure unto the ages.* [SAAS]

**For the Trinity.**

Trinity equal in honour, consubstantial Unity, Father, Son and Spirit, save me, for I sing Thy praises with faith. [KW]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

I venerate the childbirth of the pure Theotokos, and with the Children I sing: O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord. [KW]

*Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

I praise Thy Cross, O Saviour, whereby I have been saved, and with the Children I sing: O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

[KW]

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

**Heirmos (NM). Mode pl. 2.**

Offering the same hymn, with the Children I sing: O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord. [KW]

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

**Ode ix.**

**Megalynarion. 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]

**Canon for the Saint.**

**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]

**Troparia.**

*Saint of God, intercede for us.*

O Father, you led a life of holiness, you served God with your deeds. Now you have indeed attained the heavenly kingdom. [SD]

**Verse:** *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.* [RSV]

O Father, you led a life of holiness, you served God with your deeds. Now you have indeed attained the heavenly kingdom. [SD]

**Verse:** *And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.* [RSV]

O Basil, you finished the race, you kept the Faith, you fought the good fight to the end. Now, full of joy, you have received the crown of righteousness. [SD]

**Verse:** *As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old. That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us.* [RSV]

O thrice-blessed Saint, now that you have obtained your divine desire and the fulfillment of your prayerful longing, never cease to intercede on behalf of your flock. [SD]

**Verse:** *To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant.* [RSV]

**Theotokion.**

O immaculate Virgin, in His compassion the Creator assumed our changeable nature

from your womb, and He clothed it with the robe of incorruption. [SD]

From Triodion - - -

**Canon 1 from the Triodion.**

**Ode ix. Mode 1. (NM)**

*Verse: The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, be[ing] delivered from the hand of our enemies. [RSV]*

Elijah gave lightness to his flesh by increasing his prayer and fasting, and then he beheld the Lord in a light and gentle breeze. Follow his example, O my soul: cast aside the grossness of sensual pleasures, and so behold Him who is thy true desire. [KW]

*Verse: [That we] might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. [RSV]*

Moses once lifted up the serpent on a wooden staff, and thus prefigured Thine exaltation on the Cross, O Saviour supreme in love. For through the Cross Thou hast delivered from the poisonous malice of the serpent all the nations that worship Thee. [KW]

*Verse: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. [RSV]*

I lie in the tomb of slothfulness, and the hardness of my heart weighs upon me like a stone. I have no understanding of Thine ever-living word and no feeling of Thy fear, O Saviour. In Thine abundant mercy take pity on me and save me. [KW]

*Verse: To give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God. [RSV]*

**Theotokion.**

Lady, exalted above all things, raise me high above the sinful passions; for I glorify thee as true Theotokos, and I sing the praises of thy childbearing that is honoured as a mystery beyond our understanding, O Virgin undefiled, full of God's grace. [KW]

**Canon 2 from the Triodion.**

**Ode ix. Mode pl. 2. (NM)**

*Conception without seed.*

*Verse: When the day shall dawn upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. [RSV]*

Thou art crucified and Thou dost save me; Thou dost die and give me life. O depth of love and tender mercy! Who has ever seen or heard of a master who chooses openly to die for his servants? But glory be to Thine ineffable goodness, O Lord. [KW]

*Verse: To guide our feet into the way of peace. [RSV]*

The sun set when it saw Thee crucified: for how should it not hide its light, beholding the outrage suffered by its Maker? All creation was shaken, and in silence cried aloud to those who crucified Thee, that Thou art the God of all. [KW]

Glory. **For the Trinity.**

O Father, single only-Begetter of the only-Begotten Son; O only Light and Brightness from the one and only Light; and Thou, one and only Holy Spirit from the one God, true

Lord from the Lord: O holy Three in One, save me as I tell of Thy divinity. [KW]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

The marvel of thy childbearing fills me with wonder, O all-blameless Lady. How hast thou conceived without seed Him whom none can comprehend? How hast thou remained a Virgin and yet become a Mother? 'Accept the miracle with faith, and worship the Child that is born; for all that He wills, He has the power to do.' [KW]

*Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

For our sake has each one of Thy members endured suffering: Thy head suffered blows and Thy cheek buffeting; Thy hands suffered the nails and Thy side the spear; and so Thou hast undergone all the agony of the Cross. But glory be to Thine ineffable compassion, O our Saviour. [KW]

**Heirmos (NM). Mode pl. 2.**

Conception without seed; nativity past understanding, from a Mother who never knew a man; childbearing undefiled. For the birth of God makes both natures new. Therefore, as Bride and Mother of God, with true worship all generations magnify thee. [KW]

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. 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.

**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.)*

From Horologion - - -

**CHOIR**

**Photagogic Hymns**

**Mode 4.**

O Lord, who cause the light to rise on Your world, purify from every sin my soul, which is in the darkness; by the power of Your Cross, and save me. [SD]

O Lord, who cause the light to rise on Your world, purify from every sin my soul, which is in the darkness; by the intercessions of the Saints, and save me. [SD]

O Lord, who cause the light to rise on Your world, purify from every sin my soul, which is in the darkness; by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save me. [SD]

**READER**

**Lauds. (read)**

**Psalms 148.**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Praise Him, all you His

angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. 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. [SAAS]

**Psalm 149.**

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. [SAAS]

**Psalm 150.**

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power; praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. Praise Him with the sound of a trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre; praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute; praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Alleluia. [SAAS]

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

**Doxology (read)**

To you belongs glory, O Lord our God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, and we thank you, for your great glory. Lord, King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty; only-begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Lord God, the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world. Accept our supplication, you who sit at the right of the Father, and have mercy on us. For you are the only Holy One, you are the only Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Every day I shall bless you, and I shall praise your name

forever, and unto the ages of ages. Lord, you have become for us a refuge from generation to generation. I have said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Lord, to you I have fled; teach me to do your will, for you are my God. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we shall see light. Extend your mercy to those who know you. Grant, O Lord, that in this day we may be kept without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name unto the ages. Amen. Let your mercy, Lord, come upon us, just as we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed are you, O Master, make me understand your commandments. Blessed are you, O Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord, your mercy remains forever, do not turn away from the works of your hands. To you belongs praise, to you belongs a hymn, to you belongs glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**DEACON**

Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

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.

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.*)

**CHOIR**

**Aposticha. From the Triodion.**

From Triodion - - -

**Idiomelon. Mode pl. 4.**

Thou wast crucified with the thieves, O Christ our God, and Thou hast healed man's nature by Thy wounds. I have fallen among invisible robbers, among bodiless thieves; they have stripped me of virtue and grievously wounded me. O despise me not: none of the saints can heal me; I lie half dead and have but little life remaining in me. Thou art my only hope, who hast restored the dead to life: bind up my wounds, pouring upon me the oil of Thy compassion, for Thou alone lovest mankind. [KW]

**Verse:** *I lift my eyes to You, who dwell in heaven. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hands of their masters, as the eyes of the maidservant look to the hands of her mistress, so*

*our eyes look to the Lord our God until He shall have compassion on us.* [SAAS]

Thou wast crucified with the thieves, O Christ our God, and Thou hast healed man's nature by Thy wounds. I have fallen among invisible robbers, among bodiless thieves; they have stripped me of virtue and grievously wounded me. O despise me not: none of the saints can heal me; I lie half dead and have but little life remaining in me. Thou art my only hope, who hast restored the dead to life: bind up my wounds, pouring upon me the oil of Thy compassion, for Thou alone lovest mankind. [KW]

**For the Martyrs.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

**Verse:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we are greatly filled with contempt; our soul is greatly filled with it. We are a disgrace to those who prosper, and a contempt to the arrogant.* [SAAS]

What shall we call you, O saints? Cherubim, for Christ rested upon you? Seraphim, for ye glorified Him without ceasing? Angels, for ye have renounced the body? Powers, for ye perform miracles? Manifold are your names, but greater are your gifts of grace: pray for the salvation of our souls. [KW]

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

'O marvellous wonder! O strange mystery! O fearful enterprise!' said the Virgin as she looked on Thee, and saw Thee hanging between two evildoers on the Cross, the Child whom she had borne without travail and inviolate. 'O sweetest Jesus, my best-beloved,



how has the lawless and ungrateful people  
nailed Thee to the Cross?' [KW]

**PRIEST**

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

**READER**

**Trisagion Prayers.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)

**READER**

Standing in your glorious church, O  
Theotokos, we think we are standing in  
heaven. O heavenly Gate, open to us the door  
of your mercy.

Lord, have mercy. (40)

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

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

**PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)

O heavenly King, uphold our rulers,  
strengthen the Faith, calm the nations, give  
peace to the world. Protect this holy Church  
(or, Monastery); grant our departed fathers  
and brethren that they may dwell with  
the righteous, and accept us in repentance  
and confession; for You are good and love  
mankind.

(Amen.)

**Prayer of St. Ephraim**

O Lord and Master of my life, do not  
permit the spirit of laziness and meddling, the  
lust for power and idle talk to come into me.

Instead, grant me, your servant, the spirit  
of prudence, humility, patience and love.

Yes, Lord and King, give me the power  
to see my own faults and not to judge my  
brother.

For you are blessed unto the ages of ages.  
Amen. [HC]

*Then we begin the First Hour, saying: "Come let us  
worship..."*

*or:*

**READER**

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

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

**PRIEST**

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