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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 δέρριν, ὁ
στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασι τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ.
Ὅ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ
περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων. Ὁ
ποιῶν τοὺς Ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα,
καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς
φλόγα. Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γῆν ἐπὶ τὴν
ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν
αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον
τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὀρέων
στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμῆσεώς
σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς
σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουνσιν ὄρη,
καὶ καταβαίνουνσιν 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 Ἀγίῳ 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 ἀγίων 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 Ἀγίων μνημονεύσαντες,
ἐαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν
ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος β'.

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

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

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 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 ἠδύνθησαν· 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.

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

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

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὐ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

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

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

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.

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.

Στιχηρὰ τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος β'.

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

Τὸν φωτισμὸν ἡμῶν, τὸν φωτίσαντα
πάντα ἄνθρωπον, ἰδὼν ὁ Προδρόμος,
βαπτισθῆναι παραγενόμενον, χαίρει τῇ
ψυχῇ, καὶ τρέμει τῇ χειρὶ δείκνυσιν αὐτόν,
καὶ λέγει τοῖς λαοῖς· Ἴδε ὁ λυτρούμενος τὸν
Ἰσραήλ, ὁ ἐλευθερῶν ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς.
Ὡ ἀναμάρτητε, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα
σοι.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος β'.

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

Τοῦ Λυτρωτοῦ ἡμῶν, ὑπὸ δούλου
βαπτιζομένου, καὶ τῇ τοῦ Πνεύματος
παρουσίᾳ μαρτυρουμένου, ἔφριξαν ὀρῶσαι
Ἀγγέλων στρατιαί, φωνὴ δὲ οὐρανόθεν
ἠνέχθη ἐκ Πατρὸς. Οὗτος ὃν ὁ Προδρόμος
χειροθετεῖ, Υἱός μου ὑπάρχει ὁ ἀγαπητός,
ἐν ᾧ ἠυδόκησα, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα
σοι.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος β'.

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

Τὰ Ἰορδάνια ρεῖθρα, σὲ τὴν πηγὴν
ἐδέξατο, καὶ ὁ Παράκλητος, ἐν εἰδει
περιστερᾶς κατήρχετο, κλίνει κορυφὴν, ὁ
κλίνας οὐρανούς, κραζει καὶ βοᾷ, πηλὸς
τῷ πλαστοργῶ· Τί μοι ἐπιτάττετε τὰ ὑπὲρ
ἐμέ; ἐγὼ χρεῖαν ἔχω τοῦ σοῦ Βαπτισμοῦ. Ὡ
ἀναμάρτητε, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Stichera for the Feast.

From Menaion - -

Idiomelon. Mode 2.

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

O Lord, our illumination, who enlightens
everyone, when the Forerunner saw You
coming to be baptized, his soul rejoiced, while
his hand trembled. He pointed at You and
said to the people, "Behold, the One who
delivers Israel, the One who frees us from
corruption." O sinless One, O Christ our God,
glory to You! (SD)

Idiomelon. Mode 2.

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

When our Redeemer was baptized by His
servant, and the Holy Spirit was present and
bore witness to Him, the armies of Angels
watched and trembled, and from heaven a
voice came from the Father, "He, on whom
the Forerunner lays his hand, is My beloved
Son, in whom I am well pleased." O Christ our
God, glory to You! (SD)

Idiomelon. Mode 2.

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

The waters of the Jordan received You,
who are the source; and the Holy Spirit came
down in the form of a dove. You who bowed
the heavens now bow Your head. The clay
cries out to You, the Fashioner, and says,
"Why do You command me to do what is
beyond me? I need for You to baptize me." O

Τοῦ Προδρόμου.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος α'. Πανεύφημοι μάρτυρες.

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

Πανεύφημε Πρόδρομε Χριστοῦ, Βαπτιστὰ θεόληπτε σὲ εὐσεβῶς μακαρίζοντες, Χριστὸν δοξάζομεν, τὸν ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ, κλίναντα τὴν κάραν σοι, καὶ φύσιν τῶν βροτῶν ἀγιάσαντα. Αὐτὸν οὖν πρέσβευε, δωρηθῆναι ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν, τὴν εἰρήνην, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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

Υψόθεν προσέβλεψας σοφέ, Ἰωάννη Πρόδρομε, Πατρός τὴν δόξαν τὴν ἄρρητον, Υἱὸν ἐν ὕδατι, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα εἶδες, ἀπελθὼν ὡς πέλειαν, καθαῖρον καὶ φωτίζον τὰ πέρατα· διὸ Τριάδος σε, μυστιπόλον ἀναμέλποντες, σοῦ τιμῶμεν, τὴν θείαν πανήγυριν.

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

Ῥωσθεῖς θείᾳ χάριτι Χριστοῦ, Βαπτιστὰ καὶ Πρόδρομε, σὺ τὸν Ἀμνὸν ἡμῖν ἐδειξας, τὸν κόσμου αἶροντα, ἀμαρτίας πάσας· καὶ αὐτῷ προσήρμοσας, δυνάδα Μαθητῶν χαίρων σήμερον· ὃν καθικέτευε, δωρηθῆναι ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν, τὴν εἰρήνην, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

sinless One, O Christ our God, glory to You!

(SD)

For the Forerunner.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1. O Martyrs, extolled.

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

O Baptist and Forerunner of Christ, * God-inspired and praised by all, we call you blest, and so doing we are glorifying Christ, * who in River Jordan * bowed His holy head to you, * and sanctified the the nature of humankind. Now pray to Him for us, * and entreat Him that surpassing peace * and great mercy * be upon our souls bestowed. (SD)

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

O wise John the Forerunner of Christ, * you beheld the Father's ineffable glory from heaven, and you saw His only Son * standing in the water, * and the Spirit as a dove * which came upon Him, and which does purify and sanctify the world. * Thus, O mystic of the Trinity, we extol you, * and honor your sacred feast. (SD)

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

By Christ's grace divine you were made strong, * Forerunner and Baptist John, and thus you showed us the Lamb of God who takes away the sins * of the world. And back then * on this day you joyfully did send those two disciples to follow Him. Now pray to Him for us, * and entreat Him that surpassing

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἐνσαρκε Λύχνε, Πρόδρομε τοῦ
Σωτῆρος, βλάστημα Στείρας, φίλε τοῦ
ἐκ Παρθένου, ὃν σκιρτήμασι νηδύος
προσεκύνησας, καὶ ἐβάπτισας νάμασι
τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, τούτῳ πρέσβευε δεόμεθα
Προφῆτα, τὰς τῶν μελλόντων ἡμᾶς
ἐκφυγεῖν τρικυμίας.

Καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Θεὸς Λόγος ἐπεφάνη ἐν σαρκί, τῷ
γένει τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἴστατο βαπτισθῆναι
ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ, καὶ ἔλεγε πρὸς αὐτὸν ὁ
Πρόδρομος· Πῶς ἐκτείνω χεῖρα, καὶ ἄψωμαι
κορυφῆς κρατούσης τὰ σύμπαντα; Εἰ καὶ
ἐκ Μαρίας ὑπάρχεις βρέφος, ἀλλ' οἶδα σε
Θεὸν προαιώνιον, ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς βαδίζεις,
ὁ ὑμνούμενος ὑπὸ τῶν Σεραφίμ καὶ
δοῦλος Δεσπότην, βαπτίζειν οὐ μεμάθηκα.
Ακατάληπτε Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἐσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν,
εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθα σου,
Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε.
Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, ὡς θυμίαμα
ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς
λόγους, ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς
ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι

peace * and great mercy * be upon our souls
bestowed. (SD)

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

Light in the flesh and Forerunner of the
Savior, * offspring of a barren mother. * and
friend of the One born of a Virgin, * you have
worshipped Him by leaping in the womb, *
and have baptized him in the waters of the
Jordan. * We entreat you to intercede with
Him, prophet, ** that we may escape from the
mighty tempests to come! (OCA)

Both now.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

God the Word appeared to mankind in
the flesh. * ready for baptism, He stood in
the Jordan, * and the Forerunner said to Him:
* How shall I stretch forth my hand * and
touch the head of Him Who rules all things? *
Though You are the Child of Mary, * I know
You to be the pre-eternal God. * Though You
walk upon the earth, * yet You are hymned by
the seraphim. * And I who am but a servant
know not how to baptize the Master! ** Lord
past all understanding, glory to You! (OCA)

DEACON (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord.

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.

πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ ἠλπίσαμεν· μὴ κατασχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία! Ὁρθοί!

ΚΛΗΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΣ

Ἦχος β'.

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

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος βαρύς.

Ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐν τῇ γῇ· πάντα, ὅσα ἠθέλησεν, ἐποίησε.

Στίχ. Ἐν ἐξόδῳ Ἰσραὴλ ἐξ Αἰγύπτου, οἴκου Ἰακώβ ἐκ λαοῦ βαρβάρου,

Ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐν τῇ γῇ· πάντα, ὅσα ἠθέλησεν, ἐποίησε.

Στίχ. Ἡ θάλασσα εἶδε καὶ ἔφυγεν, ὁ Ἰορδάνης ἐστράφη εἰς τὰ ὀπίσω·

Ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐν τῇ γῇ· πάντα, ὅσα ἠθέλησεν, ἐποίησε.

Στίχ. Τί σοί ἐστι, θάλασσα, ὅτι ἔφυγες, καὶ σύ, Ἰορδάνη, ὅτι ἐστράφης εἰς τὰ ὀπίσω;

Ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐν τῇ γῇ· πάντα, ὅσα ἠθέλησεν, ἐποίησε.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Εἴπωμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἴπωμεν.

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. Grave Mode.

Our God: both in heaven and on earth, all things whatsoever He wills, He does. (SAAS)

Verse: In the exodus of Israel from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a foreign people.

Our God: both in heaven and on earth, all things whatsoever He wills, He does.

Verse: The sea saw them and fled, the Jordan turned back.

Our God: both in heaven and on earth, all things whatsoever He wills, He does.

Verse: What is it to you, O Sea, that you fled, and to you, O Jordan, that you turned back?

Our God: both in heaven and on earth, all things whatsoever He wills, He does.

DEACON

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

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

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

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, ὑγείας, 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.)

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν μακαρίων
καὶ αἰοιδίμων κτιτόρων τῆς ἁγίας
Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης, καὶ ὑπὲρ πάντων τῶν
προαναπαυσασμένων πατέρων καὶ ἀδελφῶν

(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.)

Let us again pray for the blessed and
ever-memorable founders of this holy church,
and for all our fathers, mothers, brothers, and

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 τουτοῦ, κοπιώντων, ψαλλόντων καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ περιεστῶτος λαοῦ, τοῦ ἀπεκδεχομένου τὸ παρὰ Σοῦ μέγα καὶ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἐσπέρᾳ ταύτῃ, ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Δέσποτα, συνέτισον 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 πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

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)

(Amen.)

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, 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.)

Τῆς Παναγίας ἀχράντου,
ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου Δεσποίνης
ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας
μετὰ πάντων τῶν Ἀγίων μνημονεύσαντες,

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.)

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.

ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν
ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὰς κεφαλὰς ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνομεν.

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλίνας οὐρανοὺς καὶ
καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν
σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλελεῶντι κριτῇ
οἱ σοὶ δούλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ
αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν ἀρχένας, 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
ἐνεργείας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ
ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

(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.

(Amen.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ

**Ἀπόστιχα. Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος δ'. Ἐδωκας σημείωσιν.**

Ὡς εἶδε σε Δέσποτα, ὁ Ἰωάννης ὁ
Πρόδρομος, πρὸς αὐτὸν ἀφικόμενον,
ἔκθαμβος γενόμενος, ὡς εὐγνώμων δοῦλος,
σὺν φόβῳ ἐβόα· Τίς ἡ ταπείνωσις Σωτῆρ;
τίς ἡ πτωχεία, ἣν περιβέβλησαι; ὁ πλούτῳ
ἀγαθότητος, ταπεινωθέντα τὸν ἄνθρωπον,
ἀνυψώσας ὡς εὐσπλαγχνος, ὡς αὐτὸν
ἐνδυσάμενος.

Στίχ. Ἡ θάλασσα εἶδε καὶ ἔφυγεν, ὁ
Ιορδάνης ἐστράφη εἰς τὰ ὀπίσω·

Δεῦρο δὴ μοι σήμερον, ἐπιτελοῦντι
μυστήριον, τῷ Προδρόμῳ ἀντέφησε,
φρικτῶς διακόνησον, ὁ Σωτὴρ τῶν ὅλων,
καὶ μὴ δειλιάσης· τὸν συντριβέντα γὰρ
Ἀδάμ, τῇ ἀμαρτία καινοποιούμενος,
βαπτίζομαι ὡς ἄνθρωπος, ὁ κατὰ φύσιν
ἀμόλυντος, Ἰορδάνου τοῖς ὕδασιν, ἐν οἷς
βλέπεις παρόντα με.

Στίχ. Τί σοί ἐστι, θάλασσα, ὅτι ἔφυγες,
καὶ σύ, Ἰορδάνη, ὅτι ἐστράφης εἰς τὰ ὀπίσω;

Ἥλιον ῥυπτόμενον, τίς γηγενῶν
ἐθεάσατο; Ἰωάννης ἀντέφησε, καὶ
τὸν ἐπενδύοντα, οὐρανὸν νεφέλαις,
γυμνούμενον ὅλον; καὶ τὸν πηγὰς καὶ
ποταμούς, δημιουργοῦντα ὕδασι βαίνοντα;
ἐκπλήττομαι τὴν ἄφατον, οἰκονομίαν σου
Δέσποτα! μὴ βαρύνῃς τὸν δούλον σου,
φοβεροῖς ἐπιτάγμασιν.

Δόξα.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Ὡς τοῦ Πνεύματος ἑραστής, καὶ τῆς
χάριτος θεοφθόγγος χελιδὼν, τρανῶς

From Menaion ---

CHOIR

**Aposticha. For the Feast.
Mode 4. (not metered)**

When he saw You draw near to him,
Master, * John the Forerunner was amazed, *
and as a faithful servant he cried out in fear:
* Savior, what is this humility? * What is this
poverty You have put on? * In the wealth of
Your goodness and compassion, * You have
raised up man from his humiliation, ** by
clothing Yourself in him! (OCA)

Verse: The sea saw them and fled, the Jordan
turned back. (SAAS)

Come to me this day, * The Savior of all
replied to the Forerunner, * For I bring to pass
a mystery. * Serve me with trembling, yet
do not draw back in fear. * For undefiled by
nature, * I stand now before you in the waters
of the Jordan and am baptized as Man: ** I
renew Adam, who was shattered by sin. (OCA)

Verse: What is it to you, O Sea, that you
fled, and to you, O Jordan, that you turned back?
(SAAS)

Who among men, Replied John, Has seen
the sun being cleansed, * and the One Who
covered the heaven with clouds stripped
naked? * Who has seen the One Who made
the springs and rivers, * Himself enter the
waters? * I stand amazed at Your ineffable
dispensation, Master. ** Do not burden Your
servant with fearful commands! (OCA)

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

As the lover of the Spirit, * the swallow
that brings divine tidings of grace,

τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ Βασιλέως, βροτῶν τῷ
γένει ἐξ Ἀγνῆς φαεινῶς ἀνατείλαντος,
εἰς μερόπων ἀνάκλησιν, κατεμήνυσας
Πρόδρομε, τῶν σκυθρωπῶν ἡθῶν,
ἀπελαύνων τὸ τέρμα, καὶ ζωῆς αἰδίου
ἐπιβαλέσθαι ἰθύνων, τὰς καρδίας τῶν ἐν
μετανοίᾳ βαπτιζομένων, μάκαρ θεόληπτε.

Καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος δ'.

Δεῦτε μιμησώμεθα τὰς φρονίμους
Παρθένους, δεῦτε ὑπαντήσωμεν τῷ φανέντι
Δεσπότη, ὅτι προῆλθεν ὡς νυμφίος πρὸς
τὸν Ἰωάννην. Ὁ Ἰορδάνης ἰδὼν σε ἔπηξε
καὶ ἔμεινεν. Ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐβόα· Οὐ τολμῶ
κρατῆσαι κορυφῆς ἀθανάτου. Τὸ Πνεῦμα
κατήρχετο ἐν εἵδει περιστεῶς, ἀγιάσαι τὰ
ὔδατα, καὶ φωνῇ οὐρανόθεν· Οὗτός ἐστιν
ὁ υἱός μου, ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὸν κόσμον, σῶσαι
γένος ἀνθρώπων· Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα,
κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνῃ· ὅτι εἶδον
οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ
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.

Forerunner, * you have made known clearly
to mankind the dispensation of the King, *
Who shone forth in brightness from a pure
Virgin for the restoration of mankind. * You
banish the dominion of dark and evil ways,
* and guide the hearts of those baptized in
repentance to eternal life, ** blessed prophet
inspired by God! (OCA)

Both now.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4.

Come, let us go like the wise virgins, *
and meet the Master Who has appeared: * For
as a bridegroom He has come forth to John.
* The Jordan, seeing You, was driven back in
fear; * John cried out: I dare not touch Your
immortal head. * The Spirit came down in
the form of a dove, hallowing the waters, *
and a voice called from on high: * This is my
Son Who has come into the world to save
mankind. ** O Lord, glory to You! (OCA)

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
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.

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα, συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἄγιε, ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἰᾶσαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, ἕνεκεν 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. Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος α'.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἵδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανείς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

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.)

CHOIR

Apolytikion. For the Feast.

From Menaion - -

Mode 1.

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You. (SD)

Δόξα. **Τοῦ Προδρόμου.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος β'.

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Προδρόμου· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ῥείθροις βαπτίσαι κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν Αἴδη, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἶνοντα τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - -

Ἦχος α'.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἵδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία!

(*Εὐλόγησον.*)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

Στερεῶσαι, 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.

Glory. **For the Forerunner.**

From Menaion - -

Mode 2.

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy. (SD)

Both now.

Apolytikion. For the Feast.

From Menaion - -

Mode 1.

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You. (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 ἐνδοξοτέραν, 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

Ὁ ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ ὑπὸ Ἰωάννου βαπτισθῆναι καταδεξάμενος, 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, ἰκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, οὗ καὶ τὴν Σύναξιν ἐπιτελοῦμεν· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφύμων 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 He who condescended to be baptized by John in the Jordan, for our salvation, 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, in whose honor we have congregated today; 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.)