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Removal from the Cross on Friday Afternoon

Vespers of Holy Saturday

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Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα
Ἡ Αποκαθήλωσις τῇ
Παρασκευῇ τὸ Ἀπόγευμα
Εσπερινὸς τοῦ Μεγάλου Σαββάτου

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ
προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

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

Ψαλμὸς ΠΓ' (103).

Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον.
Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα.
Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπεια
ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον.
Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὥσπερ δέρριν, ὁ
στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασιν τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ.
Ὅ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ
περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων. Ὁ
ποιῶν τοὺς Ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα,
καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς φλόγα.
Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γῆν ἐπὶ τὴν ἀσφάλειαν
αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ
αἰῶνος. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον τὸ περιβόλαιον
αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ

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PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

READER

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

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

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

Psalms 103 (104).

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my
God, You are magnified exceedingly; You
clothe Yourself with thanksgiving and majesty,
who cover Yourself with light as with a
garment, who stretch out the heavens like a
curtain; You are He who covers His upper
chambers with water, who makes the clouds
His means of approach, who walks on the
wings of the winds, who makes His angels
spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. He
established the earth on its stable foundation; it
shall not be moved unto ages of ages. The deep
like a garment is His covering; the waters shall
stand upon the mountains; at Your rebuke

ἐπιτιμήσεώς σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς
βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουνσιν
ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουνσι πεδία εἰς τόπον,
ὃν ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ
οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι
καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων
πηγὰς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὀρέων
διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ
θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέξονται ὄναγροι
εἰς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ
οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου τῶν
πετρῶν δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων ὄρη ἐκ τῶν
ὕπερώνων αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ καρποῦ τῶν ἔργων
σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ ἐξανατέλλων
χόρτον τοῖς κτήνεσι, καὶ χλόην τῇ δουλείᾳ
τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Τοῦ ἐξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς
γῆς, καὶ οἶνος εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου.
Τοῦ ἱλαρύναι πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίῳ, καὶ ἄρτος
καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται
τὰ ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου,
ἃς ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι,
τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὅρη
τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ τοῖς
λαγωῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιροὺς, ὃ
ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐθου σκότος,
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται πάντα
τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι ὠρυόμενοι
τοῦ ἀρπᾶσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ
βρῶσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος, καὶ
συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας αὐτῶν
κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται ἄνθρωπος
ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἐργασίαν
αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ
ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας,

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

ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ
θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ
έρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ
μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ πλοῖα διαπορεύονται,
δράκων οὗτος, ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν
αὐτή. Πάντα πρὸς σέ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι
τὴν τροφήν αὐτῶν εἰς εὐκαιρον, δόντος
σου αὐτοῖς συλλέξουσιν. Ἀνοίξαντός σου
τὴν χεῖρα, τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται
χρηστότητος, ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ
πρόσωπον, ταραχθήσονται. Ἀντανελεῖς τὸ
πνεῦμα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν
χοῦν αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς
τὸ πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ
ἀνακαινιεῖς τὸ πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς. Ἦτω ἡ
δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, εὐφρανθήσεται
Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων
ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποιῶν αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ὁ
ἀπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ καπνίζονται.
Ἄισω τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ
μου ἕως ὑπάρχω. Ἦδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογία
μου, ἐγὼ δὲ εὐφρανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ.
Ἐκλείπειεν ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ
ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτούς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ
ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον.

Ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου
σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ.

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε·
πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

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

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

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

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

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

Ἡ Ἀποκαθήλωσις - Ἑσπερινὸς τῇ Παρασκευῇ τὸ Ἀπόγευμα

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

Απαγγελλομένον ἐπίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ,
ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπής ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας
Τραπεζῆς ἢ καὶ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Σωτῆρος
Χριστοῦ, ἱστάμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ Σολέα (ὡς ἐν τῷ
Ὅρθρῳ), καὶ ἀναγινώσκει μυστικῶς τὰς Εὐχὰς τοῦ
Λιχνικοῦ·

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (μυστικῶς)

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ

Κύριε, οἰκτίρμον καὶ ἐλεῆμον,
μακρόθυμε καὶ πολυέλεε, ἐνώτισαι τὴν
προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, καὶ πρόσχες τῇ φωνῇ
τῆς δεήσεως ἡμῶν· ποιήσον μεθ' ἡμῶν
σημεῖον εἰς ἀγαθόν· ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐν τῇ
ὁδῷ σου τοῦ πορεύεσθαι ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ
σου· εὐφρανον τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν, εἰς τὸ
φοβεῖσθαι τὸ Ὄνομά σου τὸ ἅγιον· διότι
μέγας εἶ σὺ, καὶ ποιῶν θαυμάσια· σὺ εἶ Θεὸς
μόνος, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁμοίός σοι ἐν θεοῖς,
Κύριε, δυνατὸς ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἀγαθὸς ἐν ἰσχύϊ,
εἰς τὸ βοηθεῖν καὶ παρακαλεῖν, καὶ σῶζειν
πάντας τοὺς ἐλπίζοντας εἰς τὸ Ὄνομά σου τὸ
ἅγιον.

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

Κύριε, μὴ τῷ θυμῷ σου ἐλέγξης ἡμᾶς,
μηδὲ τῇ ὀργῇ σου παιδεύσης ἡμᾶς, ἀλλὰ
ποιήσον μεθ' ἡμῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐπιεικειάν
σου, ἱατρὲ καὶ θεραπευτὰ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν·
ὁδήγησον ἡμᾶς ἐπὶ λιμένα θελήματός σου·
φώτισον τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τῶν καρδιῶν

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

PRIEST (inaudibly)

1st Prayer

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

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

2nd Prayer

Lord, do not rebuke us in your anger, nor
chastise us in your wrath, but deal with us in
accordance with your kindness, physician and
healer of our souls. Guide us to the harbour of
your will. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts to
the knowledge of your truth and grant that the

ἡμῶν, εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τῆς σῆς ἀληθείας·
καὶ δώρησαι ἡμῖν τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς παρουσίας
ἡμέρας εἰρηνικὸν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον,
καὶ πάντα τὸν χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν·
προσβείαις τῆς ἀγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων
τῶν Ἀγίων σου.

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ

Ὁ τοῖς ἀσιγήτοις ὕμνοις καὶ ἀπαύστοις
δοξολογίαις ὑπὸ τῶν ἁγίων δυνάμεων
ἀννυμνούμενος, πλήρωσον τὸ στόμα ἡμῶν
τῆς αἰνέσεώς σου, τοῦ δοῦναι μεγαλυσύνην
τῷ ὀνόματί σου τῷ ἁγίῳ· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν μερίδα

rest of the present day and the whole time of
our life may be peaceful and without sin, at the
prayers of the holy Mother of God and of all
the Saints. [EL]

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

3rd Prayer

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

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

4th Prayer

O Lord, who are praised by the holy
Powers with never silent hymns and unceasing
songs of glory, fill our mouth with your praise
to give majesty to your holy Name, and give us
a part and an inheritance with all who fear you

καὶ κληρον μετὰ πάντων τῶν φοβουμένων
σε ἐν ἀληθείᾳ καὶ φυλασσόντων τὰς ἐντολάς
σου· πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ
πάντων τῶν ἁγίων σου.

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

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

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

ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

Ὁ Θεός, ὁ μέγας καὶ θαυμαστός, ὁ
ἀνεκδιηγῆται ἀγαθωσύνη καὶ πλουσία
προνοία διοικῶν τὰ σύμπαντα· ὁ καὶ τα
ἐγκόσμια ἀγαθὰ ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, καὶ
κατεγγυήσας ἡμῖν τὴν ἐπηγγελμένην
βασιλείαν, διὰ τῶν ἤδη κεχαρισμένων ἡμῖν
ἀγαθῶν· ὁ ποιήσας ἡμᾶς καὶ τῆς νῦν ἡμέρας

in truth and who keep your commandments, at
the prayers of the holy Mother of God and of
all your Saints. [EL]

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

5th Prayer

Lord, Lord, who uphold the universe
by your immaculate hand, who are long-
suffering towards us all and who repent of
evils, remember your acts of compassion and
your mercy. Visit us in your loving kindness
and grant that for the rest of the present day
we may escape the manifold wiles of the evil
one, and, by the grace of your All-holy Spirit,
keep our life free from assault. [EL]

By the mercy and love for mankind of
your Only-begotten Son, with whom you are
blessed, together with your all-holy, good and
life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, and to the
ages of ages. Amen. [EL]

6th Prayer

O God, great and wonderful, who order
the universe with inexpressible loving-
kindness and rich providence; who have
granted us also the blessings of this world and
brought us near to the promised Kingdom
through the blessings that have been bestowed
on us already; who have made us turn aside

τὸ παρελθὸν μέρος ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐκκλίνειν
κακοῦ, δώρησαι ἡμῖν καὶ τὸ ὑπόλοιπον
ἀμέμπτως ἐκτελέσαι, ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας
δόξης σου, ὑμνοῦντάς σε τὸν μόνον ἀγαθόν,
καὶ φιλόανθρωπον Θεὸν ἡμῶν.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν
δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ
καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς
τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

ΕΥΧΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗ

Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὑψίστος, ὁ μόνος
ἔχων ἀθανασίαν, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ
πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφίᾳ δημιουργήσας.
Ὁ διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ
ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον
θέμενος εἰς ἔξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην
δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἔξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός· ὁ
καταξιώσας ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ
ἐπὶ τῆς παρουσίας ὥρας προφθάσαι τὸ
πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν
ἑσπερινὴν σοὶ δοξολογίαν προσαγαγεῖν·
αὐτός, φιλόανθρωπε Κύριε, κατεύθυνον τὴν
προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου
καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὁσμὴν εὐωδίας.
Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν ἑσπέραν
καὶ τὴν ἐπιούσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικὴν· ἔνδυσον
ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός· ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ φόβου
νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς πράγματος ἐν
σκότει διαπορευομένου· καὶ δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν
ὑπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπαυσιν τῇ ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν
ἔδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς φαντασίας
ἀπηλλαγμένον. Ναί, Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων,

from every evil during that part of the present
day which is now over, grant us also to
complete what remains without blame in the
presence of your holy glory, as we sing your
praise, who alone are our God, good and the
Lover of mankind. [EL]

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

7th Prayer

Great and most high God, who
alone possess immortality, who dwell
in unapproachable light, who fashioned
all creation with wisdom, who made the
separation between the light and the darkness
and who placed the sun to have authority over
the day and the moon and the stars to have
authority over the night, who have counted
us sinners worthy even at this present hour
to come into your presence with confession
and thanksgiving and to offer you our evening
hymn of glory; do you, O Lord who love
mankind, direct our prayer like incense
before you and accept it as a savour of sweet
fragrance. Grant us that the present evening
and the coming night may be peaceful, clothe
us with weapons of light, deliver us from every
night-time fear and from every deed that walks
in darkness. And give us sleep, which you have
bestowed on us for our rest in our weakness,
freed from every fantasy of the devil. Yes,
Master of all things, giver of blessings, may

τῶν ἀγαθῶν χορηγέ· ἵνα, καὶ ἐπὶ ταῖς κοίταις
ἡμῶν κατανυγόμενοι, μνημονεύωμεν ἐν
νυκτὶ τοῦ ὀνόματός σου, καὶ τῇ μελέτῃ
τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν
ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς διανιστῶμεν πρὸς
δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς ἀγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ
ἱκεσίας τῇ σῇ εὐσπλαγχνίᾳ προσάγοντες
ὕπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων ἀμαρτημάτων καὶ παντὸς
τοῦ λαοῦ σου, ὃν ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς ἀγίας
Θεοτόκου ἐν ἐλέει ἐπίσκεψαι.

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

*Πληρωθέντος τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ Ψαλμοῦ, ὁ
μὲν Ἱερεὺς παραμένει ἐν εὐλαβείᾳ ἐνώπιον τῆς
ἀγίας Τραπέζης, ὁ δὲ Διάκονος ποιεῖ σχῆμα πρὸς
τὸ Ἱερέα, καὶ ἐξελθὼν τοῦ ἱεροῦ Βήματος, διὰ τῆς
βορείας πύλης, καὶ στὰς πρὸ τῆς Ὠραίας πύλης,
καὶ βλέπων κατ' ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Χριστοῦ,
λέγει τὴν Μεγάλην Συναπτὴν, ἥτοι τὰ "Εἰρηνικά."*

we also be filled with compunction on our
beds and call to mind your Name in the
night, and enlightened by meditation on your
commandments may we rise with gladness of
soul to give glory to your loving-kindness, as
we bring to your compassion supplications and
entreaties on behalf of our own sins and those
of all your people. At the prayers of the holy
Mother of God visit them with mercy. [EL]

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

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῆς εἰρήνης τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου, εὐσταθείας τῶν ἁγίων τοῦ Θεοῦ Ἐκκλησιῶν καὶ τῆς τῶν πάντων ἐνώσεως, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἁγίου οἴκου τούτου, καὶ τῶν μετὰ πίστεως, εὐλαβείας καὶ φόβου Θεοῦ εἰσιόντων ἐν αὐτῷ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τοῦ (ἀρχιερατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος), τοῦ τιμίου πρεσβυτερίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ κλήρου καὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τοῦ εὐσεβοῦς ἡμῶν ἔθνους, πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας ἐν αὐτῷ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῆς πόλεως ταύτης, πάσης πόλεως, χώρας καὶ τῶν πίστει οἰκούντων ἐν αὐταῖς, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

DEACON

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For (episcopal rank) (name), for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπὲρ εὐκρασίας ἀέρων, εὐφορίας τῶν καρπῶν τῆς γῆς, καὶ καιρῶν εἰρηνικῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπὲρ πλεόντων, ὁδοιπορούντων, νοσούντων, καμνόντων, αἰχμαλώτων καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Υπὲρ τοῦ ῥυσθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

(Lord, have mercy.)

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος α'.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου· πρόσχες τῇ φωνῇ τῆς δεήσεώς μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγέναι με πρὸς σέ. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Κατευθυνθήτω ἡ προσευχή μου, ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου, ἔπαρσις τῶν χειρῶν μου θυσία ἑσπερινή. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Θοῦ, Κύριε, φυλακὴν τῷ στόματί μου, καὶ θύραν περιοχῆς περὶ τὰ χεῖλή μου.

Μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὴν καρδίαν μου εἰς λόγους πονηρίας, τοῦ προφασίζεσθαι προφάσεις ἐν ἁμαρτίαις.

Σὺν ἀνθρώποις ἐργαζομένοις τὴν ἀνομίαν, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνδυάσω μετὰ τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν αὐτῶν.

Παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἐλέγξει με, ἔλαιον δὲ ἁμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλὴν μου.

Ὅτι ἔτι καὶ ἡ προσευχή μου ἐν ταῖς εὐδοκίαις αὐτῶν· κατεπόθησαν ἐχόμενα πέτραις οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

Ακούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν· ὥσει πάχος γῆς ἐρῶράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὀστᾶ αὐτῶν παρὰ τὸν ἄδην.

CHOIR

Mode 1.

Lord, I have cried to You; hear me. Hear me, O Lord. Lord, I have cried to You; hear me. Give heed to the voice of my supplication when I cry to You. Hear me, O Lord. [SAAS]

Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord. [SAAS]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

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

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

Πρόσχες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ
ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

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

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἰδιόμελον Α'. Ἦχος α'.

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

Πᾶσα ἡ Κτίσις, ἡλλοιοῦτο φόβῳ,
θεωροῦσά σε, ἐν σταυρῷ κρεμάμενον Χριστέ.
Ὁ ἥλιος ἐσκοτίζετο, καὶ γῆς τὰ θεμέλια
συνεταράττετο, τὰ πάντα συνέπασχον,
τῷ τὰ πάντα κτίσαντι, ὁ ἐκουσίως δι' ἡμᾶς
ὑπομείνας, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τὸ αὐτό.

Ἰδιόμελον Α'. Ἦχος α'.

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

Πᾶσα ἡ Κτίσις, ἡλλοιοῦτο φόβῳ,
θεωροῦσά σε, ἐν σταυρῷ κρεμάμενον Χριστέ.
Ὁ ἥλιος ἐσκοτίζετο, καὶ γῆς τὰ θεμέλια
συνεταράττετο, τὰ πάντα συνέπασχον,
τῷ τὰ πάντα κτίσαντι, ὁ ἐκουσίως δι' ἡμᾶς
ὑπομείνας, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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

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

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

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

From Triodion - - -

Idiomelon 1. Mode 1.

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

All creation was altered in awe, as it
saw You hanging on a cross, O Christ. The
sun went dark, and the foundations of the
earth shook. All things suffered with You
who created all things. O Lord, who willingly
endured it for us, glory to You! [SD]

Repeat.

Idiomelon 1. Mode 1.

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

All creation was altered in awe, as it
saw You hanging on a cross, O Christ. The
sun went dark, and the foundations of the
earth shook. All things suffered with You
who created all things. O Lord, who willingly
endured it for us, glory to You! [SD]

Ἰδιόμελον Β'. Ἦχος β'.

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

Λαὸς δυσσεβῆς καὶ παράνομος, ἵνα τί μελετᾷ κενὰ; ἵνα τί τὴν ζωὴν τῶν ἀπάντων, θανάτῳ κατεδίκασε; Μέγα θαῦμα! ὅτι ὁ Κτίστης τοῦ Κόσμου, εἰς χειρὰς ἀνόμων παραδίδεται, καὶ ἐπὶ ξύλου ἀνυψοῦται ὁ φιλόανθρωπος, ἵνα τοὺς ἐν Αἴδῃ δεσμώτας ἐλευθερώσῃ, κρίζοντας· Μακρόθύμει Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἰδιόμελον Γ'. Ἦχος β'.

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

Σήμερον σὲ θεωροῦσα, ἡ ἄμεμπτος Παρθένος ἐν Σταυρῷ, Λόγε ἀναρτώμενον, ὀδυρομένη μητρῶα σπλάγχνα, ἐτέρωτο τὴν καρδίαν πικρῶς· καὶ στενάζουσα ὀδυνηρῶς ἐκ βάθους ψυχῆς, παρειὰς σὺν θριξὶ καταξαίνουσα, κατετρύχετο· διὸ καὶ τὸ στήθος τύπτουσα, ἀνέκραγε γοερῶς· Οἶμοι θεῖον Τέκνον! οἶμοι τὸ φῶς τοῦ Κόσμου! τί ἔδυσ ἐξ ὀφθαλμῶν μου, ὁ Ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ; ὅθεν αἱ στρατιαὶ τῶν Ἀσωμάτων, τρόμῳ συνείχοντο λέγουσαι· Ἀκατάληπτε Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Idiomelon 2. Mode 2.

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

Why do the impious and unlawful people meditate on vain things? Why did they condemn to death the One who is the life of all? Great is the marvel! The Creator of the world is delivered into the hands of lawless men, and the Friend of humanity is lifted up on a cross, in order to free the prisoners in Hades, who cry to Him, "Long-suffering Lord, glory to You!" [SD]

Idiomelon 3. Mode 2.

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

The blameless Virgin was watching as You were suspended on the Cross today, O Word of God. She lamented with motherly emotions, and it cruelly broke her heart. She sighed with pain from the depths of her soul, tearing at her face and her hair, and it wore her out. Then, beating her breasts, she mournfully cried aloud, "Woe is me, my divine Child! Alas, the Light of the world! Why did you sink from before my eyes, O Lamb of God?" Then the hosts of bodiless Angels were overcome by trembling and they said, "Incomprehensible Lord, glory to You!" [SD]

Ἰδιόμελον Δ'. Ἦχος β'.

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

Ἐπὶ ξύλου βλέπουσα, κρεμάμενον
Χριστέ, σὲ τὸν πάντων Κτίστην καὶ Θεόν, ἡ
σὲ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσα, ἐβόα, πικρῶς· Υἱέ μου,
ποῦ τὸ κάλλος ἔδου τῆς μορφῆς σου; οὐ φέρω
καθορᾶν σε, ἀδίκως σταυρούμενον· σπεῦσον
οὖν ἀνάσθηθι, ὅπως ἴδω καὶ γώ, σοῦ τὴν ἐκ
νεκρῶν, τριήμερον ἐξανάστασιν.

Ἰδιόμελον Ε'. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Σήμερον ὁ Δεσπότης τῆς κτίσεως,
παρίσταται Πιλάτῳ, καὶ σταυρῷ παραδίδεται
ὁ Κτίστης τῶν ἀπάντων, ὡς ἄμνος
προσαγόμενος τῇ ἰδίᾳ βουλήσει· τοῖς ἡλοῖς
προσπῆγνυται, καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν κεντᾶται,
καὶ τῷ σπόγγῳ προσψαύεται, ὁ μάννα
ἐπομβρήσας· τὰς σιαγόνας ῥαπίζεται,
ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ Κόσμου, καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν
ιδίων δούλων ἐμπαίζεται, ὁ Πλάστης τῶν
ἀπάντων. Ὁ Δεσπότης φιланθρωπίας!
ὑπὲρ τῶν σταυρούντων παρεκάλει τὸν ἴδιον
Πατέρα, λέγων· Ἄφες αὐτοῖς τὴν ἁμαρτίαν
ταύτην· οὐ γὰρ οἶδασιν οἱ ἄνομοι, τί ἀδίκως
πραττοσιν.

Idiomelon 4. Mode 2.

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

O Christ God, the Creator of all, Your
Mother, who without seed gave birth to You,
saw You hanging on the Cross, and she cried
out in anguish, "O my Son, where has the
handsome sight of You set? I cannot bear to
see You unjustly crucified. So, hurry and rise
again, so that I may see Your resurrection from
the dead on the third day." [SDI]

Idiomelon 5. Mode pl. 2.

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

Today the Master of creation stands before
Pilate; the Creator of all is delivered to be
crucified; like a lamb, He is brought of His
own will to the Cross. He is fixed with the
nails, He is pierced in the side, and He sips
from the sponge, He who caused the manna
to rain down of old. The Redeemer of the
world is smitten on the cheek. The Maker of
all is mocked by His own servants. Such is the
Master's love for humanity! He prayed to His
Father for those who crucified Him, and He
said, "Forgive them this sin, for the lawless do
not know what they are unjustly doing." [SDI]

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

ὦ! πῶς ἡ παράνομος συναγωγή,
τὸν Βασιλέα τῆς Κτίσεως κατεδίκασε
θανάτῳ, μὴ αἰδεσθεῖσα τὰς εὐεργεσίας,
ἃς ἀναμιμνήσκων, προησφαλίζετο λέγων
πρὸς αὐτούς· Λαὸς μου τί ἐποίησα ὑμῖν;
οὐ θαυμάτων ἐνέπλησα τὴν Ἰουδαίαν, οὐ
νεκρούς ἐξανέστησα μόνῳ τῷ λόγῳ; οὐ
πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐθεράπευσα καὶ νόσον· τί
οὖν μοι ἀνταποδίδετε; εἰς τί ἀμνημονεῖτέ
μου; ἀντὶ τῶν ἰαμάτων πληγὰς μοι
ἐπιθέντες, ἀντὶ ζωῆς νεκροῦντες, κρεμῶντες
ἐπὶ ξύλου, ὡς κακοῦργον, τὸν εὐεργέτην, ὡς
παράνομον, τὸν νομοδότην, ὡς κατάκριτον,
τὸν πάντων βασιλέα. Μακρόθυμε Κύριε δόξα
σοι.

Καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Φοβερόν καὶ παράδοξον Μυστήριον,
σήμερον ἐνεργούμενον καθορᾶται. Ὁ
ἀναφῆς κρατεῖται, δεσμεῖται, ὁ λύων τὸν
Ἀδὰμ τῆς κατάρας. Ὁ ἐτάζων καρδίας
καὶ νεφρούς, ἀδίκως ἐτάζεται, εἰρκτῇ
κατακλείεται, ὁ τὴν ἄβυσσον κλείσας,
πιλάτῳ παρίσταται, ᾧ τρόμῳ παρίστανται
οὐρανῶν αἱ Δυνάμεις, ῥαπίζεται χειρὶ τοῦ
πλάσματος, ὁ Πλάστης, ξύλῳ κατακρίνεται,
ὁ κρίνων ζῶντας καὶ νεκρούς, τάφῳ
κατακλείεται, ὁ καθαιρέτης τοῦ Ἄιδου. Ὁ
πάντα φέρων συμπαθῶς, καὶ πάντας σώσας
τῆς ἀρᾶς, ἀνεξίκακε Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Glory.

From Triodion - - -

Mode pl. 2.

Oh! How could that unlawful synagogue
condemn to death the King of all creation, with
no regard for the good things that He had done
for them! In His own defense, He reminded
them of all these, and said to them, "My people,
what did I do for you? Did I not fill Judea
with miracles? Did I not raise the dead with
but a word? Did I not cure every sickness and
disease? And what do you give Me in return?
Why do you not remember Me? Instead of
healings, you inflict wounds on Me; instead
of life, you kill Me. You hang your Benefactor
on the Cross as a malefactor, the Lawgiver
as an outlaw, the King of all as a criminal." O
longsuffering Lord, glory to You! [SD]

Both now.

From Triodion - - -

Mode pl. 2.

Awesome and paradoxical is the mystery
that we see unfolding today. He who is
untouchable is now arrested. He who releases
Adam from the curse is taken prisoner. He
who searches and tries the hearts and minds
is unjustly put on trial, and He who shut the
Abyss is locked up in a prison. Before Pilate
now stands He, before whom the hosts of
heaven stand and tremble. The Fashioner
is struck by the hand of one He fashioned.
Condemned to a cross is He who judges the
living and the dead. Enclosed in a tomb is the
Destroyer of Hades. O Lord, You endure it all

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ

Ἦχος β'.

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἀγίας δόξης, ἀθανάτου
Πατρὸς, οὐρανίου, ἀγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ
Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ἰδόντες
φῶς ἑσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υἱόν,
καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν πᾶσι
καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίσαις, Υἱὲ Θεοῦ,
ζωὴν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ κόσμος σε δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

sympathetically, and You saved us all from the
curse. O longsuffering Lord, glory to You! [SD]

DEACON (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Prayer of the Entrance

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

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise.

CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Mode 2.

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

DEACON

The evening Prokeimenon.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'.

Διμερίσαντο τὰ ἱμάτιά μου ἑαυτοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν ἱματισμόν μου ἔβαλον κληρον. (δίς)

Στίχ. Ὁ Θεός, ὁ Θεός μου, πρόσχες μοι·
ἵνα τί ἐγκατέλιπές με;

Διμερίσαντο τὰ ἱμάτιά μου ἑαυτοῖς καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν ἱματισμόν μου ἔβαλον κληρον.

Τὰ Αναγνώσματα

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Τῆς Ἐξόδου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. ΑΓ' 11-23

Ἐλάλησε Κύριος πρὸς Μωϋσῆν, ἐνώπιος ἐνώπιω, ὡς εἴ τις λαλήσει πρὸς τὸν ἑαυτοῦ φίλον, καὶ ἀπελύετο εἰς τὴν παρεμβολήν. Ὁ δὲ θεράπων Ἰησοῦς, υἱὸς Ναυῆ νέος, οὐκ ἐξεπορεύετο ἐκ τῆς σκηνῆς. Καὶ εἶπε Μωϋσῆς πρὸς Κύριον· Ἴδου σύ μοι λέγεις· Ἀνάγαγε τὸν λαὸν τοῦτον, σὺ δὲ οὐκ ἐδήλωσάς μοι, ὃν συναποστελεῖς μετ' ἐμοῦ. Σὺ δέ μοι εἶπας· Οἶδά σε παρὰ πάντας, καὶ χάριν ἔχεις παρ' ἐμοί. Εἰ οὖν εὗρηκα χάριν ἐναντίον σου, ἐμφάνισόν μοι σεαυτόν, ἵνα γνωστῶς ἴδω σε, ὅπως ἂν ᾧ εὗρηκώς χάριν ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ ἵνα γινῶ, ὅτι λαός σου τὸ ἔθνος τὸ μέγα τοῦτο. Καὶ λέγει· Αὐτὸς προπορεύσομαί σου, καὶ καταπαύσω σε, καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Εἰ μὴ σὺ αὐτὸς συμπορεύσῃ

CHOIR

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

They divided my garments among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

(2) [SAAS]

Verse: O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me?

They divided my garments among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

The Readings

From Triodion - - -

READER

The reading is from the book of Exodus.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

READER

33:11-23

Thus the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. Then Moses said to the Lord, "Behold, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you above all, and you have also found grace in My sight.' Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, reveal Yourself to me, that I may see You clearly and find grace in Your sight, and know this great nations is Your people." So He said, "I Myself will go before you and give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If You Yourself do not go up with us,

μεθ' ἡμῶν, μή με ἀναγάγῃς ἐντεῦθεν. Καὶ πῶς γνωστὸν ἔσται ἀληθῶς, ὅτι εὗρηκα χάριν παρὰ σοί, ἐγὼ τε καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἀλλ' ἢ συμπορευομένου σου μεθ' ἡμῶν; καὶ ἐνδοξασθήσομαι ἐγὼ τε, καὶ ὁ λαός σου παρὰ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, ὅσα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἔστιν. Εἶπε δὲ Κύριος πρὸς Μωϋσῆν· Καὶ τοῦτόν σοι τὸν λόγον, ὃν εἶρηκας, ποιήσω· εὗρηκας γὰρ χάριν ἐνώπιον ἐμοῦ, καὶ οἶδά σε παρὰ πάντας. Καὶ λέγει Μωϋσῆς· Δείξόν μοι τὴν σεαυτοῦ δόξαν. Καὶ εἶπεν· Ἐγὼ παρελεύσομαι πρῶτός σου τῇ δόξῃ μου, καὶ καλέσω τῷ ὀνόματί μου. Κύριος ἐναντίον σου, καὶ ἐλεήσω, ὃν ἂν ἐλεῶ, καὶ οἰκτειρήσω, ὃν ἂν οἰκτεῖρω. Καὶ εἶπεν· οὐκ δυνήσῃ ἰδεῖν τὸ πρόσωπόν μου· οὐ γὰρ μή ἴδῃ ἄνθρωπος τὸ πρόσωπόν μου, καὶ ζήσεται. Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος· ἰδοὺ τόπος παρ' ἐμοί, καὶ στήθι ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας, ἥνίκα δ' ἂν παρέλθῃ ἡ δόξα μου, καὶ θήσω σε εἰς ὀπήν τῆς πέτρας, καὶ σκεπάσω τῇ χειρὶ μου ἐπὶ σέ, ἕως ἂν παρέλθω, καὶ ἀφελῶ τὴν χειρά μου, καὶ τότε ὄψει τὰ ὀπίσω μου, τὸ δὲ πρόσωπόν μου οὐκ ὀφθήσεται σοι.

Προκείμενον. Ὑψος δ'.

Ψαλμὸς ΛΔ' (34).

Δίκασον, Κύριε, τοὺς ἀδικοῦντάς με.

Ἀνταπεδίδοσάν μοι πονηρὰ ἀντὶ ἀγαθῶν.

Ὡβ τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be know that Your people and I found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So both I and Your people shall be glorified beyond all the nations on the earth." The Lord then said to Moses, "I will also do this thing you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you above all." Moses replied, "Reveal Yourself to me." Then God said, "I will pass before you in My glory, and I will proclaim My name, the Lord, before you. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man can see My face and live." Moreover, the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me; you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." [SAAS]

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalms 34 (35).

O Lord, judge those who injure me.

They repaid me evil for good. [SAAS]

The reading is from the book of Job.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. MB' 12-17

Εὐλόγησε Κύριος τὰ ἔσχατα τοῦ Ἰώβ
μᾶλλον, ἢ τὰ ἔμπροσθεν, ἦν δὲ τὰ κτήνη
αὐτοῦ, πρόβατα μύρια τετρακισχίλια,
κάμηλοι ἑξακισχίλια, ζεύγη βοῶν χίλια, ὄνοι
θήλειαι νομάδες χίλια. Γεννῶνται δὲ αὐτῷ
υἱοὶ ἑπτὰ, καὶ θυγατέρες τρεῖς. Καὶ ἐκάλεσε
τὴν μὲν πρώτην, Ἡμέραν, τὴν δὲ δευτέραν,
Κασσίαν, τὴν δὲ τρίτην, Αμαλθαίας κέρας.
Καὶ οὐχ εὐρέθησαν κατὰ τὰς θυγατέρας
Ἰώβ, βελτίους αὐτῶν ἐν τῇ ὑπ' οὐρανόν,
ἔδωκε δὲ αὐταῖς ὁ πατὴρ κληρονομίαν ἐν
τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς. Ἔζησε δὲ Ἰώβ, μετὰ τὴν
πληγὴν, ἔτη ἑκατὸν ἑβδομήκοντα, τὰ δὲ
πάντα ἔτη ἔζησε διακόσια τεσσαράκοντα.
Καὶ εἶδεν Ἰώβ τοὺς υἱοὺς αὐτοῦ, καὶ τοὺς
υἱοὺς τῶν υἱῶν αὐτοῦ, τετάρτην γενεάν,
καὶ ἐτελεύτησεν Ἰώβ πρεσβύτερος, καὶ
πλήρης ἡμερῶν. Γέγραπται δέ· αὐτὸν πάλιν
ἀναστήσεσθαι μεθ' ὧν ὁ Κύριος ἀνίστησιν.
Οὗτος ἐρμηνεύεται ἐκ τῆς Συριακῆς
βίβλου, ἐν μὲν γῇ κατοικῶν τῇ Αὐσίτιδι,
ἐπὶ τοῖς ὁρίοις τῆς Ἰδουμαίας, καὶ Ἀραβίας·
προϋπήρχε δὲ αὐτῷ ὄνομα, Ἰωβάβ· λαβὼν
δὲ γυναῖκα Ἀράβισσαν, γεννᾷ υἱόν, ᾧ ὄνομα
Ἐνών. Ἦν δὲ αὐτὸς πατὴρ μὲν Ζαρέ, ἐκ τῶν
Ἡσαῦ υἱῶν υἱός, μητὴρ δὲ Βοσόρρα, ὥστε
εἶναι αὐτὸν πέμπτον ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ.

Προφητείας Ἡσαΐου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

READER

42:12-17

Now the Lord blessed the latter days of
Job more than his beginning. He had fourteen
thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one
thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand
donkeys. He also had seven sons and three
daughters. And he named the first, Day, the
second, Cassia, and the third, Amalthia's Horn.
In all the land, there were found no women
so beautiful as the daughters of Job, and their
father gave them an inheritance among their
brothers. After this affliction, Job lived one
hundred and seventy years, and all the years
he lived were two hundred forty-eight; and Job
saw his children and grandchildren for four
generations. So Job died, old and full of days.
It is written that he will rise with those whom
the Lord resurrects. This man is described in
the Syriac book as living in the land of Ausitis,
on the border of Edom and Arabia. Previously
his name was Jobab. He took an Arabian wife
and begot a son named Ennon. But he himself
was the son of his father Zare, one of the sons
of Esau, and of his mother Bosorra. Thus, he
was the fifth son from Abraham. [SAAS]

The reading is from the Prophecy of
Isaiah.

DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κεφ. ΝΒ', 13 - ΝΔ', 1

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος· Ἴδου συνήσει ὁ παῖς μου, καὶ ὑψωθήσεται, καὶ δοξασθήσεται, καὶ μετεωρισθήσεται σφόδρα. Ὅν τρόπον ἐκστήσονται ἐπὶ σὲ πολλοί, οὕτως ἀδοξήσῃ ἀπὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὸ εἶδος σου, καὶ ἡ δόξα σου ἀπὸ υἱῶν ἀνθρώπων. Οὕτω θαυμάσονται ἔθνη πολλὰ ἐπ' αὐτῷ, καὶ συνέξουσιν βασιλεῖς τὸ στόμα αὐτῶν, ὅτι, οἷς οὐκ ἀνηγγέλη περὶ αὐτοῦ, ὄψονται, καὶ οἱ οὐκ ἀκηκόασιν, συνήσουσιν. Κύριε, τίς ἐπίστευσε τῇ ἀκοῇ ἡμῶν, καὶ ὁ βραχίων Κυρίου τίνι ἀπεκαλύφθη; Ἀνηγγείλαμεν, ὡς παιδίον ἐναντίον αὐτοῦ, ὡς ρίζα ἐν γῇ διψώσῃ. Οὐκ ἔστιν εἶδος αὐτῷ, οὐδὲ δόξα, καὶ εἶδομεν αὐτόν, καὶ οὐκ εἶχεν εἶδος, οὐδὲ κάλλος, ἀλλὰ τὸ εἶδος αὐτοῦ ἄτιμον, καὶ ἐκλεῖπον παρὰ πάντας τοὺς υἱοὺς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Ἄνθρωπος ἐν πληγῇ ὢν, καὶ εἰδὼς φέρειν μαλακίαν, ὅτι ἀπέστραπται τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ, ἡτιμάσθη καὶ οὐκ ἐλογίσθη. Οὗτος τὰς ἀμαρτίας ἡμῶν φέρει, καὶ περὶ ἡμῶν ὀδυνᾶται, καὶ ἡμεῖς ἐλογισάμεθα αὐτόν εἶναι ἐν πόνῳ, καὶ ἐν πληγῇ ὑπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἐν κακώσει. Αὐτὸς δὲ ἐτραυματίσθη διὰ τὰς ἀμαρτίας ἡμῶν, καὶ μεμαλάκισται διὰ τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῶν. Παιδεῖα εἰρήνης ἡμῶν ἐπ' αὐτόν, τῷ μῶλωπι αὐτοῦ ἡμεῖς ἰάθημεν. Πάντες ὡς πρόβατα ἐπλανήθημεν, ἄνθρωπος τῇ ὁδῷ αὐτοῦ ἐπλανήθη. Καὶ Κύριος παρέδωκεν αὐτόν ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις ἡμῶν, καὶ αὐτὸς διὰ τὸ κεκακῶσθαι, οὐκ ἀνοίγει τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ. Ὡς

READER

52:14-54:1

Thus says the Lord: Behold, My Servant shall have wisdom, and He shall be exalted and glorified exceedingly. Just as many shall be astonished at You, so Your form and glory shall be dishonored by men. Thus many nations shall marvel at Him, and kings shall shut their mouth, because they to whom no report was brought concerning Him shall see; and they who did not hear shall understand. O Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom was the arm of the Lord revealed? We proclaimed His presence as a Child, as a Root in the thirsty land. He had no form or glory, and we saw Him; and He had no form or beauty. But in comparison to all men, His form was lacking in honor. He was a man in suffering and knew how to bear sickness. His face was turned away, and He was dishonored and not esteemed. He bears our sins and suffers for us, yet we considered Him to be in pain, suffering, and ill-treatment. But He was wounded because of our lawlessness, and became sick because of our sins. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His bruise we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray. Man has gone astray in his way, and the Lord delivered Him over for our sins. Although He was ill-treated, He opened not His mouth. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb is silent before his shearers, so He opens not His mouth. In His humiliation His judgment was taken away,

πρόβατον ἐπὶ σφαγὴν ἤχθη, καὶ ὡς ἄμνος
ἐναντίον τοῦ κείροντος ἄφρονος, οὕτως οὐκ
ἀνοίγει τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ. Ἐν τῇ ταπεινώσει
αὐτοῦ, ἡ κρίσις αὐτοῦ ἤρθη, τὴν δὲ γενεὰν
αὐτοῦ τίς διηγῆσεται; ὅτι αἴρεται ἀπὸ τῆς
γῆς ἡ ζωὴ αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ τῶν ἀνομιῶν τοῦ
λαοῦ μου ἤχθη εἰς θάνατον. Καὶ δώσω τοὺς
πονηροὺς, ἀντὶ τῆς ταφῆς αὐτοῦ, καὶ τοὺς
πλουσίους, ἀντὶ τοῦ θανάτου αὐτοῦ, ὅτι
ἀνομίαν οὐκ ἐποίησεν, οὐδὲ εὐρέθη δόλος
ἐν τῷ στόματι αὐτοῦ, καὶ βούλεται Κύριος
καθαρίσαι αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς πληγῆς. Ἐὰν
δῶτε περὶ ἁμαρτίας, ἡ ψυχὴ ὑμῶν ὀψεται
σπέρμα μακρόβιον, καὶ βούλεται Κύριος
ἐν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ ἀφελεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ πόνου τῆς
ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ, δεῖξαι αὐτῷ φῶς, καὶ πλάσαι
τῇ συνέσει, δικαιῶσαι δίκαιον, εὐδουλεύοντα
πολλοῖς, καὶ τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν αὐτὸς
ἀνοίσει. Διὰ τοῦτο αὐτὸς κληρονομήσει
πολλούς, καὶ τῶν ἰσχυρῶν μεριεῖ σκῦλα· ἀνθ'
ὧν παρεδόθη εἰς θάνατον ἡ ψυχὴ αὐτοῦ,
καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἀνόμοις ἐλογίσθη, καὶ αὐτὸς
ἁμαρτίας πολλῶν ἀνήνεγκε, καὶ διὰ τὰς
ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν παρεδόθη. Εὐφράνθητι
στεῖρα, ἡ οὐ τίκτουσα, ῥῆξον καὶ βόησον
ἡ οὐκ ὠδίνουσα, ὅτι πολλὰ τὰ τέκνα τῆς
ἐρήμου μᾶλλον, ἢ τῆς ἐχούσης τὸν ἄνδρα.

Τὰ Αναγνώσματα
Ὁ Απόστολος

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

and who will declare His generation? For His
life is taken from the earth, and because of the
lawlessness of My people He was led to death.
I will appoint evil men for His burial and rich
men for His death, because He committed
no lawlessness, nor was deceit found in His
mouth. The Lord wishes to cleanse Him of
His wound, and if You give an offering for
sin, Your soul shall see a long-lived seed.
The Lord wishes to take away the pain of His
soul, to show Him light, to form Him with
understanding, and to pronounce righteous the
Righteous One who serves many well; and He
shall bear their sins. Therefore He shall inherit
many, and will divide the spoil with the strong,
because His soul was delivered over to death.
He was considered among the lawless, and
He bore the sins of many, and was delivered
over because of their sins. "Be glad, O barren
woman who does not bear; break forth and cry
out, you who are not in travail, for more are the
children of the desolate than the children of the
married woman." [SAAS]

The Readings
The Epistle

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'. Ψαλμὸς 87.

Ἔθεντό με ἐν λάκκῳ κατωτάτῳ, ἐν σκοτεινοῖς καὶ ἐν σκιᾷ θανάτου.

Στίχ. Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου, ἡμέρας ἐκέκραξα καὶ ἐν νυκτὶ ἐναντίον σου.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

1:18-31, 2:1-2

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ λόγος ὁ τοῦ Σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστὶ, τοῖς δὲ σωζομένοις ἡμῖν δύναμις Θεοῦ ἐστὶ. Γέγραπται γάρ· Ἀπολῶ τὴν σοφίαν τῶν σοφῶν, καὶ τὴν σύνεσιν τῶν συνετῶν ἀθετήσω. Ποῦ σοφός; ποῦ γραμματεὺς; ποῦ συζητητὴς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου; οὐχὶ ἐμώρανεν ὁ Θεὸς τὴν σοφίαν τοῦ Κόσμου τούτου; Ἐπειδὴ γάρ ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ Κόσμος διὰ τῆς σοφίας τὸν Θεόν, εὐδόκησεν ὁ Θεὸς διὰ τῆς μωρίας τοῦ κηρύγματος σῶσαι τοὺς πιστεύοντας. Ἐπειδὴ καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι σημεῖον αἰτοῦσι, καὶ Ἕλληνες σοφίαν ζητοῦσιν, ἡμεῖς δὲ κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον, Ἰουδαίοις μὲν σκάνδαλον, Ἕλλησι δὲ μωρίαν, αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἕλλησι,

READER

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 87.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places and in the shadow of death.

Verse: O Lord God of my salvation, I cry day and night before You.

DEACON

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

READER

1:18-31; 2:1-2

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God

Χριστὸν Θεοῦ δύναμιν καὶ Θεοῦ σοφίαν,
ὅτι τὸ μωρὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, σοφώτερον τῶν
ἀνθρώπων ἐστί, καὶ τὸ ἀσθενὲς τοῦ Θεοῦ,
ἰσχυρότερον τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἐστί. Βλέπετε
γὰρ τὴν κλήσιν ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί, ὅτι οὐ πολλοὶ
σοφοὶ κατὰ σάρκα, οὐ πολλοὶ δυνατοί,
οὐ πολλοὶ εὐγενεῖς, ἀλλὰ τὰ μωρὰ τοῦ
Κόσμου ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, ἵνα τοὺς σοφοὺς
καταισχύνῃ, καὶ τὰ ἀσθενῆ τοῦ Κόσμου
ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, ἵνα καταισχύνῃ τὰ
ἰσχυρά, καὶ τὰ ἀγενῆ τοῦ Κόσμου καὶ τὰ
ἐξουθενημένα ἐξελέξατο ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὰ
μὴ ὄντα, ἵνα τὰ ὄντα καταργήσῃ, ὅπως μὴ
καυχῆσθαι πᾶσα σὰρξ ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ.
Ἐξ αὐτοῦ δὲ ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, ὃς
ἐγενήθη ἡμῖν σοφία ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, δικαιοσύνη
τε καὶ ἁγιασμός καὶ ἀπολύτρωσις, ἵνα,
καθὼς γέγραπται. ὁ καυχώμενος, ἐν Κυρίῳ
καυχάσθω, καὶ γὰρ ἐλθὼν πρὸς ὑμᾶς,
ἀδελφοί, ἦλθον, οὐ καθ' ὑπεροχὴν λόγου,
ἢ σοφίας, καταγγέλλων ὑμῖν τὸ μαρτύριον
τοῦ Θεοῦ· οὐ γὰρ ἔκρινά τοῦ εἰδέναι τι ἐν
ὑμῖν, εἰ μὴ Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τοῦτον
ἐσταυρωμένον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη σοι τῷ ἀναγινώσκοντι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἦχος πλ. α'. Ψαλμὸς 68.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. α'. Σῶσόν με, ὁ Θεός, ὅτι
εἰσήλθοσαν ὕδατα ἕως ψυχῆς μου.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

is wiser than men, and the weakness of God
is stronger than men. For consider your call,
brethren; not many of you were wise according
to worldly standards, not many were powerful,
not many were of noble birth; but God chose
what is foolish in the world to shame the
wise, God chose what is weak in the world to
shame the strong, God chose what is low and
despised in the world, even things that are
not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that
no human being might boast in the presence
of God. He is the source of your life in Christ
Jesus, righteousness and sanctification and
redemption; therefore, as it is written. "Let him
who boasts, boast of the Lord." When I came
to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming
to you the testimony of God in lofty words or
wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among
you except Christ and him crucified. [RSV]

PRIEST

Peace be with you.

CHOIR

Alleluia. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 68.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: Save me, O God, for the waters flood
my soul.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Στίχ. β'. Ἔδωκαν εἰς τὸ βρῶμά μου
χολήν, καὶ εἰς τὴν δίψαν μου ἐπότισάν με ὄξος.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. γ'. Σκοτισθήτωσαν οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ
αὐτῶν τοῦ μὴ βλέπειν, καὶ τὸν νῶτον αὐτῶν
διαπαντὸς σύγκαμψον.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΥ

Ἐλλαμψον ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν,
φιλάνθρωπε Δέσποτα, τὸ τῆς σῆς
θεογνωσίας ἀκήρατον φῶς, καὶ τοὺς τῆς
διανοίας ἡμῶν ὀφθαλμοὺς διάνοιξον εἰς
τὴν τῶν εὐαγγελικῶν σου κηρυγμάτων
κατανόησιν. Ἐνθες ἡμῖν καὶ τὸν τῶν
μακαρίων σου ἐντολῶν φόβον, ἵνα τὰς
σαρκικὰς ἐπιθυμίας πάσας καταπατήσαντες,
πνευματικὴν πολιτείαν μετέλθωμεν,
πάντα τὰ πρὸς εὐαρέστησιν τὴν σὴν καὶ
φρονούντες καὶ πράττοντες. Σὺ γὰρ εἶ ὁ
φωτισμὸς τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων
ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν
ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ ἀνάρχῳ σου Πατρὶ
καὶ τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου
Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας
τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί. Ἀκούσωμεν τοῦ ἁγίου
Εὐαγγελίου.

Verse 2: *They gave me gall for my food, and
they gave me vinegar for my drink.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 3: *Let their eyes be darkened so they
may not see, and bend down their backs continually.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

THE PRAYER OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

Shine in our hearts, O Master Who
loves mankind, the pure light of Your divine
knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind
that we may comprehend the proclamations
of Your Gospels. Instill in us also reverence for
Your blessed commandments so that, having
trampled down all carnal desires, we may lead
a spiritual life, both thinking and doing all
those things that are pleasing to You. For You,
Christ our God, are the illumination of our
souls and bodies, and to You we offer up glory,
together with Your Father, Who is without
beginning, and Your all-holy, good, and life-
creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages
of ages. Amen.

The Gospel

Great and Holy Friday

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy
Gospel.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ειρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἀγίου
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Πρόσχωμεν.

(Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ματθ. κζ' 1 - 38 Λουκ. κγ' 39 - 43, Ματθ.
κζ' 39 - 54, Ιω ιθ' 31 - 37, Ματθ. κζ' 55 - 61

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, συμβούλιον ἔλαβον
πάντες οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι
τοῦ λαοῦ κατὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ὥστε θανατῶσαι
αὐτόν· καὶ δῆσαντες αὐτὸν ἀπήγαγον
καὶ παρέδωκαν αὐτὸν Ποντίῳ Πιλάτῳ τῷ
ἡγεμόνι. Τότε ἰδὼν Ἰούδας ὁ παραδιδούς
αὐτὸν ὅτι κατεκρίθη, μεταμεληθεὶς
ἀπέστρεψε τὰ τριάκοντα ἀργύρια τοῖς
ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ πρεσβυτέροις λέγων·
Ἡμαρτον παραδούς αἷμα ἁθῶν. οἱ δὲ
εἶπον· Τί πρὸς ἡμᾶς; σὺ ὤψη. καὶ ρίψας τὰ
ἀργύρια ἐν τῷ ναῷ ἀνεχώρησε, καὶ ἀπελθὼν
ἀπήγατο. οἱ δὲ ἀρχιερεῖς λαβόντες τὰ
ἀργύρια εἶπον· Οὐκ ἔξεστι βαλεῖν αὐτὰ
εἰς τὸν κορβανᾶν, ἐπεὶ τιμὴ αἱματός ἐστι.
συμβούλιον δὲ λαβόντες ἠγόρασαν ἐξ αὐτῶν
τὸν ἀγρὸν τοῦ κεραμέως εἰς ταφὴν τοῖς
ξένοις· διὸ ἐκλήθη ὁ ἀγρὸς ἐκεῖνος ἀγρὸς
αἱματος ἕως τῆς σήμερον. τότε ἐπληρώθη τὸ
ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἰερεμίου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος·

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

The reading is from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

(Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)

DEACON

Matthew 27:1-38, Luke 23:39-43, Matthew
27:39-54, John 19:31-37, Matthew 27:55-61

When morning came, all the chief priests
and the elders of the people took counsel
against Jesus to put him to death; and they
bound him and led him away and delivered
him to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his
betrayor, saw that he was condemned, he
repented and brought back the thirty pieces
of silver to the chief priests and the elders,
saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent
blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to
it yourself." And throwing down the pieces
of silver in the temple, he departed; and he
went and hanged himself. But the chief priests,
taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful
to put them into the treasury, since they are
blood money." So they took counsel, and
bought with them the potter's field, to bury
strangers in. Therefore that field has been
called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was
fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet

καὶ ἔλαβον τὰ τριάκοντα ἀργύρια, τὴν τιμὴν τοῦ τετιμημένου ὃν ἐτιμήσαντο ἀπὸ υἱῶν Ἰσραὴλ, καὶ ἔδωκαν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν ἀγρὸν τοῦ κεραμέως, καθὰ συνέταξε μοι Κύριος. Ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἔστη ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ ἡγεμόνος· καὶ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν ὁ ἡγεμὼν λέγων· Σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων; ὁ δὲ ἔφη αὐτῷ· Σὺ λέγεις. καὶ ἐν τῷ κατηγορεῖσθαι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀρχιερέων καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων οὐδὲν ἀπεκρίνατο. τότε λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλάτος· Οὐκ ἀκούεις πόσα σου καταμαρτυροῦσι; καὶ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ πρὸς οὐδὲ ἓν ῥῆμα, ὥστε θαυμάζειν τὸν ἡγεμόνα λίαν. Κατὰ δὲ τὴν ἐορτὴν εἰώθει ὁ ἡγεμὼν ἀπολύειν ἓνα τῷ ὄχλῳ δέσμιον ὃν ᾗθελον. εἶχον δὲ τότε δέσμιον ἐπίσημον λεγόμενον Βαραββᾶν. συνηγμένων οὖν αὐτῶν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· Τίνα θέλετε ἀπολύσω ὑμῖν, Βαραββᾶν ἢ Ἰησοῦν τὸν λεγόμενον Χριστόν; ἥδει γὰρ ὅτι διὰ φθόνον παρέδωκαν αὐτόν. Καθημένου δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τοῦ βήματος ἀπέστειλε πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ λέγουσα· Μηδὲν σοὶ καὶ τῷ δικαίῳ ἐκεῖν· πολλὰ γὰρ ἔπαθον σήμερον κατ' ὄναρ δι' αὐτόν. Οἱ δὲ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι ἔπεισαν τοὺς ὄχλους ἵνα αἰτήσωνται τὸν Βαραββᾶν, τὸν δὲ Ἰησοῦν ἀπολέσωσιν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἡγεμὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Τίνα θέλετε ἀπὸ τῶν δύο ἀπολύσω ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον· Βαραββᾶν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· Τί οὖν ποιήσω Ἰησοῦν τὸν λεγόμενον Χριστόν; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ πάντες· Σταυρωθήτω. ὁ δὲ ἡγεμὼν ἔφη· Τί γὰρ κακὸν ἐποίησεν; οἱ δὲ περισσῶς ἔκραζον

Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified." And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they

λέγοντες· Σταυρωθήτω. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Πιλάτος ὅτι οὐδὲν ὠφελεῖ, ἀλλὰ μᾶλλον θόρυβος γίνεται, λαβὼν ὕδωρ ἀπενίψατο τὰς χεῖρας ἀπέναντι τοῦ ὄχλου, λέγων· Ἀθῶός εἰμι ἀπὸ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ δικαίου τούτου· ὑμεῖς ὀψεσθε. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς πᾶς ὁ λαὸς εἶπε· Τὸ αἷμα αὐτοῦ ἐφ' ἡμᾶς καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ τέκνα ἡμῶν. τότε ἀπέλυσεν αὐτοῖς τὸν Βαραββᾶν, τὸν δὲ Ἰησοῦν φραγελλώσας παρέδωκεν ἵνα σταυρωθῇ. Τότε οἱ στρατιῶται τοῦ ἡγεμόνος παραλαβόντες τὸν Ἰησοῦν εἰς τὸ πραιτώριον συνήγαγον ἐπ' αὐτὸν ὅλην τὴν σπεῖραν· καὶ ἐκδύσαντες αὐτὸν περιέθηκαν αὐτῷ χλαμύδα κοκκίνην, καὶ πλέξαντες στέφανον ἐξ ἀκανθῶν ἐπέθηκαν ἐπὶ τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ καὶ κάλαμον ἐπὶ τὴν δεξιὰν αὐτοῦ, καὶ γονυπετήσαντες ἔμπροσθεν αὐτοῦ ἐνέπαιζον αὐτῷ λέγοντες· Χαῖρε, ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων· καὶ ἐμπτύσαντες εἰς αὐτὸν ἔλαβον τὸν κάλαμον καὶ ἔτυπτον εἰς τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ. καὶ ὅτε ἐνέπαιζαν αὐτῷ, ἐξέδυσαν αὐτὸν τὴν χλαμύδα καὶ ἐνέδυσαν αὐτὸν τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀπήγαγον αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ σταυρῶσαι. Ἐξερχόμενοι δὲ εὗρον ἄνθρωπον Κυρηναῖον ὀνόματι Σίμωνα· τοῦτον ἠγγάρευσαν ἵνα ἄρῃ τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ. Καὶ ἐλθόντες εἰς τόπον λεγόμενον Γολγοθᾶ, ὃ ἐστὶ λεγόμενος κρανίου τόπος, ἔδωκαν αὐτῷ πιεῖν ὄξος μετὰ χολῆς μεμιγμένον· καὶ γευσάμενος οὐκ ἤθελε πιεῖν. σταυρώσαντες δὲ αὐτὸν διεμερίσαντο τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ βάλλοντες κλῆρον, καὶ καθήμενοι ἐτήρουν αὐτὸν ἐκεῖ. καὶ ἐπέθηκαν ἐπάνω τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ

shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified." So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him,

τὴν αἰτίαν αὐτοῦ γεγραμμένην· Οὗτός ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων. Τότε σταυροῦνται σὺν αὐτῷ δύο λησταί, εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν καὶ εἷς ἐξ ἐκωνύμων. (Λουκ. κγ' 39 – 43) Εἷς δὲ τῶν κρεμασθέντων κακούργων ἐβλασφήμει αὐτὸν λέγων· Εἰ σὺ εἶ ὁ Χριστός, σῶσον σεαυτὸν καὶ ἡμᾶς. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἕτερος ἐπετίμα αὐτῷ λέγων· Οὐδὲ φοβῆ σὺ τὸν Θεόν, ὅτι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ κρίματι εἶ; καὶ ἡμεῖς μὲν δικαίως· ἄξια γὰρ ὧν ἐπράξαμεν ἀπολαμβάνομεν· οὗτος δὲ οὐδὲν ἄτοπον ἐπραξε. καὶ ἔλεγε τῷ Ἰησοῦ· Μνήσθητί μου, Κύριε, ὅταν ἔλθῃς ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ἀμήν λέγω σοι, σήμερον μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔσῃ ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ. (Ματθ. κζ' 39 – 54) Οἱ δὲ παραπορευόμενοι ἐβλασφήμουν αὐτὸν κινοῦντες τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτῶν καὶ λέγοντες· Ὁ καταλύων τὸν ναὸν καὶ ἐν τρισὶν ἡμέραις οἰκοδομῶν! σῶσον σεαυτὸν· εἰ υἱὸς εἶ τοῦ Θεοῦ, κατάβηθι ἀπὸ τοῦ σταυροῦ. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἐμπαίζοντες μετὰ τῶν γραμματέων καὶ πρεσβυτέρων καὶ Φαρισαίων ἔλεγον· Ἄλλους ἔσωσεν, ἑαυτὸν οὐ δύναται σῶσαι· εἰ βασιλεὺς Ἰσραὴλ ἐστι, καταβάτω νῦν ἀπὸ τοῦ σταυροῦ καὶ πιστεύσομεν ἐπ' αὐτῷ· πέποιθεν ἐπὶ τὸν Θεόν, ῥυσάσθω νῦν αὐτόν, εἰ θέλει αὐτόν· εἶπε γὰρ ὅτι Θεοῦ εἰμι υἱός. τὸ δ' αὐτὸ καὶ οἱ λησταὶ οἱ συσταυρωθέντες αὐτῷ ὠνείδιζον αὐτόν. Ἀπὸ δὲ ἑκτῆς ὥρας σκότος ἐγένετο ἐπὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἕως ὥρας ἐνάτης. περὶ δὲ τὴν ἐνάτην ὥραν ἀνεβόησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς φωνῇ μεγάλῃ λέγων· Ἥλι ἡλί, λιμᾶ σαβαχθανί; τοῦτ' ἔστι Θεέ

one on the right and one on the left. One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the

μου, Θεέ μου, ἵνατί με ἐγκατέλιπες; τινὲς δὲ τῶν ἐκεῖ ἐστηκότων ἀκούσαντες ἔλεγον ὅτι Ἡλίαν φωνεῖ οὗτος. καὶ εὐθέως δραμὼν εἰς ἕξ αὐτῶν καὶ λαβὼν σπόγγον πλήσας τε ὄξους καὶ περιθίεις καλάμῳ ἐπότιζεν αὐτόν. οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ ἔλεγον· Ἄφες ἴδωμεν εἰ ἔρχεται Ἡλίας σῶσων αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς πάλιν κρᾶξας φωνῇ μεγάλη ἀφῆκε τὸ πνεῦμα. Καὶ ἰδοὺ τὸ καταπέτασμα τοῦ ναοῦ ἐσχίσθη εἰς δύο ἀπὸ ἄνωθεν ἕως κάτω, καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐσείσθη καὶ αἱ πέτραι ἐσχίσθησαν, καὶ τὰ μνημεῖα ἀνεώχθησαν καὶ πολλὰ σώματα τῶν κεκοιμημένων ἁγίων ἠγέρθη, καὶ ἐξελθόντες ἐκ τῶν μνημείων, μετὰ τὴν ἔγερσιν αὐτοῦ εἰσῆλθον εἰς τὴν ἁγίαν πόλιν καὶ ἐνεφανίσθησαν πολλοῖς. Ὁ δὲ ἑκατόνταρχος καὶ οἱ μετ' αὐτοῦ τηροῦντες τὸν Ἰησοῦν, ἰδόντες τὸν σεισμόν καὶ τὰ γενόμενα ἐφοβήθησαν σφόδρα λέγοντες· Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς ἦν οὗτος. (Ιω ιθ' 31 – 37) Οἱ οὖν Ἰουδαῖοι, ἵνα μὴ μείνῃ ἐπὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ τὰ σώματα ἐν τῷ σαββάτῳ, ἐπεὶ παρασκευὴ ἦν· ἦν γὰρ μεγάλη ἡ ἡμέρα ἐκείνη τοῦ σαββάτου· ἠρώτησαν τὸν Πιλάτον ἵνα κατεαγῶσιν αὐτῶν τὰ σκέλη, καὶ ἀρθῶσιν. ἦλθον οὖν οἱ στρατιῶται, καὶ τοῦ μὲν πρώτου κατέαξαν τὰ σκέλη καὶ τοῦ ἄλλου τοῦ συσταυρωθέντος αὐτῶ· ἐπὶ δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐλθόντες ὥς εἶδον αὐτὸν ἤδη τεθνηκότα, οὐ κατέαξαν αὐτοῦ τὰ σκέλη, ἀλλ' εἰς τῶν στρατιωτῶν λόγχῃ αὐτοῦ τὴν πλευρὰν ἔνυξε, καὶ εὐθέως ἐξῆλθεν αἷμα καὶ ὕδωρ. καὶ ὁ ἑωρακὼς μεμαρτύρηκε, καὶ ἀληθινὴ αὐτοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ

others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced." There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee,

μαρτυρία, καὶ κεῖνος οἶδεν ὅτι ἀληθῆ λέγει, ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς πιστεύσητε. ἐγένετο γὰρ ταῦτα, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ, Ὅσοι οὐ συντριβήσεται αὐτοῦ. καὶ πάλιν ἑτέρα γραφὴ λέγει· Ὅψονται εἰς ὃν ἐξεκέντησαν. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐκεῖ καὶ γυναῖκες πολλαὶ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν θεωροῦσαι, αἵτινες ἠκολούθησαν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἀπὸ τῆς Γαλιλαίας διακονοῦσαι αὐτῷ· ἐν αἷς ἦν Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ, καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωσὴ μητέρα, καὶ ἡ μητέρα τῶν υἱῶν Ζεβεδαίου. Ὁψίας δὲ γενομένης ἦλθεν ἄνθρωπος πλούσιος ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, τοῦνομα Ἰωσήφ, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἐμαθήτευσε τῷ Ἰησοῦ· οὗτος προσελθὼν τῷ Πιλάτῳ ἠτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. τότε ὁ Πιλάτος ἐκέλευσεν ἀποδοθῆναι τὸ σῶμα. καὶ λαβὼν τὸ σῶμα ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἐνετύλιξεν αὐτὸ σινδόνι καθαρᾷ, καὶ ἔθηκεν αὐτὸ ἐν τῷ καινῷ αὐτοῦ μνημείῳ ὃ ἐλατόμησεν ἐν τῇ πέτρᾳ, καὶ προσκυλίσας λίθον μέγαν τῇ θύρᾳ τοῦ μνημείου ἀπῆλθεν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ ἡ ἄλλη Μαρία καθήμεναι ἀπέναντι τοῦ τάφου.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐοχήν σοι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Εἰπώμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἰπώμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

ministering to him; among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. [RSV]

PRIEST

Peace be with you.

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

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

Ἦτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ
ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox
Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν καρποφορούντων
καὶ καλλιεργούντων ἐν τῷ ἁγίῳ καὶ
πανσέπτῳ ναῷ τούτῳ, κοπιώντων,
ψαλλόντων καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ περιεστῶτος λαοῦ,
τοῦ ἀπεκδεχομένου τὸ παρὰ σοῦ μέγα καὶ
πλούσιον ἔλεος.

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἐσπέρᾳ ταύτῃ,
ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς
εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ
αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου
εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ
ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν
ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, δίδαξόν με τὰ
δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Δέσποτα,
συνέτισον με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς
εἶ, Ἄγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί σου.
Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα

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

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

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

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

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

READER

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

τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης. Σοὶ πρόπει
αἴνος, σοὶ πρόπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρόπει, τῷ
Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν
καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(*Ἀμήν.*)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἐσπερινὴν δέησιν
ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(*Κύριε, ἐλέησον.*)

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

(*Κύριε, ἐλέησον.*)

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

(*Παράσχου, Κύριε.*)

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

(*Παράσχου, Κύριε.*)

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

(*Παράσχου, Κύριε.*)

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

(*Παράσχου, Κύριε.*)

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

hands. To you is due praise, to you is due song,
to you is due glory, to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the
ages of ages. [HC]

(*Amen.*)

DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the
Lord.

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

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

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

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

(*Grant this, O Lord.*)

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

(*Grant this, O Lord.*)

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.

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχου, Κύριε.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλίνας οὐρανούς
καὶ καταβὰς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν
ἀνθρώπων, ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου
καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν σου· σοὶ γὰρ
τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλελεῶντι κριτῇ οἱ σοὶ
δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Lord our God, who bowed the heavens
and came down for the salvation of the human
race, look upon your servants and upon your
inheritance, for to you, the fearful Judge who
love mankind, your servants have bowed their
heads and inclined their necks, not waiting

δὲ αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν· οὕς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα, ἀπὸ παντός ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης ἐνεργίας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Τριωδίου - - -

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα.

Ἦχος β'. Αὐτόμελον.

Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου σε νεκρόν, ὁ Ἀριμαθαίας καθεῖλε, τὴν τῶν ἀπάντων ζωὴν, σμύρνη καὶ σινδόνι σε Χριστὲ ἐκήδευσεν, καὶ τῷ πόθῳ ἠπείγετο, καρδιά, καὶ χεῖλει, σῶμα τὸ ἀκήρατον, σοῦ περιπτύξασθαι, ὅμως συστελλόμενος φόβῳ, χαίρων ἀνεβόα σοι· Δόξα, τῇ συγκатаβάσει σου Φιλάνθρωπε.

for any human help, but awaiting your mercy and looking for your salvation. Guard them at every moment, during both the present evening and the approaching night, from every foe, from every hostile operation of the devil and from vain thoughts and evil desires.

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

From Triodion - - -

CHOIR

Aposticha.

Mode 2. Automelon.

Joseph took You down from the Cross * after You had died, and prepared You, O Christ, for burial. * Using myrrh, he wrapped you in a shroud, O Life of all. * And constrained by his ardent love, * he longed to embrace You, * pressing to Your spotless body his own heart and lips. * But restrained by fear and by rev'rence, * joyously he cried to You, "Glory * to Your condescension, Lord who love mankind." [SD]

Ἦχος β΄. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

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

Ὅτε ἐν τῷ τάφῳ τῷ καινῷ, ὑπὲρ τοῦ παντός κατετέθης, ὁ Αὐτρωτῆς τοῦ παντός, Αἰδης ὁ παγγέλαστος, ἰδὼν σε ἔπτηξεν, οἱ μοχλοὶ συνετρίβησαν, ἐθλάσθησαν πύλαι, μνήματα ἠνοιχθήσαν, νεκροὶ ἀνίσταντο· τότε ὁ Ἀδὰμ εὐχαρίστως, χαίρων ἀνεβόα σοι· Δόξα, τῇ συγκαταβάσει σου Φιλάνθρωπε.

Ἦχος β΄. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

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

Ὅτε ἐν τῷ τάφῳ σαρκικῶς, θέλων συνεκλείσθης ὁ φύσει, τῇ τῆς Θεότητος, μένων ἀπερίγραπτος, καὶ ἀδιόριστος, τὰ θανάτου ἀπέκλεισας, ταμεῖα καὶ Αἶδου, ἅπαντα ἐκένωσας, Χριστέ βασιλεία, τότε καὶ τὸ Σάββατον τοῦτο, θείας εὐλογίας καὶ δόξης, καὶ τῆς σῆς λαμπρότητος ἡξίωσας.

Ἦχος β΄. Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

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

Ὅτε αἱ δυνάμεις σε Χριστέ, πλάνον ὑπ' ἀνόμων ἐώρων, συκοφαντούμενον, ἔφριττον τὴν ἄφατον, μακροθυμίαν σου, καὶ τὸν λίθον τοῦ μνήματος, χερσὶ σφραγισθέντα, αἶς

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

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

When You, the Redeemer of the world, * lay inside a new rock-hewn sepulcher, for the sake of all, * Hades, now humiliated, cowered seeing You. * Then its bars and the prison gates * were shattered and broken; * tombs were opened, and the bodies of the dead arose. * Then did first-formed Adam, rejoicing, * gratefully cry out to You, "Glory * to Your condescension, Lord who love mankind!" [SD]

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

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

When You had been physically enclosed * in the tomb of Your own volition, remaining undefined * in the nature of Your Godhead and uncircumscribed, * then You closed down the prison-house of death, and You emptied * all the royal treasuries of Hades, O my Christ. * Thus did You bestow on this Sabbath * the divine blessing and glory, * and You honored it with Your own radiance. [SD]

Mode 2. Joseph took You down.

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

When the hosts of angels had beheld * You being maligned by the lawless as a deceiver, O Christ, * and the tombstone being sealed by the hands that had pierced * Your

σου τὴν ἀκήρατον, πλευρὰν ἐλόγχευσαν,
ὅμως τῇ ἡμῶν σωτηρίᾳ, χαίρουσαι ἐβόων σοι·
Δόξα, τῇ συγκαταβάσει σου, Φιλάνθρωπε.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Τριωδίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. α'.

Σὲ τὸν ἀναβαλλόμενον, τὸ φῶς ὥσπερ
ἱμάτιον, καθελὼν Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου,
σὺν Νικοδήμῳ, καὶ θεωρήσας νεκρὸν
γυμνὸν ἄταφον, εὐσυμπάθητον θρῆνον
ἀναλαβὼν, ὀδυρόμενος ἔλεγεν· Οἶμοι,
γλυκύτατε Ἰησοῦ! ὃν πρὸ μικροῦ ὁ ἥλιος ἐν
Σταυρῷ κρεμáμενον θεασάμενος, ζόφον
περιεβάλλετο, καὶ ἡ γῆ τῷ φόβῳ ἐκυμαίνετο,
καὶ διερρήγνυτο ναοῦ τὸ καταπέτασμα·
ἀλλ' ἰδοὺ νῦν βλέπω σε, δι' ἐμὲ ἐκουσίως
ὑπελθόντα θάνατον· πῶς σε κηδεύσω Θεέ
μου; ἢ πῶς σινδόσιν εἰλήσω; ποίαις χερσὶ
δὲ προσψαύσω, τὸ σὸν ἀκήρατον σῶμα; ἢ
ποῖα ἄσματα μέλψω, τῇ σῇ ἐξόδῳ Οἰκτίρμον;
Μεγαλύνω τὰ Πάθη σου, ὕμνολογῶ καὶ τὴν
Ταφήν σου, σὺν τῇ Ἀναστάσει, κραυγάζων·
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

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

immaculate side, O Lord, * they shuddered
and marveled * at Your great and indescribable
longsuffering. * Yet, for our salvation rejoicing,
* they cried out to You, saying, "Glory * to Your
condescension, Lord who love mankind!" [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Triodion ---

Mode pl. 1.

You, who cover Yourself with light as
with a garment, were taken down from the
Cross by Joseph, with the help of Nicodemus.
When he saw You dead, naked, and unburied,
he took up a moving lamentation; and stricken
with grief he said, "Alas, O sweetest Jesus!
When the sun saw You hanging on the
Cross just a little while ago, it wrapped itself
in darkness; and out of fear the earth was
quaking; and the curtain of the Temple was
torn in two. And now I see You voluntarily
undergoing death for me. How am I to bury
You, my God? Or how can I wrap You in a
shroud? With what hands shall I touch Your
immaculate body, or what songs should I be
singing at Your departure, tender-loving Lord?
I magnify Your Passion, and I extol Your burial
and Your resurrection, as I cry out: O Lord,
glory to You!" [SD]

PRIEST

Song of Simeon.

Lord, now You are letting Your servant
depart in peace, according to Your word; for
my eyes have seen Your salvation which You
have prepared before the face of all peoples. A

ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν, καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου
Ἰσραήλ.

ΛΑΟΣ

Τρισάγιον.

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

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

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε,
ἰλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα,
συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἄγιε,
ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἰάσαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν,
ἐνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

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

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

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς,
ἁγιασθῆτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία
σου. Γενηθῆτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν
οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν
ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν
τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν
τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης
ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ
τοῦ πονηροῦ.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις
καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ

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

PEOPLE

Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπολυτίκια. Ὦχος β'.

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου
καθελὼν τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι
καθαρᾷ, εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι
καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο.

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις Γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ
μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα· Τὰ μύρα
τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστός, δὲ
διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ ὢν εὐλογητός, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
πάντοτε, νῦν, καὶ αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας
τῶν αἰώνων. (Ἀμήν.)

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ, καὶ
ἐνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφείμ,

of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the
ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Apolytikia. Mode 2.

When he took down Your immaculate
Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph
wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices
and laid it for burial in a new tomb. [SD]

The Angel standing at the sepulcher cried
out and said to the ointment-bearing women:
The ointments are appropriate for mortal men,
but Christ has been shown to be a stranger to
decay. [SD]

DEACON

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

PRIEST

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

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

READER

Amen.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and
in glory greater beyond compare than the
Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth

τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ')

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ δι' ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ διὰ τὴν ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν, τὰ φρικτὰ πάθη καὶ τὸν ζωοποιὸν σταυρὸν καὶ τὴν ἐκούσιον ταφὴν σαρκὶ καταδεξάμενος, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρομοῦ καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

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

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

PRIEST

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

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

(Amen.)