

Μηνάιον - ΤΗ Η' ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Τὸ Γενέθλιον τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου

ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

Ἱερεὺς: Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ Ψαλμοῦ.

Καθ' ὃν δὲ χρόνον ἀναγινώσκεται ὁ Προοιμιακὸς Ψαλμός, ὁ Ἱερεὺς, πρὸ τῆς ἁγίας Τραπέζης ἱστάμενος, ἀναγινώσκει τὰς λεγομένας εὐχὰς τοῦ Λυχνικοῦ.

Ἀναγνώστης: Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν τῷ βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν αὐτῷ, Χριστῷ τῷ βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

ΨΑΛΜΟΣ ΡΓ' (103).

Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν Κύριον. Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα. Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον. Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὡσεὶ δέῃριν, ὁ στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασι τὰ ὑπερῶα αὐτοῦ. Ὁ τιθεὶς νέφη τὴν ἐπίβασιν αὐτοῦ, ὁ περιπατῶν ἐπὶ πτερύγων ἀνέμων. Ὁ ποιῶν τοὺς Ἀγγέλους αὐτοῦ πνεύματα, καὶ τοὺς λειτουργοὺς αὐτοῦ πυρὸς φλόγα. Ὁ θεμελιῶν τὴν γῆν ἐπὶ τὴν ἀσφάλειαν αὐτῆς, οὐ κλιθήσεται εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος. Ἄβυσσος ὡς ἱμάτιον τὸ περιβόλαιον αὐτοῦ, ἐπὶ τῶν ὁρέων στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμῆσεώς σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουσιν ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουσι πεδιά εἰς τὸν τόπον, ὃν ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων πηγὰς ἐν φάραγγιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὁρέων διελεύσονται ὕδατα.

Menaion - September 8

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos

VESPERS

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

Choir: Amen.

Stand for the reading of the Introductory Psalm.

While the Introductory Psalm is being read, the Priest stands in front of the holy Table and reads the so-called Lamp-lighting Prayers.

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

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

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

PSALM 103 (104).

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέζονται
ὄναγροι εἰς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ
οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου τῶν πετρῶν
δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων ὄρη ἐκ τῶν ὑπερώων αὐτοῦ,
ἀπὸ καρποῦ τῶν ἔργων σου χορτασθήσεται ἡ γῆ. Ὁ
ἐξανατέλλων χόρτον τοῖς κτήνεσι, καὶ χλόην τῇ
δουλείᾳ τῶν ἀνθρώπων. Τοῦ ἐξαγαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐκ τῆς
γῆς, καὶ οἶνος εὐφραίνει καρδίαν ἀνθρώπου. Τοῦ
ἱλαρῦναι πρόσωπον ἐν ἐλαίῳ, καὶ ἄρτος καρδίαν
ἀνθρώπου στηρίζει. Χορτασθήσονται τὰ ξύλα τοῦ
πεδίου, αἱ κέδροι τοῦ Λιβάνου, αἱ ἐφύτευσας.

Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι, τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ
κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὁρη τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις,
πέτρα καταφυγὴ τοῖς λαγωῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς
καιρούς, ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος,
καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται πάντα τὰ θηρία
τοῦ δρυμοῦ. Σκύμνοι ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἀρπάσαι, καὶ
ζητῆσαι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ βρώσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ
ἥλιος, καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας αὐτῶν
κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον
αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἐσπέρας. Ὡς
ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ
ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς κτίσεώς σου.

Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ
ἐρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀριθμός, ζῶα μικρὰ μετὰ
μεγάλων. Ἐκεῖ πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος,
ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτῇ. Πάντα πρὸς σέ
προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφήν αὐτῶν εἰς εὐκαιρον,
δόντος σου αὐτοῖς συλλέξουσιν. Ἀνοίξαντός σου τὴν
χεῖρα, τὰ σύμπαντα πλησθήσονται χρηστότητος,
ἀποστρέψαντος δέ σου τὸ πρόσωπον, ταραχθήσονται.
Ἀντανελεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκλείψουσι, καὶ εἰς
τὸν χοῦν αὐτῶν ἐπιστρέψουσιν. Ἐξαποστελεῖς τὸ
πνεῦμα σου, καὶ κτισθήσονται, καὶ ἀνακαινιεῖς τὸ
πρόσωπον τῆς γῆς. Ἦτω ἡ δόξα Κυρίου εἰς τοὺς
αἰῶνας, εὐφρανθήσεται Κύριος ἐπὶ τοῖς ἔργοις αὐτοῦ.
Ὁ ἐπιβλέπων ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, καὶ ποιῶν αὐτὴν τρέμειν, ὁ
ἀπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ καπνίζονται. Ἄσω τῷ
Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ μου, ψαλῷ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω.
Ἦδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογὴ μου, ἐγὼ δὲ εὐφρανθήσομαι
ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείπειεν ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ
ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτούς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ
μου, τὸν Κύριον.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run
among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the
field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall
the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which
sing among the branches. He watereth the hills from
his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of
thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the
cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may
bring forth food out of the earth; And wine that
maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his
face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's
heart. The trees of the Lord are full of sap;

the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork,
the fir trees are her house. The high hills are a refuge
for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies. He
appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his
going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night:
wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their
meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather
themselves together, and lay them down in their
dens. Man goeth forth unto his work and to his
labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom
hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy
riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are
things creeping innumerable, both small and great
beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan,
whom thou hast made to play therein. These wait all
upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in
due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou
openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou
hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away
their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou
sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou
renewest the face of the earth. The glory of the Lord
shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his
works. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he
toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto
the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God
while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be
sweet: I will be glad in the Lord. Let the sinners be
consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no
more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.

Ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ.

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε· πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεός. (3)

Ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

TA EIPHNIKA

Διάκονος: Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τῆς ἁνωθεν εἰρήνης καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τῆς εἰρήνης τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου, εὐσταθείας τῶν ἁγίων τοῦ Θεοῦ Ἐκκλησιῶν καὶ τῆς τῶν πάντων ἐνώσεως τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ἁγίου οἴκου τούτου καὶ τῶν μετὰ πίστεως, εὐλαβείας καὶ φόβου Θεοῦ εἰσιόντων ἐν αὐτῷ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου ἡμῶν (δεῖνος), τοῦ τιμίου πρεσβυτερίου, τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ διακονίας, παντὸς τοῦ κλήρου καὶ τοῦ λαοῦ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τοῦ εὐσεβοῦς ἡμῶν γένους, τοῦ Προέδρου, πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας ἐν τῷ κράτει ἡμῶν, καὶ τοῦ κατὰ ξηράν, θάλασσαν, καὶ ἀέρα φιλοχρίστου ἡμῶν στρατοῦ, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

The sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night:

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all:

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

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

Our hope, O Lord, glory to Thee.

THE PEACE LITANY

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our Archbishop Nathanael, for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τῆς Ἀγίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, τῆς Ἱερᾶς ἡμῶν Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς, [τῆς Ἀγίας Μητροπόλεως ταύτης,] τῆς πόλεως καὶ κοινότητος ταύτης, πάσης πόλεως, χώρας καὶ τῶν πίστει οἰκούντων ἐν αὐταῖς, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ εὐκρασίας ἀέρων, εὐφορίας τῶν καρπῶν τῆς γῆς καὶ καιρῶν εἰρηνικῶν τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ πλεόντων, ὁδοιπορούντων, νοσούντων, καμνόντων, αἰχμαλώτων καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας αὐτῶν τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ῥυθῆναι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης θλίψεως, ὀργῆς, κινδύνου καὶ ἀνάγκης, τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῇ σῇ χάριτι.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Τῆς παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

Χορός: Σοί, Κύριε.

Ἱερεύς: Ὅτι πρέπει σοι πᾶσα δόξα, τιμὴ καὶ προσκύνησις, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ψάλτης: Κέλευσον, δέσποτα ἅγιε. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: To You, O Lord.

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

Choir: Amen.

Chanter: Omit

Χορός:

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου· πρόσχευς τῇ φωνῇ τῆς δεήσεώς μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγέναι με πρὸς σέ. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Κατευθυνθήτω ἡ προσευχή μου, ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου, ἔπαρσις τῶν χειρῶν μου θυσία ἑσπερινή. Εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε.

Θοῦ, Κύριε, φυλακὴν τῷ στόματί μου, καὶ θύραν περιοχῆς περὶ τὰ χεῖλη μου.

Μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὴν καρδίαν μου εἰς λόγους πονηρίας, τοῦ προφασίζεσθαι προφάσεις ἐν ἀμαρτίαις.

Σὺν ἀνθρώποις ἐργαζομένοις τὴν ἀνομίαν, καὶ οὐ μὴ συνδυάσω μετὰ τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν αὐτῶν.

Παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει, καὶ ἐλέγξει με, ἔλαιον δὲ ἀμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλὴν μου.

Ὅτι ἔτι καὶ ἡ προσευχή μου ἐν ταῖς εὐδοκίαις αὐτῶν· κατεπόθησαν ἐχόμενα πέτρας οἱ κριταὶ αὐτῶν.

Ἀκούσονται τὰ ῥήματά μου, ὅτι ἠδύνθησαν· ὥσει πάχος γῆς ἐρράγη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, διεσκορπίσθη τὰ ὀστᾶ αὐτῶν παρὰ τὸν ἄδην.

Ὅτι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου· ἐπὶ σοὶ ἤλπισα, μὴ ἀντανέλης τὴν ψυχὴν μου.

Φύλαξόν με ἀπὸ παγίδος ἧς συνεστήσαντό μοι, καὶ ἀπὸ σκανδάλων τῶν ἐργαζομένων τὴν ἀνομίαν.

Πεσοῦνται ἐν ἀμφιβλήστρω αὐτῶν οἱ ἀμαρτωλοί· κατὰ μόνας εἰμὶ ἐγὼ ἕως ἂν παρέλθω.

Φωνῇ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐκέκραξα, φωνῇ μου πρὸς Κύριον ἐδεήθην.

Ἐκχεῶ ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ τὴν δέησίν μου, τὴν θλιψίν μου ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ἀπαγγελῶ.

Ἐν τῷ ἐκλείπειν ἐξ ἐμοῦ τὸ πνεῦμά μου, καὶ σὺ ἔγνως τὰς τρίβους μου.

Ἐν ὁδῷ ταύτῃ, ἣ ἐπορευόμην, ἔκρυψαν παγίδα μοι.

Choir:

Mode pl. 2.

Lord, I have cried unto Thee; hearken unto me; hearken unto me, O Lord. Lord, I have cried unto Thee; hearken unto me; attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto Thee. Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before Thee, the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice; hearken unto me, O Lord.

Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins,

With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head.

For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.

They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto Hades.

For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes; in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the stumbling blocks of them that work iniquity.

The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made my supplication.

I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knewest my paths.

In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.

Κατενόουν εἰς τὰ δεξιὰ, καὶ ἐπέβλεπον, καὶ οὐκ ἦν ὁ ἐπιγινώσκων με.

Ἀπώλετο φυγὴ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὁ ἐκζητῶν τὴν ψυχὴν μου.

Ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, Κύριε· εἶπα· Σὺ εἶ ἡ ἐλπίς μου, μερίς μου εἶ ἐν γῇ ζώντων.

Πρόσχες πρὸς τὴν δέησίν μου, ὅτι ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα.

Ῥῥσαί με ἐκ τῶν καταδιωκόντων με, ὅτι ἐκραταιώθησαν ὑπὲρ ἐμέ.

Ἐξάγαγε ἐκ φυλακῆς τὴν ψυχὴν μου, τοῦ ἐξομολογήσασθαι τῷ ὀνόματί σου.

Ἐμέ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὗ ἀνταποδῶς μοι.

Ἐκ βαθέων ἐκέκραξά σοι, Κύριε· Κύριε, εἰσάκουσον τῆς φωνῆς μου.

Γενηθήτω τὰ ὦτά σου προσέχοντα εἰς τὴν φωνὴν τῆς δεήσεώς μου.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΟΡΤΗΣ. ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἐὰν ἀνομίας παρατηρήσης, Κύριε Κύριε, τίς ὑποστήσεται; ὅτι παρὰ σοὶ ὁ ἰλασμός ἐστιν.

Σήμερον, ὁ τοῖς νοεροῖς θρόνοις ἐπαναπαυόμενος Θεός, θρόνον ἅγιον ἐπὶ γῆς ἐαυτῷ προητοίμασεν· ὁ στερεώσας ἐν σοφίᾳ τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, οὐρανὸν ἔμψυχον, ἐν φιλανθρωπίᾳ κατεσκεύασεν· ἐξ ἀκάρπου γὰρ ῥίζης, φυτὸν ζωηφόρον, ἐβλάστησεν ἡμῖν τὴν Μητέρα αὐτοῦ. Ὁ τῶν θαυμασίων Θεός, καὶ τῶν ἀνελπίστων ἐλπίς, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἐνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ὑπέμεινά σε, Κύριε, ὑπέμεινεν ἡ ψυχὴ μου εἰς τὸν λόγον σου. Ἦλπισεν ἡ ψυχὴ μου ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Αὕτη ἡμέρα Κυρίου, ἀγαλλιᾶσθε λαοί· ἰδοὺ γὰρ τοῦ φωτός ὁ νυμφών, καὶ ἡ βίβλος τοῦ λόγου τῆς ζωῆς, ἐκ γαστροῦ προελήλυθε· καὶ ἡ κατὰ ἀνατολὰς πύλη ἀποκυθηεῖσα, προσμένει τὴν εἵσοδον, τοῦ Ἱερέως τοῦ μεγάλου, μόνῃ καὶ μόνον εἰσάγουσα Χριστὸν εἰς τὴν οἰκουμένην, πρὸς σωτηρίαν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

I looked upon my right hand, and beheld, and there was none that did know me.

Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watcheth out for my soul.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion art Thou in the land of the living.

Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low.

Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison to give thanks to Your name, O Lord.

The righteous shall wait for me, until You reward me.

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

STICHERA FOR THE FEAST. IDIOMELON. Mode pl.

2.

If Thou, O Lord, should mark transgression, O Lord, who would stand? For there is forgiveness with Thee.

Today God, Who resteth upon the noetic thrones, hath made ready for Himself a holy throne upon the earth. He that established the heavens in wisdom, hath prepared a living Heaven in His love for man. For from a barren root He hath made a life-bearing branch to spring forth for us, even His Mother. O God of wonders and hope of the hopeless, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

IDIOMELON. Mode pl. 2.

Because of Thy law, O Lord, I waited for Thee; my soul waited for Thy word. My soul hopes in the Lord.

This is the day of the Lord; be exceedingly glad, O ye people. For behold, the Bride-chamber of the Light, and the Book of the Word of Life, is come forth from the womb; and the Eastward Gate, which hath been born, awaiteth the entrance of the Great Priest; and she alone bringeth into the world the only Christ, for the salvation of our souls.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἀπὸ φυλακῆς πρωΐας μέχρι νυκτός· ἀπὸ φυλακῆς
πρωΐας ἐλπισάτω Ἰσραὴλ ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Εἰ καὶ θεῖω βουλῇματι, περιφανεῖς στεῖραι γυναῖκες
ἐβλάστησαν, ἀλλὰ πάντων ἡ Μαρία τῶν γεννηθέντων,
θεοπρεπῶς ὑπερέλαμψεν· ὅτι καὶ ἐξ ἀγόνου παραδόξως
τεχθεῖσα μητρός, ἔτεκεν ἐν σαρκὶ τὸν ἀπάντων Θεόν, ὑπὲρ
φύσιν ἐξ ἀσπόρου γαστρός· ἡ μόνη πύλη τοῦ μονογενοῦς
Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἣν διελθὼν κεκλεισμένην διεφύλαξε· καὶ
πάντα σοφῶς οἰκονομήσας, ὡς οἶδεν αὐτός, πᾶσι τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις, σωτηρίαν ἀπειργάσατο.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ὅτι παρὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ τὸ ἔλεος καὶ πολλή παρ' αὐτῷ
λύτρωσις, καὶ αὐτὸς λυτρώσεται τὸν Ἰσραὴλ ἐκ πασῶν
τῶν ἀνομιῶν αὐτοῦ.

Σήμερον στειωτικαὶ πύλαι ἀνοίγονται, καὶ πύλη
παρθενικῆ θεῖα προέρχεται. Σήμερον καρπογονεῖν ἡ
χάρις ἀπάρχεται, ἐμφανίζουσα τῷ κόσμῳ Θεοῦ Μητέρα, δι'
ἧς τὰ ἐπίγεια τοῖς οὐρανοῖς συνάπτεται, εἰς σωτηρίαν τῶν
ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, πάντα τὰ ἔθνη, ἐπαινέσατε αὐτόν,
πάντες οἱ λαοί.

Σήμερον τῆς παγκοσμίου χαρᾶς τὰ προοίμια· σήμερον
ἔπνευσαν αὔραι, σωτηρίας προάγγελοι· ἡ τῆς φύσεως
ἡμῶν διαλέλυται στεῖρωσις· ἡ γὰρ στεῖρα μήτηρ δείκνυται,
τῆς παρθενευούσης μετὰ τόκον τοῦ κτίσαντος, ἐξ ἧς τὸ
ἄλλότριον οἰκιοῦται ὁ φύσει Θεός, καὶ τοῖς πλανηθεῖσι διὰ
σαρκὸς σωτηρίαν ἀπεργάζεται, Χριστὸς ὁ φιλόανθρωπος,
καὶ λυτρωτὴς τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ὅτι ἐκραταιώθη τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια
τοῦ Κυρίου μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

Σήμερον ἡ στεῖρα Ἄννα, τίτκει Θεόπαιδα, τὴν ἐκ πασῶν
τῶν γενεῶν προεκληχθεῖσαν εἰς κατοίκησιν τῷ
Παμβασίλει, καὶ Κτίστη Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, εἰς ἐκπλήρωσιν
τῆς θείας οἰκονομίας· δι' ἧς ἀνεπλάσθημεν οἱ γηγενεῖς, καὶ
ἀνεκαινίσθημεν ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς, πρὸς ζωὴν τὴν ἄλῃκτον.

IDIOMELON. Mode pl. 2.

*From the morning watch until night; from the morning
watch until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.*

Although by the will of God barren women have
brought forth illustrious children, yet Mary, with
divine magnificence, hath outshone all that have been
born; for she, who was marvellously born of a childless
mother, herself past nature bare in the flesh the God of all
from a seedless womb. She is the only gateway of the Only-
begotten Son of God, Who, passing through this gate, kept
it shut; and having ordered all things wisely, as He Himself
saw fit, He hath wrought salvation for all men.

IDIOMELON. Mode pl. 2.

*For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is
abundant redemption; and He shall redeem Israel from
all his transgressions.*

Today the barren gates open, and the virgin gate of
God cometh forth. Today grace beginneth to bear
fruit, making manifest to the world the Mother of God,
through whom the things of earth are joined with the
heavens, for the salvation of our souls.

IDIOMELON. Mode pl. 2.

*Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; praise Him, all you
peoples.*

Today is the prelude of universal joy; today the breezes
blow that are harbingers of salvation. The barrenness
of our nature hath been loosed, for the barren woman is
revealed as the mother of her who remained a virgin after
bearing the Creator. From her, He that is God by nature
taketh what is alien to Him, and maketh it His own; and
through the flesh, He worketh salvation for them that were
gone astray, even Christ, the Friend of man and Redeemer
of our souls.

IDIOMELON. Mode pl. 2.

*For His mercy rules over us; and the truth of the Lord
endureth forever.*

Today barren Anna beareth the Child of God,
forechosen out of all generations to be the habitation
of the Creator and King of all, Christ God, that the divine
dispensation might be fulfilled, through which we the
earthborn have been refashioned, and from corruption are
restored unto life that hath no end.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Σήμερον, ὁ τοῖς νοεροῖς θρόνοις ἐπαναπαυόμενος Θεός, θρόνον ἅγιον ἐπὶ γῆς ἑαυτῷ προητοίμασεν· ὁ στερεώσας ἐν σοφίᾳ τοὺς οὐρανούς, οὐρανὸν ἔμψυχον, ἐν φιλανθρωπία κατεσκεύασεν· ἐξ ἀκάρπου γὰρ ρίζης, φυτὸν ζωηφόρον, ἐβλάστησεν ἡμῖν τὴν Μητέρα αὐτοῦ. Ὁ τῶν θαυμασίων Θεός, καὶ τῶν ἀνελπίστων ἐλπίς, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν Εἴσοδον.

Διάκονος (χαμηλοφώνως): Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Ἱερεὺς (χαμηλοφώνως):

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἑσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ καὶ μεσημβρίας αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθά σου, Δέσποτα τῶν ἀπάντων, φιλάνθρωπε Κύριε. Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνης τὰς καρδίας ἡμῶν εἰς λόγους ἢ εἰς λογισμοὺς πονηρίας, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἐκ πάντων τῶν θηρευόντων τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν· ὅτι πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, Κύριε, οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἡμῶν καὶ ἐπὶ σοὶ ἠλπίσαμεν· μὴ κατασχύνης ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

Διάκονος (χαμηλοφώνως): Εὐλόγησον, δέσποτα, τὴν ἁγίαν εἴσοδον.

Ἱερεὺς: Εὐλογημένη ἡ εἴσοδος τῶν ἁγίων σου πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Διάκονος: Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

Κληρὸς Καὶ Λαός:

Ἦχος β'.

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἁγίας δόξης ἀθανάτου Πατρός, οὐρανόιου, ἁγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ἰδόντες φῶς ἐσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υἱόν καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα, Θεόν. Ἀξίόν σε ἐν πᾶσι καιροῖς ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίσαις, Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζῶν ὁ διδούς· * διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ δοξάζει.

Διάκονος: Ἑσπέρας προκείμενον.

Glory. Both now. Mode pl. 2.

Today God, Who resteth upon the noetic thrones, hath made ready for Himself a holy throne upon the earth. He that established the heavens in wisdom, hath prepared a living Heaven in His love for man. For from a barren root He hath made a life-bearing branch to spring forth for us, even His Mother. O God of wonders and hope of the hopeless, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Stand for the Entrance.

Deacon (in a low voice): Let us pray to the Lord.

ENTRANCE PRAYER

At evening, at morning and at midday we praise, bless and give thanks, and we pray to you, Master of all things, Lord who love mankind: Direct our prayer before you like incense, and do not incline our hearts to words or thoughts of evil, but deliver us from all that hunt down our souls. For our eyes look to you, O Lord, our Lord, and we have hoped in you.

Deacon (in a low voice): Master, bless the holy entrance.

Priest: Blessed be the entrance of Your holy ones always, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Deacon: Wisdom. Arise.

Clergy and people:

Mode 2.

O Joyous Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: We that come to the setting of the sun, when we behold the evening light, praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised with gladsome voices, O Son of God, Giver of life. Wherefore, the world doth glorify Thee.

Deacon: The evening Prokeimenon!

Χορός:

ΠΡΟΚΕΙΜΕΝΟΝ.

Ἦχος δ'.

Κύριος εἰσακούσεται μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγέναι με πρὸς αὐτόν.

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Στίχ. Ἐν τῷ ἐπικαλεῖσθαι με εἰσήκουσάς μου, ὁ Θεὸς τῆς δικαιοσύνης μου, ἐν θλίψει ἐπλάτυνάς με.

Κύριος εἰσακούσεται μου, ἐν τῷ κεκραγέναι με πρὸς αὐτόν.

Τὰ Ἀναγνώσματα

Ἀναγνώστης: Γενέσεως τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.**Διάκονος:** Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.**Ἀναγνώστης:**

Γεν. κη' 10

Ε ξῆλθεν Ἰακώβ ἀπὸ τοῦ φρέατος τοῦ ὄρκου καὶ ἐπορεύθη εἰς Χαρρᾶν. Καὶ ἀπήντησε τόπῳ, καὶ ἐκοιμήθη ἐκεῖ· ἔδω γὰρ ὁ ἥλιος· καὶ ἔλαβεν ἀπὸ τῶν λίθων τοῦ τόπου, καὶ ἔθηκε πρὸς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐκοιμήθη ἐν τῷ τόπῳ ἐκείνῳ, καὶ ἐνυπνιάσθη. Καὶ ἰδοὺ κλῖμαξ ἐστηριγμένη ἐν τῇ γῇ, ἥς ἡ κεφαλὴ ἀφικνεῖτο εἰς τὸν Οὐρανόν, καὶ οἱ Ἄγγελοι τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀνέβαινον καὶ κατέβαινον ἐπ' αὐτῆς. Ὁ δὲ Κύριος ἐπεστήρικτο ἐπ' αὐτῆς, καὶ εἶπεν·

Ἐγὼ εἰμι ὁ Θεὸς Ἀβραάμ τοῦ πατρός σου, καὶ ὁ Θεὸς Ἰσαάκ, μὴ φοβοῦ, ἡ γῆ, ἐφ' ἣς σὺ καθεύδεις ἐπ' αὐτῆς, σοὶ δώσω αὐτήν, καὶ τῷ σπέρματί σου.

Καὶ ἔσται τὸ σπέρμα σου ὡσεὶ ἄμμος τῆς γῆς καὶ πλατυνθήσεται ἐπὶ θάλασσαν, καὶ λίβα, καὶ βορρᾶν, καὶ ἐπὶ ἀνατολάς, καὶ ἐνευλογηθήσονται ἐν σοὶ πᾶσαι αἱ φυλαὶ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἐν τῷ σπέρματί σου. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ εἰμι μετὰ σοῦ, διαφυλάσσω σε ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ πάσῃ, οὗ ἐὰν πορευθῇς, καὶ ἐπιστρέψω σε εἰς τὴν γῆν ταύτην, ὅτι οὐ μὴ σε ἐγκαταλίπω, ἕως τοῦ ποιῆσαι με πάντα ὅσα ἐλάλησά σοι. Καὶ ἐξηγέρθη Ἰακώβ ἐκ τοῦ ὕπνου αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπεν· Ὅτι ἐστὶ Κύριος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ τούτῳ, ἐγὼ δὲ οὐκ ᾔδειν. Καὶ ἐφοβήθη, καὶ εἶπεν· Ὡς φοβερός ὁ τόπος οὗτος! Οὐκ ἔστι τοῦτο, ἀλλ' ἡ οἰκος Θεοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἡ πύλη τοῦ οὐρανοῦ.

Choir:

ΠΡΟΚΕΙΜΕΝΟΝ.

Mode 4.

The Lord will hear me when I cry to Him.

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Verse: *Thou heard me when I called, O God of my righteousness. Thou strengthened my heart when I was in distress.*

The Lord will hear me when I cry to Him.

The Readings

Reader: The reading is from the book of Genesis.**Deacon:** Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

Gn 28:10 – 17

Jacob went out from the well of the oath, and went towards Haran. And he came upon a certain place, and slept there, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven, and behold, the Angels of God ascending and descending on it.

And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: I am the God of Abraham thy father and the God of Isaac, fear not;

the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the sand of the earth, and it shall spread abroad to the sea, and to the south, and to the north, and to the east; and in thee and thy seed shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed. And behold, I am with thee, and I will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not forsake thee, until I have done all that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said: The Lord is in this place, and I knew it not. And he was afraid and said: How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven.

Ἀναγνώστης: Προφητείας Ἰεζεκιήλ τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Διάκονος: Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

Ἀναγνώστης:

Ιεζ. 43:27 – 44:4

Τάδε λέγει Κύριος· Ἔσται ἀπὸ τῆς ἡμέρας τῆς ὀγδῆς καὶ ἐπέκεινα, ποιήσουσιν οἱ Ἱερεῖς ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριον τὰ ὀλοκαυτώματα ὑμῶν, καὶ τὰ τοῦ σωτηρίου ὑμῶν, καὶ προσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, λέγει Κύριος (μδ' 1). Καὶ ἐπέστρεψέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Ἀγίων τῆς ἐξωτέρας τῆς βλεπούσης κατὰ ἀνατολάς, καὶ αὕτη ἦν κεκλεισμένη. Καὶ εἶπε Κύριος πρὸς με· Ἡ πύλη αὕτη κεκλεισμένη ἔσται, οὐκ ἀνοιχθήσεται, καὶ οὐδεὶς οὐ μὴ διέλθῃ δι' αὐτῆς, ὅτι Κύριος ὁ Θεός, Ἰσραὴλ εἰσελεύσεται δι' αὐτῆς, καὶ ἔσται κεκλεισμένη. Διότι ὁ Ἥγούμενος οὗτος κάθηται ἐπ' αὐτὴν τοῦ φαγεῖν ἄρτον ἐνώπιον Κυρίου, κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ Αἰλᾶμ τῆς πύλης εἰσελεύσεται, καὶ κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν αὐτοῦ ἐξελεύσεται. Καὶ εἰσήγαγέ με κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς πύλης τῶν Ἀγίων τῆς πρὸς βορρᾶν, κατέναντι τοῦ οἴκου· καὶ εἶδον καὶ ἰδοὺ πλήρης δόξης ὁ οἶκος Κυρίου.

Ἀναγνώστης: Παροιμιῶν τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Διάκονος: Σοφία. Πρόσχωμεν.

Ἀναγνώστης:

Παρ. 9' 1

Ἡ σοφία ὠκοδόμησεν ἑαυτῇ οἶκον καὶ ὑπήρεισε στύλους ἑπτὰ. Ἐσφαξε τὰ ἑαυτῆς θύματα, καὶ ἐκέρασεν εἰς κρατῆρα τὸν ἑαυτῆς οἶνον, καὶ ἡτοιμάσατο τὴν ἑαυτῆς τράπεζαν. Ἀπέστειλε τοὺς ἑαυτῆς δούλους, συγκαλοῦσα μετὰ ὑψηλοῦ κηρύγματος, ὡς ἐπὶ κρατῆρα, λέγουσα· Ὅς ἐστιν ἄφρων, ἐκκλινάτω πρὸς με, καὶ τοῖς ἐνδεέσι φρενῶν εἶπεν· Ἐλθετε φάγετε τὸν ἐμὸν ἄρτον, καὶ πίετε οἶνον, ὃν κεκέρακα ὑμῖν, ἀπολίπετε ἀφροσύνην, καὶ ζήσεσθε, καὶ ζητήσατε φρόνησιν, ἵνα βιώσητε, καὶ κατορθώσητε σύνεσιν ἐν γνώσει, ὁ παιδεύων κακούς, λήψεται ἑαυτῷ ἀτιμίαν, ἐλέγχων δὲ τὸν ἀσεβῆ, μωμήσεται ἑαυτόν, (οἱ γὰρ ἔλεγχοι τῷ ἀσεβεῖ, μώλωπες αὐτῷ).

Reader: The reading is from the Prophecy of Ezekiel.

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

Ezk 43:27 – 44:4

Upon the eighth day and so forward, the priests shall make your whole-burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings, and I will accept you, saith the Lord. Then He brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. And the Lord said unto me: This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, shall enter in by it, and it shall be shut. For this Prince shall sit on it to eat bread; He shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall come forth by the way of the same. And He brought me by the way of the north gate of the sanctuary before the house, and I looked, and behold, the house of the Lord was full of glory.

Reader: The reading is from the Proverbs of Solomon.

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

Pr 9:1 – 11

Wisdom hath builded herself a house, and hath established seven pillars. She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also prepared her table. She hath sent forth her servants, making invitation to a feast with a loud proclamation, and saying: Whoso is foolish, let him turn aside to me; as for them that want understanding, she saith: Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine which I have mingled for you. Forsake foolishness, and ye shall live, and go in search of understanding that ye may live, and achieve understanding in knowledge. He that reproveth evil men getteth to himself shame; and he that rebuketh an ungodly man shall himself be blamed, for rebukes unto the ungodly are as wounds to him.

Μὴ ἔλεγχε κακοὺς, ἵνα μὴ μισήσωσί σε, ἔλεγχε σοφὸν καὶ ἀγαπήσει σε.

Δίδου σοφῶ ἀφορμὴν, καὶ σοφώτερος ἔσται, γινώριζε δικαίῳ, καὶ προσθήσει τοῦ δέχεσθαι. Ἀρχὴ σοφίας, φόβος Κυρίου, καὶ βουλὴ Ἀγίων, σύνεσις, (τὸ γὰρ γινῶναι Νόμον, διανοίας ἐστὶν ἀγαθῆς)· τούτῳ γὰρ τῷ τρόπῳ πολὺν ζήσεις χρόνον, καὶ προστεθήσεται σοι ἔτη ζωῆς.

Η ΕΚΤΗΝΗΣ

Διάκονος: Εἴπωμεν πάντες ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας ἡμῶν εἴπωμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Κύριε παντοκράτορ, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν, δεόμεθά σου, ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, δεόμεθά σου, ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Διάκονος: Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Διάκονος: Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου ἡμῶν (δεῖνος).

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Διάκονος: Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν τῶν ἱερέων, ἱερομονάχων, διακόνων καὶ μοναχῶν καὶ πάσης τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ ἡμῶν ἀδελφότητος.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Διάκονος: Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, ὑγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τῆς ἀγίας Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Reprove not evil men, lest they hate thee; rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

Give occasion to a wise man, and he will become yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will receive more learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of Saints is understanding. For to know the Law is the property of a good mind, for in this wise thou shalt live long, and years of life shall be added to thee.

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

Deacon: Let us all say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us all say.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Lord, Ruler of all, God of our fathers, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray for our Archbishop (name).

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Διάκονος: Ἐτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν μακαρίων καὶ ἀειμνήστων κτιτόρων τῆς ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας (ἡ τῆς ἁγίας μονῆς) ταύτης καὶ ὑπὲρ πάντων τῶν προαναπαυσασμένων πατέρων καὶ ἀδελφῶν ἡμῶν, τῶν ἐνθάδε εὐσεβῶς κειμένων καὶ ἀπανταχοῦ ὀρθοδόξων.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Διάκονος: Ἐτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν καρποφορούντων καὶ καλλιεργούντων ἐν τῷ ἁγίῳ καὶ πανσέπτῳ ναῷ τούτῳ, κοπιώντων, ψαλλόντων καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ περιεστώτος λαοῦ, τοῦ ἀπεκδεχομένου τὸ παρὰ σοῦ μέγα καὶ πλούσιον ἔλεος.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Ἱερεύς: Ὅτι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλόνητος Θεὸς ὑπάρχεις, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τῆς εὐχῆς.

Ἀναγνώστης: Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἐσπέρᾳ ταύτῃ, ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν. Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἡλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, διδάζόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Δέσποτα, συνέτισόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, ἅγιε, φώτισόν με τοῖς δικαιώμασί σου. Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα· τὰ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου μὴ παρίδῃς. Σοὶ πρέπει αἶνος, σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος, σοὶ δόξα πρέπει, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

ΤΑ ΠΑΗΡΩΤΙΚΑ

Διάκονος: Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἐσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῇ σῇ χάριτι.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest: For Thou art a merciful and loving God, and to Thee we offer glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Stand for the reading of prayer.

Reader: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes. Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Amen.

LITANY OF COMPLETION

Deacon: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Thy grace.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Τὴν ἐσπέραν πᾶσαν τελείαν, ἁγίαν, εἰρηνικὴν καὶ ἀναμάρτητον παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

Χορός: Παράσχου, Κύριε.

Διάκονος: Ἄγγελον εἰρήνης, πιστὸν ὁδηγόν, φύλακα τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων ἡμῶν παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

Χορός: Παράσχου, Κύριε.

Διάκονος: Συγγνώμην καὶ ἄφεσιν τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ τῶν πλημμελημάτων ἡμῶν παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

Χορός: Παράσχου, Κύριε.

Διάκονος: Τὰ καλὰ καὶ συμφέροντα ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν καὶ εἰρήνην τῷ κόσμῳ παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

Χορός: Παράσχου, Κύριε.

Διάκονος: Τὸν ὑπόλοιπον χρόνον τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν ἐν εἰρήνῃ καὶ μετανοίᾳ ἐκτελέσαι παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου αἰτησώμεθα.

Χορός: Παράσχου, Κύριε.

Διάκονος: Χριστιανὰ τὰ τέλη τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν, ἀνῶδυνα, ἀνεπαίσχυντα, εἰρηνικὰ καὶ καλὴν ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ αἰτησώμεθα.

Χορός: Παράσχου, Κύριε.

Διάκονος: Τῆς παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

Χορός: Σοί, Κύριε.

Ἱερεύς: Ὅτι ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος Θεὸς ὑπάρχεις καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ἱερεύς: Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

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

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou art a good and loving God, and to Thee we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with all.

Χορός: Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.

Διάκονος: Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνωμεν.

Χορός: Σοί, Κύριε.

Ἱερεὺς (χαμηλοφώνως): Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλίνας οὐρανούς καὶ καταβάς ἐπὶ σωτηρίᾳ τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἔπιδε ἐπὶ τοὺς δούλους σου καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κληρονομίαν σου· σοὶ γὰρ τῷ φοβερῷ καὶ φιλανθρώπῳ κριτῇ οἱ σοὶ δοῦλοι ὑπέκλιναν τὰς κεφαλὰς, τοὺς δὲ αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν ἀυχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν· οὗς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν παροῦσαν ἐσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης ἐνεργείας διαβολικῆς καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

Ἱερεὺς (ἐκφώνως): Εἴη τὸ κράτος τῆς βασιλείας σου εὐλογημένον καὶ δεδοξασμένον, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

ΑΠΟΣΤΙΧΑ. ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ Α'. Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ παγκόσμιος χαρὰ, ἐκ τῶν δικαίων ἀνέτειλεν ἡμῖν, ἐξ Ἰωακείμ καὶ τῆς Ἀννης, ἡ παννύμφητος Παρθένος· ἥτις δι' ὑπερβολὴν καθαρότητος, ναὸς Θεοῦ ἐμψυχος γίνεται, καὶ μόνη κατὰ ἀλήθειαν, Θεοτόκος γνωρίζεται. Αὐτῇ ταῖς ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν εἰρήνην κατὰπεμψον, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ Β'. Ἦχος δ'.

Στίχ. Ἄκουσον, θύγατερ, καὶ ἴδε καὶ κλίνον τὸ οὖς σου καὶ ἐπιλάθου τοῦ λαοῦ σου καὶ τοῦ οἴκου τοῦ πατρὸς σου· καὶ ἐπιθυμήσει ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ κάλλους σου.

Δι' Ἀγγέλου προῤῥήσεως, γόνος πάνσεπτος, ἐξ Ἰωακείμ καὶ τῆς Ἀννης τῶν δικαίων, σήμερον προῤῥηθες Παρθένε, οὐρανὸς καὶ θρόνος Θεοῦ, καὶ δοχεῖον καθαρότητος, τὴν χαρὰν προμηνύουσα παντὶ τῷ κόσμῳ, τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν πρόξενε· κατάρας ἀναίρεσις, εὐλογίας ἡ ἀντίδοσις. Διὸ ἐν τῇ γεννήσει σου Κόρη θεόκλητε, τὴν εἰρήνην αἰτῆσαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Choir: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest (in a low voice): Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of the human race, look upon Your servants and upon Your inheritance, for to You, the fearful Judge who loves mankind, Your servants have bowed their heads and inclined their necks, not waiting for any human help, but awaiting Your mercy and looking for Your salvation. Guard them at every moment, during both the present evening and the approaching night, from every foe, from every hostile operation of the devil and from vain thoughts and evil desires.

Priest (aloud): Blessed and glorified be the majesty of Thy kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

APOSTICHA. IDIOMELON 1. Mode 4.

Our universal joy, the all-praised Virgin, hath dawned forth from righteous Joachim and Anna for our sakes. By reason of her exceeding purity, she is become the living temple of God, and she alone in truth is acknowledged to be the Theotokos. By her entreaties, O Christ God, send down peace upon the world, and great mercy to our souls.

IDIOMELON 2. Mode 4.

Verse: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear; and forget thine own people and thy father's house; and the King shall greatly desire thy beauty.

As foretold by the Angel, thou art come forth today, O Virgin, the supremely august offspring of righteous Joachim and Anna, as a heaven and a throne of God and a vessel of purity, foretelling joy unto all the world, O provider of our life. Thou art the destruction of the curse, and the recovery of the blessing in its stead. Wherefore, on thy nativity, O Maiden called of God, pray that peace and great mercy be granted unto our souls.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ Γ'. Ἦχος δ'.

Στίχ. Τὸ πρόσωπόν σου λιτανεύσουσιν οἱ πλούσιοι τοῦ λαοῦ.

Στεῖρα ἄγονος ἡ Ἄννα, σήμερον χεῖρας κροτεῖτω φαιδρῶς· λαμπροφορεῖτω τὰ ἐπίγεια· βασιλεῖς σκιρτάτωσαν· ἱερεῖς ἐν εὐλογίαις εὐφραινέσθωσαν· ἐορταζέτω ὁ σύμπας κόσμος· ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἡ Βασίλισσα, καὶ ἄμωμος νύμφη τοῦ Πατρός, ἐκ τῆς ρίζης τοῦ Ἰεσσαὶ ἀνεβλάστησεν. Οὐκ ἔτι γυναῖκες ἐν λύπαις τέξονται τέκνα· ἡ χαρὰ γὰρ ἐξήνθησε, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἐν κόσμῳ πολιτεύεται. Οὐκ ἔτι τὰ δῶρα τοῦ Ἰωακείμ ἀποστρέφονται, ὁ θρῆνος γὰρ τῆς Ἄννης εἰς χαρὰν μετεβλήθη, Συγχαρήτέ μοι λεγούσης, πᾶς ἐκλεκτὸς Ἰσραὴλ· ἰδοὺ γὰρ δέδωκέ μοι Κύριος, τὸ ἔμψυχον παλάτιον τῆς θείας δόξης αὐτοῦ, εἰς κοινὴν εὐφροσύνην καὶ χαρὰν, καὶ σωτηρίαν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Δεῦτε ἅπαντες πιστοί, πρὸς τὴν Παρθένον δράμωμεν· ἰδοὺ γὰρ γεννᾶται, ἡ πρὸ γαστρὸς προορισθεῖσα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν Μήτηρ, τὸ τῆς παρθενίας κειμήλιον, ἡ τοῦ Ἀαρὼν βλαστήσασα ῥάβδος, ἐκ τῆς ρίζης τοῦ Ἰεσσαὶ, τῶν Προφητῶν τὸ κήρυγμα, καὶ τῶν δικαίων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης τὸ βλάστημα. Γεννᾶται τοίνυν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος σὺν αὐτῇ ἀνακαινίζεται. Τίκεται, καὶ ἡ Ἐκκλησία τὴν ἐαυτῆς εὐπρέπειαν καταστολίζεται. Ὁ ναὸς ὁ ἅγιος, τὸ τῆς Θεότητος δοχεῖον, τὸ παρθενικὸν ὄργανον, ὁ βασιλικὸς θάλαμος, ἐν ᾧ τὸ παράδοξον τῆς ἀπορρήτου ἐνώσεως, τῶν συνελθουσῶν ἐπὶ Χριστοῦ φύσεων, ἐτελεσιουργήθη μυστήριον· ὃν προσκυνοῦντες ἀνυμνοῦμεν, τὴν τῆς Παρθένου πανάμωμον γέννησιν.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τῶν εὐχῶν.

Ἱερεύς:

Ἦδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεῶν

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνῃ· ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἡτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν· φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν, καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραὴλ.

Ἀναγνώστης: Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη, Δέσποτα.

ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΝ.

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (3)

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ 3. Mode 4.

The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance.

Today let the barren and childless Anna clap her hands with joy. Let things on earth put on bright apparel; let kings leap for joy and priests exult in hymns of blessing; let the whole world keep feast. For behold, the Queen, the spotless Bride of the Father, is sprung from the root of Jesse. No more shall women bear children in sorrow, for joy hath burst into flower, and the Life of men maketh His dwelling in the world. No more are the gifts of Joachim turned away, for Anna's mourning hath been changed to joy, as she saith: Rejoice with me, all of chosen Israel. For behold, the Lord hath given me the living palace of His divine glory, unto our common joy and gladness, and the salvation of our souls.

Glory. Both now. Mode pl. 4.

Come, all ye faithful, let us run to the Virgin. For behold, she is born who was foreordained before her conception to be the Mother of our God: the jewel of virginity, the rod of Aaron that sprang from Jesse's root, the preaching of the Prophets, and the scion of righteous Joachim and Anna. She is born, and with her the world is made new. She is brought forth, and the Church is arrayed with her proper majesty. She is the holy temple, the vessel of the Godhead, the virginal instrument, the royal bride-chamber wherein was accomplished the wondrous mystery of the ineffable union of the natures that come together in Christ. As we worship Him, we praise the all-immaculate birth of the Virgin.

Stand for the reading of prayers

Song of Simeon

Lord, now let Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to enlighten nations, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Reader: Omit

ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΡΑΞΕΙΣ.

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

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι· καὶ νῦν καὶ
ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς
ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα, συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας
ἡμῖν. Ἄγιε, ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἴασαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν,
ἐνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι· καὶ νῦν καὶ
ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἁγιασθήτω τὸ
ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ
θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον
ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν
τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς
ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς
πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

Ἱερεύς: Ὅτι σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ
ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου
Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΩΡΤΗΣ. Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ
οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς
δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν· καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν,
ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον,
ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον. (3)

Διάκονος: Σοφία.

Ἀναγνώστης: Εὐλόγησον, δέσποτα.

Ἱερεύς: Ὁ ὢν εὐλογητὸς Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν
πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Choir: Amen.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. *Mode 4.*

Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the
whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of
Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and
bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us
life everlasting. (3)

Deacon: Wisdom.

Reader: Master bless.

Priest: Blessed is He who is Christ our God,
always, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Ἀναγνώστης: Στερεώσαι Κύριος ὁ Θεός τὴν ἁγίαν καὶ ἀμώμητον πίστιν τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν σὺν τῇ ἁγίᾳ αὐτοῦ Μεγάλῃ Ἐκκλησίᾳ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, τῇ ἱερᾷ ἡμῶν Ἀρχιεπισκοπῇ, [τῇ ἁγίᾳ Μητροπόλει ταύτῃ] καὶ τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ εἰς αἰῶνας αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ἱερεὺς: Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, ἧς καὶ τὸ Γενέθλιον ἐορτάζομεν· δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων ἁσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ ἁγίου τοῦ ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἀννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων, ἐλέησαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος καὶ ἐλεήμων Θεός.

Δι' εὐχῶν τῶν ἁγίων πατέρων ἡμῶν, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Reader: The Lord God make firm the holy and pure faith of the pious Orthodox Christians, this Holy Metropolis, and this city, to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

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

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

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

Choir: Amen.