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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. 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 ἡ 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 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 πέτρας οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἡδύνθησαν· ὡσεὶ πάχος γῆς ἐρράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὀστέα 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.

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.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'. Ὁλην ἀποθέμενοι.

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

Βουλὴν προαιώνιον, ἀποκαλύπτων
σοι Κόρη, Γαβριὴλ ἐφέστηκε, σὲ
κατασπαζόμενος, καὶ φθεγγόμενος· Χαῖρε
γῇ ἄσπορε, χαῖρε βάτε ἄφλεκτε, χαῖρε
βάθος δυσθεώρητον, χαῖρε ἢ γέφυρα, πρὸς
τοὺς οὐρανοὺς ἢ μετάγουσα, καὶ κλίμαξ
ἢ μετάρσιος, ἣν ὁ Ιακώβ ἐθεάσατο· χαῖρε
θεία στάμνε τοῦ Μάννα, χαῖρε λύσις τῆς
ἀρᾶς, χαῖρε Ἀδάμ ἢ ἀνάκλησις, μετὰ σοῦ ὁ
Κύριος.

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

Βουλὴν προαιώνιον, ἀποκαλύπτων
σοι Κόρη, Γαβριὴλ ἐφέστηκε, σὲ
κατασπαζόμενος, καὶ φθεγγόμενος· Χαῖρε
γῇ ἄσπορε, χαῖρε βάτε ἄφλεκτε, χαῖρε
βάθος δυσθεώρητον, χαῖρε ἢ γέφυρα, πρὸς
τοὺς οὐρανοὺς ἢ μετάγουσα, καὶ κλίμαξ
ἢ μετάρσιος, ἣν ὁ Ιακώβ ἐθεάσατο· χαῖρε
θεία στάμνε τοῦ Μάννα, χαῖρε λύσις τῆς
ἀρᾶς, χαῖρε Ἀδάμ ἢ ἀνάκλησις, μετὰ σοῦ ὁ
Κύριος.

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

Φαίνει μοι ὡς ἄνθρωπος, φησὶν ἢ
ἄφθορος Κόρη, πρὸς τὸν Ἀρχιστράτηγον,
καὶ πῶς φθέγγῃ ῥήματα ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων·

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2. When the saints deposited.

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

Gabriel appeared to you, * O virgin
Damsel, revealing * the pre-eternal plan of
God. * And as he saluted you, * he called
out and said, * "O unsowed earth, rejoice; *
unconsumed bush, rejoice. * O rejoice, depth
hard to apprehend. * Rejoice, O sacred bridge
* that conveys to heaven. I say, rejoice, * O
ladder that is lifted up * and was seen by
Jacob the patriarch. * Rejoice, O divine jar * of
manna, and the lifting of the curse. * Rejoice,
Adam's recovery. * Rejoice, for the Lord is
with you." (SD)

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

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Damsel, revealing * the pre-eternal plan of
God. * And as he saluted you, * he called
out and said, * "O unsowed earth, rejoice; *
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Jacob the patriarch. * Rejoice, O divine jar * of
manna, and the lifting of the curse. * Rejoice,
Adam's recovery. * Rejoice, for the Lord is
with you." (SD)

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

Unto the angelic Chief * says the inviolate
Damsel, * "You appear to be a man. * But how
is it that you speak * superhuman words?

μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔφης γάρ, τὸν Θεὸν ἔσεσθαι,
καὶ σκηνώσειν ἐν τῇ μήτρᾳ μου, καὶ πῶς
γενήσομαι, λέγε μοι χωρίον εὐρύχωρον,
καὶ τόπος ἀγιάσματος, τοῦ τοῖς Χερουβὶμ
ἐπιβαίνοντος; Μὴ με δελεάσης ἀπάτη· οὐ
γὰρ ἔγνων ἡδονήν, γάμου ὑπάρχω ἀμύητος,
πῶς οὖν παῖδα τέξομαι!

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

Φαίνη μοι ὡς ἄνθρωπος, φησὶν ἡ
ἄφθορος Κόρη, πρὸς τὸν Ἀρχιστράτηγον,
καὶ πῶς φθέγγη ῥήματα ὑπὲρ ἄνθρωπον·
μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔφης γάρ, τὸν Θεὸν ἔσεσθαι,
καὶ σκηνώσειν ἐν τῇ μήτρᾳ μου, καὶ πῶς
γενήσομαι, λέγε μοι χωρίον εὐρύχωρον,
καὶ τόπος ἀγιάσματος, τοῦ τοῖς Χερουβὶμ
ἐπιβαίνοντος; Μὴ με δελεάσης ἀπάτη· οὐ
γὰρ ἔγνων ἡδονήν, γάμου ὑπάρχω ἀμύητος,
πῶς οὖν παῖδα τέξομαι!

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

Θεὸς ὅπου βούλεται, νικᾶται φύσεως
τάξις, φησὶν ὁ Ἀσώματος, καὶ τὰ ὑπὲρ
ἄνθρωπον διαπράττεται. τοῖς ἐμοῖς πίστευε,
ἀληθεῖσι ῥήμασι, Παναγία ὑπεράμωμε·
Ἡ δὲ ἐβόησε· Γένοιτό μοι νῦν ὡς τὸ ῥῆμά
σου, καὶ τέξομαι τὸν ἄσαρκον, σάρκα
ἐξ ἐμοῦ δανεισάμενον, ὅπως ἀναγάγῃ
τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ὡς μόνος δυνατός, εἰς τὸ
ἀρχαῖον ἀξίωμα, διὰ τῆς συγκράσεως.

* For you say unto me * that with me God
will be, * and will make His dwelling in my
womb. * But how shall I become * a most
spacious confine, explain to me. * How shall
I be a holy place * of the One who rides on
the Cherubim? * Please do not beguile me. *
Do not deceive me. For I have not known *
sensual pleasure nor intercourse. * How, then,
shall I bear a child?" (SD)

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

Unto the angelic Chief * says the inviolate
Damsel, * "You appear to be a man. * But how
is it that you speak * superhuman words?
* For you say unto me * that with me God
will be, * and will make His dwelling in my
womb. * But how shall I become * a most
spacious confine, explain to me. * How shall
I be a holy place * of the One who rides on
the Cherubim? * Please do not beguile me. *
Do not deceive me. For I have not known *
sensual pleasure nor intercourse. * How, then,
shall I bear a child?" (SD)

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

"When God wills it, nature's laws * are
overridden, O Damsel," * said the incorporeal,
* "and the superhuman deeds * then are
brought to pass. * Therefore, trust that indeed
* true are these words of mine, * O all-holy
and most blameless one." * She then cried
out in turn, * "According to your word be it
unto me; * and I shall bear the One who is *
bodiless but borrowing flesh from me, * so
that by His mingling * with man He might

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

Θεὸς ὅπου βούλεται, νικᾶται φύσεως
τάξις, φησὶν ὁ Ἀσώματος, καὶ τὰ ὑπὲρ
ἄνθρωπον διαπράττεται. τοῖς ἐμοῖς πίστευε,
ἀληθεσί ῥήμασι, Παναγία ὑπεράμωμε·
Ἦ δὲ ἐβόησε· Γένοιτό μοι νῦν ὡς τὸ ῥήμά
σου, καὶ τέξομαι τὸν ἄσαρκον, σάρκα
ἐξ ἐμοῦ δανεισάμενον, ὅπως ἀναγάγῃ
τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ὡς μόνος δυνατός, εἰς τὸ
ἀρχαῖον ἀξίωμα, διὰ τῆς συγκράσεως.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β’.

Ἀπεστάλη ἐξ οὐρανοῦ Γαβριὴλ
ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος, εὐαγγελίσασθαι τῇ
Παρθένῳ τὴν σύλληψιν· καὶ ἐλθὼν εἰς
Ναζαρέτ, ἐλογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ, τῷ θαῦμα
ἐκπληττόμενος· ὅτι, Πῶς ὁ ἐν ὑψίστοις
ἀκατάληπτος ὢν, ἐκ παρθένου τίκτεται!
ὁ ἔχων θρόνον οὐρανόν, καὶ ὑποπόδιον
τὴν γῆν, ἐν μήτρᾳ χωρεῖται γυναικός!
ὦ τὰ Ἐξαπτέρυγα καὶ Πολυόμματα
ἀτενίσαι οὐ δύνανται, λόγῳ μόνῳ ἐκ ταύτης
σαρκωθῆναι ἠὲ δόκησε, Θεοῦ ἐστὶ Λόγος
ὁ παρὼν. Τὶ οὖν ἴσταμαι, καὶ οὐ λέγω
τῇ Κόρῃ; Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη ὁ Κύριος
μετὰ σοῦ, χαῖρε ἀγνή Παρθέने, χαῖρε
Νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε, χαῖρε Μήτηρ τῆς ζωῆς,
εὐλογημένος ὁ καρπὸς τῆς κοιλίας σου.

restore him to the height * of his primordial
dignity, * as the only One who can." (SD)

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

"When God wills it, nature's laws * are
overridden, O Damsel," * said the incorporeal,
* "and the superhuman deeds * then are
brought to pass. * Therefore, trust that indeed
* true are these words of mine, * O all-holy
and most blameless one." * She then cried
out in turn, * "According to your word be it
unto me; * and I shall bear the One who is *
bodiless but borrowing flesh from me, * so
that by His mingling * with man He might
restore him to the height * of his primordial
dignity, * as the only One who can." (SD)

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

From the heavens, the Archangel Gabriel
was sent down to announce the conception
to the Virgin. When he arrived in Nazareth,
he pondered on the wonder in astonishment:
"He who is in the highest is incomprehensible.
So, how can He be born of a Virgin? Heaven
is His throne and earth is His footstool. So,
how can He be contained in the womb of
a woman? He on whom the six-winged
Seraphim and many-eyed Cherubim are
unable to gaze is well pleased to become
incarnate of her by word alone. It is the Word
of God who is present here. So, why am I
standing here and not saying to the Maiden,
'Rejoice, you who are full of grace; the Lord is
with you. Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Rejoice, O
unwedded Bride! Rejoice, O Mother of Life!
Blessed is the fruit of your womb.'" (SD)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (χαμηλοφώνως)

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἑσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ καὶ μεσημβρίας, αἰνοῦμεν,
εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθά σου,
Δέσποτα τῶν πάντων, Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε.
Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν, ὡς θυμίαμα
ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς
λόγους, ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς
ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι
πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ
ἠλπίσαμεν· μὴ καταισχύνῃς 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,
ιδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα,
Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα Θεόν. Ἄξιόν σε ἐν
παῶσι καιροῖς, ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίοις,
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· Διὸ ὁ κόσμος σέ
δοξάζει.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Ἑσπέρας Προκείμενον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

ΤΑ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑΤΑ

Τοῦ Μηναιίου ---

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Γενέσεως τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία! Πρόσχωμεν!

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

(Κεφ. κη' 10)

Ἐξῆλθεν Ἰακώβ ἀπὸ τοῦ φρέατος τοῦ ὄρκου καὶ ἐπορεύθη εἰς Χαρρᾶν. Καὶ ἀπῆντησε τόπῳ, καὶ ἐκοιμήθη ἐκεῖ· ἔδυ γὰρ ὁ ἥλιος· καὶ ἔλαβεν ἀπὸ τῶν λίθων τοῦ τόπου, καὶ ἔθηκε πρὸς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐκοιμήθη ἐν τῷ τόπῳ ἐκείνῳ, καὶ ἐνυπνιάσθη. Καὶ ἰδοὺ κλίμαξ ἐστηριγμένη ἐν τῇ γῇ, ἧς ἡ κεφαλὴ ἀφικνεῖτο εἰς τὸν Οὐρανόν, καὶ οἱ Ἄγγελοι τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀνέβαινον καὶ κατέβαινον ἐπ' αὐτῆς. Ὁ δὲ Κύριος ἐπεστήρικτο ἐπ' αὐτῆς, καὶ εἶπεν· Ἐγὼ εἰμι ὁ Θεὸς Ἀβραάμ τοῦ πατρός σου, καὶ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰσαάκ, μὴ φοβοῦ, ἡ γῇ, ἐφ' ἧς σὺ καθεύδεις ἐπ' αὐτῆς, σοὶ δώσω αὐτήν, καὶ τῷ σπέρματί σου. Καὶ ἔσται τὸ σπέρμα σου ὥσεί ἄμμος τῆς γῆς καὶ πλατυνθήσεται ἐπὶ θάλασσαν, καὶ λίβα, καὶ βορρᾶν, καὶ ἐπὶ ἀνατολάς, καὶ ἐνευλογηθήσονται ἐν σοὶ πᾶσαι αἱ φυλαὶ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἐν τῷ σπέρματί σου. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ εἰμι μετὰ σοῦ, διαφυλάσσων σε ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ πάσῃ, οὗ ἔαν πορευθῇς, καὶ ἐπιστρέψῃς σε εἰς τὴν γῆν ταύτην, ὅτι οὐ μὴ σε ἐγκαταλίπω, ἕως τοῦ ποιῆσαι με πάντα ὅσα ἐλάλησά σοι. Καὶ ἐξηγέρθη Ἰακώβ ἐκ τοῦ ὕπνου αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπεν· Ὅτι ἐστὶ Κύριος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ τούτῳ, ἐγὼ δὲ οὐκ ᾔδειν. Καὶ ἐφοβήθη, καὶ εἶπεν· Ὡς φοβερὸς ὁ τόπος οὗτος! Οὐκ ἔστι τοῦτο, ἀλλ' ἡ οἴκος Θεοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἡ πύλη τοῦ οὐρανοῦ.

THE READINGS

From Menaion ---

READER

The reading is from the book of Genesis.

DEACON

Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

READER

(28:10-17)

Now Jacob went out from the Well of Oath and went toward Haran. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. then he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. So behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. Do not fear, the land on which you lie I will give to you and your seed. Also, your seed shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "The Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." So he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (SAAS)

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Προφητείας Ἰεζεκιὴλ τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία! Πρόσχωμεν!

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

(43:27-44:4)

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος· Ἔσται ἀπὸ τῆς ἡμέρας τῆς ὀγδόης καὶ ἐπέκεινα, ποιήσουσιν οἱ Ἱερεῖς ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον τὰ ὀλοκαυτώματα ὑμῶν, καὶ τὰ τοῦ σωτηρίου ὑμῶν, καὶ προσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, λέγει Κύριος (μδ' 1). Καὶ ἐπέστρεψέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Ἀγίων τῆς ἐξωτερικῆς τῆς βλεπούσης κατὰ ἀνατολάς, καὶ αὕτη ἦν κεκλεισμένη. Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος πρὸς με· Ἡ πύλη αὕτη κεκλεισμένη ἔσται, οὐκ ἀνοιχθήσεται, καὶ οὐδεὶς οὐ μὴ διέλθῃ δι' αὐτῆς, ὅτι Κύριος ὁ Θεός, Ἰσραὴλ εἰσελεύσεται δι' αὐτῆς, καὶ ἔσται κεκλεισμένη. Διότι ὁ Ἡγούμενος οὗτος κάθηται ἐπ' αὐτὴν τοῦ φαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐνώπιον Κυρίου, κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ Αἰλάμ τῆς πύλης εἰσελεύσεται, καὶ κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν αὐτοῦ ἐξελεύσεται. Καὶ εἰσήγαγέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Ἀγίων τῆς πρὸς βορρᾶν, κατέναντι τοῦ οἴκου· καὶ εἶδον καὶ ἰδοὺ πλήρης δόξης ὁ οἶκος Κυρίου.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία! Πρόσχωμεν!

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

(Κεφ. Θ' 1)

Ἡ σοφία ᾠκοδόμησεν ἑαυτῇ οἶκον καὶ ὑπήρξε στύλους ἑπτὰ. Ἐσφαξε τὰ ἑαυτῆς

READER

The reading is from the Prophecy of Ezekiel.

DEACON

Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

READER

(43:27-44:4)

Thus says the Lord: "When they have completed these days, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt offerings and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord God." Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. And the Lord said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, shall enter by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way." Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. (SAAS)

READER

The reading is from the Proverbs of Solomon.

DEACON

Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

READER

(9:1-11)

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her

θύματα, καὶ ἐκέρασεν εἰς κρατῆρα τὸν
 ἑαυτῆς οἶνον, καὶ ἡτοιμάσατο τὴν ἑαυτῆς
 τράπεζαν. Ἀπέστειλε τοὺς ἑαυτῆς δούλους,
 συγκαλοῦσα μετὰ ὑψηλοῦ κηρύγματος, ὡς
 ἐπὶ κρατῆρα, λέγουσα· Ὅς ἐστὶν ἄφρων,
 ἐκκλινάτω πρὸς με, καὶ τοῖς ἐνδεέσι φρενῶν
 εἶπεν· Ἐλθετε φάγετε τὸν ἐμὸν ἄρτον, καὶ
 πίετε οἶνον, ὃν κεκέρακα ὑμῖν, ἀπολίπετε
 ἀφροσύνην, καὶ ζήσεσθε, καὶ ζητήσατε
 φρόνησιν, ἵνα βιώσητε, καὶ κατορθώσητε
 σύνεσιν ἐν γνώσει, ὁ παιδεύων κακοὺς,
 λήψεται ἑαυτῷ ἀτιμίαν, ἐλέγχων δὲ τὸν
 ἀσεβῆ, μωμήσεται ἑαυτόν, (οἱ γὰρ ἔλεγχοι
 τῷ ἀσεβεῖ, μώλωπες αὐτῷ). Μὴ ἔλεγχε
 κακοὺς, ἵνα μὴ μισήσωσί σε, ἔλεγχε σοφὸν
 καὶ ἀγαπήσει σε. Δίδου σοφῷ ἀφορμὴν,
 καὶ σοφώτερος ἔσται, γινώριζε δικαίῳ, καὶ
 προσθήσει τοῦ δέχεσθαι. Ἀρχὴ σοφίας,
 φόβος Κυρίου, καὶ βουλή Ἁγίων, σύνεσις,
 (τὸ γὰρ γινῶναι Νόμον, διανοίας ἐστὶν
 ἀγαθῆς)· τούτῳ γὰρ τῷ τρόπῳ πολὺν ζήσεις
 χρόνον, καὶ προστεθήσεται σοι ἔτη ζωῆς.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Εἰπῶμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ
 ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἰπῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

Κύριε παντοκράτωρ 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.

beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also
 set her table. She has sent out her servants
 to call from the highest places in the town,
 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To
 him who is without sense she says, "Come,
 eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have
 mixed. Leave simpleness, that you may
 reign forever; seek wisdom, and live; and
 improve understanding by knowledge. He
 who corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and
 he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
 reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be
 still wiser; teach a righteous man and he will
 increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is
 the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of
 saints is understanding. For to know the law
 is the character of a sound mind. For by me
 your days will be multiplied, and years will
 be added to your life." (SAAS)

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.

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

Ἦτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τοῦ (ἀρχιερατικοῦ βαθμοῦ) ἡμῶν (τοῦ δεῖνος). καὶ καὶ

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

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

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

Ἦτι 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.)

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.)

(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 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.)

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.)

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.)

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.)

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.)

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

(Σοί, Κύριε.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

(Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.)

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.

(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.)

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 φιλανθρώπῳ κριτῇ οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν· οὓς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης ἐνεργίας διαβολικῆς, καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

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

(Ἀμήν.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀπόστιχα.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος δ'.

Τῷ ἔκτῳ μηνί, ἀπεστάλη ὁ Ἀρχάγγελος πρὸς Παρθένον ἀγνήν, καὶ χαίρειν αὐτῇ προσειπὼν, εὐηγγελίσατο ἐξ αὐτῆς τὸν Λυτρωτὴν προελθεῖν. Ὅθεν πιστῶς δεξαμένη τὸν ἀσπασμόν, συνέλαβέ σε τὸν προαιώνιον Θεόν, τὸν ἀφράστως εὐδοκήσαντα ἐνανθρωπήσαι, εἰς σωτηρίαν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

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.)

From Menaion ---

CHOIR

Aposticha.

Idiomelon. Mode 4.

In the sixth month, the Archangel was sent to the Virgin pure. He said to her to rejoice, and he announced that the Redeemer would be born from her. When she accepted the salutation with faith, she conceived You, the pre-eternal God, Who were well pleased ineffably to become man to save our souls. (SD)

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος δ'.

Στίχ. Εὐαγγελίζεσθε ἡμέραν ἐξ ἡμέρας
τὸ σωτήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν.

Γλῶσσαν ἣν οὐκ ἔγνων, ἤκουσεν
ἡ Θεοτόκος· ἐλάλει γὰρ πρὸς αὐτὴν ὁ
Ἀρχάγγελος, τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τὰ ῥήματα·
ὅθεν πιστῶς δεξαμένη τὸν ἀσπασμόν,
συνέλαβέ σε τὸν προαιώνιον Θεόν. Διὸ καὶ
ἡμεῖς ἀγαλλόμενοι βοῶμέν σοι· ὁ ἐξ αὐτῆς
σαρκωθεὶς ἀτρέπτως Θεός, εἰρήνην τῷ
κόσμῳ δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ
μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἰδιόμελον. Ἦχος δ'.

Στίχ. Ἀσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾠσμα καινόν,
ᾠσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ πᾶσα ἡ γῆ·

Ἴδου ἡ ἀνάκλησις νῦν ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν,
ὕπὲρ λόγον ὁ Θεὸς τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ἐνοῦται,
Ἀρχαγγέλου τῇ φωνῇ ἡ πλάνη ἐκμειοῦται·
ἡ Παρθένος γὰρ δέχεται τὴν χαράν, τὰ
ἐπίγεια γέγονεν οὐρανός, ὁ κόσμος λέλυται
τῆς ἀρχαίας ἀρχῆς. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθω ἡ κτίσις καὶ
φωναῖς ἀνυμνεῖτω. Ὁ ποιητὴς καὶ λυτρωτὴς
ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Σήμερον χαρᾶς Εὐαγγέλια, παρθενικὴ
πανήγυρις, τὰ κάτω τοῖς ἄνω συνάπτεται,
ὁ Ἀδὰμ καινουργεῖται, ἡ Εὗα τῆς πρώτης
λύπης ἐλευθεροῦται, καὶ ἡ σκηνὴ τῆς καθ'
ἡμᾶς οὐσίας τῇ θεώσει τοῦ προσληφθέντος
φυράματος, ναὸς Θεοῦ κεχηρημάτικεν.
ὦ Μυστήριον! ὁ τρόπος τῆς κενώσεως
ἄγνωστος, ὁ τρόπος τῆς συλλήψεως
ἄφραστος, Ἄγγελος λειτουργεῖ τῷ θαύματι,
παρθενικὴ γαστήρ τὸν Υἱὸν ὑποδέχεται,

Idiomelon. Mode 4.

Verse: Proclaim from day to day the
salvation of our God. (SAAS)

The Theotokos heard a tongue she knew
not. For the Archangel spoke to her the words
of the Annunciation. When she accepted the
salutation with faith, she conceived You, the
pre-eternal God. We also greatly rejoice, and
we say to You: O God, Who without changing
became incarnate of her, grant peace to the
world, and great mercy to our souls. (SD)

Idiomelon. Mode 4.

Verse: Oh, sing a new song to the Lord, sing
to the Lord, all the earth. (SAAS)

Behold, the restoration has now been
revealed to us. God unites himself to man
in a manner transcending reason, at the
voice of the Archangel. Delusion is greatly
diminished. The Virgin is accepting the joy.
Things earthly have become heaven. The
world has been released from the ancient
curse. Let creation greatly rejoice and sing
praises. "O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer,
glory to You!" (SD)

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

Today are glad announcements of joy
proclaimed. This is the virgins' festival. The
things below are joined to the things on
high. Adam is made new again, while Eve is
liberated from her former pain and sorrow.
And the tabernacle of our human nature,
with the deification of the substance that
was assumed, has been designated as the
temple of God. Oh, the mystery! The manner
of the emptying is unknowable, the manner

Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον καταπέμπεται, Πατὴρ
ἄνωθεν εὐδοκεῖ, καὶ τὸ συνάλλαγμα, κατὰ
κοινὴν πραγματεύεται βούλησιν, ἐν ᾧ,
καὶ δι' οὗ σωθέντες, συνωδὰ τῷ Γαβριήλ,
πρὸς τὴν Παρθένον βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε
Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ, ἐξ ἧς ἡ
σωτηρία, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τὴν καθ'
ἡμᾶς προσλαβόμενος φύσιν, πρὸς ἑαυτὸν
ἐπανήγαγεν· Αὐτὸν ἱκέτευε, σωθῆναι τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὡδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν.

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

ΛΑΟΣ

Τρισάγιον.

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

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

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε,
ἰλάσθητι 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.

of conception ineffable. An Angel administers
the miracle; the virgin womb welcomes the
Son into itself. The Holy Spirit is sent down;
above the Father gives His consent, and
the transaction is effected according to the
common wish. So, therein and thereby being
saved, let us therefore cry aloud to the Virgin
with Gabriel: "Rejoice, O Maiden full of grace,
for with you is the Lord, our salvation, Christ
our God who from you did assume our own
nature, which He thereby led back to himself.
To Him pray fervently, entreating Him to
save our souls." (SD)

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.

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.

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

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

**Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος δ'.**

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ
Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου
ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς
Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν
εὐαγγελίζειται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ
Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ
Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ. (ἐκ γ')

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

(Κύριε, ἐλέησον.)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογία Κυρίου καὶ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ
ἔλθοι ἐφ' ὑμᾶς, τῇ αὐτοῦ θεία χάριτι καὶ
φιλανθρωπία πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς
τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Ἀμήν.)

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

From Menaion ---

**Apolytikion. For the Feast.
Mode 4.**

Today is the summary of our salvation,
and the revelation of the age-old mystery.
For the Son of God becomes the Son of the
Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good news
of grace. Therefore, let us join him, and cry
aloud to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, Maiden full
of grace! The Lord is with you." (3)

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

May the blessing and mercy of the Lord
come upon you, by His divine grace and love
for mankind, always, now and ever, and to
the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

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

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀμήν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὑπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Δόξα σοι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν,
δόξα σοι.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

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 δι' ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ διὰ τὴν
ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν, ἐκ Πνεύματος ἁγίου
καὶ Μαρίας τῆς παρθένου, σαρκωθῆναι
καταδεξάμενος, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς
ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου
καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός,
ἧς καὶ τὸν Εὐαγγελισμὸν ἐορτάζομεν·
δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ,
προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων
Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου,
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων
καὶ πανευφήμεων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν
οσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ
Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων

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

READER

Amen.

PRIEST

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

READER

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.

PRIEST

Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope.
Glory to You.

READER

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 for us men and for our
salvation condescended to become incarnate
of the the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
Christ our true God, through the intercessions
of his most pure and holy Mother, whose
Annunciation we celebrate; 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,

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.)

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.)