

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

Reader: Amen.

Priest: Glory to thee, O our God. Glory to thee. O heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art everywhere present and fillest all things, the Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come, and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*thrice*)

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Reader: *Amen.*

The Litany of Peace

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(*The Choir responds Lord, have mercy to each petition.*)

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

For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God and the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For our (*metropolitan or archbishop or bishop*), *N.*, the honorable presbytery, the diaconate of Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our president (or appropriate head of state), civil authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city and every city and countryside, and the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For healthful seasons, abundance of the fruits of the earth and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by sea, by land and by air, the sick, the suffering, captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: *To thee, O Lord.*

Priest: For unto thee are due all glory, honor and worship to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: *Amen.*

Then the appropriate Apolitykion is sung.
(This may be that of the Church Temple, a Great Feast, or the following of the Cross in Tone One.)

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of thy Cross, preserving thy commonwealth.

The Gospel

Deacon: Wisdom! Stand Upright! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Choir: Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: At that time, when he got into the boat, the disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke

him, saying, "Save, Lord, we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

Choir: Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.

The Intercession

Priest: O God, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance. Visit thy world with mercy and compassions. Exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us thy rich mercies. Through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving cross, by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, all-laudable apostles; of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas of Myra in Lycia, Spyridon of Trimythous and Nektarios of Pentapolis, the Wonder-workers and, Raphael, of Brooklyn; of the holy and

glorious great martyrs, George the Trophy-bearer, Demetrios the Myrrh-streaming, Theodore the Soldier, Theodore the General, Menas the Wonder-worker; and the soldier saints Phanourios, Mercurios, Artemios, Nikitas the Goth, Victor of Damascus, James the Persian, Eustathios, Sergios and Bacchus, Sebastian, Andrew the General, and the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste, of the hieromartyrs Ignatios the God-bearer of Antioch, Haralambos and Eleftherios; of the holy, glorious great martyrs, Thekla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriaki, Photini, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, who shone in the ascetic life; of (N., the patron saint of the Church) of the holy and righteous divine ancestors, Joachim and Anna; of (N., the saint of the day.) whose memory we celebrate today and of all thy saints, we beseech thee, O only most merciful Lord, hearken unto the petitions of us sinners who make our supplications unto thee, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (Twelve times, in four sets of three.)

Priest: Through the mercy and compassions and love for mankind of thine only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Ektenia

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for our (metropolitan or archbishop or bishop), N.,

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, and pardon and forgiveness of sins, for (the servants of God, NN., and) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for our nation, that the Lord our God may bring us speedily to victory, and that He may establish peace on earth and good will among men.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for our President, our elected and appointed governmental officials, and all our civil authorities, that the Lord our God would grant them wisdom to rightly pursue justice and peace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for our relatives, friends, neighbors and fellow countrymen who combat our enemies, and for all who serve in the Armed Forces of our country; that the Lord our God may bring them safely out of every peril and danger, and ever sustain them with the comfort of His mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for all those who have been wounded by the hands of our enemies: for children, the aged, the infirm, the bereaved, and all those whom our enemies have harmed; for all those who labor to bring them comfort and solace in their hour of extreme necessity; that the Lord our God would look upon them with compassion; that He may comfort, strengthen, and preserve them; and that He may deliver them speedily from injury and distress.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have perished at the hands of our enemies, for all those who have given their lives for our country, (especially the Orthodox servant[s] of God N.); and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray that we may be preserved from wrath, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion, civil war, terrorism, and sudden death; that the Lord our God will be gracious, favorable, and conciliatory, and turn away and dispel all the wrath stirred up against us and all sickness, and may deliver us from His righteous chastisement which impendeth against us, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (forty times)

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord our God will hearken unto the voice of supplications of us sinners, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the Hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are afar off on the sea and in the air, and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, upon our sins, and have mercy on us.

For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord God of hosts, God of our salvation, God who alone doest wonders: In mercy and goodness look upon thy humble servants, and as the Lover of mankind hear us and have mercy on us. For, behold, our enemies have gathered themselves against us to destroy us and to bring ruin to our sanctuaries. Help us, O God our Savior, and deliver us, for the glory of thy name, and grant that we also may say with truth, as did Moses when he spoke to the people of Israel, and said: "Be bold, and stand fast; and you shall see the salvation that comes from the Lord. The Lord shall fight for you." Yea, O Lord God our Savior, our strength, our hope, and our protection: Remember not the transgressions and unrighteousness of thy people, and turn not away from us because of thine anger; but in mercy and

goodness look upon thine humble servants who bow down before thy loving-kindness. Rise up to help us, and grant us victory over our enemies in thy name. Grant forgiveness of sins to those, who in the mystery of thy dispensation, have lost their lives at the hands of our enemies, and on the day of thy just retribution bestow on them crowns of incorruption. For thou art the protection, the victory and the salvation of those who hope on thee, and to thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Hymn to the Virgin

(Tone 5)

Rejoice O Virgin, Theotokos Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

The Litany of Supplication

Deacon: Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy **to the first two petitions.**)

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord **to this and the remaining petitions.**)

An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Pardon and forgiveness of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

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

A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

Calling to remember our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To thee, O Lord.

Priest: For thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Deacon: Again and again, let us, on bended knees, pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Master, Lord God of our fathers, we beseech thee and we humbly implore thee: Behold mercifully the supplication of us, thine unworthy servants, and as of yore thou didst deign to ascend with Moses, thy well-pleasing servant, leading thy people Israel from Egypt to the promised land: so do thou now go with these warriors, and thyself be their Helper and Defender, and preserve them both at day and at night inviolate and unharmed from every evil circumstance, malady, famine and flood and every fear. And as thou didst strengthen Joshua the son of Nun by the cross-wise raising of Moses' hands upon Amalek and upon the Canaanite kingdom warring against them, that waste to Zeb, and Zebec and Salmana, and all their princes; and as thou didst aid Gideon with three hundred chosen men to vanquish the multitudes of Midian: so do thou grant these thy faithful servants, strength, power and a courageous heart, aid and protection. And like as thou didst assist the first among Christian sovereigns, Constantine, to conquer thy defiant foes by a heavenly manifestation: so do thou now mercifully grant triumph an vigorous vanquishment over enemies to these thy faithful servants; and encompass them in warfare from all directions with thine Angel; and arm them with the

power and defense of the precious and life-giving Cross, in the Name of thee, God the Father, and thy beloved Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and thy most holy and life-creating Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

The Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom.

Reader: Father, bless.

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.

The priest bows toward the icon of the Theotokos on the iconostasis, saying.

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

Reader: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: We magnify thee.

The priest bows toward the icon of Christ on the iconostasis, saying.

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

Choir: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Father, bless.

Priest: May (insert the appointed characteristic phrase), Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his all-immaculate and all-blameless holy mother; of (N., daily commemoration) of (N., patron saint of the church); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of (N., the saint of the day) whose memory we celebrate and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Then, facing the icon of Christ on the iconostasis, the priest says:

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

Choir: Amen.