

THE SERVICE OF GREAT COMPLINE



*For use on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday evenings during Great Lent*

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Lenten Great Compline

+In Loving Memory of John, Bessie, and George Antonaros

INSTRUCTIONS

Everyone:

Everyone is encouraged to participate by reading aloud the parts marked "**People**" in **bold purple**, and following the other parts with the reader and choir. We make the bows (or prostrations) while making our cross on several occasions throughout the service.

When should we stand—when can we sit?

We should stand for the beginning of the Service and may sit down during all the Psalms (pg 2 etc.). We stand during the hymn "God is with us" (pg 9-11) until Psalm 50 (pg 17) where we can sit. We should stand for the Prayer of Manasses (pg 20) and prepare to kneel. We may sit after the Trisagion (pg 22). We stand during the Doxology (and the canon of St. Andrew of Crete if chanted) (pg 26). Of course, we may sit at anytime if necessary, and we may stand at anytime as well. If you would like to volunteer to read the prayers in front of the icons (page 35-37) please let the Priest know before the service.

Readers:

For the beginning of service: place the Icon of Virgin Mary on Icon stand in middle of Church with a dark cover and the two candle stands on each side. At the "Prayer of the Hours" (pg 32) move the candle stands from the icon stand in front of the icons of Christ and Virgin Mary. An altar boy should bring the prepared censor to the Priest during the "Trisagion Prayers" (pg. 29). If possible, there should be two sets of Readers to alternate the Psalms and the appropriate verses.

First Week only

The appropriate inserts according to the day should be available next to the booklets. After the Doxology, part of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete will be chanted, and a Gospel reading will be read (See Insert). Altar boys should proceed out with candles for the Gospel at "Most blessed glorious Ever-Virgin" (pg. 37).

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Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Priest: O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who are present everywhere and fills all things, Treasury of blessings and Bountiful Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of every stain, Good One, and save our souls.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS *(recited by everyone)*

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3x)

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

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For 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.

Reader: Amen.

Reader: Lord have mercy. **(12x)**

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

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

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

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

PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

O men, how long will my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!"

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 6

People: ○ LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

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My soul also is greatly troubled. But You, O LORD, how long?
Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of Your
mercy.

For in death there is no remembrance of You; in hades who
will give You praise?

I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with
tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because
of all my foes.

Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has
heard the sound of my weeping.

The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.
All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly troubled; they
will turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

PSALM 12

Reader: **H**ow long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in
my heart all the day?

How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and
answer me, O LORD my God;

Light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy
say, "I have prevailed over him,"

Lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken: but I have trusted in
Your steadfast love;

My heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the
LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me, and I will
praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

And again:

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

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Light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him".

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x w/bows)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PSALM 24

Reader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;

Let not my enemies laugh me to scorn. Indeed, none who wait for You will be put to shame;

They will be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

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For Your Name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.

His soul will abide in well-being, and his offspring will inherit the land.

The LORD is the strength of those who fear Him, and He makes known to them his covenant.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my lowliness and my toil, and forgive all my sins.

Consider my foes, for they have multiplied, and with an unjust hatred have they hated me.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I have placed my hope in You.

The innocent and the upright have cleaved to me, for I waited on You, O Lord.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM 30

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!

Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a God to defend me, a strong fortress to save me!

For You are my rock and my refuge; and for Your Name's sake You lead me and nourish me;

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You take me out of the trap they have hid for me, for You O Lord, are my defender.

Into Your hands I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of Truth.

You hate those who hold on to empty vanities,
But I trust in the LORD. I will rejoice and be glad in Your mercy.
Because You have regarded my lowliness; You have saved my soul from from experiencing need.

You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a spacious place.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is troubled with anger; my soul and my inner being also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
My strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances;

Those who see me in the street flee from me. I have been forgotten like one whose heart has long stopped;

I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many of those that surround me: they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I place my hope in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."
My fate is in Your hand;

Rescue me from the hands of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your mercy!
O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon You;

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Let the wicked be put to shame; let them be brought down into Hades.

Speechless be the lying lips which speak insolently against the righteous in arrogance and contempt.

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You;

For those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men;

You store them in the tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his mercy to me in a besieged city.

I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight."
But you heard the voice of my supplication when I cried to you for help.

Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD seeks out those of Truth, but the one who acts with arrogance, He renders them their due.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD!

PSALM 90

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

He will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

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You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies
by day,

Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction
that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right
hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of
the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the
Most High, who is my refuge –

No evil will be allowed to befall you, no plague come near
your tent.

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you
in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot
against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and
the serpent you will trample underfoot.

"Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will
protect him, because he knows My Name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in
trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation."

**People: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x w/bows)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

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FOR GOD IS WITH US

We Stand. *The following verses are from the Prophet Isaiah: the first six contain prophecies about Jesus Christ and His Church's victory over her adversaries (the "nations") to whom these verses are addressed to. The next twelve verses refer to Christ Himself and His coming Kingdom. The verses are chanted by two chanters (Left=L Right=R). The people chant "For God is with us". We chant them boldly and slowly with sweet melody. (On Friday evening this and everything from here to **the Creed** is read, not chanted):*

R. Reader/choir: **G**od is with us, know you nations, and be vanquished: for God is with us.

L. Reader/choir: **G**ive ear all of you to the ends of the earth.

People: FOR GOD IS WITH US.

R. **F**or if you again strengthen yourselves, you will again be vanquished.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

L. **A**nd whatsoever counsel you will take, the Lord will bring it to nothing.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

R. **A**nd the word, whatever you speak, will not remain with you.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

L. **A**nd of your fear we will be neither afraid nor in dread.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

R. **B**ut the Lord our God, Him will we hallow, and He will be fear unto us.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

L. **A**nd if I trust in Him, He will be my sanctification.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

R. **A**nd I will set my hope in Him and thus be saved by Him.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

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- L. **R**ehold I and the children which God has given me.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- R. **T**he people that walk in darkness have seen a great light.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- L. **Y**ou that dwell in the region and shadow of death, a light will shine upon you.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- R. **F**or unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- L. **W**hose government is upon His shoulder.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- R. **A**nd of His peace there is no end.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- L. **A**nd His Name will be called Angel of Great Counsel.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- R. **W**onderful Counselor.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- L. **M**ighty God, Ruler, Prince of Peace.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- R. **F**ather of the age to come.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- R. **G**lory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- L. **N**ow and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
- R&L. **G**od is with us, know you nations, and be vanquished:
FOR GOD IS WITH US.

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Then we continue reading the following Troparia.

People: **N**ow that the day has come to a close, I thank You, O Lord, and entreat that the evening with the night may be sinless; Grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

R. **G**lory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Now that the day has passed I glorify You, O Master, and entreat that the evening with the night may be without offense; Grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

L. **N**ow and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Now that the day has run its course, I praise You, O Holy One, and entreat that evening with the night may be undisturbed; grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

Then the two choirs chant alternating verses in the Sixth Tone:

R. **T**he bodiless natures, the Cherubim * glorify and praise You with unceasing hymns.

L. **A**nd the six-winged beings, the Seraphim, * do extol and exalt You with endless voice.

R. **T**he whole company of the angelic host, * acclaims and exalts You with thrice-holy hymns.

L. **F**or You are the Father, from before all things* and You have Your co-beginningless Son;

R. **W**ith the equally-honored Spirit of life, * You reveal the Indivisible Trinity.

L. **O** Most holy Virgin Mother of God, * and You servants and eyewitnesses of the Word,

R. **A**ll you choirs of Prophets and Martyred saints, * who are crowned with the gift of immortal life:

L. **I**ntercede fervently in our behalf, * for we are all suffering and in great distress;

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R. **S**o that, saved from the error of the evil one, * we may cry out and chant the angelic hymn:

R&L. **H**oly, Holy, Holy, Thrice-holy Lord, * have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

THE CREED (everyone)

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages;

Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not created; of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made.

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

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

And He rose on the third day according to the Scriptures; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke through the prophets.

In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

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*The following verses are alternated by each choir—Right/Left—beginning with **Left**; with each one we make a full prostration:*

- most holy Lady Theotokos, intercede for us sinners. (3x)
- all you Heavenly Host of the holy Angels and Archangels, intercede for us sinners. (2x)
- Saint John; Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of our Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for us sinners. (2x)
- holy glorious Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs, and all the Saints, intercede for us sinners. (2x)
- our righteous and God-bearing Fathers, Shepherds, and Ecumenical Teachers, intercede for us sinners. (2x)
- Holy St. George, intercede for us sinners. (2x)
- Invincible and incomprehensible and divine power of the precious and life-giving Cross, forsake not us sinners. (2x)
- God, be gracious to us sinners. (3x)

R&L. **And** have mercy on us.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS *(recited by everyone)*

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3x)

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

○ **Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

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Priest: **F**or 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.

Reader: **A**men.

Then the chanters chant the following Troparia, unless there is a feast, in which case we say the Troparion of the Feast

*On **Monday & Wednesday** evenings in the Second Tone:*

Enlighten my eyes, O Christ God, lest at any time I sleep unto death, lest at any time my enemy say: I have prevailed against him.

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

Re my soul's helper, O God, for I pass through the midst of many snares; deliver me out of them, and save me, O Good One, for You are the Lover of Mankind.

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

Theotokion:

Seeing that we have no boldness on account of our many sins, beseech Him that was born of You, O Virgin Theotokos for the supplication of a mother avails much to win the Master's favor. Disdain not the prayers of sinners, O all-pure one, for merciful and mighty to save is He Who deigned also to suffer for our sake.

*On **Tuesday and Thursday** evenings in the Eighth Tone:*

O Lord my Creator, You know the unsleeping vigilance of my invisible enemies, and the weakness of my miserable flesh You know, You Who have fashioned me: Into Your hands, therefore, I will commit my spirit; shelter me with the wings of Your goodness, lest at any time I sleep unto death, and enlighten the eyes of my mind to the enjoyment of Your divine words, and raise me up in a seasonable time unto Your glorification, for You alone are good and the Lover of mankind.

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Stichos:

Look upon me and have mercy on me; according to the judgment of them that love Your Name.

How terrible is Your judgment, O Lord, with the angels surrounding us, all men being led in, the books opened, the deeds examined, the thoughts weighed. What judgment will be awarded to me who was conceived in sins? Who will quench the flame for me, who will enlighten the darkness for me, if not You, O Lord Who has mercy on me, as the Lover of mankind.

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

Grant me tears, O God, as You once gave to the sinning woman, and with them allow me to moisten Your precious feet which have freed me from the path of delusion, and grant me a pure life to offer to You as fragrant myrrh, fashioned in me by repentance, that I may hear Your desired voice: Your faith has saved You, go in peace.

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

Theotokion:

Having in You, O Theotokos, a hope that cannot be put to shame, I will be saved; having obtained your mediation, O most pure one, I will not fear. I will pursue enemies and triumph over them, having covered myself, as in a breastplate, only with your protection; and imploring your all-powerful aid, I cry to you: O Sovereign Lady, save me through your intercessions, and raise me up from somber sleep to your glorification, by the might of the Son of God who was incarnate of you.

After the Troparia, the Priest stands on the Solea facing east.

Reader: **L**ord have mercy. (40x)

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

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People: **G**reater in honor than the Cherubim, and you have more glory when compared to the Seraphim; you without corruption did bear God the Logos; you are the Theotokos; you do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, father bless.

Priest: **T**hrough the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us and save us.

People: **A**men.



PRAYER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Priest: (if none then Reader): **O** Lord, O Lord, Who has delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, deliver us from everything that walks in darkness. As an evening sacrifice, receive the lifting up of our hands. Vouchsafe us also to pass through the course of the night without blemish, untempted by evil. And deliver us from every anxiety and fear that comes to us from the devil. Grant compunction to our souls, and peace to our thoughts concerning the trial at Your dread and righteous judgment. Nail down our flesh with the fear of You, and mortify our earthly members, that in quietness of sleep we may be enlightened by the vision of Your judgments. Take from us every unseemly dream and pernicious carnal desire. Raise us up at the hour of prayer, fortified in faith and advancing in Your commandments; through the benevolence and goodness of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your All-holy and good and life creating Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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Reader:

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

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

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

PSALM 50

We may sit.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my iniquities.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I perceive my iniquity, and my sin is ever before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done this evil in Your sight, that You will be justified in Your words, and prevail when You are judged.

Behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sin did my mother bear me.

Behold, You have loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom have You revealed to me.

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

You will make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that are humbled will rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

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

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

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Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and establish me with Your guiding Spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, The God of my salvation; and my tongue will sing forth of Your righteousness.

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

For if You had desired sacrifice, then would I have given it; You will not delight in 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 unto Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

Then will You be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblations and whole-burnt offerings.

Then will they offer bullocks upon Your altar.

PSALM 101

○ Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to You.

Turn not Your face away from me; in the day when I am afflicted, incline Your ear to me.

In the day when I call upon You, quickly hearken to me.

For my days are vanished like smoke, and my bones consumed like wood for the burning.

I am smitten like grass, and withered is my heart, for I forgot to eat my bread.

By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones have cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like a pelican of the wilderness, I am like an owl in a ruined house.

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I have watched, and am like a sparrow that sits alone upon the house-top.

The whole day long my enemies reproached me, and they that praised me made an oath against me.

For before the face of Your wrath and Your anger I ate ashes like bread, and my drink I mingled with weeping; for after uplifting me, You have dashed me down.

My days like a shadow have declined, and I like grass am withered.

But You, O Lord, abide forever, and Your remembrance is from generation to generation.

You will rise up and have pity upon Sion, for it is time to have compassion on her, indeed, the time is come.

For Your servants have taken pleasure in her stones, and they will feel pity for her dust.

And the nations will fear Your Name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory.

For the Lord will build up Sion, and He will be seen in His glory.

He has regarded the prayer of the humble, and has not despised their supplication.

Let this be written for another generation, and the people that are being created will praise the Lord.

For He has looked out from His holy height, the Lord from heaven has looked upon the earth,

To hear the groaning of them that be in fetters, to loose the sons of the slain,

To declare in Sion the Name of the Lord, and His praise in Jerusalem,

When the peoples are gathered together, and the kings to serve the Lord.

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He answered Him in the way of his strength: The fewness of my days declare to me.

Take me not away at the half of my days; in generations and generations are Your years.

In the beginning, O Lord, You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands.

They will perish, but You abide; and all like a garment will grow old,

And as a vesture will You fold them, and they will be changed; but You are the same and Your years will not fail.

The sons of Your servants will have their dwelling, and their seed for ever will be guided aright.

PRAYER OF MANASSEH, KING OF JUDEA

We Stand. *The Priest reads the prayer before the icon of Christ.*

Note: King Manasseh, son of King Hezekiah, was a very evil king for most of his 55 year reign. He angered the Lord by encouraging every sort of evil (2 Chronicles 33:4-6). He rebuilt the heathen altars to false god of Baal that his righteous father Hezekiah had destroyed. King Manasseh even defiled Lord's Temple by erecting pagan altars in the Temple courts for worshiping the sun, moon and stars. He consulted spirit mediums, fortune tellers and sorcerers. He also murdered large numbers of innocent people (2 Kings 21:16). Manasseh appallingly sacrificed his own children as burnt offerings!



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Warnings by the Lord were ignored by both Manasseh and his people, so God sent the Assyrian armies, who captured him and took him into exile. It was in captivity that he came to his senses: He sincerely repented and cried out to God for help. His prayer of repentance was recorded and we repeat it and make it our own. King Manasseh serves as an example to us of God's mercy, and the power of repentance. This is the main theme of Great Lent.

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Priest: **O** Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed;

Who has made heaven and the earth with all their majesty;
Who has bound the sea by the word of Your commandment;

Who has closed the abyss, and sealed it by Your terrible and glorious Name; of Whom all things are afraid, and tremble from the presence of Your might;

For no one can endure the majesty of Your glory, and unbearable is the wrath of Your threatening toward sinners, but immeasurable and unsearchable is the mercifulness of Your promise;

For You are the Lord most High, compassionate, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy, and repents of the evils of men:

You, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your goodness, has promised penitence and forgiveness to them that have sinned against You, and in the multitude of Your compassions has decreed repentance for the salvation of sinners.

You, therefore, O Lord God of hosts, has not appointed repentance for the righteous, for Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, who have not sinned against You, but have laid repentance upon me a sinner, for I have sinned more than the number of the sands of the sea.

My iniquities are multiplied, and I am not worthy to look upon and to see the height of heaven for the multitude of my iniquities.

For I am bowed down with many iron bands so that I cannot lift up my head, and there is no release for me, because I have provoked Your anger, and done evil before You, neither having done Your will, nor having kept Your commandments;

(We all kneel)

And now I bow the knees of my heart, beseeching of You clemency.

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I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I know my iniquities; but imploring I pray You: Loose me, O Lord, loose me, and destroy me not with my iniquities.

Neither in enmity forever keep my evils, neither condemn me to the nethermost parts of the earth.

For You, O God, are the God of them that repent, and upon me You will show all Your goodness; for You will save me who am unworthy, according to the plenitude of Your mercy, And I will praise You continually throughout the days of my life: for all the heavenly hosts hymn You, and to You glory is due unto the ages of ages. Amen. (STAND)

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS *(recited by everyone)*

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3x)

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

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: **F**or 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.

People: **Amén.**

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We may sit.

Troparia in the Sixth Tone:

Reader: **H**ave mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; * for we are empty of all defense, * As sinners we offer this supplication to You; O Master, have mercy on us.

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

Lord, have mercy on us; * for in You we have put our trust; * Be not exceedingly angry with us, * Nor remember our many iniquities; * But look upon us now as the Compassionate, * and deliver us from our enemies, * for You are our God, and we, Your people; * We are all the work of Your hands, and upon Your Name we have now called.

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

The Priest comes before the Royal Doors, opens the Curtain during the following Theotokion, and stays until the prayer of St. Mardarius.

The doors of caring do now open unto us, * O most blessed Theotokos, * so that hoping in You, we will not fail; * Through You may we be delivered from adversities, * For you are the salvation of the Christian faith.

Reader: **L**ord have mercy. (40x)

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

People: **Y**ou are honored more than the Cherubim, and you have more glory when compared to the Seraphim; you without corruption did bear God the Logos; you are the Theotokos; you do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, father bless.

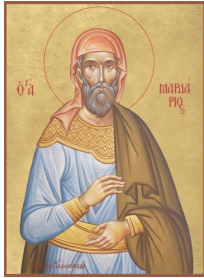
Priest: **T**hrough the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us and save us.

People: **A**men.

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PRAYER OF ST. MARDARIUS THE MARTYR

Note: St. Mardarius was one of the Five Companions who suffered for Christ under the emperor Diocletian (284-305) at Sebaste in Armenia. Sts Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, and Orestes were the other four. We have their relics (on loan) in the Holy Altar.



Priest (if none, Reader): **○** Sovereign God, the Father Almighty, **○** Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and **○** Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power: Have mercy on me a sinner, and by the judgments which You know, save me, Your unworthy servant; for blessed are You unto the ages of ages.

People: **Α**men. (*Priest enters Altar*)

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

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

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

PSALM 69

○ God, be attentive to helping me; **○** Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul.

Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me.

Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say to me: Well done! Well done!

Let them be glad and rejoice in You all that seek after You, **○** God, and let them that love Your salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified.

But as for me, I am poor and needy; **○** God, come to my aid. You are my helper and my deliverer, **○** Lord; do not tarry long.

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PSALM 142

○ Lord, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplication in Your truth; hear me in Your righteousness.

Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is justified.

For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground.

He has sat me in darkness like those who have been long dead, and my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed.

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

I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You, like a thirsty land.

Hear me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.

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

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

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

Rescue me, O Lord, from my enemies; to You have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

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

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

And You will destroy all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

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THE DOXOLOGY (*Read, not sung. We Stand.*)

People: **G**lory to God in the highest, with peace on earth, good will to men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your magnificent glory.

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

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You Who are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One; You alone are the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every night will I bless You, and praise Your Name forever, and unto the ages of ages Amen.

Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation.

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

O Lord, to You have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For in You is the fountain of life, in Your light will we see light.

O continue Your mercy to them that know You.

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

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in You.

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Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes. *(bow)*

Blessed are You, O Master, give me understanding of Your statutes. *(bow)*

Blessed are You, O Holy One, enlighten me by Your statutes. *(bow)*

O Lord, Your mercy endures forever; disdain not the works of Your hands.

To You is due praise, to You is due a song, to You glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.



During the first week of Great Lent only, from Monday through Thursday, we chant part of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete here. See INSERT.

We include **TRULY YOU ARE WORTHY** when there is **no canon**.

Reader: *(read)* Truly you are worthy to be blessed, Mother of our God, the Theotokos. You the ever blessed one, and all blameless one, and the Mother of our God. You are honored more than the Cherubim, and you have more glory, when compared, to the Seraphim; You, without corruption, did bear God, the Logos; You are the Theotokos; You do we magnify.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS *(recited by everyone)*

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

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

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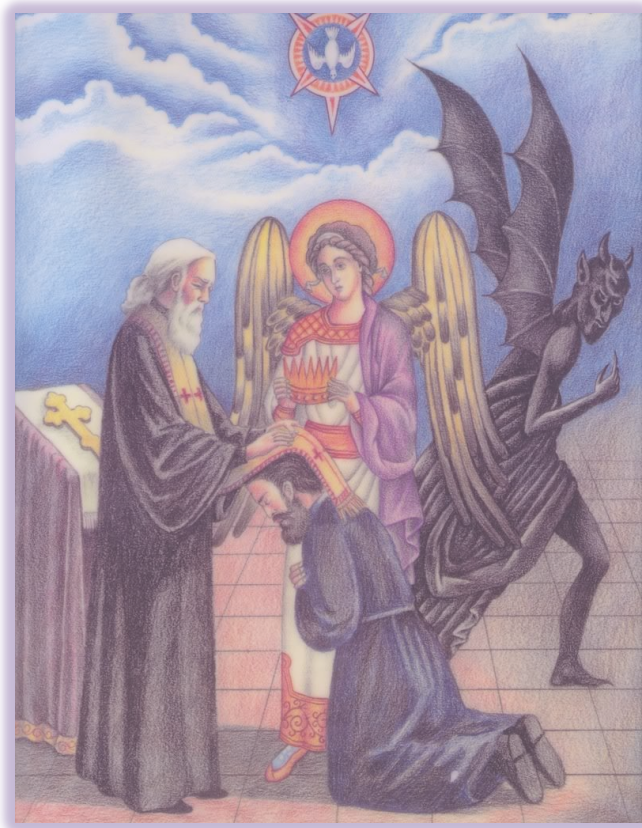
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Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: **F**or 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.

People: **A**men.



During the Sacrament of Holy Confession—when we sincerely repent, confess our sins to Christ and put our trust in Him—our hearts are cleansed as white as snow, and the record of all our sins in Heaven’s books are completely wiped out. Our Guardian Angel rejoices greatly and places a crown of glory upon our head. Joy and peace fill our hearts. The evil one flees in great anguish and is totally defeated. All the grace of Holy Baptism is restored!

We all boldly slowly chant **LORD OF THE POWERS**, that is, Lord of the Heavenly Hosts of Angels. Sixth Tone. The Priest censes.

**Lord of the Powers, be with us,
For we have no other help but You,
In times of trouble,
O Lord of the Powers, Have mercy on us.**

If there are 2 choirs, they alternate the verses with the refrain:

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R. *Praise You God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.*

People: **Lord of the Powers, be with us...**

L. *Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.*

Lord of the Powers, be with us...

R. *Praise Him with the sound of Trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp.*

Lord of the Powers, be with us...

L. *Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute.*

Lord of the Powers, be with us...

R. *Praise Him with tuneful cymbals; praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.*

Lord of the Powers, be with us...

Then both choirs chant this last stichos:

L. *Praise You God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.*

Lord of the Powers, be with us...

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

O Lord, if we had not had Your saints as intercessors, * and Your goodness being merciful to us, * how should we have dared, O Savior, to hymn You, * Whom angels do unceasingly glorify? * O You Who know the hearts, spare our souls.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Greatly multiplied, O Theotokos, are my sins,* and to You have I fled, O pure one,* imploring salvation.* Visit my enfeebled soul,* and pray to Your Son and our God * that He grant me forgiveness for the evil I have done, O you only blessed one.

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O all-holy Theotokos, * throughout my lifetime forsake me not, * do not entrust me to human protection, * but you yourself defend me and have mercy on me.

All my hope I place in You, * O Mother of God, * keep me under Your protection.

Reader: **L**ord, have mercy. (40 times)

PRAYER OF THE HOURS

You Who at all times and every hour, in heaven and on earth, are worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, Who are long-suffering, plenteous in mercy, most compassionate, Who loves the righteous and has mercy on sinners, Who calls all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Receive, O Lord, our prayers at this hour, and guide our life toward Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, make chaste our bodies, correct our thoughts, purify our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Compass us about with Your holy angels, that, guarded and guided by their array, we may attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory; for blessed are You unto the ages of ages. Amen.

People: **L**ord have mercy. (3x)

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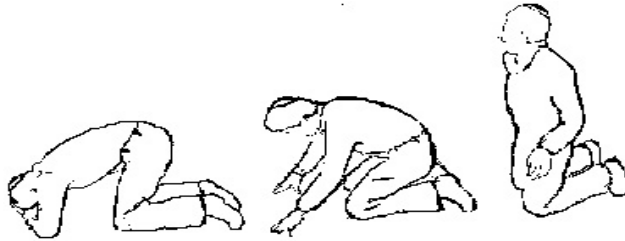
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In the Name of the Lord, father bless.

Priest: **G**od be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

People: **A**men.

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PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

We may come out to the aisles (to make prostrations) or remain in the pews (to make bows) after each part of the following prayer.



Priest: **O** Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, meddling, lust of power*, and idle talking. *Prostration*

Priest: **R**ather, grant a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to me Your servant. *Prostration*

Priest: **Y**es, Lord and King, grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen. *Prostration*

Then we make twelve low bows: with each one we say:

Priest and People: O God, cleanse me a sinner. (12x)

Then everyone recites the whole prayer with a prostration or bow:

People: **O** Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, meddling, lust of power, and idle talking.

Rather, grant a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to me Your servant.

Yea, my Lord and King, grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed unto the ages of ages.

*[*love of preeminence, selfish ambition—see notes on this prayer below.]*

Notes on the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

There are several English versions of this prayer in the Orthodox Church today. They slightly differ because they follow one of two traditions; The Greek and the Slavonic. For instance, after sloth, the Greek lists «meddling/curiosity...», while the Slavonic lists «despair/faintheartedness...»: The Greek has «give me not...», while the Slavonic «take from me...». Because the Slavonic tradition has been around in English much longer, many Greek and Antiochian parishes in the USA adopted the Slavonic. The present version used by the Greek Archdiocese seems to be a combination of the two.

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(If it is not the first week, the Royal Curtain is closed)

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS *(recited by everyone)*

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. **(3x)**

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

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For 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.

People: **A**men.

People: **L**ord have mercy. **(12x)**

Two readers now come forward to the icon stand with the Virgin Mary in the middle of the Solea. Venerating the icon, they pick up the candle stands on each side of the icon stand and set them before the icons of the Virgin Mary and Christ and prepare to read loudly and with compunction. The prayers are alternated back and forth.

*Then the **first reader** standing before the Icon of the Virgin Mary recites the following out loud and with compunction:*

Save, help, and protect us, O Virgin Theotokos.

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TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, by Paul the monk



O undefiled, untainted, incorrupt, most pure, chaste Virgin, You Bride of God and Sovereign Lady, who did unite the Word of God to mankind through Your most glorious birth giving, and has linked the apostate nature of our race with the heavenly; who are the only hope of the hopeless, and the helper of the struggling, the ever-ready protection of them that hasten to You, and the refuge of all Christians: Do not shrink with loathing from me a sinner, defiled, who with polluted thoughts, words, and deeds have made myself utterly unprofitable, and through slothfulness of mind have become a slave to the pleasures of life. But as the Mother of God Who loves mankind, show Your love for mankind and mercifully have compassion upon me a sinner and prodigal, and accept my supplication, which is offered to You out of my defiled mouth; and making use of Your motherly boldness, entreat Your Son and our Master and Lord that He may be pleased to open for me the depths of His loving kindness and graciousness to mankind, and, disregarding my numberless offenses, will turn me back to repentance, and show me to be a faithful worker of His precepts. And be ever present to me as merciful, compassionate and well disposed; in the present life be a fervent intercessor and helper, repelling the assaults of adversaries and guiding me to salvation, and at the time of my departure taking care of my miserable soul, and driving far away from it the dark countenances of the evil demons; delivering me from eternal torment at the dreadful day of judgment, and showing me to be an heir of the ineffable glory of Your Son and our God; all of which may I attain, O my Sovereign Lady, most holy Theotokos, in virtue of your intercession and protection, through the grace and love to mankind of Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and

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Savior, Jesus Christ, to Whom is due all glory, honor and worship, together with His unoriginate Father, and His All Holy and good and life creating Spirit, now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

*Then the **second reader** standing before the Icon of Jesus Christ recites out loud with compunction the following prayer:*

TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Antiochus the monk



And grant to us, O Master, in the coming sleep, rest for body and soul, and preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin, and from every dark and nocturnal sensuality. Subdue the impulses of passions, extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one that are cunningly hurled against us, assuage the rebellions of our flesh, and every earthly and fleshly subtlety of ours lull to sleep. And grant to us, O God, a watchful mind, chaste thought, a sober heart, and a sleep gentle and free from every satanic illusion. Raise us up at the time of prayer firmly grounded in Your judgments. All the night long grant us a doxology, that we may hymn and bless and glorify Your All honorable and majestic Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

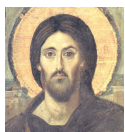
*Then the **first reader** reads.*



Most blessed glorious Ever-Virgin, Mother of God, present our prayer to Your Son and our God, that through you, our souls may be saved.

*Then the **second reader** reads the Prayer of St. Joannicius:*

PRAYER OF ST. JOANNICIUS



My hope is the Father, my refuge is the Son, my protection is the Holy Spirit: O Holy Trinity, glory to You.

*Then the **first reader** reads All My Hope:*

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ALL MY HOPE



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

*Then both readers venerate the icons before them and hold the candles for the Gospel **If it is the first week of Great Lent**, otherwise they bring them back to their original place and return to their place.*

GOSPEL READING *(The Priest dons his phelonion)* *(First Week of Great Lent only—see INSERT)*

Deacon: **T**hat we may be counted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, lets us entreat the Lord our God.

People: **L**ord have mercy.

Priest: **W**isdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel: Peace be with all.

People: **A**nd with your spirit.

Priest: **T**he reading from the Holy Gospel...

Deacon: **L**et us be attentive.

People: **G**lory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

The Priest, reads the Gospel.

People: **G**lory to You, O Lord, glory to You.



DISMISSAL

Priest: Peace be with all.

People: **A**nd to your spirit...

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: **T**o You, O Lord.

As we bow our heads, the priest says the following.

Priest: O Master plenteous in mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ our God: Through the intercessions of our immaculate Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; through the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the intercessions of the

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honorable, heavenly Bodiless Hosts, of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy glorious, and all-praised Apostles; of the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the holy and Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; of *(the Saints of the day)* and of all the saints: ...

Priest: ...make (O Lord) our prayer acceptable;

People: **Amen.**

Priest: ...grant us the remission of our sins;

People: **Amen.**

Priest: ...shelter us with the shelter of Your wings;

People: **Amen.**

Priest: ...drive away from us every enemy and adversary;

People: **Amen.**

Priest: ...make our life peaceful,

People: **Amen.**

Priest: O Lord; have mercy on us and on Your world, and save our souls, for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

People: **Amen.**

THE RITE OF FORGIVENESS

The priest bows asking forgiveness from the flock:

Priest: **B**less me, sisters and brothers, and forgive me a sinner, all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and through all my senses.

And the congregation replies in unison:

People: **May God forgive and have mercy on You, father.**

And they make a prostration, asking this forgiveness:

People: **B**less me, father, and forgive all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and thought, and in all my senses, and pray for me a sinner.

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Priest: **T**hrough His grace may God forgive and have mercy on us all.

The people chant: “Lord have mercy” after each petition.

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

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: For pious and Orthodox Christians.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: Let us pray for our Metropolitan (N.), our Archbishop (N.) and all our brotherhood in Christ.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: For our absent fathers and brethren.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: For those that minister and have ministered to us.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: For those that have asked us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: For the release of captives.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: For those traveling by land, sea and air.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: For those bedridden in infirmities.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for soul of every Orthodox Christian.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Priest: Let us bless pious rulers, Orthodox bishops, the founders of this holy house, our parents, teachers, and all our fathers and brethren that are gone to their rest before us, the Orthodox here and everywhere piously laid to sleep.

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People: **E**ternal be their memory.

Priest: Let us also say for ourselves.

People: **L**ord have mercy. (3x).

We now move forward quietly to venerate the holy icons on the icons stands while the choir chants the appropriate Theotokion for the day below:



*On **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** evenings we chant the Theotokion:*

Second Tone. O all-lauded Martyrs

All those * Do you shelter, O Good One,

Those who in their faith flee unto you,

With your strong hand, you protect;

We who sin have no one else,

Who intercedes for us,

Before God, praying endlessly,

In ills and all dangers,

For us who are laden with,

Our many sins and mistakes;

Mother, of our God in the Highest,

Therefore, we fall down to you, humbly;

From all the misfortunes, keep your servants safe.

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*But on **Tuesday and Thursday** evenings we chant the Theotokion of the Cross in First Tone.*

On seeing Your unjust slaughter, O Christ, * Your pure Mother cried in grief: O most sweet Child, how is it that You die lawlessly? * How is it that You, Who * hast suspended all the earth * upon the floods of waters, are now Yourself suspended from the Tree? * O most merciful Benefactor, * do not leave me, Your Mother and handmaid, alone.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

People: **Α**men.

While the faithful venerate the icons, the following may be read:



Lord, forgive those who hate and persecute us, be generous to those who do good to us and grant them every means of salvation and eternal life. Visit the sick and grant them health and strength. Guide those who are at sea, be the companion of those who travel upon the earth. Be the strength of our rulers. Grant remission of the sins to those who serve us and show us mercy. Remember Lord our fathers and brothers who have fallen asleep before us, and grant them a place of repose where the light of Your countenance shines. Remember, Lord, our brothers in prison, and preserve them from harm. Remember, Lord, those who bear fruit and do good deeds in Your holy churches, granting them salvation and eternal life. Remember, Lord, us who are humble sinners and unworthy servants: enlighten us with Your commandments. Through the prayers of Your all pure Mother, our Lady, Theotokos, and ever-virgin Mary, for You are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.

ΤΕΛΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΟΞΑ ΤΟ ΘΕΟ!

We finished, Glory to God!

Lenten Great Compline

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