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ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

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 δέσρην, 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 ἐπιτιμήσεώς
σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς
σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουσιν ὄρη,
καὶ καταβαίνουσι πεδία εἰς τόπον, ὃν
ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ
παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι
καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων
πηγὰς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀνάμεσον τῶν ὀρέων
διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ

PRIEST

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

READER

Amen.

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

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

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

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
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

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 ἰ 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. Ἐθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπαῖσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ βρώσιν 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 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,

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 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

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. Ἄσω 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.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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. (SAAS)

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.

Glory to 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.

DEACON

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἔθνους ἡμῶν, καὶ 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.)

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.

For peace in 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 our (episcopal rank) (name), the
honorable presbyters, the deacons in the
service of Christ, and all the clergy and laity,
let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For favorable weather, an abundance of
the fruits of the earth, and temperate seasons,
let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and
protect us, O God, by your grace.

(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 πλ. 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.

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

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

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

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Remembering our most holy, pure,
blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos
and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let
us commit 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 the Son and the
Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages
of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Mode pl. 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)

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.

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

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἡδύνθησαν· ὡσεὶ πάχος γῆς ἐρράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὀστᾶ 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 ἀμαρτωλοί· κατὰ μόνας εἰμὶ ἐγὼ ἕως ἂν παρέλθω.

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

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

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

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

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

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

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

Πρόσχεες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

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

Τῆς Οκτωήχου ---

Στιχηρὰ Ἀναστάσιμα. Ἦχος πλ. β'.
Στιχηρὸν Α'.

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

Νίκην ἔχων Χριστέ, τὴν κατὰ τοῦ Ἄιδου, ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἀνῆλθες, ἵνα τοὺς ἐν σκοτει θανάτου καθημένους, συναναστήσης

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.

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

From Octoechos ---

Resurrectional Stichera. Mode pl. 2.
Sticheron 1.

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

Triumphant over Hades, O Christ, you ascended upon the cross to raise up with yourself those dwelling in the darkness of

σεαυτῷ, ὁ ἐν νεκροῖς ἐλεύθερος, ὁ πηγάζων
ζωὴν ἐξ οἰκείου φωτός, Παντοδύναμε
Σωτήρ, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Στιχηρὸν Β'.

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ
ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

Σήμερον ὁ Χριστός, θάνατον πατήσας,
καθὼς εἶπεν ἀνέστη, καὶ τὴν ἀγαλλίασιν
τῷ κόσμῳ ἐδωρήσατο, ἵνα πάντες
κραυγάζοντες τὸν ὕμνον οὕτως εἴπωμεν·
Ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς, τὸ ἀπρόσιτον φῶς,
παντοδύναμε Σωτήρ, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Στιχηρὸν Γ'.

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

Σὲ Κύριε τὸν ὄντα ἐν πάσῃ τῇ
κτίσει, ἀμαρτωλοὶ ποῦ φύγωμεν; ἐν τῷ
οὐρανῷ; αὐτὸς κατοικεῖς, ἐν τῷ Ἄϊδι;
ἐπάτησας θάνατον, εἰς τὰ βάθη τὰ τῆς
θαλάσσης; ἐκεῖ ἡ χεὶρ σου Δέσποτα. Πρὸς
σὲ καταφεύγομεν, σοὶ προσπίπτοντες
ἱκετεύομεν· Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν,
ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Στιχηρὸν Δ'.

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

Ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ σου Χριστέ καυχώμεθα,
καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασίν σου, ὑμνοῦμεν καὶ
δοξάζομεν· σὺ γὰρ εἶ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἐκτός σου
ἄλλον οὐκ οἶδαμεν.

death. Free from among the dead, you pour
forth life from your own light. Almighty
Savior, have mercy on us. (HC)

Sticheron 2.

*The righteous shall wait for me, until You
reward me. (SAAS)*

Today, Christ, having trampled upon
death, according to his word, rose up
bestowing joy upon the world, so that all of
us shouting this hymn might say: O Fount
of life, light that no person may approach, O
almighty Savior, have mercy on us. (HC)

Sticheron 3.

*Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord.
O Lord, hear my voice. (SAAS)*

Where shall we sinners fly from you, O
Lord, who are everywhere in creation? Into
heaven? Your abode is there. Into hell? You
have trampled upon death. Into the uttermost
parts of the sea? Your hand reaches there, O
Master. We run to you and falling before you
we pray: You, who rose from the dead, have
mercy on us. (HC)

Sticheron 4.

*Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplication. (SAAS)*

We exult in your cross, O Christ, and we
praise and glorify your resurrection. You are
indeed our God; we know no other Lord but
you. (HC)

Προεόρτιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος δ΄. Ὡς γενναῖον ἐν Μάρτυσι.

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

Προεόρτια ἄσματα, εὐσεβῶς προηγήσωμεν, τοῦ σεπτοῦ Βαπτίσματος, τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἰδοὺ γὰρ μέλλει ὡς ἄνθρωπος, σαρκὶ παραγίνεσθαι, πρὸς τὸν Πρόδρομον αὐτοῦ, καὶ αἰτεῖσθαι τὸ Βάπτισμα, τὸ σωτήριον, εἰς ἀνάπλασιν πάντων τῶν ἐν πίστει, ἱερῶς φωτιζομένων, καὶ μετεχόντων τοῦ Πνεύματος.

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

Ὁ Χριστὸς ἀναδείκνυται ὁ Θεὸς ἐπιφαίνεται ὁ Δαυῖδ προέγραψεν ἐμφανέστατα· καὶ πρὸς τὸν δοῦλον τὸ Βάπτισμα, αἰτούμενος ἔρχεται Ἰορδάνη ποταμέ, εὐφροσύνης πληρώθητι. Γῆ καὶ θάλασσα, οἱ βουνοὶ καὶ τὰ ὄρη, καὶ ἄνθρωπων, νῦν σκιρτήσατε καρδίαι, φῶς νοητὸν εἰσδεχόμεναι.

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

Ποταμὸν τῆς εἰρήνης σε, καὶ χειμάρρουν ὡς γέγραπται, τῆς τρυφῆς ὑπάρχοντα παντοδύναμε, πῶς σε ποτάμια ῥεύματα, εἰσδέχονται Κύριε, ἐπιβαίνοντα γυμνόν, οὐρανοὺς τὸν τοῖς νέφεσι, περιβάλλοντα, καὶ γυμνώσαντα πᾶσαν τὴν κακίαν, τοῦ ἐχθροῦ καὶ ἀφθαρσίαν, τοὺς γηγενεῖς ἐπενδύσαντα;

For the Forefeast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4. (not metered)

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

Let us devoutly intone songs for the Forefeast of the revered Baptism of our God; for see, in flesh, as a human, he is about to approach his Forerunner and to ask for saving Baptism for the refashioning of all those who with faith receive sacred enlightenment and share in the Spirit. (EL)

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his transgressions. (SAAS)

Christ is revealed; God appears; David wrote it clearly in prophecy; and he comes to the slave, asking for Baptism; River Jordan, be filled with joy. Earth and sea, hills and mountains, and hearts of mortals, all of you now leap for joy, as you wait to receive the immaterial light. (EL)

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; praise Him, all you peoples. (SAAS)

O all-powerful, you are a river of peace and a stream of delight, as it written; how then will a river's streams receive you as you go down into it naked, Lord, who wrap the heavens with clouds, stripped naked all the evil of the foe and clothed those born of earth with incorruption. (EL)

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

Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Σίλβεστρε, ἱερωσύνης
φωτί, ἱερῶς φωτιζόμενος, τοὺς πιστοὺς
ἐφώτισας, φωτοβόλοις διδάγμασι, Μονάδα
φύσει τὴν τρισυπόστατον, οὐσίαν σέβειν·
καὶ ἀπεδίωξας, σκότος αἰρέσεων· τὴν
φωσφόρον σήμερον, ὅθεν φαιδρῶς, μνήμην
σου γηθόμενοι, πανηγυρίζομεν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β’.

Ἐρχεται πρὸς Ἰορδάνην, Χριστὸς ἡ
ἀλήθεια, τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι ὑπὸ Ἰωάννου,
καὶ φησὶ πρὸς αὐτόν· Ἐγὼ χρεῖαν ἔχω ὑπὸ
σοῦ βαπτισθῆναι, καὶ Σὺ ἔρχῃ πρὸς με; οὐ
τολμῶ ὁ χόρτος προσπαῦσαι τῷ πυρί· σὺ με
ἀγίασον Δέσποτα, τῇ θεῖᾳ ἐπιφανείᾳ σου.

Τῆς Οκτωήχου ---

Καὶ νῦν. **Ἦχος πλ. β’.**

Τὸ α’ Θεοτοκίον τοῦ Ἦχου.

Τίς μὴ μακαρίσει σε, Παναγία Παρθένε;
τίς μὴ ἀνυμνήσει σου τὸν ἀλόχευτον τόκον;
ὁ γὰρ ἀχρόνως ἐκ Πατρὸς ἐκλάμψας Υἱὸς
μονογενής, ὁ αὐτὸς ἐκ σοῦ τῆς Ἀγνῆς
προῆλθεν, ἀφράστως σαρκωθείς, φύσει
Θεὸς ὑπάρχων, καὶ φύσει γενόμενος
ἄνθρωπος δι’ ἡμᾶς, οὐκ εἰς δυάδα
προσώπων τεμνόμενος, ἀλλ’ ἐν δυάδι
φύσεων, ἀσυγχύτως γνωριζόμενος. Αὐτὸν
ἱκέτευε, σεμνὴ Παμμακάριστε, ἐλεηθῆναι
τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

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

(SD)

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

Christ the truth comes to the Jordan to
be baptised by John, who says to him, ‘I need
to be baptised by you; and do you come
to me? I who am grass dare not touch the
fire. But sanctify me, Master, by your divine
Epiphany’. (EL)

From Octoechos ---

Both now. **Mode pl. 2.**

The First Theotokion of the Mode.

Who will not call you blessed, most
holy Virgin? Who will not sing praises of
your wondrous birth giving? For the only
begotten Son, timelessly having shone forth
from the Father, came forth from you who
are pure. And having been ineffably made
flesh, he, who by nature is God, for our
sake became also by nature man: not in two
divided persons, but in two natures without
confusion. O honored and all blessed one,
beseech him to have mercy on our souls. (HC)

DEACON (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας καὶ πρωΐ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν,
εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθα σου,
Δέσποτα τῶν πάντων, Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε.
Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, ὡς θυμίαμα
ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνῃς 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, οὐρανόυ, ἀγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ
Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν,
ιδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα,
Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἀξιόν σε ἐν
παῶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίοις,
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· Διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ
δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἐσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν
ἐνεδύσατο.

Στίχ. Ἐνεδύσατο Κύριος δύναμιν καὶ
περιεζώσατο.

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν
ἐνεδύσατο.

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

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν
ἐνεδύσατο.

PRIEST (in a low voice)

Prayer of the Entrance

In the evening and in the morning and at noonday
we praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You,
and we pray to You, O Master of all, Lord who love
mankind: Direct our prayer as incense before You, and
incline not our hearts to words or thoughts of evil, but
deliver us from all who seek after our souls. For to
You, O Lord, O Lord, are our eyes, and in You have we
hoped. Put us not to shame, O our God.

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.

CHOIR

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2.

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with
majesty. (SAAS)

Verse: The Lord clothed and girded Himself
with power.

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with
majesty.

Verse: And He established the world, which
shall not be moved.

The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with
majesty.

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). καὶ καὶ

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

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

DEACON

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

Let us pray for (episcopal rank) (name).

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

Let us pray for our brethren, priests,
hieromonks, deacons, and 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, visitation, forgiveness
and remission of the sins of all pious and
Orthodox Christians living and visiting in
this city, the parishioners, the members of
the Parish Council and every Ministry of this
Parish, and the donors and benefactors of this
holy church.

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

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

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

Ἦτι 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.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

Let us again pray for the blessed and
ever-memorable founders of this holy church,
and for all our fathers, mothers, brothers, and
sisters who are asleep here in the Lord and for
the Orthodox everywhere.

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

Let us again pray for those who do
charitable work, for those who serve in this
holy house, for those who labor, teach, and
sing, and for all 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 and loving God,
and to you we give glory, to the Father and
the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever
and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

READER

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

Ἀγίῳ 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, ἀγίαν, 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 μετάνοιᾳ ἐκτελέσαι, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

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

(Παράσχον, Κύριε.)

(Amen.)

DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and protect us, O God, by your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For a perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless evening, 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 forgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For the completion of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλῖνας οὐρανούς καὶ
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλάνθρωπῳ 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 προσιούσαν 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
Πατρὸς, καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ, καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου
Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας
τῶν αἰώνων.

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

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For you are a good and loving God, and
to you we give glory, to the Father and the
Son and 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)

O Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and
came down for the salvation of mankind: Look upon
Your servants and Your inheritance; for to You, the
fearful Judge who yet love mankind, have Your
servants bowed their heads and submissively inclined
their necks, awaiting not help from men but entreating
Your mercy and looking confidently for Your salvation.
Guard them at all times, both during this present
evening and in the approaching night, from every foe,
from all adverse powers of the devil and from vain
thoughts and from evil imaginations.

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.

(Ἀμήν.)

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα Ἀναστάσιμα.

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Τὴν Ἀνάστασίν σου Χριστὲ Σωτὴρ,
Ἄγγελοι ὕμνουσιν ἐν οὐρανοῖς, καὶ ἡμᾶς
τοὺς ἐπὶ γῆς καταξιώσον, ἐν καθαρᾷ καρδίᾳ
σὲ δοξάζειν.

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

Πύλας συντρίψας χαλκᾶς, καὶ
μοχλοὺς τοῦ Ἄιδου συνθλάσας, ὡς Θεὸς
παντοδύναμος, γένος ἀνθρώπων πεπτωκός
ἀνέστησας. Διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ἡμεῖς συμφώνως
βοῶμεν· Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε
δόξα σοι.

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

Πεύσεως ἡμᾶς τῆς πάλαι Χριστὸς
ἐπανορθῶσαι θέλων, Σταυρῷ
προσπήγνυται καὶ τάφῳ τέθειται, ὃν
Μυροφόροι Γυναῖκες, μετὰ δακρῶν
ζητοῦσαι, θρηνοῦσαι ἔλεγον· Οἶμοι
Σωτὴρ τῶν ἀπάντων, πῶς κατεδέξω
τάφῳ οἰκῆσαι; οἰκήσας δὲ θέλων, πῶς
ἐκλάπη; πῶς μετετέθη; ποῖος δὲ τόπος
τὸ σὸν ζωηφόρον κατέκρυψε σῶμα; Ἀλλὰ
Δέσποτα, ὡς ὑπέσχου, ἡμῖν ἐμφάνηθι,
καὶ παῦσον ἀφ' ἡμῶν, τὸν ὀδυρμὸν τῶν
δακρῶν, θρηνοῦσαις δὲ αὐταῖς, Ἄγγελος
πρὸς αὐτὰς ἀπεβόησε. Τὸν θρῆνον
παυσάμεναι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἶπατε· Ὅτι
ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, τῷ κόσμῳ δωρούμενος
ἰλασμόν, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

(Amen.)

From Octoechos ---

CHOIR

Resurrectional Aposticha.

Mode pl. 2.

Angels in heaven sing the praises of your
resurrection, Christ our Savior. Grant that we
too on earth may with pure hearts glorify you.

(HC)

Verse: *The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself
with majesty. The Lord clothed and girded Himself
with power.* (SAAS)

After smashing the gates of brass and
breaking the bolts and bars of Hades, you,
almighty God, raised up fallen mankind.
Therefore, with one accord, we cry: O Lord,
risen from the dead, Glory to you. (HC)

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

Wishing to lift us out of the ancient
corruption, Christ was nailed upon the cross
and laid in the tomb. In tears the women
bearing myrrh searched for him and said
lamenting: Woe to us! O Savior of all, how did
you consent to stay in a tomb? And as you
stayed there willingly, how were you stolen?
How were you moved? What place now hides
your life giving body? O Master, appear to
us as you have promised, and dry up the
fountain of our tears. Thereupon as they wept,
an angel came to them and cried: Cease your
weeping and tell the apostles that the Lord
is risen, granting the world forgiveness and
great mercy. (HC)

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

Σταυρωθεὶς ὡς ἡβουλήθης Χριστέ,
καὶ τὸν θάνατον τῇ ταφῇ σου σκυλεύσας,
τριήμερος ἀνέστης, ὡς Θεὸς μετὰ δόξης, τῷ
κόσμῳ δωρούμενος ἀτελεύτητον ζωὴν, καὶ
τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος γ'.

Δεῦτε ἅπαντες πιστοί, τὴν Ἰουδαίαν
ἀφέντες, διέλθωμεν τὴν ἔρημον τοῦ
Ἰορδάνου, καὶ θεασώμεθα σήμερον ἐκεῖ, τὸν
δι' ἡμᾶς ἐπιφανέντα σαρκί, τὸ Βάπτισμα
αἰτοῦντα, ἐν τοῖς ῥείθοις τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, τὸν
Βαπτιστὴν παραιτούμενον, καὶ βοῶντα τῷ
φόβῳ· Οὐ τολμῶ χειροθετῆσαι τῇ πηλίνῃ
παλάμῃ τὸ πῦρ. Ὁ Ἰορδάνης καὶ ἡ θάλασσα
ἔφυγον, Σωτὴρ, καὶ ἀπεστράφησαν·
κἀγὼ πῶς ἐπιθήσω ἐπὶ τὴν κορυφὴν σου
χεῖρα, ἣν τρέμει τὰ Σεραφίμ; Ἀνεχώρησεν
ὁ Ἰορδάνης, ὡς ἐδέξατο τὴν Ἡλίου, δι'
Ἑλισσαίου μηλωτὴν· πῶς μὴ δύῃ εἰς χάος
καὶ βάθος, βλέπων γυμνὸν σε ἐν τοῖς
ῥείθοις; πῶς δὲ μὴ φλέξῃ με, ὅλος ἐκ σοῦ
πυρούμενος; Τί βραδύνεις Βαπτιστά, τοῦ
βαπτίσαι τὸν Κύριόν μου; ὁ Ἰορδάνης βοᾷ
πρὸς Ἰωάννην. Τί τῶν πολλῶν κωλύεις τὴν
κάθαρσιν, πᾶσαν τὴν κτίσιν ἡγίασεν· ἄφες
ἀγιάσαι καὶ τῶν ὑδάτων τὴν φύσιν, ὅτι
εἰς τοῦτο ἐπεφάνη.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὦδὴν 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

Verse: Holiness is proper to Your house, O
Lord, unto length of days. (SAAS)

Crucified according to your will and
despoiling death by your entombment, O
Christ, you rose in glory on the third day as
God, granting the world life everlasting and
great mercy. (HC)

Glory. Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

Mode 3.

Come, all believers, leaving Judea let us
cross over the desert of Jordan, and there
let us contemplate today the one who was
manifested in flesh for our sake asking for
Baptism in the streams of Jordan, the Baptism
refusing and crying out in fear, 'I dare not
with a palm of clay lay my hands on fire. The
Jordan and the sea have fled and been turned
back, my Saviour; how then shall I place my
hand upon your head, at which the Seraphim
tremble? Jordan turned back when it received
through Elissaios the mantle of Elias. How
will it not sink into chaos and the deep, when
it sees you naked in your streams? How,
wholly aflame from you, will it not burn me
up?' 'Why do you hesitate, Baptist, to baptise
my Lord?' the Jordan cries to John. 'Why
do you prevent the cleansing of many? He
sanctified all creation; let him sanctify both
me and the nature of the waters, for this he
has been made manifest'. (EL)

PRIEST

Song of Simeon.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace, according to thy word; for mine
eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast
prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light

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. 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.)

for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to
thy people Israel. (RSV)

PEOPLE

Trisagion Prayers.

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

Glory to 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 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. (GOA)

PRIEST

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

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Τῆς Ὀκτωήχου ---

**Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος πλ. β'.**

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα
σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν,
καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα
τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν
Ἄϊδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας
τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ
ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'. Κατεπλάγη Ἰωσήφ.

Ἐτοιμάζου Ζαβουλών, καὶ εὐτρεπίζου
Νεφθαλείμ. Ἰορδάνη ποταμέ, στήθι
ὑπόδεξαι σκιρτῶν, τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι
ἐρχόμενον τὸν Δεσπότην. Ἀγάλλου ὁ Ἀδὰμ
σὺν τῇ Προμήτορι· μὴ κρύπτετε ἑαυτοὺς,
ὥς ἐν Παραδείσῳ τὸ πρὶν· καὶ γὰρ γυμνοὺς
ιδὼν ὑμᾶς ἐπέφανεν, ἵνα ἐνδύσῃ τὴν
πρώτην στολήν. Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, τὴν πᾶσαν
κτίσιν, θέλων ἀνακαινίσαι.

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.

CHOIR

From Octoechos ---

**Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 2.**

When the angelic powers appeared at
Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared
and became as dead. And standing by the
sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your
immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not
afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin,
and granted eternal life. You resurrected from
the dead. O Lord, glory to You. (SD)

Glory. Both now. **For the Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

Mode 4. Joseph marveled.

O Zabulon, prepare, and be ready,
Nephthalim. * Jordan River, hold your course,
and exultantly receive * the Master who is
coming to be baptized. * Adam leap for joy
with Eve the Foremother. * No longer hide
yourselves, as once in Paradise; * for having
seen you naked He has appeared * to clothe
you in your former vesture. * The Christ
has appeared, wishing to renew * the entire
creation. (SD)

DEACON

Wisdom!

(Father, bless!)

PRIEST

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

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Αμήν.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβίμ, καὶ ἑνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφίμ, 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

καὶ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, 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 Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος καὶ ἐλεήμων Θεός.

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 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 and rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his most pure and 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, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, the holy, glorious, and triumphant Martyrs, our holy and God-bearing Fathers, (**local patron saint**); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, as a good, loving and merciful God.

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

(Amen.)