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# The Service of Vespers

**on Thursday Evening**

**for Friday, December 27, 2019**

**Menaion - December 27**

**Memory of the Holy Proto-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen, and  
of our Devout Father and Confessor Theodore the Inscribed,  
brother of Theophanes the Hymnographer.**

**Texts in Greek and English**

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**Μηνναῖον - ΤΗ: ΚΖ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

Μνήμη τοῦ Ἁγίου Πρωτομάρτυρος, καὶ Ἀρχidiaκόνου Στεφάνου, καὶ τοῦ Ὁσίου Πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ Ὁμολογητοῦ Θεοδώρου τοῦ Γραπτοῦ, ἀνταδελφου Θεοφάνους τοῦ Ποιητοῦ.

**ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ**

**ΙΕΡΕΥΣ**

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

(Ἀμήν.)

**ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ**

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

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

**Ψαλμὸς ΡΓ' (103).**

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

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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

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

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; 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;

ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ  
πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος,  
ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτή. Πάντα  
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. Αἰσῶ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ  
ζωῇ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω.  
Ἦδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογία μου, ἐγὼ δὲ  
εὐφρανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείποιεν  
ἀμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε  
μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτοῦς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου,  
τὸν Κύριον.

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

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

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

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

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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.

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, ἱατρὲ 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>

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

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΠΕΜΠΤΗ

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

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

#### ΕΥΧΗ ΕΚΤΗ

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

Ὅτι σὺ 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 ἀνάπausιν 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 ἁγίας  
Τραπέζης, 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 δ'.

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 4.

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 πέτραις οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ἐν τῷ ἐκλείπειν ἐξ ἐμοῦ τὸ πνεῦμά μου, καὶ σὺ 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,  
ἐισάκουσον τῆς φωνῆς μου.

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

**Στιχηρά. Τοῦ Πρωτομάρτυρος.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

**Ἦχος δ'.** Ὡς γενναῖον ἐν Μάρτυσι.

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

Τῇ τοῦ Πνεύματος χάριτι, λαμπρυνθεὶς  
τὴν διάνοιαν, τῇ μορφῇ ὡς ἄγγελος ὤφθης  
Στέφανε, διαδοθείσης τῷ σώματι, τῆς ἔνδον  
λαμπρότητος, καὶ τὴν αἴγλην τῆς ψυχῆς,  
φανερούσης τοῖς βλέπουσι, δι' ἧς ἔτυχες, καὶ  
φωτὸς θεωρίας οὐρανῶν σοι, παραδόξως  
ἀνοιγέντων, ἀρχὴ Μαρτύρων καὶ καύχημα.

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

Ὡς βαθμίδες καὶ κλίμακες, πρὸς  
οὐράνιον ἄνοδον, αἱ τῶν λίθων νιφάδες  
σοι γεγόνασιν, ὧν ἐπιβαίνων τεθέασαι,  
ἐστῶτα τὸν Κύριον, τοῦ Πατρὸς ἐκ δεξιῶν,  
σοὶ ὁμώνυμον στέφανον, προτεινόμενον,  
δεξιᾷ ζωηφόρῳ, οὗ πλησίον, ὡς καλλίνικος  
παρέστης, καὶ Ἀθλητῶν ἀκροθίνιον.

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 Proto-martyr.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 4.** *To a brave one.*

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

Proto-martyr when grace divine \* had  
illuminated your reasoning, \* you looked like  
an angel to those who gazed at you; \* the  
inner brightness had spread throughout your  
body, O holy man, \* and the brilliance of your  
soul \* was apparent to those who saw. \* Thru  
it you attained \* contemplation of light divine  
and glory, when for you the heavens opened,  
\* Stephen the pride of the Martyr Saints. [SD]

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

When they stoned you, O Martyr Saint,  
\* the barrage of the stones became \* steps for  
you and ladders of heavenly ascent. \* When  
you ascended them you beheld the Lord  
standing at the right \* of the Father in the  
heights. \* With His life-giving holy hand \* He  
presented you \* with the crown for which you  
were named, O Stephen. As the paramount of



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

Ἐν σημείοις καὶ τέρασιν, ἀπαστράπτων καὶ δόγμασι, παρὰ νόμων ἔσβησας τὸ συνέδριον, καὶ ὑπ' αὐτῶν ἀναιρούμενος, καὶ λίθοις βαλλόμενος, ὑπὲρ τῆς τῶν φονευτῶν, σὺ προσηύχου ἀφέσεως, ἐκμιμούμενος, τὴν φωνὴν τοῦ Σωτῆρος, οὗ εἰς χεῖρας, ἐναπέθου σου τὸ πνεῦμα, τὸ ἱερώτατον Στέφανε.

### Τοῦ Ὁσίου.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος δ'.** Ὡς γενναῖον ἐν Μάρτυσι.

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

Ξενιτείας τοῖς τραύμασι, προσετέθη σοι τραύματα, ἐξορίας Ὅσιε, χαλεπότητι, τοῦ παρὰ νόμῳ διέποντος, τὸν θρόνον τὸν ἔννομον, καὶ συγχέοντος δεινῶς, τοὺς θεσμοὺς τοὺς τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τὴν Ἀχραντον, τοῦ Σωτῆρος Εἰκόνα καθελόντος, ὃν τῇ χάριτι τῇ θείᾳ Χριστοῦ θεράπον κατήσχυνας.

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

Οὐ φρουρὰ σὲ οὐ στένωσις, οὐδὲ σκότος ἀνήμερον, οὐ πληγαὶ καὶ μάστιγες, περιέσχυσαν, τῆς πρὸς Χριστὸν ἀγαπήσεως, χωρίσαι Θεόδωρε, οὐδὲ νόσος χαλεπὴ, καὶ μακρὰ καὶ δυσφόρητος· οὐδὲ ἔνδεια, τῆς τροφῆς θεορῶν· ἀλλ' ἀτρέπτως,

Athletes, \* you stand beside Him victorious.

[SD]

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

Shining brightly with miracles, \* signs, and wonders and teachings true, \* you eclipsed the council that failed to keep the Law. And as they all executed you, and stoned you to death, O Saint, \* you entreated on behalf \* of your murderers, that the sin \* not be charged to them. \* Thus, O Stephen, you imitated Jesus and gave up your noble spirit \* into the hands of the Savior Christ. [SD]

### For the Devout Man.

From Menaion ---

**Mode 4.** *To a brave one.*

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

To the wounds of your banishment, \* wounds of exile were added on, \* by the ruthless tyranny of the emperor, \* who as a heretic occupied the lawful throne lawlessly; \* for he terribly confused \* the traditions of our true Faith, \* and he had removed \* the immaculate icon of the Savior; but by grace divine you shamed him, \* O faithful servant of Christ our God. [SD]

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

Neither guards nor imprisonment, \* nor the darkness and solitude, \* neither wounds and lashings could separate you from \* your ardent love for the Savior Christ, \* Confessor Saint Theodore, \* nor infection and disease, \* that were chronic and hard to bear, \* neither

ἐκαρτέρησας προβλέπων, τὴν τῶν σῶν  
πόνων ἀντίδοσιν.

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

Ἀντὶ θλίψεως αἶνεσιν, ἀντὶ πόνων  
ἀπόλαυσιν, ἀντὶ σκότους ἔλλαμψιν, σοὶ  
δεδώρηται, ὁ Ἀθλοθέτης ὁ δίκαιος· ἀντὶ  
δὲ θεσπέσιε, τῆς ἐν ὄψει σου γραφῆς,  
ζωῆς βίβλῳ ἐγγέγραψαι· Ἐκκλησία  
δέ, πρωτοτόκων ἐτάγης, ἐν ὑψίστοις,  
καὶ Ἀγγέλων πανηγύρει, περιχαρῶς  
προσελήλυθας.

Δόξα. **Τοῦ Πρωτομάρτυρος.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος β’.**

Τῷ Βασιλεῖ καὶ Δεσπότη τοῦ παντός,  
τεχθέντι ἐπὶ γῆς, Στέφανος ὑπέρλαμπρος  
προσφέρεται, οὐκ ἐκ λίθων τιμίων  
κατεσκευασμένος, ἀλλ’ ἐξ οἰκείων αἱμάτων  
διηριθμένος. Ἀλλ’ ὦ φιλομάρτυρες  
δεῦτε, τὰ τῶν ἁσμάτων ἄνθη δρεψάμενοι,  
τὰς κεφαλὰς ἀναδησώμεθα, καὶ τοῖς  
ὕμνοις ἀναμέλποντες, εἰπώμεν· Ὁ σοφία  
καταγλαῖσθεις, καὶ χάριτι τὴν ψυχὴν,  
Πρωτομάρτυς Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, αἰτησαι  
ἡμῖν εἰρήνην, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Καὶ νῦν. **Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος β’.**

Μέγα καὶ παράδοξον θαῦμα,  
τετέλεσται σήμερον! Παρθένος τίκτει καὶ  
μήτρα οὐ φθείρεται, ὁ Λόγος σαρκοῦται, καὶ  
τοῦ Πατρὸς οὐ κεχώρισται, Ἄγγελοι μετὰ  
Ποιμένων δοξάζουσι, καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτοῖς

lack of food. \* But you bore it unflinchingly,  
foreseeing the rewards for your endurance, \*  
O Saint who uttered the words of God. [SD]

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

Now in place of affliction, praise, \* and  
enjoyment instead of pain, \* and in place of  
darkness, illuminating light, \* has Christ the  
fair Judge awarded you. \* Indeed to reward  
you for \* the inscription on your face, \* godly  
Saint, you have been inscribed \* in the Book of  
Life; \* In the Church of the Firstborn you are  
listed, Father Theodore, in heaven, \* and with  
the Angels you celebrate. [SD]

Glory. **For the Proto-martyr.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode 2.**

To the King and Master of all, who was  
born on earth, Stephen is presented as a  
splendid crown that is decorated, not with  
jewels, but with his own blood. Come, you  
fans of the Martyrs, let us take up songs like  
pennants, and let us wave them above our  
heads; and as we sing our hymns, let us say  
to him: "Your soul was adorned with wisdom  
and grace, O Proto-Martyr of Christ God. Pray  
for us, that we may receive peace and great  
mercy." [SD]

Both now. **For the Feast.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode 2.**

A great and paradoxal miracle has taken  
place today. A Virgin has given birth, and  
there is no damage to her womb. The Word  
becomes flesh, and He is not separated from  
the Father. Angels and Shepherds give glory,  
and we join them in shouting: "Glory in the

ἐκβοῶμεν· Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ, καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνη.

(Εἵσοδος οὐ γίνεται.)

### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

### ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

### ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

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

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

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

### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἑσπέρᾳ 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 σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Ἅγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν

highest to God, and on earth let there be peace." [SD]

(No Entrance)

### READER

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

### DEACON

The evening Prokeimenon.

### CHOIR

**Prokeimenon. 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.

### 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

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 ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν  
ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τὴν ἑσπέραν 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.)

Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν,  
ἀνώδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικά, καὶ

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.)

And let us ask for a Christian end to our  
life, peaceful, without shame and suffering,

καλὴν ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ  
βήματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.

(*Παράσχον, Κύριε.*)

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

(*Σοί, Κύριε.*)

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς  
ὑπάρχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν,  
τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι,  
νῦν καὶ 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,  
ἐπίδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν  
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλοανθρώπῳ κριτῇ  
οἱ σοὶ δούλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ  
αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων  
ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες  
ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν·  
οὓς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν  
παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα,  
ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης  
ἐνεργίας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ  
ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἴη τὸ κράτος τῆς βασιλείας σου  
εὐλογημένον καὶ δεδοξασμένον, τοῦ

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.

### PRIEST

May the might of your kingdom be  
blessed and glorified, of the Father and the



Πατρός, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου  
Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας  
τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**ΧΟΡΟΣ**

**Ἀπόστιχα τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

**Ἦχος α΄.** *Τῶν οὐρανίων ταγμάτων.*

Τὸν ἐκ Πατρὸς πρὸ αἰώνων  
ἐξανατείλαντα, καὶ ὡς Υἱὸν ἐν κόλπῳ  
Πατρικῷ αἰεὶ ὄντα· αὐθις δὲ ἐπ' ἐσχάτων,  
ἀγκάλαις Μητρὸς, ὡς ἐν θρόνῳ καθήμενον,  
καὶ ὑπ' Ἀγγέλων Ποιμένων, Μάγων τε νῦν,  
προσκυνούμενον ὑμνήσωμεν.

**Στίχ.** *Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίῳ μου·  
Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου, ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς  
ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου.*

Ἐν Βηθλεὲμ συνελθόντες, πιστοὶ  
κατίδωμεν, τὸν τῶν ἀπάντων Κτίστην,  
κείμενον ἐν τῇ φάτνῃ, καὶ τοὺς ἐκ Χαλδαίων  
δῶρον καλόν, προσκομίζοντας τριῦλον, ὡς  
Βασιλεῖ, ὡς Θεῷ τε καὶ δι' ἡμᾶς, τριημέρῳ  
ἐσομένῳ νεκρῷ.

**Στίχ.** *Ἐκ γαστρὸς πρὸ ἑωσφόρου  
ἐγέννησά σε. Ὡμοσε Κύριος καὶ οὐ  
μεταμεληθήσεται.*

Ἐκ τῆς Παρθένου ἐτέχθης, ὑπὸ  
τὸ Σπήλαιον· καὶ στρατιαὶ Ἀγγέλων,  
ἐπιστᾶσαι ἐβόων· Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις σοὶ τῷ  
Θεῷ, τῷ τεχθέντι ἐν δούλῳ μορφῇ, καὶ  
ἀναπλάσαντι κόσμον ἐν τῇ γαστρὶ, τῆς  
Παρθένου καὶ ἀνάνδρου Μητρὸς.

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

(Amen.)

From Menaion ---

**CHOIR**

**Aposticha of the Feast.**

**Mode 1.** *For the celestial orders.*

The Logos rose from the Father before  
the ages began, \* and as the Son is ever \*  
in the bosom of the Father. \* Now, though,  
as an infant, He sits in the arms \* of His  
Mother as on a throne; \* and by the Angels  
and Shepherds and Magi Kings, \* He is  
worshiped. Let us sing His praise. [SD]

**Verse:** *The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My  
right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool  
of Your feet."* [SAAS]

Let us the faithful assemble and go to  
Bethlehem. \* We see the world's Creator as  
a babe in the manger. \* And we see the men  
of Chaldea present \* to the Lord threefold  
precious gifts \* fit for a King, fit for God, and  
fit for the man, \* who for three days will be  
dead for us. [SD]

**Verse:** *I have begotten You from the womb  
before the morning star. The Lord swore and will  
not repent.* [SAAS]

Lord, You were born of the Virgin inside  
a humble cave. \* The hosts of Angels came  
down \* from the heavens and shouted: \*  
Glory in the highest to You, our God, \* who  
were born in a servant's form, \* and in the  
womb of the Mother who knew no man \* you  
refashioned the entire world. [SD]



Δόξα. **Τοῦ Πρωτομάρτυρος.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

Πρῶτος ἐν Μάρτυσιν ἐδείχθης, καὶ ἐν Διακόνοις, Στέφανε μακάριε, τῶν Ἀθλητῶν τὸ ἐγκαλλώπισμα, τῶν πιστῶν τὸ στήριγμα, ἡ δόξα τῶν δικαίων. Τοῖς τὴν σεπτὴν σου ἑορτάζουσι μνήμην, αἰτησαι, ὡς παριστάμενος τῷ θρόνῳ Χριστοῦ τοῦ παντάνακτος, τῶν πταισμάτων ἰλασμόν, καὶ βασιλείας οὐρανῶν ἀξιωθῆναι.

Καὶ νῦν. **Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

Χορεύουσιν Ἄγγελοι πάντες ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἀγάλλονται σήμερον· σκιρτᾷ δὲ πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις, διὰ τὸν γεννηθέντα ἐν Βηθλεέμ, Σωτῆρα Κύριον, ὅτι πᾶσα πλάνη τῶν εἰδώλων πέπνυται, καὶ βασιλεύει Χριστὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

**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 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.

Glory. **For the Proto-martyr.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 2.**

You are distinguished among Martyrs and Deacons as being the first, O blessed Stephen. You are the jewel of Athletes, the pride and joy of the faithful, and the glory of the Righteous. Pray for us who celebrate your solemn memorial, since you stand near the throne of Christ the King of all; and ask that we may receive forgiveness of sins, and be counted worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

[SD]

Both now. **For the Feast.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode pl. 2.**

All the Angels in heaven form a chorus and exult today; and all creation leaps for joy, because our Savior and Lord has been born in Bethlehem. All the deception of idols has ceased, and Christ reigns as King, forever and ever. [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.

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε,  
ἱλάσθητι 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,  
ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ  
βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω 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  
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 Πρωτομάρτυρος.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

**Ἦχος δ΄. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.**

Βασίλειον διάδημα, ἐστέφθη σὴ κορυφή,  
ἐξ ἄθλων ὧν ὑπέμεινας, ὑπὲρ Χριστοῦ τοῦ  
Θεοῦ, μαρτύρων Πρωτόαθλε· σὺ γὰρ τὴν  
Ιουδαίων ἀπελέγχας μανίαν, εἰδὲς σου τὸν  
Σωτῆρα, τοῦ Πατρὸς δεξιόθεν. Αὐτὸν οὖν  
ἐκδυσώπει ἀεὶ, ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

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

(Amen.)

#### CHOIR

**Apolytikion. For the Proto-martyr.**

From Menaion - -

**Mode 4. Come quickly.**

O Stephen, a crown of royalty was laid  
on your head \* for contests you courageously  
endured for Christ our God, \* as first among  
Martyr saints. \* You stood in accusation of the  
raging Judeans; \* and you saw your Savior at  
the right hand of the Father. \* We pray that

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

**Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἦχος δ'.**

Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,  
ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως·  
ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες,  
ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν,  
τὸν ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ  
γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα  
σοι.

**ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ**

Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς κατὰ τὸ μέγα  
ἐλεὸς 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  
εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν, τῶν  
κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν

you will ever entreat Him to save our souls.

[SD]

Glory. Both now.

**Apolytikion of the Feast.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode 4.**

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has  
caused the light of knowledge to rise upon  
the world. For therein the worshippers of the  
stars were by a star instructed to worship  
You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know  
You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O  
Lord. [SD]

**DEACON**

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

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

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox  
Christians.

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

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

(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

τῇ (πόλει, κώμῃ), ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν,  
ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν  
τοῦ ἁγίου ναοῦ τούτου.

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

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν μακαρίων  
καὶ αἰορίμων 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 αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

### 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 ἁγίαν  
καὶ ἀμώμητον πίστιν τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ  
ὀρθοδόξων Χριστιανῶν, σὺν τῇ ἁγίᾳ αὐτοῦ  
Ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ εἰς αἰῶνας  
αἰώνων.

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.)

### 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.

## ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Αμήν.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβεὶμ, καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφεὶμ, 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') Εὐλόγησον.

## ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὁ ἐν σπηλαίῳ γεννηθεὶς, καὶ ἐν φάτνῃ ἀνακλιθεὶς, διὰ τὴν ἡμῶν σωτηρίαν, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πρωτομάρτυρος, καὶ Ἀρχidiaκόνου Στεφάνου, οὗ καὶ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν· 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.)

## 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 He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and the holy Proto-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen, whose memory we celebrate, 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.)