Ακολουθία τῆς Θείας Μεταλήψεως

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Άμήν.)

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Βασιλεῦ οὐράνιε, Παράκλητε, τὸ Πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας, ὁ πανταχοῦ παρὼν καὶ τὰ πάντα πληρῶν, ὁ θησαυρὸς τῶν ἀγαθῶν καὶ ζωῆς χορηγός, ἐλθὲ καὶ σκήνωσον ἐν ἡμῖν καὶ καθάρισον ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης κηλῖδος καὶ σῷσον, Ἁγαθέ, τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

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 οὐοανοῖς, άγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,

Service of Preparation for Holy Communion

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, treasury of good things and giver of life: come; take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O Good one.

READER

Amen.

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 ώς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μἡ 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 Αγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. (Ἀμήν.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ')

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

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν αὐτῷ, Χοιστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Ψαλμὸς N' (50).

Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου. Ἐπὶ πλεῖον πλῦνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου, καὶ απὸ τῆς άμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με. Ότι τὴν ἀνομίαν μου ἐγὼ γινώσκω, καὶ ἡ άμαρτία μου ἐνώπιόν μού ἐστι διὰ παντός. Σοὶ μόνω ἥμαρτον καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν ἐνώπιόν σου ἐποίησα, ὅπως ἄν δικαιωθῆς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις σου, καὶ νικήσης ἐν τῷ κρίνεσθαί σε. Ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήφθην, καὶ ἐν

this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST

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

READER

Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

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.

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore

άμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέ με ἡ μήτηρ μου. Ἰδοὺ γὰο ἀλήθειαν ἠγάπησας, τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κούφια τῆς σοφίας σου ἐδήλωσάς μοι. Ραντιεῖς με ὑσσώπω, καὶ καθαοισθήσομαι, πλυνεῖς με, καὶ ὑπὲο χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι. Ακουτιεῖς μοι ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εὐφοοσύνην άγαλλιάσονται ὀστέα τεταπεινωμένα. Απόστρεψον τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν άμαςτιῶν μου καὶ πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου έξάλειψον. Καρδίαν καθαράν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ Θεός, καὶ πνεῦμα εὐθὲς ἐγκαίνισον έν τοῖς ἐγκάτοις μου. Μὴ ἀπορρίψης με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου καὶ το Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἄγιον μὴ ἀντανέλης ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Άπόδος 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 Θεὸς, 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 άν 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. Τότε ἀνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

Κανών τῆς Θείας Μεταλήψεως

Δόξα σοι ό Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Άρτος ζωῆς αἰωνιζούσης γενέσθω μοι τὸ Σῶμά σου τὸ ἄγιον, εὔσπλαγχνε Κύριε,

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.

The Canon of Preparation for Holy Communion

Ode i. Mode 2. Peoples, now come.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Merciful Lord, may Your holy body be for me the bread of everlasting life; and may Your καὶ τὸ Τίμιον Αἶμα, καὶ νόσων πολυτοόπων ἀλεξητήριον.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Βεβηλωθεὶς ἔργοις ἀτόποις ὁ δείλαιος, τοῦ σοῦ ἀχράντου Σώματος καὶ Θείου Αἵματος ἀνάξιος ὑπάρχω, Χριστέ, τῆς μετουσίας, ἦς με ἀξίωσον.

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Γῆ ἀγαθή, εὐλογημένη Θεόνυμφε, τὸν στάχυν ἡ βλαστήσασα τὸν ἀγεώργητον καὶ σωτήριον κόσμω, ἀξίωσόν με τοῦτον τρώγοντα σώζεσθαι.

Ωιδὴ γ'. Ἡχος β'. Ἐν πέτρα με τῆς πίστεως.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Δακούων μοι παράσχου, Χοιστέ, ὁανίδας, τὸν ὁύπον τῆς καφδίας μου καθαιρούσας, ὡς ἂν εὐσυνειδότως κεκαθαρμένος, πίστει προσέρχωμαι καὶ φόβω, Δέσποτα, ἐν τῆ μεταλήψει τῶν θείων δώρων σου.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Εἰς ἄφεσιν γενέσθω μοι τῶν πταισμάτων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα καὶ θεῖον Αἶμα, εἰς Πνεύματος Άγίου τε κοινωνίαν καὶ εἰς αἰώνιον ζωήν, Φιλάνθρωπε, καὶ παθῶν καὶ θλίψεων ἀλλοτρίωσιν.

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Ζωῆς τοῦ ἄρτου τράπεζα, Παναγία, τοῦ ἄνωθεν δι' ἔλεον καταβάντος, καὶ κόσμω καινοτέραν ζωὴν διδόντος, κἀμὲ ἀξίωσον

precious blood, O compassionate Master, prevent me from succumbing to illness of any kind. (SD)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

I am defiled by my inappropriate deeds, for which I am unworthy of the most pure body and divine blood of my Savior. O Christ, I entreat You, let me partake of them. (5D)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Bride of God, you are the blessed good earth that produced the ear of grain, which no man sowed and which became the world's salvation. And now, as I eat it, grant that I be saved by it. (SD)

Ode iii. Mode 2. On the rock of faith.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Christ, grant me a faucet of cleansing teardrops to wash away the stain of my heart's defilement, that purified by them and with a good conscience, O Master, I may come to You with fear and faith, and with love partake of Your holy gifts, O Lord. (5D)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

For pardon of the multitude of transgressions be Your divine blood and Your pure body, O Lover of humanity, and for communion with the Holy Spirit and eternal life, and complete estrangement from passions troubling me. (SD)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Virgin Maid, you are the all-holy table of the Bread of life, the Son of God, who for mercy came down and gave new life to the world and saved it. Now I who am unworthy νῦν τὸν ἀνάξιον, μετὰ φόβου γεύσασθαι τούτου καὶ ζήσεσθαι.

'Ωιδὴ δ'. Ἡχος β'. Ἐλήλυθας ἐκ Παρθένου.

Δόξα σοι ό Θεὸς ήμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ἡθέλησας δι' ἡμᾶς σαφκωθείς, Πολυέλεε, τυθῆναι ώς πφόβατον διὰ βφοτῶν ἁμαφτήματα· ὅθεν ἱκετεύω σε καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ ἐξαλεῖψαι πλημμελήματα.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Θεράπευσον τῆς ψυχῆς μου τὰ τραύματα, Κύριε, καὶ ὅλον ἁγίασον καὶ καταξίωσον, Δέσποτα, ὅπως κοινωνήσω σου τοῦ μυστικοῦ Θείου Δείπνου ὁ ταλαίπωρος.

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Ίλέωσαι καὶ ἐμοὶ τὸν ἐκ σπλάγχνων σου, Δέσποινα, καὶ τήρει με ἄὐξυπον τὸν σὸν ἱκέτην καὶ ἄμεμπτον, ὅπως εἰσδεχόμενος τὸν νοητὸν μαργαρίτην άγιάζωμαι.

'Διδή ε'. Ήχος β'. Ὁ τοῦ φωτὸς χορηγός.

Δόξα σοι ό Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Καθώς προέφης, Χριστέ, γενέσθω δὴ τῷ εὐτελεῖ δούλῳ σου καὶ ἐν ἐμοὶ μεῖνον ὡς ὑπέσχου ἰδοὺ γὰρ τὸ Σῶμα τρώγω σου τὸ θεῖον καὶ πίνω τὸ Αἷμά σου.

Δόξα σοι ό Θεὸς ήμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Λόγε Θεοῦ καὶ Θεέ, ὁ ἄνθοαξ γένοιτο τοῦ σοῦ Σώματος εἰς φωτισμὸν τῷ ἐσκοτισμένῳ ἐμοί, καὶ καθαοισμὸν τῆς βεβηλωθείσης ψυχῆς μου τὸ Αἶμά σου.

earnestly entreat that you count me worthy to eat it and to live. (SD)

Ode iv. Mode 2. You came from a Virgin.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

You willed to become incarnate for us, Lord most merciful, and as a Lamb be sacrificed for all the sins of humanity. Therefore I implore You now, to blot out my offenses and to wash me from my lawlessness. (SD)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Master, I pray You, heal the wounds of my sorry soul, and though I am wretched, sanctify me, body and soul alike. Make me worthy to partake of Your divine and most mystical supper, O gracious Lord. (5D)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Lady, implore your Son to be merciful unto me. I entreat you, keep me free of every sin and impurity, so that when I dare receive the holy pearl of communion, I may truly be sanctified. (5D)

Ode v. Mode 2. Lord, the provider of light.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

As You once said it, O Christ, so let it be to me Your worthless servant: Abide in me, even as you promised. For now I am about to eat Your holy body and drink Your most precious blood. (SD)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Word of God and God, may the live coal of Your divine body be illumination to me, bedarkened, and may Your holy blood be purification for my defiled soul. (SD)

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Μαρία μῆτερ Θεοῦ, τῆς εὐωδίας τὸ σεπτὸν σκήνωμα, ταῖς σαῖς εὐχαῖς σκεῦος ἐκλογῆς με ἀπέργασαι, ὅπως τῶν άγιασμάτων μετέχω τοῦ Τόκου σου.

'Διδή ζ'. Ἡχος β'. Ἐν ἀβύσσφ πταισμάτων.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Νοῦν, ψυχὴν καὶ καρδίαν ἁγίασον, Σῶτερ, καὶ τὸ σῶμά μου, καὶ καταξίωσον ἀκατακρίτως, Δέσποτα, τοῖς φρικτοῖς μυστηρίοις προσέρχεσθαι.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ξενωθείην παθῶν, καὶ τῆς χάριτος σχοίην τε προσθήκην ζωῆς καὶ ἀσφάλειαν, διὰ τῆς μεταλήψεως τῶν ἁγίων, Χριστέ, Μυστηρίων σου.

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Ό Θεοῦ Θεὸς Λόγος ὁ Ἅγιος, ὅλον με άγίασον νῦν προσερχόμενον τοῖς θείοις Μυστηρίοις σου, τῆς άγίας Μητρός σου δεήσεσι.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν.

Κοντάκιον.

Ήχος β'. Τὰ ἄνω ζητῶν.

Τὸν ἄρτον, Χριστέ, λαβεῖν μὴ ὑπερίδης με, τὸ Σῶμα τὸ σὸν καὶ τὸ θεῖον νῦν Αἷμά σου τῶν ἀχράντων, Δέσποτα, καὶ φρικτῶν Μυστηρίων σου μετασχεῖν τῷ ἀθλίῳ, μὴ εἰς κρῖμά μοι γένοιτο γένοιτο δέ μοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον καὶ ἀθάνατον.

'Διδή ζ'. Ἡχος β'. Εἰκόνος χρυσῆς.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Πηγὴ ἀγαθῶν ἡ μετάληψις, Χοιστέ, τῶν ἀθανάτων σου νῦν Μυστηρίων γενηθήτω

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Mary, Mother of God, the tabernacle of the fragrance of God, I pray you make me a chosen vessel, by your almighty prayers, that I may partake of your Son's holy Sacrament.

Ode vi. Mode 2. *In the sea now surrounded.*

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Savior, hallow my intellect, soul and heart, and my body, so that I may worthily approach Your awe-inspiring Mysteries, and not eat and drink judgment upon myself. (5D)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Through communion of Your holy Mysteries, may I become a stranger to the sinful passions, may grace be added unto me, and may I have assurance of life, O Christ. (5D)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Being holy, as God and the Word of God, through Your holy Mother's intercession, sanctify the whole of me as I approach Your divine and immaculate Mysteries. (SD)

Glory. Both now.

Kontakion.

Mode 2. *In seeking the heights.*

I pray you do not forbid me to receive the Bread, Your Body, O Christ, nor deny me Your holy Blood. May receiving Your aweinspiring, immaculate Mysteries be to me, wretched sinner, not for judgment, O loving Lord; may it rather be to me for immortal and everlasting life. (5D)

Ode vii. Mode 2. The image of gold.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Immortal, O Christ, are Your Mysteries, of which I am partaking. May this become

μοι φῶς καὶ ζωὴ καὶ ἀπάθεια, καὶ πρὸς ἀρετῆς θειοτέρας προκοπὴν καὶ ἐπίδοσιν πρόξενος, μόνε Άγαθέ, ὅπως δοξάζω σε.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ρυσθείην παθῶν καὶ ἐχθοῶν καὶ ἀναγκῶν καὶ πάσης θλίψεως, τοόμω καὶ πόθω ποοσιὼν τανῦν, μετ' εὐλαβείας, Φιλάνθοωπε, σοῦ τοῖς ἀθανάτοις καὶ θείοις Μυστηρίοις καὶ ψάλλων σοι Εὐλογητὸς εἶ ὁ Θεός, ὁ τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Σωτῆρα Χριστὸν ἡ τεκοῦσα ὑπὲρ νοῦν, Θεοχαρίτωτε, ἐκδυσωπῶ σε νῦν ὁ δοῦλός σου, τὴν καθαρὰν ὁ ἀκάθαρτος μέλλοντά με νῦν τοῖς ἀχράντοις Μυστηρίοις προσέρχεσθαι, κάθαρον ὅλον μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος.

'Ωιδὴ η'. Ἡχος β'. Τὸν ἐν καμίνῳ τοῦ πυρός. Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Τῶν οὐρανίων καὶ φρικτῶν καὶ άγίων σου, Χριστέ, νῦν Μυστηρίων, καὶ τοῦ Θείου σου Δείπνου καὶ μυστικοῦ κοινωνὸν γενέσθαι κάμὲ καταξίωσον, τὸν ἀπεγνωσμένον, ὁ Θεὸς ὁ Σωτήρ μου.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Υπὸ τὴν σὴν καταφυγὼν εὐσπλαγχνίαν, Άγαθέ, κράζω σοι φόβω Ἐν ἐμοὶ μεῖνον, Σῶτερ, κἀγώ, ὡς ἔφης ἐν σοί ἰδοὺ γάρ, θαὐρῶν τῷ ἐλέει σου, τρώγω σου τὸ Σῶμα καὶ πίνω σου τὸ Αἶμα.

for me the source of light and life, dispassion and every good; may it give me growth and advancement in divine virtue by Your grace, that I may glorify You, only good and merciful Lord. (SD)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

From passions and foes, from necessity and every tribulation, may I be rescued as I come to Your divine, immortal Mysteries reverently with trembling and longing, only Friend of humanity, to sing to You, "O God of our Fathers, glory to You." (SD)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Maid full of grace, you ineffably gave birth to Christ the Savior. Now I, your unclean servant pray to you who are most pure and immaculate: As I now prepare to go forward to receive the Holy Eucharist, completely cleanse me of impurities of body and soul. (5D)

Ode viii. Mode 2. When God went down.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Your holy Mysteries, O Christ, are from heaven and are therefore awe-inspiring. And the mystical Supper that You prepared is divine. Now I who am desperate pray to You: Grant me to partake of it, O my God and Savior. (5D)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

To Your compassion I have run, and with fear I cry to You the only Good One: As You said, so abide in me and let me abide in You. For trusting in Your mercy, behold, I eat Your all-holy Body and drink Your Blood, O Savior.

(SD)

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Φρίττω δεχόμενος τὸ πῦρ, μὴ φλεχθῶ ώσεὶ κηρὸς καὶ ώσεὶ χόρτος. Ὠ φρικτοῦ Μυστηρίου! Ὠ εὐσπλαγχνίας Θεοῦ! Πῶς θείου Σώματος καὶ Αἵματος ὁ πηλὸς μετέχω καὶ ἀφθαρτοποιοῦμαι;

'Διδή θ'. Ἡχος β'. Ἀνάρχου Γεννήτορος.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Χρηστός ἐστι, γεύσασθε καὶ ἴδετε, ὁ Κύριος· δι' ἡμᾶς καθ' ἡμᾶς γὰρ πάλαι γενόμενος, ἄπαξ ἑαυτόν τε προσάξας, ὡς προσφορὰν Πατρὶ τῷ ἰδίῳ ἀεὶ σφαγιάζεται, άγιάζων τοὺς μετέχοντας.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ψυχὴν σὺν τῷ σώματι άγιασθείην, Δέσποτα, φωτισθείην, σωθείην, γενοίμην οἶκός σου τῆ τῶν Μυστηρίων μεθέξει τῶν ἱερῶν, ἔνοικόν σε ἔχων σὺν Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, εὐεργέτα Πολυέλεε.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ώς πῦς γενηθήτω μοι καὶ ώσεὶ φῶς τὸ Σῶμά σου καὶ τὸ Αἶμα, Σωτής μου, τὸ τιμιώτατον, φλέγον ἁμαςτίας τὴν ὕλην, καὶ ἐμπιπςῶν παθῶν τὰς ἀκάνθας καὶ ὅλον φωτίζον με προσκυνεῖν σου τὴν Θεότητα.

Υπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Θεὸς σεσωμάτωται, ἐκ τῶν ἁγνῶν αἰμάτων σου ὅθεν πᾶσα ὑμνεῖ σε γενεά, Δέσποινα νόων τε τὰ πλήθη δοξάζει, ὡς διὰ σοῦ σαφῶς κατιδόντα τὸν πάντων δεσπόζοντα, οὐσιωθέντα τὸ ἀνθρώπινον.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

I am afraid as I partake of the fire, lest I burn like wax and hay do. Awesome Mystery! Wonderful is the mercy of God! How I, who am clay, can partake of God's Body and His Blood and can thus become immortal! (SD)

Ode ix. Mode 2. *To us has appeared.*

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Yes, Christ is the Lord; and therefore taste and see that He is good. For of old He came down and became like us for us. Only once He offered himself as a sacrifice to His God and Father, yet He is forever slain, sanctifying us communicants. (SD)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Lord, may my body with my soul alike be sanctified, and illumined and saved and become Your dwelling place, through participation in Your sacred and divine Mysteries, O Master. May You and the Father and the Holy Spirit also dwell in me. (5D)

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Savior most merciful, I pray to You that Your divine precious Body and Blood be for me both light and fire, burning up the causes of sin and also the thorns of the sinful passions, and fully enlightening me to worship Your Divinity. (SD)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

When God formed a body for himself, He did it in your womb. Therefore all generations, O Lady, sing your praise. Multitudes of Angels give glory, for now through you they can clearly see Him, the Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν Χοιστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν αὐτῷ, Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Ψαλμὸς KB' (22).

Κύριος ποιμαίνει με καὶ οὐδέν με ύστερήσει. Εἰς τόπον χλόης, ἐκεῖ με κατεσκήνωσεν, ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως έξέθρεψέ με, την ψυχήν μου ἐπέστρεψεν. Ώδήγησέ με ἐπὶ τρίβους δικαιοσύνης **ἔνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ. Ἐὰν γὰ**ρ καὶ πορευθῶ ἐν μέσῳ σκιᾶς θανάτου, οὐ φοβηθήσομαι κακά, ὅτι σὰ μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ· ἡ ράβδος σου καὶ ή βακτηρία σου, αὖταί με παρεκάλεσαν. Ήτοίμασας ἐνώπιόν μου τράπεζαν, έξεναντίας τῶν θλιβόντων με· ἐλίπανας ἐν ἐλαίῳ τὴν κεφαλήν μου, καὶ τὸ ποτήριόν σου μεθύσκον με ώσεὶ κράτιστον. Καὶ τὸ ἔλεός σου καταδιώξει με πάσας τὰς ήμέρας τῆς ζωῆς μου, καὶ τὸ κατοικεῖν με ἐν οἴκω Κυρίου εἰς μακρότητα ἡμερῶν.

Ψαλμὸς ΚΓ΄ (23).

Τοῦ Κυρίου ἡ γῆ καὶ τὸ πλήρωμα αὐτῆς, ἡ οἰκουμένη καὶ πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες ἐν αὐτῆ. Αὐτὸς ἐπὶ θαλασσῶν ἐθεμελίωσεν αὐτὴν καὶ ἐπὶ ποταμῶν ἡτοίμασεν αὐτήν. Τίς ἀναβήσεται εἰς τὸ ὄρος τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ τίς στήσεται ἐν τόπῳ ἁγίῳ αὐτοῦ; ἀθῷος χερσὶ καὶ καθαρὸς τῆ καρδίᾳ, ὸς οὐκ ἔλαβεν ἐπὶ ματαίῳ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ καὶ

Lord of the universe, one in essence with humanity. (SD)

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.

Psalm 22 (23).

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord to the end of my days. (SAAS)

Psalm 23 (24).

The earth is the Lord's, and its fullness, the world and all who dwell therein. For He founded it upon the seas and prepared it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend to the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place? He who has innocent hands and a pure heart; He who does not lift up his soul to vanity; He who does not swear

οὐκ ὤμοσεν ἐπὶ δόλῳ τῷ πλησίον αὐτοῦ. Οὖτος λήψεται εὐλογίαν παρὰ Κυρίου καὶ ἐλεημοσύνην παρὰ θεοῦ σωτῆρος αὐτοῦ. Αὕτη ἡ γενεὰ ζητούντων τὸν Κύριον, ζητούντων τὸ πρόσωπον τοῦ θεοῦ Ἰακώβ. ἄρατε πύλας, οἱ ἄρχοντες ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐπάρθητε, πύλαι αἰώνιοι, καὶ εἰσελεύσεται ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης. Τίς ἐστιν οὖτος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης; Κύριος κραταιὸς καὶ δυνατός, Κύριος δυνατὸς ἐν πολέμῳ. ἄρατε πύλας, οἱ ἄρχοντες ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐπάρθητε, πύλαι αἰώνιοι, καὶ εἰσελεύσεται ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης. Τίς ἐστιν οὖτος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης. Τίς ἐστιν οὖτος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης; Κύριος τῶν δυνάμεων αὐτός ἐστιν ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης, Κύριος τῶν δυνάμεων αὐτός ἐστιν ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης.

Ψαλμὸς ΡΙΕ΄ (115).

Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα· ἐγὼ δὲ έταπεινώθην σφόδοα. Έγὼ δὲ εἶπα έν τῆ ἐκστάσει μου πᾶς ἄνθοωπος ψεύστης. Τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι; ποτήριον σωτηρίου λήψομαι καὶ τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου ἐπικαλέσομαι. Τὰς εὐχάς μου τῷ Κυρίω ἀποδώσω ἐναντίον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ αὐτοῦ. Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος τῶν όσίων αὐτοῦ. Ὁ Κύριε, ἐγὼ δοῦλος σός, έγὼ δοῦλος σὸς καὶ υίὸς τῆς παιδίσκης σου. Διέρρηξας τοὺς δεσμούς μου, σοὶ θύσω θυσίαν αἰνέσεως καὶ ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου ἐπικαλέσομαι. Τὰς εὐχάς μου τῷ Κυρίω ἀποδώσω ἐναντίον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ αὐτοῦ, ἐν αὐλαῖς οἴκου Κυρίου ἐν μέσφ σου, Ίερουσαλήμ.

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν. deceitfully to his neighbor. He shall receive blessing from the Lord and mercy from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up the gates, O you rulers, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall enter. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord powerful in battle. Lift up the gates, O you rulers, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall enter. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. (SAAS)

Psalm 115 (116).

I believed; therefore, I spoke; I was greatly humbled. I said in my ecstasy, "Every man is a liar." What shall I give back to the Lord for all He rendered to me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His holy ones. O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant and the son of Your handmaid. You broke apart my bonds; I will offer a sacrifice of praise; I shall pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (SAAS)

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

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

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

Τὰς ἀνομίας μου πάριδε, Κύριε, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθείς, καὶ τὴν καρδίαν μου καθάρισον, ναὸν αὐτὴν ποιῶν τοῦ ἁγίου σου Πνεύματος, μή με ἐξουδενώσης, ἀπὸ τοῦ σοῦ προσώπου, ὁ ἀμέτρητον ἔχων τὸ ἔλεος.

Λόξα.

Εἰς τὴν μετάληψιν τῶν Άγιασμάτων σου πῶς ἀναιδεσθῶ ὁ ἀνάξιος; ἐὰν γὰρ τολμήσω σοι προσελθεῖν σὺν τοῖς ἀξίοις, ὁ χιτών με ἐλέγχει, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστι τοῦ Δείπνου, καὶ κατάκρισιν προξενήσω τῆ πολυαμαρτήτω μου ψυχῆ. Καθάρισον, Κύριε, τὸν ῥύπον τῆς ψυχῆς μου καὶ σῶσόν με, ὡς φιλάνθρωπος.

Καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.

Πολλὰ τὰ πλήθη τῶν ἐμῶν Θεοτόκε πταισμάτων, πρὸς σὲ κατέφυγον Άγνή, σωτηρίας δεόμενος. Ἐπίσκεψαι τὴν ἀσθενοῦσάν μου ψυχήν, καὶ αἴτησαι τῷ Υίῷ σου καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, δοθήναί μοὶ τὴν ἄφεσιν, ὧν ἔπραξα δεινῶν, μόνη εὐλογημένη.

Τῆ δὲ ἀγία καὶ μεγάλη Πέμπτη, τὸ παρόν.

Ότε οἱ ἔνδοξοι Μαθηταί, ἐν τῷ νιπτῆρι τοῦ Δείπνου ἐφωτίζοντο, τότε Ἰούδας ὁ δυσσεβής, φιλαργυρίαν νοσήσας ἐσκοτίζετο, καὶ ἀνόμοις κριταῖς, σὲ τὸν δίκαιον Κριτὴν παραδίδωσι. Βλέπε χρημάτων ἐραστά, τὸν διὰ ταῦτα ἀγχόνη χρησάμενον φεῦγε ἀκόρεστον ψυχήν, τὴν Διδασκάλῳ τοιαῦτα τολμήσασαν. Ὁ περὶ πάντας ἀγαθός, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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

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

Overlook my transgressions, O Lord born of a Virgin, and purify my heart, and make it temple of Your Holy Spirit. I implore You whose mercy is immense, that You do not reject me from Your presence. (SD)

Glory.

How shall I, who am unworthy, shamelessly commune Your holy Mysteries? If I dare to approach You with those who are worthy, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not fit for the banquet, and I shall bring condemnation upon my very sinful soul. O Lord, cleanse the filth of my soul and save me, in Your love for humanity. (5D)

Both now. Theotokion.

O Theotokos, my offences are indeed very many. * To you I run, O Maiden pure, and I pray for salvation. * Visit my infirm and ailing soul, * and pray for me to your Son and our God, * to grant to me forgiveness for the evils I have done, O only blessed Lady. (5D)

On Holy and Great Thursday, the following:

While the glorious Disciples were being illumined at the washing of the feet during the Supper, then, too, did Judas the ungodly one, succumb to darkness, being sick with avarice. And he delivered You, the righteous Judge, to lawless judges. Look here, O lover of money, and see the one who for money's sake hanged himself. Flee from the greed that made him dare commit such a deed against

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

ΣΤΙΧΟΙ ΔΙΔΑΚΤΙΚΟΙ

Περὶ τοῦ, πῶς δεῖ προσέρχεσθαι τοῖς Ἀχράντοις Μυστηρίοις

Μέλλων φαγεῖν, ἄνθοωπε, Σῶμα Δεσπότου, * φόβω ποόσελθε, μὴ φλεγῆς· πῦο τυγχάνει. * Θεῖον δὲ πίνων Αἶμα ποὸς μετουσίαν, * ποῶτον καταλλάγηθι τοῖς σὲ λυποῦσιν, * ἔπειτα θαὀἑῶν, μυστικὴν βοῶσιν φάγε.

Έτεροι ὅμοιοι.

Ποὸ τοῦ μετασχεῖν τῆς φοικώδους θυσίας, * τοῦ ζωοποιοῦ Σώματος τοῦ Δεσπότου, * τῷδε ποόσευξαι τῷ τοόπῳ μετὰ τοόμου.

ΕΥΧΗ Α΄

(Μεγάλου Βασιλείου)

Δέσποτα Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ήμῶν, ή πηγή τῆς ζωῆς καὶ τῆς ἀθανασίας, ό πάσης όρατῆς καὶ ἀοράτου κτίσεως δημιουργός, ὁ τοῦ ἀνάρχου Πατρὸς συναϊδιος Υίὸς καὶ συνάναρχος, ὁ δι' ύπερβολὴν ἀγαθότητος ἐπ' ἐσχάτων τῶν ήμερῶν σάρκα φορέσας, καὶ σταυρωθεὶς καὶ τυθεὶς ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀχαρίστων καὶ ἀγνωμόνων ήμῶν, καὶ τῷ οἰκείῳ σου Αἵματι ἀναπλάσας τὴν φθαρεῖσαν ὑπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας φύσιν ήμῶν, αὐτὸς ἀθάνατε Βασιλεῦ, πρόσδεξαι κάμοῦ τοῦ ἁμαρτωλοῦ τὴν μετάνοιαν καὶ κλίνον τὸ οὖς σου ἐπ' ἐμοὶ καὶ εἰσάκουσον τῶν ἡημάτων μου ήμαρτον γάρ, Κύριε, ήμαρτον εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ οὔκ εἰμι ἄξιος ἀτενίσαι εἰς τὸ ύψος τῆς δόξης σου παρώργισα γάρ σου τὴν ἀγαθότητα, τὰς σὰς ἐντολὰς

the Teacher. O Lord benevolent to all, glory be to You. (SD)

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Instructive Verses

(How one should approach the immaculate Mysteries).

As you are about to eat the body of the Master, * approach with fear lest you be burned, for it is fire. * And before you drink in communion the blood, * be first reconciled with all those you have offended; * then you may take courage to eat the mystic Food.

Before you take part in the awesome sacrifice * of the life-giving body of the Master, * take care and pray with fear of God.

FIRST PRAYER

of Saint Basil the Great

Master Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Source of life and immortality, Who are the Maker of all creation, both visible and invisible, the co-eternal and co-beginningless Son of the eternal Father, Who in the abundance of Your goodness were in the last days clothed in flesh, were crucified and buried for us, the ungrateful and thankless ones, and by Your own Blood refashioned our nature which had been corrupted by sin: O immortal King, accept the repentance even of me the sinner, and incline Your ear to me and hear my words. For I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against heaven and before You, and I am not worthy to gaze on the height of Your glory; for I have provoked Your goodness by transgressing Your commandments and not obeying Your

παραβάς καὶ μὴ ὑπακούσας τοῖς σοῖς προστάγμασιν. Άλλὰ σύ, Κύριε, ἀνεξίκακος ὤν, μακρόθυμός τε καὶ πολυέλεος, οὐ παρέδωκάς με συναπολέσθαι ταῖς ανομίαις μου, την ἐμην πάντως αναμένων ἐπιστροφήν. Σὺ γὰρ εἶπας, φιλάνθρωπε, διὰ τοῦ προφήτου σου, ὅτι οὐ θελήσει θέλω τὸν θάνατον τοῦ ἁμαρτωλοῦ, ὡς τὸ ἐπιστρέψαι καὶ ζῆν αὐτόν οὐ γὰο βούλει, Δέσποτα, τὸ πλάσμα τῶν σῶν ἀπολέσθαι χειοῶν, οὐδὲ εὐδοκεῖς ἐπ' ἀπωλείᾳ ἀνθοώπων, ἀλλὰ θέλεις πάντας σωθῆναι καὶ εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν άληθείας έλθεῖν. Διὸ κάγώ, εἰ καὶ ἀνάξιὸς εἰμι τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ αὐτῆς τῆς προσκαίρου ζωῆς ὅλον ἑμαυτὸν ὑποτάξας τῆ ἁμαρτία καὶ ταῖς ἡδοναῖς δουλώσας καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀχρειώσας εἰκόνα, ἀλλὰ ποίημα καὶ πλάσμα σὸν γεγονώς, οὐκ ἀπογινώσκω την ἐμαυτοῦ σωτηρίαν ὁ ἄθλιος τῆ δὲ σῆ ἀμετρήτω εὐσπλαγχνία θαὀδήσας προσέρχομαι. Δέξαι οὖν κἀμέ, φιλάνθρωπε Χριστέ, ώς τὴν Πόρνην, ώς τὸν Ληστήν, ώς τὸν Τελώνην καὶ ώς τὸν ἄσωτον καὶ ἄρόν μου τὸ βαρὺ φορτίον τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν, ό τὴν ἁμαρτίαν αἴρων τοῦ κόσμου καὶ τὰς ἀσθενείας τῶν ἀνθοώπων ἰώμενος ὁ τούς κοπιῶντας καὶ πεφορτισμένους πρὸς σεαυτὸν καλῶν καὶ ἀναπαύων ὁ μὴ ἐλθὼν καλέσαι δικαίους, ἀλλὰ ἁμαρτωλοὺς εἰς μετάνοιαν καὶ καθάρισόν με ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος δίδαξόν με ἐπιτελεῖν ἁγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ σου, ἵνα ἐν καθαρῷ τῷ μαρτυρίῳ τῆς συνειδήσεώς μου, τῶν ἁγιασμάτων σου τὴν μερίδα ύποδεχόμενος, ένωθῶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Σώματί σου καὶ Αἵματι, καὶ ἕξω σε ἐν ἐμοὶ κατοικοῦντα καὶ μένοντα σὺν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Ναί, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ

ordinances. But in Your forbearance, patience, and great mercy, You, O Lord, have not given me up to be destroyed with my sins, but You await my complete conversion. For You Who love mankind have said through Your Prophet that You desire not the death of the sinner, but that he should return to You and live. For You do not will, O Lord, that the work of Your hands should be destroyed, neither do You delight in the destruction of men, but You desire that all should be saved and come to a knowledge of the Truth. Therefore, though I am unworthy both of heaven and earth, and even of this transient life – since I have completely succumbed to sin and am a slave to pleasure and have defaced Your image, yet being Your work and creation, wretch that I am, - even I do not despair of my salvation and dare to draw near to Your boundless compassion. Therefore receive even me, O Christ Who Loves mankind, as the harlot, as the thief, as the publican, and as the prodigal; and take from me the heavy burden of my sins: You Who take away the sin of the world, Who heal men's sicknesses, Who call the weary and heavy laden to Yourself and give them rest; for You came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. And cleanse me from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Teach me to attain perfect holiness in the fear of You, that with the clear witness of my conscience I may receive a portion of Your holy Things and be united with Your holy Body and Blood, and have You dwelling and remaining in me with the Father and Your Holy Spirit. And, O Lord Jesus Christ, my God, do not let the communion of Your immaculate and lifeΘεός μου καὶ μὴ εἰς κοῖμά μοι γένοιτο ἡ μετάληψις τῶν ἀχράντων καὶ ζωοποιῶν Μυστηρίων σου, μηδὲ ἀσθενὴς γενοίμην ψυχῆ τε καὶ σώματι, ἐκ τοῦ ἀναξίως αὐτῶν μεταλαμβάνειν ἀλλὰ δός μοι, μέχρι τελευταίας μου ἀναπνοῆς, ἀκατακρίτως ὑποδέχεσθαι τὴν μερίδα τῶν ἁγιασμάτων σου, εἰς Πνεύματος ἁγίου κοινωνίαν, εἰς ἐφόδιον ζωῆς αἰωνίου καὶ εἰς εὐπρόσδεκτον ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματός σου ὅπως ἂν κἀγώ, σὺν πᾶσι τοῖς ἐκλεκτοῖς σου, μέτοχος γένωμαι τῶν ἀκηράτων σου ἀγαθῶν, ὧν ἡτοίμασας τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε, Κύριε ἐν οῖς δεδοξασμένος ὑπάρχεις εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

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(τοῦ αὐτοῦ)

Οἶδα, Κύριε, ὅτι ἀναξίως μεταλαμβάνω τοῦ ἀχράντου σου Σώματος καὶ τοῦ τιμίου σου Αἵματος καὶ ἔνοχὸς εἰμι καὶ κοῖμα ἐμαυτῷ ἐσθίω καὶ πίνω, μὴ διακρίνων τὸ Σῶμα καὶ τὸ Αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ Θεοῦ μου ἀλλὰ τοῖς οἰκτιρμοῖς σου θαζορών, προσέρχομαί σοι τῷ εἰπόντι. Ό τρώγων μου τὴν Σάρκα καὶ πίνων μου τὸ Αἷμα ἐν ἐμοὶ μένει, κάγὼ ἐν αὐτῷ. Σπλαγχνίσθητι οὖν, Κύριε, καὶ μὴ παραδειγματίσης με τὸν ἁμαρτωλόν, άλλὰ ποίησον μετ' ἐμοῦ κατὰ τὸ ἔλεός σου καὶ γενέσθω μοι τὰ ἄγια ταῦτα εἰς ἴασιν καὶ κάθαρσιν καὶ φωτισμὸν καὶ φυλακτήριον καὶ σωτηρίαν καὶ άγιασμὸν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος: εἰς ἀποτροπὴν πάσης φαντασίας καὶ πονηρᾶς πράξεως καὶ ἐνεργείας διαβολικῆς, κατὰ διάνοιαν τῆς ἐν τοῖς μέλεσί μου ἐνεργουμένης. είς παζόησίαν καὶ ἀγάπην τὴν πρὸς σέ εἰς διόρθωσιν βίου καὶ ἀσφάλειαν

giving Mysteries be to me for condemnation, nor let it make me sick in body or soul through my partaking of them unworthily; but rather grant that until my last breath I may receive a portion of Your holy Things without condemnation, for communion with the Holy Spirit, as a provision for eternal life, and as an acceptable defense at Your dread tribunal, so that I, too, with all Your elect may become a partaker of Your pure joys which You have prepared for those who love You, O Lord, in whom You are glorified throughout the ages. Amen. (nk)

SECOND PRAYER

of Saint Basil the Great

I know, O Lord, that I partake of Your immaculate Body and precious Blood unworthily, and that I am guilty, and eat and drink judgment to myself by not discerning the Body and Blood of You, my Christ and God. But, trusting in Your compassion, I take courage and approach You, for You have said: "He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in him." Therefore have compassion, O Lord, and do not make an example of me, the sinner, but deal with me according to Your mercy; and let these Holy Things be for my healing, and purification, and enlightenment, and protection, and salvation, and sanctification of body and soul; for the turning away of every fantasy, and all evil practice, and diabolical activity working subconsciously in my members; for confidence and love towards You; for reformation of life and stability; for an increase of virtue and perfection;

εἰς αὔξησιν ἀρετῆς καὶ τελειότητος εἰς πλήρωσιν ἐντολῶν εἰς Πνεύματος άγίου κοινωνίαν εἰς ἐφόδιον ζωῆς αἰωνίου καὶ εἰς ἀπολογίαν εὐπρόσδεκτον, τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματός σου μὴ εἰς κρῖμα ἢ εἰς κατάκριμα.

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(Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χουσοστόμου)

Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου, οἶδα, ὅτι οὔκ εἰμι ἄξιος οὐδὲ ἱκανός, ἵνα μου ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην εἰσέλθης τοῦ οἴκου τῆς ψυχῆς, διότι ὅλη ἔρημος καὶ καταπεσοῦσὰ ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἔχεις παρ' ἐμοὶ τόπον ἄξιον τοῦ κλῖναι τὴν κεφαλήν. Άλλ' ὡς ἐξ ὕψους δι' ἡμᾶς ἐταπείνωσας σεαυτόν, συμμετοίασον καὶ νῦν τῆ ταπεινώσει μου. Καὶ ώς κατεδέξω ἐν τῷ σπηλαίῳ καὶ φάτνη ἀλόγων ἀνακλιθῆναι, οὕτω κατάδεξαι καὶ ἐν τῆ φάτνη τῆς ἀλόγου μου ψυχῆς καὶ ἐν τῷ έσπιλωμένω μου σώματι εἰσελθεῖν. Καὶ ὡς οὐκ ἀπηξίωσας εἰσελθεῖν καὶ συνδειπνῆσαι άμαρτωλοῖς ἐν τῆ οἰκία Σίμωνος τοῦ λεπροῦ, οὕτω κατάδεξαι εἰσελθεῖν καὶ εἰς τὸν οἶκον τῆς ταπεινῆς μου ψυχῆς, τοῦ λεπροῦ καὶ άμαρτωλοῦ. Καὶ ώς οὐκ ἀπώσω τὴν ὁμοίαν μοι πόρνην καὶ ἁμαρτωλόν, προσερχομένην καὶ άπτομένην σου, οὕτω σπλαγχνίσθητι καὶ ἐπ' ἐμοὶ τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ, προσερχομένω σοι καὶ άπτομένω σου. Καὶ ώς οὐκ ἐβδελύξω τὸ ὁυπαρὸν ἐκείνης στόμα καὶ ἐναγὲς καταφιλοῦν σε, μηδὲ έμοῦ βδελύξη τὸ ὁυπαρώτερον ἐκείνης στόμα καὶ ἐναγέστερον, μηδὲ τὰ ἔμμυσα καὶ ἀκάθαρτά μου χείλη καὶ βέβηλα, καὶ την ἀκαθαρτοτέραν μου γλῶσσαν. Άλλὰ γενέσθω μοι ὁ ἄνθοαξ τοῦ παναγίου σου Σώματος καὶ τοῦ τιμίου σου Αἵματος εἰς άγιασμὸν καὶ φωτισμὸν καὶ ὁῶσιν τῆς

for fulfillment of the commandments; for communion with the Holy Spirit; as a provision for eternal life; and as an acceptable defense at Your dread Tribunal, not unto judgment nor unto condemnation. (nk)

THIRD PRAYER

of Saint John Chrysostom

Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy or sufficient that You should come under the roof of the house of my soul, for all is desolate and fallen, and You do not have within me a place fit to lay Your head. But even as from on high You humbled Yourself for our sake, so now conform Yourself to my humility. And as You consented to lie in a cave and in a manger of irrational beasts, so also consent to lie in the manger of my irrational soul and to enter my defiled body. And as You did not disdain to enter and dine with sinners in the house of Simon the Leper, so consent also to enter the house of my humble soul which is leprous and sinful. And as You did not reject the woman who was a harlot and a sinner like me, when she approached and touched You, so also be compassionate with me, the sinner, as I approach and touch You, and let the live coal of Your most-holy Body and precious Blood be for the sanctification, and enlightenment, and strengthening of my humble soul and body; for a relief from the burden of my many sins; for a protection from all diabolical practices; for a restraint and a check on my evil and wicked way of life; for the mortification of passions; for the keeping of Your commandments; for an increase of Your divine grace; and for the advancement of

ταπεινής μου ψυχής καὶ τοῦ σώματος εἰς κουφισμόν τοῦ βάρους τῶν πολλῶν μου πλημμελημάτων είς φυλακτήριον πάσης διαβολικῆς ἐνεργείας· εἰς ἀποτροπὴν καὶ ἐμπόδιον τῆς φαύλης μου καὶ πονηρᾶς συνηθείας: εἰς ἀπονέκρωσιν τῶν παθῶν: είς περιποίησιν των έντολων σου είς προσθήκην τῆς θείας σου χάριτος καὶ τῆς σῆς βασιλείας οἰκείωσιν. Οὐ γὰο ὡς καταφοονῶν ποοσέοχομαί σοι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ἀλλ' ὡς θαζορῶν τῆ ἀφάτω σου ἀγαθότητι, καὶ ἵνα μή, ἐπὶ πολύ ἀφιστάμενος τῆς κοινωνίας σου, θηριάλωτος ύπὸ τοῦ νοητοῦ λύκου γένωμαι. Διὸ δέομαί σου, ώς μόνος ὢν ἄγιος, Δέσποτα, άγίασὸν μου τὴν ψυχὴν καὶ τὸ σῶμα, τὸν νοῦν καὶ τὴν καρδίαν, τοὺς νεφοούς καὶ τὰ σπλάγχνα, καὶ ὅλον με ανακαίνισον καὶ ὁίζωσον τὸν φόβον σου έν τοῖς μέλεσί μου, καὶ τὸν ἁγιασμόν σου ἀνεξάλειπτον ἀπ' ἐμοῦ ποίησον. Καὶ γενοῦ μοι βοηθὸς καὶ ἀντιλήπτωρ, κυβερνῶν έν εἰρήνη τὴν ζωήν μου, καταξιῶν με καὶ τῆς ἐκ τῶν δεξιῶν σου παραστάσεως μετὰ τῶν ἁγίων σου εὐχαῖς καὶ πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου σου Μητρός, τῶν ἀϋλων σου λειτουργῶν καὶ ἀχράντων Δυνάμεων καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, τῶν ἀπ' αἰῶνος σοι εὐαρεστησάντων. Ἀμήν.

$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{\Upsilon}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{\Lambda}'$

(τοῦ αὐτοῦ)

Οὔκ εἰμι ἱκανός, Δέσποτα Κύριε, ἵνα εἰσέλθης ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην τῆς ψυχῆς μου ἀλλ' ἐπειδὴ βούλει σύ, ὡς φιλάνθρωπος, οἰκεῖν ἐν ἐμοί, θαφοῶν προσέρχομαι. Κελεύεις, ἀναπετάσω τὰς πύλας, ἃς σὺ μόνος ἐδημιούργησας, καὶ εἰσέρχη μετὰ φιλανθρωπίας, ὡς πέφυκας εἰσέρχη καὶ

Your Kingdom. For it is not as one insolent and presumptuous that I draw near to You, O Christ my God, but as one taking courage from Your ineffable goodness, so that having long abstained from Your communion I may not become a prey to the noetic wolf. Therefore, I pray to You, O Lord, Who alone are holy: sanctify my soul and body, my mind and heart, my emotions and affections, and wholly renew me. Root in my members the fear of You, and make Your sanctification indelible within me. Be also my Helper and Defender, guide my life in peace, and make me worthy to stand on Your right hand with Your Saints; through the prayers and intercessions of Your all-pure Mother, of Your ministering Angels, of the immaculate Powers, and of all the Saints who have been well-pleasing to You. Amen. (nk)

FOURTH PRAYER

of Saint John Chrysostom

I am not worthy, Sovereign Lord, for you to come under the roof of my soul. Yet because of your love for all people, you wish to dwell in me. I boldly come. Command that the gates open which you alone made and you will come in with love toward all people, as is your nature. You will come in and

φωτίζεις τὸν ἐσκοτισμένον μου λογισμόν. Πιστεύω ὡς τοῦτο ποιήσεις· οὐ γὰρ Πόρνην προσελθοῦσὰν σοι μετὰ δακρύων ἀπέφυγες, οὐδὲ Τελώνην ἀπεβάλου μετανοήσαντα, οὐδὲ Ληστὴν ἐπιγνόντα τὴν βασιλείαν σου ἀπεδίωξας, οὐδὲ Διώκτην μετανοήσαντα κατέλιπες, ὃ ἦν· ἀλλὰ τοὺς ὑπὸ τῆς μετανοίας προσαχθέντας, ἄπαντας ἐν τῷ χορῷ τῶν σῶν φίλων κατέταξας, ὁ μόνος ὑπάρχων εὐλογημένος πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀπεράντους αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{\Upsilon}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{E}'$

(τοῦ αὐτοῦ)

Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεός μου, ἄνες, ἄφες, ίλάσθητι καὶ συγχώρησὸν μοι, τῷ άμαρτωλῷ καὶ ἀχρείω καὶ ἀναξίω δούλω σου, τὰ πταίσματα καὶ πλημμελήματα καὶ παραπτώματά μου, ὅσα σοι ἐκ νεότητός μου μέχοι τῆς παρούσης ἡμέρας καὶ ώρας ήμαρτον, εἴτε ἐν γνώσει καὶ ἀγνοία, εἴτε ἐν λόγοις ἢ ἔργοις ἢ ἐνθυμήμασιν ἢ διανοήμασι καὶ ἐπιτηδεύμασι, καὶ πάσαις μου ταῖς αἰσθήσεσι. Καὶ τῆ πρεσβεία τῆς ἀσπόρως κυησάσης σε παναχράντου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας τῆς Μητρός σου, τῆς μόνης ἀκαταισχύντου ἐλπίδος καὶ προστασίας καὶ σωτηρίας μου, καταξίωσόν με ἀκατακρίτως μεταλαβεῖν τῶν ἀχράντων καὶ ἀθανάτων καὶ ζωοποιῶν καὶ φοικτῶν Μυστηρίων σου, εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον εἰς άγιασμὸν καὶ φωτισμόν καὶ ὁώμην καὶ ἴασιν καὶ ὑγείαν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος καὶ εἰς ἐξάλειψιν καὶ παντελῆ ἀφανισμὸν τῶν πονηοῶν μου λογισμῶν καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων καὶ προλήψεων καὶ νυκτερινών φαντασιών τών σκοτεινών καὶ πονηρῶν πνευμάτων. Ότι σοῦ ἐστιν ή βασιλεία καὶ ή δύναμις καὶ ή δόξα καὶ ή

enlighten my darkened reasoning. I believe that you will do this, for you did not send away the harlot who came to you with tears, nor cast out the repenting publican, nor reject the thief who acknowledged your kingdom, nor forsake the repentant persecutor for what he was. But you counted as your friends all of those who came to you in repentance. You alone are blessed, always, now and to the endless ages. Amen. (nk)

FIFTH PRAYER

of Saint John Chrysostom

Lord Jesus Christ my God, loose, remit, forgive, absolve, and pardon the sins, offenses and transgressions which I, Your sinful, useless and unworthy servant have committed from my youth, up to the present day and hour, whether in knowledge or in ignorance, whether by words or in deeds, whether in my intentions or in my thoughts, and whether by habit or through any of my senses. And through the intercession of her who conceived You without seed, the allpure and ever-virgin Mary Your Mother, my only sure hope and protection and salvation, make me worthy to receive without condemnation Your pure, immortal, lifegiving and fearful Mysteries, unto forgiveness of sins and for eternal life; for sanctification, and enlightenment, and strength, and healing, and health of soul and body; and for the blotting out and complete destruction of my evil reasonings, and intentions, and prejudices, and the nocturnal fantasies of dark evil spirits. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, and the honor, and the worship, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

τιμή καὶ ή προσκύνησις, σὺν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ άγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{\Upsilon}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{C}'$

(Ιωάννου τοῦ Δαμασκηνοῦ)

Δέσποτα Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ μόνος ἔχων ἐξουσίαν ανθρώποις αφιέναι αμαρτίας, ώς αγαθός καὶ φιλάνθοωπος, πάριδέ μου πάντα τὰ έν γνώσει καὶ ἀγνοία πταίσματα, καὶ άξίωσόν με ἀκατακρίτως μεταλαβεῖν τῶν θείων καὶ ἐνδόξων καὶ ἀχράντων καὶ ζωοποιῶν σου Μυστηρίων, μὴ εἰς κόλασιν, μὴ εἰς προσθήκην ἁμαρτιῶν, ἀλλ' εἰς καθαρισμόν καὶ άγιασμόν καὶ ἀξοραβῶνα τῆς μελλούσης ζωῆς καὶ βασιλείας εἰς τεῖχος καὶ βοήθειαν καὶ ἀνατροπὴν τῶν ἐναντίων καὶ εἰς ἐξάλειψιν τῶν πολλῶν μου πλημμελημάτων. Σὺ γὰο εἶ Θεὸς ἐλέους καὶ οἰκτιρμῶν καὶ φιλανθρωπίας, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

EYXH Z'

(Συμεὼν τοῦ Νέου Θεολόγου)

Ἀπὸ ὁυπαοῶν χειλέων, ἀπὸ βδελυοᾶς καοδίας, ἀπὸ ἀκαθάρτου γλώττης, ἐκ ψυχῆς ἐὀὁυπωμένης, δέξαι δέησιν, Χοιστέ μου καὶ μὴ παρωσάμενός μου, μὴ τοὺς λόγους, μὴ τοὺς τοόπους, μηδὲ τὴν ἀναισχυντίαν, δός μοι παὀἡησία λέγειν, ἃ βεβούλευμαι, Χοιστέ μου, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ δίδαξόν με, τί με δεῖ ποιεῖν καὶ λέγειν. Ἡμαρτον ὑπὲρ τὴν Πόρνην ἥ, μαθοῦσα ποῦ κατάγεις, μύρον ἐξωνησαμένη, ἦλθε τολμηρῶς ἀλεῖψαι, σοῦ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Χριστοῦ μου, τοῦ Δεσπότου καὶ Θεοῦ μου. Ώς

now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

SIXTH PRAYER

of Saint John of Damascus

Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who alone have authority to forgive men their sins, in Your goodness and love for men overlook all my offenses whether committed with knowledge or in ignorance, and make me worthy to receive without condemnation Your divine, glorious, spotless, and lifegiving Mysteries, not for punishment, nor for an increase of sins, but for purification and sanctification, and as a pledge of the life and Kingdom to come, as a protection and help, for the destruction of enemies, and for the blotting out of my many transgressions. For You are a God of mercy and compassion and love for men, and to You we send up the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. (nk)

SEVENTH PRAYER

of Saint Symeon the New Theologian

From lips tainted and defiled, from a heart unclean and loathsome, from an unclean tongue, and out of a polluted soul: receive my prayer, O my Christ. Do not reject me, nor my words, nor my ways, nor even my shamelessness, but give me courage to say what I desire, O my Christ; and even more, teach me what to do and what to say. I have sinned more than the harlot who, on learning where You were lodging, bought myrrh and dared to come and anoint Your feet, my Christ, my Lord and my God. As You did

ἐκείνην οὐκ ἀπώσω, προσελθοῦσαν ἐκ καρδίας, μηδ' ἐμὲ βδελύξη, Λόγε, σοὺς δὲ πάρασχέ μοι πόδας καὶ κρατῆσαι καὶ φιλῆσαι, καὶ τῷ ὁείθοῳ τῶν δακούων, ὡς πολυτιμήτω μύοω, τούτους τολμηρῶς άλεῖψαι. Πλῦνόν με τοῖς δάκουσί μου, κάθαρον αὐτοῖς με, Λόγε, ἄφες καὶ τὰ πταίσματά μου, καὶ συγγνώμην πάρασχέ μοι. Οἶδας τῶν κακῶν τὸ πλῆθος, οἶδας καὶ τὰ τραύματά μου καὶ τοὺς μώλωπας όρᾶς μου ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν πίστιν οἶδας καὶ τὴν προθυμίαν βλέπεις καὶ τοὺς στεναγμοὺς ἀκούεις. Οὐ λανθάνει σε, Θεέ μου, ποιητά μου, λυτρωτά μου, οὐδὲ σταλαγμὸς δακούων, οὐδὲ σταλαγμοῦ τι μέρος. Τὸ μὲν ακατέργαστόν μου ἔγνωσαν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί σου ἐπὶ τὸ βιβλίον δέ σου, καὶ τὰ μήπω πεπραγμένα, γεγραμμένα σοι τυγχάνει. Ίδε τὴν ταπείνωσίν μου, ἴδε μου τὸν κόπον, ὄσος! καὶ τὰς άμαρτίας πάσας ἄφες μοι, Θεὲ τῶν ὅλων, ἵνα καθαρᾶ καρδία, περιτρόμω διανοία καὶ ψυχῆ συντετοιμμένη, τῶν άχράντων σου μετάσχω καὶ πανάγνων μυστηρίων, οἷς ζωοῦται καὶ θεοῦται πᾶς ό τρώγων σε καὶ πίνων έξ εἰλικρινοῦς καρδίας. Σὺ γὰρ εἶπας, Δέσποτά μου Πᾶς ό τρώγων μου τὴν Σάρκα, πίνων δέ μου καὶ τὸ Αἷμα, ἐν ἐμοὶ μὲν οὖτος μένει, ἐν αὐτῷ δ' ἐγὼ τυγχάνω. Ἀληθὴς ὁ λόγος πάντως τοῦ Δεσπότου καὶ Θεοῦ μου. Τῶν γὰο θείων ὁ μετέχων καὶ θεοποιῶν χαρίτων, οὔμενουν, οὖκ ἔστι μόνος, ἀλλὰ μετὰ σοῦ, Χριστέ μου, τοῦ φωτὸς τοῦ τρισηλίου, τοῦ φωτίζοντος τὸν κόσμον. Ίνα γοῦν μὴ μόνος μένω δίχα σου τοῦ Ζωοδότου, τῆς πνοῆς μου, τῆς ζωῆς μου, τοῦ ἀγαλλιάματός μου, τῆς τοῦ κόσμου σωτηρίας, διὰ τοῦτό σοι προσῆλθον, ώς ὁρᾶς μετὰ δακρύων

not repulse her when she drew near in her heart, neither, O word, reject me, but grant that I may clasp and kiss Your feet, and dare to anoint them with a flood of tears as with most-precious myrrh. Wash me with my tears and purify me with them, O Word. Forgive my sins and grant me pardon. You know the multitude of my evil-doings, You also know my wounds, and You see my bruises. But You also know my faith, and You behold my willingness, and You hear my sighs. Nothing escapes You, my God, my Maker, my Redeemer, not even a tear-drop, nor part of a drop. Your eyes know what I have not achieved, and in Your book things not yet done are written by You. See my depression, and see how great is my trouble: take from me all my sins, O God of all, that with a clean heart, a trembling mind, and a contrite spirit I may partake of Your pure and all-holy Mysteries by which all, who with sincerity of heart eat and drink You, are quickened and deified. For You, my Lord, have said: "Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in Him"; wholly true is the word of my Lord and God. For whoever partakes of Your divine and deifying Gifts certainly is not alone, but is with You, my Christ, the Light of the Triune Sun Which illumines the world. That I may not remain alone without You, the Giver of Life, my Breath, my Life, my Joy, the Salvation of the world, I have therefore drawn near to You, as You see, with tears and with a contrite spirit. Ransom of my offenses, I beseech You to receive me, that I may partake without condemnation of Your life-giving and perfect Mysteries, and that You may remain as You

καὶ ψυχῆς συντετριμμένης, λύτρον τῶν ἐμῶν πταισμάτων ἱκετεύων τοῦ λαβεῖν με, καὶ τῶν σῶν ζωοπαρόχων καὶ ἀμέμπτων μυστηρίων μετασχείν ἀκατακρίτως, ἵνα μείνης, καθώς εἶπας, μετ' ἐμοῦ τοῦ τρισαθλίου ΐνα μή, χωρίς εύρών με τῆς σῆς χάριτος, ὁ πλάνος, ἀφαρπάση με δολίως, καὶ πλανήσας ἀπαγάγη τῶν θεοποιῶν σου λόγων. Διὰ τοῦτό σοι προσπίπτω καὶ θερμῶς ἀναβοῶ σοι Ώς τὸν Ἄσωτον ἐδέξω, καὶ τὴν Πόρνην προσελθοῦσαν, οὕτω δέξαι με τὸν πόρνον καὶ τὸν ἄσωτον, Οἰκτίρμον, ἐν ψυχῆ συντετοιμμένη νῦν με προσερχόμενόν σοι. Οἶδα, Σῶτερ, ὅτι ἄλλος, ὡς ἐγώ, οὐκ ἔπταισέ σοι οὐδὲ ἔπραξε τὰς πράξεις, ᾶς έγὼ κατειργασάμην. Άλλὰ τοῦτο πάλιν οἶδα, ώς οὐ μέγεθος πταισμάτων, οὐχ άμαρτημάτων πληθος, ύπερβαίνει τοῦ Θεοῦ μου τὴν πολλὴν μακροθυμίαν, καὶ φιλανθοωπίαν ἄκραν ἀλλ' ἐλαίω συμπαθείας, τοὺς θερμῶς μετανοοῦντας, καὶ καθαίσεις καὶ λαμπούνεις καὶ φωτὸς ποιεῖς μετόχους, κοινωνοὺς Θεότητός σου ἐργαζόμενος ἀφθόνως καί, τὸ ξένον καὶ ἀγγέλοις καὶ ἀνθοώπων διανοίαις, όμιλεῖς αὐτοῖς πολλάκις, ὥσπερ φίλοις σου γνησίοις. Ταῦτα τολμηρὸν ποιεῖ με, ταῦτά με πτεροῖ, Χριστέ μου καὶ θαὀῥῶν ταῖς σαῖς πλουσίαις πρὸς ἡμᾶς εὐεργεσίαις, χαίρων τε καὶ τρέμων ἄμα, τοῦ πυρὸς μεταλαμβάνω, χόρτος ὢν καὶ ξένον θαῦμα! δροσιζόμενος ἀφράστως ώσπεροῦν ἡ βάτος πάλαι, ή ἀφλέκτως καιομένη. Τοίνυν εὐχαρίστω γνώμη, εὐχαρίστω δὲ καρδία, εὐχαρίστοις μέλεσί μου, τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ τῆς σαρκός μου προσκυνῶ καὶ μεγαλύνω καὶ

have said with me, thrice-wretched as I am, lest the tempter find me without Your grace and craftily seize me and, having deceived me, seduce me from Your deifying words. Therefore I fall at Your feet and fervently cry to You: as You received the prodigal and the harlot who drew near to You, so also have compassion and receive me, the profligate and the prodigal, as I now draw near to You with a contrite spirit. I know, O Savior, that no other has sinned against You as I have, nor has done the deeds that I have committed. But I also know this: that neither the greatness of my offenses, nor the multitude of my sins, surpasses the great patience of my God, and His extreme love for men. Despite our offenses, You purify and enlighten with the oil of compassion those who fervently repent, and You make them children of the light and sharers of Your divine nature. And You act most generously, for what is strange to Angels and to the minds of men You often tell to the repentant as to Your true friends. These things make me bold, my Christ, these things give me wings, and I take courage from the wealth of Your goodness to us. With rejoicing, yet with trembling, I who am but straw partake of Fire and, strange wonder, I am ineffably bedewed, like the bush of old which burnt without being consumed. Therefore with thankful mind and with thankful heart and with thankfulness in all the members of my soul and body, I worship and magnify and glorify You, my God, for You are blessed, now and ever, to all ages. (nk)

δοξάζω σε, Θεέ μου, ώς εὐλογημένον ὄντα νῦν τε καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

EYXH H'

(Συμεὼν τοῦ Μεταφοαστοῦ)

Ό μόνος καθαρὸς καὶ ἀκήρατος Κύριος, ό δι' οἶκτον φιλανθοωπίας ἀνεκδιήγητον τὸ ἡμέτερον ὅλον προσλαβόμενος φύραμα, ἐκ τῶν άγνῶν καὶ παρθενικῶν αἱμάτων τῆς ὑπερφυῶς κυησάσης σε, Πνεύματος Θείου ἐπελεύσει καὶ εὐδοκία Πατρὸς ἀϊδίου, Χριστὲ Ἰησοῦ, σοφία Θεοῦ καὶ εἰρήνη καὶ δύναμις ό τῷ προσλήμματὶ σου τὰ ζωοποιὰ καὶ σωτήρια πάθη καταδεξάμενος, τὸν Σταυρόν, τοὺς ἤλους, τὴν λόγχην, τὸν θάνατον, νέκρωσόν μου τὰ ψυχοφθόρα πάθη τοῦ σώματος. Ὁ τῆ ταφῆ σου τὰ τοῦ **ἄδου σκυλεύσας βασίλεια, θάψον μου** διὰ τῶν ἀγαθῶν λογισμῶν τὰ πονηρὰ διαβούλια, καὶ τὰ τῆς πονηρίας πνεύματα διασκέδασον. Ὁ τῆ τριημέρω σου καὶ ζωηφόρω Άναστάσει τὸν πεπτωκότα προπάτορα ἀναστήσας, ἀνάστησόν με τῆ άμαρτία κατολισθήσαντα, τρόπους μοι μετανοίας ύποτιθέμενος. Ό τῆ ἐνδόξω σου Άναλήψει τῆς σαρκὸς θεώσας τὸ πρόσλημμα καὶ τοῦτο τῆ δεξιᾳ καθέδρα τιμήσας τοῦ Πατρός, ἀξίωσόν με, διὰ τῆς τῶν άγίων σου μυστηρίων μεταλήψεως, τῆς δεξιᾶς μερίδος τῶν σωζομένων τυχεῖν. Ὁ τῆ ἐπιδημία τοῦ παρακλήτου Πνεύματος σκεύη τίμια τοὺς ἱερούς σου μαθητὰς ἐργασάμενος, δοχεῖον κἀμὲ τῆς αὐτοῦ ἀνάδειξον ἐπελεύσεως. Ὁ μέλλων πάλιν ἔρχεσθαι κρίναι τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐν δικαιοσύνη, εὐδόκησον κἀμὲ προϋπαντῆσαὶ σοι ἐν νεφέλαις τῷ ποιητῆ καὶ πλάστη μου σὺν πᾶσι τοῖς ἁγίοις σου ἵνα ἀτελευτήτως δοξολογῶ καὶ ἀνυμνῶ σε, σὺν τῷ ἀνάρχῳ

EIGHTH PRAYER

of Saint Symeon Metaphrastes

Lord, Who alone are pure and incorrupt, Who through the ineffable compassion of Your love for mankind assumed our whole nature through the pure and virgin blood of her who supernaturally conceived You by the coming of the Divine Spirit and by the will of the Eternal Father; O Christ Jesus, Wisdom and Peace and Power of God, Who in assuming our nature suffered Your lifegiving and saving Passion - the Cross, the Nails, the Spear, and Death – mortify all the deadly passions of my body. You Who in Your burial spoiled the dominions of hell, bury with good thoughts my evil schemes and scatter the spirits of wickedness. You Who by Your life-giving Resurrection on the third day raised up our fallen first Parent, raise me up who am sunk in sin and suggest to me ways of repentance. You Who by Your glorious Ascension deified our nature which You had assumed and honored it by Your sitting at the right hand of the Father, make me worthy by partaking of Your holy Mysteries of a place at Your right hand among those who are saved. You Who by the descent of the Spirit, the Paraclete, made Your holy Disciples worthy vessels, make me also a recipient of His coming. You Who are to come again to judge the World with justice, grant me also to meet You on the clouds, my Maker and Creator, with all Your Saints, that I may unendingly glorify and praise You with Your Eternal Father and Your all-holy and good

σου Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΕΥΧΗ Θ'

(Ἰωάννου τοῦ Δαμασκηνοῦ)

Πρό τῶν θυρῶν τοῦ ναοῦ σου παρέστηκα καὶ τῶν δεινῶν λογισμῶν οὐκ ἀφίσταμαι, ἀλλὰ σύ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ό Τελώνην δικαιώσας καὶ Χαναναίαν έλεήσας καὶ τῷ Ληστῆ παραδείσου πύλας ἀνοίξας, ἄνοιξόν μοι τὰ σπλάγχνα τῆς φιλανθοωπίας σου καὶ δέξαι με προσερχόμενον καὶ άπτόμενόν σου, ώς τὴν Πόονην καὶ τὴν Αἱμόὀὁουν ἡ μὲν γάρ, τοῦ κρασπέδου σου άψαμένη εὐχερῶς τὴν ἴασιν ἔλαβεν, ἡ δέ, τοὺς σοὺς ἀχράντους πόδας κρατήσασα, τὴν λύσιν τῶν άμαρτημάτων ἐκομίσατο. Ἐγὼ δὲ ὁ έλεεινός, ὅλον τὸ Σῶμα τολμῶν δέξασθαι, μη καταφλεχθείην άλλα δέξαι με, ὥσπερ ἐκείνας, καὶ φώτισόν μου τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς αἰσθητήρια, καταφλέγων μου τὰ τῆς άμαρτίας ἐγκλήματα, πρεσβείαις τῆς ἀσπόρως τεκούσης σε καὶ τῶν ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων. Ότι εὐλογητὸς εἶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΕΥΧΗ Ι΄

(Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χουσοστόμου)

Πιστεύω, Κύριε, καὶ ὁμολογῶ, ὅτι σὰ εἶ ἀληθῶς ὁ Χριστός, ὁ Υίὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ζῶντος, ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὸν κόσμον άμαρτωλοὺς σῶσαι, ὧν πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ. Ἔτι πιστεύω, ὅτι τοῦτο αὐτό ἐστι τὸ ἄχραντον Σῶμά σου καὶ τοῦτο αὐτό ἐστι τὸ τίμιον Αἷμά σου. Δέομαι οὖν σου· ἐλέησόν με καὶ συγχώρησόν μοι τὰ παραπτώματά μου, τὰ ἑκούσια καὶ τὰ ἀκούσια, τὰ ἐν

and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. (nk)

NINTH PRAYER

of Saint John Damascene

I stand before the doors of Your sanctuary, yet I do not put away my terrible thoughts. But, O Christ our God, Who justified the Publican, and Who had mercy on the Canaanite woman, and opened the gates of Paradise to the Thief, open to me the depths of Your love for mankind, and as I approach and touch You, receive me like the Harlot and the woman with an issue of blood. For the one easily received healing by touching the hem of Your garment, and the other obtained release from her sins by clasping Your sacred feet. And I, deplorable as I am, dare to receive Your whole Body; may I not be burnt, but receive me even as You did these. And enlighten the senses of my soul, and burn up the indictments of my sins, by the intercessions of her who bore You without seed, and of the Heavenly Hosts, for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen. (nk)

TENTH PRAYER

of Saint John Chrysostom

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge

λόγω, τὰ ἐν ἕργω, τὰ ἐν γνώσει καὶ ἀγνοία καὶ ἀξίωσόν με ἀκατακρίτως μετασχεῖν τῶν ἀχράντων σου μυστηρίων, εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Ἀμήν.

Απερχόμενος δὲ μεταλαβεῖν, λέγε τοὺς παρόντας Στίχους Συμεὼν τοῦ Μεταφραστοῦ·

Ἰδού, βαδίζω ποὸς θείαν Κοινωνίαν * Πλαστουογέ, μὴ φλέξης με τῆ μετουσία * Πῦο γὰο ὑπάοχεις τοὺς ἀναξίους φλέγον. * Άλλ' οὖν κάθαρον ἐκ πάσης με κηλῖδος.

Εἶτα τὸ Τροπάριον

Τοῦ Δείπνου σου τοῦ μυστικοῦ, σήμερον Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, κοινωνόν με παράλαβε· οὐ μὴ γὰρ τοῖς ἐχθροῖς σου τὸ Μυστήριον εἴπω, οὐ φίλημά σοι δώσω, καθάπερ ὁ Ἰούδας, ἀλλ' ὡς ὁ Ληστὴς ὁμολογῶ σοι. Μνήσθητί μου Κύριε, ὅταν ἔλθης ἐν τῆ Βασιλεία σου.

Εἶτα τοὺς παρόντας Στίχους:

Θεουργὸν Αἷμα φρίξον, ἄνθρωπε βλέπων * ἄνθραξ γάρ ἐστι τοὺς ἀναξίους φλέγων *Θεοῦ τὸ Σῶμα, καὶ θεοῖ με, καὶ τρέφει * Θεοῖ τὸ πνεῦμα, τὸν δὲ νοῦν τρέφει ξένως.

Καὶ τὰ Τροπάρια ταῦτα:

ἔθελξας πόθω με Χοιστέ, καὶ ἠλλοίωσας τῷ θείω σου ἔρωτι, ἀλλὰ κατάφλεξον, πυοὶ ἀΰλω τὰς ἁμαοτίας μου, καὶ εμπλησθῆναι τῆς ἐν σοὶ τουφῆς καταξίωσον, ἵνα τὰς δύο σκιοτῶν, μεγαλύνω ἀγαθὲ παρουσίας σου.

Έν ταῖς λαμπρότησι τῶν Ἁγίων σου, πῶς εἰσελεύσομαι ὁ ἀνάξιος; ἐὰν γὰρ τολμήσω συνεισελθεῖν εἰς τὸν νυμφῶνα, ὁ χιτὼν μὲ ἐλέγχει, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστι τοῦ γάμου, καὶ δέσμιος ἐκβαλοῦμαι ὑπὸ τῶν Ἁγγέλων.

or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen. (COA)

When coming forward to receive communion, say these verses of Symeon Metaphrastes.

Behold, I approach for Divine Communion. * O Maker, burn me not as I partake, * for You are fire consuming the unworthy. * But cleanse me from every stain.

Then this Troparion:

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom. (GOA)

Then again the following verses:

Tremble, O man, as you behold the divine Blood. * It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy. * The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me: * It deifies the spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind.

And these Troparia:

You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros You have changed me. But burn up with spiritual fire my sins, and grant me to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings. (GOA)

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I should dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my vesture will condemn me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. Cleanse, O Lord, the filth of Καθάρισον, Κύριε, τὸν ῥύπον τῆς ψυχῆς μου, καὶ σῶσόν με ὡς φιλάνθρωπος.

Καὶ τὴν παροῦσαν Εὐχήν

Δέσποτα φιλάνθοωπε, Κύοιε Ἰησοῦ Χοιστέ, ὁ Θεός μου, μὴ εἰς κοῖμά μοι γένοιτο τὰ ἄγια ταῦτα, διὰ τὸ ἀνάξιον εἶναί με, ἀλλ' εἰς κάθαρσιν καὶ άγιασμὸν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος, καὶ εἰς ἀρραβῶνα τῆς μελλούσης ζωῆς καὶ βασιλείας. Ἐμοὶ δὲ τὸ προσκολλᾶσθαι τῷ Θεῷ ἀγαθόν ἐστι, τίθεσθαι ἐν τῷ Κυρίῳ τὴν ἐλπίδα τῆς σωτηρίας μου.

Καὶ πάλιν

Τοῦ Δείπνου σου τοῦ μυστικοῦ, σήμερον Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, κοινωνόν με παράλαβε· οὐ μὴ γὰρ τοῖς ἐχθροῖς σου τὸ Μυστήριον εἴπω, οὐ φίλημά σοι δώσω, καθάπερ ὁ Ἰούδας, ἀλλ' ὡς ὁ Ληστὴς ὁμολογῶ σοι. Μνήσθητί μου Κύριε, ὅταν ἔλθης ἐν τῆ Βασιλεία σου.

my soul, and save me, as You are the one Who loves mankind. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul, and save me. (GOA)

Master Who loves mankind, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body and the pledge of the life and Kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. (GOA)

And again:

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom. (GOA)

Εὐχαριστία μετὰ τὴν Θείαν Μετάληψιν

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Στίχοι προτρεπτικοί·

Ἐπὰν δὲ τύχης τῆς καλῆς μετουσίας
* τῶν ζωοποιῶν μυστικῶν δωρημάτων, *
ὕμνησον εὐθύς, εὐχαρίστησον μέγα, * καὶ
τάδε θερμῶς ἐκ ψυχῆς Θεῷ λέγε· * Δόξα σοι,
ὁ Θεός· δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός· δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός!

Καὶ εὐθὺς τὰς ἐπομένας εὐχαριστηρίους Εὐχάς.

Άνωνύμου

Εὐχαριστῶ σοι, Κύριε, ὁ Θεός μου, ὅτι οὐκ ἀπώσω με τὸν ἁμαρτωλόν, ἀλλὰ κοινωνόν με γενέσθαι τῶν ἁγιασμάτων σου κατηξίωσας. Εὐχαριστῶ σοι, ὅτι με τὸν ἀνάξιον μεταλαβεῖν τῶν ἀχράντων σου καὶ ἐπουρανίων δωρεῶν κατηξίωσας. Άλλά, Δέσποτα φιλάνθοωπε, ὁ ὑπὲο ἡμῶν ἀποθανών τε καὶ ἀναστὰς καὶ χαρισάμενος ήμῖν τὰ φρικτὰ ταῦτα καὶ ζωοποιά σου Μυστήρια, ἐπ' εὐεργεσία καὶ άγιασμῷ τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων ἡμῶν, δὸς γενέσθαι ταῦτα κἀμοὶ εἰς ἴασιν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος, εἰς ἀποτροπὴν παντὸς ἐναντίου, εἰς φωτισμὸν τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν τῆς καρδίας μου, εἰς εἰρήνην τῶν ψυχικῶν μου δυνάμεων, εἰς πίστιν ἀκαταίσχυντον, εὶς ἀγάπην ἀνυπόκριτον, εἰς πλησμονὴν σοφίας, εἰς περιποίησιν τῶν ἐντολῶν σου, είς προσθήκην τῆς θείας σου χάριτος καὶ τῆς σῆς βασιλείας οἰκείωσιν ἵνα ἐν τῷ άγιασμῷ σου δι' αὐτῶν φυλαττόμενος, τῆς σῆς χάριτος μνημονεύω διὰ παντὸς καὶ μηκέτι ἐμαυτῷ ζῶ, ἀλλὰ σοὶ τῷ ἡμετέρῳ Δεσπότη καὶ εὐεργέτη. Καὶ οὕτω τοῦ τῆδε βίου ἀπάρας ἐπ' ἐλπίδι ζωῆς αἰωνίου, εἰς

Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

READER

The Admonitory Verses

And when you obtain the blessed Communion, * of the life-creating mystical Gifts, * straightway give praise and great thanks, * and fervently from your soul say to God, * Glory to You, O God; glory to You, O God; glory to You, O God.

And immediately, the following prayers of thanksgiving:

Anonymous

I thank You, O Lord my God, for You have not rejected me, a sinner, but have deemed me worthy to be a partaker of Your Holy Gifts. I thank You that You deemed me worthy, unworthy as I am, to partake of Your pure and heavenly Gifts. O Master, Who loves mankind, Who for us both died and arose and Who granted us these, Your dread and life-creating Mysteries, for the benefit and sanctification of our souls and bodies: Grant that these may be to me for the healing of both soul and body, for the averting of everything hostile, for the enlightenment of the eyes of my heart, for the peace of the powers of my soul, for faith unashamed, for love unfeigned, for the fullness of wisdom, for the observance of Your commandments, for an increase of Your divine grace, and for abiding in Your Kingdom; that being kept by them in Your holiness I may ever be mindful of Your grace, and no longer live for myself but for You, our Master and benefactor. And thus, when from this life I have passed in the hope of life eternal, may I attain to everlasting rest, where the sound of those who celebrate is

τὴν ἀΐδιον καταντήσω ἀνάπαυσιν, ἔνθα ὁ τῶν ἑορταζόντων ἦχος ὁ ἀκατάπαυστος καὶ ἡ ἀπέραντος ἡδονὴ τῶν καθορώντων τοῦ σοῦ προσώπου τὸ κάλλος τὸ ἄρξητον. Σὰ γὰρ εἶ τὸ ὄντως ἐφετὸν καὶ ἡ ἀνέκφραστος εὐφροσύνη τῶν ἀγαπώντων σε, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σὲ ὑμνεῖ πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

Τοῦ Μεγάλου Βασιλείου

Δέσποτα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, βασιλεῦ τῶν αἰώνων καὶ δημιουργὲ τῶν ἁπάντων, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἶς παρέσχου μοι ἀγαθοῖς, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆ μεταλήψει τῶν άχράντων καὶ ζωοποιῶν σου μυστηρίων. Δέομαι οὖν σου, ἀγαθὲ καὶ φιλάνθοωπε· φύλαξόν με ύπὸ τὴν σκέπην σου καὶ ἐν τῆ τῶν πτερύγων σου σκιᾳ καὶ δώρησαὶ μοι ἐν καθαοῷ συνειδότι, μέχρις ἐσχάτης μου ἀναπνοῆς, ἐπαξίως μετέχειν τῶν άγιασμάτων σου, εἰς ἄφεσιν άμαρτιῶν καὶ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Σὺ γὰο εἶ ὁ ἄρτος τῆς ζωῆς, ή πηγή τοῦ ἁγιασμοῦ, ὁ δοτὴς τῶν άγαθῶν καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σύν τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Άμήν.

Συμεών τοῦ Μεταφοαστοῦ

Ό δοὺς τοοφήν μοι σάρκα σὴν ἑκουσίως, ό πῦρ ὑπάρχων καὶ φλέγων ἀναξίους, μὴ δὴ καταφλέξης με, μὴ Πλαστουργέ μου μᾶλλον δίελθε πρὸς μελῶν μου συνθέσεις, εἰς πάντας άρμούς, εἰς νεφρούς, εἰς καρδίαν φλέξον δ' ἀκάνθας τῶν ὅλων μου πταισμάτων. Ψυχὴν κάθαρον, ἁγίασον τὰς φρένας τὰς ἰγνύας στήριξον ὀστέοις ἄμα αἰσθήσεων φώτισον ἁπλῆν πεντάδα ὅλον με τῷ σῷ συγκαθήλωσον φόβω.

unceasing, and unending is the delight of those who behold the ineffable beauty of Your Countenance. For You are, indeed, the true object of our desire and the inexpressible gladness of those who love You, O Christ our God, and all creation praises You unto the ages. Amen. (COA)

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Master Christ, our God, King of the ages and creator of all, I thank You for all the good things You have granted me and for the Communion of Your pure and lifegiving Mysteries. I beseech You, therefore, O Good One Who loves mankind, keep me under Your protection and in the shadow of Your wings; and grant that, with a clear conscience and until my final breath, I may worthily partake of Your Holy Gifts for the remission of my sins and for life eternal. For You are the bread of life, the well-spring of holiness, and the giver of all that is good, and to You we ascribe the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (GOA)

Prayer of St. Symeon Metaphrastes

O You Who willingly grant me Your Flesh for food, You are a fire, and You consume the unworthy! Burn me not, O my Maker, but rather pass through my composite members into all my joints, my innermost core, and my heart. Burn up the thorns of all my transgressions; purify my soul; sanctify my thoughts; make firm my legs, as well as my bones; illumine the clarity of my five senses; nail down the whole of me by Your fear.

Αεὶ σκέπε, φρούρει τε καὶ φύλαττέ με ἐκ παντὸς ἔργου καὶ λόγου ψυχοφθόρου. Άγνιζε καὶ κάθαρε καὶ ὁύθμιζέ με κάλλυνε, συνέτιζε καὶ φώτιζέ με δεῖξόν με σὸν σκήνωμα Πνεύματος μόνου, καὶ μηκέτι σκήνωμα τῆς ἁμαρτίας. ἵν' ὡς σὸν οἶκον εἰσόδω κοινωνίας, ὡς πῦρ με φεύγη πᾶς κακοῦργος, πᾶν πάθος. Πρέσβεις φέρω σοι πάντας ἡγιασμένους, τὰς ταξιαρχίας τε τῶν Ἀσωμάτων, τὸν Πρόδρομόν σου, τοὺς σοφοὺς Ἀποστόλους, πρὸς τοῖς δε σὴν ἄχραντον άγνὴν Μητέρα. ὧν τὰς λιτάς, εὔσπλαγχνε, δέξαι, Χριστέ μου, καὶ φωτὸς παῖδα τὸν σὸν ἔργασαι λάτριν. Σὺ γὰο ὑπάοχεις άγιασμὸς καὶ μόνος ἡμῶν, άγαθέ, τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ λαμπρότης καὶ σοὶ πρεπόντως, ώς Θεῷ καὶ Δεσπότη, δόξαν ἄπαντες πέμπομεν καθ' ἡμέραν.

Ανωνύμου

Τὸ Σῶμά σου τὸ ἄγιον, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, γένοιτό μοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον, καὶ τὸ Αἶμά σου τὸ τίμιον εἰς ἄφεσιν άμαρτιῶν. Γένοιτο δέ μοι ἡ εὐχαριστία αὕτη εἰς χαράν, ὑγείαν καὶ εὐφροσύνην καὶ ἐν τῆ φοβερῷ καὶ δευτέρᾳ ἐλεύσει σου ἀξίωσόν με τὸν άμαρτωλὸν στῆναι ἐκ δεξιῶν τῆς σῆς δόξης, πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου σου Μητρός, καὶ πάντων σου τῶν Ἁγίων. Ἀμήν.

Άνωνύμου

Παναγία Δέσποινα, Θεοτόκε, τὸ φῶς τῆς ἐσκοτισμένης μου ψυχῆς, ἡ ἐλπίς, ἡ σκέπη, ἡ καταφυγή, ἡ παραμυθία, τὸ ἀγαλλίαμά μου, εὐχαριστῶ σοι, ὅτι ἠξίωσάς με τὸν ἀνάξιον κοινωνὸν γενέσθαι τοῦ ἀχράντου Σώματος καὶ τοῦ Τιμίου Αἵματος τοῦ Υίοῦ σου. Ἀλλ' ἡ τεκοῦσα τὸ

Ever overshadow, watch, and guard me from every soul-destroying act and word. Purify, cleanse, and train me; adorn, elucidate, and illuminate me; show me to be the dwelling of Your Spirit alone, and no longer the dwelling of sin; so that, as Your house, by the entrance of Communion as fire, every evildoer and passion may flee. I bring to You intercessors, all the sanctified, the captains of the bodiless angels, Your Forerunner, the wise apostles, and to them I add Your pure, immaculate Mother. Receive, O my compassionate Christ, their petitions, and make of your hired servant a child of light! For You are alone our sanctification, O Good One, and the brightness of our souls; and to You, as is fitting, as our God and Master, do we all ascribe glory from day to day.

Anonymous

May Your holy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, be to me for life eternal, and Your precious Blood for remission of sins. And may this Eucharist be to me for joy, health, and gladness. And at Your awesome Second Coming, deem me, the sinner, worthy to stand at the right hand of Your glory, through the intercessions of Your all-pure Mother and all Your saints. Amen. (GOA)

Anonymous

All-holy Lady, Theotokos, the light of my darkened soul, my hope and protection, my refuge and consolation, and my joy, I thank you that you have made me worthy, though I am unworthy, to partake of the pure Body and precious Blood of your Son. But as the one who gave birth to the true Light:

άληθινὸν φῶς, φώτισὸν μου τοὺς νοητοὺς ὀφθαλμούς τῆς καρδίας: ἡ τὴν πηγὴν τῆς ἀθανασίας κυήσασα, ζωοποίησόν με τὸν τεθανατωμένον τῆ ἁμαοτία, ἡ τοῦ ἐλεήμονος Θεοῦ φιλεύσπλαγχνος Μήτηο, ἐλέησόν με, καὶ δὸς κατάνυξιν καὶ συντοιβήν ἐν τῆ καοδία μου καὶ ταπείνωσιν ἐν τοῖς διανοήμασί μου, καὶ ἀνάκλησιν έν ταῖς αἰχμαλωσίαις τῶν λογισμῶν μου. Καὶ ἀξίωσόν με, μέχρι τελευταίας μου ἀναπνοῆς, ἀκατακρίτως ὑποδέχεσθαι τῶν άχράντων Μυστηρίων τὸν άγιασμόν, εἰς ἴασιν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος· καὶ παράσχου μοι δάκουα μετανοίας καὶ ἐξομολογήσεως, εὶς τὸ ὑμνεῖν καὶ δοξάζειν σε πάσας τὰς ήμέρας τῆς ζωῆς μου. Ότι εὐλογημένη καὶ δεδοξασμένη ύπάρχεις εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας· Άμήν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

'Ωδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Τοισάγιον.

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, συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἅγιε, enlighten the noetic eyes of my heart. You who conceived the source of immortality, give life to me, dead in sin. You who are the compassionately loving Mother of the merciful God, have mercy on me and give my heart compunction and contrition, humility in my thoughts, and release from my captive thoughts. And make me worthy until my final breath to receive without condemnation the sanctification of the pure Mysteries for the healing of both soul and body. And grant me tears of repentance and confession, that I may praise and glorify you all the days of my life. For you are blessed and glorified unto the ages. Amen. (GOA)

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. (NKIV)

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 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, ώς ἐν οὐςανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄςτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμεςον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειςασμόν, ἀλλὰ ςῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηςοῦ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Μετὰ τὴν Θ. Λειτουργία τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου **Ἀπολυτίκιον.**

Ή τοῦ στόματός σου καθάπες πυςσὸς ἐκλάμψασα χάςις, τὴν οίκουμένην ἐφώτισεν ἀφιλαςγυςίας τῷ κόσμῳ θησαυςοὺς ἐναπέθετο τὸ ὕψος ἡμῖν τῆς ταπεινοφοσύνης ὑπέδειξεν. Ἀλλὰ σοῖς λόγοις παιδεύων, Πάτες Ἰωάννη Χουσόστομε, ποέσβευε τῷ Λόγῳ Χοιστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Δόξα. Κοντάκιον.

Ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐδέξω τὴν θείαν χάριν, καὶ διὰ τῶν σῶν χειλέων, πάντας διδάσκεις,

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

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

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

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

PRIEST

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

READER

After the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:

Apolytikion.

The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls. (5D)

Glory. Kontakion.

You received the grace of God coming down from heaven; now by means of your

προσκυνεῖν ἐν Τριάδι τὸν ἕνα Θεόν, Ἰωάννη Χρυσόστομε, παμμακάριστε Ὅσιε, ἐπαξίως εὐφημοῦμέν σε ὑπάρχεις γὰρ καθηγητής, ώς τὰ θεῖα σαφῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.

Τῆ ποεσβεία Κύοιε, πάντων τῶν Άγίων, καὶ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τὴν σὴν εἰρήνην δὸς ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς μόνος οἰκτίρμων.

Μετὰ τὴν Θ . Λειτουργία τοῦ M. Βασιλείου· **Απολυτίκιον.**

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὖ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα. Κοντάκιον.

'Ωφθης βάσις ἄσειστος τῆ Ἐκκλησία, νέμων πᾶσιν ἄσυλον, τὴν κυριότητα βροτοῖς, ἐπισφραγίζων σοῖς δόγμασιν, Οὐρανοφάντορ Βασίλειε ὅσιε.

Καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.

Τῆ ποεσβεία Κύοιε, πάντων τῶν Άγίων, καὶ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τὴν σὴν εἰρήνην δὸς ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς μόνος οἰκτίρμων.

Μετὰ τὴν Θ. Λειτουργία τῶν Προηγιασμένων **Απολυτίκιον.**

Στόμα γοήγοοον, καταπλουτήσας, νομεὺς ἄοιστος τοῦ θείου λόγου, ἀνεδείχθης Ίεράρχα Γρηγόριε, τῶν ἀρετῶν

own lips you instruct all people how to worship in Trinity the one and only God, O devout Saint John Chrysostom, the allblessed and golden-mouthed. It is right that we should honor you. For elucidating things divine, you are our teacher and guide. (5D)

Both now. Theotokion.

By the intercessions of all Your Saints and the Theotokos, grant us Your peace and have mercy on us, O only compassionate Lord. (5D)

After the Liturgy of St. Basil:

Apolytikion.

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy. (SD)

Glory. Kontakion.

As a base unshakable * you were presented * to the Church, attributing * the full dominion to mankind, * and by your dogmas confirming this, O devout Basil, Revealer of heaven to all. (5D)

Both now. Theotokion.

By the intercessions of all Your Saints and the Theotokos, grant us Your peace and have mercy on us, O only compassionate Lord. (5D)

After the Presanctified Liturgy:

Apolytikion.

You were shown to be a great dispenser * of the word of God, having been given * a most capable mouth that was rich in grace.

γὰο ἐκφάντωο γενόμενος, δικαιοσύνης ἐκφαίνεις τὴν ἔλλαμψιν Πάτεο Ὅσιε, Χοιστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωοήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα. Κοντάκιον.

Ταῖς τῶν σῶν λόγων ἀκτῖσι φωτίζεται, ἡ Ἐκκλησία θεόφουν Γοηγόοιε, Ἱεράοχα πάνσοφε, τῷ θείῳ θρόνῳ παριστάμενος, ἐκτενῶς Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῶ, πρεσβείαν ποίει ὑπὲρ πάντων ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.

Τῆ ποεσβεία Κύοιε, πάντων τῶν Άγίων, καὶ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τὴν σὴν εἰρήνην δὸς ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς μόνος οἰκτίρμων.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ')

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

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

Έν ὀνόματι Κυρίου εὐλόγησον, Πάτερ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ό Θεὸς οἰκτιρήσαι ἡμᾶς καὶ εὐλογήσαι ἡμᾶς· ἐπιφάναι τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ ἐλεήσαι ἡμᾶς.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν. * You radiated the luster of righteousness, * teaching the virtues, O hierarch Gregory. * O devout father, pray now to Christ our God, * entreating Him to grant us His great mercy.

Glory. Kontakion.

The Church is illumined by the rays of your words, O all-wise, God-bearing hierarch Gregory. Now, as you stand near the divine throne, earnestly intercede with Christ our God on behalf of us all. (5D)

Both now. Theotokion.

By the intercessions of all Your Saints and the Theotokos, grant us Your peace and have mercy on us, O only compassionate Lord. (5D)

READER

Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

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

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

May God have compassion on us and bless us; may his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

READER

Amen.

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

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

Εὐλόγησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, (τοῦ Αγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ) τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Άγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

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

Father, bless!

PRIEST

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and allimmaculate holy Mother, (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.

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)