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Μηναῖον - ΤΗΙ Β' ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ

Ἡ Ὑπαπαντὴ τοῦ Κυρίου

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 δέσρην, 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 αἵωνος. 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
ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ

Menaion - February 2

The Meeting of our Lord

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;
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

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, ἃς
ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι,
τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὅρη
τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ
τοῖς λαγωαῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιροῦς,
ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος,
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται
πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι
ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπαῖσαι, 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
πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφήν

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
things wait upon You, that You may give

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 ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
 αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

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

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

PRIEST (inaudibly)

1st Prayer

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

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

2nd Prayer

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

προσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ

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

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

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

3rd Prayer

Lord our God, remember us, sinners and your unprofitable servants, as we call upon your holy Name, and do not put us to shame from the expectation of your mercy, but graciously grant us, Lord, all the requests that are for salvation, and count us worthy to love and to fear you from our whole heart, and in all things to do your will. ^[EL]

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

4th Prayer

O Lord, who are praised by the holy Powers with never silent hymns and unceasing songs of glory, fill our mouth with your praise to give majesty to your holy Name, and give us a part and an inheritance with all who fear you in truth and who keep your commandments, at the prayers of the holy Mother of God and of all your Saints. ^[EL]

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

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

Ὅτι σὺ εἰ 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 ἀνάπausιν τῇ
ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν ἐδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς
φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Naί, 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
Τραπεζῆς, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς τὸ Τερέα,
καὶ ἐξελθὼν τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς βορείας
πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ὁραίας πύλης, καὶ βλέπων
κατ' ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Χριστοῦ, λέγει τὴν
Μεγάλην Συναπτὴν, ἥτοι τὰ "Εἰρηνικά."*

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

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῆς εἰρήνης τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου, εὐσταθείας τῶν 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,
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 α'.

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 1.

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 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 ἔγνωσ τὰς τρίβους μου.

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

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

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

Πρόσχεες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

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

Στιχηρὰ τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.

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

Λέγε Συμεών, τίνα φέρων ἐν ἀγκάλαις,
ἐν τῷ ναῷ ἀγάλλῃ; τίني κράζεις καὶ
βοᾷς; Νῦν ἡλευθέρωμαι· εἶδον γὰρ τὸν
Σωτῆρά μου· Οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου
τεχθεὶς, οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ ἐκ Θεοῦ Θεὸς Λόγος,
ὁ σαρκωθεὶς δι' ἡμᾶς, καὶ σώσας τὸν
ἄνθρωπον· Αὐτὸν προσκυνήσωμεν.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.

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

Λέγε Συμεών, τίνα φέρων ἐν ἀγκάλαις,
ἐν τῷ ναῷ ἀγάλλῃ; τίني κράζεις καὶ
βοᾷς; Νῦν ἡλευθέρωμαι· εἶδον γὰρ τὸν
Σωτῆρά μου· Οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου
τεχθεὶς, οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ ἐκ Θεοῦ Θεὸς Λόγος,
ὁ σαρκωθεὶς δι' ἡμᾶς, καὶ σώσας τὸν
ἄνθρωπον· Αὐτὸν προσκυνήσωμεν.

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 Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Idiomelon. Mode 1.

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

Tell us, Symeon. Who are you holding
in your arms, in the temple rejoicing? Who
are you speaking to and saying, "Now I am
set free, for I have seen my Savior. He is the
One born of a Virgin; He is God, the Word of
God, who became incarnate for us and saved
humanity. Let us worship Him." [SD]

Idiomelon. Mode 1.

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

Tell us, Symeon. Who are you holding
in your arms, in the temple rejoicing? Who
are you speaking to and saying, "Now I am
set free, for I have seen my Savior. He is the
One born of a Virgin; He is God, the Word of
God, who became incarnate for us and saved
humanity. Let us worship Him." [SD]

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.

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

Δέχου Συμεών, ὃν ὑπὸ τὸν γνόφον, Μωσῆς νομοθετοῦντα, προεώρα ἐν Σινᾷ, βρέφος γενόμενον, νόμῳ ὑποταττόμενον. Οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ διὰ νόμου λαλήσας οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ ἐν Προφήταις ῥηθείς, ὁ σαρκωθεὶς δι' ἡμᾶς, καὶ σώσας τὸν ἄνθρωπον· Αὐτὸν προσκυνήσωμεν.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.

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

Δέχου Συμεών, ὃν ὑπὸ τὸν γνόφον, Μωσῆς νομοθετοῦντα, προεώρα ἐν Σινᾷ, βρέφος γενόμενον, νόμῳ ὑποταττόμενον. Οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ διὰ νόμου λαλήσας οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ ἐν Προφήταις ῥηθείς, ὁ σαρκωθεὶς δι' ἡμᾶς, καὶ σώσας τὸν ἄνθρωπον· Αὐτὸν προσκυνήσωμεν.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.

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

Δεῦτε καὶ ἡμεῖς, ἄσμασιν ἐνθέοις, Χριστῷ συναντηθῶμεν, καὶ δεξώμεθα αὐτόν, οὗ τὸ σωτήριον ὁ Συμεὼν ἐώρακεν. Οὗτός ἐστιν, ὃν ὁ Δαυΐδ καταγγέλλει οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ ἐν Προφήταις λαλήσας, ὁ σαρκωθεὶς δι' ἡμᾶς, καὶ νόμῳ φθεγγόμενος· Αὐτὸν προσκυνήσωμεν.

Idiomelon. Mode 1.

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

Symeon, receive the One whom Moses saw in the dark cloud giving the Law on Sinai, and who now became an infant and is submitting to the Law. He is the One who spoke through the Law and who was spoken of by the Prophets; He became incarnate for us and saved humanity. Let us worship Him.

[SD]

Idiomelon. Mode 1.

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

Symeon, receive the One whom Moses saw in the dark cloud giving the Law on Sinai, and who now became an infant and is submitting to the Law. He is the One who spoke through the Law and who was spoken of by the Prophets; He became incarnate for us and saved humanity. Let us worship Him.

[SD]

Idiomelon. Mode 1.

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

Let us also come; let us meet Christ with inspired song, and let us receive Him whose salvation was seen by Symeon. He is the One whom David proclaimed. He is the One who spoke in the Prophets; He became incarnate for us and spoke through the Law. Let us worship Him.

[SD]

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος α'.

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

Δεῦτε καὶ ἡμεῖς, ἄσμασιν ἐνθέοις, Χριστῷ συναντηθῶμεν, καὶ δεξώμεθα αὐτόν, οὗ τὸ σωτήριον ὁ Συμεὼν ἐώρακεν. Οὗτός ἐστιν, ὃν ὁ Δαυῖδ καταγγέλλει οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ ἐν Προφήταις λαλήσας, ὁ σαρκωθείς δι' ἡμᾶς, καὶ νόμῳ φθεγγόμενος· Αὐτὸν προσκυνήσωμεν.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἀνοιγέσθω ἡ πύλη τοῦ οὐρανοῦ σήμερον· ὁ γὰρ ἀναρχος Λόγος τοῦ Πατρὸς, ἀρχὴν λαβὼν χρονικὴν, μὴ ἐκστὰς τῆς αὐτοῦ Θεότητος, ὑπὸ Παρθένου ὡς βρέφος τεσσαρακονθήμερον, Μητρὸς ἐκὼν προσφέρεται, ἐν ναῷ τῷ νομικῷ καὶ τοῦτον ἀγκάλαις εἰσδέχεται ὁ Πρέσβυς. Ἀπόλυσον κράζων, ὁ δοῦλος τῷ Δεσπότη· οἱ γὰρ ὀφθαλμοί μου εἶδον τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὸν κόσμον, σῶσαι γένος ἀνθρώπων, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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 θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοί ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ ἠλπίσαμεν· μὴ καταισχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

Idiomelon. Mode 1.

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

Let us also come; let us meet Christ with inspired song, and let us receive Him whose salvation was seen by Symeon. He is the One whom David proclaimed. He is the One who spoke in the Prophets; He became incarnate for us and spoke through the Law. Let us worship Him. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

Let the gate of heaven open today. For the Father's beginningless Logos, having taken a beginning in time and not separated from His divinity, is willingly offered as a forty-day old infant, in the Temple of the Law, by His virgin Mother. And the Elder receives Him in his arms. "Let me depart," cries the servant to the Master. "For my eyes have seen Your salvation." O Lord, who came to the world to save the human race, glory to You! [CKD]

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.

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 ἐσπερινόν, 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 βαρύς.

Ὁ Θεός, ἀντιλήπτωρ μου εἶ· τὸ ἔλεός
σου προφθάσει με. (δίς)

Στίχ. Ἐξελοῦ με ἐκ τῶν ἐχθρῶν μου,
ὁ Θεός, καὶ ἐκ τῶν ἐπανισταμένων ἐπ' ἐμὲ
λύτρωσαί με.

Ὁ Θεός, ἀντιλήπτωρ μου εἶ· τὸ ἔλεός
σου προφθάσει με.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Τῆς Ἑξόδου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

(12:51)

Ἐλάλησε Κύριος πρὸς Μωσῆν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ
ἐκείνῃ, ἣ ἐξήγαγε τοὺς υἱοὺς Ἰσραὴλ ἐκ
γῆς Αἰγύπτου, λέγων· ἁγιάσόν μοι πᾶν
πρωτότοκον πρωτογενές, διανοῖγον πᾶσαν
μήτραν ἐν τοῖς υἱοῖς, Ἰσραὴλ. Εἶπε δὲ

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. Grave Mode.

You are my protector, O God. Your mercy
shall go before me. (2) [SAAS]

Verse: Rescue me from my enemies, O God,
and redeem me from those who rise up against me.

You are my protector, O God. Your mercy
shall go before me.

The Readings

From Menaion ---

READER

The reading is from the book of Exodus.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

(12:51; 13:1-2a, 3a, 10a, 11-12a, 14-16a; 22:28b; Leviticus
12:2b, 3, 4a, 4c, 6c, 8a, 8c; Numbers 8:16a, 16c, 17b-c)

On that very same day, that the Lord
brought the children of Israel out of the land
of Egypt with their army, the Lord spoke to
Moses, saying: Sanctify to Me all the firstborn,
the first-begotten, whatever opens the womb

Μωϋσῆς πρὸς τὸν λαόν· Μνημονεύετε τὴν ἡμέραν ταύτην, ἐν ἣ ἐξήλθετε ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύπτου, ἐξ οἴκου δουλείας· ἐν γὰρ χειρὶ κραταιᾷ ἐξήγαγεν ὑμᾶς Κύριος ἐντεῦθεν. Καὶ φυλάξασθε τὸν νόμον αὐτοῦ. Καὶ ἔσται, ὡς ἂν εἰσαγάγῃ σε Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς εἰς τὴν γῆν τῶν Χαναανίων, ὃν τρόπον ὥμοσε τοῖς πατράσι σου, καὶ ἀφοριεῖς πᾶν διανοῖγον μήτραν τὰ ἀρσενικά τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐὰν δὲ ἐρωτήσῃ σε μετὰ ταῦτα ὁ υἱός σου λέγων· Τί τοῦτο; καὶ ἐρεῖς αὐτῷ· Ὅτι ἐν χειρὶ κραταιᾷ ἐξήγαγεν ἡμᾶς Κύριος ἐκ γῆς Αἰγύπτου, ἐξ οἴκου δουλείας. Ἦνίκα δὲ ἐσκήρυνε Φαραὼ τοῦ ἐξαποστεῖλαι ἡμᾶς, ἀπέκτεινε Κύριος πᾶν πρωτότοκον ἐν γῇ Αἰγύπτου, ἀπὸ πρωτοτόκων ἀνθρώπων ἕως πρωτοτόκων κτηνῶν· διὰ τοῦτο ἐγὼ θύω τῷ Κυρίῳ πᾶν διανοῖγον μήτραν τὰ ἀρσενικά, καὶ πᾶν πρωτότοκον τῶν υἱῶν μου λυτρῶσομαι. Καὶ ἔσται εἰς σημεῖον ἐπὶ τῆς χειρός σου, καὶ ἀσάλευτον πρὸ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν σου, ὅτι οὕτως ἔφη Κύριος ὁ παντοκράτωρ· Ὅτι τὰ πρωτότοκα τῶν υἱῶν σου δώσεις ἐμοί. Καὶ ἔσται πᾶς ὃς ἂν τέξῃ παιδίον ἄρσεν, τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ ὀγδόῃ περιτεμεῖ τὴν σάρκα τῆς ἀκροβυστίας αὐτοῦ. Καὶ τριάκοντα καὶ τρεῖς ἡμέρας οὐκ εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὸ ἁγιαστήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ πρὸς τὸν ἱερέα, ἕως πληρωθῶσιν αἱ ἡμέραι τῆς καθάρσεως. Καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα προσοίσει τῷ Κυρίῳ ἁμνὸν ἐνιαύσιον ἄμωμον εἰς ὀλοκαύτωμα, καὶ νεοσσὸν περιστερᾶς, ἢ Τρυγόνος, ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τῆς σκηνῆς τοῦ Μαρτυρίου πρὸς τὸν Ἱερέα· ἢ ἀντὶ τούτων, προσοίσει ἑναντι Κυρίου δύο νεοσσούς περιστερῶν, ἢ δύο τρυγόνας. Καὶ ἐξιλάσεται περὶ αὐτοῦ ὁ Ἱερεὺς· ὅτι ἀπόδομα ἀποδοσμένοι οὗτοί μοι εἰσιν ἐκ πάντων τῶν υἱῶν Ἰσραὴλ, καὶ

among the children of Israel. Then Moses said to the people: Remember this day, in which you went out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place. You shall therefore keep this law. Then it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to your fathers, and gives it to you, that you shall set apart to the Lord all that open the womb, that is, every male. So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'With a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thus it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of cattle. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' It shall be as a sign on your hand and immovable before your eyes, because thus says the Lord the Almighty: The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me. If a woman conceived and bore a male child, then on the eighth day, the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. For thirty-three days she is not to come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purification are fulfilled. When the days of her purification are fulfilled, she is to bring to the priest a lamb of the first year as a whole burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of testimony. But if she is unable to afford a lamb, she may bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons. So the priest shall make atonement for her. For they are Mine as a

εἴληφα αὐτούς, καὶ ἡγίασα αὐτούς ἐμοί,
ἀντὶ τῶν πρωτοτόκων τῶν Αἰγυπτίων, ἣ
ἡμέρα ἐπάταξα πᾶν πρωτότοκον ἐν γῇ
Αἰγύπτου, ἀπὸ ἀνθρώπου ἕως κτήνους,
εἶπεν ὁ Θεὸς ὁ ὕψιστος, ὁ ἅγιος Ἰσραήλ.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προφητείας Ἡσαΐου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

(C' 1-12)

Ἐγένετο τοῦ ἔτους, οὗ ἀπέθανεν Ὀζίας
ὁ Βασιλεύς, εἶδον τὸν Κύριον καθήμενον ἐπὶ
θρόνου ὑψηλοῦ καὶ ἐπηρμένου, καὶ πλήρης
ὁ οἶκος τῆς δόξης αὐτοῦ. Καὶ Σεραφίμ
εἰστήκεισαν κύκλῳ αὐτοῦ, ἕξ πτέρυγες τῶ
ἐνὶ καὶ ἕξ πτέρυγες τῶ ἐνὶ, καὶ ταῖς μὲν
δυσὶ κατεκάλυπτον τὰ πρόσωπα αὐτῶν,
ταῖς δὲ δυσὶ κατεκάλυπτον τοὺς πόδας, καὶ
ταῖς δυσὶν ἐπέταντο. Καὶ ἐκέκραγεν ἕτερος
πρὸς τὸν ἕτερον καὶ ἔλεγον· Ἅγιος, Ἅγιος,
Ἅγιος Κύριος Σαβαώθ, πλήρης πᾶσα ἡ γῇ
τῆς δόξης αὐτοῦ. Καὶ ἐπήρθη τὸ ὑπέρθυρον
ἀπὸ τῆς φωνῆς, ἧς ἐκέκραγον, καὶ ὁ οἶκος
ἐνεπλήσθη καπνοῦ. Καὶ εἶπον. ὦ τάλας
ἐγώ! ὅτι κατανένυγμαι· ὅτι ἄνθρωπος ὢν,
καὶ ἀκάθαρτα χεῖλη ἔχων, ἐν μέσῳ λαοῦ
ἀκάθαρτα χεῖλη ἔχοντος ἐγὼ οἰκῶ· καὶ
τὸν Βασιλέα Κύριον Σαβαώθ εἶδον τοῖς
ὀφθαλμοῖς μου. Καὶ ἀπεστάλη πρὸς με ἐν
τῶν Σεραφίμ, καὶ ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ εἶχεν
ἄνθρακα, ὃν τῇ λαβίδι ἔλαβεν ἀπὸ τοῦ
θυσιαστηρίου· καὶ ἥψατο τοῦ στόματός
μου, καὶ εἶπεν· Ἰδού, ἥψατο τοῦτο τῶν
χειλέων σου, καὶ ἀφελεῖ τὰς ἀνομίας σου,

restitution offering from among the children
of Israel; I have taken them for Myself instead
of the firstborn from all the children of Israel,
from man to cattle; on the day I struck all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified
them to Myself. [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Prophecy of
Isaiah.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

(6:1-12)

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the
Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up.
The house was full of His glory. Around Him
stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with
two he covered his face, with two he covered
his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried
to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the
Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His
glory." The lintel was lifted up by the voice of
those who cried out, and the house was filled
with smoke. So I said, "Woe is me, because
I am pierced to the heart, for being a man
and having unclean lips, I dwell in the midst
of a people with unclean lips; for I saw the
King, the Lord of hosts, with my eyes!" Then
one of the seraphim was sent to me. He had
a live coal in his hand, which he took with
tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth,
and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips.
Your lawlessness is taken away, and your
sin is cleansed." I also heard the voice of the
Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who
will go to this people?" Then I said, "Behold,
here am I, send me." So He said, "Go, and

καὶ τὰς ἁμαρτίας σου περικαθαριεῖ. Καὶ ἤκουσα τῆς φωνῆς Κυρίου λέγοντος· Τίνα ἀποστείλω; καὶ τίς πορεύσεται πρὸς τὸν λαὸν τοῦτον; καὶ εἶπον· Ἰδοὺ, ἐγὼ εἰμι· ἀπόστειλόν με. Καὶ εἶπε· Πορεύθητι, καὶ εἰπὲ τῷ λαῷ τούτῳ· Ἀκοῇ ἀκούσετε, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνῆτε, καὶ βλέποντες βλέψετε, καὶ οὐ μὴ ἴδητε. Ἐπαχύνθη γὰρ ἡ καρδιά τοῦ λαοῦ τούτου, καὶ τοῖς ὠσὶν αὐτῶν βαρέως ἤκουσαν, καὶ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτῶν ἐκάμυσαν, μήποτε ἴδωσι τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς, καὶ τοῖς ὠσὶν ἀκούσωσι, καὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ συνῶσι, καὶ ἐπιστρέψωσι, καὶ ἰάσομαι αὐτούς. Καὶ εἶπα· Ἔως πότε, Κύριε; καὶ εἶπεν· Ἔως ἂν ἐρημωθῶσι πόλεις, παρὰ τὸ μὴ κατοικεῖσθαι, καὶ οἵκοι, παρὰ τὸ μὴ εἶναι ἀνθρώπους, καὶ ἡ γῆ καταλειφθήσεται ἔρημος. Καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα μακρυνεῖ ὁ Θεὸς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, καὶ πληθυνθήσονται οἱ ἐγκαταλειφθέντες ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προφητείας Ἡσαΐου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

(ιθ' 1)

Ἰδοὺ Κύριος καθήσεται ἐπὶ νεφέλης κούφης, καὶ ἥξει εἰς Αἴγυπτον, καὶ σεισθήσεται τὰ χειροποίητα Αἰγύπτου ἀπὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἡ καρδιά αὐτῶν ἠττηθήσεται ἐν αὐτοῖς. Καὶ ταραχθήσεται τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ τὴν βουλὴν αὐτῶν διασκεδάσω, καὶ παραδώσω τὴν Αἴγυπτον εἰς χεῖρας κυρίων σκληρῶν, τάδε λέγει Κύριος Σαβαώθ. Καὶ πίνονται οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι ὕδωρ τὸ παρὰ θάλασσαν, ὁ δὲ

tell this people, 'You shall hear indeed, but not understand; and you shall see indeed, but not perceive.' For the heart of this people has become insensitive, and their ears hear with difficulty. They have closed their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return, and I should heal them." Then I said, "Lord, how long?" So He answered, "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without people, and the land shall be left desolate. After this God will remove the people far away, and those left in the land shall multiply." [SAAS]

READER

The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

(19:1, 3a, 4a, 4c, 5, 12, 16, 19-21)

The vision of Egypt: Behold, the Lord sits on a swift cloud and shall come to Egypt, and the things made by hands in Egypt shall be shaken by His presence, and their heart shall be overcome within them. "The spirit of the Egyptians will be troubled within them, and I will reject their counsel, and I will deliver Egypt into the hands of harsh lords," thus says the Lord of hosts. And the Egyptians will drink water from the sea, for the river

ποταμὸς ἐκλείψει καὶ ξηρανθήσεται. Τάδε λέγει Κύριος· Ποῦ εἰσι νῦν οἱ σοφοί σου; καὶ ἀναγγειλάτωσάν σοι, καὶ εἰπάτωσαν· Τί βεβούλευται Κύριος Σαβαώθ ἐπ' Αἴγυπτον τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ ἔσονται οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι ὡς γυναῖκες, ἐν φόβῳ καὶ ἐν τρόμῳ ἀπὸ προσώπου τῆς χειρὸς Κυρίου Σαβαώθ, ἣν αὐτὸς ἐπιβαλεῖ αὐτοῖς. Καὶ ἔσται θυσιαστήριον τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν χώρᾳ Αἰγυπτίων, καὶ στήλη πρὸς τὸ ὄριον αὐτῆς τῷ Κυρίῳ. Καὶ ἔσται εἰς σημεῖον εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα Κυρίῳ ἐν χώρᾳ Αἰγύπτου, ὅτι κεκραῶνται πρὸς Κύριον, καὶ ἀποστελεῖ αὐτοῖς ἄνθρωπον, ὃς σώσει αὐτούς. Καὶ γνωστὸς ἔσται Κύριος τοῖς Αἰγυπτίοις, καὶ γνώσονται οἱ Αἰγύπτιοι τὸν Κύριον ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ποιήσουσι θυσίαν καὶ δῶρον, καὶ εὐξονται εὐχὰς τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ἀποδώσουσι.

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.)

will run dry and have no water. Thus says the Lord, "Where are your wise men now? Let them now tell you, and let them say what the Lord of hosts planned against Egypt." In that day, the Egyptians shall be like women in fear and trembling because of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which He shall lay upon them. In that day, there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the country of Egypt and a pillar to the Lord at its border. It will be a sign forever to the Lord in the country of Egypt, for they will cry to the Lord because of their oppressors, and the Lord will send them a Man who will save them. He will judge and save them. Then the Lord will be known to the Egyptians, and in that day the Egyptians will know the Lord and offer sacrifices. Yes, they will make vows to the Lord and pay them. [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.)

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

(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 ἀμαρτιῶν 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 αἰοιδίμων 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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRIEST

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the

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 παρίδῃς.
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.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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.)

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 ὑμῶν 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 σωτηρίᾳ 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.)

Ἡ Λιτή.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἰδιόμελον Α'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος α'.

Ὁ παλαιὸς ἡμερῶν, ὁ καὶ τὸν νόμον πάλαι ἐν Σινᾷ δοὺς τῷ Μωσεῖ, σήμερον βρέφος ὀραῖται, καὶ κατὰ νόμον, ὡς νόμου Ποιητής, τὸν νόμον ἐκπληρῶν, ναῶ προσάγεται, καὶ τῷ Πρεσβύτῃ ἐπιδίδοται. Δεξάμενος δὲ τοῦτον Συμεὼν ὁ δίκαιος, καὶ τῶν δεσμῶν τὴν ἑκβασιν ἰδὼν τελεσθεῖσαν, γηθοσύνης ἐβόα· Εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου, τὸ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστήριον ἀποκεκρυμμένον, ἐπ' ἐσχάτων τούτων ἡμερῶν φανερωθέν, φῶς διασκεδάζον, τῶν ἀπίστων ἐθνῶν τὴν σκοτόμαιναν, καὶ δόξαν τοῦ νεολέκτου Ἰσραὴλ· διὸ ἀπόλυσον τὸν δούλόν σου, ἐκ τῶν δεσμῶν τοῦδε τοῦ σαρκίου, πρὸς τὴν

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.)

Procession and Litany.

CHOIR

Idiomelon 1.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1.

The Ancient of Days, who also gave the Law to Moses on Sinai, today appears as a babe. And according to the Law, as Maker of the Law, fulfilling the Law, he is brought to the temple and given to the Elder. The righteous Symeon, having received him and seen the accomplishment of the decrees completed, cried out with joy, 'My eyes have seen the Mystery hidden from eternity, made manifest in these last times: a light that dispels the dark folly of the unbelieving nations and the glory of the newly chosen Israel. Therefore, release your servant from the bonds of this flesh for the wondrous life

ἀγήρω καὶ θαυμασίαν ἄληκτον ζωὴν, ὁ παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἰδιόμελον Β'.

Ἦχος α'.

Σήμερον ὁ πάλαι τῷ Μωσεῖ, ἐν Σινᾷ νόμον ἐπιδούς, τοῖς νομικοῖς ὑποκύπτει θεσμοῖς, δι' ἡμᾶς εὐσπλαγχνος γεγονώς. Νῦν ὁ καθαρὸς Θεός, ὡς παιδίον ἅγιον, μήτραν διανοίξαν ἀγνήν, ἑαυτῷ ὡς Θεὸς συγκομίζεται, τῆς τοῦ νόμου κατάρας ἐλευθερῶν, καὶ φωτίζων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Γ'.

Ἦχος β'.

Ὅν περ οἱ ἄνω Λειτουργοὶ τρόμῳ λιτανεύουσι, κάτω νῦν ὁ Συμεὼν, ὑλικάις ἀγκάλαις δεχόμενος, τὸ θεῖον τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ἐνοῦσθαι ἐκήρυττε, καὶ βροτὸν τὸν οὐράνιον Θεὸν ὀπτάνομενος, ἀναχωρῶν τῶν ἐπὶ γῆς, χαρμονικῶς ἀνέκραζεν, ὁ τοῖς ἐν σκότει τὸ ἀνέσπερον φῶς ἀποκαλύπτων, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἰδιόμελον Δ'.

Ἦχος β'.

Σήμερον Συμεὼν ἐν ταῖς ἀγκάλαις, τὸν Κύριον τῆς δόξης ὑποδέχεται, ὃν ὑπὸ τὸν γνόφον πρῶην ὁ Μωϋσῆς ἐθεάσατο, ἐν τῷ ὄρει τῷ Σινᾷ πλάκας δόντα αὐτῷ. Οὗτός ἐστιν, ὁ ἐν τοῖς Προφήταις λαλῶν, καὶ τοῦ νόμου Ποιητής, οὗτός ἐστιν ὃν ὁ Δαυῖδ καταγγέλλει, ὁ τοῖς πᾶσι φοβερός, ὁ ἔχων τὸ μέγα καὶ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

Ἰδιόμελον Ε'.

Ἦχος β'.

Τὸν Ἱερὸν ἢ Ἱερὰ Παρθένος προσεκόμισεν, ἐν Ἱερῷ τῷ Ἱερεῖ, ἀπλώσας

that is ageless and unceasing, O you who grant the world your great mercy.' ^[EL]

Idiomelon 2.

Mode 1.

Today he who of old gave the Law to Moses on Sinai bows to the ordinances of the Law, having become for us like us in his compassion. Now God, who is pure, having opened a pure womb as a holy child, as God is being offered to himself, freeing us from the curse of the Law and enlightening our souls.

^[EL]

Idiomelon 3.

Mode 2.

The One whom the Ministers on high entreat with trembling, now Symeon below, receiving him in arms of matter, proclaims that Godhead is united with mankind. And, seeing the God of heaven as a mortal, as he withdraws from things on earth, he cries out with joy, 'To those in darkness you reveal the light that knows no evening. Lord, glory to you!' ^[EL]

Idiomelon 4.

Mode 2.

Today Symeon receives in his embrace the Lord of glory, whom Moses saw of old in darkness giving him the Tables of the Law on Sinai. This is he who speaks in the Prophets and is the Maker of the Law. This is he whom David proclaimed, he who is fearful to all, he who has great and rich mercy. ^[EL]

Idiomelon 5.

Mode 2.

The sacred Virgin presented her sacred Son in the sacred Temple to the sacred Priest.

δὲ ἀγκάλας ὁ Συμεὼν, ἐδέξατο τοῦτον ἀγαλλόμενος, καὶ ἐβόησε· Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου ἐν εἰρήνῃ Κύριε.

Ἰδιόμελον C'.

Ἦχος β'.

Ὁ κτίστης οὐρανοῦ καὶ γῆς, ἐν ἀγκάλαις ἐβαστάζετο, ὑπὸ ἁγίου Συμεὼν τοῦ πρεσβύτου σήμερον· αὐτὸς γὰρ ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ ἔλεγε· Νῦν ἡλευθέρωμαι, εἶδον γάρ τὸν Σωτῆρά μου.

Ἰδιόμελον Z'.

Ἦχος β'.

Σήμερον Συμεὼν ὁ πρεσβύτες, ἐν τῷ Ναῷ εἰσέρχεται, χαίρων τῷ πνεύματι τὸν Νομοδότην Μωσέως, καὶ πληρωτὴν τοῦ νόμου, ἀγκάλαις εἰσδέξασθαι· ἐκεῖνος μὲν, διὰ γνόφου καὶ φωνῆς ἀμυδρᾶς, θεόπτης ἡξίωτο, καὶ κεκαλυμμένῳ προσώπῳ τῶν Ἑβραίων τὰς ἀπίστους καρδίας διήλεγξεν, οὗτος δέ, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον τοῦ Πατρὸς, σωματωθέντα ἐβάστασε, καὶ τῶν ἔθνων ἀπεκάλυψε τὸ φῶς, τὸν Σταυρὸν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν. Καὶ Ἄννα Προφῆτις ἀναδείκνυται, τὸν Σωτῆρα λυτρωτὴν τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ κηρύττουσα. Αὐτῷ βοήσωμεν. Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ἰδιόμελον H'.

Ἦχος δ'.

Σήμερον ἡ Ἱερὰ Μήτηρ, καὶ τοῦ Ἱεροῦ ὑψηλοτέρα, ἐπὶ τὸ Ἱερὸν παραγέγονεν, ἐμφανίζουσα τῷ κόσμῳ, τὸν τοῦ κόσμου Ποιητὴν, καὶ τοῦ νόμου πάροχον, ὃν καὶ ἐν ἀγκάλαις ὑποδεξάμενος, ὁ πρεσβύτες Συμεὼν, γεραίρων ἐκραύγαζε· Νῦν

And Symeon opened his arms and received Him with great joy, and he cried aloud, "Now You let me Your servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Your word, O Lord." [SD]

Idiomelon 6.

Mode 2.

The Creator of heaven and earth was held in the arms the holy Elder Symeon today, who in the Holy Spirit said, "Now I am set free, for I have seen my Savior." [SD]

Idiomelon 7.

Mode 2.

Today Symeon the Elder enters the Temple, rejoicing in Spirit to receive in his arms the One who gave the Law to Moses and who fulfils the Law. For Moses was counted worthy to see God through darkness and a faint voice, and with his face veiled he rebuked the unbelieving hearts of the Hebrews. While Symeon carried the pre-eternal Word of the Father incarnate in body and he revealed the light of the Nations, the Cross and Resurrection. And Anna was shown to be a Prophetess as she proclaimed the Saviour to be the Redeemer of Israel. To him let us cry, 'Christ our God, through the Mother of God have mercy on us.' [EL]

Idiomelon 8.

Mode 4.

Today the sacred Mother, who is more exalted than the sacred Temple, went to the Temple, and she revealed to the world the Creator of the world, and the giver of the Law. When Elder Symeon took Him into his arms, he rejoiced and cried aloud, "Now you

ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου, ὅτι εἶδόν σε τὸν
Σωτῆρα τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος πλ. α'.

Ἐρευνᾶτε τὰς Γραφάς, καθως εἶπεν
ἐν Εὐαγγελίοις Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν· ἐν
αὐταῖς γὰρ εὗρίσκομεν αὐτόν, τικτόμενον
καὶ σπαργανούμενον, τιθηνούμενον
καὶ γαλακτοτροφούμενον, περιτομὴν
δεχόμενον, καὶ ὑπὸ Συμεῶν βασταχθέντα,
οὐ δοκῇσει οὐδὲ φαντασίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἀληθείᾳ τῷ
κόσμῳ φανέντα, πρὸς ὃν βοήσωμεν· ὁ πρὸ
αἰῶνων Θεός, δόξα σοι.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἦχος πλ. α'.

Ὁ παλαιὸς ἡμερῶν, νηπιάσας
σαρκί, ὑπὸ Μητρὸς Παρθένου τῷ Ἰερῷ
προσάγεται, τοῦ οἰκείου νόμου πληρῶν τὸ
ἐπάγγελμα, ὃν Συμεῶν δεξάμενος ἔλεγε.
Νῦν ἀπολύεις ἐν εἰρήνῃ κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου
τὸν δοῦλόν σου· εἶδον γὰρ οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου
τὸ σωτήριόν σου Κύριε.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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).

are letting me, Your servant, depart, for I have
seen You, the Savior of our souls." [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion - -

Mode pl. 1.

Search the Scriptures, as Christ our God
said in the Gospels, for in them we find him
brought to birth and wrapped in swaddling
clothes, nursed and given suck, accepting
circumcision and carried by Symeon, not in
imagination, but in truth appearing to the
world. To him let us cry, 'God before the ages,
glory to you!' [EL]

Both now.

Mode pl. 1.

The Ancient of Days became an infant in
the flesh, and He is brought to the Temple by
His Virgin Mother; and thus He fulfills the
requirement of His own law. When Symeon
received Him, he said, "Now You let Your
servant depart in peace, according to Your
word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation,
O Lord." [SD]

DEACON

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox
Christians.

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

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, υἰγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν 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, καὶ τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ [...] τῶν ἐπιτελούντων τὴν πανήγυριν ταύτην.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ διαφυλαχθῆναι τὴν ἁγίαν Ἐκκλησίαν καὶ τὴν πόλιν ταύτην, καὶ πᾶσαν πόλιν καὶ χώραν, ἀπὸ ὀργῆς, λοιμοῦ, λιμοῦ, σεισμοῦ, καταποντισμοῦ, πυρός, μαχαίρας, ἐπιδρομῆς ἀλλοφύλων, ἐμφυλίου πολέμου καὶ αἰφνιδίου θανάτου· ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἵλεων, εὐμενῇ καὶ εὐδιάλλακτον γενέσθαι τὸν ἀγαθὸν καὶ φιλόανθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν, τοῦ ἀποστρέψαι καὶ διασκεδάσαι πᾶσαν ὀργὴν καὶ νόσον τὴν καθ' ἡμῶν κινουμένην, καὶ ρύσασθαι ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς ἐπικειμένης δικαίας αὐτοῦ ἀπειλῆς, καὶ ἐλεῆσαι ἡμᾶς.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ εἰσακοῦσαι Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν φωνῆς τῆς δεήσεως ἡμῶν τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν, καὶ ἐλεῆσαι ἡμᾶς.

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν, ὁ Θεός, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, ἡ ἐλπίς πάντων τῶν περάτων τῆς γῆς καὶ τῶν ἐν θαλάσῃ μακρᾶν· καὶ ἵλεως, ἵλεως γενοῦ ἡμῖν, Δέσποτα, ἐπὶ ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

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

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, forgiveness and remission of the sins of all pious and Orthodox Christians living and visiting in this city, the parishioners, the members of the Parish Council and every Ministry of this Parish, and the donors and benefactors of this holy church, and the servants of God [names] who celebrate this holy feast.

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

Again we pray for the protection of this holy church, this city and every city and land, from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasions, civil strife, and accidental death. That our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and favorable to us by turning and keeping from us all wrath and sickness, and deliver us from His just rebuke, and have mercy on us.

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

Again we pray that the Lord our God may hear the prayer of us sinners, and have mercy on us.

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

PRIEST

Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all those who live everywhere on earth and those far out at sea or in the air. Be gracious toward our sins, Master, and have mercy on us.

Ἐλεήμων γὰρ 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.*)

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(*Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.*)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(*Σοί, Κύριε.*)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Δέσποτα πολυέλεε, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ,
ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου
Δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ
ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου
καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν
τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων ἁσωμάτων,
ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου ἐνδόξου Προφήτου
Προδρόμου καὶ Βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου,
τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων
Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἐν ἁγίοις Πατέρων ἡμῶν
μεγάλων Ἱεραρχῶν καὶ οἰκουμενικῶν
Διδασκάλων, Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου,
Γρηγορίου τοῦ Θεολόγου καὶ Ἰωάννου
τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου, Ἀθανασίου, Κυρίλλου
καὶ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Ἐλεήμονος Πατριαρχῶν
Ἀλεξανδρίας· Νικολάου τοῦ ἐν Μύροις,
Σπυρίδωνος Τριμυθοῦντος καὶ Νεκταρίου
Πενταπόλεως τῶν θαυματουργῶν·
τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων Μεγαλομαρτύρων
Γεωργίου τοῦ Τροπαιοφόρου, Δημητρίου
τοῦ Μυροβλήτου, Θεοδώρου τοῦ Τήρωνος,
Θεοδώρου τοῦ Στρατηλάτου, Μηνᾶ
τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ· τῶν Ἱερομαρτύρων
Χαραλάμπους καὶ Ἐλευθερίου, τῆς
ἁγίας ἐνδόξου Μεγαλομάρτυρος καὶ
πανευφήμου Εὐφημίας· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων
Μαρτύρων Θέκλας, Βαρβάρας, Ἀναστασίας,
Αἰκατερίνης, Κυριακῆς, Φωτεινῆς, Μαρίνης,
Παρασκευῆς καὶ Εἰρήνης· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ
Θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ

For you are a merciful and loving God,
and to you we give glory, to the Father and
the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever
and to the ages of ages.

(*Amen.*)

Peace be with all.

(*And with your spirit.*)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(*To You, O Lord.*)

PRIEST

Most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ
our God, through the intercessions of our
most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-
Virgin Mary, the power of the precious
and life giving Cross, the protection of the
honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the
supplications of the honorable and glorious
prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the
holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles,
our Fathers among the Saints, the great
hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil
the Great, Gregory the Theologian and
John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and
John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria;
Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop
of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis,
the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious
great Martyrs George the Victorious,
Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the
Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas
the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs
Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy,
glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious
great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the
holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara,
Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene,
Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy
God-bearing Fathers; (local patron saint); the
holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim
and Anna, and of all your Saints.

Ναοῦ· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων
Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων σου τῶν
Ἁγίων.

Εὐπρόσδεκτον ποιήσον τὴν δέησιν
ἡμῶν· δώρησαι ἡμῖν τὴν ἄφεσιν τῶν
παραπτωμάτων ἡμῶν· σκέπασον ἡμᾶς ἐν
τῇ σκέπῃ τῶν πτερύγων σου· ἀποδίωξον
ἀφ' ἡμῶν πάντα ἐχθρὸν καὶ πολέμιον·
εἰρήνευσον ἡμῶν τὴν ζωὴν· Κύριε, ἐλέησον
ἡμᾶς καὶ τὸν κόσμον σου, καὶ σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ ἢ ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ὕμνος εἰς τὴν Θεοτόκον.

Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη
Μαρία, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ· εὐλογημένη σὺ
ἐν γυναιξί, καὶ εὐλογημένος ὁ καρπὸς τῆς
κοιλίας σου, ὅτι Σωτῆρα ἔτεκες τῶν ψυχῶν
ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἡ Εὐλογία τῶν Ἀρτῶν.

Κύριε, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ὁ εὐλογήσας τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους ἐν τῇ
ἐρήμῳ, καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν πεντακισχιλίου
ἄνδρας χορτάσας, αὐτὸς εὐλόγησον καὶ
τοὺς ἄρτους τούτους, τὸν σῖτον, τὸν οἶνον,
καὶ τὸ ἔλαιον· καὶ πλήθυνον αὐτὰ ἐν
τῇ ἁγίᾳ Ἐκκλησίᾳ, τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ, ἐν
τοῖς οἴκοις τῶν ἐορταζόντων καὶ εἰς τὸν
κόσμον σου ἅπαντα· καὶ τοὺς ἐξ αὐτῶν
μεταλαμβάνοντας πιστοὺς δούλους σου
ἀγιάσον.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ εὐλογῶν καὶ ἀγιάζων τὰ
σύμπαντα, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν
ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ ἀνάρχῳ σου Πατρὶ
καὶ τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ

Accept our prayer; grant us forgiveness
of our transgressions; protect us under the
shelter of your wings; drive away from us
every enemy and adversary; grant peace
to our life; Lord have mercy on us and on
your world; and save our souls as a good and
loving God.

PRIEST or: CHOIR

Hymn to the Theotokos.

O Virgin Theotokos, rejoice, Mary full
of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb; for you have borne the Savior of
our souls ^[SD]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

Blessing of the Loaves.

Lord, Jesus Christ. our God, You blessed
the five loaves in the wilderness and from
them five thousand men were filled. Bless
now these loaves, the wheat, the wine and
oil and multiply them in this holy church,
this city, in the homes of those who celebrate
today, and in Your whole world. And sanctify
Your faithful servants who partake of them.

For You are He who blesses and sanctifies
all things, Christ our God, and to You we offer
up glory together with Your eternal Father
and Your holy, good, and life-creating Spirit,
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ

Πλούσιοι ἐπτώχευσαν καὶ ἐπείνασαν, οἱ δὲ ἐκζητοῦντες τὸν Κύριον οὐκ ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Πλούσιοι ἐπτώχευσαν καὶ ἐπείνασαν, οἱ δὲ ἐκζητοῦντες τὸν Κύριον οὐκ ἐλαττωθήσονται παντὸς ἀγαθοῦ. (δὶς)

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Ἀπόστιχα τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἰδιόμελον Α'. Ἦχος βαρὺς.**

Κατακόσμησον τὸν νυμφῶνά σου Σιών, καὶ ὑπόδεξαι τὸν Βασιλέα Χριστόν, ἄσπασαι τὴν Μαριάμ, τὴν ἐπουράνιον πύλην· αὕτη γὰρ θρόνος Χερουβικὸς ἀνεδείχθη, αὕτη βαστάζει τὸν Βασιλέα τῆς δόξης, νεφέλη φωτὸς ὑπάρχει ἡ Παρθένος, φέρουσα ἐν σαρκὶ Υἱὸν πρὸ Ἑωσφόρου, ὃν λαβὼν Συμεὼν ἐν ἀγκάλαις αὐτοῦ ἐκήρυξε λαοῖς, Δεσπότην αὐτὸν εἶναι, ζωῆς καὶ τοῦ θανάτου, καὶ Σωτῆρα τοῦ κόσμου.

Ἰδιόμελον Β'. Ἦχος βαρὺς.

Στίχ. Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνῃ· ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἠτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν.

Τὸν ἐκλάμψαντα πρὸ αἰώνων ἐκ Πατρὸς, ἐπ' ἐσχάτων δὲ ἐκ μήτρας Παρθενικῆς, φέρουσα ἐν τῷ ναῷ, ἡ ἀπειρογάμος Μήτηρ, τὸν ἐν Σιναίῳ νομοθετήσαντα ὁρεῖ, τῇ διατάξει τῇ νομικῇ πειθαρχοῦντα, προσῆγεν Ἰερεῖ, πρεσβύτῃ

(Amen.)

CLERGY

Rich men turned poor and went hungry; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. [SAAS]

CHOIR

Rich men turned poor and went hungry; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. (2) [SAAS]

From Menaion - - -

CHOIR

**Aposticha of the Feast.
Idiomelon 1. Grave Mode.**

Decorate your bridal hall, O Zion, and welcome Christ the King. Greet Mary, the heavenly gate; for she became a cherubic throne. She holds the King of glory. The Virgin is the cloud of light, carrying her Son in the flesh, who is before the Morning. When Symeon took Him in his arms, he proclaimed to the people, that He is the Master of life and death, and the Savior of the world. [SD]

Idiomelon 2. Grave Mode.

Verses: 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. [NKJV]

Before the ages, Christ the Lord shone forth from the Father, and lately He came from a Virgin's womb. Of old He gave the Law on Mt. Sinai, and now He was obeying what the Law commanded. His Mother, who was a virgin, brought Him into the Temple

καὶ δικαίῳ, Χριστὸν τὸν Κύριον, ἰδεῖν
 χρηματισθέντι, ὃν δεξάμενος Συμεὼν ἐν
 ταῖς ἀγκάλαις αὐτοῦ, ἡγαλλιάσατο βοῶν·
 Θεὸς ὑπάρχει οὗτος, Πατρὶ συναΐδιος, καὶ
 Λυτρωτὴς τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Ἰδιόμελον Γ'. Ἦχος βαρύς.

Στίχ. Φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν, καὶ
 δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραήλ.

Τὸν ὀχούμενον ἐν ἄρμασι Χερουβίμ,
 καὶ ὑμνούμενον ἐν ἄσματι Σεραφίμ,
 φέρουσα ἐν ἀγκάλαις ἡ Θεοτόκος Μαρία,
 ἀπειρογάμως ἐξ αὐτῆς σαρκωθέντα, τὸν
 Νομοδότην νόμου, πληροῦντα νόμου τάξιν,
 ἐδίδου χερσὶ πρεσβύτου Ἰερέως· ζῶν δὲ
 φέρων, ζωῆς ἡτεῖτο λύσιν, λέγων· Δέσποτα,
 νῦν ἀπόλυσόν με, μηνῦσαι τῷ Ἀδάμ, ὡς
 εἶδον ἄτρεπτον βρέφος, Θεὸν προαιώνιον,
 καὶ Σωτῆρα τοῦ κόσμου.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ὁ τοῖς Χερουβίμ ἐποχούμενος, καὶ
 ὑμνούμενος ὑπὸ τῶν Σεραφίμ, σήμερον
 τῷ θεῷ Ἰερῷ κατὰ νόμον προσφερόμενος,
 πρεσβυτικάῃς ἐνθρονίζεται ἀγκάλαις, καὶ
 ὑπὸ Ἰωσήφ εἰσδέχεται δῶρα θεοπρεπῶς, ὡς
 ζευγὸς τρυγόνων τὴν ἀμίαντον Ἐκκλησίαν,
 καὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν τὸν νεόλεκτον λαόν,
 περιστερῶν δὲ δύο νεοσσούς, ὡς ἀρχηγὸς
 Παλαιᾶς τε καὶ Καινῆς. Τοῦ πρὸς αὐτὸν
 χρησιμοῦ δὲ Συμεὼν, τὸ πέρας δεξάμενος,
 εὐλογῶν τὴν Παρθένον, Θεοτόκον Μαρίαν,
 τὰ τοῦ πάθους σύμβολα τοῦ ἐξ αὐτῆς
 προηγόρευσε, καὶ παρ' αὐτοῦ ἐξαιτεῖται τὴν

and presented Him to Symeon the Priest, who
 was elderly and righteous, to whom it had
 been revealed that he would see the Messiah.
 When he took Him in his arms, Symeon
 greatly rejoiced and said, "This child is God,
 He is coeternal with the Father, and He is the
 Redeemer of our souls." [SD]

Idiomelon 3. Grave Mode.

Verse: A light to bring revelation to the
 Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. [NKJV]

The Lord who rides the chariot of
 cherubim and is praised in song by the
 seraphim became incarnate of Mary the
 Theotokos without conjugal union. He is the
 giver of the Law, and He fulfilled the order
 of the Law. His Mother carried Him in her
 arms and handed Him to the Priest. And he,
 as he was holding life, asked to be released
 from life, saying, "Master, let me go now, to
 tell Adam that I have seen as an infant the
 immutable, pre-eternal God and Savior of the
 world." [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 4.

He who rides upon the Cherubim, and
 who is extolled by the Seraphim, and who
 now according to the law is brought to the
 holy Temple, He is enthroned in the embraces
 of the Elder; and He as God receives the gifts
 offered by Joseph, a pair of turtledoves, as a
 figure of the spotless Church and the new-
 chosen people of the Gentiles; and two young
 pigeons, since He is the author of both Old
 and New Covenants. Symeon received the
 fulfillment of what had been prophesied
 to him; and in blessing Mary the Virgin
 Theotokos, he revealed to her the symbols

ἀπόλυσιν βοῶν· Νῦν ἀπολύεις με Δέσποτα,
καθὼς προεπηγγείλω μοι, ὅτι εἶδόν σε τὸ
προαιώνιον φῶς, καὶ Σωτῆρα Κύριον τοῦ
Χριστωνύμου λαοῦ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

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

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. Ἅγιε,
ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἰάσαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν,
ἐνεκεν 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

of the Passion of the Son she had borne; and
from Him he requests to be released, saying:
Master, now You are dismissing me, even
as You promised me; for I have seen You,
the pre-eternal Light and the Savior Lord, O
Christ, of the people named after You. [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
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

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος α'.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθέने· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν. (ἐκ γ')

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογία Κυρίου καὶ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ ἔλθοι ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, τῇ αὐτοῦ θεία χάριτι καὶ φιλανθρωπία πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

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

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 Menaion ---

Apolytikion of the Feast.

Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. (3)

[SD]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

May the blessing and the mercy of the Lord come upon you by His divine grace and love for mankind, 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.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Αμήν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὑπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Δόξα σοι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ ἐν ἀγκάλαις τοῦ δικαίου Συμεὼν βασταχθῆναι καταδεξάμενος, διὰ τὴν ἡμῶν σωτηρίαν, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφύμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννης, 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.

READER

Amen.

PRIEST

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

READER

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.

PRIEST

Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope. Glory to You.

READER

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

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

PRIEST

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

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

(Αμὴν.)

(Amen.)