

# *Great Compline*

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

READER/PEOPLE: Amen.

## *The Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

PRIEST: Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who are in all places and fill all things, the Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come, and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O good One.

## *The Trisagion Prayers*

READER/PEOPLE:

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 ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

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

READER/PEOPLE: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

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

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

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

***Psalm 4***

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness and seek falsehood? But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; the Lord will hear when I call to Him. Be angry, and do not sin, meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, “Who will show us any good?” Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

***Psalm 6***

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; but You, O Lord—how long? Return, O Lord, deliver me! O, save me for Your mercies’ sake! For in death there is no remembrance of You; in the grave who will give You thanks? I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows old because of all my enemies. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

***Psalm 13 (LXX 12)***

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed against him;” lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed against him.”

Glory to the Father... Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x), Glory to the Father... Now and ever...

***Psalm 25 (LXX 24)***

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth. The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. Consider my enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles!

***Psalm 31 (LXX 30)***

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me. Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. I have hated those who regard useless idols; but I trust in the Lord. I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, for You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities, and have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a wide place. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye wastes away with grief, Yes, my soul and my body! For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. I am a reproach among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and am repulsive to my acquaintances; those who see me outside flee from me. I am forgotten

like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel. For I hear the slander of many; fear is on every side; while they take counsel together against me, they scheme to take away my life. But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies' sake. Do not let me be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon You; let the wicked be ashamed; let them be silent in the grave. Let the lying lips be put to silence, which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. O, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the Lord, for He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city! For I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before Your eyes;" Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to You. O, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

***Psalm 91 (LXX 90)***

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, Who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

GREAT COMPLINE

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

*Antiphonal Troparia: Tone 6 - "For God is with us"*

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The choirs, antiphonally chant while the people bow and sing: "For God is with us."

RIGHT:

The musical notation for the right choir part is presented on three staves. The first two staves contain the main melody with lyrics: "God is with us, un - der - stand all you na - tions and sub - mit your - selves; for God is with us." The third staff is a refrain, marked with a square symbol and the word "REFRAIN:", with the lyrics "For God is with us." The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). A green letter 'D' is placed above the first staff, indicating the starting note.

LEFT: Hear this, even to the uttermost ends of the earth: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: Submit yourselves, you mighty ones: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: If again you shall rise up in your might, again you shall be overthrown: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: If any take counsel together, them shall the Lord destroy: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: And the word which you shall speak shall not abide in you: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: For we fear not your terror, neither are we troubled: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: But the Lord our God, He it is to Whom we will ascribe holiness, and Him will we fear: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: And if I put my trust in Him, He shall be my sanctification: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: I will put my trust in Him, and through Him shall I be saved: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: Behold, I and the children whom God has given me: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great Light: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: And they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, on them has the Light shined: *For God is with us.*

GREAT COMPLINE

LEFT: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: And the government shall be upon His shoulders: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: And of His peace there shall be no end: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: And His name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: Wonderful, Counselor: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: The mighty God, the highest Power, the Prince of peace: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: The Father of the age to come: *For God is with us.*

RIGHT: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: *For God is with us.*

LEFT: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen: *For God is with us.*

BOTH:

God is with us, un - der - stand all you  
na - tions and sub - mit your - selves for  
God is with us.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a D chord and contains the lyrics "God is with us, un - der - stand all you". The second staff continues with "na - tions and sub - mit your - selves for". The third staff concludes with "God is with us." and features C and D chords. Red arcs connect the notes across the staves, indicating phrasing.

*Antiphonal Troparia: Tone 6 - "Now that the day..."*

LEFT:

Now that the day has come to a close, I thank You, O Lord, and I  
ask that the eve - ning with the night may be sin - less.  
Grant this to me, O Sa - vior, and save me.

Tone 2, Soft Chromatic

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a G chord and contains the lyrics "Now that the day has come to a close, I thank You, O Lord, and I". The second staff continues with "ask that the eve - ning with the night may be sin - less." and includes a "Uni." marking. The third staff concludes with "Grant this to me, O Sa - vior, and save me." and features a G chord. Red arcs connect the notes across the staves, indicating phrasing.

GREAT COMPLINE

RIGHT:

G  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spi - rit:

G  
Now that the day has passed, I glo-ri - fy You, O Mas-ter, Uni.  
and I ask that the eve-ning with the night may be with-out of-fense;  
Grant this to me, O Sa - vior, and save me.

LEFT:

Now and ever and unto ages of a - ges. A - men.

G  
Now that the day has run its course, I praise You, O ho - ly One, Uni.  
and I ask that the eve-ning with the night may be un - dis-turbed.  
Grant this to me, O Sa - vior, and save me.

GREAT COMPLINE

RIGHT:

Byzantine, Tone 6

With nev - er si - lent hymns the bod - i - less powers of the  
cher-u-bim glo-ri - fy You.

The first system of music for the right part consists of two staves. The top staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first two lines of text. The bottom staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

LEFT:

With nev-er ceas-ing voi - ces the six-winged ser-a - phim ex-tol You.

The second system of music for the left part consists of a single staff in 4/4 time, containing the melody for the text. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

RIGHT:

With thrice ho - ly songs all the hosts of an - gels praise You.

The second system of music for the right part consists of a single staff in 4/4 time, containing the melody for the text. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

LEFT:

For You are the Fa - ther be - fore all a - ges and have with You Your  
Son Who al - so is from ev - er - last - ing.

The third system of music for the left part consists of two staves. The top staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the bottom staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

RIGHT:

And have al - so the Spi - rit of life co - e - qual in hon - or and  
show forth the un - di - vid - ed Trin - i - ty.

The fourth system of music for the right part consists of two staves. The top staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the bottom staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

GREAT COMPLINE

LEFT:

O all ho-ly Vir - gin, Moth - er of God and you eye wit-ness-es and  
ser-vants of the Word:

RIGHT:

With all the choirs of the proph - ets and the mar - tyrs who  
have at-tained un-to life im - mor - tal:

LEFT:

In-ter-cede fer - vent-ly for us all for all we are in dire dis-tress:

RIGHT:

That be - ing de - liv-ered from the wiles of the e-vil one we may loud-ly  
sing the an - gel-ic song:

BOTH:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, thrice - ho-ly Lord, have mer - cy on us and  
save us. A - men.

*The reader (or all) now recites the creed in a hushed voice.*

***The Nicene Creed***

READER/PEOPLE:

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made;

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

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

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

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

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets;

And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Antiphonal Troparia: Tone 6 - "Intercede for us..."***

*After the creed, the choirs, beginning with the left, antiphonally chant the following verses. A prostration (or bow) is made at the end of each verse:*

L,R,L: 3x



O all-ho-ly La - dy The-o - to - kos, in-ter-cede for us sin - ners.

GREAT COMPLINE

R,L: 2x



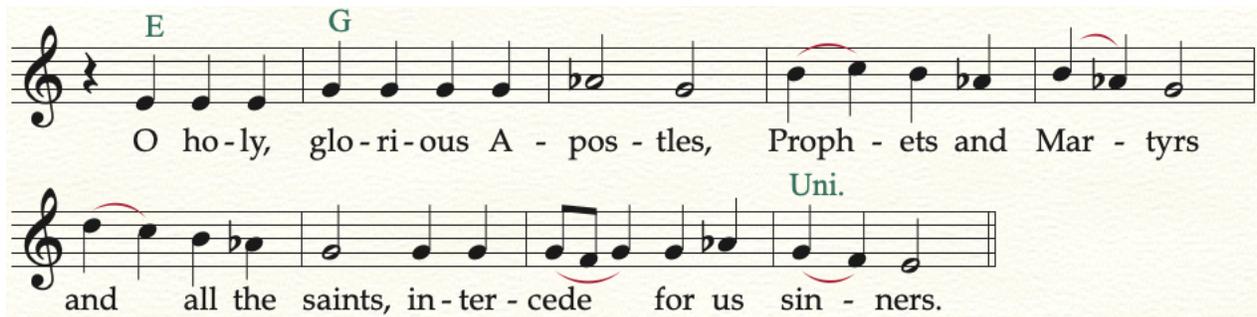
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an - gels, in - ter - cede for us sin - ners.

R,L: 2x



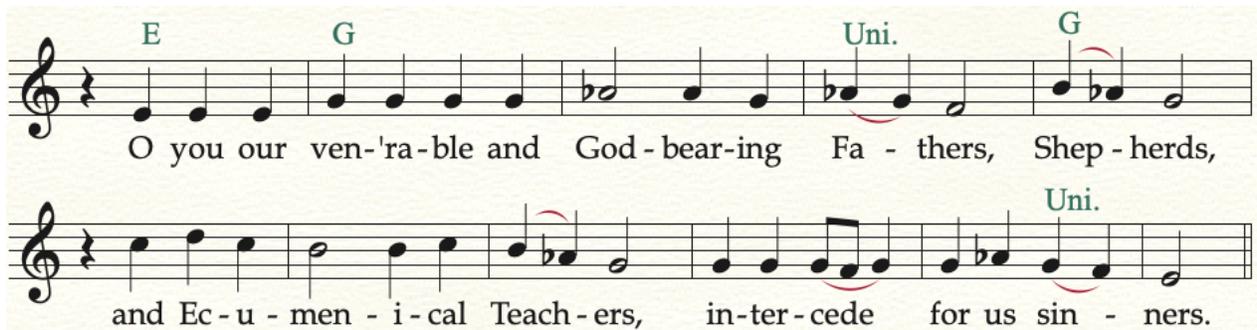
O ho - ly John, Proph - et and Fore - run - ner and Bap - tist of our  
Lord Je - sus Christ, in - ter - cede for us sin - ners.

R,L: 2x



O ho - ly, glo - ri - ous A - pos - tles, Proph - ets and Mar - tyrs  
and all the saints, in - ter - cede for us sin - ners.

R,L: 2x



O you our ven - 'ra - ble and God - bear - ing Fa - thers, Shep - herds,  
and Ec - u - men - i - cal Teach - ers, in - ter - cede for us sin - ners.

GREAT COMPLINE

R,L: 2x

O ho-ly glo-ri-ous all laud-a-ble A - pos - tle and E -  
van - ge - list John, in - ter - cede for us sin - ners.

R,L: 2x

O in - vin-ci-ble and in - ef - fa - ble and di - vine pow-er  
of the pre-cious and life-giv-ing Cross, for - sake not us sin - ners.

R,L: 2x

O God, be gra - cious un - to us sin - ners.

BOTH:

O God, be gra - cious un-to us sin - ners and have mer - cy  
on us.

*The Trisagion Prayers*

READER/PEOPLE:

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 ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



Now and ever and unto ages of a - ges. A - men.

Byzantine, Tone 2

See - ing that we have no bold - ness be - cause of the mul - ti - tude  
of our sins, O Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, fer - vent - ly en -  
treat Him Who was born of you; For the prayer of a  
moth - er a - vails much to the good - will of the Mas - - ter.  
De - spite not the sup - pli - ca - tions of sin - ners, O all - re - vered one;  
For mer - ci - ful and might - y to save is He Who gra - cious - ly  
suf - fered for us.

***Forty-fold “Lord, have mercy”***

READER/PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (40x)

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

More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you.

Bless, father, in the name of the Lord.

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

### *A Prayer of Saint Basil the Great*

PRIEST: O Lord, Lord, Who deliver us from every arrow that flies by day, deliver us also from everything that walks in darkness. Receive the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Grant us also to pass without reproach the course of the night untempted to evil things, and redeem us from every disturbance and dread that comes to us from the devil. Grant to our souls contrition and to our thoughts care concerning the trial of Your fearful and righteous judgment. Nail our flesh to the fear of You, and put to death our earthly members, that, even in the quietness of sleep, we may be illumined by the contemplation of Your judgments. Withdraw from us every unseemly fantasy and injurious desire. Raise us up at the time of prayer confirmed in the faith and progressing in Your commandments, through the favor and grace of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

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

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

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

*The priest may stand at the reader's stand while the reader continues with the following Psalms:*

### *Psalm 51 (LXX 50)*

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight — that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sins my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast 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 by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart — these, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

***Psalm 102 (LXX 101)***

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; incline Your ear to me; in the day that I call, answer me speedily. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned like a hearth. My heart is stricken and withered like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread. Because of the sound of my groaning my bones cling to my skin. I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. I lie awake, and am like a sparrow alone on the housetop. My enemies reproach me all day long; those who deride me swear an oath against me. For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping, because of Your indignation and Your wrath; for You have lifted me up and cast me away. My days are like a shadow that lengthens, and I wither away like grass. But You, O Lord, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of Your name to all generations. You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favor to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory. For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer. This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven the Lord viewed the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to release those

appointed to death, to declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem, when the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord. He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days. I said, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; yes, they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end. The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before You."

*The Prayer of Manasses, King of Judah*

PRIEST: O Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and of their righteous seed; Who have made heaven and earth with all their impressive order; Who have bounded the sea by the word of Your command; Who have shut up the deep and sealed it by Your fearful and glorious name; Whom all things fear, and, indeed, before Whose power they tremble; for the majesty of Your glory cannot be borne and the anger of Your threatening toward sinners is intolerable; and yet Your merciful promise is immeasurable and unsearchable; for You are the Lord most high, of great compassion, long-suffering, abundant in mercy and are made sorrowful by the evils against me. O Lord, according to Your great goodness, You have promised repentance and forgiveness to those who have sinned against You; and of Your infinite mercies You have appointed repentance to sinners, that they may be saved. Therefore, O Lord of hosts, You have not appointed repentance to the just, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, who have not sinned against You; but You have appointed repentance to me, who am a sinner, for my sins are more in number than the sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied, my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and look to the height of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities. I am bowed down with many iron bands, so that I cannot lift up my head by reason of my sins, neither have I any respite; for I have provoked Your wrath and done that which is evil before You; I did not do Your will, neither did I keep Your commandments; I have set up abominations and multiplied detestable things.

*ALL KNEEL*

Now, therefore, I bow the knee of my heart, begging You for grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my iniquities; but I humbly beseech You, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with my iniquities. Do not be angry with me forever, by reserving my evils for me; neither condemn me to the lower parts of the earth; for You, O Lord, are the God of the those who repent; and in me will You show all Your

goodness; for You will save me who am unworthy, according to Your great mercy. And I will praise You from now on all the days of my life; for all the hosts of heaven sing Your praise, and Yours is the glory unto ages of ages. Amen.

*ALL STAND.*

***The Trisagion Prayers***

ALL: Holy God... Glory...now and ever... All-holy Trinity... Lord, have mercy. (3x)  
Glory...now and ever... Our Father...

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

ALL: Amen.

***Penitential Troparia: Tone 6***

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; for laying aside all defense we sinners offer to You, as Master, this supplication: Have mercy on us.

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

O Lord, have mercy on us, for in You we have put our trust. Do not be exceedingly angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look down on us even now, since You are compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies; for You are our God, and we are Your people; we are all the work of Your hands, and we call upon Your name.

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

Open to us the door of Your compassion, O blessed Theotokos. As we set our hope in You, may we not be confounded; through you may we be delivered from all adversities, for you are the salvation of the race of Christians.

***Forty-fold "Lord, have mercy"***

READER/PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (40x)

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

More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you.

Bless, father, in the name of the Lord.

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

*Prayer of Saint Mardarius*

PRIEST: O Master God, Almighty Father, O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and O Holy Spirit, one Godhead and one Power: Have mercy on me a sinner; and by the judgments which You have established, save me, Your unworthy servant, for You are blessed unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

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

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

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

*Psalm 70 (LXX 69)*

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life; let them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say, "Aha, aha!" Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; and let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" But I am poor and needy; make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

*Psalm 143 (LXX 142)*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness, do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; in You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant.

*The Little Doxology*

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

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

O Lord King, heavenly God, 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 take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You Who take away the sins of the world

Receive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You only are holy, You only are the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every evening I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever; yes, forever and ever.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: "Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

Lord, I have fled to You; 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.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Grant, 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 forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O holy One; enlighten me with Your statutes.

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

To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Canon**

*1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent, Monday through Thursday: The appointed section of the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete is now chanted.*

*Other days of Great Lent: The choir may chant the canon of the Theotokos or the canon and vesperal stichera from the Menaion; if there is no canon, read the hymn, It is truly right....*

*Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday The proper canon from the Triodion is chanted.*

*The Akathist Canon to the Mother of God: Tone 4*  
*Katavasia*

**Ode 1**

Tone 4

I shall open my mouth / and the Spirit will inspire it, / and I shall utter the words of my song / to the Queen and Mother: / I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast / and joyfully praising her wonders.

**Ode 3**

O Mother of God, / living and plentiful fount, / give strength to those united in spiritual fellowship, / who sing hymns of praise to you: / and in your divine glory / grant to them crowns of glory.

**Ode 4**

He Who sits in glory upon the throne of the Godhead, / Jesus the true God, / has come in a swift cloud, / and with His pure and mighty hand / He has saved those who cry: / Glory to Your power, O Lord.

**Ode 5**

The whole world was amazed at your divine glory, / for you, O Virgin who have not known wedlock, / have held in your womb the God of all, / and have given birth to an eternal Son, / Who rewards with salvation all who sing your praises.

**Ode 6**

As we celebrate this sacred and solemn feast / of the Mother of God, / let us come, clapping our hands, / O people of the Lord, / and give glory to God Who was born of her.

**Ode 7**

The holy Children bravely trampled upon the threatening fire, / refusing to worship created things in place of the Creator, / and they sang in joy: / 'Blessed are You and praised above all, O God of our Fathers.'

We praise, bless and worship the Lord, / singing and exalting Him above all forever.

**Ode 8**

The Offspring of the Theotokos / saved the holy Children in the furnace. / He Who was then prefigured has since been born on earth, / and He gathers together all creation to sing: / “O all you works of the Lord, / bless the Lord and exalt Him above all forever.”

**Ode 9**

Let every mortal born on earth, / radiant with light, in spirit leap for joy; / and let the hosts of the angelic powers / celebrate and honor the holy feast of the Mother of God, / and let them cry: Rejoice! / Pure and blessed ever-Virgin, who gave birth to God.

*Continue with The Trisagion Prayers omitting “It is truly right...”*

***“It is Truly Right...”*** (Omit if canon is sung)

READER/PEOPLE: It is truly right to bless you, O Theotokos, who are ever blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you.

***The Trisagion Prayers***

ALL: Holy God... Glory...now and ever... All-holy Trinity... Lord, have mercy. (3x)  
Glory...now and ever... Our Father...

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

ALL: Amen.

***Antiphonal Troparia: Tones 5 & 6 – “O Lord of hosts...”***

Choirs (antiphonally)

RIGHT: REFRAIN:

O Lord of hosts, be with us for we have none oth-er help, none  
oth - er help in times of sor - row but  
You. O Lord of hosts, have mer - cy on us.

LEFT: Praise God in His sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty firmament.

REFRAIN: O Lord of hosts...

RIGHT: Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

REFRAIN: O Lord of hosts...

LEFT: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp.

REFRAIN: O Lord of hosts...

GREAT COMPLINE

**RIGHT:** Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes.

**REFRAIN:** O Lord of hosts...

**LEFT:** Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

**REFRAIN:** O Lord of hosts...

**RIGHT:** Praise God in His sanctuary.

**LEFT:** Praise Him in His mighty firmament.

**BOTH: FINAL REFRAIN:** O Lord of hosts...

The image shows a musical score for the final refrain. It consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "O Lord of hosts, be with us for we have none oth - er help, none oth - er help in times of sor - row but Lord of hosts, have mer - cy on us." The notes are written in a simple, accessible style with red slurs under the lyrics. Chord symbols G, D, C, and D are placed above the notes.

**RIGHT:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Were not Your saints our intercessors, O Lord, and Your goodness pitying us, how could we have dared to praise You, O Savior, Whom the angels bless ceaselessly? Therefore, O You Who know the secret things of the heart, spare our souls.

**LEFT:** Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Greatly have my iniquities multiplied, O Theotokos. Therefore, I take refuge in you, O pure one, seeking salvation. Visit my weak soul, and intercede with your Son our God to grant me forgiveness of the sins I have committed, O you who alone are blessed.

**RIGHT:** O all-holy Theotokos, forsake me not in the years of my life, O protection of mankind; but help me, and have mercy on me.

**BOTH:** In you, O Mother of God, I place all my hope; keep me under your protection.

***Forty-fold “Lord, have mercy”***

READER: Lord, have mercy. (40x)

***The Prayer of the Hours***

PRIEST: O Lord, Who at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth, are worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, long-suffering, abundant in mercy and compassion; Who love the just and show mercy to sinners; Who call all men to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Receive also our supplications at this present hour, and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all disaster, wrath, and distress. Surround us with Your holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the comprehension of Your ineffable glory; for blessed are You unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you.

Bless, father, in the name of the Lord.

PRIEST: May God have compassion on us and bless us; may He show the light of His countenance on us and be merciful to us.

PEOPLE: Amen

***The Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian***

PRIEST/PEOPLE: O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Your servant.  
(*prostration*)

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

*Then bow twelve times, saying each time:*

O God, be gracious to me, a sinner.

*The prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian is then said once more, with only one prostration at the end.*

***The Trisagion Prayers***

ALL: Holy God... Glory...now and ever... All-holy Trinity... Lord, have mercy. (3x)  
Glory...now and ever... Our Father...

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

ALL: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12x)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

***The Evening Prayer to the Mother of God***

*The following prayer is read before the icon of the Theotokos by the priest or someone appointed from among the people.*

O Lady, Bride of God, spotless, blameless, pure, and immaculate Virgin, who without corruption, by Your glorious birth-giving, have united God the Word to man and joined the fallen nature of our race to heavenly things; who alone are the hope of the hopeless, the help of those who do battle; the ready help of those who flee to you and the refuge of all Christians: Despise me not, an accursed sinner, though I have rendered myself unworthy by my shameful thoughts, words, and deeds, and through habitual idleness have become a slave to the pleasures of life; but as the Mother of God who love mankind, mercifully have compassion on me, a sinner and a prodigal, and receive my prayer, though it be offered to you by unworthy lips; and using your boldness as a mother, plead with your Son, our Lord and Master, that He may open to me also the tender compassion of His goodness so as to overlook my numberless transgressions and turn me to repentance and show me to be a zealous doer of His commandments. And because you are merciful, compassionate, and benevolent, be ever near me in this present life as an ardent help and protection, defending me from the assaults of adversaries and leading me to salvation. And at the time of my departure from this life, care for my miserable soul, and drive far from it the dark visions of evil demons; and in the fearful day of judgment, deliver me from eternal punishment, and present me as an heir of the ineffable glory of Your Son, our God. May this be my lot, O Lady, most-holy Theotokos, through your mediation and help, through the grace and love toward mankind of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom are due all glory, honor and worship, with His unoriginate Father and His all-holy and good and life giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

***The Evening Prayer to Christ***

*The following prayer is read before the icon of Christ by the priest or someone appointed from among the people.*

And grant us, O Master, when we depart to sleep, repose of body and soul; and protect us from the murky sleep of sin and from all the dark pleasures of the night. Calm the impulses of passions, and quench the fiery darts of evil which are craftily thrown against us; check the turbulence of our flesh, and still all earthly and material thoughts. And grant us, O God, a watchful mind, a prudent reason, a vigilant heart, a tranquil sleep free from all fantasies of Satan. Raise us up again at the time of prayer strengthened in Your commandments, holding steadfastly within us the remembrance of Your judgments. Grant us grace to glorify You all through the night, that we may praise and bless and glorify Your all-honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

***Concluding Prayers***

PRIEST: O most glorious, ever-virgin, blessed Theotokos, present our prayer to your Son our God, and intercede with Him that through you He may save our souls.

PRIEST: The Father is my Hope;  
The Son is my Refuge;  
The Holy Spirit is my Protection;  
O Holy Trinity: Glory to You.

In you, O Mother of God, I place all my hope; keep me under your protection.

*During the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent the appointed Gospel reading is now read by the priest. Then continue with:*

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: And to your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

*The people prostrate as the priest bows low and says the following prayer:*

PRIEST: O Master, great in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; at the

supplication of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious, and right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of (*N., patron saint of the church*); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of (*N., the saint of the day*) whose memory we celebrate and of all Your saints:

Make our prayer acceptable;

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Grant us forgiveness of our trespasses;

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Shelter us under the shelter of Your wings;

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Drive away from us every enemy and adversary;

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Give peace to our life.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: O Lord, have mercy on us and on Your world and save our souls, for You are a merciful God and love mankind.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### ***Mutual Forgiveness***

*Turning to the holy doors, the priest bows three times, saying each time:*

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

*The priest turns and bows to the people, saying:*

PRIEST: Forgive me, a sinner.

PEOPLE: God forgive you, father.

### ***The Concluding Litany***

*Still facing the people, the priest says the following petitions:*

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for pious and Orthodox Christians.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for our father, (*metropolitan or archbishop or bishop*), *N.*, and all our brethren in Christ.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for the civil authorities of this land.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for the welfare of our armed forces.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for our fathers and brethren absent from among us.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for those who hate us and those who love us.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for those who are kind to us and minister to us.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for those who have requested our prayers, unworthy as we are.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for the deliverance of captives.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for travelers by land and sea and air.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for those who lie in sickness.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And let us pray also for abundance of the fruits of the earth.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: And for the soul of every Orthodox Christian.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Let us also say for ourselves.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

*Turning to face the east, the priest says:*

PRIEST: Forgive, O Lord, those who hate us and those who oppress us. Act kindly toward those who themselves act kindly, and grant our brethren and all those who belong to us all the means of salvation and of eternal life. Visit those who are in infirmity, and grant them healing. Direct those who are at sea; be with those who are on land and in the air. Grant those who serve us and are merciful to us forgiveness of sins; and on those who have asked for us to pray for them, have mercy according to Your great mercy. Remember, O Lord, those of our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us. Grant them repose where the light of Your countenance shines. Remember, O Lord, our brethren who are in captivity and deliver them from every adverse circumstance. Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit and do good works in Your holy churches, and grant them all the means of salvation and of eternal life. Remember us also, Your sinful, wretched, and unworthy servants and lead us in the way of Your commandments, through the intercessions of Your all-pure Mother, our Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and of all Your saints, for You are blessed unto ages of ages.

*As the faithful come forward to venerate the Icon of the Theotokos, and receive the blessing of the priest, the following troparion is sung:*

***Troparion - Monday & Wednesday: Tone 2 - see music***

O good one, defend by your mighty hand all those who in faith take refuge in you, for we sinners, burdened by the multitude of sins, have no constant intercessor with God in dangers and sorrows except you, O Mother of the most-high God; therefore we fall down before you. Rescue your servants from every disaster.

***Troparion - Tuesday, Thursday, Holy Monday & Tuesday: Tone 1 - see music***

As she beheld You unjustly slain, O Christ, the Virgin lamenting cried to You: O most-sweet Child, how do You unjustly die? And how are You suspended upon a tree, You who suspended the whole earth over the waters? Therefore, I beg You not to leave me alone, Your mother and Your servant, O most-merciful Benefactor.

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

PEOPLE: Amen.