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ΧΟΡΟΣ

$^{\circ}$ H χ o ς α' .

Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν. Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Στίχ. α'. Έξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐπικαλεῖσθε τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἄγιον αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. β'. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἐκύκλωσάν με, καὶ τῷ ὀνόματι Κυρίου ἠμυνάμην αὐτούς.

Στίχ. γ'. Παρὰ Κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη καὶ ἔστι θαυμαστὴ ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν.
Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Άπολυτίκιον. Τῆς Έορτῆς. Ἦχος α' .

Χαῖφε κεχαφιτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παφθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰφ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἦλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χφιστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφφαίνου καὶ σὺ Πφεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθεφωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαφιζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν. (ἐκ γ΄)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Έτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰοήνη τοῦ Κυοίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Άντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχοάντου, 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.)

CHOIR

Mode 1.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (SAAS)

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.

Verse 2: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.

Verse 3: And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

From Menaion - - -

Apolytikion. For the Feast. Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. (3)

DEACON

Again and again in peace 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.

(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.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Άγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

 $(A\mu\eta\nu.)$

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Κάθισμα Α'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - - **'Ηχος α'.** Αὐτόμελον.

Χορὸς ἄγγελικός, ἐκπληττέσθω τὸ θαῦμα, βροτοὶ δὲ ταῖς φωναῖς, ἀνακράξωμεν ὕμνον, ὁρῶντες τὴν ἄφατον, τοῦ Θεοῦ συγκατάβασιν ὂν γὰρ τρέμουσι, τῶν οὐρανῶν αἱ Δυνάμεις, γηραλέαι νῦν, ἐναγκαλίζονται χεῖρες, τὸν μόνον φιλάνθρωπον.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. Τὸ αὐτό.

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Κάθισμα Β'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ήχος α΄. Τὸν τάφον σου Σωτήρ.

Ό ὢν σὺν τῷ Πατρί, ἐπὶ θρόνου ἁγίου, ἐλθὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐκ Παρθένου ἐτέχθη, καὶ βρέφος ἐγένετο, χρόνοις ὢν ἀπερίγραπτος, ὃν δεξάμενος, ὁ Συμεὼν ἐν ἀγκάλαις, χαίρων ἔλεγε Νῦν ἀπολύεις Οἰκτίρμον, εὐφράνας τὸν δοῦλόν σου.

PRIEST

For yours is the dominion, and yours is the kingdom, 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.)

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1. Automelon.

In heaven be amazed by the wonder, O Angels; * with voices cry aloud a divine hymn, O mortals,* beholding the ineffable condescension of God to us.* For now Symeon holds in his aged embraces * Him before whom stand the hosts of heaven and tremble,* the only One who loves mankind. (SD)

Glory. Both now. Repeat.

In heaven be amazed by the wonder, O Angels; * with voices cry aloud a divine hymn, O mortals,* beholding the ineffable condescension of God to us.* For now Symeon holds in his aged embraces * Him before whom stand the hosts of heaven and tremble,* the only One who loves mankind. (SD)

Kathisma II.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.*

The One who is upon the holy throne with the Father, * has come upon the earth and was born of a Virgin. * An infant has He become who by years is uncircumscribed. * And when Symeon in his embraces received Him, * he rejoiced and said, You made me glad, now release me, * Your servant, O compassionate Lord. (5D)

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. Τὸ αὐτό.

Ό ὢν σὺν τῷ Πατρί, ἐπὶ θρόνου ἁγίου, ἐλθὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐκ Παρθένου ἐτέχθη, καὶ βρέφος ἐγένετο, χρόνοις ὢν ἀπερίγραπτος, ὃν δεξάμενος, ὁ Συμεὼν ἐν ἀγκάλαις, χαίρων ἔλεγε Νῦν ἀπολύεις Οἰκτίρμον, εὐφράνας τὸν δοῦλόν σου.

Κάθισμα Γ'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ήχος δ΄. Κατεπλάγη Ίωσήφ.

Νηπιάζει δι' ἐμέ, ὁ Παλαιὸς τῶν ἡμεςῶν, καθαςσίων κοινωνεῖ, ὁ καθαςώτατος Θεός, ἵνα τὴν σάςκα πιστώση μου, τὴν ἐκ Παςθένου. Καὶ ταῦτα Συμεὼν μυσταγωγούμενος, ἐπέγνω τὸν αὐτόν, Θεὸν φανέντα σαςκί, καὶ ὡς ζωὴν ἠσπάζετο, καὶ χαίςων, πρεσβυτικῶς ἀνεκραύγαζεν Ἀπόλυσόν με σὲ γὰς κατεῖδον, τὴν ζωὴν τῶν ἁπάντων.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν. Τὸ αὐτό.

Νηπιάζει δι' ἐμέ, ὁ Παλαιὸς τῶν ἡμερῶν, καθαρσίων κοινωνεῖ, ὁ καθαρώτατος Θεός, ἵνα τὴν σάρκα πιστώση μου, τὴν ἐκ Παρθένου. Καὶ ταῦτα Συμεὼν μυσταγωγούμενος, ἐπέγνω τὸν αὐτόν, Θεὸν φανέντα σαρκί, καὶ ὡς ζωὴν ἠσπάζετο, καὶ χαίρων, πρεσβυτικῶς ἀνεκραύγαζεν Ἀπόλυσόν με σὲ γὰρ κατεῖδον, τὴν ζωὴν τῶν ἁπάντων.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Έτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνη τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Glory. Both now. Repeat.

The One who is upon the holy throne with the Father, * has come upon the earth and was born of a Virgin. * An infant has He become who by years is uncircumscribed. * And when Symeon in his embraces received Him, * he rejoiced and said, You made me glad, now release me, * Your servant, O compassionate Lord. (5D)

Kathisma III.

From Menaion - -

Mode 4. Joseph marveled.

Now the Ancient of Days becomes an infant for me. * And the most pure God now shares purification with me, * to show that truly He assumed my flesh from the Virgin. * And Symeon was led to know the mystery * and recognized as God the one he saw in the flesh. * And he embraced and kissed Him as life itself, * and he rejoiced as an elder and cried aloud, * Let me depart now, for I have seen You, * O Lord, the life of all things. (SD)

Glory. Both now. Repeat.

Now the Ancient of Days becomes an infant for me. * And the most pure God now shares purification with me, * to show that truly He assumed my flesh from the Virgin. * And Symeon was led to know the mystery * and recognized as God the one he saw in the flesh. * And he embraced and kissed Him as life itself, * and he rejoiced as an elder and cried aloud, * Let me depart now, for I have seen You, * O Lord, the life of all things. (SD)

DEACON

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Άντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχοάντου, 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

Ότι ηὐλόγηταί σου τὸ ὄνομα, καὶ δεδόξασταί σου ἡ βασιλεία, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ Άγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Άμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἐκ νεότητός μου πολλὰ πολεμεῖ με πάθη, ἀλλ' αὐτὸς ἀντιλαβοῦ, καὶ σῶσον Σωτήο μου. (δίς)

Οἱ μισοῦντες Σιών, αἰσχύνθητε ἀπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου· ὡς χόρτος γάρ, πυρὶ ἔσεσθε ἀπεξηραμμένοι. (δίς)

Δόξα.

Άγίω Πνεύματι πᾶσα ψυχὴ ζωοῦται, καὶ καθάρσει ύψοῦται λαμπρύνεται, τῆ τριαδικῆ Μονάδι ἱεροκρυφίως.

Καὶ νῦν.

Άγίω Πνεύματι, ἀναβλύζει τὰ τῆς χάριτος ὁεῖθρα, ἀρδεύοντα, ἄπασαν τὴν κτίσιν πρὸς ζωογονίαν. Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and protect us, O God, by your grace.

(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 blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Antiphon I. Mode 4.

Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2) (5D)

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2) (SD)

Glory.

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life, and through cleansing is lifted and brightened, in a hidden, sacred manner, by the trinal Monad. (SD)

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered. (5D)

Ποοκείμενον. Ψαλμὸς ΡΙΕ΄ (115).

Μνησθήσομαι τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ἐν πάση γενεᾳ καὶ γενεᾳ. (δίς)

Στίχ. Έξηρεύξατο ή καρδία μου λόγον ἀγαθόν, λέγω ἐγὼ τὰ ἔργα μου τῷ βασιλεῖ, ἡ γλῶσσά μου κάλαμος γραμματέως ὀξυγράφου.

Μνησθήσομαι τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ἐν πάση γενεᾳ καὶ γενεᾳ.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι Άγιος εἶ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐν Άγίοις ἐπαναπαύη, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατοὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀμήν.

Ήχος β'.

Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον. (δίς) Αἰνεσάτω πνοὴ πᾶσα τὸν Κύριον.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Καὶ ὑπέρ τοῦ καταξιωθῆναι ἡμᾶς τῆς ἀκροάσεως τοῦ ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου, Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν ἱκετεύσωμεν.

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία! Όρθοί! Ακούσωμεν τοῦ άγίου Εὐαγγελίου.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

Prokeimenon. Psalm 115 (116).

I will remember your name from generation to generation. (2)

Verse: My heart overflowed with a good word; I tell my works to the King; my tongue is the pen of a swift-writing scribe.

I will remember your name from generation to generation. (SAAS)

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, 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.

CHOIR

Amen.

Mode 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (SAAS)

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

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

DEACON

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the holy Gospel.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Πρόσχωμεν!

(Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

(2:25-32)

Τῷ καιοῷ ἐκείνῳ ἦν ἄνθοωπος ἐν Ίερουσαλήμ, ῷ ὄνομα Συμεών καὶ ὁ ἄνθοωπος οὖτος δίκαιος καὶ εὐλαβής, προσδεχόμενος παράκλησιν τοῦ Ἰσραήλ· καὶ Πνεῦμα Άγιον ἦν ἐπ' αὐτόν. Καὶ ἦν αὐτῷ κεχρηματισμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ Πνεύματος τοῦ Άγίου μὴ ἰδεῖν θάνατον, πρὶν ἢ ἴδη τὸν Χριστὸν Κυρίου. Καὶ ἦλθεν ἐν τῷ Πνεύματι είς τὸ ἱερόν καὶ ἐν τῷ εἰαγαγεῖν τοὺς γονεῖς τὸ παιδίον Ἰησοῦν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτοὺς κατὰ τὸ εἰθισμένον τοῦ νόμου περὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ εὐλόγησε τὸν Θεὸν καὶ εἶπε· Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ وῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνη: ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, δ ήτοίμασας κατά πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραήλ.

(Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ψαλμὸς Ν' (50).

Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιομῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου. Ἐπὶ πλεῖον πλῦνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου, καὶ απὸ τῆς άμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με. Ότι τὴν ἀνομίαν μου ἐγὼ γινώσκω, καὶ ἡ άμαρτία μου ἐνώπιόν μού ἐστι διὰ παντός. Σοὶ μόνῳ ἥμαρτον καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν ἐνώπιόν

PRIEST

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

DEACON

Let us be attentive!

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

PRIEST

(2:25-32)

At that time, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." (RSV)

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

READER

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be

σου ἐποίησα, ὅπως ἂν δικαιωθῆς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις σου, καὶ νικήσης ἐν τῷ κρίνεσθαί σε. Ίδοὺ γὰρ ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήφθην, καὶ ἐν άμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέ με ἡ μήτηρ μου. Ἰδοὺ γὰο ἀλήθειαν ἠγάπησας, τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κούφια τῆς σοφίας σου ἐδήλωσάς μοι. Ραντιεῖς με ὑσσώπω, καὶ καθαρισθήσομαι, πλυνεῖς με, καὶ ὑπὲο χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι. Άκουτιεῖς μοι ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εὐφοοσύνην· άγαλλιάσονται ὀστέα τεταπεινωμένα. Απόστρεψον τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν άμαςτιῶν μου καὶ πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου ἐξάλειψον. Καρδίαν καθαράν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ Θεός, καὶ πνεῦμα εὐθὲς ἐγκαίνισον έν τοῖς ἐγκάτοις μου. Μὴ ἀπορρίψης με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου καὶ το Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἄγιον μὴ ἀντανέλης ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Άπόδος μοι τὴν ἀγαλλίασιν τοῦ σωτηρίου σου καὶ πνεύματι ἡγεμονικῷ στήριξόν με. Διδάξω ἀνόμους τὰς ὁδούς σου, καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἐπὶ σὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι. Ρῦσαί με έξ αίμάτων, ὁ Θεὸς, ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου άγαλλιάσεται ή γλῶσσά μου τὴν δικαιοσύνην σου. Κύριε, τὰ χείλη μου ἀνοίξεις, καὶ τὸ στόμα μου ἀναγγελεῖ τὴν αἴνεσίν σου. Ότι εἰ ἠθέλησας θυσίαν, ἔδωκα άν όλοκαυτώματα οὐκ εὐδοκήσεις. Θυσία τῷ Θεῷ πνεῦμα συντετριμμένον, καρδίαν συντετοιμμένην καὶ τεταπεινωμένην ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ ἐξουδενώσει. Ἀγάθυνον, Κύριε, ἐν τῆ εὐδοκία σου τὴν Σιών, καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τείχη Ίερουσαλήμ. Τότε εὐδοκήσεις θυσίαν δικαιοσύνης, ἀναφορὰν καὶ όλοκαυτώματα. Τότε ἀνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. (SAAS)

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Δ όξ α . Ήχος β' .

Ταῖς τῆς Θεοτόκου πρεσβείαις, Ἐλεῆμον, ἐξάλειψον τὰ πλήθη τῶν ἐμῶν ἐγκλημάτων.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ταῖς τῆς Θεοτόκου ποεσβείαις, Ἐλεῆμον, ἐξάλειψον τὰ πλήθη τῶν ἐμῶν ἐγκλημάτων.

Ίδιόμελον. Ἡχος πλ. β΄.

Στίχ. Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου.

Άνοιγέσθω ή πύλη τοῦ οὐρανοῦ σήμερον ὁ γὰρ ἄναρχος Λόγος τοῦ Πατρός, ἀρχὴν λαβὼν χρονικήν, μὴ ἐκστὰς τῆς αὐτοῦ Θεότητος, ὑπὸ Παρθένου ὡς βρέφος τεσσαρακονθήμερον, Μητρὸς ἑκὼν προσφέρεται, ἐν ναῷ τῷ νομικῷ καὶ τοῦτον ἀγκάλαις εἰσδέχεται ὁ Πρέσβυς. Απόλυσον κράζων, ὁ δοῦλος τῷ Δεσπότη οἱ γὰρ ὀφθαλμοί μου εἶδον τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὸν κόσμον, σῶσαι γένος ἀνθρώπων, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σῶσον ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληφονομίαν σου ἐπίσκεψαι τὸν κόσμον σου ἐν ἐλέει καὶ οἰκτιφμοῖς τὸψωσον κέφας Χριστιανῶν ὀρθοδόξων καὶ κατάπεμψον ἐφ' ἡμᾶς τὰ ἐλέη σου τὰ πλούσια πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου Δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου ἐνδόξου Προφήτου Προδρόμου καὶ Βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου,

From Menaion - - -

CHOIR

Glory. Mode 2.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. (SD)

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. (5D)

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

Verse: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. (SAAS)

Let the gate of heaven open today. For the Father's beginningless Logos, having taken a beginning in time and not separated from His divinity, is willingly offered as a forty-day old infant, in the Temple of the Law, by His virgin Mother. And the Elder receives Him in his arms. "Let me depart," cries the servant to the Master. "For my eyes have seen Your salvation." O Lord, who came to the world to save the human race, glory to You! (SD)

DEACON

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious,

τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Αποστόλων, τῶν ἐν ἁγίοις Πατέρων ἡμῶν μεγάλων Ίεραρχῶν καὶ οἰκουμενικῶν Διδασκάλων, Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου, Γρηγορίου τοῦ Θεολόγου καὶ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χουσοστόμου, Ἀθανασίου, Κυρίλλου καὶ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Ἐλεήμονος Πατριαρχῶν Άλεξανδοίας Νικολάου τοῦ ἐν Μύροις, Σπυρίδωνος Τριμυθοῦντος καὶ Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως τῶν θαυματουργῶν· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων Μεγαλομαρτύρων Γεωργίου τοῦ Τροπαιοφόρου, Δημητρίου τοῦ Μυροβλήτου, Θεοδώρου τοῦ Τήρωνος, Θεοδώρου τοῦ Στρατηλάτου, Μηνᾶ τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ· τῶν Ἱερομαρτύρων Χαραλάμπους καὶ Ἐλευθερίου, τῆς άγίας ἐνδόξου Μεγαλομάρτυρος καὶ πανευφήμου Εὐφημίας τῶν άγίων ἐνδόξων Μαρτύρων Θέκλας, Βαρβάρας, Άναστασίας, Αἰκατεφίνης, Κυφιακῆς, Φωτεινῆς, Μαφίνας, Παρασκευῆς καὶ Εἰρήνης τῶν ὁσίων καὶ Θεοφόρων Πατέρων ήμῶν (τοῦ Άγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ) τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ίωακεὶμ καὶ Άννης καὶ πάντων σου τῶν Άγίων. Ίκετεύομέν σε, μόνε πολυέλεε Κύριε, ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν δεομένων σου καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ')

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἐλέει καὶ οἰκτιομοῖς καὶ φιλανθοωπία τοῦ μονογενοῦς σου Υίοῦ, μεθ' οὖ εὐλογητὸς εἰ, σὺν τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κοντάκιον. Ήχος α'.

Ό μήτραν παρθενικὴν άγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς

and praiseworthy Apostles, our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and of all your Saints. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. (12)

PRIEST

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Menaion - - -

READER

Kontakion. Mode 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of

ἔπφεπε, πφοφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

Ό Οἶκος.

Τῆ Θεοτόκω ποοσδοάμωμεν, οἱ βουλόμενοι κατιδεῖν τὸν Υἱὸν αὐτῆς, ποὸς Συμεὼν ἀπαγόμενον, ὃν πεο οὐρανόθεν οἱ Ἀσώματοι βλέποντες, ἐξεπλήττοντο λέγοντες θαυμαστὰ θεωροῦμεν νυνὶ καὶ παράδοξα, ἀκατάληπτα, ἄφραστα, ὁ τὸν Ἀδὰμ δημιουργήσας βαστάζεται ὡς βρέφος, ὁ ἀχώρητος χωρεῖται ἐν ἀγκάλαις τοῦ Πρεσβύτου, ὁ ἐπὶ τῶν κόλπων ἀπεριγράπτως ὑπάρχων τοῦ Πατρὸς αὐτοῦ, ἑκὼν περιγράφεται σαρκί, οὐ Θεότητι, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.

Συναξάριον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου.

Τῆ Β΄ τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνός, ἡ Ὑπαπαντὴ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἑορτάζεται, ἐν ἡ ἐδέξατο αὐτὸν εἰς τὰς ἀγκάλας αύτοῦ ὁ δίκαιος Συμεών.

Τῆ αὐτῆ ἡμέρα, μνήμη τοῦ Άγίου Μάρτυρος Άγαθοδώρου. Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity. (5D)

Oikos.

To the Theotokos let us run, who desire to look upon her Son, being led to Symeon, and whom the angels in heaven above, scrutinizing in amazement aver, "Wondrous paradoxes we now ponder, inconceivable! inexpressible! He, who fashioned Adam, is held as a babe. He, the uncontainable, is by the Elder embraced. He, the uncircumscript in the bosom of His Father, is willingly delimited by flesh, not divinity, the only one who loves humanity." (SD)

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On February 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord Jesus Christ, when the righteous Symeon received Him in his embraces.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Agathodoros.

Αὐτῷ τῷ Θεῷ ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κοάτος εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Καταβασίαι τῆς Ύπαπαντῆς Ὠιδὴ α'. Ἡχος γ'.

Χέρσον ἀβυσσοτόκον πέδον ἥλιος, ἐπεπόλευσε ποτέ· ώσεὶ τεῖχος γὰρ ἐπάγη, ἑκατέρωθεν ὕδωρ, λαῷ πεζοποντοποροῦντι, καὶ θεαρέστως μέλποντι. Ἄισωμεν τῷ Κυρίω· ἐνδόξως γὰρ δεδόξασται.

'Ωιδὴ γ'.

Τὸ στεφέωμα, τῶν ἐπὶ σοὶ πεποιθότων, στεφέωσον Κύφιε τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν, ἢν ἐκτήσω, τῷ τιμίῳ σου αἵματι.

To God be the glory and the dominion to the ages. Amen.

CHOIR

Katavasias of the Meeting Ode i. Mode 3.

Once did the sun look down upon the surface of the dry abysm-bearing plain; * for the water like a wall on either side was congealed, * for a people walking crossed the sea, making God-appealing melody. * Sing to the Lord for He has been gloriously glorified.

Ode iii.

As the firm support of those who hope in You firmly, * O Lord, now confirm the Church

(SD)

'Ωιδή δ'.

Ἐκάλυψεν οὐρανούς, ἡ ἀρετή σου Χριστέ τῆς κιβωτοῦ γὰρ προελθών,τοῦ άγιάσματός σου, τῆς ἀφθόρου Μητρός, ἐν τῷ ναῷ τῆς δόξης σοῦ, ὤφθης ὡς βρέφος, ἀγκαλοφορούμενος, καὶ ἐπληρώθη τὰ πάντα τῆς σῆς αἱ νέσεως.

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Ώς εἶδεν Ἡσαΐας συμβολικῶς, ἐν θρόνω ἐπηρμένω Θεόν, ὑπ' Ἁγγέλων δόξης δορυφορούμενον, ὢ τάλας! ἐβόα, ἐγώ, πρὸ γὰρ εἶδον σωματούμενον Θεόν, φωτὸς ἀνεσπέρου, καὶ εἰρήνης δεσπόζοντα.

'Ωιδή ζ'.

Ἐβόησέ σοι, ἰδὼν ὁ Ποέσβυς, τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς τὸ σωτήριον, ὃ λαοῖς ἐπέστη. Ἐκ Θεοῦ Χοιστὲ σὺ Θεός μου.

'Ωιδή ζ'.

Σὲ τὸν ἐν πυρὶ δροσίσαντα, Παῖδας θεολογήσαντας, καὶ Παρθένω, ἀκηράτω, ἐνοικήσαντα, Θεὸν Λόγον ὑμνοῦμεν, εὐσεβῶς μελωδοῦντες Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεός, ὁ τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Ω ιδ η η' .

Αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν καὶ προσκυνοῦμεν τὸν Κύριον.

Άστέκτω πυοὶ ἑνωθέντες, οἱ θεοσεβείας ποοεστῶτες Νεανίαι, τῆ φλογὶ δὲ μὴ λωβηθέντες, θεῖον ὕμνον ἔμελπον.

that You established, * which You purchased for yourself with Your precious Blood. (SD)

Ode iv.

The heavens were covered by Your virtue, O Christ. * For coming forth from the Ark of Your holiness, Your Mother who sustained no corruption, * You appeared today in Your glorious Temple, as an infant held in arms. * And the entire creation was filled with Your praise. (SD)

Ode v.

Isaiah once symbolically saw God * seated on an elevated throne * with a host of glorious Angels standing with Him. * He cried, "Woe is me; I am lost! * With my eyes I have foreseen incarnate God, * and He is the Master of never-setting light and peace." (SD)

Ode vi.

The Elder cried out * when with his own eyes * he clearly saw Your salvation, O Lord, * which is for all peoples,* "God from God are You, Christ my Savior." (5D)

Ode vii.

In the fire You refreshed with dew the three Youths as they theologized; * and You dwelt within the Virgin who was undefiled. * God the Logos, we hymn You, * and we chant devoutly, * saying, "Blessed are You, the God of our Fathers." (SD)

Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

The Youths, being piety's defenders, * as if joining battle with the unbearable fire, * and uninjured by the flame, sang a divine hymn exultantly, * "All you works of the Lord, bless

Εὐλογεῖτε πάντα τὰ ἔργα τὸν Κύριον, καὶ ὑπερυψοῦτε, εἰς πάντας τοὺς αἰῶνας.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὴν Θεοτόκον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ φωτὸς ἐν ὕμνοις τιμῶντες μεγαλύνωμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

'Ωιδὴ θ'. Μεγαλυνάρια. Ἡχος γ'.

Άκατάληπτόν ἐστι, τὸ τελούμενον ἐν σοί, καὶ Άγγέλοις καὶ βοοτοῖς, Μητοοπάρθενε ἁγνή.

Άγκαλίζεται χεοσίν, ὁ Ποεσβύτης Συμεών, τὸν τοῦ νόμου Ποιητήν, καὶ Δεσπότην τοῦ παντός.

Βουληθεὶς ὁ Πλαστουογός, ἵνα σώση τὸν Ἀδάμ, μήτοαν ὤκησε τὴν σήν, τῆς Παρθένου καὶ άγνῆς.

Γένος ἄπαν τῶν βοοτῶν, μακαοίζει σε Άγνή, καὶ δοξάζει σε πιστῶς, ὡς Μητέοα τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Δεῦτε, ἴδετε Χοιστόν, τὸν Δεσπότην τοῦ παντός, ὃν βαστάζει Συμεών, σήμερον ἐν τῶ ναῷ.

Ἐπιβλέπεις πρὸς τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποιεῖς τρέμειν αὐτήν, καὶ πῶς γέρων κεκμηκώς, σὲ κατέχει ἐν χερσὶ;

Ζήσας ἔτη Συμεών, ἕως εἶδε τὸν Χοιστόν, καὶ ἐβόα ποὸς αὐτόν. Νῦν ἀπόλυσιν ζητῶ.

Ἡ λαβὶς ἡ μυστική, ἡ τὸν ἄνθοακα Χοιστόν, συλλαβοῦσα ἐν γαστοί, σὺ ὑπάοχεις Μαριάμ.

Θέλων ἐνηνθοώπησας, ὁ ποοάναοχος Θεός, καὶ ναῷ ποοσφέρεσαι, τεσσαρακονθήμερος.

Κατελθόντ' ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, τὸν Δεσπότην τοῦ παντός, ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν, Συμεὼν ὁ Ἱερεύς. the Lord, * and exalt supremely unto all the ages." (SD)

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

Ode ix. Megalynaria. Mode 3.

Past the understanding of * all the angels, mortals, too, * Virgin Mother, Lady pure, * is that which occurred in you.

In his arms the Elder one, * Symeon, embraces You, * the Creator of the Law * and the Governor of All.

Wishing Adam to be saved, * He who fashioned us abode * in the womb immaculate * of the Virgin Lady pure.

Every generation of * mortal nature blesses you, * and, as Mother of our God, * gives you glory, Lady pure.

Come and see the Christ who is * Lord and Master of all things, * who today by Symeon * to the Temple now is borne.

You look down upon the earth * and thereby You make it quake; * how then does a worn old man * hold You now within his arms?

Symeon lived many years, * till the Christ he was to see, * then to Him he called aloud, * "My departure now I seek."

You indeed, O Mariam, * have become the mystic tongs, * which enclosed the burning coal, * Christ conceived within your womb.

You, the pre-eternal God, * willed that You would take on flesh; * and so after forty days, * to the Temple You are brought.

Having come from heav'n above * is the Master of all things; * He is welcomed to His home * by the priest called Symeon.

'Ωιδή θ'. Ὁ Εἱρμός.

Λάμπρυνόν μου τὴν ψυχήν, καὶ τὸ φῶς τὸ αἰσθητόν, ὅπως ἴδω καθαρῶς, καὶ κηρύξω σε Θεόν.

Ἐν νόμῳ, σκιᾳ καὶ γράμματι, τύπον κατίδωμεν οἱ πιστοί, πᾶν ἄρσεν τὸ τὴν μήτραν διανοῖγον, ἄγιον Θεῷ· διὸ πρωτότοκον Λόγον, Πατρὸς ἀνάρχου Υἱόν, πρωτοτοκούμενον Μητρί, ἀπειράνδρῳ, μεγαλύνομεν.

Μητροπάρθενε άγνή, τί προσφέρεις τῷ ναῷ, νέον βρέφος ἀποδούς, ἐν ἀγκάλαις Συμεών;

Ἐν νόμφ, σκιᾳ καὶ γράμματι, τύπον κατίδωμεν οἱ πιστοί, πᾶν ἄρσεν τὸ τὴν μήτραν διανοῖγον, ἄγιον Θεῷ· διὸ πρωτότοκον Λόγον, Πατρὸς ἀνάρχου Υἱόν, πρωτοτοκούμενον Μητρί, ἀπειράνδρφ, μεγαλύνομεν.

Τροπάρια.

Νῦν ἀπόλυσιν ζητῶ, ἀπὸ σοῦ τοῦ Πλαστουργοῦ, ὅτι εἶδόν σε Χριστέ, τὸ σωτήριόν μου φῶς.

Τοῖς ποὶν νεογνῶν τουγόνων ζεῦγος, δυάς τε ἦν νεοσσῶν, ἀνθ' ὧν ὁ θεῖος Ποέσβυς, καὶ σώφοων Ἄννα ποοφῆτις, τῷ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντι, καὶ οἵω γόνω Πατρός, ἐν τῷ ναῷ ποοσιόντι, λειτουργοῦντες ἐμεγάλυνον.

Όν οἱ ἄνω λειτουργοί, τρόμω λιτανεύουσι, κάτω νῦν ὁ Συμεών, ἀγκαλίζεται χερσί.

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Ode ix. Heirmos.

Make my soul to shine, O Lord, * with the light perceptible, * that I purely look on You, * and proclaim You as my God.

O believers, come let us perceive * a type in the law, and the shadow and the letter. * Every male that opens the womb shall be holy to God. * So the unoriginate Father's firstborn Logos and Son, * who is the firstborn of the Mother who knew not man, we magnify. (5D)

Virgin Mother, Lady pure, * to the Temple what bring you? * "I now offer my new babe * to the arms of Symeon."

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Troparia.

Now departure do I seek * from my Lord and Fashioner, * for I saw You, O my Christ, * You, who are my saving Light.

A pair of doves or young pigeons was required* of old. Now instead of these, the divine Elder* and the chaste Anna, the prophetess,* minister to the Father's progeny,* who was born of the Virgin, and who was brought by her* to the Temple. And Him they magnified. (5D)

Him, whom liturgists above * trembling praise in litany, * now below does Symeon * hold, embracing in his arms.

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Δόξα.

Η τῆ φύσει μὲν Μονάς, τοῖς προσώποις δὲ Τριάς, φύλαττε τοὺς δούλους σου, τοὺς πιστεύοντας εἰς σέ.

Ἀπέδωκάς μοι ἐβόα Συμεών, τοῦ σωτηρίου σου Χριστὲ ἀγαλλίασιν ἀπόλαβέ σου τὸν λάτριν, τὸν τῆ σκιᾳ κεκμηκότα, νέον τῆς χάριτος, ἱεροκήρυκα μύστην, ἐν αἰνέσει μεγαλύνοντα.

Καὶ νῦν.

Θεοτόκε ή ἐλπίς, πάντων τῶν Χριστιανῶν, σκέπε φρούρει φύλαττε, τοὺς ἐλπίζοντας εἰς σέ.

Ίεροπρεπῶς ἀνθωμολογεῖτο, ἄννα ὑποφητεύουσα, ἡ σώφρων καὶ Όσία, καὶ Πρέσβυρα τῷ Δεσπότη, ἐν τῷ ναῷ διαὀῥήδην, τὴν Θεοτόκον δὲ ἀνακηρύττουσα, πᾶσι τοῖς παροῦσιν ἐμεγάλυνεν.

Καταβασία. Ήχος γ΄.

Θεοτόκε ή ἐλπίς, πάντων τῶν Χριστιανῶν, σκέπε φρούρει φύλαττε, τοὺς ἐλπίζοντας εἰς σέ.

Έν νόμφ, σκιᾶ καὶ γοάμματι, τύπον κατίδωμεν οἱ πιστοί, πᾶν ἄοσεν τὸ τὴν μήτοαν διανοῖγον, ἄγιον Θεῷ· διὸ ποωτότοκον Λόγον, Πατοὸς ἀνάοχου Υἱόν, ποωτοτοκούμενον Μητοί, ἀπειράνδοφ, μεγαλύνομεν.

prophetess,* minister to the Father's progeny,* who was born of the Virgin, and who was brought by her* to the Temple. And Him they magnified. (SD)

Glory.

You by nature are but One, * yet in persons Trinity; * set a guard around those who, * serving, do believe in You.

O Master Christ, You restored to me the joy * of Your salvation, cried Symeon the Elder in the Temple.* And now receive me Your servant,* who is weary of the shadow,* and yet a new initiate and preacher of Your grace,* and who praises You and magnifies.

Both now.

Theotokos, as the hope * of us Christians, one and all, * guard and shelter and protect * those who put their hope in you.

The chaste and devout and elderly * Anna was openly professing the divine will* in the Temple; and with sacred reverence* she gave thanks to the Master.* And to all who were there * she proclaimed the Theotokos, whom she magnified. (SD)

Katavasia. Mode 3.

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ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Έτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνη τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Αντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σὲ αἰνοῦσι πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπουσι, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰωνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Έξαποστειλάοιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ήχος γ'. Αὐτόμελον.

Έν πνεύματι τῷ ἱεοῷ παραστὰς ὁ Πρεσβύτης, ἀγκάλαις ὑπεδέξατο, τὸν τοῦ νόμου Δεσπότην, κραυγάζων. Νῦν τοῦ δεσμοῦ με, τῆς σαρκὸς ἀπόλυσον, ὡς εἴρηκας ἐν εἰρήνη· εἶδον γὰρ τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς, ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν, καὶ Ἰσραὴλ σωτηρίαν. (ἐκ γ΄)

Οἱ Αἶνοι. Ἡχος δ'.

Πᾶσα πνοἡ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις. Σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος τῷ Θεῷ.

DEACON

Again and again in peace 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.

(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 all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Exaposteilarion.

From Menaion - -

Mode 3. Automelon.

The Elder in the Temple stood * and inspired by the Spirit * received the Master of the Law * into his own embraces, * and cried aloud, "Now release me * from the bondage of the flesh * in peace, according to Your word. * For I have seen with my own eyes * the revelation of the Gentiles and the salvation of Israel." (3)

Lauds. Mode 4.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. (SAAS)

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ· αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις αὐτοῦ. Σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος τῷ Θεῷ.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ήχος δ'. Έδωκας σημείωσιν.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐπὶ ταῖς δυναστείαις αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῆς μεγαλωσύνης αὐτοῦ.

Νόμον τὸν ἐν γράμματι, ἀποπληρῶν ὁ φιλάνθρωπος, τῷ ναῷ νῦν προσάγεται, καὶ τοῦτον εἰσδέχεται, γηραιαῖς ἀγκάλαις, Συμεὼν ὁ πρέσβυς· Νῦν ἀπολύεις με βοῶν, πρὸς τὴν ἐκεῖθεν μακαριότητα· κατεῖδον γὰρ σε σήμερον, σάρκα θνητὴν περικείμενον, τὸν ζωῆς κυριεύοντα, καὶ θανάτου δεσπόζοντα.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ἤχῳ σάλπιγγος, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ψαλτηρίῳ καὶ κιθάρα.

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Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τυμπάνῳ καὶ χορῷ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν χορδαῖς καὶ ὀργάνῳ.

Φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν, ἐθνῶν ἐπέφανας Κύριε, ἐπὶ κούφης καθήμενος, νεφέλης ὁ Ἦλιος, τῆς δικαιοσύνης, νόμου τὸ σκιῶδες, ἀποπληρῶν καὶ τὴν ἀρχήν, καθυποφαίνων τῆς νέας χάριτος διὸ σε θεασάμενος, ὁ Συμεὼν ἀνεκραύγαζεν Ἐκ φθορᾶς με ἀπόλυσον, ὅτι εἶδόν σε σήμερον.

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. (SAAS)

From Menaion -

Mode 4. You have given.

Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. (SAAS)

He who loves humanity fulfills the Law that was writ of old* and is brought to the Temple now.* And elderly Symeon heartily receives Him* in his old embraces,* and cries, You now let me depart* unto the blessedness of eternity.* Today I laid my eyes on You who now have put on our mortal flesh,* and I know You, O Lord my God,* as the Master of life and death. (SD)

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre. (SAAS)

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Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute. (SAAS)

Light for revelation of the Gentiles, You have appeared, O Lord,* even sitting upon a swift* and light cloud, the virgin Maid,* as the Sun of Justice,* and You thus completed* the shadow of the Law of old* and manifested the start of the new grace.* And therefore elder Symeon, when he beheld You, cried out and

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις εὐήχοις, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις ἀλαλαγμοῦ. Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον.

Κόλπων τοῦ γεννήτορος, μὴ χωρισθεὶς τῆ Θεότητι, σαρκωθεὶς ώς εὐδόκησας, ἀγκάλαις κρατούμενος, τῆς Ἀειπαρθένου, χερσὶν ἐπεδόθης, τοῦ θεοδόχου Συμεών, ὁ τῆ χειρί σου κρατῶν τὰ σύμπαντα διὸ νῦν ἀπολύεις με, περιχαρῶς ἀνεκραύγαζεν, ἐν εἰρήνη τὸν δοῦλόν σου, ὅτι εἶδὸν σε Δέσποτα.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ήχος πλ. β'.

Ό ἐν χερσὶ πρεσβυτικαῖς, τὴν σήμερον ἡμέραν, ὡς ἐφ' ἄρματος Χερουβίμ, ἀνακλιθῆναι εὐδοκήσας Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ ἡμᾶς τοὺς ὑμνοῦντάς σε, τῆς τῶν παθῶν τυραννίδος, ἀνακαλούμενος ὁῦσαι, καὶ σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Η ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΟΞΟΛΟΓΙΑ

Δόξα σοι τῷ δείξαντι τὸ φῶς. Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνη, ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκία.

Υμνοῦμέν σε, εὐλογοῦμέν σε, προσκυνοῦμέν σε, δοξολογοῦμέν σε, εὐχαριστοῦμέν σοι, διὰ τὴν μεγάλην σου δόξαν.

Κύριε βασιλεῦ, ἐπουράνιε Θεέ, Πάτερ παντοκράτορ· Κύριε Υἱὲ μονογενές, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, καὶ Ἅγιον Πνεῦμα.

Κύριε ὁ Θεός, ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Πατρός, ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν said,* From corruption release me now,* for today I have seen You, Lord. (SD)

Praise Him with resounding cymbals, praise Him with triumphant cymbals. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (SAAS)

Never separated from the Father's bosom in divinity,* and incarnated as You willed,* and held in the holy arms * of the Ever-Virgin,* You who hold all things in Your hand were given to the hands* of the divine Godreceiver Symeon.* And therefore full of joy he cried to You, O Master, With my own eyes,* I Your servant have seen You, Lord;* now You let me depart in peace. (SD)

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 2.

O Christ God, who on this day was well pleased to recline in the elder's hands, as on a chariot of cherubim, call us back who extol You, and deliver us from the tyranny of the passions, and save our souls. (5D)

GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. (5D)

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world,

τοῦ κόσμου, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ αἴοων τὰς άμαοτίας τοῦ κόσμου.

Ποόσδεξαι τὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν, ὁ καθήμενος ἐν δεξιᾳ τοῦ Πατοός, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ότι σὺ εἶ μόνος Άγιος, σὺ εἶ μόνος Κύριος, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, εἰς δόξαν Θεοῦ Πατρός. Ἀμήν.

Καθ' ἑκάστην ἡμέραν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ αἰνέσω τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

Καταξίωσον, Κύοιε, ἐν τῆ ἡμέοᾳ ταύτη, 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.

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Κύοιε, καταφυγή ἐγενήθης ἡμῖν ἐν γενεᾳ̃ καὶ γενεᾳ̃. Ἐγὼ εἶπα· Κύοιε, ἐλέησόν με, ἴασαι τὴν ψυχήν μου, ὅτι ἥμαοτόν σοι.

Κύριε, πρὸς σὲ κατέφυγον. Δίδαξόν με τοῦ ποιεῖν τὸ θέλημά σου, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεός μου.

Ότι παρὰ σοὶ πηγὴ ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ φωτί σου ὀψόμεθα φῶς.

have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Παράτεινον τὸ ἔλεός σου τοῖς γινώσκουσί σε.

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

Δόξα Πατρί καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι.

Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Άγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Άγιος ὁ Θεός, Άγιος Ἰσχυρός, Άγιος Άθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Άπολυτίκιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ήχος α'.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἦλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

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.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin
Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun
of righteousness has risen from you and
He illumined those in darkness. And you,
righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving
in your embraces the One who liberates our
souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. (5D)