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Part I

ROYAL OFFICE

1. ROYAL BEGINNING

PRIEST

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

PEOPLE

(intoned) Amen.

PRIEST

Glory to You, O God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, present everywhere and filling all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us of every impurity; and save our souls, O good One.

PEOPLE

(intoned) Amen.

A. Trisagion**READER**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us of our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, 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, (*intoned*) 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 to the ages of ages.

PEOPLE

(*intoned*) Amen.

2. THE ROYAL TROPARIA

A. Troparion of the Cross

READER

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the rulers against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your commonwealth through Your holy Cross.

B. Kontakion of the Cross

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

You, O Christ our God, Who chose of Your own will to be lifted up on the Cross, grant Your mercies to Your new commonwealth which is called by Your name. In Your power, gladden the hearts of our faithful rulers against those who war against them, having Your alliance as their weapon of peace, an invincible standard.

C. Theotokion

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Awesome and blameless protection, do not overlook our petitions, O pure and praiseworthy Theotokos.

Make firm the community of the Orthodox, save those whom you have called to rule, and grant them victory from heaven (*intoned*) for you bore God, only blessed one.

3. LITANY

PRIEST

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beseech You, hear us and have mercy.

CHOIR

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

PRIEST

Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

CHOIR

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

PRIEST

Again we pray for our Archbishop Elpidophoros, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

CHOIR

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

PRIEST

Truly You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

(intoned) Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

PRIEST

Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity, always; now and ever,
and to the ages of ages.

PEOPLE

(intoned) Amen.

Part II

MONASTIC NOCTURNES

4. HEXAPSALM

READER

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will to men. (3)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. (2)

PEOPLE

A. Psalm 3

O Lord, why are those who afflict me multiplied?

Many rise up against me. Many say to my soul: there is no salvation for him in his God.

But You, O Lord, are my Helper, my Glory, and the One who lifts up my head.

I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain.

I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves round about against me.

Rise, O Lord; save me, my God; for You have struck down all who without cause are my enemies; You have broken the teeth of sinners.

Salvation is of the Lord, and Your blessing is on Your people.

I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

B. Psalm 37

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath!

For Your arrows are fastened in me, and You have laid Your hand heavily upon me.

There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Your wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins.

For my iniquities have risen higher than my head; they have pressed heavily on me as a heavy burden.

My wounds have become foul and festering in the face of my foolishness.

I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; I went all the day long with downcast face.

For my loins are filled with inflammation, and there is no healing in my flesh.

I am afflicted and exceedingly humbled, I have groaned from the turmoil of my heart.

O Lord, all my desire is before You, and my groaning is not hidden from You.

My heart is troubled, my strength has failed me; and the light of my eyes, even this is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors drew near over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off.

And those who sought after my soul used violence; and those who sought evils for me spoke vain things, and they meditated deception all the day long.

But as for me, like a deaf man I did not hear them, and I was as a speechless man who does not open his mouth.

And I became as a man that does not hear, and that has no reproofs in his mouth.

For I have hoped in You, O Lord; You will hear me, Lord my God.

For I said: Let my enemies never rejoice over me; indeed, when my feet were shaken, those men spoke boastful words against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity, and I will anguish concerning my sin.

But my enemies live and are made stronger than I, and those who hated me unjustly are multiplied.

Those who render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness.

Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me. Be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation. (2)

C. Psalm 62

O God, my God, to You I rise early at dawn.

My soul has thirsted for You; how often has my flesh longed after You in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered.

So I have appeared before You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory.

For Your mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise You.

So shall I bless You in my life, and I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with lips of rejoicing.

If I remembered You on my bed, I meditated on You at the dawn.

For You have become my Helper; I will rejoice in the shelter of Your wings.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

But as for those who in vain have sought after my soul, they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered to the edge of the sword, they shall be portions for foxes.

But the king shall be glad in God; everyone shall be praised that swears by Him; for the mouth of those who speak unjust things is stopped.

At the dawn I meditated on You; for You have become my Helper; in the shelter of Your wings I will rejoice.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

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

D. Psalm 87

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

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication.

For my soul is filled with evils, and my life has drawn near to Hades.

I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I have become as a man without help, free among the dead.

I am like the bodies of the slain that sleep in the grave, Whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and the shadow of death.

Your anger lies heavily on me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves.

You have removed my friends far from me; they have made me an abomination to themselves.

I have been delivered up, and have not come forth; my eyes have grown weak from poverty.

I have cried to You, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my hands to You.

No, will You work wonders for the dead? Or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks to You?

No, shall any in the grave tell of Your mercy, and of Your truth in that destruction?

No, shall Your wonders be known in that darkness, and Your righteousness in that land that is forgotten?

But as for me, I have cried to You, O Lord; and in the morning my prayer shall come before You.

O Lord, why do You therefore cast off my soul and turn Your face away from me?

I am as a poor man, and in troubles from my youth; indeed, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress.

Your fierce wrath has gone over me, and Your terrors have sorely troubled me.

They came around me all day long like water, they engulfed me altogether.

Because of my misery You have removed friend and neighbor and my acquaintances far from me.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication!

E. 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 do not forget all that He has done for you.

Who is gracious to all your iniquities, Who heals all your infirmities.

Who redeems your life from corruption, Who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

Who fulfills your desire with good things; your youth shall be renewed as the eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of mercy, and executes judgment for all those who are wronged.

He has made His ways known to Moses, the things that He has willed to the sons of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy; He will not be angered to the end, neither will He be angry to eternity.

He has not dealt with us according to our iniquities, neither has He rewarded us according to our sins.

For according to the height of heaven from the earth, so has the Lord made His mercy to prevail over those who fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our iniquities from us.

Like a father has compassion on his sons, so has the Lord had compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows of what we are made, He has remembered that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth.

For when the wind passes over it, then it shall be gone, and its place will no longer remember it.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even to eternity, on those who fear Him.

And His righteousness is on sons of sons, on those who keep His testament and remember to do His commandments.

The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O all you His Angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words.

Bless the Lord, O all you His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

(2)

F. Psalm 142

O Lord, hear my prayer, in Your truth give ear to my supplications; hear me in Your righteousness.

And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has humbled my life down to the earth.

He has sat me in darkness as those who have been long dead, and my spirit within me has become despondent; my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Your works, I pondered on the creations of Your hands.

I stretched forth my hands to You; my soul thirsts after You like a waterless land.

Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit has fainted away.

Do not turn Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning; for I have put my hope in You.

Cause me to know, O Lord, the way in which I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to You.

Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord; I have fled to You for refuge.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; You shall quicken me for Your name's sake, O Lord.

In Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction, and in Your mercy You shall utterly destroy my enemies.

And You shall cut off all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(2)

Let Your good spirit lead me on a level path!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

CHOIR

(intoned) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God. Lord, my Hope, glory to You.

Part III

MORNING VIGIL

5. GREAT SYNAPTE (LITANY OF PEACE)

DEACON

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

For the peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

For our Archbishop Elpidophoros, the honorable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the laity, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

For the president of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces on land, at sea, and in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

For this city, for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

(intoned) Amen.

6. PSALM 117**A. God is Lord**

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

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

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

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

B. Apolytikion (For the Holy Woman)

For the Holy Woman.

Your own ewe-lamb cries to You loudly, O Jesus, and she says, * "For my Bridegroom do I long, and seeking You I now contend; * and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. * I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. * I die for You that I may also live in You. * Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice * as I offer myself to You with love." * At her entreaties and intercessions, * save our souls, O Merciful Lord. [SD]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *Apolytikion For the Holy Woman is repeated.*

C. Theotokion

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. *From Octoechos - - -*

O Theotokos, through you became manifest to us on earth the mystery, which was hid from eternity, and which the Angels themselves knew not: that God, uniting natures without

confusion, becomes a man and accepts crucifixion for our salvation voluntarily. By virtue of this, resurrecting man whom He had first created, He saved our souls from death. [SD]

7. SIXTEENTH KATHISMA**A. Psalm 109***1. Stasis 1*

The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

The Lord has sworn And will not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.

The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

B. Psalm 110

Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and full of

compassion.

He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness.

He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

C. Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments.

His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.

The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; glory to you, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

D. Psalm 112

1. Stasis 2

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lords name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high, Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap, That He may seat him with princes—with the princes of His people.

He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children.

E. Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! When Israel went out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became His sanctuary, And Israel His dominion.

The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, The little hills like lambs.

What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back? O mountains, that you skipped like rams? O little hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob, Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of waters.

F. Psalm 114

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

Why should the Gentiles say, “So where is their God?”

But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, The work of mens hands.

They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat.

Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.

The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless those who fear the Lord, Both small and great.

May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lords; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

The dead do not praise the Lord, Nor any who go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord From this time forth and forevermore.

G. Psalm 115

1. Stasis 3

Praise the Lord! I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.

Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord In the land of the living.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; glory to you, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted.

I said in my haste, "All men are liars.

What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me?

I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord Now in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints.

O Lord, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord Now in the presence of all His people, In the courts of the Lord's house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

H. Psalm 116

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

I. Psalm 117

Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His mercy endures forever."

I called on the Lord in distress; The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

The Lord is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in princes.

All nations surrounded me, But in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

They surrounded me, Yes, they surrounded me; But in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

They surrounded me I like bees; They were quenched like a fire of thorns; For in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

You pushed me violently, that I might fall, But the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord, Through which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the Lords doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord!

We have blessed you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, And He has given us
light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages
of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; glory to you, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages
of ages. Amen.

8. SMALL SYNAPTE (FOR YOURS IS THE DOMINION...)

PRIEST

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

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR

(sung) To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.

9. KATHISMATA OF THE FIRST READING

From Octoechos - - -

Almighty God and Lord, You made the memory * of Your victorious Martyrs so radiant; * for You equipped them with the strength to imitate Your Passion and death. * They also bravely overcame * all the forces of Belial. * Therefore they received the grace * to perform cures and miracles. * We pray You, by their earnest entreaties, * to grant Your people peace, O Compassionate One. [SD]

Verse: God is wondrous in His saints. [SAAS]

Covered with the full armor of Christ, and wearing the shield of the Faith, as combatants you brought down the armies of the enemy. In the hope that life would follow, you enthusiastically endured every threat and torture from the tyrants. That is why you received the crowns, O valiant Martyrs of Christ. [SD]

Verse: To the saints on His earth, in them He magnified all His will. [SAAS]

By faith you shone forth, like most radiant lights, O Saints. You are physicians of the sick, O all-lauded medal-winners. Since your courage did not falter when faced with torture by tyrants, you brought down the blasphemies of the idols, for you bore the Cross of the truth as trophy invincible. [SD]

A. Theotokion

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Unto you who mediated the salvation of our race we sing praises, O Virgin Theotokos. For your Son and our God in the flesh that He assumed from you accepted suffering by means of crucifixion and has thereby set us free from corruption, in His love for man. [SD]

10. SEVENTEENTH KATHISMA

A. Psalm 118 (119)

1. Stasis 1

1

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!

They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.

Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!

Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments.

I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.

I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

2

How can a young man cleanse his way?

By taking heed according to Your word.

With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

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

With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.

I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

3

Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.

My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.

You rebuke the proud—the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.

Remove from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies.

Princes also sit and speak against me, But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.

4

My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.

Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me.

I cling to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame!

I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart.

5

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.

Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You.

Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.

6

Let Your mercies come also to me, O Lord— Your salvation according to Your word.

So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances.

So shall I keep Your law continually, Forever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.

I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, And will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love.

My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, Which I love, And I will meditate on Your statutes.

7

Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope.

This is my a comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.

The proud have me in great derision, Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.

I remembered Your judgments of old, O Lord, And have comforted myself.

Indignation has taken hold of me Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.

Your statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.

I remember Your name in the night, O Lord, And I keep Your law.

This has become mine, Because I kept Your precepts.

8

You are my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep Your words.

I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; Be merciful to me according to Your word.

I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments.

The cords of the wicked have bound me, But I have not forgotten Your law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, Because of Your righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts.

The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes.

9

You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.

You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

The proud have forged a lie against me, But I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as grease, But I delight in Your law.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; glory to you, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

2. Stasis 2

10

Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word.

I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.

Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; For Your law is my delight.

Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; But I will meditate on Your precepts.

Let those who fear You turn to me, Those who know Your testimonies.

Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, That I may not be ashamed.

11

My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.

My eyes fail from searching Your word, Saying, "When will You comfort me?"

For I have become like a wineskin in smoke, Yet I do not forget Your statutes. How many are the days of Your servant?

When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

The proud have dug pits for me, Which is not according to Your law.

All Your commandments are faithful; They persecute me wrongfully; Help me!

They almost made an end of me on earth, But I did not forsake Your precepts.

Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

12

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants.

Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.

I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.

The wicked wait for me to destroy me, But I will consider Your testimonies.

I have seen the consummation of all perfection, But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

13

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.

How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

14

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.

Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, And teach me Your judgments.

My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

15

I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.

You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God!

Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit is falsehood.

You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.

My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.

16

I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors.

Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the proud oppress me.

My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation And Your righteous word.

Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes.

I am Your servant; Give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.

It is time for You to act, O Lord, For they have regarded Your law as void.

Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.

17

Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them.

The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.

Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts.

Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.

Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because men do not keep Your law.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; glory to you, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

3. *Stasis 3*

18

Righteous are You, O Lord, And upright are Your judgments.

Your testimonies, which You have commanded, Are righteous and very faithful.

My zeal has consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.

Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, Yet Your commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me understanding, and I shall live.

19

I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O Lord!

I will keep Your statutes. I cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.

I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.

My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.

Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O Lord, revive me according to Your justice.

They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law.

You are near, O Lord, And all Your commandments are truth.

Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them I forever.

20

Consider my affliction and deliver me, For I do not forget Your law.

Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.

Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.

Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord; Revive me according to Your judgments.

Many are my persecutors and my enemies, Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

I see the treacherous, and am disgusted, Because they do not keep Your word.

Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.

The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

21

Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

I hate and abhor lying, But I love Your law.

Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments.

Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

Lord, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments.

My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly.

I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You.

22

Let my cry come before You, O Lord; Give me understanding according to Your word.

Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

My lips shall utter praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.

Let Your hand become my help, For I have chosen Your precepts.

I long for Your salvation, O Lord, And Your law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise You; And let Your judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; glory to you, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

11. KATHISMATA OF THE SECOND READING

From Octoechos - - -

Mode 3.

Your wholehearted endurance vanquished the machinations of the enemy and author of evil, O all-lauded medal-winners. That is why you have been counted worthy of eternal blessedness. We entreat you to intercede with the Lord, that He save the flock of Christ-loving people, for You, O Martyrs, are witnesses of the truth. [SD]

Verse: Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. [SAAS]

For the Dead.

When, at your command, O Lord and Savior, we stand before your impartial judgment seat, do not condemn us who have believed in you. We have all sinned, yet we have not turned away from you. We entreat you, O Christ: Give rest in the dwellings of the righteous, to those whom you have taken to yourself, for you alone are rich in mercy. [OCA]

Verse: Their souls shall dwell among good things. [SAAS]

Through the tree we have fallen into bitter death, but, by the precious tree we rise again, for, through your cross, you have put death to death, O Savior, and given all men unending life. O merciful Lord: Make the members of your household, who have departed to you, worthy of that life, and give them your kingdom. [OCA]

A. Theotokion

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Receive your servants, who have left the stormy seas of this life in faith, O all-undefiled Virgin, and lead them to our Judge and God, praying him to grant them redemption. For, as the Mother of him who does all things, you have both the power and the will. [OCA]

Part IV

MORNING PRAISE

12. PSALM 50 (51)

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

Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged.

For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me.

Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom.

You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice.

Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit.

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness.

O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings.

A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

13. KONTAKION

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4. N/M (You who were lifted.)

Venerable Christina, you appeared like a shining dove with a pair of golden wings alighting in the highest heavens! Therefore we celebrate your glorious feast and bow before the place that holds your relics. Pray that we may receive grace and healing for body and soul!
[OCA]

14. SYNAXARION

From the Menaion.

READER

On July 24, we commemorate the holy Great Martyr Christina.

On this day the holy Martyrs Capito and Hymenaeus died by the sword; and the holy Martyr Hermogenes died after his teeth were pulled out.

The holy Neomartyr Theophilus of Zakynthos, who witnessed on Chios in the year 1635, died by fire.

The holy Neomartyr Athanasius of Kios, who witnessed in Constantinople in the year 1670, died by the sword.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

It is appropriate for the congregation to stand for the singing of Ode ix.

DEACON

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

15. THE MAGNIFICAT

Verse: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos.

You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

A. Heirmos

Mode pl. 4.

You are the Theotokos * lit'rally, O Virgin; * and we confess it, for we have been saved through you * whom we, O pure one, with choirs of angels magnify. [SD]

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

B. Small Synapte

PRIEST

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

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR

(sung) To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

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

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.

16. EXAPOSTEILARION

From Menaion - - -

We dutifully honor you, * holy Martyr Christina, * for you became the Master's * useful and precious vessel. * And also for the martyrs all * truly you were pride and joy, * the glory of virgin maidens; * you were also shown to be * a great healer sent from God * for innocent babes and infants. [SD]

A. Theotokion

The orders of the Bodiless * gaily honor your childbirth. * For among women only you * filled the earth with rejoicing. * We faithful therefore glorify * you the pure and blameless maid; * with hymns we sing your glory; * for to those in the darkness * you shone forth the light of day, * yourself shining like the morning. [SD]

17. LAUDS

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

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

18. IDIOMELON

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]

O Christ, we glorify Your great compassion and goodness, which You have bestowed on us; for even women destroyed the error and madness of idolatry by the power of Your Cross, O Lover of humanity. They were not frightened by a tyrant; they trampled on the crafty one. They had the strength to follow You; they ran after You for the smell of Your ointments, and they intercede for our souls. [SD]

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]

Leaving her father's wealth, and desiring Christ sincerely, the Martyr found heavenly glory and riches; and protected by the full armor of grace, she trampled the tyrant by the power of the Cross. Angels admired her struggles, saying "The enemy has fallen, defeated by a woman; the Martyr is proven a crowned victor, and Christ reigns to the ages as God, who grants His great mercy to the world." [SD]

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]

The power of Your Cross has worked wonders, O Christ; for Christina, the Martyr, has undergone her athletic contest. She threw aside the weakness of her nature and bravely confronted the tyrants. Therefore, she received the trophies of victory, and she intercedes for our souls. [SD]

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

Clutching a Cross as a powerful weapon, O Martyr Christina, and with faith as a breastplate, hope as a shield, and love as a bow, you manfully overcame the tortures of the tyrants. Inspired by God, you destroyed the demons' trickery; and your head being severed, you now celebrate in Christ, and you unceasingly intercede for our souls. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

When Christ the King of Glory was enamored of your virginal beauty, He wed you as a blameless bride to himself, in an immaculate union. In His will, He a queen in embroidered apparel. O Virgin-martyr Christina, earnestly entreat Him, to give salvation and life and great mercy to us who extol you. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Now we call you blessed, O Virgin Theotokos, and we glorify you, duty-bound as believers; the city unshakable, the wall indestructible, the firm and steadfast protection, and the place of refuge for our souls. [SD]

19. GREAT DOXOLOGY

(read)

To you belongs glory, O Lord our God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, and we thank you, for your great glory.

Lord, King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty; only-begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit.

Lord God, the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world.

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

For you are the only Holy One, you are the only Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I shall bless you, and I shall praise your name forever, and unto the ages of ages.

Lord, you have become for us a refuge from generation to generation.

I have said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Lord, to you I have fled; teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we shall see light.

Extend your mercy to those who know you. Grant, O Lord, that in this day we may be kept without sin.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name unto the ages. Amen.

Let your mercy, Lord, come upon us, just as we have hoped in you.

Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments.

Blessed are you, O Master, make me understand your commandments.

Blessed are you, O Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments.

Lord, your mercy remains forever, do not turn away from the works of your hands.

To you belongs praise, to you belongs a hymn, to you belongs glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

DEACON

Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR

(sung) Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

(sung) Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON

For pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON

For that which is good and beneficial for our souls, and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

(sung) Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON

And let us ask for a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ.

CHOIR

(sung) Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR

(sung) To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For You are the God of mercy and compassion and love for mankind, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

CHOIR

(sung) And with your spirit.

PRIEST

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

CHOIR

(sung) To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

Holy Lord, dwelling on high and beholding things below and, with your eye that observes all, keeping watch over the whole creation, to you we have bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we beseech you, O Holy of Holies: Stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling and bless us all. And, as you are good and love humankind, pardon us if we have sinned in anything, voluntarily or involuntarily, granting us your blessings both of this world and of the world above.

PRIEST

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.

20. APOSTICHA OF THE OCTOECHOS

From Octoechos - - -

O Lord, alone rich in mercy: I glorify your precious Cross, for, through it life and blessedness are given to those who sing your praises with faith and love. Therefore, we cry out to you, O Christ our God: Give rest to our departed brethren, calling them to be with you in the dwelling of those who rejoice. [OCA]

Verse: Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. [SAAS]

We entreat You, O Christ God, the only merciful and compassionate Lord: As You have an incomprehensible ocean of goodness, and you know the nature of humanity, which You created, give rest to those whom You have taken from us, where all those who rejoice in You are dwelling, to glorify Your divinity. [SD]

Verse: Their souls shall dwell among good things. [SAAS]

You slept in the tomb as man; as God, you raised up all those in the tomb by your unconquerable might. With never-silent voices, they offer you a hymn of praise. Therefore, we cry to you, O Christ our God: Give rest to our departed brethren, calling them to be with you in the dwelling of those who rejoice. [OCA]

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

For the Holy Woman. From Menaion - - -

O glorious Christina, extolled by all, when in your longing for Christ you departed the world, you were numbered among the ranks on high. And now, you entreat Him to grant us the great mercy. [SD]

A. Theotokion

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Since you accept the petitions of sinners and do not ignore the sighs of the afflicted, O all-holy Virgin, intercede with Him who came from your undefiled body, and entreat Him to save us. [SD]

PRIEST

It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your mercy in the morning and Your truth at night. [SAAS]

B. Trisagion

READER

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.

21. APOLYTIKION

Your own ewe-lamb cries to You loudly, O Jesus, and she says, * "For my Bridegroom do I long, and seeking You I now contend; * and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. * I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. * I die for You that I may also live in You. * Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice * as I offer myself to You with love." * At her entreaties and intercessions, * save our souls, O Merciful Lord. [SD]

A. Theotokion

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.

We magnify you, O Theotokos, and cry out: You are the bush in which, without being burnt, Moses saw, as a flame, the fire of Divinity. [SD]

DEACON

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

CHOIR

(*sung*) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

DEACON

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

CHOIR

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

DEACON

Again we pray for our Archbishop Gerasimos.

CHOIR

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

DEACON

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

CHOIR

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

DEACON

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

CHOIR

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

DEACON

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church, and for all our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us, who here have been piously laid to their rest, as well as the Orthodox everywhere.

CHOIR

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

DEACON

Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all- venerable church, for those who labor and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.

CHOIR

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

PRIEST

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

CHOIR

(sung) Father, bless!

PRIEST

Blessed are You, Christ our God, always now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.

PRIEST

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

READER

Amen.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3) Father, bless!

22. DISMISSAL**PRIEST**

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all- immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and the holy Great Martyr Christina, whose memory we observe, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

A. Conclusion

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

CHOIR

(sung) Amen.