

PRAYERS UPON WAKING

The Trisagion Prayers

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Choir:

During the 40 day after Pascha instead of Holy God...: Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and to those in the tomb he bestowed life. (3X)

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Troparia to the Holy Trinity

Having arisen from sleep, we fall down before thee, O Blessed One, and sing to thee, O Mighty One, the Angelic Hymn: Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

From my bed and sleep Thou hast raised me: O Lord, enlighten my mind and my heart, and open my lips that I may praise thee, O Holy Trinity: □ Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

✠ Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Suddenly the Judge shall come, and the deeds of each shall be revealed: but with fear we cry out in the middle of the night: Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy. (12 times)

A Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Arising from sleep I thank thee, O holy Trinity, because of the abundance of thy goodness and long-suffering thou wast not wroth with me, slothful and sinful as I am; neither hast thou destroyed me in my transgressions: but in thy compassion raised me up, as I lay in despair; that at dawn I might sing the glories of thy Majesty. Do thou now enlighten the eyes of my understanding, open my mouth to receive thy words, teach me

thy commandments, help me to do thy will, confessing thee from my heart, singing and praising thine All-holy Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets;

And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

We bless thee, O God most high and Lord of mercies, who ever workest great and mysterious deeds for us, glorious, wonderful, and numberless; who providest us with sleep as a rest from our infirmities and as a repose for our bodies tired by labor. We thank thee that thou hast not destroyed us in our transgressions, but in thy love toward mankind thou hast raised us up, as we lay in despair, that we may glorify thy Majesty. We entreat thine infinite goodness, enlighten the eyes of our understanding and raise up our minds from the heavy sleep of indolence; open our mouths and fill them with thy praise, that we may unceasingly sing and confess thee, who art God glorified in all and by all, the eternal Father, the Only-Begotten Son, and the all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Here may be added your own private devotions and intercessions, using your own words or the "Occasional Prayers". When you have finished, conclude with this prayer:

✠ Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

MIDDAY PRAYERS

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✠ **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

✠ **Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.**

O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

✠ **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (Thrice)**

✠ **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

✠ **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

✠ **Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

O Christ our God, who at this hour didst stretch out thy loving arms upon the Cross that all men might be gathered unto thee, help us and save us who cry out unto thee: Glory to thee, O Lord.

Here may be added your own private devotions and intercessions, using your own words or the "Occasional Prayers". When you have finished, conclude with this prayer:

† Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

EVENING PRAYERS

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✠ **Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Troparia of Thanksgiving

Now that the day has come to a close, I thank thee, O Lord, and I ask that the evening with the night may be sinless; grant this to me, O Saviour, and save me.

† Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Now that the day hath passed, I glorify thee, O Master, and I ask that the evening, with the night may be without offence; grant this to me, O Saviour, and save me.

† Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Now that the day hath run its course, I praise thee, O Holy One, and I ask that the evening with the night may be undisturbed; grant this to me, O Saviour, and save me.

Lord, have mercy. (12 times)

A Prayer for Forgiveness

O Lord our God, if during this day I have sinned, whether in word or deed or thought, forgive me all, for thou art good and lovest mankind. Grant me peaceful and undisturbed sleep, and deliver me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. Raise me up again in proper time that I may glorify thee; for thou art blessed: with thine Only-begotten Son and thine All-holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets;

And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

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And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Hours

O Christ our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Encompass us with thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and

to the knowledge of thine unapproachable glory, for thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Here may be added your own private devotions and intercessions, using your own words or the "Occasional Prayers". When you have finished, conclude with this prayer:

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As you lie down to sleep, say:

† Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and my body. Do thou thyself bless me, have mercy upon me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.

Daily Vespers

✠ Priest: Blessed is our God always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

✠ come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

✠ come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ our King and our God.

PSALM 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's

heart. The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies. He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

The sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night. O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Glory to Thee, O God. *(Thrice)*
O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee.

The Litany of Peace

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy house and for those who with faith, reverence and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our Metropolitan N., for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For Her Majesty the Queen the Prime Minister of Canada, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this city of and for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee O Lord.

† Priest: For unto Thee is due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

*Then the proper section from the psalms is read.
After the section from the psalms ...*

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

† Priest: For Thine is the might , and Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE LAMPLIGHTING PSALMS

Lord I have cried (In the tone of the day)

Psalm 140

O Lord, I have cried out unto Thee, hear Thou me. Hear Thou me, O Lord. O Lord, I have cried out unto Thee, hear Thou me. Give ear to the voice of my supplication. When I cry out unto Thee, hear Thou me, O Lord.

***Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as the incense; and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. Hear Thou me, O Lord.**

*** Set a watch , O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door about my lips.**

***Incline not my heart unto evil words, to make excuses in sins.**

***With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.**

*** The just man shall correct me in mercy, and shall reprove me, but let not oil of the sinner anoint my head.**

*** For my prayer shall still be against the things with which they are well pleased, their judges falling upon the rock have been swallowed up.**

***They shall hear my words for they are sweet. As when the thickness of the earth is broken up upon the ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.**

***For unto thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I put my trust; take not away my soul.**

***Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of iniquity.**

***Let the sinners fall into their own nets; while I alone escape.**

PSALM 141

***I cried unto the Lord with my voice, with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.**

***I poured out my supplication before Him, I showed before Him my trouble.**

***When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my paths.**

***In the way wherein I have walked they have secretly laid a snare for me.**

***I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no one that would know me.**

*** Refuge failed me, no one cared for my soul.**

***I cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.**

***Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low.**

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

10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name.

9) The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.

Psalm 129

8) Out of the depths have I cried to thee, O Lord, O Lord, hear my voice.

7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

6) If Thou, O Lord, should mark iniquities O Lord, who should stand? For with Thee is forgiveness.

5) Because of Thy Name I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel trust in the Lord.

3) For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He shall deliver Israel out of all his iniquities.

2) Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise Him, all ye peoples.

1) For His mercy is great towards us and the, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

† Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

† Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Gladsome light of the Holy Glory of the Father Immortal, Heavenly, Holy, Blessed Jesus Christ. In that we have now have come unto the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening we hymn Thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God. For meet it is that at all time Thou shouldest be magnified by voices holy, O Son of God, Who bestowest life; for which cause all the world doth glorify Thee.

Priest: The Evening Prokimenon

On Sunday evening, in the Eighth Tone:

Behold now, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. *(Twice)*

Stichos: Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Behold now, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

On Monday evening, in the Fourth Tone:

The Lord will hearken unto me when I cry unto Him. *(Twice)*

Stichos: When I called upon Thee, O God of my righteousness, Thou didst hearken unto me.

The Lord will hearken unto me when I cry unto Him.

On Tuesday evening, in the First Tone:

Thy mercy, O Lord, shall pursue me all the days of my life. *(Twice)*

Stichos: The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want. In a place of green pasture, there hath He made me to dwell.

Thy mercy, O Lord, shall pursue me all the days of my life.

On Wednesday evening, in the Fifth Tone:

O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me. *(Twice)*

Stichos: O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth.

O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me.

On Thursday evening, in the Sixth Tone:

My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth. *(Twice)*

Stichos: I have lifted up mine eyes to the Mountains, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth.

On Friday evening, in the Seventh Tone:

O God, my helper art Thou, and Thy mercy shall go before me. *(Twice)*

Stichos: Rescue me from mine enemies, O God, and from them that rise up against me redeem me.

O God, my helper art Thou, and Thy mercy shall go before me.

If there are Scriptural readings appointed:

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from _____

Priest: Let us attend!

Then, after the reading (or after the Prokimenon, if there is no reading):

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy commandments. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy precepts.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: O despise not the work of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Litany of Supplication

Priest: Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Calling remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee O Lord.

† Priest: For thou art a good God who lovest man, and unto thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

† Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord

Choir: To thee, O Lord. . (*The Faithful Bow Their Heads*)

The Prayer at the Bowing of The Heads

Priest: O Lord our God, Who didst bow down the heavens and come down for the salvation of mankind, look upon Thy servants and Thine inheritance; for unto Thee, the awful Judge, Who yet lovest mankind, have Thy servants bowed their heads and submissively inclined their necks, awaiting not help from men, but entreating Thy mercy and looking confidently for Thy salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every foe, and from every adverse powers of the Devil, and from vain thoughts and evil imaginations.

† Blessed and glorified be the might of thy kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Aposticha

St. Simeon's Prayer

Choir: Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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

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✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Troparion for the Saint of the Day

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Again - The Troparion for the Saint of the Day

✠ Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Theotokion Same Tone

The Litany of Fervent Supplication

Priest: Let us all say with all our soul and all our mind, let us say: O Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for pious Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for our Metropolitan N.,.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for our brethren, the priests, the hieromonks, the hierodeacons, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and forgiveness of the sins for (*the servant(s) of God, NN.*) and all Orthodox Christians of true worship who live and dwell in this Community.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Priest: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy temple for (*the servants of God...NN*) and for all our fathers and brethren the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Priest: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and venerable temple, for those who serve and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Thy great and rich mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

✠ **Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God who lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom!

Choir: Father, Bless.

✠ **Priest:** Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Preserve, O God, the Holy Orthodox Faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Priest: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Choir: More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee.

✠ Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, Glory to Thee.

✠ **Choir:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy (**Thrice**), Father Bless.

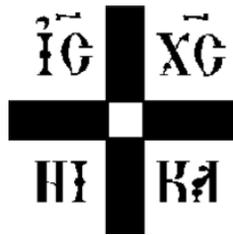
Priest: May (*insert the appointed phrase*) Christ, our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of (*the daily commemoration*) of (*patron Saint(s)*); of the holy righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of Saint(s) (*names*) whose memory we celebrate; and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, fore as much as He is good and lovest mankind.

✠ Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Daily Commemorations

- † Monday—by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven...
- † Tuesday—at the supplications of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John...
- † Wednesday—by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross...
- † Thursday—of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the Saints, Nicholas the wonder-worker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia...
- † Friday—by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross...
- † Saturday—of the holy, glorious and right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable God-bearing fathers...



The Little Compline

The priest vested in exorasson and holding his epitachelion in his left hand, stands on the solea before the closed holy doors, facing east, and makes three matanias, saying each time:

✠ **Priest: O God be gracious unto me a sinner, and have mercy on me.**

The he blesses the epitachelion, kisses the neck cross and puts it on saying:

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

✠ **Blessed is God, who poureth out His grace upon His priests, as oil of myrrh upon the head, which runneth down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, which runneth down to the fringe of his raiment, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

✠ **Priest: Blessed is our God always now and ever and unto ages of ages.**

Choir: Amen

✠ **Priest: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.**

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who art in all places, and fills all things; Treasury of good things, and Giver of Life, come dwell in us and cleanse us from our every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Choir:

✠ **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)**

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Lord have mercy. (12 times)

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ our King and our God.

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was shapen in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. Then I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it Thee; Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offerings and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

PSALM 69

O God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul.

Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

PSALM 142

O Lord, hear my prayer; give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth. He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands. I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land. Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me. In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies. And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

THE LITTLE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will among men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we

glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every night will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever, yea, forever and forever.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge in generation and generation. I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. O Lord, unto Thee have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

✠ Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes.

✠ Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy commandments.

✠ Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy precepts.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: O despise not the work of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried; And on the third day He arose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Here the Canon May be Read.)

Then:

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all blameless, and Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee.

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

† Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

† Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

On Sunday night:

Supreme Commanders of the Heavenly Hosts, we unworthy ones implore you that by your supplications ye will encircle us with the shelter of the wings of your immaterial glory, and guard us who fall down before you and fervently cry: Deliver us from dangers since ye are the Marshals of the Hosts on high.

On Monday night:

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be even more venerable than the prophets since thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades; that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

On Tuesday night:

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

On Wednesday night:

O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

And to St. Nicholas, Fourth Tone:

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness and a teacher of temperance; therefore thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

On Thursday night:

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

On Friday night:

O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets, Venerable and Righteous Ones; ye that have accomplished a good labor and kept the Faith, that have boldness before the Savior; O Good Ones, intercede for us, we pray, that our souls be saved.

Then:

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

✠ Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, the Planter of creation, the world doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By their intercessions preserve Thy Church, Thy commonwealth, in profound peace, through the Theotokos, O merciful One.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (forty times)

Prayer of the Hours

O Christ our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Encompass us with thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of thine unapproachable glory, for thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. (*Thrice*)

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee.

Bless, Father in the Name of the Lord.

† Priest: May God have compassion upon us and bless us; may He show the light of His countenance upon us and have mercy upon us.

Choir: Amen. Lord, have mercy. *(12 times)*

Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos

Priest: O Lady, Bride of God, spotless, blameless and immaculate Virgin, thou who without corruption, by thy glorious birth-giving, hast united God the Word to man and joined the fallen nature of our race to heavenly things; who alone art the hope of the hopeless, the help of those who do battle; the ready help of those who flee unto thee and the refuge of all Christians: Despise me not, an accursed sinner, though I have rendered myself unworthy by my shameful thoughts, words, and deeds, and through indolence have become a slave to the pleasures of life; but as the Mother of the God who lovest mankind, mercifully have compassion upon me, a sinner and a prodigal, and receive my prayer, though it be offered unto thee by unworthy lips; and using thy boldness as a mother, importune thy Son, our Lord and Master, that he may open to me also the tender compassions of his goodness so as to overlook my numberless transgressions and turn me to repentance and show me forth as a zealous doer of his commandments. And because thou art merciful, compassionate and benevolent, be thou ever near me in this present life as an ardent help and protection, defending me from the assaults of adversaries and leading me to salvation. And at the time of my departure (from this life), care for my miserable soul, and drive far from it the dark visions of evil demons; and in the fearful day of judgment, deliver me from eternal punishment, and present me as an inheritor of the ineffable glory of thy Son, our God, May this be my lot, O Lady, most holy Theotokos, through thy mediation and help, through the grace and love towards mankind

of thine only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom is due all glory, honour and worship, with his unoriginate Father, and his all-holy and good and life giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

A Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ

And grant unto us, O Master, when we depart to sleep, repose of body and soul; and protect us from the murky sleep of sin and from all the dark pleasures of the night. Calm the impulses of passions, and quench the fiery darts of evil which are craftily thrown against us; check the rebellions of our flesh, and still all earthly and material thoughts. And grant us, O God, a watchful mind, a chaste thought, a sober heart, a sleep gentle and free from every satanic illusion. Raise us up at the time of prayer firmly grounded in Thy commandments. Grant us grace to glorify Thee all through the night, that we may praise and bless and glorify Thy all-honorable and majestic name: of the ☐☐ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Most glorious, Ever-Virgin, Mother of Christ God, present our prayer to thy Son and our God, that through thee, He may save our souls.

✠ The Father is my hope,
✠ The Son my is refuge,
✠ The Holy Spirit is my protection:
O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

All my hope I place in thee, O Mother of God: keep me under thy protection.

Tone 8

In thee, O full of grace, all creation rejoices the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sacred temple and spiritual

paradise, boast of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a little child, our God, before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb more spacious than the heavens. In thee O full of grace all creation rejoiceth. Glory to thee!

A Prayer to the Guardian Angel

O holy angel that standeth by my wretched soul and my passionate life, forsake not me a sinner, nor shrink from me because of mine intemperance. Give no place for the cunning demon to master me through the violence of my mortal body, strengthen my poor and feeble hand, and guide me in the way of salvation. Yea, O holy angel of God, guardian and protector of my wretched soul and body, forgive me all wherein I have offended thee all the days of my life; and if I have sinned in anything this day, protect me during this present night, and guard me from every temptation of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. And pray to the Lord for me, that he may establish me in His fear, and show me, His servant, to be worthy of His goodness. Amen.

Choir: in Tone 5

O Theotokos and Virgin, rejoice, O Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. (Thrice)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

✠ *Choir:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*) Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

Choir: Amen.

Priest makes three matanias, saying each time.

Priest: O God, be gracious unto to me a sinner, and have mercy on me.

Priest turns to the people.

Priest: Forgive me, a sinner *Priest:*

Choir: God forgive thee, holy father.

Priest: Let us pray for the peace of the world:

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: And for pious and Orthodox Christians:

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For our Metropolitan N., our Bishop N., and all our brotherhood in Christ:

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: And for all civil authorities of this land:

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: And for our fathers and brethren absent from among us:

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For those that hate us and those that love us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For those that are kind to us and those that minister onto us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For those that have asked us unworthy ones to pray for them.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For the deliverance of the imprisoned.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For our fathers and brethren that have passed on before us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For those sailing upon the sea.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: For those bedridden in infirmities.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: And for the soul of every Orthodox Christian.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: Let us bless God-fearing leaders, Orthodox Bishops, and the founders of this holy temple and our parents and teachers, and all our fathers and brethren gone before us, the Orthodox who here and everywhere lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Priest: Let us say also for ourselves.

Choir:

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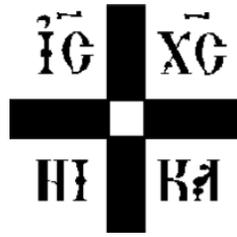
† *Priest:* Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Tone 3

Awed by the beauty of thy virginity and the exceeding radiance of thy purity, Gabriel called out unto thee, O Theotokos: What worthy hymn of praise can I offer unto thee? And what shall I name thee? I am in doubt and stand in awe. Wherefore as commanded, I cry to thee: Rejoice, O Full of Grace.

END OF COMPLINE



Midnight Office

The priest vested in exorasson and holding his epitachelion in his left hand, stands on the solea before the closed holy doors, facing east, and makes three matanias, saying each time:

✠ Priest: O God be gracious unto me a sinner, and have mercy on me.

The he blesses the epitachelion, kisses the neck cross and puts it on saying:

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Blessed is God, who poureth out His grace upon His priests, as oil of myrrh upon the head, which runneth down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, which runneth down to the fringe of his raiment, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Priest: Blessed is our God always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

✠ Priest: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who art in all places, and fills all things; Treasury of good things, and Giver of Life, come dwell in us and cleanse us from our every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Choir:

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12 Times)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

✠ come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ our King and our God.

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity, and my sin is

ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was shapen in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. □□ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. Then I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it Thee; Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offerings and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

**The Seventeenth Kathisma
Psalm 118**

Blessed are the blameless in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that search out His testimonies; with their whole heart shall they seek after Him. For they that work iniquity have not walked in His ways. Thou hast enjoined Thy commandments, that we should keep them most diligently. Would that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes. Then shall I not be ashamed, when I look on all Thy commandments. I will confess Thee with uprightness of heart, when I have learned

the judgments of Thy righteousness. I will keep thy statutes; do not utterly forsake me. Wherewithal shall a young man correct his way? By keeping Thy words. With my whole heart have I sought after Thee, cast me not away from Thy commandments. In my heart have I hid Thy sayings that I might not sin against Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth. In the way of Thy testimonies have I found delight, as much as in all riches. On Thy commandments will I ponder, and I will understand Thy ways. On Thy statutes will I meditate; I will not forget Thy words. Give reward unto Thy servant, quicken me and I will keep Thy words. O unveil mine eyes, and I shall perceive wondrous things out of Thy law. I am a sojourner on the earth, hide not from me Thy commandments. My soul hath longed to desire Thy judgments at all times. Thou hast rebuked the proud; cursed are they that decline from Thy commandments. Remove from me reproach and contempt, for after Thy testimonies have I sought. For princes sat and they spake against me, but Thy servant pondered on Thy statutes. For Thy testimonies are my meditation, and Thy statutes are my counselors. My soul hath cleaved unto the earth; quicken me according to Thy word. My ways have I declared, and Thou hast heard me; teach me Thy statutes. Make me to understand the way of Thy statutes, and I will ponder on Thy wondrous works. My soul hath slumbered from despondency, strengthen me with Thy words. Remove from me the way of unrighteousness, and with Thy law have mercy on me. I have chosen the way of truth, and Thy judgments have I not forgotten. I have cleaved to Thy testimonies, O Lord; put me not to shame. The way of Thy commandments have I run, when Thou didst enlarge my heart. Set before me for a law, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I will seek after it continually. Give me understanding, and I will search out Thy law, and I will keep it with my whole heart. Guide me in the path of Thy commandments, for I have desired it. Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies and not unto covetousness. Turn away mine eyes that I may not see vanity, quicken Thou me in Thy way. Establish for Thy servant Thine oracle unto fear of Thee. Remove

my reproach which I have feared, for Thy judgments are good. Behold, I have longed after Thy commandments; in Thy righteousness quicken me. Let Thy mercy come also upon me, O Lord, even Thy salvation according to Thy word. So shall I give an answer to them that reproach me, for I have hoped in Thy words. And take not utterly out of my mouth the word of truth, for in Thy judgments have I hoped. So shall I keep Thy law continually, for ever, and unto the ages of ages. And I walked in spaciousness, for after Thy commandments have I sought. And I spake of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed. And I meditated on Thy commandments which I have greatly loved. And I lifted up my hands to Thy commandments which I have loved, and I pondered on Thy statutes. Remember Thy words to Thy servant, wherein Thou hast made me to hope. This hath comforted me in my humiliation, for Thine oracle hath quickened me. The proud have transgressed exceedingly, but from Thy law have I not declined. I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord, and was comforted. Despondency took hold upon me because of the sinners who forsake Thy law. Thy statutes were my songs in the place of my sojourning. I remembered Thy name in the night, O Lord, and I kept Thy law. This hath happened unto me because I sought after Thy statutes. Thou art my portion, O Lord; I said that I would keep Thy law. I entreated Thy countenance with my whole heart: Have mercy on me according to Thy word. I have thought on Thy ways, and I have turned my feet back to Thy testimonies. I made ready, and I was not troubled, that I might keep Thy commandments. The cords of sinners have entangled me, but Thy law have I not forgotten. At midnight I arose to give thanks unto Thee for the judgments of Thy righteousness. I am a partaker with all them that fear Thee, and with them that keep Thy commandments. The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy; teach me Thy statutes. Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word. Goodness and discipline and knowledge teach Thou me, for in Thy commandments have I believed. Before I was humbled, I transgressed; therefore Thy saying have I kept. Thou art good, O Lord, and in Thy goodness teach me Thy statutes. Multiplied

against me hath been the unrighteousness of the proud; but as for me, with my whole heart will I search out Thy commandments. Curdled like milk is their heart; but as for me, in Thy law have I meditated. It is good for me that Thou hast humbled me, that I might learn Thy statutes. The law of Thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (Thrice.)

Lord have mercy. (Thrice)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Second Stasis

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding and I will learn Thy commandments. They that fear Thee shall see me and be glad, for on Thy words have I set my hope. I have known, O Lord, that Thy judgments are righteousness, and with truth hast Thou humbled me. Let now Thy mercy be my comfort, according to Thy saying unto Thy servant. Let Thy compassions come upon me and I shall live, for Thy law is my meditation. Let the proud be put to shame, for unjustly have they transgressed against me; but as for me, I will ponder on Thy commandments. Let those that fear Thee return unto me, and those that know Thy testimonies. Let my heart be blameless in Thy statutes, that I may not be put to shame. My soul fainteth for Thy salvation; on Thy words have I set my hope. Mine eyes are grown dim with waiting for Thine oracle; they say: When wilt Thou comfort me? For I am become like a wine-skin in the frost; yet Thy statutes have I not forgotten. How many are the days of Thy servant? When wilt Thou execute judgment for me on them that persecute me? Transgressors have told me fables, but they are not like Thy law, O Lord. All Thy commandments are truth. Without a cause have men persecuted

me; do Thou help me. They well nigh made an end of me on the earth; but as for me, I forsook not Thy commandments. According to Thy mercy quicken me, and I will keep the testimonies of Thy mouth. For ever, O Lord, Thy word abideth in heaven. Unto generation and generation is Thy truth; Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth. By Thine ordinance doth the day abide, for all things are Thy servants. If Thy law had not been my meditation, then should I have perished in my humiliation. I will never forget Thy statutes, for in them hast Thou quickened me.

Middle

I am Thine, save me; for after Thy statutes have I sought. Sinners have waited for me to destroy me; but Thy testimonies have I understood. Of all perfection have I seen the outcome; exceeding spacious is Thy commandment. O how I have loved Thy law, O Lord! the whole day long it is my meditation. Above mine enemies hast Thou made me wise in Thy commandment, for it is mine for ever. Above all that teach me have I gained understanding, for Thy testimonies are my meditation. Above mine elders have I received understanding, for after Thy commandments have I sought. From every way that is evil have I restrained my feet that I might keep Thy words. From Thy judgments have I not declined, for Thou hast set a law for me. How sweet to my palate are Thy sayings! more sweet than honey to my mouth. From Thy commandments have I gained understanding; therefore have I hated every way of unrighteousness. Thy law is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my paths. I have sworn and resolved that I will keep the judgments of Thy righteousness. I was humbled exceedingly; O Lord, quicken me according to Thy word. The free-will offerings of my mouth be Thou now pleased to receive, O Lord, and teach me Thy judgments. My soul is in Thy hands continually, and Thy law have I not forgotten. Sinners have set a snare for me, yet from Thy commandment have I not strayed. I have inherited Thy testimonies for ever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have

inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes for ever for a recompense. Transgressors have I hated, but Thy law have I loved. My helper and my protector art Thou; on Thy words have I set my hope. Depart from me, ye evil-doers, and I will search out the commandments of my God. Uphold me according to Thy saying and quicken me, and turn me not away in shame from mine expectation. Help me, and I shall be saved; and I will meditate on Thy statutes continually. Thou hast set at nought all that depart from Thy statutes, for unrighteous is their inward thought. I have reckoned as transgressors all the sinners of the earth, therefore have I loved Thy testimonies. Nail down my flesh with the fear of Thee, for of Thy judgments am I afraid. I have wrought judgment and righteousness; O give me not up to them that wrong me. Receive Thy servant unto good, let not the proud falsely accuse me. Mine eyes have failed with waiting for Thy salvation, and for the word of Thy righteousness. Deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy, and teach me Thy statutes. I am Thy servant; give me understanding, and I shall know Thy testimonies. It is time for the Lord to act; for they have dispersed Thy law. Therefore have I loved Thy commandments more than gold and topaz. Therefore I directed myself according to all Thy commandments; every way that is unrighteous have I hated. Wonderful are Thy testimonies; therefore hath my soul searched them out. The unfolding of Thy words will give light and understanding unto babes. I opened my mouth and drew in my breath, for I longed for Thy commandments.

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Thrice.)*

Lord have mercy. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Third Stasis

Look upon me and have mercy on me, according to the judgment of them that love Thy name. My steps do Thou direct according to Thy saying, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. Deliver me from the false accusation of men, and I will keep Thy commandments. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes. Mine eyes have poured forth streams of waters, because I kept not Thy law. Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments. Thou hast ordained as Thy testimonies exceeding righteousness and truth. My zeal for Thee hath made me to pine away, because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words. Thine oracle is tried with fire to the uttermost, and Thy servant hath loved it. I am young and accounted as nothing, yet Thy statutes have I not forgotten. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is truth. Tribulations and necessities have found me, Thy commandments are my meditation. Thy testimonies are righteousness for ever; give me understanding and I shall live. I have cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord, and I will seek after Thy statutes. I have cried unto Thee; save me, and I will keep Thy testimonies. I arose in the dead of night and I cried; on Thy words have I set my hope. Mine eyes woke before the morning that I might meditate on Thy sayings. Hear my voice, O Lord, according to Thy mercy; according to Thy judgment, quicken me. They have drawn nigh that lawlessly persecute me, but from Thy law are they far removed. Near art Thou, O Lord, and all Thy ways are truth. From the beginning I have known from Thy testimonies that Thou hast founded them for ever. Behold my humiliation and rescue me, for Thy law have I not forgotten. Judge my cause and redeem me; for Thy word's sake quicken me. Far from sinners is salvation, for they have not sought after Thy statutes. Thy compassions are many, O Lord; according to Thy judgment quicken me. Many are they that persecute me and afflict me; from Thy testimonies have I not declined. I beheld men acting foolishly and I pined away, because they kept not Thy sayings. Behold, how I have loved

Thy commandments; O Lord, in Thy mercy, quicken me. The beginning of Thy words is truth, and all the judgments of Thy righteousness endure for ever. Princes have persecuted me without a cause, and because of Thy words my heart hath been afraid. I will rejoice in Thy sayings as one that findeth great spoil. Unrighteousness have I hated and abhorred, but Thy law have I loved. Seven times a day have I praised Thee for the judgments of Thy righteousness. Much peace have they that love Thy law, and for them there is no stumbling-block. I awaited Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy commandments have I loved. My soul hath kept Thy testimonies and hath loved them exceedingly. I have kept Thy commandments and Thy testimonies, for all my ways are before Thee, O Lord. Let my supplication draw nigh before Thee, O Lord; according to Thine oracle give me understanding. Let my petition come before Thee, O Lord; according to Thine oracle deliver me. My lips shall pour forth a hymn when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes. My tongue shall speak of Thy sayings, for all Thy commandments are righteousness. Let Thy hand be for saving me, for I have chosen Thy commandments. I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my meditation. My soul shall live and shall praise Thee, and Thy judgments will help me. I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; O seek Thy servant, for I have not forgotten Thy commandments.

† Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Symbol of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the

Virgin Mary, and became man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried; And on the third day He arose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

† Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

† Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

† Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

Tone 8

Behold the Bride groom is coming in the middle of the night and blessed is the servant He shall find awake and watching; unworthy is the other He shall find being lazy. So beware, O soul of mine, be not overcome by sleep so that thou not be handed over to death and be shut out from the Kingdom. Come to thy senses and cry aloud: Holy, holy, holy are Thou our God, Thru the Theotokos have mercy on us.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Meditating on that terrible day, O my soul, watch, keeping thy lamp alight and filled with oil; for thou knowest not when unto thee shall come the voice saying: Behold the Bridegroom! Beware, therefore, my soul, lest thou fall into slumber and be left outside, knocking, as were the five virgins; but wakefully watch, that thou mayest come to meet Christ with good oil, and He shall bestow upon thee the divine chamber of His glory.

✠ Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: Thee, the unassailable wall, confirmation of salvation, O Virgin Theotokos, do we supplicate, to destroy the counsels of the enemies, to change the sorrows of thy people into joy, to protect thy city, to ensure victory for pious rulers, and to pray for the peace of the world; for thou, O Theotokos, art our hope.

Lord, have mercy. (40 times.)

Prayer of the Hours

O Christ our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Encompass us with thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of thine unapproachable glory, for thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. (*Thrice*)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee.

Bless Father in the Name of the Lord.

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

Choir: Amen.

Priest: O Master God, the Father Almighty, O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and O Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power: Have mercy on me a sinner, and by the judgments which Thou knowest, save me, Thine unworthy servant; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

*It should be known that the following two prayers are said from
September 22nd until Palm Sunday:*

Choir: O Lord Almighty, God of hosts and of all flesh, Who dwellest on high and lookest down on things that are lowly, Who searchest the heart and innermost being, and clearly foreknowest the secrets of men; O unoriginate and everlasting Light, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning: Do Thou, O Immortal King, receive our supplications which we, daring because of the multitude of Thy compassions, offer Thee at the present time from defiled lips; and forgive us our sins, in deed, word, and thought, whether committed by us knowingly or in ignorance, and cleanse us from every defilement of flesh and spirit. And grant us to pass through the whole night of this present life with watchful heart and sober thought, ever expecting the coming of the bright and appointed day of Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, whereon the Judge of all shall come with glory to reward each according to his deeds. May we not be found fallen and idle, but watching, and upright in activity, ready to accompany Him into the joy and divine palace of His glory, where there is the ceaseless sound of those that keep festival, and the unspeakable delight of those that behold the ineffable beauty of Thy countenance. For Thou art the true Light that enlightenest and sanctifiest all, and all creation doth hymn Thee unto the ages of ages. Amen.

We bless Thee, O Most High God and Lord of mercy, Who ever doest with us things both great and inscrutable, both glorious and awesome, of which there is no measure; Who grantest to us sleep for rest from our infirmities, and relaxation from the labors of our much-toiling flesh. We thank Thee that Thou hast not destroyed us with our iniquities, but hast shown Thy loving-kindness to man as usual, and while we were lying in despair upon our beds, Thou hast raised us up that we might glorify Thy dominion.

Wherefore, we implore Thy boundless goodness: Enlighten the eyes of our understanding and raise up our mind from the heavy sleep of indolence; open our mouth and fill it with Thy praise, that we may be able steadily to hymn and confess Thee, Who art God glorified in all and by all, the unoriginate Father, with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thine All-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

- † come let us worship and fall down before God our King.
- † O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.
- † O come let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ our King and our God.

Psalm 120

I have lifted up mine eyes to the mountains, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth. Give not thy foot unto moving, and may He not slumber that keepeth thee. Behold, He shall not slumber nor shall He sleep, He that keepeth Israel. The Lord shall keep thee; the Lord is thy shelter at thy right hand. The sun shall not burn thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall keep thee from all evil, the Lord shall guard thy soul. The Lord shall keep thy coming in and thy going out, from henceforth and for evermore.

Psalm 133

Behold now, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, In the nights lift up your hands unto the holies, and bless the Lord. The Lord bless thee out of Sion, He that made heaven and the earth.

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on
us. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, Lord, cleanse us from our
sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our
infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the
glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Tone 2

Remember, O Lord, for Thou art good, Thy servants and forgive
them whatsoever sins they have committed in life; for none is
sinless but Thee Who art able to give repose unto them that are
departed.

O Thou Who by the depth of Thy wisdom dost provide all things out of love for mankind, and grantest unto all that which is profitable, O only Creator: Grant rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants; for in Thee have they placed their hope, O our Creator and Fashioner and God.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

✠ Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: In all generations we call thee blessed, O Virgin Theotokos, for in thee the uncontainable Christ our God was pleased to be contained. Blessed are we also, having thee as mediatrix; for day and night pleadest thou for us, and the scepters of kingdoms are strengthened by thine intercessions. Wherefore in hymns we cry unto thee: Rejoice! O thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Lord, have mercy. (12 times.)

Priest: Remember, O Lord, our fathers and brethren who fell asleep in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal, and all those who ended this life in piety and faith, and pardon them every transgression which they have willingly or unwillingly, in word or deed or thought committed, and settle them in a place of light, a place of refreshment, a place of repose, wherefrom every sickness, sorrow and sighing are banished, and wherein from eternity the light of Thy countenance shineth and gladdeneth all Thy saints. Grant unto them and unto us Thy kingdom, and participation in Thine ineffable blessings, and the enjoyment of Thine endless and blessed life. For Thou art the life, and the resurrection, and the repose of Thy departed servants, O Christ

our God, and to Thee we send up glory, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Most glorious, Ever-Virgin, Mother of Christ God, present our prayer to thy Son and our God, that through thee, He may save our souls.

✠ The Father IS My hope,
✠ The Son my is refuge,
✠ The Holy Spirit is my protection:
O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

✠ **Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy (*Thrice*) Father, Bless.

✠ Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother, our holy and God-bearing fathers, and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

Choir: Amen.

✠ Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

✠ **Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*) Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and of all

the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Forgive me a sinner, all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and thought, and by all my senses.

And the brethren (sisters) (congregation) reply:

Choir: May God forgive thee, holy father.

Bless me, holy father, and forgive all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and thought, and by all my senses, and pray for me a sinner.

✠ *Priest:* Through His grace may God forgive and have mercy on us all.

Choir: Amen

Priest: Let us pray for the Orthodox episcopate of the Antiochian Church; for our Metropolitan N., First Hierarch of the Antiochian Church Abroad; for our (Archbishop *or* Bishop N., *whose diocese it is*) and all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. .

Priest: For those that hate us and those that love us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those that are kind to us and serve us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those that have asked us unworthy ones to pray for them.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the deliverance of the imprisoned.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our fathers and brethren that have passed on before us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those sailing upon the sea.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those bedridden in infirmities.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: And for the soul every Christian of true worship.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us bless pious kings (rulers), Orthodox hierarchs, and the founders of this holy temple. Our parents, and all that have passed on before us, our fathers, brethren, and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest.

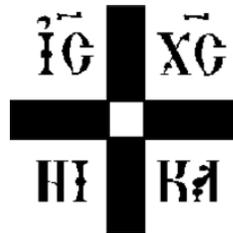
Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us say also for ourselves.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

† *Priest:* Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord
Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

THE END OF THE MIDNIGHT OFFICE



Daily Matins

✠ Priest: Blessed is our God always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

✠ Priest: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who art in all places, and fills all things; Treasury of good things, and Giver of Life, come dwell in us and cleanse us from our every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Choir:

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

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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 the evil one.

✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12 Times)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

✠ come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

✠ O come let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ our King and our God.

Choir: Torparia (intoned)

O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

✠ Glory to the Father the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Do Thou, who of Thine Own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon Thy new nation, which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

† Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Champion dread, who can not be put to confusion, despise not our petitions, O Good and All-praised Theotokos; establish the way of the Orthodox; save those who have called upon to govern us, leading us all to that victory which is from heaven, for thou art she who gavest birth to God, and alone art Blessed.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray Thee: harken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord have Mercy. *(Thrice)*

Priest; Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord have Mercy. *(Thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan (Name), and all our Brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord have Mercy. *(Thrice)*

† Priest: For Thou art a merciful God, who lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Bless, Father in the Name of the Lord.

† Priest: Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving and undivided Trinity, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

† Choir: Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards man. *(Thrice)*

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. *(Twice)*

The Six Morning Psalm

PSALM 3

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

Psalm 37

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart. Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee. My heart panteth, my strength

faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off. They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long. But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth. Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs. For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me. For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is. Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

Psalm 62

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my

help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

I meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (Thrice.)

Lord have mercy. (Thrice)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

While the six morning prayers are being read the priest reads the opening prayers – first 6 before the Altar and the last 6 before the Icon of Christ.

Psalm 87

O lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an

abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction? Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer come before thee. LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

O lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry.

Psalm 102

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth

his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul. In all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 143

Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

O LORD, give ear to my supplications: And enter not into judgment with thy servant.

O LORD, give ear to my supplications: And enter not into judgment with thy servant. Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (Thrice.)
Lord have mercy. (Thrice)

✠ O our God and our hope, Glory to Thee.

The Litany of Peace

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy house and for those who with faith, reverence and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our Metropolitan N., for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For Her Majesty the Queen the Prime Minister of Canada, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this city of and for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee O Lord.

✠ **Priest:** For unto Thee is due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

✠ **God is the Lord and He appeared to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Verse 1: O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his holy name.

✠ **God is the Lord and He appeared to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Verse 2: All the nations circled me and I warded them off with the name of the Lord.

✠ **God is the Lord and He appeared to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Verse 3: This is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful in our eyes.

God is the Lord and He appeared to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Troparion for Saint of the Day

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Again - The Troparion For the Saint of the Day

✠ Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Theotokion Same Tone

Then the reading of the appointed Psalms with poetic verses

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was shapen in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from

me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. Then I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it Thee; Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offerings and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

The Little Litany

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee O Lord.

✠ **Priest:** For Thine is the might, and Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

**Reading of the Kontakion
Through to
The Synaxarion.
Then the First 8 odes of the Seasonal Katabasia**

Then:

**Priest: The Theotokos and Mother of Light let us honour and
magnify in song.
(Begin the great censing)**

Then:

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee

For He hath looked upon the lowliness of His handmaiden; * for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee

For the Mighty One hath done great things to me, * and holy is His name; * and His mercy is on them that fear Him * unto generation and generation.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee

He hath showed strength with His arm, * and He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and exalted them of low degree; * He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich He hath sent empty away.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee

He hath helped His servant Israel * in remembrance of His mercy, * as He spake to our fathers, * to Abraham and his seed forever.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee

Then the 9 ode of the Seasonal Katabasia

The Little Litany

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee O Lord.

✠ **Priest:** For all the powers of Heaven praise Thee, and unto Thee do we ascribe Glory, to the : Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts. Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created. He established them for ever, yea, for ever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye abysses, Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word, The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars, The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds, Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all the judges of the earth, Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone. His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people. This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Psalm 149

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints. Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of

Sion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him. For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation. The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands, To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples, To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron, To do among them the judgement that is written. This glory shall be to all His saints.

Psalm 150

Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and flute. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.

THE LITTLE DOXOLOGY

✠ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill among men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever, yea, forever and forever.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge in generation and generation. I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. O Lord, unto Thee have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

✠ Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.

✠ Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy Commandments.

✠ Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy precepts.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever; disdain not the works of Thy hands. To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Litany of Supplication

Priest: Let us complete our morning prayer unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Calling remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with

all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee O Lord.

† **Priest:** For thou art a good God who lovest man, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

† **Priest:** Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Priest: : Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

(The Faithful Bow Their Heads)

Choir: To thee, O Lord.

The Prayer at the Bowing of the Heads

Priest: O holy Lord, who dwellest on high and lookest upon the humble, and who with thine all-seeing eye lookest down upon all creation, unto thee have we bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we pray thee, O Holy of Holies, stretch forth thine invisible hand from thy holy dwelling place and bless us all. And if in anyway we have sinned, either willingly or unwillingly, pardon us, inasmuch as thou art a good and man-loving God, granting unto us thy good things in this world and beyond this world.

† For thine it is to have mercy on us and to save us, O our God, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

(And Then)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for pious Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop N..., our brethren, the priests, the hieromonks, the hierodeacons, all monastics, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and forgiveness of the sins (of the servant(s) of God, NN.,) and all Orthodox Christians of true worship who live and dwell in this Community.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

Priest: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy temple and for all our fathers and brethren (of the servant(s) of God, NN.,) the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Priest: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and venerable temple, for those who serve and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Thy great and rich mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

✠ **Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God who lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

✠ **Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, Glory to Thee.

✠ **Choir:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy (*Thrice*), Father Bless.

Priest: May (*insert the appointed phrase*) Christ, our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of (*the daily commemoration*) of (*patron Saint(s)*); of the holy righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of Saint(s) (*names*) whose memory we celebrate; and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, fore as much as He is good and lovest mankind.

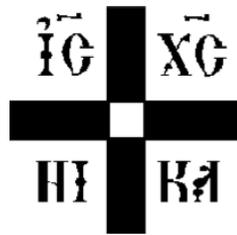
✠ Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Daily Commemorations

- † Monday—by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven...
- † Tuesday—at the supplications of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John...
- † Wednesday—by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross...
- † Thursday—of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the Saints, Nicholas the wonder-worker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia...
- † Friday—by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross...
- † Saturday—of the holy, glorious and right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable God-bearing fathers...

End of Daily Matins



Prayers of the First Hour

✠ Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen

✠ come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

✠ come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

✠ come let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ our King and our God.

Psalm 5

Unto my words, give ear, O Lord; hear my cry. Attend unto the voice of my supplication, O my King and my God; for unto Thee will I pray, O Lord. In the morning Thou shalt hear my voice. In the morning shall I stand before Thee, and Thou shalt look upon me; for not a God that willest iniquity art Thou. He that worketh evil shall not dwell near Thee, nor shall transgressors abide before Thine eyes. Thou hast hated all them that work iniquity; Thou shalt destroy all them that speak a lie. A man that is bloody and deceitful shall the Lord abhor. But as for me, in the multitude of Thy mercy shall I go into Thy house; I shall worship toward Thy holy temple in fear of Thee. O Lord, guide me in the way of Thy righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before Thee. For in their mouth there is no truth; their heart is vain. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they spoken deceitfully; judge them, O God. Let them fall down on account of their own devisings; according to the multitude of their ungodliness, cast them out, for they have embittered Thee, O Lord. And let all them be glad that hope in Thee; they shall ever rejoice, and Thou shalt dwell among them. And all shall glory in Thee that love Thy name, for Thou shalt bless the righteous. O Lord, as with a shield of Thy good pleasure hast Thou crowned us.

Psalm 89

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in generation and generation. Before the mountains came to be and the earth was formed and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art. Turn not man away unto lowliness; yea, Thou hast said: Turn back, ye sons of men. For a thousand years in Thine eyes, O Lord, are but as yesterday that is past, and as a watch in the night. Things of no account shall their years be; in the morning like grass shall man pass away. In the morning shall he bloom and pass away, in the evening shall he fall and grow withered and dry. For we have fainted away in Thy wrath, and in Thine anger have we been troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee; our lifespan is in the light of Thy countenance. For all our days are faded away, and in Thy wrath are we fainted away; our years have, like a spider, spun out their tale. As for the days of our years, in their span they be threescore years and ten. And if we be in strength, mayhap fourscore years; and what is more than these is toil and travail. For mildness is come upon us, and we shall be chastened. Who knoweth the might of Thy wrath? And out of fear of Thee, who can recount Thine anger? So make Thy right hand known to me, and to them that in their heart are instructed in wisdom. Return, O Lord; how long? And be Thou entreated concerning Thy servants. We were filled in the morning with Thy mercy, O Lord, and we rejoiced and were glad. In all our days, let us be glad for the days wherein Thou didst humble us, for the years wherein we saw evils. And look upon Thy servants, and upon Thy works, and do Thou guide their sons. And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and the works of our hands do Thou guide aright upon us, yea, the work of our hands do Thou guide aright.

Psalm 100

Of mercy and judgement will I sing unto Thee, O Lord; I will chant and have understanding in a blameless path. When wilt Thou come unto me? I have walked in the innocence of my heart in the midst of my house. I have no unlawful thing before mine

eyes; the workers of transgressions I have hated. A crooked heart hath not cleaved unto me; as for the wicked man who turned from me, I knew him not. Him that privily talked against his neighbour did I drive away from me. With him whose eye was proud and his heart insatiate, I did not eat. Mine eyes were upon the faithful of the land, that they might sit with me; the man that walked in the blameless path, he ministered unto me. The proud doer dwelt not in the midst of my house; the speaker of unjust things prospered not before mine eyes. In the morning I slew all the sinners of the land, utterly to destroy out of the city of the Lord all them that work iniquity.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.(Thrice)

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

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✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion of the day:

✠ Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
What shall we call thee, O full of grace? Heaven? for thou hast made the Sun of Righteousness to dawn forth. Paradise? for thou hast brought forth the flower of immortality. Virgin? for thou hast remained incorrupt. Pure Mother? for thou hast held in thy holy embrace a Son, Who is the God of all. Do thou entreat Him to save our souls.

My steps do Thou direct according to Thy saying, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. Deliver me from the false accusation of men, and I will keep Thy commandments. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes.

Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, that I may hymn Thy glory and Thy majesty all the day long.

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

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Kontakion of the Day

Lord, have mercy. (forty times)

Prayer of the Hours

O Christ our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Encompass us with thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of thine unapproachable glory, for thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

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O Christ the True Light, Who dost enlighten and sanctify every man that cometh into the world: Let the Light of Thy countenance be signed upon us, that in it we may see the unapproachable light; and guide our steps in the performance of Thy commandments, by the intercessions of Thine all-immaculate Mother, and of all Thy Saints. Amen.

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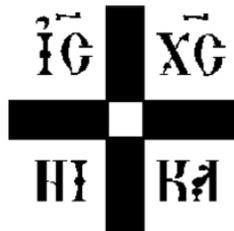
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Lord have mercy. (Thrice) – O Lord, Bless.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our
God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.



Prayers of the Third Hour

- ✠ Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen
- ✠ O come let us worship and fall down before God our King.
- ✠ O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.
- ✠ O come let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ our King and our God.

Psalm 16

Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer. Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about. They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword: From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly

thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Psalm 24

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was shapen in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. Then I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it Thee; Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offerings and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

✠ **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

✠ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Thrice)***

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

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Troparion of the Day

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Theotokos; thou art the true vine that hath blossomed forth the Fruit of life. Thee do we supplicate: Intercede, O Lady, together with the Apostles and all the Saints that our souls find mercy. Blessed is the Lord God, blessed is the Lord day by day; the God of our salvation shall prosper us along the way; our God is the God of salvation.

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

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Kontakion of the Day

Lord, have mercy. (forty times)

Prayer of the Hours

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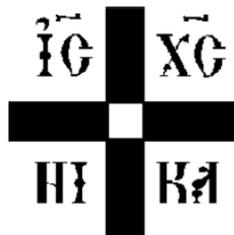
O sovereign Master, God the Father Almighty, O Lord the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Thou, O Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power, have mercy on me, a sinner, and by the

judgments which Thou knowest, save me, Thine unworthy servant; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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Lord have mercy, (*Thrice*) – O Lord, Bless.

✠ Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen



Prayers of the Sixth Hour

- ✠ Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen
- ✠ O come let us worship and fall down before God our King.
- ✠ O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.
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Psalm 53

O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me. O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and mighty men have sought after my soul and have not set God before themselves. For behold, God helpeth me, and the Lord is the protector of my soul. He will bring evils upon mine enemies. Utterly destroy them by Thy truth. Willingly shall I sacrifice unto Thee; I will confess Thy name, O Lord, for it is good. For out of every affliction hast Thou delivered me, and mine eye hath looked down upon mine enemies.

Psalm 54

Give ear, O God, unto my prayer, and disdain not my supplication; attend unto me, and hear me. I was grieved in my meditation, and I was troubled at the voice of the enemy and at the oppression of the sinner; Because they have turned iniquity upon me, and with wrath were they angry against me. My heart is troubled within me, and the terror of death is fallen upon me. Fear and trembling are come upon me, and darkness hath covered me. And I said: Who will give me wings like a dove? And I will fly, and be at rest. Lo, I have fled afar off and have dwelt in the wilderness. I waited for God that saveth me from faintheartedness and from tempest. Plunge them into the depths, O Lord, and divide their tongues, for I have seen iniquity and

gainsaying in the city. Day and night they go round about her upon her walls; iniquity and toil and unrighteousness are in the midst of her. And usury and deceit have not departed from her streets. For if mine enemy had reviled me, I might have endured it. And if he that hateth me had spoken boastful words against me, I might have hid myself from him. But thou it was, O man of like soul with me, my guide and my familiar friend, Thou who together with me didst sweeten my repasts; in the house of God I walked with thee in oneness of mind. Let death come upon such ones, and let them go down alive into hades. For wickedness is in their dwellings, and in the midst of them. As for me, unto God have I cried, and the Lord hearkened unto me. Evening, morning, and noonday will I tell of it and will declare it, and He will hear my voice. He will redeem my soul in peace from them that draw nigh unto me, for they among many were with me. God will hear, and He will humble them, He that is before the ages. For to them there is no requital, because they have not feared God; He hath stretched forth His hand in retribution. They have defiled His covenant; they were scattered by the wrath of His countenance, and their hearts have convened. Their words were smoother than oil, and yet they are darts. Cast thy care upon the Lord, and He will nourish thee; He will never permit the righteous to be shaken. But Thou, O God, shalt bring those men down into the pit of destruction. Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but as for me, O Lord, I will hope in Thee.

Psalm 90

He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him. For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunters and from every troubling word. With His shoulders will He overshadow thee, and under His wings shalt thou have hope. With a shield will His truth encompass thee; thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, Nor for the thing that walketh in darkness, nor for the mishap and demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at

thy right hand, but unto thee shall it not come nigh. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and thou shalt see the reward of sinners. For Thou, O Lord, art my hope. Thou madest the Most High thy refuge; No evils shall come nigh thee, and no scourge shall draw nigh unto thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. On their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Upon the asp and basilisk shalt thou tread, and thou shalt trample upon the lion and dragon. For he hath set his hope on Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him because he hath known My name. He shall cry unto Me, and I will hearken unto him. I am with him in affliction, and I will rescue him and glorify him. With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will show him My salvation.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (*Thrice*)

Lord, have mercy.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion of the Day

✠ Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Seeing that we have no boldness on account of our many sins, do thou beseech Him that was born of thee, O Virgin Theotokos; for the supplication of a Mother availeth much to win the Master's favor. Disdain not the prayers of sinners, O most august one; for merciful is He, and mighty to save, He that deigned to suffer for our sake.

Let Thy compassions quickly go before us, O Lord, for we are become exceedingly poor. Help us, O God our Savior, for the sake

of the glory of Thy name. O Lord, deliver us and be gracious unto our sins for Thy name's sake.

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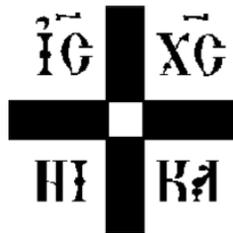
O God and Lord of Hosts, and Maker of all Creation, Who in the tender compassion of Thy mercy which transcendeth comprehension, didst send down Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of our race, and by His precious Cross didst tear asunder the handwriting of our sins, and thereby didst triumph over the principalities and powers of darkness: Do Thou Thyself, O Master, Lover of mankind, accept also from us sinners these prayers of thanksgiving and entreaty, and deliver us from every destructive and dark transgression, and from all enemies, both visible and invisible, that seek to do us evil. Nail down our flesh with the fear of Thee, and incline not our hearts unto words or thoughts of evil, but pierce our souls with longing for Thee, so that ever looking to Thee, and being

guided by Thy Light as we behold Thee, the unapproachable and everlasting Light, we may send up unceasing praise and thanksgiving unto Thee, the Unoriginate Father, with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thine All-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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The Ninth Hour (Mid-day)

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Psalm 83

How beloved are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts; my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. For the sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtledove a nest for herself where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; unto ages of ages shall they praise Thee. Blessed is the man whose help is from Thee; he hath made ascents in his heart, in the vale of weeping, in the place which he hath appointed. Yea, for the lawgiver will give blessings; they shall go from strength to strength, the God of Gods shall be seen in Sion. O Lord of Hosts, hearken unto my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. O God, our defender, behold, and look upon the face of Thine anointed one. For better is one day in Thy court than thousands elsewhere. I have chosen rather to be an outcast in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of sinners. For the Lord loveth mercy and truth, God will give grace and glory; the Lord will not withhold good things from them that walk in innocence. O Lord God of Hosts, blessed is the man that hopeth in Thee.

Psalm 84

Thou hast been gracious, O Lord, unto Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquities of Thy people, Thou hast covered all their sins. Thou hast made all Thy wrath to cease, Thou hast turned back from the wrath of Thine- anger. Turn us back, O God of our salvation, and turn away Thine anger from us. Wilt Thou be wroth with us unto the ages? Or wilt Thou draw out Thy wrath from generation to generation? O God, Thou wilt turn and quicken us, and Thy people shall be glad in Thee. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and Thy salvation do Thou give unto us. I will hear what the Lord God will speak in me; for He will speak to His people and to His saints and to them that turn their heart unto Him. Surely nigh unto them that fear Him is His salvation, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth is sprung up out of the earth, and righteousness hath looked down from heaven. Yea, for the Lord will give goodness, and our land shall yield her fruit. Righteousness shall go before him and shall set his footsteps in the way.

Psalm 85

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hearken unto me, for poor and needy am I. Preserve my soul, for I am holy; save Thy servant, O my God, that hopeth in Thee. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto Thee will I cry all the day long; make glad the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. For Thou, O Lord, art good and gentle, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend unto the voice of my supplication. In the day of mine affliction have I cried unto Thee, for Thou hast heard me. There is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like unto Thy works. All the nations whom Thou hast made shall worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great and workest wonders; Thou alone art God. Guide me, O Lord, in Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth; let my heart rejoice that I may fear Thy name. I will confess Thee, O Lord my

God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Thy name forever. For great is Thy mercy upon me, and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hades. O God, transgressors have risen up against me, and the assembly of the mighty hath sought after my soul, and they have not set Thee before them. But Thou, O Lord my God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and true. Look upon me and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thy handmaiden. Work in me a sign unto good, and let them that hate me behold and be put to shame; for Thou, O Lord, hast helped me and comforted me.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. Thrice. Lord, have mercy. Thrice.

✠ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion of the Day

✠ Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Thou Who for our sakes wast born of a Virgin, and didst suffer crucifixion, O Good One, and didst despoil death by death, and as God didst reveal the Ressurrection: Disdain them not which Thou hast fashioned with Thy hand; show us Thy love for mankind, O Merciful One; accept the Theotokos that gave Thee birth, who intercedeth for us; and do Thou, our Saviour, save a despairing people.

Deliver us not up utterly, for Thy holy Name's sake, neither disanul Thou Thy covenant, and cause not Thy mercy to depart from us, for Abraham's sake, Thy beloved, and for Issac's sake, Thy servant, and for Israel's, Thy holy one.

✠ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

✠ Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Day

Lord, have mercy.(Forty times)

Prayer of the Hours

O Christ our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and

showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Encompass us with thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of thine unapproachable glory, for thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos we magnify thee

Prayer of the Ninth Hour, by St. Basil the Great.

O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who art long-suffering in the face of our transgressions, and Who hast brought us even unto this present hour, wherein Thou didst hang upon the life-creating Tree, and didst make a way into Paradise for the sinners and Thine unworthy servants; for we have sinned and committed iniquity, and are not worthy to lift up our eyes and behold the height of Heaven, for we have abandoned the way of Thy righteousness, and have walked in the desires of our hearts. But we beseech Thine incomparable goodness: Spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercy, and save us for Thy holy Name's sake, for our days have wasted away in vanity. Deliver us from the hand of the adversary, and forgive us our sins, and mortify our carnal mind; that putting aside the old man, we may be clad with the new, and live for Thee, our Master and Guardian; and that thus by following in Thy commandments, we may attain to rest everlasting, wherein is the dwelling-place of them that love Thee,

O Christ our God, and unto Thee we send up glory, with Thy Father which is without beginning, and Thine All-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

✠ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)—O Lord, bless.

✠ Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

