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The Service of Vespers

**on Saturday Evening
for Sunday, December 22, 2019**

**Octoechos - Mode 2.
on Saturday Evening**

**Menaion - December 18-24
Sunday Before Christmas**

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Ὁκτώηχος

Ἦχος β'.

Τῷ Σαββάτῳ Ἑσπέρας

Μηναῖον

ΤΗΙ ΚΒ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Κυριακὴ πρὸ τῆς Χριστοῦ Γεννήσεως.

ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν πάντοτε, νῦν
καὶ ἀεὶ 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 δέρσιν, ὁ
στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασι τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ.
Ὅ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ
περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερυγῶν 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

Octoechos

Mode 2.

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Menaion

December 22

Sunday Before Christmas

VESPERS

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

READER

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

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

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

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;

στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμήσεώς σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουνσιν ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουνσι πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσιν 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

at Your rebuke they shall flee; at the sound of Your thunder, they shall be afraid. The mountains rise up, and the plains sink down to the place You founded for them. You set a boundary they shall not pass over; neither shall they return to cover the earth. You are He who sends springs into the valley; the waters shall pass between the mountains; they shall give drink to all the wild animals of the field; the wild asses shall quench their thirst; the birds of heaven shall dwell beside them; they shall sing from the midst of the rocks. You are He who waters the mountains from His higher places; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Your works. You are He who causes grass to grow for the cattle, and the green plant for the service of man, to bring forth bread from the earth; and wine gladdens the heart of man, to brighten his face with oil; and bread strengthens man's heart. The trees of the plain shall be full of fruit, the cedars of Lebanon, which You planted; there the sparrows shall make their nests; the house of the heron takes the lead among them. The high mountains are for the deer; the cliff is a refuge for the rabbits. He made the moon for seasons; the sun knows its setting. You established darkness, and it was night, wherein all the wild animals of the forest will prowl about; the young lions roar and snatch their prey, and seek their food from God. The sun arises, and they are gathered together; and they shall be put to bed in their dens. Man shall go out to his work and to his labor until evening. O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom; the earth was filled with Your creation. There is this great and spacious sea:

καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος, ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα 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 ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτούς. 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.

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

the creeping things are there without number; the living things are there, both small and great; there the ships pass through; there is this dragon You formed to play therein. All things wait upon You, that You may give them food in due season. When You give it to them, they shall gather it; when You open Your hand, all things shall be filled with Your goodness. But when You turn Your face away, they shall be troubled; when You take away their breath, they shall die and return again to their dust. You shall send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the Lord be forever; the Lord shall be glad in His works; He looks upon the earth and makes it tremble; He touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing to my God as long as I exist; may my words be pleasing to Him, and I shall be glad in the Lord. May sinners cease from the earth, and the lawless, so as to be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

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

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

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

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

Ἀπαγγελλομένου ἐπίσης 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

Ὅ τοῖς ἀσιγήτοις ὕμνοις καὶ ἀπαύστοις δοξολογίαις ὑπὸ τῶν ἁγίων δυνάμεων ἀνυμνούμενος, πλήρωσον τὸ στόμα ἡμῶν τῆς αἰνέσεώς σου, τοῦ δοῦναι μεγαλωσύνην τῷ ὀνόματί σου τῷ ἁγίῳ· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν μερίδα καὶ κληρὸν μετὰ πάντων τῶν φοβουμένων σε ἐν ἀληθείᾳ καὶ φυλασσόντων τὰς ἐντολάς σου· 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 ἐπιούσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικὴν·
ἔνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός· ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς
ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντός
πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου· καὶ
δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπαυσιν τῇ
ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν ἐδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς
φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Ναί, Δέσποτα
τῶν ἀπάντων, τῶν ἀγαθῶν χορηγέ· ἵνα,
καὶ ἐπὶ ταῖς κοίταις ἡμῶν κατανυγόμενοι,
μνημονεύωμεν ἐν νυκτὶ τοῦ ὀνόματός
σου, καὶ τῇ μελέτῃ τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν
καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς
διανιστῶμεν πρὸς δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς
ἀγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ ἱκεσίας τῇ σῇ
εὐσπλαχνίᾳ 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 ἁγίων τοῦ Θεοῦ Ἐκκλησιῶν καὶ τῆς τῶν πάντων ἐνώσεως, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἁγίου 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,
ἑαυτοὺς 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 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 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 πέτρας οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

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

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

Πρόσχεες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

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

Τῆς Οκτωήχου - - -

Στιχηρὰ Ἀναστάσιμα. Ἦχος β'.

Στιχηρὸν Α'.

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

Τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων ἐκ Πατρὸς γεννηθέντα,
τὸν Θεὸν λόγον σαρκωθέντα, ἐκ Παρθένου
Μαρίας, δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν· Σταυρὸν
γὰρ ὑπομείνας, τῇ ταφῇ παρεδόθη, ὡς
αὐτός ἠθέλησε, καὶ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν,
ἔσωσέ με τὸν πλανώμενον ἄνθρωπον.

Στιχηρὸν Β'.

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὗ
ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

Χριστὸς ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, τὸ καθ' ἡμῶν
χειρόγραφον προσηλώσας, τῷ Σταυρῷ
ἐξήλειψε, καὶ τοῦ θανάτου τὸ κράτος
κατήργησε, προσκυνοῦμεν αὐτοῦ τὴν
τριήμερον Ἑγερσιν.

Στιχηρὸν Γ'.

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

Σὺν Ἀρχαγγέλοις ὑμνήσωμεν, Χριστοῦ
τὴν Ἀνάστασιν· αὐτὸς γὰρ Λυτρωτὴς
ἐστι, καὶ Σωτὴρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐν
δόξῃ φοβερᾷ καὶ κραταιᾷ δυνάμει, πάλιν
ἔρχεται, κρῖναι κόσμον ὃν ἔπλασεν.

Στιχηρὸν Δ'.

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

Σὲ τὸν σταυρωθέντα καὶ ταφέντα,
Ἄγγελος ἐκήρυξε Δεσπότην, καὶ ἔλεγε
ταῖς γυναῖξί· Δεῦτε ἴδετε, ὅπου ἔκειτο
ὁ Κύριος· Ἀνέστη γὰρ καθὼς εἶπεν, ὡς

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

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Stichera. Mode 2.

Sticheron 1.

*Bring my soul out of prison to give thanks to
Your name, O Lord. [SAAS]*

Come, let us adore God the Word,
begotten of the Father before all ages, who
took flesh from the Virgin Mary. For he
willingly suffered the cross and submitted
himself to burial, and he rose from the dead
and saved me, the one who has gone astray.

[HC]

Sticheron 2.

*The righteous shall wait for me, until You
reward me. [SAAS]*

Our Savior Christ blotted out the bond
that pledged us to the decree by nailing it
to the cross, and he abolished the dominion
of death. Let us worship his third day
resurrection. [HC]

Sticheron 3.

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

Together with the Archangels, let us
praise the resurrection of Christ. He is the
Deliverer and Savior of our souls. He will
come again in awesome glory and mighty
power to judge the world he fashioned. [HC]

Sticheron 4.

*Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplication. [SAAS]*

The angel proclaimed you Master,
crucified and buried. And he said to the
women: Come and see the place where the
Lord lay. For he is risen as he foretold, for

παντοδύναμος· διό σε προσκυνοῦμεν τὸν
μόνον ἀθάνατον, ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ἐλέησον
ἡμᾶς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Προεόρτια.

Ἦχος α΄. Πανεύφημοι μάρτυρες.

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

Παρθένε Πανάμωμε Θεοῦ, ἔμψυχον
Παλάτιον, τὸν οὐρανοῖς μὴ χωρούμενον,
ἐν σοὶ ἐχώρησας, ὃν ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ, τέξη
ὑπὲρ ἔννοιαν, πτωχεύσαντα καὶ σάρκα
γενόμενον, ἵνα θεώσῃ με, καὶ πλουτίσῃ
τὸν πτωχεύσαντα, ἀκρασία, πικροτάτης
βρώσεως.

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

Ἐναπογραφόμενος Χριστέ, δούλοις
τῷ τοῦ Καίσαρος, δι' εὐσπλαγχνίαν
προστάγματι, ἔρχη χαρίσασθαι τὴν
ἐλευθερίαν, τὴν ζωὴν καὶ λύτρωσιν,
ἀγνώμοσιν οἰκέταις μακρόθυμε, τοῖς
προσκυνούσί σου, τὰ σωτήρια Γενέθλια, τοῦ
ἐλθόντος, σῶσαι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

Τόκον ἀκατάληπτον θεσμούς, φύσεως
καινίσαντα, ἡ Παναγία καὶ ἄμωμος,
κατανοήσασα, τῷ Υἱῷ ἐβόα. Τέκνον
ποθεινότατον, ἐκπλήττομαι τὸ μέγα
μυστήριον, πῶς καὶ γεννήσασα, παρθενεύω
τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοῦ τὰ πάντα ποιοῦντος
βουλήματι!

he is almighty. Therefore, we worship you
who alone are immortal. Have mercy on us, O
Christ, Giver of life. [HC]

From Menaion - - -

For the Forefeast.

Mode 1. N/M (O Martyrs, extolled.)

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

All-blameless Virgin, living Palace of
God, you contained within yourself him
whom the heavens cannot contain; beyond
understanding you gave birth to him in the
Cave, a beggar and incarnate, that he might
make me divine and enrich me, made a
beggar by the incontinence of bitter eating. [EL]

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

Through compassion enrolled with slaves,
long-suffering Christ, by Caesar's decree, you
came to give freedom, life and deliverance to
ungrateful servants, who worship your saving
Nativity, for you have come to save our souls.
[EL]

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

The All-holy and blameless Virgin,
realising that her child-bearing was beyond
explanation and had made new the laws of
nature, cried to her Son: My Child, so much
desired, I am amazed at the great mystery: I
have born a child and yet remain a virgin by
your power, who do all things by your will! [EL]

Τῶν Πατέρων.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ὁ ἐν Ἐδέμ Παράδεισος.

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

Τὰ τῶν Πατέρων σήμερον πιστοί,
τελοῦντες μνημόσυνα, ἀνυμνήσωμεν
Χριστὸν τὸν Λυτρωτὴν, τὸν μεγαλύναντα
αὐτοῦς, ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ θαυμάτων
τὰ παράδοξα πιστῶς, ἐπιτελέσαντα Κύριον,
ὡς κραταῖον καὶ δυνατόν, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν
ἀναδείξαντα, ῥάβδον δυνάμεως ἡμῖν,
τὴν μόνην ἀπείρανδρον, καὶ θεόπαιδα
Μαρίαν τὴν ἀγνήν, ἐξ ἧς τὸ ἄνθος προῆλθε,
Χριστός, βλαστήσας πᾶσι τὴν ζωὴν, καὶ
ἀδάπανον τρυφήν, καὶ σωτηρίαν τῶν
ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

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

Ὡς ἐν ψεκᾷ μέσον τῆς φλογός, τῇ
δρόσῳ τοῦ Πνεύματος, ἀγαλλόμενοι οἱ
Παῖδες τοῦ Θεοῦ, περιεπάτουν μυστικῶς,
ἐν αὐτῇ προτυπώσαντες, τὴν Τριάδα
καὶ τὴν σάρκωσιν Χριστοῦ, καὶ ὡς σοφοὶ
διὰ πίστεως, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός,
καὶ Δανιὴλ δὲ ὁ δίκαιος, λεόντων ὥφθη
φιμωτής· ὦν ταῖς δεήσεσι, δυσωπούμενος
φιλάνθρωπε Σωτήρ, καὶ ἡμᾶς τοῦ
ἀσβέστου, καὶ αἰωνίου λύτρωσαι πυρός, καὶ
ἀξιώσον τυχεῖν, τῆς οὐρανίου Βασιλείας
σου.

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

Ὡσπερ ἐν δρόσῳ ὄντες οἱ πιστοί, καὶ
Ἅγιοι Παῖδες σου, ἐν καμίνῳ τῆς φλογὸς τῆς
τοῦ πυρός, προεζωγράφουν μυστικῶς, τὴν

For the Fathers.

Mode pl. 4. N/M (The paradise of Eden.)

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

As we believers celebrate today the
memorials of the Fathers, let us sing in praise
to Christ the Redeemer; the Lord, who as
mighty and powerful magnified them among
all the nations and faithfully performed
extraordinary wonders; and has revealed
from among them a rod of power, Mary the
only pure Child of God, who has not known
man; from her Christ has come forth, the
flower that blossoms with life for all, the
inexhaustible delight and the salvation of our
souls. [EL]

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

By the dew of the Spirit God's Youths
rejoicing as in rain walked mystically in the
midst of the flame, typifying in advance the
Trinity and Christ's incarnation; and as wise
through faith they quenched the power of
fire. And the just Daniel appeared as a tamer
of lions. Besought by their intercessions,
O Saviour who loves mankind, deliver us
also from the unquenchable and eternal fire,
and make us worthy to gain your heavenly
Kingdom. [EL]

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

The faithful, Holy Youths in the furnace
of fire, as in dew, mystically prefigured
your coming from the Virgin, which shone

ἐκ Παρθένου σου ἔλευσιν, τὴν ἀφλέκτως ἀναλάμψασαν ἡμῖν, καὶ Δανιὴλ δὲ ὁ δίκαιος, καὶ ἐν Προφήταις θαυμαστός, τρανῶς τὴν θεῖαν δευτέραν σου, ἐπιδημίαν προδηλῶν. Ἐώρων ἐκραύγαζεν, ἕως οὗ θρόνοι ἐτέθησαν φησί, καὶ κριτῆς ἐκαθέσθη, καὶ τοῦ πυρὸς ἐπέστη ποταμός· οὗ ῥυσθείμεν Χριστέ, ταῖς ἱκεσίαις αὐτῶν Δέσποτα.

Δόξα. **Τῶν Πατέρων.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Δανιὴλ ἀνὴρ ἐπιθυμιῶν, λίθον ἄνευ χειρὸς τμηθέντα, θεωρήσας σε Κύριε, βρέφος ἄνευ σποράς, τεχθῆναι προηγόρευσεν, σὲ τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου σαρκωθέντα Λόγον, τὸν ἀναλλοίωτον Θεόν, καὶ Σωτῆρα τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Τῆς Οἰκτιρήτου - -

Καὶ νῦν. **Ἦχος β'.**

Τὸ α' Θεοτοκίον τοῦ Ἦχου.

Παρθένον ἡ σκιά τοῦ νόμου, τῆς χάριτος ἐλθούσης· ὥς γὰρ ἡ βάτος οὐκ ἐκαίετο καταφλεγόμενη, οὕτω παρθένος ἔτεκες, καὶ παρθένος ἔμεινας, ἀντὶ στύλου πυρός, δικαιοσύνης ἀνέτειλεν Ἥλιος, ἀντὶ Μωϋσέως Χριστός, ἡ σωτηρία τῶν ψυχῶν 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 ἐκκλίνῃς τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς λόγους, ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι

forth without burning for us. And the just Daniel, wonderful among Prophets, clearly foreshowed your second divine coming when he cried: I see where thrones are set, and the judge has taken his throne, and a river of fire is present; from which at their intercessions may we be delivered, O Master Christ. [EL]

Glory. **For the Fathers.**

From Menaion - -

Mode pl. 2.

Daniel, the man of desires, when he saw a stone hewn without human hand, foretold that you, Lord, would be born as a babe without seed, you the Word incarnate of the Virgin, God unchanging and the Saviour of our souls. [EL]

From Octoechos - -

Both now. **Mode 2.**

The First Theotokion of the Mode.

At the coming of grace, the shadow of the law passed away. Just as the bush that burned was not consumed, so have you given birth and remained a virgin. Instead of a pillar of fire, the Sun of Righteousness shone forth; instead of Moses, Christ, the salvation of our souls appeared. [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.

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, ἁγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ
Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν,
ιδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα,
Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν
πᾶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις,
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ
δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν
ἐνεδύσατο.

Στίχ. Ἐνεδύσατο ὁ Κύριος δύναμιν, καὶ
περιεζώσατο.

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν
ἐνεδύσατο.

Στίχ. Καὶ γὰρ ἑστερέωσε τὴν
οἰκουμένην, ἥτις οὐ σαλευθήσεται.

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν
ἐνεδύσατο.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Γενέσεως τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Mode 2.

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

DEACON

The evening Prokeimenon.

CHOIR

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2.

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with
majesty. [SAAS]

Verse: The Lord clothed and girded Himself
with power.

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with
majesty.

Verse: And He established the world, which
shall not be moved.

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with
majesty.

The Readings

From Menaion ---

READER

The reading is from the book of Genesis.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Γε Κεφ. 14, 14-20

Ακούσας Ἀβραμ, ὅτι ἡχμαλώτεται
 Λὼτ ὁ ἀδελφιδοῦς αὐτοῦ, ἠρίθμησε τοὺς
 ἰδίους οἰκογενεῖς αὐτοῦ, τριακοσίους δέκα
 καὶ ὀκτώ, καὶ κατεδίωξεν ὀπίσω αὐτῶν ἕως
 Δάν, καὶ ἐπέπεσεν ἐπ' αὐτοὺς τὴν νύκτα
 αὐτός, καὶ οἱ Παῖδες αὐτοῦ μετ' αὐτοῦ καὶ
 ἐπάταξεν αὐτοὺς καὶ κατεδίωξεν αὐτοὺς
 ἕως Χοβάλ, ἡ ἐστὶν ἐν ἀριστερᾷ Δαμασκοῦ.
 Καὶ ἀπέστρεψε πᾶσαν τὴν ἵππον Σοδόμων,
 καὶ Λὼτ τὸν ἀδελφιδοῦν αὐτοῦ ἀπέστρεψε,
 καὶ πάντα τὰ ὑπάρχοντα αὐτοῦ, καὶ
 τὰς γυναῖκας, καὶ τὸν λαόν. Ἐξῆλθε
 δὲ βασιλεὺς Σοδόμων εἰς συνάντησιν
 αὐτῷ ὁ μετὰ τὸ ὑποστρέψαι αὐτὸν ἀπὸ
 τῆς κοπῆς τοῦ Χοδολλογόμορ καὶ τῶν
 βασιλέων τῶν μετ' αὐτοῦ, εἰς τὴν κοιλάδα
 τοῦ Σαβύ· τοῦτο ἦν πεδῖον Βασιλέως, καὶ
 Μελχισεδέκ, βασιλεὺς Σαλήμ, ἐξήνεγκεν
 ἄρτους καὶ οἶνον· ἦν δὲ ἱερεὺς τοῦ Θεοῦ
 τοῦ Ὑψίστου, καὶ εὐλόγησε τὸν Ἀβραμ,
 καὶ εἶπεν· Ευλογημένος Ἀβραμ τῷ Θεῷ
 τῷ Ὑψίστῳ, ὃς ἔκτισε τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν
 γῆν. Καὶ εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ὁ Ὑψιστος, ὃς
 παρέδωκε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς σου ὑποχειρίους
 σοι.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δευτερονομίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δευ 1:8-11, 15-17

Εἶπε Μωσῆς πρὸς τοὺς υἱοὺς Ἰσραὴλ·
 Ἴδετε παραδέδωκα ἐνώπιον ὑμῶν τὴν
 γῆν· εἰσελθόντες κληρονομήσατε τὴν γῆν,
 ἣν ὤμοσε Κύριος τοῖς πατράσιν ἡμῶν,

READER

Gn 14:14-20a

Now when Abram heard his brother
 Lot was taken captive, he armed his three
 hundred and eighteen trained servants, born
 in his own house, and went in pursuit as far
 as Dan. So he divided his forces against them
 by night, and he and his servants attacked
 and pursued them as far as Hobah, north of
 Damascus. So he brought back all the cavalry
 of Sodom, and also brought back his brother
 Lot and his goods, as well as the women and
 the people. Then the king of Sodom went out
 to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is,
 the King's Valley), after his return from the
 slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings with
 him. Now Melchizedek the king of Salem
 brought out bread and wine; he was the priest
 of God Most High. He blessed Abram and
 said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
 Creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be
 God Most High, who delivered your enemies
 into your hands." [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the book of
 Deuteronomy.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Dt 1:8-11, 15-17

Moses spoke to the sons of Israel: Behold,
 I am delivering the land in your presence;
 go in and inherit the land I swore to your
 fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to

τῷ Ἀβραάμ καὶ τῷ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ τῷ Ἰακώβ, δοῦναι αὐτοῖς αὐτήν, καὶ τῷ σπέρματι αὐτῶν μέτ' αὐτούς. Καὶ εἶπον πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἐν τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ λέγων· Οὐ δυνήσομαι μόνος φέρειν ὑμᾶς· Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ἐπλήθυνεν ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐστε σήμερον ὡς τὰ ἄστρα τοῦ οὐρανοῦ τῷ πλήθει. Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν προσθείη ὑμῖν, ὡς ἐστέ, χιλιοπλασίως καὶ εὐλογῆσαι ἡμᾶς, καθότι ἐλάλησεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἔλαβον ἐξ ὑμῶν ἄνδρας σοφούς, καὶ ἐπιστήμονας, καὶ συνετούς, καὶ κατέστησα αὐτούς ἡγεῖσθαι ἐφ' ὑμῶν, χιλιάρχους, καὶ ἑκατοντάρχους, καὶ πεντηκοντάρχους, καὶ δεκάρχους, καὶ γραμματοεισαγωγεῖς τοῖς κριταῖς ἡμῶν. Καὶ ἐνετειλάμην τοῖς κριταῖς ὑμῶν ἐν τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, λέγων· Διακούετε ἀνὰ μέσον τῶν ἀδελφῶν ὑμῶν, καὶ κρίνετε δικαίως ἀνὰ μέσον ἀνδρός, καὶ ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ προσηλύτου αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ ἐπιγνώσεσθε πρόσωπον ἐν κρίσει, κατὰ τὸν μικρὸν καὶ κατὰ τὸν μέγαν κρίνεῖς, οὐ μὴ ὑποστείλῃ πρόσωπον ἀνθρώπου, ὅτι ἡ κρίσις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐστίν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δευτερονομίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δευ 10:14-18, 20-21

Εἶπε Μωσῆς πρὸς τοὺς υἱοὺς Ἰσραὴλ· ἰδοὺ Κυρίου τοῦ Θεοῦ σου ὁ οὐρανός, καὶ ὁ οὐρανὸς τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ἡ γῆ, καὶ πάντα ὅσα ἐστὶν ἐν αὐτοῖς. Πλὴν τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν προείλετο Κύριος ἀγαπᾶν αὐτούς,

give it to them and their seed after them. So I spoke to you at that time, saying, 'I alone am not able to bear you. The Lord your God multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you, just as He said.' So I took from you wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men and made them leaders over you: leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens; judges to interpret the law for you. Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the resident alien with him. You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall judge the small and the great; you shall not shrink before any man's presence, for the judgment is God's.' [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the book of Deuteronomy.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

Dt 10:14-18, 20-21

Moses spoke to the sons of Israel: Indeed, heaven and heaven of heaven belong to the Lord your God, also the earth and everything in it. The Lord chose your fathers to love them; and He chose their seed after them, you

καὶ ἐξελέξατο τὸ σπέρμα αὐτῶν μετ' αὐτούς, ὑμᾶς παρὰ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, κατὰ τὴν ἡμέραν ταύτην. Καὶ περιτεμεῖσθε τὴν σκληροκαρδίαν ὑμῶν, καὶ τὸν τράχηλον ὑμῶν οὐ σκληρυνεῖτε ἔτι. Ὁ γὰρ Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὗτος Θεὸς τῶν Θεῶν, καὶ Κύριος τῶν Κυρίων· ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ἰσχυρὸς καὶ φοβερός, ὅστις οὐ θαυμάζει πρόσωπον, οὐ δ' οὐ μὴ λάβῃ δῶρον, ποιῶν κρίσιν προσηλύτῳ, καὶ ὀρφανῷ, καὶ χήρᾳ, καὶ ἀγαπᾷ τὸν προσήλυτον, δοῦναι αὐτῷ ἄρτον καὶ ἱμάτιον. Κύριον τὸν Θεόν σου φοβηθήσῃ, καὶ αὐτῷ μόνῳ λατρεύσεις, καὶ πρὸς αὐτὸν κοληθήσῃ, καὶ ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματι αὐτοῦ ὁμῇ. Αὐτὸς καύχημά σου, καὶ αὐτὸς Θεὸς σου ὅστις ἐποίησέ σοι τὰ μεγάλα καὶ ἔνδοξα ταῦτα, ἃ εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί σου.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός 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).

above all nations, as it is this day. Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving him food and clothing. You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and hold fast to Him, and take oaths in His name. He is your boast and your God, who did these great and glorious things for you, the things you saw with your own eyes. [SAAS]

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἦτι 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRIEST

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

(*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 πρόπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρόπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρόπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(*Ἀμήν.*)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἐσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(*Κύριε, ἐλέησον.*)

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

(*Κύριε, ἐλέησον.*)

Τὴν ἐσπέραν πᾶσαν τελείαν, ἁγίαν, εἰρηνικὴν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(*Παράσχου, Κύριε.*)

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

(*Παράσχου, Κύριε.*)

(*Amen.*)

READER

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

(*Amen.*)

DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

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

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

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

(*Grant this, O Lord.*)

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

(*Grant this, O Lord.*)

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 μετανοίᾳ 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 Ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες,
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.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

Τῆς Ὁκτωήχου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Ἀπόστιχα Ἀναστάσιμα.
Ἦχος β'.**

Ἡ Ἀνάστασίς σου Χριστέ Σωτήρ, ἅπασαν ἐφώτισε τὴν οἰκουμένην, καὶ ἀνεκαλέσω τὸ ἴδιον πλάσμα, παντοδύναμε Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Στίχ. Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσατο, ἐνεδύσατο Κύριος δύναμιν καὶ περιεζώσατο.

Διὰ ξύλου Σῶτερ κατήργησας, τὴν τοῦ ξύλου κατάραν, κράτος θανάτου τῇ ταφῇ σου ἐνέκρωσας, ἐφώτισας, δὲ τὸ γένος ἡμῶν τῇ Ἐγέρσει σου· διὸ βοῶμέν σοι· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

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

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

From Octoechos ---

CHOIR

**Resurrectional Aposticha.
Mode 2.**

Your resurrection, O Christ our Savior, has illumined the entire earth, and has recalled your creation. O almighty Lord, glory to you. [HC]

Verse: *The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with majesty; the Lord clothed and girded Himself with power.* [SAAS]

By the wood of the cross, O Savior, you abolished the curse of the tree, and by your burial you have destroyed the dominion of death, and have enlightened mankind by your resurrection. Therefore, we cry to you: Glory to you, O Christ our God, the Giver of life. [HC]

Στίχ. Καὶ γὰρ ἑστερέωσε τὴν οἰκουμένην, ἣτις οὐ σαλευθήσεται.

Ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ Χριστέ, φανεῖς καθηλωμένος, ἡλλοίωσας κάλλος κτισμάτων, καὶ τὸ μὲν ἀπάνθρωπον στρατιῶται δεικνύμενοι, λόγχῃ πλευράν σου ἐκέντησαν. Ἐβραῖοι δὲ σφραγῖσαι τάφον ἠτήσαντο, τὴν σὴν ἐξουσίαν οὐκ ἐπιστάμενοι, ἀλλ' ὁ δι' οἶκτον σπλάγχνων σου καταδεξάμενος ταφήν, καὶ τριήμερος ἀναστάς, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Στίχ. Τῷ οἴκῳ σου πρέπει ἀγίασμα, Κύριε, εἰς μακρότητα ἡμερῶν.

Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ἐκουσίως Πάθος ὑποστάς διὰ θνητούς, ἐν Αἰδῇ δὲ κατελθὼν ὡς δυνατός, τοὺς ἐκεῖ τὴν ἔλευσιν μένοντας τὴν σὴν, ἀφαρπάσας ὡς ἐκ χειρὸς κραταιοῦ, Παράδεισον ἀνθ' Αἰδου, οἰκεῖν δεδώρησαι· διὸ καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς δοξάζουσι τὴν σὴν τριήμερον Ἐγερσιν, δώρησαι ἰλασμόν ἀμαρτιῶν, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα. **Τῶν Πατέρων.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος β'.

Χαίρετε Προφῆται τίμιοι, οἱ τὸν νόμον Κυρίου, καλῶς διαταξάμενοι, καὶ τῇ πίστει φανέντες, ἀπόρρητοι στῦλοι ἀκλινεῖς· ὑμεῖς γὰρ καὶ μεσῖται ὥφθητε τῆς Νέας διαθήκης Χριστοῦ, καὶ μεταστάντες πρὸς οὐρανόν, αὐτὸν ἱκετεύσατε, εἰρηνεῦσαι τὸν κόσμον, καὶ σῶσαι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος β'.

Ἴδου καιρὸς ἤγγικε τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν· εὐτρεπίζου Σπήλαιον, ἡ Παρθένος ἐγγίξει

Verse: And He established the world, which shall not be moved. [SAAS]

When you appeared, O Christ, nailed upon the cross, you altered the beauty of created things. Cruelly the soldiers pierced your side with a lance; and the Jews asked that your tomb might be sealed, not understanding your power. But you, O Lord, because of your mercy submitted to the tomb and rose on the third day. Therefore, glory to you. [HC]

Verse: Holiness is proper to Your house, O Lord, unto length of days. [SAAS]

O Christ, Giver of life, for the sake of us mortals you willingly endured the passion and descended into Hades with power, snatching from the hands of the tyrant those who awaited you there, granting them, instead of Hades, an abode in paradise. Therefore, to us who give glory to your rising on the third day, grant pardon of our sins and your great mercy. [HC]

Glory. **For the Fathers.**

From Menaion - -

Mode 2.

Hail honoured Prophets, who excellently ordered the Law of the Lord and by your faith appeared as indestructible, unshakeable pillars; for you were seen as the mediators of the New Testament of Christ; and now that you have passed over into heaven, implore him to grant peace to the world and to save our souls. [EL]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion - -

Mode 2.

See, the time of salvation is at hand; Cave prepare, the Virgin draws near to give birth.

τοῦ τεκεῖν, Βηθλεὲμ γῆ, Ἰούδα, τέρπου καὶ ἀγάλλου, ὅτι ἐκ σοῦ ἀνατέταλκεν ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν. Ἀκούσατε ὄρη καὶ βουνοί, καὶ τὰ περὶχωρὰ τῆς Ἰουδαίας, ὅτι ἔρχεται Χριστός, ἵνα σώσῃ ὃν ἔπλασεν ἄνθρωπον, ὡς φιλάνθρωπος.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τον 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, 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, ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον

Bethlehem, land of Juda, rejoice and be glad, for our Lord has dawned from you. Hearken, mountains and hills, and the countries around Judea; for Christ is coming to save mankind whom he fashioned, for he loves mankind. [EL]

PRIEST

Song of Simeon.

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

PEOPLE

Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our

ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὥς 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

Τῆς Οκτωήχου - - -

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος β'.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄϊδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Δόξα. **Τῶν Πατέρων.**

Ἦχος β'.

Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς πίστεως κατορθώματα! Ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλογός, ὥς ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως, οἱ ἅγιοι Τρεῖς Παῖδες ἠγάλλοντο, καὶ ὁ προφήτης Δανιήλ, λεόντων ποιμήν, ὥς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πᾶσιν ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθαῖ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης

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

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 2.

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You. [SD]

Glory. **For the Fathers.**

Mode 2.

Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith! The holy Three Servants greatly rejoiced, as they stood in the fountain of fire, as if beside the still waters; and the Prophet Daniel appeared to be a shepherd of lions, as if they were sheep. At their entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls. [SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

Mode 4.

O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened unto all. * And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree of life * has in the grotto blossomed forth from the Virgin. * Indeed her womb is shown to be

γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον
φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς
ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται,
τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

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 Σεραφείμ,
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

Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, Χριστὸς ὁ
ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις
τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας
αὐτοῦ Μητρὸς, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ
ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων
ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις
τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου
καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων
καὶ πανευφήμεων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν

spiritually * a Paradise, in which is found the
God-planted Tree. * And if we eat from it we
shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of
old. * Christ is born, so that He might raise up
* the formerly fallen image. [SD]

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 He Who rose from the dead, 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

όσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννης, πάντων τῶν ἀπ' αἰῶνος Θεῷ εὐαρεστησάντων, ἀπὸ Ἀδὰμ ἄχρι καὶ Ἰωσήφ τοῦ μνηστόρος τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, ὧν καὶ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν· καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, all those who from the beginning of time were well-pleasing to God, from Adam to Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, whose memory we observe; 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.)