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Μηνναῖον - ΤΗι ΚΘ' ΑΥΤΟΥΣΤΟΥ

Μνήμη τῆς Ἀποτομῆς τῆς Τιμίας
Κεφαλῆς τοῦ Ἁγίου Προδρόμου

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 δέῃν, 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 ἐπιτιμῆσεώς
σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς
σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουνσιν ὄρη,
καὶ καταβαίνουνσιν 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,
 ὃ 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 τροφήν
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
ἀμαρτωλοὶ 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.

Απαγγελλομένου επίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ, ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπής 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· ποίησον 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 ποίησον μεθ' ἡμῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐπιείκειάν σου, ἰατρὲ καὶ θεραπευτὰ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν· ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐπὶ λιμένα θελήματός σου· φώτισον τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τῶν καρδιῶν ἡμῶν, εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τῆς σῆς ἀληθείας· καὶ δώρησαι ἡμῖν τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρούσης ἡμέρας εἰρηνικὸν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον, καὶ πάντα τὸν χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν·

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

PRIEST (inaudibly)

1st Prayer

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

πρεσβείαις 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

Ὁ 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· πρεσβείαις 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 ἐπιοῦσαν 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· ἴνα,
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
Τραπέζης, 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 πλ. β'.

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 pl. 2.

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 πέτραις οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν· ὥσεί πάχος γῆς ἐρράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὅσα 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 ἔγνων τὰς τρίβους μου.

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυσαν 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.

Στιχηρὰ τοῦ Προδρόμου.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Γενεθλίων τελουμένων, τοῦ ἀναιδεστάτου Ἡρώδου, τῆς ἀσελγοῦς ὀρχηστρίδος, ἐπληροῦτο ἡ διάθεσις τοῦ ὄρκου· τοῦ γὰρ Προδρόμου ἡ κεφαλὴ ἀποτμηθεῖσα, ὡς ὀψώνιον ἐφέρετο, ἐπὶ πίνακι τοῖς ἀνακειμένοις. Ὡ συμποσίου μισητοῦ, ἀνοσιουργήματος καὶ μαιοφονίας πλήρους! Ἀλλ' ἡμεῖς τὸν Βαπτιστὴν, ὡς ἐν γεννητοῖς γυναικῶν μείζονα, ἐπαξίως τιμῶντες μακαρίζομεν.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Γενεθλίων τελουμένων, τοῦ ἀναιδεστάτου Ἡρώδου, τῆς ἀσελγοῦς ὀρχηστρίδος, ἐπληροῦτο ἡ διάθεσις τοῦ ὄρκου· τοῦ γὰρ Προδρόμου ἡ κεφαλὴ ἀποτμηθεῖσα, ὡς ὀψώνιον ἐφέρετο, ἐπὶ πίνακι τοῖς ἀνακειμένοις. Ὡ συμποσίου μισητοῦ, ἀνοσιουργήματος καὶ μαιοφονίας

Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison to give thanks to Your name, O Lord.

The righteous shall wait for me, until You reward me.

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

Stichera for the Forerunner.

From Menaion ---

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

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

As shameless Herod's birthday was being celebrated the terms of the oath to the wanton dancing girl were fulfilled; for the head of the Forerunner was struck off and brought in on a dish like a delicacy for those at table. O hateful banquet, full of impious behaviour and bloodthirsty murder! But we, as we fittingly honour the Baptist as greatest among the offspring of women, call him blessed. [EL]

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

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

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πλήρους! Ἀλλ' ἡμεῖς τὸν Βαπτιστὴν, ὡς ἐν γεννητοῖς γυναικῶν μείζονα, ἐπαξίως τιμῶντες μακαρίζομεν.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Ὡρχήσατο ἡ μαθήτρια, τοῦ παμπονήρου διαβόλου, καὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν σου Πρόδρομε, μισθὸν ἀφείλετο. Ὡ συμποσίῳ πλήρους αἱμάτων! Εἴθε μὴ ὥμοσας Ἡρώδη ἄνομε, ψεύδους ἔκγονε, εἰ δὲ καὶ ὥμοσας, μὴ εὐώρησας· κρεῖττον γὰρ ψευδάμενον ζωῆς ἐπιτυχεῖν, καὶ μὴ ἀληθεύσαντα, τὴν κάραν τοῦ Προδρόμου ἀποτεμεῖν. Ἀλλ' ἡμεῖς τὸν Βαπτιστὴν, ὡς ἐν γεννητοῖς γυναικῶν μείζονα, ἐπαξίως τιμῶντες μακαρίζομεν.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Ὡρχήσατο ἡ μαθήτρια, τοῦ παμπονήρου διαβόλου, καὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν σου Πρόδρομε, μισθὸν ἀφείλετο. Ὡ συμποσίῳ πλήρους αἱμάτων! Εἴθε μὴ ὥμοσας Ἡρώδη ἄνομε, ψεύδους ἔκγονε, εἰ δὲ καὶ ὥμοσας, μὴ εὐώρησας· κρεῖττον γὰρ ψευδάμενον ζωῆς ἐπιτυχεῖν, καὶ μὴ ἀληθεύσαντα, τὴν κάραν τοῦ Προδρόμου ἀποτεμεῖν. Ἀλλ' ἡμεῖς τὸν Βαπτιστὴν, ὡς ἐν γεννητοῖς γυναικῶν μείζονα, ἐπαξίως τιμῶντες μακαρίζομεν.

fittingly honour the Baptist as greatest among the offspring of women, call him blessed. [EL]

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

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

She danced, the disciple of the all-evil devil, and took your head, O Forerunner, as her wages. O banquet filled with blood! If only you had not sworn, lawless Herod, offspring of falsehood. But if you had sworn, if only you had not kept your oath; for it was better to have lied and attained life, than to speak truly and to cut off the head of the Forerunner. But we, as we fittingly honour the Baptist as greatest among the offspring of women, call him blessed. [EL]

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

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

She danced, the disciple of the all-evil devil, and took your head, O Forerunner, as her wages. O banquet filled with blood! If only you had not sworn, lawless Herod, offspring of falsehood. But if you had sworn, if only you had not kept your oath; for it was better to have lied and attained life, than to speak truly and to cut off the head of the Forerunner. But we, as we fittingly honour the Baptist as greatest among the offspring of women, call him blessed. [EL]

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Οὐκ ἔδει σε ὦ Ἡρώδῃ, τὸν τῆς μοιχείας
ἐλεγχον, δι' ἔρωτα σατανικόν, καὶ οἷστρον
θηλυμανίας, θανάτῳ κατακρῖναι· οὐκ ἔδει
σε τούτου τὴν πάντιμον κάραν, παρὰ νόμῳ
γυναικί, δι' ὄρκον ὀρχήσεως, παραδοῦναι
σφαλερῶς. Ὡ! πῶς ἐτόλμησας τοιοῦτον
φόνον τελέσαι; πῶς δὲ οὐ κατεφλέχθη ἡ
ἀσελγὴς ὀρχήστρια, ἐν μέσῳ τοῦ συμποσίου
ἐπὶ πίνακι βαστάζουσα ταύτην; Ἀλλ' ἡμεῖς
τὸν Βαπτιστὴν, ὡς ἐν γεννητοῖς γυναικῶν
μείζονα, ἐπαξίως τιμῶντες μακαρίζομεν.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Πάλιν Ἡρώδιᾶς μαίνεται, πάλιν
ταράττεται. Ὡ ὀρχημα δόλιον, καὶ πότος
μετὰ δόλου! ὁ Βαπτιστὴς ἀπετέμεντο, καὶ
Ἡρώδης ἐταράττετο. Πρεσβείαις Κύριε τοῦ
σοῦ Προδρόμου, τὴν εἰρήνην παράσχου ταῖς
ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Γενεθλίων τελουμένων, τοῦ
ἀναιδεστάτου Ἡρώδου, τῆς ἀσελγοῦς
ὀρχηστρίδος, ἐπληροῦτο ἡ διάθεσις τοῦ
ὄρκου· τοῦ γὰρ Προδρόμου ἡ κεφαλὴ
ἀποτμηθεῖσα, ὡς ὀψώνιον ἐφέρετο, ἐπὶ
πίνακι τοῖς ἀνακειμένοις. Ὡ συμποσίου
μισητοῦ, ἀνοσιουργήματος καὶ μισοφονίας
πλήρους! Ἀλλ' ἡμεῖς τὸν Βαπτιστὴν, ὡς

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

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

You should not, Herod, have condemned
to death the one who denounced your
adultery, the result of satanic love and the
insane passion of lust for a woman. You
should not have perilously handed over
his all-honoured head to a lawless woman
because of an oath made for a dance. How did
you dare to accomplish such a murder? How
was the wanton dancing girl not consumed
by fire in the middle of the banquet as she
brought this head in on a dish? But we, as we
fittingly honour the Baptist as greatest among
the offspring of women, call him blessed. [EL]

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

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

Once again Herodias is in a rage; once
again she is troubled. Oh, dance full of
treachery; oh, drinking party of deceit!
The Baptist was decapitated, and Herod
was agitated. At the intercession of Your
Forerunner, O Lord, grant peace to our souls.

[SD]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

As shameless Herod's birthday was being
celebrated the terms of the oath to the wanton
dancing girl were fulfilled; for the head of
the Forerunner was struck off and brought
in on a dish like a delicacy for those at table.
O hateful banquet, full of impious behaviour
and bloodthirsty murder! But we, as we

ἐν γεννητοῖς γυναικῶν μείζονα, ἐπαξίως
τιμῶντες μακαρίζομεν.

Τῆς Οκτωήχου - - -

Καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.**

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Τίς μὴ μακαρίσει σε, Παναγία Παρθένε;
τίς μὴ ἀνυμνήσει σου τὸν ἀλόχευτον τόκον;
ὁ γὰρ ἀχρόνως ἐκ Πατρὸς ἐκλάμψας Υἱὸς
μονογενής, ὁ αὐτὸς ἐκ σοῦ τῆς Ἀγνῆς
προῆλθεν, ἀφράστως σαρκωθείς, φύσει
Θεὸς ὑπάρχων, καὶ φύσει γενόμενος
ἄνθρωπος δι' ἡμᾶς, οὐκ εἰς δυάδα
προσώπων τεμνόμενος, ἀλλ' ἐν δυάδι
φύσεων, ἀσυγχύτως γνωριζόμενος. Αὐτὸν
ικέτευε, σεμνὴ Παμμακάριστε, ἐλεηθῆναι
τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν,
εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθα σου,
Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε.
Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, ὡς θυμίαμα
ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς
λόγους, ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς
ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευνόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι
πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ
ἠλπίσαμεν· μὴ κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ

Ἦχος β'.

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἀγίας δόξης, ἀθανάτου
Πατρός, οὐρανίου, ἀγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ
Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν,
ιδόντες φῶς ἐσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα,
Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν
πᾶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίσαις,

fittingly honour the Baptist as greatest among
the offspring of women, call him blessed. [EL]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 2.

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

DEACON (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Prayer of the Entrance

At evening, at morning and at midday we praise,
bless and give thanks, and we pray to you, Master of
all things, Lord who love mankind: Direct our prayer
before you like incense, and do not incline our hearts to
words or thoughts of evil, but deliver us from all that
hunt down our souls. For our eyes look to you, O Lord,
our Lord, and we have hoped in you.

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Mode 2.

Gladsome light of holy glory of the holy,
blessed, heavenly, immortal Father, O Jesus
Christ: arriving at the hour of sunset and
having seen the evening light, we praise the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. It is worthy
for You to be praised at all times with happy

Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζωνὴν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ
δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. α'.

Ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου σῶσόν με,
καὶ ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου κρινεῖς με. (δίς)

Στίχ. Ὁ Θεός, εἰσάκουσον τῆς
προσευχῆς μου, ἐνώτισαι τὰ ῥήματα τοῦ
στόματός μου.

Ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου σῶσόν με,
καὶ ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου κρινεῖς με.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προφητείας Ἡσαΐου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. 40, 1 καὶ ἐκλογή

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος· Παρακαλεῖτε,
παρακαλεῖτε τὸν λαόν μου, λέγει ὁ Θεός.
Οἱ Ἱερεῖς λαλήσατε εἰς τὴν καρδίαν
Ἱερουσαλήμ. Παρακαλέσατε αὐτήν, ὅτι
ἐπλήσθη ἡ ταπείνωσις αὐτῆς· λέλυται γὰρ
αὐτῆς ἡ ἁμαρτία, ὅτι ἐδέξατο ἐκ χειρὸς
Κυρίου διπλᾶ τὰ ἁμαρτήματα αὐτῆς. Φωνὴ
βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ. Ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν
Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους τοῦ
Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. Πᾶσα φάραγξ πληρωθήσεται,
καὶ πᾶν ὄρος καὶ βουνὸς ταπεινωθήσεται,
καὶ ἔσται τὰ σκολιὰ εἰς εὐθείαν, καὶ αἱ
τραχεῖαι εἰς ὁδοὺς λείας, καὶ ὄψεται πᾶσα
σάρξ τὸ σωτήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἐπ' ὄρους
ὕψηλοῦ ἀνάβηθι ὁ εὐαγγελιζόμενος

voices, O Son of God and Giver of life; * and
therefore the world glorifies You. [SD]

DEACON

The evening Prokeimenon.

CHOIR

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 1.

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

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

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

The Readings

From Menaion ---

READER

The reading is from the Prophecy of
Isaiah.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

40:1-5, 9; 41:17b-18; 45:8; 48:20b-21a; 54:1

Thus says the Lord: "Comfort, yes,
comfort My people," says God. "O priests,
speak to the heart of Jerusalem, comfort
her, for her humiliation is ended, her sin is
pardoned; for she received from the Lord's
hand double for her sins." The voice of one
crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way
of the Lord; make straight the paths of our
God. Every valley shall be filled, and every
mountain and hill humbled; the crooked
places shall be made straight, and the rough
places into plains. The glory of the Lord
shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God; for the Lord has spoken." O
you who bring good tidings to Zion, go into

Σιών, ὑψωσον ἐν ἰσχυΐ τὴν φωνήν σου ὁ
εὐαγγελιζόμενος Ἱερουσαλήμ, ὑψώσατε,
μὴ φοβεῖσθε. Ἐγὼ Κύριος ὁ Θεός, ἐγὼ
ἐπακούσομαι, ὁ Θεός, Ἰσραήλ, καὶ οὐκ
ἐγκαταλείψω αὐτούς, ἀλλὰ ἀνοίξω ἐκ
τῶν ὀρέων ποταμούς, καὶ ἐν μέσῳ πεδίων
πηγάς. Ποιήσω τὴν ἔρημον εἰς ἔλη, καὶ τὴν
διψῶσαν γῆν ἐν ὑδραγωγοῖς. Εὐφρανθήτω
ὁ οὐρανὸς ἄνωθεν, καὶ νεφέλαι ῥανάτωσαν
δικαιοσύνην. Ἀνατειλάτω ἡ γῆ, καὶ
βλαστησάτω ἔλεος καὶ δικαιοσύνην
ἀνατειλάτω ἅμα. Φωνὴν εὐφροσύνης
ἀναγγεῖλατε ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς, καὶ
ἀκουστὸν γενέσθω τοῦτο. Λέγετε ὅτι
ἐρῶν ἔσχατο Κύριος τὸν δοῦλον αὐτοῦ Ἰακώβ.
Καὶ ἐὰν διψήσωσι δι' ἐρήμων, ἐξάξει αὐτοῖς
ὔδωρ ἐκ πέτρας. Εὐφρανθήτι στεῖρα ἡ
οὐκ ἔκτουσα, ῥῆξον καὶ βοήθησον ἡ οὐκ
ὠδίνουσα, ὅτι πολλὰ τὰ τέκνα τῆς ἐρήμου
μᾶλλον, ἢ τῆς ἐχούσης τὸν ἄνδρα.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προφητείας Μαλαχίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. 3 καὶ 4, ἐκλογή.

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ· Ἰδοὺ
ἐγὼ ἐξαποστελῶ τὸν Ἀγγελὸν μου πρὸ
προσώπου σου, ὃς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδὸν
σου ἔμπροσθέν σου. Καὶ ἦξει εἰς τὸν ναὸν
ἐαυτοῦ Κύριος, ὃν ὑμεῖς ζητεῖτε. Καὶ τίς
ὑπομενεῖ ἡμέραν εἰσόδου αὐτοῦ; ἢ τίς
ὑποστήσεται ἐν τῇ ὀπτασίᾳ αὐτοῦ; Διότι
αὐτὸς εἰσπορεύεται ὡς πῦρ ἐν χωνευτηρίῳ
καὶ ὡς πόα πλυνόντων. Καὶ καθιεῖται

the high mountain; O you who bring good
tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with
strength; lift it up, be not afraid. Say to the
cities of Judah, "Behold your God." I, the God
of Israel, will not forsake them. But I will open
rivers in the mountain and fountains in the
midst of the plains. I will make the desert
into marsh-meadows, and the dry land into
aqueducts. Let heaven above be glad, and
let the clouds sprinkle righteousness. Let the
earth bring forth mercy and righteousness
together. Proclaim a voice of gladness and
let it become well known. Proclaim it to the
end of the earth, and say, "The Lord delivered
His servant Jacob." If they shall thirst, He
will lead them through the desert, and water
shall flow from the rock for them. Be glad, O
barren woman who does not bear; break forth
and cry out, you who are not in travail, for
more are the children of the desolate than the
children of the married woman. [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Prophecy of
Malachi.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

3:1a, 2, 3a, 5a, 5c, 6a, 7b, 12a, 17, 18b, 24, 22-23

Thus says the Lord Almighty: "Behold,
I send My messenger, and he will prepare
the way before Me, and the Lord, whom you
seek, will suddenly come into His temple,
but who can endure the day of His coming?
And who can withstand His appearance?
For He enters like a refiner's fire and as soap
in one's wash. He will sit as a refiner and a
purifier of silver and gold. And I will draw

χωνεύων, καὶ καθαρίζων ὡς τὸ ἀργύριον καὶ τὸ χρυσίον. Καὶ προσελεύσεται πρὸς ἡμᾶς ἐν κρίσει, καὶ ἔσται μάρτυς ταχύς ἐπὶ τοὺς πονηροὺς, καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς μοιχαλίδας, καὶ ἐπὶ τοὺς ὀμνύοντας τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ ψευδῇ, καὶ τοὺς μὴ φοβουμένους αὐτόν, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Διότι ἐγὼ Κύριος ὁ Θεός, ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐκ ἡλλοίωμαι καὶ ὑμεῖς υἱοί, Ἰακώβ ἐξεκλίνετε νόμιμα, καὶ οὐκ ἐφυλάξατε. Διὰ τοῦτο ἐπιστρέψατε πρὸς με, καὶ ἐπιστραφήσομαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Καὶ μακαριοῦσιν ὑμᾶς πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, καὶ γνώσεσθε ὅτι ἐγὼ Κύριος, ἐπιβλέπων ἀναμέσον δικαίου καὶ ἀναμέσον ἀνόμου, ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ ἣ ἐγὼ ποιῶ εἰς περιποίησιν τῶν ἀγαπώντων με. Ἐπίγνωτε οὖν, καὶ μνήσθητε τοῦ νόμου Μωσῆ τοῦ δούλου μου, καθότι ἐνετειλάμην αὐτῷ ἐν Χωρήβ, πρὸς πάντα τὸν Ἰσραήλ, προστάγματα καὶ δικαιώματα. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστελῶ ὑμῖν Ἡλίαν τὸν Θεσβίτην, πρὶν ἢ ἐλθεῖν τὴν ἡμέραν Κυρίου τὴν μεγάλην καὶ ἐπιφανῆ, ὃς ἀποκαταστήσει καρδίαν πατρὸς πρὸς υἱόν, καὶ καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου πρὸς τὸν πλησίον αὐτοῦ, μὴ ἐλθὼν πατάξω τὴν γῆν ἄρδην, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ, ὁ Θεός Ἅγιος Ἰσραήλ.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Σοφίας Σολομώντος τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. 4, ἐκλογή, καὶ 5, 17

Δίκαιος ἐὰν φθάσῃ τελευτῆσαι ἐν ἀναπαύσει ἔσται. Κατακρινεῖ δίκαιος

near to you in judgment, a swift witness against sorcerers, adulterers, those who swear falsely by My name, and those who do not fear Me," says the Lord Almighty. "For I am the Lord your God; I have not changed. But you, O sons of Jacob, you have turned away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "And all nations will call you blessed. They shall be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day that I make them My possession, and I will choose them as a man chooses his own son who serves him. Then you shall return, and you will discern between the righteous and the wicked. Be in remembrance of the Law of Moses My servant as I commanded him, with its statutes and judgments, at Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I will send you Elijah before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And he will turn the heart of the father to his son, and a man's heart to his neighbor, lest I come and strike the earth completely," says the Lord Almighty, God, the Holy One of Israel. [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

4:7a, 16a, 17a, 19b-20; 5:1-7

But though a righteous man may die before his time, he shall be at rest. But a

ἀποθανόντων τοὺς ζῶντας ἀσεβεῖς· ὄψονται
 γὰρ τελευτὴν δικαίου, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνήσουσι
 τί ἐβουλεύσαντο περὶ αὐτοῦ. Ὅτι ῥήξει
 Κύριος τοὺς ἀσεβεῖς ἀφώνους πρηνεῖς,
 καὶ σαλεύσει αὐτοὺς ἐκ θεμελίων, καὶ ἕως
 ἐσχάτου χερσωθήσονται ἐν ὁδύνῃ, καὶ
 ἡ μνήμη αὐτῶν ἀπολείται. Ἐλεύσονται
 γὰρ ἐν συλλογισμῷ ἁμαρτημάτων αὐτῶν
 δειλοί, καὶ ἐλέγξει αὐτοὺς ἐξ ἐναντίας
 τὰ ἀνομήματα αὐτῶν. Τότε στήσεται ἐν
 παρῳήσῃ πολλῇ ὁ δίκαιος κατὰ πρόσωπον
 τῶν θλιψάντων αὐτόν, καὶ τῶν ἀθετούντων
 τοὺς πόνους αὐτοῦ, ἰδόντες ταραχθήσονται
 φόβῳ δεινῷ, καὶ ἐκστήσονται ἐπὶ τῷ
 παραδόξῳ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτοῦ. Ἐροῦσι
 γὰρ ἐν ἑαυτοῖς μετανοοῦντες καὶ διὰ
 στενοχωρίαν στενάξουσιν καὶ ἐροῦσιν.
 Οὗτος ἦν, ὃν ἔσχομεν ποτε εἰς γέλωτα καὶ
 εἰς παραβολὴν ὀνειδισμοῦ οἱ ἄφρονες;
 Τὸν βίον αὐτοῦ ἐλογισάμεθα μανίαν,
 καὶ τὴν τελευτὴν αὐτοῦ ἄτιμον. Πῶς δὲ
 κατελογίσθη ἐν υἱοῖς Θεοῦ, καὶ ἐν ἁγίοις
 ὁ κληρὸς αὐτοῦ ἐστίν. Ἄρα ἐπλανήθημεν
 ἀπὸ ὁδοῦ ἀληθείας, καὶ τὸ τῆς δικαιοσύνης
 φῶς οὐκ ἐπέλαμψεν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὁ ἥλιος οὐκ
 ἀνέτειλεν ἡμῖν. Ἀνομίας ἐνεπλήσθημεν
 τρίβους καὶ ἀπωλείας, καὶ ὠδεύσαμεν
 τρίβους ἀβάτους, τὴν δὲ ὁδὸν Κυρίου οὐκ
 ἔγνωμεν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Εἵπωμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ
 ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἵπωμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

righteous man who is dead shall condemn
 the ungodly who are living. For they will
 see the end of the wise man, but will not
 understand what the Lord purposed for him,
 because He will dash them headlong and
 speechless to the ground and shake them
 from the foundations. They shall be left dry
 and barren to the very end; they shall be in
 pain, and their memory shall perish. They will
 come with dread in the day of reckoning for
 their sins, and their lawless deeds will convict
 them to their face. Then the righteous man
 will stand with confidence in the presence
 of those who afflict him; and those who
 reject his labors, when they see him, will be
 shaken with dreadful fear; and they shall be
 amazed at his unexpected salvation. They
 will speak among themselves with regret, and
 in anguish of spirit they will groan and say,
 "This is the man whom we fools once held
 in derision and made a byword of disgrace.
 We considered his life to be madness and his
 death as without honor. How has he been
 numbered among the sons of God? and how
 is his portion among the saints? Therefore
 we went astray from the way of truth, for the
 light of righteousness did not shine on us,
 and the sun did not rise upon us. We were
 satisfied with the paths of lawlessness, and we
 traveled through impassable deserts; but the
 way of the Lord we have not known. [SAAS]

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ
ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς,
εἰρήνης, υἰγείας, 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.)

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν μακαρίων
καὶ αἰοιδίμων κτιτόρων τῆς ἁγίας
Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης, καὶ ὑπὲρ πάντων τῶν
προαναπαυσασμένων πατέρων καὶ ἀδελφῶν

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox
Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-
memorable founders of this holy church,
and for all our fathers and brethren who
have fallen asleep before us, who here have

ἡμῶν, τῶν ἐνθάδε εὐσεβῶς, κειμένων, καὶ ἀπανταχοῦ ὀρθοδόξων.

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

Ἐτι 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.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἐσπέρᾳ 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.)

been piously laid to their rest, as well as the Orthodox everywhere.

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

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

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

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

READER

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

(Amen.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν
ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχράντου,
ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου Δεσποίνης
ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας
μετὰ πάντων τῶν Ἀγίων μνημονεύσαντες,

DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the
Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν
ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς
ὑπάρχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν,
τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι,
νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ 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 οὐρανοὺς καὶ
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλανθρώπῳ κριτῇ
οἱ σοὶ δούλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ
αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν ἀρχένας, 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 αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας
τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST (in a low voice)

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

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

Τοῦ Μηναιίου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ**Ἀπόστιχα.****Ἰδιόμελον Α'. Ἦχος β'.**

Τῆς μετανοίας ὁ κήρυξ, Ἰωάννη
 Βαπτιστά, ἐκτμηθεὶς σου τὴν κάραν, τήν,
 γῆν ἡγίασας, ὅτι τὸν νόμον τοῦ Θεοῦ
 τοῖς πιστοῖς ἐτράνωσας, καὶ παρανομίαν
 ἐξηφάνισας. Ὡς παρεστηκώς τῷ θρόνῳ
 τοῦ ἐπουρανίου Βασιλέως Χριστοῦ, αὐτὸν
 ἰκέτευε, ἐλεηθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Β'. Ἦχος β'.

Στίχ. Δίκαιος ὡς φοῖνιξ ἀνθήσει καὶ
 ὥσεί κέδρος ἢ ἐν τῷ Λιβάνῳ πληθυνθήσεται.

Διὰ τὸν νόμον Κυρίου, τὴν κεφαλὴν
 ἀπετμήθης, ὦ πανάγιε Ἰωάννη. Ἦλεγξας
 βασιλέα δυσσεβῆ παρανομήσαντα,
 παρόρησία, ἀμέμπτῳ διὸ θαυμάζουσί σε
 στρατιαὶ τῶν Ἀγγέλων, δοξάζουσί σε
 χοροὶ τῶν Ἀποστόλων καὶ Μαρτύρων,
 τιμῶμέν σου καὶ ἡμεῖς τὴν ἐτήσιον μνήμην
 πανένδοξε, δοξάζοντες τὴν Ἁγίαν Τριάδα,
 τὴν σὲ στεφανώσασαν Πρόδρομε μακάριε.

Ἰδιόμελον Γ'. Ἦχος β'.

Στίχ. Εὐφρανθήσεται δίκαιος ἐν Κυρίῳ
 καὶ ἐλπιδί ἐπ' αὐτόν.

Ὁ ἐκ Προφήτου Προφήτης, καὶ μείζων
 Προφητῶν γενόμενος, ἐκ κοιλίας μητρὸς ὁ
 ἡγιασμένος, εἰς ὑπουργίαν Κυρίου, σήμερον
 ὑπ' ἀνόμου βασιλέως, τὴν κάραν ἀπετμήθη,
 καὶ τὴν ἀσέμνως ὀρχησαμένην κόρην,
 τρανῶς καὶ πρὸ τῆς ἐκτομῆς, καὶ μετὰ τὴν
 ἐκτομὴν διελέγξας, ἥσυχνε τῆς ἀμαρτίας
 τὴν φάλαγγα· καὶ διὰ τοῦτο βοῶμεν,
 Βαπτιστά Ἰωάννη, ὡς ἔχων παρόρησιαν,
 ἐκτενῶς ἰκέτευε, ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

From Menaion ---

CHOIR**Aposticha.****Idiomelon 1. Mode 2.**

O Baptist John, preacher of repentance,
 when your head was cut off you sanctified
 the earth, for you spread the Law of God to
 the faithful, and made lawlessness disappear.
 As one present at the throne of Christ, the
 heavenly King, plead with Him to have mercy
 on our souls. [SD]

Idiomelon 2. Mode 2.

Verse: The righteous shall flourish like a
 palm tree; he shall be multiplied like the cedar in
 Lebanon. [SAAS]

For the law of the Lord your head was
 struck off, all-holy John. With blameless
 boldness of speech you rebuked the impious
 king when he transgressed the law. And so
 the hosts of Angels marvel at you; the choirs
 of Apostles and Martyrs glorify you; we too
 honour your yearly memorial, as we glorify
 the Holy Trinity, who crowned you, blessed
 Forerunner. [EL]

Idiomelon 3. Mode 2.

Verse: The righteous man shall be glad in the
 Lord, and shall hope in Him. [SAAS]

The Prophet from a Prophet, who became
 greater than the Prophets, who was sanctified
 from his mother's womb for the service of
 the Lord, had his head struck off today by a
 lawless king; and both before his execution
 and after it clearly rebuking the maiden who
 danced licentiously, he put the regiment
 of sin to shame. And so we cry out: Baptist
 John, as you have freedom to speak, intercede
 insistently for our souls. [EL]

Τοῦ Μηναίου --- Δόξα.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Πρόδρομε τοῦ Σωτῆρος, σὺ βασιλεῖς ἡλεγξας, παρανομίαν μὴ ἐργάζεσθαι, διὸ παῖγνιον ἀνόμου γυναικός, ἔπεισε τὸν Ἡρώδην ἀποτεμεῖν σου τὴν κεφαλὴν· καὶ διὰ τοῦτο ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν ἡλίου μέχρι δυσμῶν, αἰνετὸν τὸ ὄνομά σου. Παρῶρησίαν ἔχων πρὸς Κύριον, ἐκτενωῶς ἰκέτευε, τοῦ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου ---

Καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.**

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἀνύμφευτε Παρθέने, ἡ τὸν Θεὸν ἀφράστως συλλαβοῦσα σαρκί, Μήτηρ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου, σὼν οἰκετῶν παρακλήσεις δέχου Πανάμωμε, ἡ πᾶσι χορηγοῦσα καθαρισμὸν τῶν πταισμάτων, νῦν τὰς ἡμῶν ἰκεσίας προσδεχομένη, δυσώπει σωθῆναι πάντας ἡμᾶς.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν.

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

ΛΑΟΣ

Τρισάγιον.

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

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

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα,

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 4.

Forerunner of the Saviour, you rebuked kings that they should not act lawlessly; and so the little darling of a lawless woman persuaded Herod to cut off your head, and therefore from the rising of the sun to its setting your name is to be praised. As you have freedom before the Lord intercede insistently for our souls. [EL]

From Octoechos ---

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 4.

O Virgin who did not know man and yet ineffably conceived God in the flesh, Mother of the Most High God, accept entreaties from your supplicants, All-blameless one. To all you grant purification of their offenses. We pray you now accept our supplications, and entreat Him, to save us all. [SD]

PRIEST

Song of Simeon.

Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples. A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. [NKJV]

PEOPLE

Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our

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 ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς,
ἀγιασθήτω 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
Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

Ἦχος β'.

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ
ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Προδρόμου·
ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν
σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ῥείθροις
βαπτίσαι κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον.
Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας υπεραθλήσας,
χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν Αἰδῇ, Θεὸν
φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἶζοντα τὴν

transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for your name's sake.

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

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

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

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Apolytikion.

Mode 2.

The memory of the just is observed
with hymns of praise; for you suffices the
testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You
have proved to be truly more venerable
than the Prophets, since you were granted
to baptize in the river the One whom they
proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth
you had contested, rejoicing, to those in
Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was
manifested in the flesh, and takes away the

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

From Menaion ---

ἀμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν
τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τῆς Οκτωήχου - - -

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.**

Ἦχος β'.

Πάντα ὑπὲρ ἔννοιαν, πάντα
ὑπερένδοξα, τὰ σὰ Θεοτόκε μυστήρια,
τῇ ἀγνείᾳ ἐσφραγισμένη, καὶ παρθενία
φυλαττομένη, Μήτηρ ἐγνώσθης ἀψευδής,
Θεὸν τεκοῦσα ἀληθινόν· αὐτὸν ἰκέτευε
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ ὢν εὐλογητός, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
πάντοτε, νῦν, καὶ αἰεὶ, 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 Σεραφεείμ,
τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν,
τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου

sin of the world, and grants to us the great
mercy. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 2.

All surpassing every thought, all
surpassing glorious, O Theotokos, are your
mysteries. For while bearing the seal of purity
and preserved in virginity, you were deemed
a Mother in truth, for to the true God you
gave birth. To Him pray fervently, entreating
Him to save our souls. [SD]

DEACON

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

PRIEST

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

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

READER

Amen.

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

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

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

PRIEST

May Christ our true God, through
the intercessions of His all-pure and all-

καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητροῦ,
δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ,
προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων
Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου,
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, οὗ καὶ τὴν μνήμην
ἐπιτελοῦμεν· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ
πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν
όσιων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ
Ἀγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων
Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ 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.)

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,
whose memory we celebrate; 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.)