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Όκτώηχος - Ήχος α'.

Τῆ Τετάρτη Ποωΐ

Μηναῖον - ΤΗι ΙΗ΄ ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τοῦ Άγίου Μάρτυρος Σεβαστιανοῦ

ΟΡΘΡΟΣ

ΧΟΡΟΣ

$^{\circ}$ H χ o ς δ' .

Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν. Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Στίχ. α'. Έξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐπικαλεῖσθε τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἄγιον αὐτοῦ.

ἤ' Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ, ὅτι ἀγαθός,ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. β'. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἐκύκλωσάν με, καὶ τῷ ὀνόματι Κυρίου ἠμυνάμην αὐτούς.

Στίχ. γ'. Παρὰ Κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη καὶ ἔστι θαυμαστὴ ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν.

Οί Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῆ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου - - -

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.** ^{*}**Ηχος δ**΄. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.

Παρθένε πανάμωμε, Μήτης Χοιστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁομφαία διῆλθέ σου, τὴν παναγίαν ψυχήν, ἡνίκα σταυρούμενον, ἔβλεψας ἑκουσίως, τὸν Υίὸν καὶ Θεόν

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Mode 4.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.

or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Verse 2: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.

Verse 3: And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Apolytikion. For the Martyrs. Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

[SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

O Mother of Christ our God, all-blameless Virgin most pure, * as Symeon told, a sword pierced through your all-holy soul * when you saw your Son and God * crucified by σου, ὅν περ εὐλογημένη, δυσωποῦσα μὴ παύση, συγχώρησιν πταισμάτων, ἡμῖν δωρήσασθαι.

Άναγινώσκεται τὸ οἰκεῖον Κάθισμα τοῦ Ψαλτηρίου, ἤτοι Κάθισμα 10. Καὶ εὐθύς, ἄνευ μικρᾶς Συναπτῆς

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου - - -

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Κάθισμα Α'. Σταυοώσιμα. Ἡχος α'.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Στίχ. Ύψοῦτε Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν καὶ προσκυνεῖτε τῷ ὑποποδίῳ τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἄγιός ἐστι.

Σταυρωθέντος σου Χριστέ, ἀνηρέθη ἡ τυραννίς, ἐπατήθη ἡ δύναμις τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· οὕτε γὰρ Ἄγγελος, οὐκ ἄνθρωπος, ἀλλ' αὐτὸς ὁ Κύριος ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς. Δόξα σοι.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. Σταυφοθεοτοκίον.

Οί τὴν σὴν προστασίαν κεκτημένοι, Ἄχραντε, καὶ ταῖς σαῖς ἱκεσίαις τῶν δεινῶν ἐκλυτρούμενοι, τῷ Σταυρῷ τοῦ Υἱοῦ σου, ἐν παντὶ φρουρούμενοι, κατὰ χρέος σε πάντες, εὐσεβῶς μεγαλύνομεν.

Άναγινώσκεται τὸ οἰκεῖον Κάθισμα τοῦ Ψαλτηρίου, ἤτοι Κάθισμα 11. Καὶ εὐθύς, ἄνευ μικρᾶς Συναπτῆς transgressors of His own will, O Lady. * Cease not to importune Him, * that He grant the forgiveness * of failings to us your servants, * O only most-blessed one. [SD]

The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 10. There is no litany, but immediately the following:

From Octoechos - - -

CHOIR

Kathisma I. For the Cross. Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. [5D]

Verse: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy.

When You were crucified, O Christ, the enemy's tyranny was lifted and his power was crushed. For it was no Angel nor mere man, but You, the Lord himself, who saved us. Glory to You! [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

We have obtained your protection,
O immaculate Lady, and by your earnest
entreaties we are saved from calamities. In
everything we are guarded by the Cross
of your Son. We all dutifully magnify you
piously.

The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 11. There is no litany, but immediately the following:

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου - - -

Κάθισμα Β'. Σταυρώσιμα.

'Ηχος α'. Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος.

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸ ξύλον προσκυνοῦμεν Φιλάνθρωπε, ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ προσηλώθης ἡ ζωὴ τῶν ἀπάντων Παράδεισον ἠνέῳξας Σωτήρ, τῷ πίστει προσελθόντι σοι Ληστῆ καὶ τρυφῆς κατηξιώθη, ὁμολογῶν σοι, Μνήσθητί μου Κύριε. Δέξαι ὥσπερ ἐκεῖνον καὶ ἡμᾶς, κραυγάζοντας Ἡμάρτομεν, πάντες τῆ εὐσπλαγχνία σου, μὴ ὑπερίδης ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Ὁ δὲ Θεὸς βασιλεὺς ἡμῶν πρὸ αἰώνων, εἰργάσατο σωτηρίαν ἐν μέσῳ τῆς γῆς.

*Ηχος α'. Τὸν τάφον σου Σωτήρ.

Τὸ ὅπλον τοῦ Σταυροῦ, ἐν πολέμοις ἐδείχθη, ποτὲ τῷ εὐσεβεῖ, Βασιλεῖ Κωνσταντίνῳ, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον, κατ' ἐχθρῶν διὰ πίστεως. Τοῦτο τρέμουσιν, αἱ ἐναντίαι δυνάμεις. Τοῦτο γέγονε, καὶ τῶν πιστῶν σωτηρία, καὶ Παύλου τὸ καύχημα.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. **Σταυφοθεοτοκίον.** Ήχος α'. Τὸν τάφον σου Σωτήρ.

"Ω θαύματος καινοῦ! ὢ φοικτοῦ μυστηρίου! ἐβόα ἡ Ἀμνάς, καὶ πανάμωμος Κόρη, ἐν ξύλῳ ὡς ἑώρακεν, ἁπλωθέντα τὸν Κύριον, ὁ τὰ σύμπαντα, ἐν τῆ δρακὶ περιφέρων, πῶς κατάκριτος, ὑπὸ κριτῶν παρανόμων, σταυρῷ κατακρίνεται;

CHOIR

From Octoechos - - -

Kathisma II. For the Cross.

Mode 1. *The stone had been secured.*

We venerate the wood of Your Cross, O humane One, * for You, the Life of all, were nailed to it. * O Savior, You opened Paradise to the Robber who approached You with faith. * He was counted worthy of delight, confessing You, Remember me, O Lord. * Accept us as You accepted him, * for we now cry, We all have sinned * against Your compassion. Do not abandon us. [50]

Verse: God is our King before the ages; He worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.*

To Constantine the Great, that most pious of Rulers, * in time of war, the Cross was revealed to be armor, * an invincible monument of defeat over foes by faith. * Hostile forces now shudder before it and tremble. * For believers all it has become their salvation, * and the boast of the Apostle Paul.

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion. Mode 1.** *The soldiers keeping watch.*

The Maiden free of blame, the rational Ewe-lamb, * when she beheld the Lord laid out and crucified, cried out, * "O wonder, most strange indeed! O most dreadful of mysteries! * How can He who holds the whole wide world in His own hand * be convicted by unlawful judges and sentenced * to death and be crucified?" [SD]

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου - - -

Κάθισμα Γ'. Σταυοώσιμα.

Ήχος α΄. Τὸν τάφον σου Σωτήρ.

Άπλώσας ἐν Σταυοῶ, τὰς παλάμας Οἰκτίομον, τὰ ἔθνη τὰ μακοάν, ἀπὸ σοῦ γεγονότα, συνήγαγες δοξάζειν σου, τὴν πολλὴν ἀγαθότητα· ἀλλ' ἐπίβλεψον, ἐπὶ τὴν σήν κληοουχίαν, καὶ κατάβαλε, τοὺς καθ' ἡμῶν πολεμίους, Σταυοῷ τῷ τιμίῳ σου.

Στίχ. Θαυμαστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ.

Μαοτυοικόν.

Τὰς ἀλγηδόνας τῶν Ἁγίων, ἃς ὑπὲρ σοῦ ἔπαθον, δυσωπήθητι Κύριε, καὶ πάσας ἡμῶν τὰς ὀδύνας, ἴασαι φιλάνθρωπε δεόμεθα.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. **Σταυφοθεοτοκίον.** Ήχος α'. Τὸν τάφον σου Σωτήρ.

Ἡ ἄσπιλος Ἀμνάς, τὸν Ἀμνὸν καὶ Ποιμένα, κοεμάμενον νεκοόν, ἐπὶ ξύλου ὁρῶσα, ἐν δάκουσιν ἐκραύγαζε, μητοικῶς ἀλαλάζουσα. Πῶς ὑμνήσω σου, τὴν ὑπὲρ λόγον, Υἱέ μου, συγκατάβασιν, καὶ τὰ ἑκούσια πάθη, Θεὲ ὑπεράγαθε;

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ')

Δόξα καὶ νῦν.

Ψαλμὸς N' (50).

Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιομῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου. Ἐπὶ πλεῖον

From Octoechos - - -

Kathisma III. For the Cross.

Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.*

By stretching out Your hands on the Cross, loving Master, * You gathered to yourself all the nations that wandered * afar from You, to glorify Your abundant benevolence. * We entreat You now to look upon us the people * of Your inheritance, and smite those warring against us, * by the power of Your precious Cross.

Verse: God is wondrous in His saints.

For the Martyrs.

The holy martyrs suffered painful tortures for Your sake, O Lord; be compelled by what they endured, and heal our every pain, we entreat You, as the only One who loves humanity. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion. Mode 1.** *The soldiers keeping watch.*

The Maiden free of stain, the rational Ewe-lamb, * when she beheld the Lamb and Shepherd crucified, cried out, * lamenting and shedding tears as she saw her Son hanging dead, * "How shall I extol Your condescension which no one * comprehends, my Son, and Your voluntary Passion, * O God most benevolent?" [SD]

READER

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory. Both now.

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my

πλῦνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου, καὶ απὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με. Ότι τὴν ανομίαν μου έγω γινώσκω, καὶ ἡ άμαρτία μου ἐνώπιόν μού ἐστι διὰ παντός. Σοὶ μόνω ήμαρτον καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν ἐνώπιόν σου ἐποίησα, ὅπως ἂν δικαιωθῆς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις σου, καὶ νικήσης ἐν τῷ κρίνεσθαί σε. Ίδοὺ γὰς ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήφθην, καὶ ἐν άμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέ με ἡ μήτηρ μου. Ἰδοὺ γὰο ἀλήθειαν ἠγάπησας, τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κούφια τῆς σοφίας σου ἐδήλωσάς μοι. Ραντιεῖς με ὑσσώπω, καὶ καθαρισθήσομαι, πλυνεῖς με, καὶ ὑπὲο χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι. Άκουτιεῖς μοι ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εὐφοοσύνην άγαλλιάσονται ὀστέα τεταπεινωμένα. Απόστρεψον τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν άμαςτιῶν μου καὶ πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου ἐξάλειψον. Καρδίαν καθαρὰν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ Θεός, καὶ πνεῦμα εὐθὲς ἐγκαίνισον έν τοῖς ἐγκάτοις μου. Μὴ ἀποζοίψης με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου καὶ το Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἄγιον μὴ ἀντανέλης ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Απόδος μοι τὴν ἀγαλλίασιν τοῦ σωτηρίου σου καὶ πνεύματι ἡγεμονικῷ στήριξόν με. Διδάξω ἀνόμους τὰς ὁδούς σου, καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἐπὶ σὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι. Ρῦσαί με έξ αίμάτων, ὁ Θεός, ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου άγαλλιάσεται ή γλῶσσά μου τὴν δικαιοσύνην σου. Κύριε, τὰ χείλη μου ἀνοίξεις, καὶ τὸ στόμα μου ἀναγγελεῖ τὴν αἴνεσίν σου. Ότι εὶ ἠθέλησας θυσίαν, ἔδωκα ἄν όλοκαυτώματα οὐκ εὐδοκήσεις. Θυσία τῷ Θεῷ πνεῦμα συντετριμμένον, καρδίαν συντετοιμμένην καὶ τεταπεινωμένην ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ ἐξουδενώσει. Ἁγάθυνον, Κύριε, ἐν τῆ εὐδοκία σου τὴν Σιών, καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τείχη Ίερουσαλήμ. Τότε εὐδοκήσεις θυσίαν δικαιοσύνης, ἀναφορὰν καὶ ὁλοκαυτώματα.

transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

Τότε ἀνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

Συναξάφιον. Τοῦ Μηναίου.

Τῆ ΙΗ΄ τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνὸς μνήμη τοῦ άγίου Μάρτυρος Σεβαστιανοῦ καὶ τῶν σὺν αὐτῷ, Ζωῆς, Τραγκυλίνου, Νικοστράτου, Κλαυδίου, Κάστορος, Τριβουρτίου, Καστούλου, Μαρκελλίνου, καὶ Μάρκου.

Τῆ αὐτῆ ἡμέρα μνήμη τοῦ ἁγίου Μάρτυρος Εὐβιότου.

Τῆ αὐτῆ ἡμέρα μνήμη τοῦ ὁσίου Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Φλώρου, Ἐπισκόπου Ἀμινσοῦ.

Τῆ αὐτῆ ἡμέρα μνήμη τῶν ἁγίων Μαρτύρων Φωκᾶ καὶ Ἑρμύλου, διὰ ξίφους τελειωθέντων.

Τῆ αὐτῆ ἡμέρα μνήμη τῶν ἁγίων Μαρτύρων Ζακχαίου διακόνου καὶ Ἀλφειοῦ ἀναγνώστου, ἀθλησάντων ἐν Καισαρεία.

Τῆ αὐτῆ ἡμέρα μνήμη τῆς ἁγίας καὶ Θαυματουργοῦ Σοφίας καὶ τὰ Ἐγκαίνια τοῦ σεβασμίου Οἴκου τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, ἐν τοῖς Χαλκοπρατείοις.

Καὶ μνήμη τοῦ ὁσίου Πατοὸς ἡμῶν Μιχαὴλ Συγκέλλου, τοῦ Όμολογητοῦ.

Ταῖς τῶν Άγίων ποεσβείαις, ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Ἀμήν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὴν Θεοτόκον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ φωτὸς ἐν ὕμνοις τιμῶντες μεγαλύνωμεν.

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On December 18, we commemorate the holy martyr Sebastian and those with him: Zoe, Tranquillinus, Nikostratos, Claudius, Castor, Tiburtius, Castulus, Marcellinus, and Mark

On this day we also commemorate the holy martyr Eubiotus.

On this day we also commemorate our devout father Florus, Bishop of Amisus.

On this day we also commemorate the holy martyrs Phokas and Hermylus, who died by the sword.

On this day we also commemorate the holy martyrs Zacchaeus the Deacon and Alfaeus the Reader, who contested in Caesarea.

On this day we commemorate the holy miracle-worker Sophia. Also, the Consecration of the eminent Church of the Most Holy Theotokos in Chalkoprateia.

We also commemorate our devout father Michael the Chancellor, the Confessor.

By the intercessions of the Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

DEACON

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

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ω δή θ'. Μεγαλυνάριον. Ήχος α'.

Στίχ. Μεγαλύνει ή ψυχή μου τὸν Κύριον, καὶ ἠγαλλίασε τὸ πνεῦμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ Θεῷ τῷ σωτῆρί μου.

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

Στίχ. Ότι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ ἰδού γάρ, ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν μακαριοῦσί με πᾶσαι αἱ γενεαί.

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

Στίχ. Ότι ἐποίησέ μοι μεγαλεῖα ὁ Δυνατός, καὶ ἄγιον τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, καί το ἔλεος αὐτοῦ εἰς γενεάν, καὶ γενεὰν τοῖς φοβουμένοις αὐτόν.

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

Στίχ. Ἐποίησε Κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, διεσκόρπισεν ὑπερηφάνους διανοία καρδίας αὐτῶν.

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

CHOIR

Ode ix. Megalynarion. Mode 1.

Verse: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. [NK]VI

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. [5D]

Verse: For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. [NKIV]

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. [5D]

Verse: For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. [NK]V]

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. [5D]

Verse: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [5D]

Στίχ. Καθεῖλε δυνάστας ἀπὸ θρόνων, καὶ ὕψωσε ταπεινούς, πεινῶντας ἐνέπλησεν ἀγαθῶν, καὶ πλουτοῦντας ἐξαπέστειλε κενούς.

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

Στίχ. Άντελάβετο Ίσραὴλ παιδὸς αὐτοῦ, μνησθῆναι ἐλέους, καθὼς ἐλάλησε πρὸς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν, τῷ ἄβραάμ, καὶ τῷ σπέρματι αὐτοῦ ἕως αἰῶνος.

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

Ό Είρμός. Ἡχος α'.

Τύπον τῆς άγνῆς λοχείας σου, πυρπολουμένη βάτος ἔδειξεν ἄφλεκτος, καὶ νῦν καθ' ἡμῶν, τῶν πειρασμῶν ἀγριαίνουσαν, κατασβέσαι αἰτοῦμεν τὴν κάμινον, ἵνα σε Θεοτόκε, ἀκαταπαύστως μεγαλύνωμεν.

ἄξιόν ἐστιν ὡς ἀληθῶς μακαρίζειν σε τὴν Θεοτόκον, τὴν ἀειμακάριστον καὶ παναμώμητον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ, καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφείμ, τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Έτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνη τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Verse: He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. [NKIV]

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. [5D]

Verse: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. [NKIVI]

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. [5D]

Heirmos. Mode 1.

* the bush disclosed a type of your virgin childbirth. * And now we entreat that you extinguish the furnace of * fierce temptations, for it is besetting us; * that we, O Theotokos, * may praise you ceaselessly and magnify. [SD]

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Αντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ήμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σὲ αἰνοῦσι πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπουσι, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ άγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰωνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Έξαποστειλάριον. Σταυρώσιμον. Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου -

Ήχος β'. Γυναῖκες ἀκουτίσθητε.

Τὸ ὅπλον τὸ ἀήττητον, τὸ στήριγμα τῆς πίστεως, Σταυρὸν τὸν θεῖον ὑμνοῦμεν, καὶ προσκυνοῦμεν ἐν πίστει, τὸ μέγα καταφύγιον, Χριστιανῶν τὸ καύχημα, τῶν Όρθοδόξων φύλακα, τῶν Ἀθλοφόρων τὸ κλέος, άξίως σε εὐφημοῦμεν.

Έτερον.

Τῆς Ὁκτωήχου - - - 'Ηχος γ'. Ὁ οὐρανὸν τοῖς ἄστροις.

Σταυρὲ Χριστοῦ μου τὸ ὅπλον, τὸ μέγα τῶν ὀοθοδόξων, τῶν βασιλέων τὸ νῖκος, καὶ τῶν δαιμόνων ἡ πτῶσις, τοὺς προσκυνοῦντάς σε πόθω, φρούρει καὶ δίδου σὴν χάριν.

Σταυφοθεοτοκίον.

Τῆς Όκτωήχου - -

Ήχος γ'. Ὁ οὐρανὸν τοῖς ἄστροις.

Τούς τὸν Σταυρὸν καὶ τὰ πάθη, τοῦ σοῦ Υίοῦ Θεοτόκε, ἐν ἀδιστάκτω

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Exaposteilarion. For the Cross.

From Octoechos

Mode 2. O Women, hearken.

We praise you now, O holy Cross, and venerate you faithfully, * and worthily we extol you, * for you are the Faith's supporter, * the weapon undefeatable, a refuge great and most secure, * the guardian of the Orthodox, * the pride and joy of all Christians, * the glory of holy martyrs. [SD]

Another.

From Octoechos - - -

Mode 3. Having embellished heaven.

You are the great shield and armor * of pious Orthodox Christians, * of old the victory of rulers, * and always the fall of demons, * O Cross of Christ, guard and give grace * to us who with zeal venerate you. [SD]

Stavrotheotokion.

From Octoechos - - -

Mode 3. Having embellished heaven.

We honor with heart undoubting * and venerate with devotion * your Son's holy

καρδία, πανευλαβῶς προσκυνοῦντας, τοῦ Παραδείσου πολίτας, καὶ δόξης μετόχους δεῖξον.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Οἱ Αἶνοι. (διαβαστά) Ψαλμὸς ΡΜΗ' (148).

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις. Αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ· αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις αὐτοῦ. Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἥλιος καὶ σελήνη, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν πάντα τὰ ἄστρα καὶ τὸ φῶς. Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν οί οὐρανοὶ τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ τὸ ὕδωρ τὸ ύπεράνω τῶν οὐρανῶν. Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε, καὶ έγενήθησαν, αὐτὸς ἐνετείλατο, καὶ ἐκτίσθησαν. Ἔστησεν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος πρόσταγμα ἔθετο, καὶ οὐ παρελεύσεται. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, δράκοντες καὶ πᾶσαι ἄβυσσοι πῦρ, χάλαζα, χιών, κρύσταλλος, πνεῦμα καταιγίδος, τὰ ποιοῦντα τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ· τὰ ὄρη καὶ πάντες οἱ βουνοί, ξύλα καρποφόρα καὶ πᾶσαι κέδροι τὰ θηρία καὶ πάντα τὰ κτήνη, έρπετὰ καὶ πετεινὰ πτερωτά βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς καὶ πάντες λαοί, ἄρχοντες καὶ πάντες κριταὶ γῆς νεανίσκοι καὶ παρθένοι, πρεσβύτεροι μετὰ νεωτέρων αὶνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου, ὅτι ὑψώθη τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ μόνου ἡ ἐξομολόγησις αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ γῆς καὶ οὐρανοῦ. Καὶ ὑψώσει κέρας λαοῦ αὐτοῦ· ὕμνος πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ, τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραήλ, λαῷ ἐγγίζοντι αὐτῷ.

Ψαλμὸς ΡΜΘ′(149).

Άσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ἄσμα καινόν, ἡ αἴνεσις αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐκκλησία ὁσίων. Εὐφρανθήτω

Cross and Passion, * O all-holy Theotokos. * Make us citizens of Eden, * and grant us glory, we pray you. [5D]

READER

Lauds. (read) Psalm 148.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light. Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name, for He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created. He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps, Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word, mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds, kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth, young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted; His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people, a hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him. [SAAS]

Psalm 149.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones. Let Israel

Ίσραὴλ ἐπὶ τῷ ποιήσαντι αὐτόν, καὶ οί υίοὶ Σιὼν ἀγαλλιάσθωσαν ἐπὶ τῷ βασιλεῖ αὐτῶν. Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐν χορῷ, ἐν τυμπάνῳ καὶ ψαλτηρίῳ ψαλάτωσαν αὐτῷ, ὅτι εὐδοκεῖ Κύριος έν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑψώσει πραεῖς ἐν σωτηρία. Καυχήσονται ὅσιοι ἐν δόξη καὶ άγαλλιάσονται ἐπὶ τῶν κοιτῶν αὐτῶν. Αἱ ύψώσεις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν τῷ λάρυγγι αὐτῶν, καὶ φομφαῖαι δίστομοι ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτῶν τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐκδίκησιν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, ἐλεγμοὺς έν τοῖς λαοῖς, τοῦ δῆσαι τοὺς βασιλεῖς αὐτῶν ἐν πέδαις καὶ τοὺς ἐνδόξους αὐτῶν έν χειροπέδαις σιδηραῖς, τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐν αὐτοῖς κοῖμα ἔγγοαπτον δόξα αὕτη ἔσται πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ.

Ψαλμὸς ΡΝ' (150).

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν θεὸν ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν στερεώματι τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ· αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐπὶ ταῖς δυναστείαις αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῆς μεγαλωσύνης αὐτοῦ. Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ἤχω σάλπιγγος, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ψαλτηρίω καὶ κιθάρα· αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τυμπάνω καὶ χορῷ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν χορδαῖς καὶ ὀργάνω· αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις εὐήχοις, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις εὐήχοις, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις Αλληλούϊα.

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Δοξολογία (διαβαστά)

Σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρί, καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ, καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν. Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς

be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him; for the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation. The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds; the high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand, to deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples, to shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to fulfill among them the written judgment: This glory have all His holy ones. [SAAS]

Psalm 150.

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

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

Doxology (read)

To you belongs glory, O Lord our God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,

εἰρήνη ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκία. Ύμνοῦμέν σε, εὐλογοῦμέν σε, προσκυνοῦμέν σε, δοξολογοῦμέν σε, εὐχαριστοῦμέν σοι, διὰ τὴν μεγάλην σου δόξαν. Κύριε Βασιλεῦ, ἐπουράνιε Θεέ, Πάτερ παντοκράτος· Κύριε Υίὲ μονογενές, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, καὶ Άγιον Πνεῦμα. Κύριε ὁ Θεός, ὁ Άμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Υίὸς τοῦ Πατρός, ὁ αἴρων τὴν άμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ αἴρων τὰς ἁμαρτίας τοῦ κόσμου. Πρόσδεξαι τὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν, ὁ καθήμενος ἐν δεξιᾳ τοῦ Πατρός, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Ότι σὺ εἶ μόνος Άγιος, σὺ εἶ μόνος Κύριος, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, εἰς δόξαν Θεοῦ Πατρός. Ἀμήν. Καθ' ἑκάστην ἡμέραν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ αἰνέσω τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Κύριε, καταφυγή ἐγενήθης ἡμῖν ἐν γενεᾳ καὶ γενεᾶ. Έγὼ εἶπα. Κύριε, ἐλέησόν με ἴασαι τὴν ψυχήν μου, ὅτι ἥμαρτόν σοι. Κύριε, πρὸς σὲ κατέφυγον δίδαξόν με τοῦ ποιεῖν τὸ θέλημά σου, ὅτι σὰ εἶ ὁ Θεός μου. Ότι παρά σοὶ πηγή ζωῆς ἐν τῷ φωτί σου ὀψόμεθα φῶς. Παράτεινον τὸ ἔλεός σου τοῖς γινώσκουσί σε. Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῆ ἡμέρα ταύτη ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ό 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· συνέτισόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητός εἶ, Ἅγιε φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν αὶὧνα τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης. Σοὶ πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ

good will to men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, and we thank you, for your great glory. Lord, King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty; onlybegotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Lord God, the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world. Accept our supplication, you who sit at the right of the Father, and have mercy on us. For you are the only Holy One, you are the only Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Every day I shall bless you, and I shall praise your name forever, and unto the ages of ages. Lord, you have become for us a refuge from generation to generation. I have said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Lord, to you I have fled; teach me to do your will, for you are my God. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we shall see light. Extend your mercy to those who know you. Grant, O Lord, that in this day we may be kept without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name unto the ages. Amen. Let your mercy, Lord, come upon us, just as we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed are you, O Master, make me understand your commandments. Blessed are you, O Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord, your mercy remains forever, do not turn away from the works of your hands. To you belongs praise, to you belongs a hymn, to you belongs glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρί, καὶ τῷ Υίῷ, καὶ τῷ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑωθινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Αντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τὸν ὑπόλοιπον χοόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν ἐν εἰρήνη καὶ μετανοία ἐκτελέσαι, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχοάντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου Δεσποίνης

DEACON

Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos

ήμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι Θεὸς ἐλέους, οἰκτιρμῶν, καὶ φιλανθρωπίας ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρί, καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ, καὶ τῷ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Άμήν.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, Άγιε, ὁ ἐν ὑψηλοῖς κατοικῶν καὶ τὰ ταπεινὰ ἐφορῶν, καὶ τῷ παντεφόρῳ σου ὅμματι ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν, σοὶ ἐκλίναμεν τὸν αὐχένα τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ τοῦ σώματος, καὶ δεόμεθά σου Ἅγιε Ἁγίων ἔκτεινον τὴν χεῖρά σου τὴν ἀόρατον ἐξ άγίου κατοικητηρίου σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον πάντας ἡμᾶς καὶ εἴτι ἡμάρτομεν ἑκουσίως ἡ ἀκουσίως, ώς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος Θεὸς συγχώρησον, δωρούμενος ἡμῖν τὰ ἐγκόσμια καὶ ὑπερκόσμια ἀγαθά σου.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Σὸν γάρ ἐστι τὸ ἐλεεῖν καὶ σώζειν ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρί, καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ, καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$

and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For You are the God of mercy and compassion and love for mankind, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Holy Lord, dwelling on high and beholding things below and, with your eye that observes all, keeping watch over the whole creation, to you we have bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we beseech you, O Holy of Holies: Stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling and bless us all. And, as you are good and love humankind, pardon us if we have sinned in anything, voluntarily or involuntarily, granting us your blessings both of this world and of the world above.

PRIEST

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου - - -

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Άπόστιχα τῆς Ὀκτωήχου. Ἡχος α'.

Σὲ τὸν ἐν ξύλῳ προσπαγέντα, καὶ ζωὴν ἡμῖν παρεσχηκότα, ὡς Σωτῆρα καὶ Δεσπότην, ὑμνοῦμεν ἀπαύστως.

Στίχ. Ένεπλήσθημεν τὸ πρωΐ τοῦ ἐλέους σου, Κύριε, καὶ ἠγαλλιασάμεθα καὶ εὐφράνθημεν ἐν πάσαις ταῖς ἡμέραις ἡμῶν εὐφρανθείημεν ἀνθ΄ ὧν ἡμερῶν ἐταπείνωσας ἡμᾶς, ἐτῶν, ὧν εἴδομεν κακά. Καὶ ἴδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ ἔργα σου καὶ ὁδήγησον τοὺς υίοὺς αὐτῶν.

Διὰ τοῦ Σταυξοῦ σου Χριστέ, μία ποίμνη γέγονεν, Άγγέλων καὶ ἀνθρώπων, καὶ μία Ἐκκλησία· οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ ἀγάλλεται, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Στίχ. Καὶ ἔστω ἡ λαμπρότης Κυρίου τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν ἡμῶν κατεύθυνον ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ τὸ ἔργον τῶν χειρῶν ἡμῶν κατεύθυνον.

Ύμᾶς πανεύφημοι Μάρτυρες, οὐ θλῖψις, οὐ στενοχωρια, οὐ λιμός, οὐ διωγμός, οὐδὲ μάστιγες, οὐ θυμὸς θηρῶν, οὐ ξίφος, οὐδὲ πῦρ ἀπειλοῦν, χωρίσαι Θεοῦ δεδύνηνται, πόθω δὲ μᾶλλον τῷ πρὸς αὐτόν, ὡς ἐν ἀλλοτρίοις ἀγωνισάμενοι σώμασι, τὴν φύσιν ἐλάθετε, θανάτου καταφρονήσαντες ὅθεν καὶ ἐπαξίως τῶν πόνων ὑμῶν, μισθόν ἐκομίσασθε, οὐρανῶν Βασιλείας κληρονόμοι γεγόνατε, ἀπαύστως πρεσβεύσατε ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

From Octoechos - - -

CHOIR

Aposticha of the Octoechos. Mode 1.

To You, who were nailed to a cross, and who granted us life, our Savior and Master, we sing praises unceasingly. [5D]

Verse: We were filled with Your mercy in the morning, and in all our days we greatly rejoiced and were glad; gladden us in return for the days You humbled us, for the years we saw evil things. And behold Your servants and Your works, and guide their sons. [SAAS]

By means of Your Cross, O Christ, there is now one flock and one Church, of Angels and humans. Heaven and earth are exultant. Glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

Verse: And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the works of our hands. [SAAS]

O Martyrs extolled in all the world, neither tribulation nor distress, neither persecution nor famine, neither flogging nor angry beasts, neither sword nor threat of fire, could separate you from God. Rather, moved by your love for Him, you competed as though you were not in your own bodies, and in scorning death your eluded nature. Therefore your have worthily received the reward for your labors, and you have become heirs of the kingdom of heaven. We pray you never cease interceding on behalf of our souls.

[SD]

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. **Σταυφοθεοτοκίον.** Ήχος α'. Τῶν οὐρανίων ταγμάτων.

Τῷ σῷ Σταυοῷ παρεστῶσα, Λόγε Θεοῦ ἡ ἀμνάς, καὶ ἄμωμός σου Μήτηο, θρηνῳδοῦσα ἐβόα· Πῶς θνήσκεις, ὧ Υἱέ μου, ἐπὶ σταυροῦ; οἴμοι φῶς μου γλυκύτατον! ποῦ σου τὸ κάλλος νῦν ἔδυ τὸ τῆς μορφῆς, τὸ ὡραῖον παρὰ πάντας βροτούς;

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Άγαθὸν τὸ ἐξομολογεῖσθαι τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ψάλλειν τῷ ὀνόματί σου, Ύψιστε· τοῦ ἀναγγέλλειν τῷ πρωΐ τὸ ἔλεός σου καὶ τὴν ἀλήθειάν σου κατὰ νύκτα.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Τρισάγιον.

Άγιος ὁ Θεός, ἄγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἄγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ')

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Παναγία Τοιάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύοιε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαοτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα, συγχώοησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἅγιε, ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἴασαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

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

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πάτες ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐςανοῖς, άγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐςανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄςτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμεςον. Καὶ Glory. Both now. **Stavrotheotokion. Mode 1.** For the celestial orders.

Logos of God, when your Mother, the rational Ewe, * stood by Your Cross, she cried out as she loudly lamented, *"How is it, my Son, that You die on a cross? Sweetest light of my eyes, alas! * Where has the fairness and handsomeness of Your face, * which surpasses that of all men, now set?" [SD]

PRIEST

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

READER

Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Άγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Άπολυτίκιον. Τῶν Μαφτύρων. Ἡχος δ'. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῆ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου - - -

 Δ όξα καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον. ⁷Ηχος δ'.

Σὲ μεγαλύνομεν Θεοτόκε βοῶντες· Χαῖρε ἀδύτου φωτὸς Νεφέλη, αὐτὸν βαστάσασα ἐν κόλποις, τῆς δόξης τὸν Κύριον.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲς τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Apolytikion. For the Martyrs. Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

[SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion. Mode 4.**

We magnify you, O Theotokos, and cry out: You are the bush in which, without being burnt, Moses saw, as a flame, the fire of Divinity. [5D]

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.

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲο τοῦ (ἀοχιεοατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος).

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

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

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

ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲο ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, ὑγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν, τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῆ (πόλει, κώμη), ταύτη, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τοῦ ἁγίου ναοῦ τούτου.

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ὑπέο τῶν μακαρίων καὶ ἀοιδίμων κτιτόρων τῆς ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης, καὶ ὑπὲο πάντων τῶν ποοαναπαυσαμένων πατέρων καὶ ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, τῶν ἐνθάδε εὐσεβῶς, κειμένων, καὶ ἀπανταχοῦ ὀρθοδόξων.

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

Έτι δεόμεθα ύπὲς τῶν καςποφοςούντων καὶ καλλιεςγούντων ἐν τῷ ἁγίῳ καὶ πανσέπτῳ ναῷ τούτῳ, κοπιώντων, ψαλλόντων καὶ ὑπὲς τοῦ πεςιεστῶτος λαοῦ, τοῦ ἀπεκδεχομένου τὸ παςὰ σοῦ μέγα καὶ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Again we pray for the blessed and evermemorable 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 allvenerable 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.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλάνθοωπος Θεὸς ὑπάοχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ό ὢν εὐλογητός, Χοιστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, πάντοτε, νῦν, καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. (Ἀμήν.)

Στεφεώσαι, Κύφιος ὁ Θεός, τὴν ἁγίαν καὶ ἀμώμητον πίστιν τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀφθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, σὺν τῆ ἁγία αὐτοῦ Ἐκκλησία καὶ τῆ πόλει ταύτη 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 Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χοιστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

DEACON

Wisdom.

(*Father*, *bless!*)

PRIEST

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

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

READER

Amen.

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

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

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

PRIEST

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and allimmaculate 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, ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν (τοῦ Αγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ) τῶν άγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Άγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

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

(Άμήν.)

of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

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

(Amen.)