

OFFICE OF GREAT COMPLINE



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Priest: Blessed is our God, now and always, and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, Christ our God, and our hope, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell in us; cleanse us of every stain and save our souls, gracious One.

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

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All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, be gracious to us in our sins. Master, forgive our transgressions. Holy One, consider our weaknesses and heal them, for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (3x)

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

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever.

People: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (12x)

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

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(If it is the first week of Lent, we begin with)

Psalm 69 (70)

O God, make haste to help me. May those who seek my soul be dishonored and shamed; may those who plot evils against me be turned back and disgraced; may those be turned back immediately who shame me, saying, "Well done! Well done!" May all who seek You greatly

rejoice and be glad in You, and let those who love Your salvation always say, "Let God be magnified." But I am poor and needy; O God, help me. You are my helper and deliverer, O Lord; do not delay.

(Every other week, we begin with)

Psalm 4

You heard me when I called, O God of my righteousness. You strengthened my heart when I was in distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. How long, O you sons of men, will you be slow of heart? Why do you love vain things and seek after lies? Know that the Lord made His Holy One wondrous; the Lord will hear me when I cry to Him. Be angry, and do not sin; have remorse upon your beds, for what you say in your hearts. Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and hope in the Lord. There are many who say, "Who will show us good things?" O Lord, the light of Your face was stamped upon us. You put gladness in my heart; from their season of wheat, wine and oil they were multiplied. I will both sleep and rest in peace, for You alone, O Lord, cause me to dwell in hope.

Psalm 6

O Lord, do not reprove me in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled; and my soul is greatly troubled; but You, O Lord, how long? Return, O Lord, and deliver my soul. Save me, because of Your mercy. For there is no remembrance of You in death; and in Hades who will give thanks to You? I am weary with my groaning; every single night I will dampen my bed; I will drench my couch with my tears. My eye is troubled by anger; I grow old among all my enemies. Depart from me, all you workers of lawlessness; for the Lord heard the voice of my weeping; the Lord heard my supplication; the Lord received my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; let them turn back and be suddenly ashamed.

Psalm 12 (13)

How long, O Lord? Will You forget me to the end? How long will You turn Your face from me? How long will I take counsel in my soul, having grief in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? Look upon me and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death, lest my enemy say, "I prevailed against him." Those who afflict me greatly rejoice, if I am shaken. But I hope in Your mercy; my heart shall greatly rejoice in Your salvation; I will sing to the Lord who shows kindness to me; I will sing to the Name of the Most High.

(Again:)

Look upon me and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death, lest my enemy say, "I prevailed against him."

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)

Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (3x)

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Psalm 24 (25)

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 laugh at me. For all who wait upon You shall not be ashamed. Let those be ashamed who act lawlessly in vain. Make known Your ways to me, O Lord. And teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation, and on You I wait all the day. Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your mercy, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor of my ignorance; but remember me according to Your mercy, because of Your loving-kindness, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He will instruct sinners in His way. He will guide the gentle in judgment; He will teach the gentle His ways. All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth for those who seek His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my sin, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way He chooses. His soul shall dwell among good things; his seed shall inherit the earth. The Lord is the strength of those who fear Him, and to those who fear Him, His name is the Lord, and he will show them His covenant. My eyes are always toward the Lord, for he shall pluck my feet out of the trap. Look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am only-begotten and poor. The afflictions of my heart have been widened; bring me out of my distresses. Look on my humiliation and my pain and forgive all my sins. Look on my enemies, because they multiply, and they hate me with unjustified hatred. Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, because I hope in You. The innocent and the upright cleave to me because I wait upon You, O Lord. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his afflictions.

Psalm 30 (31)

In You, O Lord, I hope; may I not be ashamed forever; in Your righteousness deliver and rescue me. Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily; be to me a God who protects me, and a house of refuge to save me. For You are my strength and my refuge, and for Your Name's sake You will guide and sustain me; for You will bring me out from the snare they hide for me; for You are my protector. Into Your hands I shall entrust my spirit; You redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. You hate those who maintain their empty vanities, but I hope in the Lord. I will greatly rejoice and be glad because of Your mercy, for You beheld my humiliation; You saved my soul from distress, and did not shut me up into the hands of the enemy; You set my feet in a wide place. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am afflicted; my eye is troubled with anger; so are my soul and my stomach. For my life is wasted with grief and my years with sighing; my strength is weakened with poverty, and my bones are troubled. I became a reproach among all my enemies, and especially to all my neighbors, and a fear to all my acquaintances; those who saw me outside fled from me. I am forgotten like one whose heart is lifeless; I was made like a vessel that is utterly broken. For I heard the blame of many who dwell round about when they were gathered together against me, when they plotted to

take my life. But as for me, I hope in You, O Lord; I said, “You are my God.” My times are in Your hands; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me in Your mercy. O Lord, do not let me be ashamed, because I call upon You; let the ungodly be ashamed, and lead them down into Hades. Let deceitful lips become speechless when they speak lawlessness against the righteous with arrogance and contempt. How great, O Lord, is the abundance of Your goodness You hide for those who fear You, which You will work for those who hope in You in the sight of the sons of men. You shall hide them in the secret of Your presence from the disturbance of men; You will shelter them in your tabernacle from the contradiction of tongues. Blessed is the Lord, for He magnified His mercy in a fortified city. But I said in my ecstasy, “Indeed, I am cast away from the countenance of Your eyes.” Therefore You heard the voice of my supplication when I cried to You. Love the Lord, all You His Saints, for the Lord seeks out truth, and He repays those who act with great arrogance. Be courageous, and let your heart be strengthened, all who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 90 (91)

He who dwells in the help of the Most High shall lodge in the shelter of the God of Heaven. He shall say to the Lord, “You are my protector and my refuge, my God; I will hope in Him; for he shall free me from the snare of the hunters, and from every troubling word.” He shall overshadow you with His shoulders, and under His wings you shall hope; His truth shall encircle you with a shield. You shall not be frightened by fear at night, nor from an arrow that flies by day, nor by a thing moving in darkness, nor by mishap and a demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, yet it shall not come near you; but you shall observe with your eyes, and you shall see the reward of sinners. For You, O Lord, are my hope; You made the Most High your refuge. Evils shall not come to you, and a scourge shall not come near your dwelling; for He shall command His angels concerning you, to keep you in all your ways; in their hands they shall bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone; you shall tread upon the asp and the basilisk, and you shall trample the lion and the dragon. “For he hoped in me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him, because he knew My Name. He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him; I am with him in affliction, and I will deliver and glorify him. With length of days I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to You, O God! (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (3x)

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God is with Us

Plagal of the Second Tone

Chanter: I. God is with us, know it you nations and be submissive,
For God is with us.
II. Hear it to the ends of the earth,

The Troparia

Reader: Now that the day has come to a close, I thank you, Lord, and I ask that the evening and the night may be sinless. Grant this to me, Savior, and save me.

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

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

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

Now that the day has run its course, I praise you, O Holy One, and I ask that the evening and the night may be undisturbed by evil. Grant this to me, Savior, and save me.

The Praises

Plagal of the Second Tone

Chanter: I. The world of the bodiless Cherubim, with hymns sing your glory, incessantly.
II. The six-winged creatures, the Seraphim, with tireless voices do exalt you.
I. The army of Angels shouts praise to you, by singing thrice-holy hymns.
II. O Father, You are before all else, and co-beginningless is Your Son.
I. Having in equal honor the Breath of Life, you show the Trinity indivisible.
II. Most holy Virgin, Mother of God, eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word.
I. The host of Prophets and Martyrs all, who now live in immortality.
II. Intercede constantly for everyone, for all of us are in great distress.
I. That having been delivered from the evil one, we may sing to you the Angelic song:
II. Holy, Holy, Holy, Thrice Holy Lord, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

The Symbol of Faith

Reader: 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. He 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 dead. His kingdom shall 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 forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Intercession of the Saints
Plagal of the Second Tone

Chanter: Most Holy Lady Theotokos, for all of us sinners do intercede. (3x)

All the heavenly powers of the holy Angels and Archangels, for all of us sinners do intercede. (2x)

Holy John, Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer of our Lord Jesus Christ, for all of us sinners do intercede. (2x)

Holy glorious Apostles, Prophets and Martyrs and all the Saints, for all of us sinners do intercede. (2x)

Righteous, God-bearing Fathers, Shepherds and Teachers of the Universe, for all of us sinners do intercede. (2x)

O glorious Saint Barbara, patron of our city and this holy church, for all of us sinners do intercede. (2x)

The invincible and unconquerable and divine power of the precious and life-creating Cross, do not abandon us sinners, all. (2x)

God be gracious upon us sinners. (3x)

And have mercy on us.

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People: Amen.

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Reader: Illumine my eyes, O Christ, my God, lest I sleep to death; lest my enemy say: "I prevailed over him."

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

O God, be the protector of my soul, for I walk in the midst of many snares; deliver me from them and save me, O gracious one, as a good friend of man.

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

Since we have no standing because of our many sins, urgently plead with Him who was born of you, O Virgin Theotokos; for the pleadings of a Mother have much weight toward the favor of the Master; do not overlook the pleas of us sinners, O most venerable one, for he who condescended to suffer for us in the flesh is merciful and has the power to save us.

Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (40x)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God, the Word, we magnify you the True Theotokos.

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

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

People: Amen.

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

Priest: Lord, Lord, who has delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, deliver us from anything that lurks about in darkness. Accept the lifting of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Make us worthy to traverse the time of night blamelessly, untouched by evil, and redeem us from every disturbance and fear caused by the devil. Grant contrition to our souls, and to our minds concern about the accounting at your awesome and just judgment. Nail down our bodies with your fear, and deaden our earthly members, so that even in the quiet of our slumber we may be enlightened by the contemplation of your precepts. Keep away from us every indecent fantasy and harmful desire. Awaken us in the time of prayer rooted in the faith, and thriving in your instructions; through the good will 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 unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Reader:

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Psalm 50 (51)

Have mercy on me, O God, in the greatness of Your love; in the abundance of Your tender mercies, wipe out my offense. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin; for I am well aware of my iniquity, and my sin is before me always. It is You alone I have offended: I have done what is evil in Your sight; wherefore You are justified in Your charges and triumphant in Your judgment.

Behold, I was born in iniquities and in sins my mother conceived me. But You are the lover of truth: You have shown me the hidden depths of Your wisdom. Sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be pure; cleanse me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear sounds of joy and feasting; the bones that were afflicted shall rejoice.

Turn Your presence away from my offenses, and wipe away all my sins. A spotless heart create in me, O God! Renew a steadfast spirit in my breast. Cast me not away from Your presence; take not Your blessed Spirit out of me; restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and let Your guiding Spirit dwell in me.

I will teach Your ways to the sinner, and the wicked shall return to You. Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, my saving God, and my tongue will joyfully sing Your justice. O Lord, You will open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. Had You desired sacrifice, I would have offered it, but You will not be satisfied with whole-burnt offerings. Sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; a crushed and humbled heart God will not spurn. In Your kindness, O Lord, be bountiful to Sion; may the walls of Jerusalem be restored. Then will You delight in proper oblation, in sacrifice and whole-burnt offerings.

Psalm 101 (102)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not turn Your face from me; in the day when I am afflicted, incline Your ear to me; in the day when I call upon You, hear me quickly. For my days vanished like smoke, and my bones burned up like firewood. I was cut down like grass, and my heart became withered, for I forgot to eat my bread. Because of the sound of my groaning, my bones cleaved to my flesh. I have become like a pelican in the desert; I have become like an owl in a ruined house. I kept watch, and have become like a sparrow alone on a housetop. My enemies reproached me all day long, and those who praised me swore against me. For I ate ashes like bread, and mixed my drink with weeping because of the wrath of Your countenance and Your anger; for You lifted me up and broke me down. My days were far spent like a shadow, and I am withered like grass. But You, O Lord, remain forever, and Your remembrance is from generation to generation. When You rise up, You shall have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have compassion on her, because the time has come; for Your servants took pleasure in her stones, and they shall have compassion for her dust. And the Gentiles shall fear the Name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory; for the Lord shall build Zion, and He shall be seen in His glory. He regarded the prayer of the humble, and He did not despise their supplication. Let this be written for an-

other generation, and the people who are created shall praise the Lord; for He looked down from the height of His holy place; the Lord looked upon the earth from heaven, to hear the groaning of those bound, to set free the sons of the slain, to declare the Lord's Name in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem, when the peoples and the kingdoms are gathered together to serve the Lord. He replied to Him in the way of strength, "Declare to me the fewness of my days; take me not away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations. In the beginning, O Lord, You founded the earth, and the heavens are the works of Your hands. They shall perish, but You shall remain, and all things shall grow old like a garment, and like a cloak You shall change them, and they shall be changed; but You are the same, and Your years shall not fail. The children of Your servants shall dwell there, and their seed shall be led to prosperity forever."

Prayer of Manasseh, King of Judea

Priest: O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their righteous seed; who made heaven and earth with all their ornamentation; who set the bounds of the sea by the word of Your command; who closed the abyss and sealed it by Your fearful and glorious Name; before whom all things tremble and fear because of Your power; for the majesty of Your glory is unbearable, and the wrath of Your threats toward sinners cannot be withstood; yet Your merciful promise is immeasurable and unsearchable. For You are the Lord Most High, and are tenderhearted, patient, very merciful, and who repent toward the evils of man. Therefore You, O Lord God of the righteous, have not appointed repentance for the righteous, for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who have not sinned against You; but You have appointed repentance for me, a sinner, because I have sinned more than the number of the sands on the seashore. My lawlessness, O Lord, is multiplied. Yes, my lawlessness is multiplied, and I am not worthy to fix my eyes to behold the heights of heaven because of the multitude of my wrongdoings. I am bent down with so many iron chains that I shake my head over my sins, neither do I have any relief. For I have provoked Your anger and done evil in Your sight. I have set up abominations and multiplied idols. Now therefore, I bow the knee of my heart, begging goodness from You. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I know my lawlessness. I ask and beg You: forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and do not destroy me because of my lawlessness; neither reserve evils for me, nor be wrathful forever; nor condemn me to the lowest parts of the earth; for You are the Lord God of those who repent. And in me, though I am unworthy, You will show Your goodness, and will save me according to Your great mercy. Therefore I shall praise You continually all the days of my life, for all the powers of heavens praise You, and Yours is the glory unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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**The Troparia
Plagal of the Second Tone**

Chanter: Have 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 unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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

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Priest: O Master God, Father Almighty, only begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit: One Godhead, one Power, have mercy on me, a sinner, and in Your knowing ways save me, Your unworthy servant; for you are blessed unto the ages of ages.

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Psalm 142 (143)

O Lord, hear my prayer; in your truthfulness, give heed to my plea, and in your righteousness answer me; And enter not into judgment with your servant, since of all the living, none is just in your sight. The enemy has hunted me down; he has crushed my life into the ground; He has forced me to live in darkness like those long dead. My spirit faints with grief, and within me, my heart is in despair. I recalled the days of old, I meditated on all your deeds, I pondered the works of your hands. I stretched out my hand to you; like a parched land, my soul thirsts for you. Make haste to answer me, O Lord: my spirit has failed me. Turn not your face away from me, lest I be like those in the pit. Grant that I may hear your steadfast love at dawn, for I have placed my hope in you. O Lord, teach me the way I should go, for I have lifted up my soul to you. O Lord, deliver me from my enemies: it is to you that I have fled. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your good Spirit lead me on a straight path. For the sake of your name, O Lord, you will keep me alive; In your righteousness, you will deliver me from affliction. And in your loving kindness, you will destroy my enemies. And bring to naught all those who oppress me, for I am your servant.

The 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 the splendor of Your

glory. Lord King, heavenly God, Father almighty; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world. Accept our prayer, You who are enthroned at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us. For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Each day I will bless You and sing Your name forever, and to the ages of ages. Lord, You have been for us a refuge from generation to generation. I said, "Lord, have mercy on me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You." Lord, in You I have taken shelter; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. For in You is the wellspring of life, and in Your light we shall see light. Extend Your mercy to those who confess You. Lord, grant that we may be kept this day without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers. Praised and glorified is Your name throughout the ages. Amen. Let Your mercy be upon us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You. Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You O Master, grant that I may understand Your statutes. Blessed are You O Holy One, enlighten me with Your statutes. Everlasting is Your love, O Lord, turn not away from the work of Your hands. Indeed praise, worship and glory are Your due, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Psalm 150 - Plagal of the Second Tone

Chanter: Lord of the Powers, be with us; for in times of distress, we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

Praise God in all His Holies; praise Him in the firmament of His might.

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for in times of distress, we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

Praise Him in His sovereign Powers; praise Him in the multitude of His greatness.

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for in times of distress, we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for in times of distress, we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

Praise Him with cymbals and chorus; praise Him with strings and pipe.

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for in times of distress, we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

Praise Him with sweet-sounding cymbals; praise Him with cymbals of joy, let every breath praise the Lord.

Lord of the Powers, be with us; for in times of distress, we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

1st Choir: *Praise God in His Holies.*

2nd Choir: *Praise Him in the firmament of His might.*

(Again both Choirs together, Slowly) Lord of the Powers, be with us; for in times of distress, we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us.

Reader: *Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

Lord, if we did not have your Saints as intercessors, and your goodness feeling compassion for us, how would we dare, O Savior, to sing hymns to you, whom the Angels unceasingly bless? O you who know our hearts, spare our souls.

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

Great is the multitude of my errors, O Mother of God; to you have I fled, O Pure One, seeking salvation; visit my ailing soul, and intercede with your Son and our God, to grant me forgiveness for all the evils I have done, O only blessed one.

All-Holy Theotokos, in the time of my life, never do forsake me, to any human protection; never trust me blindly, but personally take charge, and have mercy on me.

My one and my every hope, now I entrust in you, O Mother of God, under your shelter cover me.

Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (40x)

O Christ our God, who at all times and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, are worshipped and glorified, who are long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who love the just and show mercy to the sinners; who call all to salvation through the promise of blessings yet to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to your commandments. Sanctify our souls; hallow our bodies; correct our thoughts; cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Encompass us with your Holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of your unapproachable glory; for you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (3x)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God, the Word, we magnify you the True Theotokos.

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

People: Amen.

The Prayer of Saint Ephrem

Priest: O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of purity, humility, patience and love to Your servant.

Yes, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brothers and sisters, for You are blessed to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: O God, be compassionate upon me a sinner, and have mercy on me. (12x)

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of purity, humility, patience and love to Your servant. Yes, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brothers and sisters, for You are blessed to the ages of ages.

People: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*Kyrie, eleison.*) (12x)

Prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos

First Reader: O Lady, Bride of God, immaculate, undefiled, innocent, inviolate, pure, who through your wondrous birth-giving bridged the fallen state of humankind with the heavenly: O only hope of the hopeless and help of the oppressed, prompt protection of those who turn to you and refuge of all Christians: despise me not, a wretched sinner, who have wholly defiled myself with unclean thoughts, words, and deeds, and in my indifference have become a slave to the passions of life. As Mother of the loving God, have mercy, have compassion on me a sinner and a prodigal; accept this prayer from my impure lips and by the privilege of your motherhood, beseech your Son, my Lord and my God, to open the depths of his loving kindness for me, overlook my countless sins, return me to repentance, and prove me a worthy worker of His commandments.

As merciful, compassionate and loving, as a fervent protector and help, always be with me in this life to turn away the assaults of my enemies and guide me to salvation. At the hour of my death, embrace my wretched soul and keep it far from the dreadful sight of the wicked demons. On the awesome day of judgment, deliver me from eternal punishment and make me an heir of your Son's ineffable glory. O my Lady, most holy Theotokos, by your intercessions and help, let this befall me; through the grace and divine love for mankind of your Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him belong all glory honor and worship, and to his eternal Father, and His all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ

Second Reader: O Master, now that we are about to lie down to sleep, grant us, repose of body and soul. Preserve us against the dark slumber of sin and against all the dark impure pleasures of night; quiet the assaults of our passions, quell the fiery darts of evil deceitfully cast against us; still the impulses of our flesh and lull all earthly and worldly thoughts within us. Grant us, O Lord, a watchful mind, innocent thoughts, a sober heart, a gentle sleep free from evil dreams; at the hour of prayer, awaken us strong in the practice of Your commandments and keeping the remembrance of Your decrees unbroken; give us the grace to sing Your glory throughout the night; to praise, bless and glorify Your all honorable and magnificent name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

First Reader: O most glorious, ever-virgin and blessed Theotokos, commend our prayers to your Son, our God, and by your intercessions entreat Him to save our souls.

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

First Reader: O Mother of God, all my hope I place in you, keep me under your protection.

(The Readers venerate the Icon before them and return to the congregation.)

(During the First week in Lent the Gospel reading is read at this point.)

Priest: Peace be to you all!

People: And to your spirit!

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord!

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His most pure and holy Mother; through the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; the protection of the honorable, bodiless heavenly powers; the supplications of the honorable, glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist; the holy, glorious and praiseworthy Apostles; the holy, glorious and victorious Martyrs, especially Saint Barbara the Great Martyr, patron of our city and our parish; our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; the holy and righteous ancestors of the Lord, Joachim and Anna; of Saint (N.) whose memory we keep today, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves humankind.

Priest: Make our prayer acceptable. *(Amen.)*

Grant us forgiveness of our sins. *(Amen.)*

Cover us under the shelter of Your wings. *(Amen.)*

Repel from us every hostile foe. *(Amen.)*

Bring peace to our lives. *(Amen.)*

Lord, be merciful to us and to Your world, and save our souls as our good and loving Lord. *(Amen.)*

Let us pray for the peace of the world. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For all pious and Orthodox Christians. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For our Archbishop (*N.*), and all our brotherhood in Christ. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For our Country and for all our civic authorities. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For the health and protection of our armed forces. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters absent from among us. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For those who have served and those who serve us. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For all who hate us and all who love us. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For all who ask us, unworthy though we be, to pray for them. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For the release of captives. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For travelers by land, sea and air. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For all the sick and afflicted. (*Lord, have mercy*)

Let us also pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth. (*Lord, have mercy*)

For our parents, brothers and sisters departed this life who now lay here in pious rest and for the Orthodox everywhere. (*May their memory be eternal!*)

Let us also pray for ourselves. (*Lord, have mercy*) (*3x*)

Second Tone - "When upon the Cross"

Chanter: 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.

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

People: Amen.

