

# Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins

*Matins of Holy Monday are sung on  
Palm Sunday evening.*

*The priest, standing before the Royal Doors, makes three metanoias and says in an audible voice:*

Bless, Master.

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

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 Good One.

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

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

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. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

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<sup>1</sup> bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.<sup>2</sup>

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. 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.

O come, let us worship and fall down before God our King. *(low bow)*

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. *(low bow)*

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ himself, our King and our God.” *(low bow)*

*And Reader the following Psalms:*

### ***Psalm 20 (19)***

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!  
May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;  
May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion;  
May he remember all your offerings, and enrich your burnt sacrifices.  
May he grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.  
We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will boast!  
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

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<sup>1</sup>Or, “living.”

<sup>2</sup>Or the evil one.

Now I know that the Lord hast saved his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven, with mighty salvation by his right hand.  
Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses;  
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.  
They have collapsed and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright.  
Save the king, O Lord, and answer us when we call.

*Psalm 21 (20)*

In thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord; and in thy  
salvation how greatly he exults!  
Thou hast given him his heart's desire,  
and hast not withheld the request of his lips.  
For thou hast met him with the blessings of goodness;  
thou hast set a crown of precious stones on his head.  
He asked thee for life, and thou gavest it to him;  
length of days forever and ever.  
His glory is great through thy salvation;  
glory and majesty thou hast placed upon him.  
For thou bestowest on him blessings forever;  
thou makest him exceedingly glad with thine appearance.  
For the king trusts in the Lord,  
and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.  
Let thine hand find all thine enemies;  
let thy right hand find those who hate thee.  
Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine appearance;  
the Lord shall afflict them in his wrath, and the fire shall consume them.  
Their offspring thou shalt destroy from the earth,  
and their descendants from among mankind.  
For they intended evil against thee;  
they devised a plot which they are not able to perform.  
Therefore thou wilt make them turn their backs;  
thou wilt make ready thine arrows on thy string toward their faces.

Be exalted, O Lord, in thine own strength!  
we will sing and praise thy power.

*The priest takes up the censer and does the great censuring.*

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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. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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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<sup>3</sup> bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.<sup>4</sup>

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*

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting them victory over all adversaries, and by thy Cross protect thy community.

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<sup>3</sup>Or, "living".

<sup>4</sup>Or the evil one.

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

O Christ our God, uplifted on the Cross by thine own will, bestow thy mercy upon the new people of thy name; and in thy might make glad the Orthodox, granting to them victory over all adversaries. May they have as an ally thine invincible weapon of peace.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

O eminent and victorious champion, O good and all-praised Theotokos, do not overlook our supplications. Strengthen the community of the Orthodox; save those called to govern; and grant them victory from heaven; for thou, O only blessed one, gavest birth to God.

### *Litany*

*The priest, standing before the Holy table, censes one side on every petition while intoning the following petitions:*

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

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

Again we pray for our Father and Metropolitan PHILIP and for all our brethren in Christ.

Lord, have mercy. *(Three times)*

For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen. Father, bless in the name of the Lord.

Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-giving, and undivided Trinity, always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men *(Three times)*.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>Or "Those whom he favors".

O Lord open thou my lips, and my mouth will declare thy praise (*Two times*).

***Psalm 3***

O Lord, how they have increased who afflict me!  
many are rising against me;  
many are saying concerning my soul,  
there is no salvation for him from his God.

But thou, O Lord, art my helper, my glory,  
and the lifter up of my head.  
I cried unto the Lord with my voice,  
and he heard me from his holy mountain.  
I laid down and slept,  
I awoke, for the Lord sustains me.  
I will not be afraid of tens of thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.  
Rise up, O Lord!  
Deliver me, O my God!  
For thou hast struck all who are my enemies without cause,  
thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.  
Deliverance belongs to the Lord;  
thy blessing is upon thy people.

I laid down and slept,  
I awoke, for the Lord sustains me.

***Psalm 38(37)***

O Lord, do not rebuke me in thine anger,  
or discipline me in thy wrath.  
For thine arrows have pierced me,  
and thine hand hast pressed down upon me.  
There is no health in my flesh,  
because of thine anger.  
There is no peace in my bones  
because of my sins.

For my iniquities are piled over my head;  
a burden too heavy for me.

My wounds grow foul and fester  
because of my foolishness;  
I have been wretched and bowed down continually;  
all day I went around mourning,  
for my soul was filled with delusion.  
There is no health in my flesh,  
I have been utterly afflicted and brought down.  
I have roared because of the tumult of my heart.

O Lord, all my longing is before thee;  
my sighing is not hidden from thee.  
My heart throbs, my strength fails me;  
and the light of my eyes has gone from me.  
My friends and neighbors drew near and stand against me,  
but my relatives stand far off.  
Those who seek my spirit pressed hard on me,  
those who seek to hurt me spoke of ruin,  
and meditated treachery all day long.

But I was like the deaf, who do not hear;  
I was like the mute, who cannot speak.  
Truly, I was like one who does not hear,  
and in whose mouth is no retort.

For in thee, O Lord, I trusted;  
it is thou, O Lord my God, who wilt hear me.  
For I said, "Do not let my enemies rejoice over me."  
For when my feet slipped, they boasted against me.

For I am ready to fall,  
and my pain is ever before me.  
I confess my iniquity;  
I am sorry for my sin.

But my enemies are mighty  
and are stronger than I,  
and those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied.  
Those who render evil for good slandered me,  
because I followed after righteousness.

Forsake me not, O Lord;  
O my God, do not be far from me;  
make haste to help me,  
O Lord, my salvation.

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*Psalm 63(62)*

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee,  
my soul thirsts for thee;  
my flesh also longs for thee,  
as in a dry and trackless land,  
where there is no water.  
Thus I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary,  
beholding thy power and glory.  
Because thy mercy is better than life,  
my lips will praise thee.  
Thus I will bless thee as long as I live;  
in thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled with fat and abundance,  
and my joyful lips will praise thy name.  
When I was thinking of thee in my bed,  
I meditated on thee in the watches of the night:  
for thou hast been my help,  
and in the shelter of thy wings I rejoice.  
My soul clung to thee;  
thy right hand upheld me.

And those who sought my soul in vain  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;  
they shall be given over to the power of the sword,  
they shall be prey for jackals.  
But the king shall rejoice in God;  
all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of those who speak lies shall be stopped.  
I meditated on thee in the watches of the night:  
for thou hast been my help,  
and in the shelter of thy wings I rejoice.  
My soul clung to thee;  
thy right hand upheld me.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to thee, O God. (low bow)

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,

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

*Psalm 88 <87>*

O Lord, God of my salvation,  
I have cried out day and night before thee;  
let my prayer come before thee;  
incline thine ear to my supplication.  
For my soul is full of trouble,  
and my life draws near to Hades.  
I have been counted among those who  
go down to the pit;  
I became like those who have no help,  
adrift among the dead,  
like the wounded ones, cast out,  
who sleep in the tombs,  
like those whom thou rememberest no more,

for they were cut off from thy hand.  
Thou hast put me in the depths of the pit,  
in the dark regions, and in the shadow of death.  
Thy wrath has lain heavily upon me,  
and thou hast overwhelmed me with  
all thine anger.

Thou hast removed my companions far from me;  
they have made me an abomination to themselves,  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
my eyes grew dim through misery.  
Every day I call on thee, O Lord;  
I spread out my hands to thee.  
Dost thou work wonders for the dead?  
Or do the physicians raise them to praise thee?  
Is thy mercy declared in the grave,  
or thy truth in Hades?  
Are thy wonders known in the darkness,  
or thy righteousness in the land of  
forgetfulness?

But I cry out to thee, O Lord;  
in the morning my prayer comes before thee.  
O Lord, why dost thou cast me off?  
Why dost thou hide thy face from me?  
I am in misery and trouble from my youth up,  
I have been exalted and brought low,  
I am driven to despair.  
Thy wrath has overwhelmed me;  
thy terrors have frightened me,  
they surrounded me like a flood all day long;  
they have closed in upon me, and cut off all assistance.  
Thou hast removed friends and acquaintances far from me  
because of my wretchedness.

O Lord, God of my salvation,

I have cried out day and night before thee;  
let my prayer come before thee;  
incline thine ear to my supplication.

*Psalm 103 <102>*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me  
bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits--  
who forgives all your iniquities,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from corruption,  
who crowns you with mercy and compassion,  
who satisfies your desire with good,  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works mercy and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
forbearing and very merciful.  
He will not keep his anger forever,  
nor will he forever be wrathful.  
He does not deal with us  
according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his mercy toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.  
For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.

As for people, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting  
to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
The Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the Lord, all his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his voice.  
Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers who do his will.  
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 (142)*

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
give ear to my supplications  
in thy faithfulness;  
answer me in thy righteousness.  
Enter not into judgment with thy servant,  
for no one living is righteous before thee.

For the enemy has persecuted my soul,  
crushing my life to the ground,  
making me sit in darkness like those  
who have been long dead.  
Therefore, my spirit was grieved within me;  
my heart within me was troubled.

I remembered the days of old,  
I meditated on all thy deeds,  
I meditated on the works of thy hands.  
I stretched out my hands to thee;  
my soul thirsts for thee like a dry land.

Answer me quickly, O Lord;  
my spirit has failed.  
Hide not thy face from me,  
or I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

Let me hear of thy mercy in the morning,  
for in thee I have put my hope.  
Teach me the way I should go,  
for to thee have I lifted up my soul.

Save me, O Lord, from my enemies;  
I have fled to thee for refuge.  
Teach me to do thy will,  
for thou art my God.  
Let your good Spirit lead me in a straight path.

For thy name's sake, O Lord,  
give life to me.  
In thy righteousness,  
bring my soul out of affliction.  
In thy mercy, destroy my enemies;  
and bring to naught all my adversaries;  
for I am thy servant.

Answer me in thy righteousness.  
Enter not into judgment with thy servant (*Twice*).

Let thy good Spirit lead me in a straight path.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to thee, O God. *(low bow)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to thee, O God. *(low bow)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, glory to thee, O God. *(low bow)*

Our God and our Hope, Glory to thee.

*While the preceding six psalms are being read, the priest says the following twelve morning prayers. The first three are said before the Altar, and the remaining nine are said standing before the icon of Christ.*

**1.**

We give thanks to thee, O Lord our God, who raised us from our beds, and put a word of praise in our mouths,<sup>6</sup> so that we may worship and call on thy holy name.<sup>7</sup> We implore thy mercies, which thou hast given always for our life. Send thy help<sup>8</sup> upon us and all who stand before the face of thy holy glory, eagerly waiting the rich mercy, which is from thee. Grant that we, in awe and love, may always worship thee, praise thee, sing hymns to thee, and fall down before thine indescribable goodness. For unto thee are 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, Amen.

**2.**

Our soul yearns for thee, O our God, in the night;<sup>9</sup> for thy commandments are a light upon the earth. Teach us to fulfill righteousness and holiness in thy fear; for we glorify thee, our God, HE WHO IS. Incline thine ear, and hear us, and remember, O Lord, by name those who are present with us and those who pray with us, and save them by thy might. Bless thy people and sanctify thine inheritance, give peace to thy world, to thy churches, to the priests, to all civil authorities, and to all thy people. For blessed and glorified is thy most honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

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<sup>6</sup>(Ps.40<39>:3).

<sup>7</sup>(Ps.80<78>:18).

<sup>8</sup>(Ps.20<19>:2).

<sup>9</sup>(Is.26:9).

### 3.

Our soul yearns for thee, O our God, in the night;<sup>10</sup> for thy commandments are a light upon the earth. Teach me, O God, thy righteousness, thy commandments, and thy statutes;<sup>11</sup> or I will sleep the sleep of death<sup>12</sup> in sins. Drive away all darkness from our hearts; and grant us the sun of righteousness; and by the seal of thy Holy Spirit, preserve our life unaffected. Guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant us to behold the dawn and the day with rejoicing, that we may send up our morning prayers to thee; for thine is the majesty, the kingdom, 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.

### 4.

O Master, our God, holy and incomprehensible, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness”;<sup>13</sup> who gave us rest through the sleep of the night and raised us up to glorify and implore thy goodness: as we now ask thy tender loving-kindness, receive us who fall down before thee and give thanks to thee to the utmost of our power. Grant us all our petitions which lead us to salvation. Appoint us to be children of light and of the day,<sup>14</sup> and heirs of thine everlasting good things. Remember, O Lord, according to thine abundant mercy,<sup>15</sup> all thy people who are present with us and who pray with us, and all our brethren who are on land, on sea, and in the air, and in every place of thy mastery, who implore thy love for mankind and thy help; and grant thy great mercy to all, that being preserved in safety in body and soul, we may with boldness glorify thy marvelous and blessed name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

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<sup>10</sup>(Is.26:9).

<sup>11</sup>(Ps.119<118>:135).

<sup>12</sup>(Ps.13<12>:3).

<sup>13</sup>(2 Cor. 4:6).

<sup>14</sup>(I Thess. 5:5)

<sup>15</sup>(Ps.69<68>:16).

5.

O treasury of good things, ever-flowing fountain, O wonder-working, omnipotent and almighty holy Father: we all fall before thee; and we pray to thee, calling upon thy mercies and thy compassion to aid and help our affliction. Remember, O Lord, thy suppliants; receive our morning prayers as incense before thee; consider not anyone of us to be without worth; but preserve us all with thy compassion. Remember, O Lord, those who watch over thy flock and sing to thy glory and to the glory of thine only-begotten Son and thy Holy Spirit. Be their helper and protector. Receive their supplications upon thy celestial and spiritual altar; for thou art our God, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

6.

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord God of our salvation; for thou dost all things for the benefit of our souls, so that we may ever look up to thee, the Savior and Benefactor of our souls; for thou gavest us rest in the night just passed, and raised us from our beds, and enabled us to stand and to fall down before thy most holy name. Wherefore, we entreat thee, O Lord, give us grace and power, so that we may in full awareness be made worthy to sing praises to thee and to pray without ceasing, working out our salvation in fear and trembling, by the help of thy Christ. Remember, O Lord, those who cry out to thee in the night. Hear them, and have mercy, and crush under their feet the invisible and hostile enemies. For thou art the King of Peace, and Savior of our souls, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

7.

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, thou hast raised us up from our beds and hast gathered us together at this hour of prayer. Grant us grace in the opening of our mouths; and receive our thanksgiving, offered to the utmost of our ability; and teach us thy statutes, for we do not know how to pray as we ought<sup>16</sup> unless thou guidest us, O Lord, by thy Holy Spirit. Wherefore, we entreat thee: Remit, forgive, pardon all the sins we may have committed to this present hour by word or deed or thought, voluntary or involuntary: for if thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, who could stand?<sup>17</sup> For from thee is redemption, and thou only art holy and mighty and the helper and protector of our life. Our praise is continually of thee.<sup>18</sup> Blessed and glorified be the supreme might of thy kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

8.

O Lord our God, thou hast driven away from us the indolence of sleep and hast assembled us together by a holy calling, so that in the night also we may lift up our hands and give thanks for thy righteous ordinances.<sup>19</sup> Receive our prayers, petitions, praises, and night-time worship. And grant us, O Lord, a

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<sup>16</sup>(Ro.8:26).

<sup>17</sup>(Ps. 130 <129>:3).

<sup>18</sup>(Ps 71<70>6).

<sup>19</sup>(119<118>:160).

confident faith that cannot be put to shame, firm hope and sincere love. Bless our going out and our coming in,<sup>20</sup> our deeds, words and thoughts. Grant us that we may come to the beginning of the day, praising, singing hymns, and blessing the goodness of thine inexpressible kindness; for blessed be thy most holy name, and glorified be thy Kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

**9.**

O Master, lover of mankind, shine within our hearts the pure light of thy divine knowledge; and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend<sup>21</sup> the message of thy Gospel. Instill in us, also, reverence for thy blessed commandments, so that having conquered<sup>22</sup> sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual way of life, both thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to thee.<sup>23</sup> For thou art our sanctification, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

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<sup>20</sup>Ps.121<120>:8).

<sup>21</sup>(Eph.1:18).

<sup>22</sup>(Ps. 91<90>:13).

<sup>23</sup>(1 John 3:22).

O Lord our God, thou hast given us forgiveness through repentance and hast shown the repentance of the prophet David as a pattern of the acknowledgment of sin and of confession that leads to forgiveness. Have mercy, O Master, according to thy great mercy, on us who are falling into many and great sins.<sup>24</sup> According to thine abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.<sup>25</sup> Against thee have we sinned, O Lord, who knows the hidden and secret things in the human heart and has authority to forgive sins.<sup>26</sup> Thou hast created a clean heart in me and established a yearning spirit within me and made known the joy of thy salvation. Cast me not away from thy presence.<sup>27</sup> But as thou art good and the lover of mankind, take delight that, until our uttermost breath, we may offer unto thee the sacrifice of righteousness, and an oblation upon thine altar. Through the mercy and compassion and love for mankind of thine only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with thine all-holy and good and life giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

## **11.**

God, our God, thou hast brought into existence by thine own will the powers endowed with reason and intelligence. We pray thee and we supplicate thee: Receive our glorification, offered together with all thy creatures, according to the utmost of our power. Reward us with the rich gifts of thy goodness; for unto thee every knee bows, whether in heaven, or on earth, or in the underworld, and every human spirit and creature sings hymns to thine inexpressible glory; for thou alone art the true and most merciful God. For all the powers of heaven praise thee, and unto thee they give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

## **12.**

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<sup>24</sup>(Ps.51<50>:1).

<sup>25</sup>(Ps. 51<50:1).

<sup>26</sup>(Mt. 9:6).

<sup>27</sup>(Ps 51<50>10-12).

We praise thee, we sing unto thee, we bless thee, we give thanks unto thee, O God of our fathers; for thou hast made the shades of night to pass away and hast shown us once more the light of the day. And we entreat thy goodness: be gracious to our sins, and receive our prayer in thy great tenderness. For we flee unto thee, the merciful and almighty God. Shine within our hearts the true sun of thy righteousness. Enlighten our minds. And guard all our senses that, walking decently as in the day in the way of thy commandments, we may reach the eternal life--for thou art the fountain of life--and we may be accounted worthy to enjoy thine unapproachable light.<sup>28</sup> For thou art our God, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

### *The Litany of Peace*

N: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

N: 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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

N: For our Father and Metropolitan PHILIP, for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the President of the United States and all civil authorities, and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

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

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<sup>28</sup>(1 Tim 6:16).

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

N: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

N: 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.

To thee, O Lord.

For unto thee are 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.

*They chant Alleluia (3 times) in the eighth Tone:*

### ***Eighth Tone***

CHOIR: 1. My soul yearns for thee in the night, for thy commandments are a light in the earth<sup>29</sup>.

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<sup>29</sup>(Is. 26:9).

Alleluia *(3 times)*

2. Learn righteousness, O inhabitants of the earth<sup>30</sup>.

Alleluia *(3 times)*

3. Thy zeal will take hold of the ignorant people, and fire will consume thine adversaries<sup>31</sup>.

Alleluia *(3 times)*

4. Increase thy punishment upon them, increase thy punishment upon the glorious ones of the earth<sup>32</sup>.

Alleluia *(3 times)*

### ***Tone Eight***

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<sup>30</sup>(Is. 26:9).

<sup>31</sup>(Is. 26:11).

<sup>32</sup>(Is. 26:15).

Behold the bridegroom comes at midnight: blessed is the servant whom he shall find awake<sup>33</sup>. But he whom he shall find neglectful is verily unworthy. Beware, therefore, O my soul, that you do not fall into a deep slumber and be delivered to death and locked out of the kingdom. Watch instead and cry aloud: Holy, holy, holy art thou, O God, through the protection of the heavenly Hosts<sup>34</sup>, have mercy on us. *(Three times)*

*While the Chanter sings the Troparion of the Bridegroom, the Procession of the Icon of the Bridegroom takes place in a dark church in the following manner:*

- a. *The Priest, vested in a dark colored Epitrachelion and Phelonion, and preceded by Altar Boys with the crosses, candles, and incense, carries the Icon from the Altar Table around the church to the middle of the solea (as in the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy) where a stand should have been placed.*
- b. *When the Priest reaches the Solea, he carries the Icon around the stand 3 times and then places it on the stand.*
- c. *The Priest makes three reverences, kisses the Icon and returns to the Sanctuary accompanied by the Altar Boys.*

### ***The Little Litany***

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

: Lord, have mercy.

N: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

: Lord, have mercy.

N: 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.

: To thee, O Lord.

: 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.

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<sup>33</sup>(Is. 26:15).

<sup>34</sup>During the second chanting of the hymn we sing “through the intercessions of all thy saints have mercy on us.” And during the third chanting we sing: “through the intercessions of the THEOTOKOS have mercy on us.”

Amen.

### *The Sessional Hymn in the First Tone*

This day makes the venerable passion rise upon the world as a light of salvation; for Christ in his goodness comes to suffer. He who holds all things in the hollow of his hands deigns to be hung on the Cross, so that he may save mankind.

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

O invisible Judge, how didst thou become visible in the flesh, and how didst thou come to be slain by transgressors of the Law, condemning by thy passion our own condemnation? Wherefore, O Word, with one voice we give praise, majesty and glory unto thy power.

### *Tone Eight*

This very day is clothed with the bright robes of the first-fruits of the Lord's passion. Come, then, all feast lovers, let us welcome it with songs; for the Creator comes to accept the Cross, the trial and the beating with a whip, and to be condemned by Pilate. Even a servant struck him on his face<sup>35</sup>, and all this he endures that he may save mankind. Wherefore, let us cry aloud to him: O Christ our God, lover of mankind, grant forgiveness of sins to those who in faith fall down before thy pure passions.

### *The Gospel*

And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.

Lord, Have mercy (*Three Times*)

Wisdom. Attend, let hear the Holy Gospel.

Peace be to all.

And to thy Spirit.

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

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<sup>35</sup>(Jn.18:22).

Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

Let us attend.

***MATTHEW 21:18-43***

At that time, as Jesus was now returning to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. Now when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" And Jesus answered them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever you ask in prayer you will receive, if you have faith."

And when Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one thing, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid from the multitude, for all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. What do you think? A man had two sons, and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go, work in my vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not;' but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; And he answered 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

"Hear another parable: There was a certain householder who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he let it to tenants and went into another country. Now when the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants, beat one, killed one and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to Jesus, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it."

PEOPLE: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

*(The congregation is seated)*

***PSALM 51<50>***

Have mercy on me, O God,

according to thy great mercy,  
according to the multitude of thy compassions,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against thee only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in thy sight,  
so that thou art justified in thy sentences,  
and prevailest when thou passest judgment.

For indeed, I was conceived in iniquities,  
and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold: thou lovest truth,  
thou hast made known to me the secret  
and hidden things of thy wisdom.

Sprinkle me with hyssop,  
and I shall be clean,  
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness,  
then the afflicted bones shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart,  
O God, and put a right Spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thine Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,  
and uphold me with a directing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors thy ways,  
and sinners will return to thee.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
the God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will joyfully  
sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips;  
and my mouth will declare thy praise;  
for if thou hadst delight in sacrifice,  
I would have given it;  
but thou wouldst not be pleased by burnt offering.  
The sacrifice to God is a broken spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good in thy good pleasure to Zion,  
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built;  
then thou wilt delight in a sacrifice of righteousness,  
in offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then they will offer bulls upon thine altar.

### *First Ode, Second Tone*

(Irmos) Let us sing to the Lord, who by his divine command dried up the surging and impassable sea, and through it led the people of Israel on foot: For he has been greatly glorified<sup>36</sup>.

### *Troparia*

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

The inexpressible condescension of the Word of God, who is Christ himself, God and Man, did not stand on the dignity of his divinity<sup>37</sup>, in that he shows to the disciples that he took the form of a slave, for he has been greatly glorified.

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<sup>36</sup>(Ex. 15:21).

<sup>37</sup>(Phil. 2:6-7).

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

I, who am rich in deity, have come to minister to Adam the destitute. I, who fashioned him, have of my own will put on his form. I, who am unchangeable in deity, have laid down my soul a ransom for him<sup>38</sup>.

### *The Little Litany*

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: 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.

PEOPLE: To thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: For thou art the king of peace and Saviour of our souls, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR/

PEOPLE: Amen

### *The Kontakion*

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<sup>38</sup>(1 Tim. 2:6).

While “Jacob mourned for the loss of Joseph”<sup>39</sup>, his brave son was seated in a chariot and honored as a king<sup>40</sup>. For he was not enslaved to the lust of the Egyptian woman; wherefore, he was glorified by God, who sees the secrets of the hearts and grants to them an imperishable crown.

### *The Oikos*

Let us now join our mourning to the mourning of Jacob, and let us shed tears grieving with him, for Joseph his glorious and wise son, who was enslaved in flesh, kept his soul free, and became lord over all Egypt. For God grants to his servant an imperishable crown.

### *The Synaxarion*

On the holy and great Monday we commemorate the blessed and all-good Joseph and the fig tree which was cursed and withered by the Lord.

The wise Joseph showed himself a just ruler and a provider of grain. What an abundance of good things!

Christ made the Synagogue of Hebrews like a fig tree bereft of spiritual fruits, and he withered it by his curse. Let us flee from a similar calamity.

Through the intercessions of the all-good Joseph, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### *Eighth Ode* *Irmos - Second Tone*

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<sup>39</sup>(Gen.37:34).

<sup>40</sup>(Gen. 41:43).

The tenacious fire, stocked intensely, was terrified before the pure bodies and souls of the holy youths. And as the persisting flame was extinguished, they sang an everlasting song: “O all you his works, praise the Lord and exalt him to all ages”<sup>41</sup>.

### *Troparia*

We praise the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As the Savior went to his passion, he said to his friends: “Everyone will know that thou art my disciples, if you have love for one another”<sup>42</sup>, “Be at peace with one another”<sup>43</sup>, and with every one, and be of humble mind, and you will be exalted. Acknowledge me as Lord, and praise and extoll me to all ages.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let not your command over your fellow-men be like the order of the Gentiles, for their self-willed pride and oppressive rule is not the order I have chosen. Whoever wishes among you to be first, let him be the last one<sup>44</sup>. Acknowledge me as Lord, and praise and extol me to all ages.

### *Katavasia*

We praise, we bless and worship the Lord.

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<sup>41</sup>(Da. 3:52).

<sup>42</sup>(Jn. 13:35).

<sup>43</sup>(Mk. 9:50).

<sup>44</sup>(Matt. 20:25-26).

The tenacious fire, stocked intensely, was terrified before the pure bodies and souls of the holy youths; and as the persisting flame was extinguished, they sang an everlasting song: “O all you his works, praise the Lord and exalt him to all ages”<sup>45</sup>.

*The Deacon stands in the Holy door facing the icon of the Theotokos and says:*

DEACON: The Theotokos and the Mother of the Light let us honor and magnify in song.

*The Deacon censes the sanctuary and the people in the usual manner, while People chant the following:*

### ***Ninth Ode-Irmos Second Tone***

O Christ our Creator, thou hast magnified the Theotokos who gave thee birth: from her, thou hast put on a body with passions similar to our own, thus delivering us from our sins<sup>46</sup>. Therefore, with all generations we call thee blessed and magnify thee<sup>47</sup>.

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

O wisdom of all, thou hast said to thine apostles: “Cast away every impure passion and obtain a prudent mind, worthy of the divine kingdom, and thou wilt be glorified and shine brighter than the sun.”<sup>48</sup>

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

O Lord, thou hast said to thy disciples, “consider me, and do not be haughty in thy thoughts, but give yourself to what is humble.”<sup>49</sup> Drink the cup that I am drinking, and you will be glorified with me in the Kingdom of the Father.”

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<sup>45</sup>(Da. 3:52).

<sup>46</sup>Sins committed through ignorance.

<sup>47</sup>(Lk. 1:48).

<sup>48</sup>(Matt. 13:43).

<sup>49</sup>(Rm.12:16).

### *Katavasia*

O Christ our Creator, thou hast magnified the Theotokos who gave thee birth: from her, thou hast put on a body with passions similar to our own, thus delivering us from our sins<sup>50</sup>. Therefore, with all generations we call thee blessed and magnify thee<sup>51</sup>.

### *The Little Litany*

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: 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.

PEOPLE: To thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: For all the powers of heaven praise thee, and unto thee they give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR/

PEOPLE: Amen.

### *The Exapostelaron, Third Tone*

I behold thy bridal chamber adorned, O my Savior; but I have no wedding garment to enter it. Make radiant the robe of my soul, O Giver of light, and save me. *(Three times)*

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<sup>50</sup>Sins committed through ignorance.

<sup>51</sup>(Lk. 1:48).

### ***The Praises (Ainoi) First Tone***

Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights! To thee, O God, is due our song.

Praise him all his angels; praise him all his hosts! To thee, O God, is due our song.

*(The congregation is seated)*

*The Idiomela hymns are sung along with the following verses:*

#### ***First Tone***

*Verse: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!*

When the Lord was going to his voluntary passion, he said to his apostles on the way: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over<sup>52</sup> as it is written of him.” Come, then, O brethren, and let us accompany him with purified minds and be crucified with him and die for his sake to the pleasures of this life, so that we may live with him and hear him say: “I am no longer ascending to the earthly Jerusalem to suffer, but ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God,’<sup>53</sup> and I will raise you up to the Jerusalem on High in the Kingdom of heaven.”

*Verse: Praise him with tambourine and dance; Praise him with strings and pipe!*

#### ***Fifth Tone***

Having come, O faithful, to the saving passion of Christ God: Let us glorify his inexpressible long-suffering, that in his tender mercy he may also raise us up--we who were made dead by sin--for he is good and the lover of mankind.

#### ***First Tone***

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

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<sup>52</sup>(Matt. 20:18).

<sup>53</sup>(Jn. 20:17).

Lord, when thou camest to thy passion, thou didst strengthen thy disciples, taking them aside and saying to them: “How have you forgotten my words which I told you before? It is written that no prophet will be killed outside Jerusalem<sup>54</sup>. Now, the time is at hand of which I told you. Behold, I will be handed over to the hands of sinners to be mocked, nailed to the Cross, delivered up for burial, and considered detestable as a corpse. Nevertheless, take courage, for on the third day I will rise, bringing joy and eternal life for the faithful.”

### *The Little Doxology*

To thee belongs glory, O Lord our God, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, 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 the Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world<sup>55</sup>, have mercy on us--Thou who takest away the sin of the world.

Receive our prayer, thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy upon us.

For thou alone are Holy, thou alone art the Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Every day I will bless thee, and praise thy name forever and ever.

O Lord, thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: 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 thou art the source of life, and in thy light shall we see light.

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<sup>54</sup>(Lk.13:33).

<sup>55</sup>(Jn 1:29).

O Continue thy mercy to those who know thee<sup>56</sup>.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is thy name forever, Amen.

O Lord, let thy mercy be on us, even 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 statutes.

Blessed art thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with thy statutes.

Thy Mercy, O Lord, endures forever.<sup>57</sup> Forsake not the works of thy hands<sup>58</sup>.

To thee belongs praise, to thee belongs song,<sup>59</sup> to thee belongs Glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

### *The Litany of Supplication*

N: Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

: Lord, have mercy.

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<sup>56</sup>(Ps.36<35>:10).

<sup>57</sup>(Ps.107;106:1).

<sup>58</sup>(Ps.138;137:8).

<sup>59</sup>(Ps.65;65:1).

N: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

: Lord, have mercy.

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

: Grant this, O Lord.

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

: Grant this, O Lord.

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

: Grant this, O Lord.

N: All that is good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

: Grant this, O Lord.

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

: Grant this, O Lord.

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

: Grant this, O Lord.

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

: To thee, O Lord.

: For thou art the God of mercy and compassions and love toward mankind, and unto thee we give glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Peace be to all.

And to thy spirit.

Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

To thee, O Lord.

### ***The Prayer at the Bowing of Heads***

O holy One who dwellest on high and regards the humble heart and with thine all-seeing eye beholds all creation, unto thee have we bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we entreat thee: O holy of holies, stretch forth thine invisible hand from thy holy dwelling-place and bless us all. And if in aught we have sinned, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, forgive, inasmuch as thou art a good God and lover of mankind, vouchsafing unto us thy earthly and heavenly good things.

For thine it is to show mercy and save us, O our God, and unto thee we give glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

*(The congregation is seated)*

### ***The Aposticha (Idiomela) 5th Tone***

O Lord, the mother of the children of Zebedee, unable to understand the inexpressible mystery of thy dispensation, asked thee to grant her children the honor of a temporal kingdom. But instead of this, thou hast promised thy friends that they will drink the cup of death; and thou hast said that thyself would drink the cup before them, to cleanse our sins. Therefore, we cry aloud to thee; O salvation of our souls, glory to thee.

*Verse: Thou hast satisfied us in the morning with thy mercy, and we have rejoiced and were glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as thou hast afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Look upon thy servants and upon thy works, and guide their children<sup>60</sup>.*

O Lord, didst teach thy disciples to be concerned about ultimate things, and thou didst say unto them: "Be not like the Gentiles, who dominate over the weakest. It will not be so among you<sup>61</sup>, my disciples, for I have become poor of my own will. Whoever wishes to be first among you must be the minister

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<sup>60</sup>(Ps.65;65:1).

of all, the ruler must be like the ruled, and the superior must be like the last. For I myself have come to minister to the destitute Adam, and to give myself as a ransom for the many, who cry aloud to me: ‘Glory to thee.’”

***In the Eighth Tone***

*Verse: Let the splendor of the Lord our God be upon us and guide the works of our hands--O guide the works of our hands<sup>62</sup>.*

Let us, O brethren, fear the penalty of the fig tree, withered for its fruitlessness; and let us bear fruits worthy of repentance<sup>63</sup> to Christ who grants us the great mercy.

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

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<sup>61</sup>(Matt.20:26).

<sup>62</sup>(Ps.90<89>:17).

<sup>63</sup>(Lk.3:8).

The Dragon<sup>64</sup> found a second Eve in the Egyptian woman, and with words of flattery ran to trip up Joseph. But leaving his garment behind him, he fled from sin. And though naked, like the first-formed<sup>65</sup> before the disobedience, he was not ashamed. By his prayers, O Christ, have mercy on us.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High; to declare thy mercy in the morning, and thy truthfulness by night<sup>66</sup>.

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

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

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

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<sup>67</sup> bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

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<sup>64</sup>**It is a figurative term for the devil.**

<sup>65</sup>**I.e. Adam.**

<sup>66</sup>**(Ps 91<90>:1-2).**

<sup>67</sup>**Or, “living”.**

against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.<sup>68</sup>

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 Kontakion***

While “Jacob mourned for the loss of Joseph”<sup>69</sup>, his brave son was seated in a chariot and honored as a king<sup>70</sup>. For he was not enslaved to the lust of the Egyptian woman; wherefore, he was glorified by God, who sees the secrets of the hearts and grants to them an imperishable crown.

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.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption,<sup>71</sup> gavest birth to God the Word, and art Truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

Father, bless, in the Name of the Lord.

Blessed is HE WHO IS, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

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<sup>68</sup>**Or the evil one.**

<sup>69</sup>**(Gen.37:34).**

<sup>70</sup>**(Gen. 41:43).**

<sup>71</sup>**Or remaining virgin...etc.,**

O heavenly king, strengthen all faithful rulers, make firm the faith, calm the nations, give peace to the world, rightly preserve the Holy Church and this city, grant rest to our departed parents and brethren in the dwelling places of the just, and receive us with our repentance and thanksgiving; for thou art good and the lover of mankind.

***Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian***

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the Spirit of sloth, curiosity<sup>72</sup>, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give to me thy servant the spirit of chastity<sup>73</sup>, humility, patience and love. (*prostration*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother, for thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

***The Dismissal***

Glory to thee, O our God and our hope, glory to thee.

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 (*three times*).  
Father bless.

May Christ our true God, who willingly came to his passion for our salvation, through the intercessions of his all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of saint (*N*) patron Saint of this Church and the righteous and noble Joseph, whose memory we commemorate today, and all the saints: have mercy on us and save us forasmuch as he is good, and the lover of mankind.

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

Amen.

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<sup>72</sup>Or, faint heartedness.

<sup>73</sup>Or whole-mindedness.