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The Service of Vespers

on Saturday, November 14

for November 15, 2026

Octoechos - Grave Mode

on Saturday,

Menaion - November 15

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ΕΣΠΕΡΙΝΟΣ

Ἱερεύς: Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τοῦ Προοιμιακοῦ Ψαλμοῦ.

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OCTOECHOS - GRAVE MODE.

On Saturday Evening

Menaion - November 15

Memory of the Holy Martyrs and Confessors Guria, Shamuna and Habib

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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.

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 ψυχή μου, τὸν Κύριον. Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα. Ἐξομολόγησιν καὶ μεγαλοπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσω, ἀναβαλλόμενος φῶς ὡς ἱμάτιον. Ἐκτείνων τὸν οὐρανὸν ὡσεὶ δέρριν, ὁ στεγάζων ἐν ὕδασι τὰ ὑπερῷα 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 ὀρέων στήσονται ὕδατα. Ἀπὸ ἐπιτιμήσεώς σου φεύξονται, ἀπὸ φωνῆς βροντῆς σου δειλιάσουσιν. Ἀναβαίνουσιν ὄρη, καὶ καταβαίνουσι πεδία εἰς τὸν τόπον, ὃν ἐθεμελίωσας αὐτά. Ὅριον ἔθου, ὃ οὐ παρελεύσονται, οὐδὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι καλύψαι τὴν γῆν. Ὁ ἐξαποστέλλων πηγὰς ἐν φάραγξιν, ἀναμέσον τῶν ὀρέων διελεύσονται ὕδατα· ποτιοῦσι πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ ἀγροῦ, προσδέξονται ὄναγροι εἰς δίψαν αὐτῶν. Ἐπ' αὐτὰ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατασκηνώσει, ἐκ μέσου τῶν πετρῶν δώσουσι φωνήν. Ποτίζων ὄρη ἐκ τῶν ὑπερῴων 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, ἃς ἐφύτευσας. Ἐκεῖ στρουθία ἐννοσσεύσουσι, τοῦ ἐρωδιοῦ ἡ κατοικία ἡγεῖται αὐτῶν. Ὄρη τὰ ὑψηλὰ ταῖς ἐλάφοις, πέτρα καταφυγὴ τοῖς λαγωοῖς. Ἐποίησε σελήνην εἰς καιρούς, ὁ ἥλιος ἔγνω τὴν δύσιν αὐτοῦ. Ἔθου σκότος, καὶ ἐγένετο νύξ, ἐν αὐτῇ διελεύσονται πάντα τὰ θηρία τοῦ δρυμοῦ.

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. 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.

Σκύμνοι ὠρυόμενοι τοῦ ἁρπάσαι, καὶ ζητῆσαι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ βρῶσιν αὐτοῖς. Ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος, καὶ συνήχθησαν, καὶ εἰς τὰς μάνδρας αὐτῶν κοιτασθήσονται. Ἐξελεύσεται ἄνθρωπος ἐπὶ τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν ἐργασίαν αὐτοῦ ἕως ἑσπέρας. Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας, ἐπληρώθη ἡ γῆ τῆς κτίσεώς σου. Αὕτη ἡ θάλασσα ἡ μεγάλη καὶ εὐρύχωρος, ἐκεῖ ἑρπετὰ ὧν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀριθμός, ζῷα μικρὰ μετὰ μεγάλων.

Ἐκεῖ πλοῖα διαπορεύονται, δράκων οὗτος, ὃν ἔπλασας ἐμπαίζειν αὐτῇ. Πάντα πρὸς σὲ προσδοκῶσι, δοῦναι τὴν τροφὴν αὐτῶν εἰς εὔκαιρον, 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 ἁπτόμενος τῶν ὀρέων, καὶ καπνίζονται. ἌΙσω τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ μου, ψαλῶ τῷ Θεῷ μου ἕως ὑπάρχω. Ἡδυνθείη αὐτῷ ἡ διαλογή μου, ἐγὼ δὲ εὐφρανθήσομαι ἐπὶ τῷ Κυρίῳ. Ἐκλείποιεν ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς, καὶ ἄνομοι, ὥστε μὴ ὑπάρχειν αὐτούς. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχή μου, τὸν Κύριον.

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

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

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

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

Ἡ ἐλπὶς ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

ΤΑ ΕΙΡΗΝΙΚΑ

Διάκονος: Ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

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.

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.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τῆς ἄνωθεν 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 ἑνώσεως 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.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τῆς Ἁγίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ Μεγάλης Ἐκκλησίας Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, τῆς Ἱερᾶς ἡμῶν Ἀρχιεπισκοπῆς, [τῆς Ἁγίας 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.

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.

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.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Διάκονος: Ὑπὲρ τοῦ ῥυσθῆναι 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.

Ἦχος βαρύς.

Κύριε ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου, εἰσάκουσόν μου, Κύριε. Κύριε, ἐκέκραξα πρὸς σέ, εἰσάκουσόν μου· πρόσχες 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.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΑ. *Ἦχος βαρύς.* ΣΤΙΧΗΡΟΝ Α′.

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

Δεῦτε ἀγαλλιασώμεθα τῷ Κυρίῳ, τῷ συντρίψαντι θανάτου τὸ κράτος, καὶ φωτίσαντι ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, μετὰ τῶν Ἀσωμάτων κραυγάζοντες· Δημιουργὲ καὶ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, 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 Thee, 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.

Grave Mode.

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.

RESURRECTIONAL STICHERA. GRAVE MODE. STICHERON 1.

Bring my soul out of prison that I may confess Thy name.

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord Who crushed the dominion of death, and enlightened the race of man. Let us cry out with the bodiless hosts: O our Creator and Saviour, glory be to Thee.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΟΝ Β′.

Ἐμὲ ὑπομενοῦσι δίκαιοι, ἕως οὗ ἀνταποδῷς μοι.

Σταυρὸν ὑπέμεινας Σωτήρ, καὶ ταφὴν δι' ἡμᾶς· θανάτῳ δὲ ὡς Θεός, θάνατον ἐνέκρωσας· διὸ προσκυνοῦμεν τὴν τριήμερόν σου ἀνάστασιν· Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΟΝ Γ′.

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

Ἀπόστολοι ἰδόντες τὴν ἔγερσιν τοῦ Δημιουργοῦ, ἐθαύμασαν βοῶντες τὴν αἴνεσιν τὴν ἀγγελικήν· Αὕτη ἡ δόξα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, οὗτος ὁ πλοῦτος τῆς Βασιλείας. Ὁ παθὼν δι' ἡμᾶς, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΟΝ Δ′.

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

Κἂν συνελήφθης Χριστέ, ὑπὸ ἀνόμων ἀνδρῶν, ἀλλὰ σύ μου εἶ Θεός, καὶ οὐκ αἰσχύνομαι· ἐμαστίχθης τὸν νῶτον, οὐκ ἀρνοῦμαι· Σταυρῷ προσηλώθης, καὶ οὐ κρύπτω· εἰς τὴν ἔγερσίν σου καυχῶμαι· ὁ γὰρ θάνατός σου ζωή μου. Παντοδύναμε καὶ Φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΟΝ Ε′.

Ἐὰν ἀνομίας παρατηρήσῃς, Κύριε Κύριε, τίς ὑποστήσεται; ὅτι παρὰ σοὶ ὁ ἱλασμός ἐστιν.

Δαυϊτικὴν προφητείαν ἐκπληρῶν, Χριστὸς μεγαλειότητα, ἐν Σιὼν τὴν οἰκείαν Μαθηταῖς ἐξεκάλυψεν· αἰνετὸν δεικνὺς ἑαυτόν, καὶ δοξαζόμενον ἀεί, σὺν Πατρί τε καὶ Πνεύματι ἁγίῳ· πρότερον μὲν ἄσαρκον ὡς Λόγον, ὕστερον δὲ δι' ἡμᾶς σεσαρκωμένον, καὶ νεκρωθέντα ὡς ἄνθρωπον, καὶ ἀναστάντα κατ' ἐξουσίαν ὡς φιλάνθρωπον.

STICHERON 2.

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.

The Cross and burial hast Thou endured for us, O Saviour; and, as God, Thou hast slain death by death. Wherefore, we worship Thy Resurrection on the third day. Lord, glory be to Thee.

STICHERON 3.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

On seeing the arising of the Creator, the apostles marvelled, crying out with angelic praise: This is the glory of the Church; this is the wealth of the Kingdom! O Thou Who didst suffer for us, Lord, glory be to Thee.

STICHERON 4.

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

Though Thou wast taken captive by lawless men, O Christ, yet Thou art my God, and I am not ashamed. Thou wast smitten on the back; I do not deny it. Thou wast nailed to the Cross, and I conceal it not. In Thine arising do I boast, for Thy death is my life. O omnipotent and man befriending Lord, glory be to Thee.

STICHERON 5.

If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

In fulfilment of David's prophecy, in Sion Christ unveiled His majesty to His disciples, revealing Himself as the One Who is praised and ever glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit; once, being without flesh as the Word, but now for us becoming incarnate, being put to death as man, and arising according to His power, as the Friend of man.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΟΝ Ϛ'.

Ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ὑπέμεινά σε, Κύριε, ὑπέμεινεν ἡ ψυχή μου εἰς τὸν λόγον σου. Ἤλπισεν ἡ ψυχή μου ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Κατῆλθες ἐν τῷ ᾅδῃ Χριστὲ ὡς ἠβουλήθης, ἐσκύλευσας τὸν θάνατον, ὡς Θεὸς καὶ Δεσπότης· καὶ ἀνέστης τριήμερος, συναναστήσας τὸν Ἀδάμ, ἐκ τῶν τοῦ ᾅδου δεσμῶν καὶ τῆς φθορᾶς, κραυγάζοντα καὶ λέγοντα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ. *Ἦχος δ'. Ἔδωκας σημείωσιν.*

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

Ἄβιβος ὁ πάνσοφος, καὶ Σαμωνᾶς ὁ θαυμάσιος, καὶ Γουρίας ὁ ἔνδοξος, κοινὴν συστησάμενοι, τοῖς πιστοῖς χορείαν, ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει, νῦν συγχορεύουσιν ἡμῖν, οἱ Ἀθλοφόροι καὶ συνευφραίνονται· ψυχαῖς ταῖς τῶν Μαρτύρων γάρ, παρὰ Θεοῦ τοῦτο δέδοται, τὰ ἐνταῦθα γινόμενα, νοερῶς ἐνοπτρίζεσθαι.

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

Πόνους ὑπομείναντες, τῶν ἀφορήτων κολάσεων, καὶ γενναίως ἀθλήσαντες, Τριάδος ἰσάριθμοι, Σαμωνᾶ Γουρία, καὶ Ἄβιβε μάκαρ, τῆς αἰωνίου καὶ τερπνῆς, κατατρυφᾶτε νῦν ἀπολαύσεως, καμάτων τὴν ἀντίδοσιν, ἀντιμετροῦντος ὑμῖν Χριστοῦ· ὃν θερμῶς ἱκετεύσατε, τοῦ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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

Μονάδα τρισάριθμον, ὁμολογήσαντες Ἅγιοι, τῶν Ἑλλήνων ἐλύσατε, πολύθεον φρόνημα, καὶ μωρὰν σοφίαν, τῇ νομιζομένῃ, μωρίᾳ εἶναι παρ' αὐτοῖς, Σταυροῦ δυνάμει μακαριώτατοι· ὑφ' οὗ ἐνδυναμούμενοι, τὰς χαλεπὰς τῶν κολάσεων, ὑπεμείνατε μάστιγας, θαρσαλέῳ φρονήματι.

STICHERON 6.

For Thy Name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Thou didst descend into Hades, O Christ, as Thou didst will. Thou didst despoil death since Thou art God and Master; and Thou didst rise on the third day, and from the bonds of Hades and corruption didst Thou also raise up Adam, who cried out and said: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O only Friend of man.

FOR THE SAINTS. *Mode 4. You have given./Unto them that fear Thee.*

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

Shamuna the marvelous, belov'd Habib the supremely wise, * and the glorious Guria * have now formed a common choir, * one with all the faithful; * and the vict'ry-bearers in jubilation dance with us, * and making merry, they share with us their joy. * For God doth give the Martyrs' souls the wondrous gift to see mystically, * as it were in a looking-glass, * that which happeneth here below.

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Patiently ye bare the pains of insupportable punishments * and contended courageously, * O Shamuna, Guria, * and Habib most blessed, * ye who are in number the equal of the Trinity: * now ye delight in eternal joy and bliss; * for Christ hath measured out to you the recompense of your sufferings. * Importune Him most earnestly * to deliver and save our souls.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

Making bold confession of the Threefold Unity, ye destroyed * the opinions held by the Greeks, * who reverenced many gods, * with their foolish wisdom; * which ye brought to nought by the thing they reckon foolishness, * even the strength and the power of the Cross, * by which ye were made strong, O blessed Saints, and valiantly underwent * the unbearable sufferings * of the scourgings and punishments.

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

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

Ὅρμον πρὸς ἀκύμαντον, καὶ πρὸς ζωὴν ἀστασίαστον, καὶ λιμένα πανεύδιον, ἀθλοφόροι Μάρτυρες, προσκεχωρηκότες, τὸ διαιωνίζον, τῆς ἀπαθοῦς διαμονῆς, καὶ διαρκούσης νῦν ἀντηλλάξασθε, τῶν πόνων τὴν ἀντίδοσιν, καὶ τῶν καμάτων τὰ ἔπαθλα, ἐκ Θεοῦ κομισάμενοι, ἐπαξίως μακάριοι.

Having made your passage to a harbor tranquil and free of waves, * and a life undisturbed by woes,* a haven serene and calm, * O prizewinning Martyrs, * ye exchanged your pains for a habitation in the heights * which is eternal and free of suffering; * and ye have all received from God your labors' prizes and recompense, * even as it is meet and right, * blest Confessors of Christ our God.

Δόξα. Ἦχος β'.

Glory. Mode 2.

Ἡ Ἔδεσσα εὐφραίνεται, ὅτι ἐν τῇ σορῷ τῶν Ἁγίων ἐπλουτίσθη, Γουρία Σαμωνᾶ καὶ Ἀβίβου· καὶ τὸ φιλόχριστον ποίμνιον, συγκαλουμένη βοᾷ· Δεῦτε φιλομάρτυρες λαμπρύνθητε, ἐν τῇ μνήμῃ τῇ φαιδρᾷ. Δεῦτε ὦ φιλέορτοι φωτίσθητε. Δεῦτε ἴδετε φωστῆρας οὐρανίους, ἐν γῇ περιπολεύοντας. Δεῦτε καὶ ἀκούσατε, οἷον θάνατον πικρόν, οἱ γενναῖοι ἀδάμαντες ὑπέστησαν, διὰ τὴν ἀτελεύτητον ζωήν. Διὸ καὶ ἐγγυηταὶ ὄντες τῆς ἀληθείας, κόρην διέσωσαν ἐν μνήματι ζῶσαν βεβλημένην·

Edessa the blessed is glad, for she is made rich with the shrine of Saints Guria, Shamuna and Habib; and calling together the Christ-loving flock, she crieth: Come, ye that love the Martyrs, be ye resplendent on this radiant memorial. Come, ye that love the feasts, be ye enlightened. Come, behold the lights of Heaven walking about upon the earth. Come and hearken to what a bitter death the noble adamants endured for the sake of the life that hath no end. Moreover, in standing surety for the truth, they saved a young woman that had been cast alive into a tomb;

καὶ τὸν τούτους ἀθετήσαντα παμμίαρον, τῷ ὀλέθρῳ παρέδωκαν, ὡς φονέα καὶ ἀνελεήμονα· καὶ ἐκτενῶς δυσωποῦσι, τὴν Παναγίαν Τριάδα, τοῦ ῥυσθῆναι ἐκ φθορᾶς καὶ πειρασμῶν, καὶ παντοίων κινδύνων, τοὺς ἐν πίστει ἐκτελοῦντας, αὐτῶν τὰ μνημόσυνα.

as for the blood-guilty wretch that set them at nought, they gave him over to destruction, because he was a murderer and bereft of mercy. And they ardently entreat the All-holy Trinity that those who keep their memory with faith be delivered from corruption, temptations and all manner of perils.

Δόξα· KAI NYN. Ἦχος βαρύς.

Both now. GRAVE MODE.

Τὸ α' Θεοτοκίον τοῦ Ἤχου.

The First Theotokion of the Mode.

Μήτηρ μὲν ἐγνώσθης, ὑπὲρ φύσιν Θεοτόκε, ἔμεινας δὲ παρθένος, ὑπὲρ λόγον καὶ ἔννοιαν· καὶ τὸ θαῦμα τοῦ τόκου σου, ἑρμηνεῦσαι γλῶσσα οὐ δύναται· παραδόξου γὰρ οὔσης τῆς συλλήψεως Ἁγνή, ἀκατάληπτός ἐστιν ὁ τρόπος τῆς κυήσεως· ὅπου γὰρ βούλεται Θεός, νικᾶται φύσεως τάξις. Διό σε πάντες Μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ γινώσκοντες, δεόμεθά σου ἐκτενῶς· πρέσβευε τοῦ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Thou art known to be a mother surpassing nature, O Theotokos; and surpassing reason and understanding, thou didst remain a virgin. And no tongue can explain the miracle of thy childbirth; for even as the conception was strange, O pure one, so the manner of birth is incomprehensible. For wheresoever God willeth, the order of nature is overcome. Wherefore, knowing thee to be the Mother of God, we all beseech thee fervently: Intercede thou that our souls be saved.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν Εἴσοδον.

Stand for the Entrance.

Διάκονος (χαμηλοφώνως): Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

Deacon (in a low voice): No Entrance

Ἱερεύς (χαμηλοφώνως):

ΕΥΧΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΥ

Ἑσπέρας καὶ πρωῒ καὶ μεσημβρίας αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν, εὐχαριστοῦμεν καὶ δεόμεθά σου, Δέσποτα τῶν ἁπάντων, φιλάνθρωπε Κύριε. Κατεύθυνον τὴν προσευχὴν ἡμῶν ὡς θυμίαμα ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ μὴ ἐκκλίνῃς 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 καταισχύνῃς ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν.

Διάκονος (χαμηλοφώνως):

ΕΥΛΟΓΗΣΟΝ, ΔΕΣΠΟΤΑ, ΤΗΝ ΑΓΙΑΝ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΝ.

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

Διάκονος: Σοφία. Ὀρθοί.

Κληρος Και Λαός:

Ἦχος β'.

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

Διάκονος: Ἑσπέρας προκείμενον.

Χορός:

ΠΡΟΚΕΙΜΕΝΟΝ.

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσατο.

Στίχ. *Ἐνεδύσατο ὁ Κύριος δύναμιν, καὶ περιεζώσατο.*

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσατο.

Στίχ. *Καὶ γὰρ ἐστερέωσε τὴν οἰκουμένην, ἥτις οὐ σαλευθήσεται.*

Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσατο.

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 humankind: 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): Bless, Master, the Holy Entrance.

Priest: Blessed be the entrance of Thine 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!

Choir:

PROKEIMENON.

Mode pl. 2.

The Lord is King; He is clothed with majesty.

Verse: *The Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself.*

The Lord is King; He is clothed with majesty.

Verse: *For He established the world which shall not be shaken.*

The Lord is King; He is clothed with majesty.

Η ΕΚΤΕΝΗΣ

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 ἁμαρτιῶν 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 ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. *(3)*

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

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. *(3)*

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 Nathanael.

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)

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)

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

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. *(3)*

Ἱερεύς: Ὅτι ἐλεήμων καὶ φιλάνθρωπος 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 ἑσπέρᾳ 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 ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ. Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, δίδαξόν 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 ΠΛΗΡΩΤΙΚΑ

Διάκονος: Πληρώσωμεν τὴν ἑσπερινὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

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

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

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

Χορός: Παράσχου, Κύριε.

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.

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.

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.

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, ἀνώδυνα, 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 φιλάνθρωπος 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.

Χορός: Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.

Διάκονος: Τὰς κεφαλὰς ἡμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ κλίνωμεν.

Χορός: Σοί, Κύριε.

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 Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou, O God, are good and love humankind, and to Thee we give glory, to the Father, the Son and the holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with all.

Choir: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Ἱερεύς (χαμηλοφώνως): Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ κλίνας οὐρανοὺς καὶ καταβὰς 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 κεφαλάς, τοὺς δὲ αὐτῶν ὑπέταξαν αὐχένας, οὐ τὴν ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἀναμένοντες βοήθειαν, ἀλλὰ τὸ σὸν περιμένοντες ἔλεος καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀπεκδεχόμενοι σωτηρίαν· οὓς διαφύλαξον ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ καὶ κατὰ τὴν παροῦσαν ἑσπέραν καὶ τὴν προσιοῦσαν νύκτα ἀπὸ παντὸς ἐχθροῦ, ἀπὸ πάσης ἀντικειμένης ἐνεργείας διαβολικῆς καὶ διαλογισμῶν ματαίων καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων πονηρῶν.

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.

Ἱερεύς (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.

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.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Choir: Amen.

ΑΠΟΣΤΙΧΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΑ. *Ἦχος βαρύς.*

RESURRECTIONAL APOSTICHA. *Grave Mode.*

Ἀνέστης ἐκ τοῦ τάφου, Σωτὴρ τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ συνήγειρας τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, σὺν τῇ σαρκί σου· Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Thou didst rise from the grave, O Saviour of the world; and together with Thy flesh, Thou didst also raise up man. Lord, glory be to Thee.

Στίχ. *Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, εὐπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσατο, ἐνεδύσατο Κύριος δύναμιν καὶ περιεζώσατο.*

Verse: *The Lord is king, He is clothed with majesty, the Lord is clothed with strength, and He hath girt Himself.*

Τὸν ἀναστάντα ἐκ νεκρῶν, καὶ φωτίσαντα πάντα, δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν· ἐκ τῆς τοῦ ᾅδου γὰρ τυραννίδος, ἡμᾶς ἠλευθέρωσε, διὰ τῆς αὐτοῦ τριημέρου ἐγέρσεως, ζωὴν ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Come, let us worship Him Who is risen from the dead, and Who hath enlightened all things. For He hath freed us from the tyranny of Hades by His arising on the third day, granting us life and great mercy.

Στίχ. *Καὶ γὰρ ἐστερέωσε τὴν οἰκουμένην, ἥτις οὐ σαλευθήσεται.*

Verse: *For He established the world which shall not be shaken*

Ὑπὸ τὸν ᾅδην κατελθὼν Χριστέ, θάνατον ἐσκύλευσας, καὶ τριήμερος ἀναστάς, ἡμᾶς συνανέστησας, δοξάζοντας τὴν σὴν παντοδύναμον ἔγερσιν, Κύριε φιλάνθρωπε.

When Thou didst descend to Hades below, O Christ, Thou didst despoil death; and arising on the third day, Thou didst also raise us who glorify Thine omnipotent arising, O Lord, Thou Friend of man.

Στίχ. *Τῷ οἴκῳ σου πρέπει ἁγίασμα, Κύριε, εἰς μακρότητα ἡμερῶν.*

Verse: *Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.*

Φοβερὸς ὤφθης Κύριε, ἐν τάφῳ κείμενος ὡς ὁ ὑπνῶν· ἀναστὰς δὲ τριήμερος ὡς δυνατός, τὸν Ἀδὰμ συνανέστησας κραυγάζοντα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Thou didst appear awesome, O Lord, while lying in the grave as one that sleepeth; and arising on the third day as One mighty, Thou didst also raise Adam, who cried out: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O only Friend of man.

Δόξα. ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ. *Ἦχος β'.*

Δεῦτε φιλομάρτυρες πάντες, τοὺς τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἀριστέας, ὕμνοις τιμήσωμεν, Γουρίαν Ἄβιβον καὶ Σαμωνᾶν, ὅτι παραδόξως ἐνεργοῦσι τοῖς θαύμασιν· ὅρκῳ γὰρ οὐ παρεῖδον μεταναστεῦσαι κόρην, ἀλλ' ἐκπληροῦντες τὸ αἴτημα, τὴν παῖδα διεσώσαντο, παρανόμῳ Γότθῳ, ἄμυναν ποιήσαντες. Δι' ὧν Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Glory. FOR THE SAINTS. *Mode 2.*

Come, all ye that love the Martyrs, let us render homage in song to the champions of Christ: Guria, Shamuna and Habib; for they work wondrously through miracles. For the oath's sake they did not overlook the young woman taken to a far country, but fulfilling her request, they saved her and requited the lawless Goth. Through them, O Christ our God, save our souls, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

Καὶ νῦν. ΘΕΟΤΟΚΙΟΝ. *Ἦχος β'.*

Ὦ θαύματος καινοῦ, πάντων τῶν πάλαι θαυμάτων! τίς γὰρ ἔγνω μητέρα, ἄνευ ἀνδρὸς τετοκυῖαν, καὶ ἐν ἀγκάλαις φέρουσαν, τὸν ἅπασαν τὴν κτίσιν περιέχοντα; Θεοῦ ἐστι βουλὴ τὸ κυηθέν· ὃν ὡς βρέφος Πάναγνε, σαῖς ὠλέναις βαστάσασα, καὶ μητρικὴν παῤῥησίαν πρὸς αὐτὸν κεκτημένη, μὴ παύσῃ δυσωποῦσα, ὑπὲρ τῶν σὲ τιμώντων, τοῦ οἰκτειρῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Both now. THEOTOKION. *Mode 2.*

O new wonder, surpassing all the ancient wonders! For who hath known of a mother without husband giving birth, and carrying in her arms Him that embraceth all creation? He that is born is of God's will. In that thou carriest Him in Thine arms as a babe, O all pure one, and hast boldness towards Him as His Mother, cease not from entreating Him in behalf of them that honour thee, that He have pity and save our souls.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τῶν εὐχῶν.

Stand for the reading of prayers

Ἱερεύς:

Ὠδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών

Song of Simeon

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 Ἰσραήλ.

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.

Ἀναγνώστης:

Reader: Trisagion Prayers.

ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΝ.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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 ἐστιν 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 ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟΝ. *Ἦχος βαρύς.*

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέῳξας τῷ λῃστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα. ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ. *Ἦχος πλ. α'.*

Τὰ θαύματα τῶν ἁγίων σου Μαρτύρων, τεῖχος ἀκαταμάχητον, ἡμῖν δωρησάμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, βουλὰς ἐθνῶν διασκέδασον, τῆς βασιλείας τὰ σκῆπτρα κραταίωσον, ὡς μόνος ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

Καὶ νῦν. ΘΕΟΤΟΚΙΟΝ. *Ἦχος πλ. α'. Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.*

Χαῖρε πύλη Κυρίου ἡ ἀδιόδευτος· χαῖρε τεῖχος καὶ σκέπη τῶν προστρεχόντων εἰς σέ· χαῖρε ἀχείμαστε λιμὴν καὶ ἀπειρόγαμε· ἡ τεκοῦσα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν Ποιητήν σου καὶ Θεόν, πρεσβεύουσα μὴ ἐλλείπῃς, ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀνυμνούντων, καὶ προσκυνούντων τὸν τόκον σου.

Διάκονος: Σοφία.

Ἀναγνώστης: Εὐλόγησον, δέσποτα.

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

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.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. *Grave Mode.*

By Thy Cross Thou didst abolish death; to the thief Thou didst open Paradise; Thou didst transform the myrrh bearers' lamentation, and didst order Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ our God, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Glory. FOR THE SAINTS. *Both Now Same Mode*

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou alone art good and the Friend of man.

Both now. THEOTOKION. *Mode pl. 1. As the Father and Spirit.*

O impassable gate of the Lord, do thou rejoice.* Rejoice, O rampart and shelter for them that hasten to thee.* Tranquil haven and pure Maiden who didst not know man* and who barest in the flesh thy Creator and thy God,* rejoice; and cease not to pray Him,* making entreaty for them that worship and praise Him that was born of thee.

Deacon: Wisdom.

Reader: Master bless.

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

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ἀναγνώστης: Στερεώσαι Κύριος ὁ Θεός τὴν ἁγίαν καὶ ἀμώμητον πίστιν τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν τῇ ἁγίᾳ Μητροπόλει ταύτῃ, καὶ τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ εἰς αἰῶνας αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ἱερεύς: Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων ἀσωμάτων, 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 Ἄννης, τῶν ἁγίων Μαρτύρων καὶ Ὁμολογητῶν Γουρία, Σαμωνᾶ καὶ Ἀβίβου, ὧν καὶ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν· καὶ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος καὶ ἐλεήμων Θεός.

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

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Choir: Amen.

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 He who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, of the holy and glorious Martyrs and Confessors Guria, Shamuna and Habib, whose memory we are observing, 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.