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# The Service of Vespers

**on Thursday Evening**

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**Menaion - December 6**

**Memory of Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra**

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**Μηνναῖον - ΤΗΙ Ζ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

Μνήμη τοῦ Ἀγίου Νικολάου

**ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ**

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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

(Ἀμήν.)

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ  
προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ  
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν  
Θεῷ.

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

**Ψαλμὸς ΡΓ' (103).**

Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον.  
Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα.  
Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν  
ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον.  
Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὥσει δέῃν, ὁ  
στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασι τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ.  
Ὅ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ  
περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων. Ὁ  
ποιῶν τοὺς Ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα,  
καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς  
φλόγα. Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γῆν ἐπὶ τὴν  
ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν  
αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον  
τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων  
στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμῆσεώς  
σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς  
σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουνσιν ὄρη,  
καὶ καταβαίνουνσι πεδιά εἰς τόπον, ὃν

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**VESPERS**

**PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)

**READER**

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

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

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

**Psalms 103 (104).**

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

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 ὑπερώων αὐτοῦ, ἀπὸ καρποῦ  
τῶν ἔργων σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ  
ἐξανατέλλων χόρτον τοῖς κτήνεσι, καὶ  
χλόην τῇ δουλείᾳ τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Τοῦ  
ἐξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, καὶ οἶνος  
εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου. Τοῦ ἱλαρύναι  
πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίῳ, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν  
ἀνθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσεται τὰ  
ξύλα τοῦ πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, ὥς  
ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύουσιν,  
τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὅρη  
τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ  
τοῖς λαγωαῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιροῦς,  
ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος,  
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται  
πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι  
ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπᾶσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ  
τῷ Θεῷ βρωσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος,  
καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας  
αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται  
ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ  
τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς  
ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα  
ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς  
κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη  
καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν  
ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ  
πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος,  
ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα

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

πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφήν  
αὐτῶν εἰς εὐκαιρον, δόντος σου αὐτοῖς  
συλλέξουσιν. Ἀνοίξαντός σου τὴν χεῖρα,  
τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος,  
ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ πρόσωπον,  
ταραχθήσονται. Ἀντανελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα  
αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς τὸν χοῦν  
αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς  
τὸ πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ  
ἀνακαινιεῖς τὸ πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς.  
Ἦτω ἡ δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας,  
εὐφρανθήσεται Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις  
αὐτοῦ. Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποιῶν  
αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ὁ ἀπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων,  
καὶ καπνίζονται. Αἰσω τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ  
ζωῇ μου, ψαλῷ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω.  
Ἦδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογία μου, ἐγὼ δὲ  
εὐφρανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείποιεν  
ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε  
μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτοῦς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου,  
τὸν Κύριον.

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

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

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

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

things wait upon You, that You may give  
them food in due season. When You give  
it to them, they shall gather it; when You  
open Your hand, all things shall be filled with  
Your goodness. But when You turn Your face  
away, they shall be troubled; when You take  
away their breath, they shall die and return  
again to their dust. You shall send forth Your  
Spirit, and they shall be created, and You shall  
renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of  
the Lord be forever; the Lord shall be glad  
in His works; He looks upon the earth and  
makes it tremble; He touches the mountains,  
and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my  
life; I will sing to my God as long as I exist;  
may my words be pleasing to Him, and I shall  
be glad in the Lord. May sinners cease from  
the earth, and the lawless, so as to be no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

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

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

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

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

*Ἀπαγγελλομένου ἐπίσης τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ, ὁ Ἱερεὺς ἵσταται ἀσκεπὴς ἐνώπιον τῆς ἁγίας Τραπέζης ἢ καὶ ἐνώπιον τῆς εἰκόνης τοῦ Σωτῆρος Χριστοῦ, ἱστάμενος ἐπὶ τοῦ Σολέα (ὡς ἐν τῷ Ὁρθρῳ), καὶ ἀναγινώσκει μυστικῶς τὰς Εὐχὰς τοῦ Λιχνικοῦ·*

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ** (μυστικῶς)

### **ΕΥΧΗ ΠΡΩΤΗ**

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

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

### **ΕΥΧΗ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ**

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

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

**PRIEST** (inaudibly)

### **1st Prayer**

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

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

### **2nd Prayer**

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



προσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων σου.

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΡΙΤΗ

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

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ

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

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

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

### 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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

### 4th Prayer

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

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. <sup>[EL]</sup>

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

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

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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

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

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ

### 5th Prayer

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

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

### 6th Prayer

O God, great and wonderful, who order the universe with inexpressible loving-kindness and rich providence; who have granted us also the blessings of this world and brought us near to the promised Kingdom through the blessings that have been bestowed on us already; who have made us turn aside from every evil during that part of the present day which is now over, grant us also to complete what remains without blame in the presence of your holy glory, as we sing your praise, who alone are our God, good and the Lover of mankind. [EL]

For you are our God and to you we give glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy



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

### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΗ

Ὁ Θεὸς ὁ μέγας καὶ ὑψιστος, ὁ μόνος  
ἔχων ἀθανασίαν, φῶς οἰκῶν ἀπρόσιτον, ὁ  
πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἐν σοφίᾳ δημιουργήσας.  
Ὁ διαχωρήσας ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ φωτός, καὶ  
ἀνὰ μέσον τοῦ σκότους, καὶ τὸν μὲν ἥλιον  
θέμενος εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς ἡμέρας, σελήνην  
δὲ καὶ ἀστέρας εἰς ἐξουσίαν τῆς νυκτός· ὁ  
καταξιώσας ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ  
ἐπὶ τῆς παρούσης ὥρας προφθάσαι τὸ  
πρόσωπόν σου ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ τὴν  
ἐσπερινὴν σοι δοξολογίαν προσαγαγεῖν·  
αὐτός, φιλάνθρωπε Κύριε, κατεύθυνον  
τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν  
σου καὶ πρόσδεξαι αὐτὴν εἰς ὁσμὴν  
εὐωδίας. Παράσχου δὲ ἡμῖν τὴν παροῦσαν  
ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν ἐπιοῦσαν νύκτα εἰρηνικὴν·  
ἐνδυσον ἡμᾶς ὅπλα φωτός· ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς  
ἀπὸ φόβου νυκτερινοῦ καὶ ἀπὸ παντός  
πράγματος ἐν σκότει διαπορευομένου· καὶ  
δὸς ἡμῖν τὸν ὕπνον, ὃν εἰς ἀνάπαυσιν τῇ  
ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν ἐδωρήσω, πάσης διαβολικῆς  
φαντασίας ἀπηλλαγμένον. Ναί, Δέσποτα  
τῶν ἀπάντων, τῶν ἀγαθῶν χορηγέ· ἵνα,  
καὶ ἐπὶ ταῖς κοίταις ἡμῶν κατανυγόμενοι,  
μνημονεύωμεν ἐν νυκτὶ τοῦ ὀνόματός  
σου, καὶ τῇ μελέτῃ τῶν σῶν ἐντολῶν  
καταυγαζόμενοι, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει ψυχῆς  
διανιστῶμεν πρὸς δοξολογίαν τῆς σῆς  
ἀγαθότητος, δεήσεις καὶ ἱκεσίας τῇ σῇ  
εὐσπλαγχνίᾳ προσάγοντες ὑπὲρ τῶν ἰδίων  
ἁμαρτημάτων καὶ παντός τοῦ λαοῦ σου,  
ὃν ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου ἐν  
ἐλέει ἐπίσκεψαι.

Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of  
ages. Amen. [EL]

### 7th Prayer

Great and most high God, who  
alone possess immortality, who dwell  
in unapproachable light, who fashioned  
all creation with wisdom, who made the  
separation between the light and the darkness  
and who placed the sun to have authority  
over the day and the moon and the stars  
to have authority over the night, who have  
counted us sinners worthy even at this  
present hour to come into your presence with  
confession and thanksgiving and to offer  
you our evening hymn of glory; do you, O  
Lord who love mankind, direct our prayer  
like incense before you and accept it as a  
savour of sweet fragrance. Grant us that the  
present evening and the coming night may  
be peaceful, clothe us with weapons of light,  
deliver us from every night-time fear and  
from every deed that walks in darkness. And  
give us sleep, which you have bestowed on us  
for our rest in our weakness, freed from every  
fantasy of the devil. Yes, Master of all things,  
giver of blessings, may we also be filled with  
compunction on our beds and call to mind  
your Name in the night, and enlightened by  
meditation on your commandments may we  
rise with gladness of soul to give glory to  
your loving-kindness, as we bring to your  
compassion supplications and entreaties on  
behalf of our own sins and those of all your  
people. At the prayers of the holy Mother of  
God visit them with mercy. [EL]

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

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

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

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

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ Ὁρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

**DEACON**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

### ΧΟΡΟΣ

#### Ἦχος β'.

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

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

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(To You, O Lord.)

### PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

### CHOIR

#### Mode 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

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

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

Πρόσχεες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attend to my supplication, for I was humbled exceedingly.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

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

### Στιχηρά. Τοῦ Ἀγίου.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

**Ἦχος β'.** Ὅτε ἐκ τοῦ ξύλου.

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

Μύροις, παροικήσας αἰσθητῶς, μύρον  
ἀληθῶς ἀνεδείχθης, μύρῳ χρισθεὶς νοητῷ  
Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, Ἀρχιεράρχα Χριστοῦ, καὶ  
μυρίζεις τὰ πρόσωπα, τῶν πίστει καὶ πόθῳ,  
σοῦ τὴν παναοίδιμον, μνήμην τελούντων  
ἀεί, λύων συμφορῶν καὶ κινδύνων, τούτους  
καὶ τῶν θλίψεων Πάτερ, ἐν ταῖς πρὸς τὸν  
Κύριον πρεσβείαις σου.

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

Μύροις, παροικήσας αἰσθητῶς, μύρον  
ἀληθῶς ἀνεδείχθης, μύρῳ χρισθεὶς νοητῷ  
Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, Ἀρχιεράρχα Χριστοῦ, καὶ  
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ἀεί, λύων συμφορῶν καὶ κινδύνων, τούτους  
καὶ τῶν θλίψεων Πάτερ, ἐν ταῖς πρὸς τὸν  
Κύριον πρεσβείαις σου.

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

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

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

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

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

### Stichera. For the Saint.

From Menaion - -

**Mode 2.** Joseph took You down.

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

Myra, which translated means perfume,  
\* was where you were physically dwelling,  
O holy prelate of Christ \* Nicholas; and now  
anointed with the Spirit's perfume, \* you  
indeed have become perfume, \* perfuming  
the faces \* of the faithful who each year with  
longing celebrate \* your all-festive memory,  
Father. \* Rescue them, by your intercessions, \*  
from disaster, danger, and calamity. [SD]

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

Myra, which translated means perfume,  
\* was where you were physically dwelling,  
O holy prelate of Christ \* Nicholas; and now  
anointed with the Spirit's perfume, \* you  
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Father. \* Rescue them, by your intercessions, \*  
from disaster, danger, and calamity. [SD]



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

Νίκη, φερωνύμως ἀληθῶς, τοῦ πιστοῦ λαοῦ ἀνεδείχθης, ἐν πειρασμοῖς κραταία, Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, θεράπων ὄντως Χριστοῦ· πανταχοῦ γὰρ καλούμενος, ὁξέως προφθάνεις, πόθω τοὺς προστρέχοντας, ὑπὸ τὴν σκέπην σου· σὺ γὰρ ἐν νυκτὶ καὶ ἡμέρᾳ, πίστει ὀπτανόμενος σώζεις, ἐκ τῶν πειρασμῶν καὶ περιστὰσεων.

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

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

Ὁφθης, Κωνσταντίνῳ Βασιλεῖ, σὺν τῷ Ἀβλαβίῳ κατ' ὄναρ, καὶ τούτους φόβῳ βαλὼν, οὕτως αὐτοῖς εἰρηκας. Λύσατε δὴ ἐν σπουδῇ, τῆς εἰρκτῆς οὗς κατέχετε, δεσμίους ἀδίκως, ἀθώους τυγχάνοντας, τῆς παρὰ νόμου σφαγῆς· ὅμως ἀλλ' ἐὰν παρακούσης, ἔντευξιν ποιήσομαι Ἀναξ, κατὰ σοῦ πρὸς Κύριον δεόμενος.

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

You are, in accordance with your name, \* for the faithful people in trouble a mighty victory, \* holy father Nicholas, the loyal servant of Christ. \* You are there when you are invoked \* by those who with longing \* turn to your protection, anytime and anywhere. \* You are seen at night and in daylight \* by those who have faith, and you save them \* from besetting trials and adversities. [SD]

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

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

You appeared to Constantine the Great \* and his magistrate named Ablavius in a frightening dream. \* Sternly you commanded them, "Release immediately \* from the dungeon the prisoners, \* whom you hold unjustly; \* for of the unlawful slaughter they are innocent. \* But if you refuse to obey me,

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

Μέγας, ἀντιλήπτωρ καὶ θερμός, τοῖς ἐν  
τοῖς κινδύνοις τελοῦσιν, ὑπάρχεις ἔνδοξε,  
Ἄγιε Νικόλαε, Ἱεροκέρυξ Χριστοῦ, τοῖς  
ἐν γῇ καὶ τοῖς πλέουσι, τοῖς πόρῳ καὶ  
πέλας, οἷα συμπαθέστατος, καὶ πρεσβευτῆς  
κραταίος· ὅθεν συνελθόντες βοῶμεν·  
Πρέσβευε πρὸς Κύριον ὅπως, πάσης  
λυτρωθῶμεν περιστάσεως.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος πλ. β’.**

Ἱεραρχῶν τὴν καλλονήν, καὶ τῶν  
Πατέρων κλέος, τὴν βρύσιν τῶν θαυμάτων,  
καὶ τῶν πιστῶν ἀντιλήπτορα μέγιστον,  
συνελθόντες ὦ φιλόρτοι, ἁσματικοῖς  
ἐγκωμίοις ὑμνήσωμεν λέγοντες· Χαίροις  
ὁ τῶν Μυρέων φρουρός, καὶ πρόεδρος  
σεπτός, καὶ στῦλος ἀπερίτρεπτος. Χαίροις  
φωστὴρ παμφαέστατε, ὁ τὰ τοῦ κόσμου  
πέρατα, διαλάμπων τοῖς θαύμασι. Χαίροις  
τῶν θλιβομένων ἡ θεία χαρμοσύνη, καὶ  
ἀδικουμένων θερμότητος προστάτης,  
καὶ νῦν παμμάκαρ Νικόλαε, μὴ παύση  
πρεσβεύων Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, ὑπὲρ τῶν πίστει  
καὶ πόθῳ τιμώντων αἰεὶ, τὴν χαρμόσυνον  
καὶ πανέορτον μνήμην σου.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος πλ. β’.**

Σπήλαιον εὐτρεπίζου· ἡ Ἀμνάς γὰρ  
ἤκει, ἔμβρυον φέρουσα Χριστόν. Φάτνη  
δὲ ὑποδέχου, τὸν τῷ λόγῳ λύσαντα τῆς

\* I will pray intently against you \* when I  
supplicate the Lord, O Emperor." [SD]

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

Great and ardent guardian of all \* people  
who are facing grave danger are you, O  
Nicholas, \* glorious and holy hierarch and  
preacher of Christ. \* You are known as the  
Patron Saint \* of sailors, and also \* you protect  
us traveling near and far by land and air. \*  
Now we are assembled and cry out: \* Pray  
the Lord that we be delivered \* from every  
disaster and from accidents. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 2.**

That refinement of hierarchs and the  
glory of the Fathers, the fountain of miracles  
and the greatest helper of the faithful, let us  
feast-lovers come together and extol with  
songful praises, and say to him: Rejoice, O  
guard and divine bishop and immovable  
pillar of the people of Myra. Rejoice, all-  
resplendent luminary, that lights up the  
ends of the world with miracles. Rejoice, for  
those in trouble you are divine joy, and most  
fervent protector of the injured. And now, all-  
blessed Nicholas, cease not interceding with  
Christ our God, on behalf of those who with  
faith and longing ever honor your joyous and  
all-festive memory. [SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 2.**

Prepare yourself, O Grotto, for the Ewe  
is coming, carrying Christ in her womb.  
O Manger, receive Him who released

ἀλόγου πράξεως, ἡμᾶς τοὺς γηγενεῖς.  
 Ποιμένες ἀγραυλοῦντες, μαρτυρεῖτε θαῦμα  
 τὸ φρικτόν, καὶ Μάγοι ἐκ Περσίδος, χρυσὸν  
 καὶ λίβανον καὶ σμύρναν, τῷ Βασιλεῖ  
 προσάξατε· ὅτι ὤφθη Κύριος ἐκ Παρθένου  
 Μητρός, ὃν περ καὶ κύψασα, δουλικῶς ἡ  
 Μήτηρ προσεκύνησε, καὶ προσεφθέγγετο  
 τῷ ἐν ἀγκάλαις αὐτῆς. Πῶς ἐνεσπάρης μοι,  
 ἢ πῶς μοι ἐνεφύης, ὁ λυτρωτὴς μου καὶ  
 Θεός;

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ** (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ** (χαμηλοφώνως)

### ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ 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 κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

**ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ**

**Ἦχος β'.**

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἀγίας δόξης, ἀθανάτου  
 Πατρός, οὐρανίου, ἀγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ  
 Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν,  
 ἰδόντες φῶς ἐσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα,  
 Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν  
 παῶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις,  
 Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· \* διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ  
 δοξάζει.

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Ἐσπέρας Προκείμενον.

us earthlings from irrational activity by  
 His word. You shepherds watching by  
 night, witness to the awesome wonder.  
 And you Magi from Persia, offer gold and  
 frankincense and myrrh to the King. For the  
 Lord has appeared from a virgin Mother. And  
 bending over Him, the Mother, as a servant,  
 worshiped Him, and she addressed the Infant  
 in her arms, "How were You sown in me,  
 and how were You implanted in me, O my  
 Redeemer and my God?" [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 πλ. β'.**

Ἡ βοήθειά μου παρὰ Κυρίου, τοῦ  
ποιήσαντος τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν. (δύς)

**Στίχ.** Ἦρα τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς μου εἰς τὰ  
ὄρη, ὅθεν ἤξει ἡ βοήθειά μου.

Ἡ βοήθειά μου παρὰ Κυρίου, τοῦ  
ποιήσαντος τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν.

**Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Παρ ι' 7

Μνήμη δικαίου μετ' ἐγκωμίων, καὶ  
εὐλογία Κυρίου ἐπὶ κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ.  
Μακάριος ἄνθρωπος, ὃς εὗρε σοφίαν,  
καὶ θνητὸς ὃς εἶδε φρόνησιν. Κρεῖττον  
γὰρ αὐτὴν ἐμπορεύεσθαι, ἢ χρυσοῦ καὶ  
ἀργυρίου θησαυρούς. Τιμιώτερα δέ ἐστι  
λίθων πολυτελῶν· (οὐκ ἀντιτάσσεται αὐτῇ  
οὐδὲν πονηρόν, εὐγνωστός ἐστι πᾶσι τοῖς  
ἐγγίζουσιν αὐτήν). Πᾶν δὲ τίμιον, οὐκ  
ἄξιον αὐτῆς ἐστιν. Ἐκ γὰρ τοῦ στόματος  
αὐτῆς ἐκπορεύεται δικαιοσύνη. Νόμον δέ  
καὶ ἔλεον ἐπὶ γλώσσης φορεῖ. Τοιγαροῦν,  
ἀκούσατέ μου, ὦ τέκνα· σεμνὰ γὰρ ἐρῶ καὶ  
μακάριος ἄνθρωπος, ὃς τὰς ἐμὰς ὁδοὺς  
φυλάξει. Αἱ γὰρ ἑξοδοί μου, ἑξοδοὶ ζωῆς,  
καὶ ἐτοιμάζεται θέλησις παρὰ Κυρίου.  
Διὰ τοῦτο παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς, καὶ προῖμαι  
ἐμὴν φωνὴν υἱοῖς ἀνθρώπων. Ὅτι ἐγὼ ἡ  
Σοφία κατεσκεύασα βουλήν καὶ γνῶσιν καὶ  
ἐννοίαν ἐγὼ ἐπεκαλεσάμην. Ἐμὴ βουλή

**CHOIR**

**Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2.**

My help comes from the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth. (2) [SAAS]

**Verse:** *I lifted my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall my help come?*

My help comes from the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth.

**The Readings**

From Menaion ---

**READER**

The reading is from the Proverbs of  
Solomon.

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

**READER**

Pr 10:8a, 7a; 3:13-16, 18; 8:32, 34,  
4, 12, 14, 17, 5-9; 22:24, 22; 15:4b

The remembrance of the righteous is  
with eulogies; the blessing of the Lord is  
upon the head of a righteous man. Blessed  
is a man who finds wisdom, and a mortal  
who sees discernment; for the profits gained  
from wisdom are better than the treasures  
of gold and silver. Wisdom is more valuable  
than precious stones, and nothing evil will  
withstand her. She is well known to all who  
come near her, and no honor is worthy of her.  
Righteousness proceeds from her mouth, and  
she carries law and mercy upon her tongue.  
Now therefore, my son, hear me: Blessed is  
the man who shall hearken to me and the man  
who shall guard my ways; for my issues are  
the issues of life, and grace is prepared from  
the Lord. You, O men, I exhort, and I utter  
my voice to the sons of men. I, wisdom, dwell  
with counsel, and I call upon knowledge  
and understanding. Counsel and safety are

καὶ ἀσφάλεια, ἐμὴ φρόνησις, ἐμὴ δὲ ἰσχὺς.  
 Ἐγὼ τοὺς ἐμὲ φιλοῦντας ἀγαπῶ, οἱ δὲ  
 ἐμὲ ζητοῦντες εὐρήσουσι χάριν. Νοήσατε  
 τοῖνυν ἄκακοι πανουργίαν, οἱ δὲ ἀπαίδευτοι  
 ἔνθεσθε καρδίαν. Εἰσακούσατέ μου καὶ  
 πάλιν· σεμνὰ γὰρ ἔρῳ, καὶ ἀνοίγω ἀπὸ  
 χειλέων ὀρθά. Ὅτι ἀλήθειαν μελετήσῃ  
 ὁ λάρυγξ μου, ἐβδελυγμένα δὲ ἐναντίον  
 ἐμοῦ χεῖλη ψευδῆ. Μετὰ δικαιοσύνης πάντα  
 τὰ ῥήματα τοῦ στόματός μου, οὐδὲν ἐν  
 αὐτοῖς σκολιόν, οὐδὲ στραγγαλιῶδες.  
 Πάντα εὐθέα ἐστὶ τοῖς νοοῦσι, καὶ ὀρθὰ  
 τοῖς εὐρίσκουσι γνῶσιν. Διδάσκω γὰρ ὑμῖν  
 ἀληθῆ, ἵνα γένηται ἐν Κυρίῳ ἡ ἐλπίς ὑμῶν,  
 καὶ πλησθήσεσθε Πνεύματος.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παρ Κεφ. 10, 31-32 and 11, 1-12

Στόμα δικαίου ἀποστάζει σοφίαν,  
 γλῶσσα δὲ ἀδίκου ἐξολεῖται· Χεῖλη ἀνδρῶν  
 δικαίων ἐπίστανται χάριτας, στόμα δὲ  
 ἀσεβῶν καταστρέφεται. Ζυγοὶ δόλιοι  
 βδέλυγμα ἐνώπιον Κυρίου, στάθμιον δὲ  
 δίκαιον δεκτὸν αὐτῷ. Οὐ ἔαν εἰσέλθῃ ὕβρις,  
 ἐκεῖ καὶ ἀτιμία, στόμα δὲ ταπεινῶν μελετᾷ  
 σοφίαν. Τελειότης εὐθέων ὁδηγήσῃ αὐτούς,  
 καὶ ὑποσκελισμὸς ἀθετούντων προνομεύσει  
 αὐτούς. Οὐκ ὠφελήσῃ ὑπάρχοντα ἐν ἡμέρᾳ  
 θυμοῦ, δικαιοσύνη δὲ ῥύσεται ἀπὸ θανάτου.  
 Ἀποθανῶν δίκαιος ἔλιπε μετὰμελον·

mine; discernment is mine, and strength is  
 mine. I love those who love me, and those  
 who seek me shall find me. Understand  
 astuteness, O simple ones, and put it in your  
 heart, O uninstructed ones. Obey me, for  
 I speak sacred things, and from my lips I  
 will bring forth things that are true. For my  
 mouth shall speak the truth, but false lips are  
 an abomination before me. All the words of  
 my mouth are with righteousness; there is  
 nothing in them crooked or twisted. All things  
 are evident to those who understand and true  
 to those who find knowledge. Therefore, I  
 teach you a true word and good knowledge  
 to be obeyed, that you might answer words  
 of truth to those who question you, that your  
 hope might be in the Lord, and the one who  
 guards it will be filled with the Spirit. [SAAS]

#### READER

The reading is from the Proverbs of  
 Solomon.

#### DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

#### READER

Pr 10:31-32; 11:1-10

The mouth of a righteous man distills  
 wisdom, but the tongue of an unrighteous  
 man utterly destroys. The lips of righteous  
 men distill grace, but the mouth of the  
 ungodly is perverse. Deceitful scales are an  
 abomination before the Lord, but a righteous  
 weight is acceptable to Him. Wherever  
 arrogance enters, there also is dishonor,  
 but the mouth of the humble meditates  
 on wisdom. When a righteous man dies,  
 he leaves regret, but the destruction of  
 the ungodly is immediate and brings joy.



πρόχειρος δὲ γίνεται καὶ ἐπίχαρτος ἀσεβῶν ἀπώλεια. Δικαιοσύνη ἀμώμου ὀρθοτομεῖ ὁδούς, ἀσέβεια δὲ περιπίπτει ἀδικία. Δικαιοσύνη ἀνδρῶν ὀρθῶν ῥύσεται αὐτούς, τῇ δὲ ἀβουλία ἀλίσκονται παράνομοι. Τελευτήσαντος ἀνδρὸς δικαίου οὐκ ὀλλυται ἐλπίς, τὸ δὲ καύχημα τῶν ἀσεβῶν ὀλλυται. Δίκαιος ἐκ θήρας ἐκδύνει, ἀντ' αὐτοῦ δὲ παραδίδεται ὁ ἀσεβής. Ἐν στόματι ἀσεβῶν παγὶς πολίταις, αἴσθησις δὲ δικαίων εὖοδος. Ἐν ἀγαθοῖς δικαίων κατάρθωται πόλις, καὶ ἐν ἀπωλείᾳ ἀσεβῶν ἀγαλλίαμα. Ἐν εὐλογίᾳ εὐθέων ὑψωθήσεται πόλις, στόματι δὲ ἀσεβῶν κατασκαφήσεται. Μυκτηρίζει πολίτας ἐνδεὴς φρενῶν, ἀνὴρ δὲ φρόνιμος ἡσυχίαν ἄγει.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Σοφίας Σολομῶντος τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

ΣΣολ 4:7-15

Δίκαιος ἐὰν φθάσῃ τελευτῆσαι, ἐν ἀναπαύσει ἔσται· γῆρας γὰρ τίμιον, οὐ τὸ πολυχρόνιον, οὐδὲ ἀριθμῶ ἐτῶν μεμέτρηται. Πολιὰ δὲ ἔστι φρόνησις ἀνθρώποις, καὶ ἡλικία γήρως, βίος ἀκηλίδωτος. Εὐάρεστος Θεῷ γενόμενος, ἡγαπήθη, καὶ ζῶν μεταξὺ ἀμαρτωλῶν, μετετέθη. Ἡρπάγη, μὴ κακία ἀλλάξη σύνεσιν αὐτοῦ, ἢ δόλος ἀπατήσῃ ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ. Βασκανία γὰρ φαυλότητος ἀμαυροῖ τὰ καλά, καὶ ῥεμβασμὸς ἐπιθυμίας μεταλλεύει νοῦν ἄκακον. Τελειωθείς ἐν ὀλίγῳ, ἐπλήρωσε χρόνους μακροῦς· ἀρεστὴ γὰρ ἦν Κυρίῳ ἡ ψυχὴ αὐτοῦ· διὰ τοῦτο

Righteousness cuts straight and blameless paths, but ungodliness embraces wrongdoing. The righteousness of upright men delivers them, but lawless men are taken to their destruction. When a righteous man dies, his hope does not perish, but the boast of the ungodly perishes. A righteous man escapes from a snare, but the ungodly man is handed over in his place. There is a snare for citizens in the mouth of the ungodly, but the perception of the righteous is prosperous. A city stays upright in the good things of the righteous, but it is razed to the ground by the mouths of the ungodly. A man in need of discernment treats citizens with contempt, but a man of discernment keeps quiet. [SAAS]

#### READER

The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon.

#### DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

#### READER

WSol 4:7-15

Though a righteous man may die before his time, he shall be at rest. For old age is not honored for its length of existence, nor measured by its number of years; but discernment is gray hair for mankind, and a spotless life is the maturity of old age. There was once a man pleasing to God and loved by Him, and while living among sinners he was taken up. He was caught up lest evil change his understanding or deceit deceive his soul. For envy arising from lack of judgment obscures what is good, and a whirling of desire undermines an innocent heart. He was made perfect, for in a short time he fulfilled



ἔσπευσεν ἐκ μέσου πονηρίας. Οἱ δὲ λαοὶ  
ιδόντες καὶ μὴ νοήσαντες, μηδὲ θέντες ἐπὶ  
διανοίᾳ τὸ τοιοῦτον, ὅτι χάρις καὶ ἔλεος  
ἐν τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπισκοπὴ ἐν τοῖς  
ἐκλεκτοῖς αὐτοῦ.

### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ  
ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς,  
εἰρήνης, υἰγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως,  
συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν  
τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν

long years, for his soul was pleasing to the  
Lord; therefore, He took him early from the  
midst of evil. Yet peoples saw this but did not  
understand, nor take such a thing to heart,  
that the Lord's grace and mercy are with His  
elect and that He watches over His holy ones.

[SAAS]

### DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox  
Christians.

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

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

(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

εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν, τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῇ (πόλει, κώμῃ), ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τοῦ ἁγίου ναοῦ τούτου.

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

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

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

Ἐτι 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 ἡλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Δέσποτα, συνέτισον μὲ τὰ δικαιώματά

and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

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

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

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

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

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

### PRIEST

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

(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,

σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Ἄγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς  
δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν  
αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδης.  
Σοὶ πρόπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρόπει ὕμνος, σοὶ  
δόξα πρόπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ  
Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς  
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἐσπερινὴν δέησιν  
ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

enlighten me with your commandments.

Lord, your mercy is forever. Do not despise  
the works of your hands. To you is due praise,  
to you is due song, to you is due glory, to the  
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now  
and forever and to the ages of ages. [HC]

(Amen.)

### DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the  
Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν,  
ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικά, καὶ  
καλὴν ἀπολογίαν 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 ἀεὶ 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 κλῖνας οὐρανοὺς καὶ  
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,  
ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν  
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλοανθρώπῳ κριτῇ  
οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ  
αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων  
ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες  
ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν·  
οὓς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν  
παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα,  
ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης  
ἐνεργίας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ  
ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

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 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.

## 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 Μηναίου ---

## ΧΟΡΟΣ

### Ἀπόστιχα.

**Ἦχος πλ. α'.** Χαίροις ἀσκητικῶν.

Χαίροις ἡ ἱερὰ κεφαλὴ, τὸ καθαρὸν  
τῶν ἀρετῶν καταγώγιον, ὁ θεῖος τῆς  
θειοτάτης, ἱερωσύνης κανὼν, ὁ Ποιμὴν  
ὁ μέγας, ὁ φανότατος, πυρρὸς ὁ τῆς  
νίκης, ἐπιφερόμενος ὄνομα, ὁ δεομένοις,  
συμπαθῶς ἐπικλῶμενος· ὁ καμπτόμενος,  
ἀσθενῶν ταῖς δεήσεσι· ῥύστης ὁ  
ἐτοιμότατος, φρουρὸς ὁ σωτήριος, πᾶσι τοῖς  
πίστει τελοῦσι, τὴν παναοίδιμον μνήμην  
σου. Χριστὸν καταπέμψαι, Παμμακάριστε  
δυσώπει, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**Στίχ.** Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος  
τοῦ ὁσίου αὐτοῦ.

Χαίροις ὁ ἱερώτατος νοῦς, τὸ τῆς  
Τριάδος καθαρὸν ἐνδιαίτημα, ὁ στῦλος  
τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, ὁ τῶν πιστῶν στηριγμός,  
καταπονουμένων ἡ βοήθεια, ἀστήρ, ὁ  
ταῖς λάμπουσιν, εὐπροσδέκτων δεήσεων,  
διασκεδάζων, πειρασμῶν τε καὶ θλίψεων,  
σκότος πάντοτε, Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε. ὄρμος  
ὁ γαληνότατος, ἐν ᾧ καταφεύγοντες,  
οἱ τρικυμiais τοῦ βίου περιστατούμενοι  
σώζονται. Χριστὸν ἐκδυσώπει, ταῖς ψυχαῖς  
ἡμῶν δοθῆναι, τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## 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 Menaion ---

## CHOIR

### Aposticha.

**Mode pl. 1.** Rejoice.

Rejoice, O sacred head of the Church, \*  
the pure abode of every virtue, O Nicholas,  
\* divine standard of the most divine \* holy  
priesthood, and great \* Shepherd of the  
people, and the beacon-light \* that shines  
very brightly. You are the namesake of  
victory. \* And on the needy you take pity  
with sympathy. \* And unto the prayers of  
the sick You incline an ear. \* Ready deliverer  
of all, \* and guardian saving them \* who  
now religiously honor your ever-ven'erable  
memory. \* To Christ pray intently, \* O all-  
blessed one, to send down great mercy to our  
souls. [SD]

**Verse:** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the  
death of His holy one. [SAAS]

Rejoice, pure habitation wherein \* the  
Holy Trinity made its dwelling, most sacred  
mind, \* the Church's unshaken pillar, and  
the believers' support, \* for you are the help  
of all who are oppressed. \* O Star that at all  
times dispels the gloom of adversities \* and of  
temptations by the radiance of your prayers \*  
that are well received, holy Hierarch Nicholas,  
\* calm haven wherein those who meet the  
turbulent storms of life \* and are surrounded  
by tempests escape for refuge and hence are



**Στίχ.** Μακάριος ἀνὴρ ὁ φοβούμενος  
τὸν Κύριον, ἐν ταῖς ἐντολαῖς αὐτοῦ θελήσει  
σφόδρα.

Χαίροις ὁ ζήλου θείου πλησθεῖς,  
ἀπαγωγῆς τε πονηρὰς λυτρωσάμενος,  
ἀδίκως μέλλοντας θνήσκειν, ἐπιστασία  
φρικτῇ, καὶ ταῖς δι' ὀνείρων προσφοιτήσεσι.  
Πηγὴ ἢ πηγάζουσα, ἐν τοῖς Μύροις  
Νικόλαε, μύρα πλουσίως, καὶ ψυχὰς  
καταρδεύουσα, τὰ δυσώδη τε τῶν παθῶν  
ἀπελαύνουσα. Μάχαιρα τὰ ζιζάνια, τῆς  
πλάνης ἐκτέμνουσα. Πτύον λικμίζον  
Ἀρείου, τὰ ἀχυρώδη διδάγματα. Χριστὸν  
καταπέμψαι, ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν δυσώπει, τὸ  
μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

Ἄνθρωπε τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ πιστὲ θεράπον,  
λειτουργγὲ Κυρίου, ἄνερ ἐπιθυμιῶν,  
σκεῦος ἐκλογῆς, στῦλε καὶ ἐδραῖωμα τῆς  
Ἐκκλησίας, Βασιλείας κληρονόμε, μὴ  
παρασιωπῆσης, τοῦ βοᾶν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν τὸν  
Κύριον.

Καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

Ἀνύμφευτε Παρθένε, πόθεν ἦκεις;  
τίς ὁ τεκὼν σε; τίς καὶ ἡ Μήτηρ σου; πῶς  
τὸν Κτίστην φέρεις ἐν ἀγκάλαις; πῶς οὐκ  
ἐφθάρης τὴν νηδύν, μεγάλων παραδόξων  
ἐπὶ γῆς τελουμένων, ὀρῶμεν Παναγία, καὶ  
προευτρεπίζομεν ἐπάξιόν σοι χρέος, ἐκ τῆς

saved. \* To Christ pray with fervor, \* holy  
father, that great mercy be given to our souls.

[SD]

**Verse:** *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;  
he will delight exceedingly in His commandments.*

[SAAS]

Rejoice, with divine zeal being filled \*  
you extricated from abduction by treachery,  
\* through your awesome intervention \*  
and your appearing in dreams, \* those who  
had unjustly been condemned to die. \* A  
well are you, Nicholas, \* that abundantly  
gushes forth \* myrrh oils in Myra, \* and that  
thoroughly waters souls, \* and that drives  
away all the stench that the passions bring. \*  
Saber eradicating tares \* of error and heresy;  
\* Winnowing shovel that threshes the chaffy  
doctrines of Arius. \* To Christ pray intently, \*  
holy Father, that He send down great mercy  
to our souls. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 2.**

O man of God and loyal servant and  
minister of the Lord, man of holy desires,  
chosen vessel, pillar and foundation of  
the Church of Christ, and inheritor of the  
Kingdom, be not silent in calling out to the  
Lord on our behalf. [SD]

Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 2.**

O unwedded Virgin, where are you from?  
Who is your father, and who is your mother?  
How is it that you carry the Creator in your  
arms? How was your womb not impaired?  
Great and extraordinary and awesome  
mysteries we see taking place in you on earth,



γῆς τὸ Σπήλαιον, καὶ οὐρανὸν αἰτοῦμεν,  
παρασχεῖν τὸν Ἀστέρα, καὶ Μάγοι δὲ  
προέρχονται, ἀπὸ Ἀνατολῶν τῆς γῆς, εἰς  
δυσμὰς θεάσασθαι, τὴν σωτηρίαν τῶν  
βροτῶν, ὡς βρέφος γαλουχοῦμενον.

## ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

### Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν.

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

## ΛΑΟΣ

### Τρισάγιον.

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

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

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

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

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

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς,  
ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ  
βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,  
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον

O All-holy Maiden, and we prepare for you,  
as is our duty; from the earth, we ready the  
Grotto; and from heaven we request that the  
Star be granted. Magi are coming westward  
from the land of the East, to see the Salvation  
of mortals, nursing as an infant. [SD]

## PRIEST

### Song of Simeon.

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

## PEOPLE

### Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὥς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

#### ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Ἁγίου.**

**Ἦχος δ'.**

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια· διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτήσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε· πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου - - -

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.**

**Ἦχος δ'.**

Τὸ ἀπ' αἰῶνος ἀπόκρυφον, καὶ Ἀγγέλοις ἄγνωστον μυστήριον, διὰ σοῦ Θεοτόκε τοῖς ἐπὶ γῆς πεφανέρωται· Θεὸς ἐν ἀσυγχύτῳ ἐνώσει σαρκούμενος, καὶ Σταυρὸν ἐκουσίως ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν καταδεξάμενος· δι' οὗ ἀναστήσας τὸν πρωτόπλαστον, ἔσωσεν ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία.

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### PRIEST

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

(Amen.)

#### CHOIR

**Apolytikion. For the Saint.**

**Mode 4.**

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You were humble and therefore you acquired exalted gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, and entreat Him to save our souls. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 4.**

O Theotokos, through you became manifest to us on earth the mystery, which was hid from eternity, and which the Angels themselves knew not: that God, uniting natures without confusion, becomes a man and accepts crucifixion for our salvation voluntarily. By virtue of this, resurrecting man whom He had first created, He saved our souls from death. [SD]

#### DEACON

Wisdom.

(Εὐλόγησον.)

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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

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

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Ἀμήν.

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

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

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ἐκ γ') Εὐλόγησον.

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμεων 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 τοῦ ἐν Ἁγίοις Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Νικολάου, Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Μύρων τῆς Λυκίας, τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ, οὗ καὶ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν· καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων,

(Father, bless!)

**PRIEST**

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

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

**READER**

Amen.

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

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

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

**PRIEST**

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and 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, our Father among the Saints Nicholas the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, whose memory we celebrate; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ  
φιλόανθρωπος.

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

(Ἀμήν.)

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

(Amen.)