

Canon of St. Andrew of Crete – Wednesday

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

READER: Amen, Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, You are everywhere and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life. Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have Mercy on us. (3x)

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

Most Holy Trinity: have mercy on us. Lord: cleanse us from our sins. Master: pardon our transgressions. Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

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

PRIEST: For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

PSALM 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt! Let them be appalled because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!" May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is Great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my Help and my Deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry!

Heirmos 1: A helper and a protector, He has become my salvation. He is my God, I will glorify Him; my fathers' God, I will exalt Him, for greatly has He been glorified.

Refrain: *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

(Priest): From my youth, O Savior, I have disregarded Your commandments, and passed my life in passions and laziness. But now I cry to You, "Even at the end, save me!"

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O Savior, do not cast me down to hell, even though in old age I lie at Your gate empty of virtue. But in Your love for mankind forgive my sins before I die.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

My soul has been wasted in evil habits, and now empty of the fruits of virtue I am in great hunger. Therefore, I cry to You, O merciful Father, "Watch over me and have mercy on me."

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

My own thoughts like thieves have attacked me, wounding me and covering me with sores. Come now, O Christ my Savior, to heal me.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

A priest was the first to see me naked and in dreadful condition, but he passed by on the opposite side of the road. Then a Levite came but he too ignored me. O Jesus, Who dawned on the world from Mary, come now Yourself and have pity on me.

O Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt, pray unto God for us.

Grant me the brightness of grace from Divine Providence, O Mary that escaping the darkness of passions I may eagerly sing of your blessed conversion.

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

O Trinity above all essence and worshipped as One God, take from me the heavy burden of sin, and since You are compassionate, grant me tears of repentance.

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

O Theotokos, Hope and Protection of those who sing to you, take from me the heavy burden of sin and as our pure Lady accept me as I repent.

Heirmos 2: Attend, O heavens, and I shall speak and sing in praise of Christ, Who from a Virgin came to us in the flesh.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like David stealing Bathsheba, I have fallen and become polluted through passions. O Savior, cleanse me in my tears.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have no tears, no repentance, no compunction – my God and Savior, grant these to me!

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I lie naked, having torn the garment which my Creator fashioned for me in the beginning.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Despite their calling to the Bridegroom, “Lord, Lord, let us in,” the foolish virgins found the door to the feast still locked to them. Yet like them will I entreat You, O Lord: Open Your door to me as I repent.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O Savior, hear the sighing of my soul. Accept the tears which drop from my eyes and save me.

O Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt, pray unto God for us.

You overturned your life of sin, O Mary, and eagerly ran to Christ, following His path through a pathless wilderness. And in purity and love you fulfilled His commands.

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

O God of all, I sing of You as One yet three in Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

O most-holy Theotokos, Virgin alone praised everywhere – pray fervently that we may be saved.

Heirmos 3: On the unshaken rock of your commandments, O Christ, establish my wandering mind.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

You have neither inherited a blessing like Shem, O my wretched soul, nor like Japhet acquired vast possessions in the land of forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Come out from sin, O my soul, as Abraham once came out of the land of Haran. Come to the land flowing with everlasting incorruption which he inherited.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Having heard, O my soul, how Abraham left the land of his ancestors to become a wanderer, imitate his resolution.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

At the Oak of Mamre the Patriarch Abraham offered hospitality to angels, and in his old age inherited the prize of God's promise.

Have mercy on me, O God, Have mercy on me.

O my wretched soul, knowing Isaac to be a new sacrifice mystically offered to the Lord, imitate also his resolution.

O Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt. Pray unto God for us.

I am caught in a storm and tossed about by sin, O Mother, but guide me through and lead me to the safe harbor of repentance.

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

One simple and uncreated nature without beginning Whom we praise as God in Trinity – save us who in faith worship Your power.

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

Without seed you gave birth in time to the timeless Son of the Father, O Theotokos, and – O strange wonder! – you nourished Him at your breast while remaining a virgin.

Heirmos 4: The prophet heard of your coming and was afraid, O Lord; how you were to be born of a Virgin and revealed to men; and he cried out: I have heard the report of you, and I was afraid. Glory to your strength, O Lord!

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

My body is defiled, my spirit is impure. I am covered with sores. But as our Physician, O Christ, wash, heal, and cleanse me in repentance to make me whiter than snow.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

You offered Your Body and Blood for all, O crucified Word, that I might be renewed and washed. You surrendered Your Spirit to the Father that I might be brought to Him.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Accepting voluntarily to be nailed to a Tree, You accomplished salvation in the center of the earth, O Creator. Eden, which had been closed to us is open again, and all of creation, both in heaven and on earth, is saved and worships You.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Let the blood and water which flowed from Your side be a fountain of living water and deliverance from captivity to sin. May they cleanse, refresh and anoint me as do Your living words, O Word.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Cast out of the banquet for lack of clothes fitting to wear, I awoke with an empty lamp like the foolish virgins to find the door to the bridal-chamber also closed to me. The supper is eaten but I lay cast out, bound tightly hand and foot.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

The Church has been given Your life-creating side as a chalice, O Savior, from which to drink both deliverance and wisdom – which we understand as images of the two Testaments, both Old and New.

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

I confess You as One God in Trinity, a single essence unconfused in Persons, co-enthroned and co-ruling. And I sing to You: “Holy! Holy! Holy!” – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

As a virgin you gave birth, and a virgin you remained by nature, your womb giving birth painlessly for He who was born of you renewed the laws of nature, since when God wills the order of nature is overthrown.

Heirmos 5: Keeping vigil through the night, O Lover of mankind, I pray you: enlighten me, and guide me in Your commandments, and teach me, O Savior, always to do Your will.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like Jannes and Jambres, the magicians in service to Pharaoh who opposed Moses, I have opposed You, O Lord, and become burdened in body and soul. My mind has fallen into grief. Come now to help me.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I am in a hopeless state, O Lord, for my mind finds attraction in corruption. Cleanse me now in my tears to make the garment of my flesh whiter than snow.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

In considering my deeds, O Savior, I see that in sin I surpass all people – for the wrong I commit is done knowingly rather than in ignorance.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Spare me Your creature, O Lord, for I have sinned yet now seek forgiveness from You, for You alone are pure by nature; no one else is free from defilement.

Have mercy on me O God, have mercy on me.

Because of Your love for mankind, O Savior, You became incarnate and worked miracles: helping lepers, freeing paralytics, and stopping a woman's severe bleeding at just the touch of Your robe.

O Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt, pray unto God for us.

You found peace, O Mother Mary, after crossing the Jordan River, for the soul-destroying pleasures enjoyed a deserted place to roam. Now by your prayers deliver us also from these evil pleasures.

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

We glorify You, O Trinity, One in Essence, and we praise and adore You forever, singing: "Holy! Holy! Holy!" – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

God, the Creator of all things, became incarnate through you, O Pure Virgin Mother, uniting our human nature to Himself.

Heirmos 6: From the depths of hell I cried with all my heart to the merciful God, and He heard me, and He

raised up my life from corruption.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me,

As Joshua subdued Amalek and the lying Gibeonites, arise, O my soul, and subdue the weakness of your flesh, conquering everything which leads your mind astray.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Pass through the River of Time as once the Covenant Box crossed the River Jordan, to take possession of the Promised Land in obedience to God's command.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

As once You heard Peter's cry for help, so now protect me, O Savior, and deliver me from Satan's power by pulling me from the depths of sin.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I know You as a calm haven from the storm of transgressions, O Christ my Savior. Protect and deliver me from the depths of my innermost sin and despair.

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

"I AM the Trinity, simple and undivided in Essence, yet distinct in Persons. I AM also the Unity, united in Nature," says God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

Your womb, O Theotokos, held God who for our sakes took human form. Implore Him, the Creator of all, that through your prayers we may be justified.

Kontakion in Tone 6:

My soul, my soul arise! Why are you sleeping? The end is approaching and you will be confounded. Awake then, and be watchful, that you may be spared by Christ God, Who is everywhere present and fills all things.

Heirmos 7: We have sinned, we have transgressed, we have done evil in your sight. We have not kept or followed Your commandments. But do not reject us utterly, O God of our fathers.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Manasseh sinned of his own choice, setting up his lust as idols and increasing the abomination of false gods in Israel. Later, however, he repented and humbled himself before the Lord. Emulate his return, O my soul, and acquire compunction.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Ahab did more to arouse God's anger than all the Kings of Israel before him, yet you are his rival in sin, O my soul. Cry out now with your whole heart, confessing your sins to God.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Heaven is shut to you, O my soul; a famine sent from God has laid hold of you as it once did Ahab for disobeying Elijah the Tishbite. But imitate how the woman of Zarepath who by feeding the prophet alone received food by a miracle

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Elijah once called down fire on Jezebel's troops and killed her shameful prophets as a rebuke for Ahab's idolatry. Avoid all likeness to these two, O my soul, and strive to discipline yourself.

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

Simple and undivided, One in Essence and Nature, Light and Lights, One Holy and Three Holies – God is praised as Trinity. So sing praises to Him, O my soul, and glorify the Life and Lives, the God of all.

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

We praise you, we bless and venerate you, O Theotokos, for from the undivided Trinity you brought forth the Only Son of God and restored to us on earth the heavenly realms.

Heirmos 8: The hosts of heaven to Him give glory. The cherubim and seraphim before Him stand in awe. Let every breath and creature praise Him, bless Him, and exalt Him throughout all ages.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my righteous Judge and Savior, have mercy on me! Deliver me from eternal fire and the sentence of condemnation which I so justly deserve. Grant that by repentance and increase of virtue, I may obtain forgiveness before it is too late.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

With the thief I cry to You, "Remember me!" Like Peter I weep bitterly, "Forgive me, O Lord!" Receive my broken spirit as once You accepted the tax collector's prayer and the prostitute's tears. The ceaseless entreaty of the Canaanite woman moved You to compassion – so have mercy on me as well, O Lord.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Heal my corrupt life, my only Savior and Physician. Pour out your grace on my heart like the Good Samaritan's ointments, that with Your help I may bear the fruits which will show that I have changed. Then all my wounds of sin shall be healed.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like the Canaanite woman I cry to You, "Have mercy on me, O Son of David!" Like the woman with severe bleeding, I touch the hem of Your robe, and like Mary and Martha over Lazarus, I weep before You.

Let us bless the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Lord.

O Eternal Father, Co-eternal Son, and Gracious Comforter, the Spirit of Truth: O Father of the Divine Word, Word of the Eternal Father, and Life-Creating Spirit – Trinity in Unity – have mercy on us.

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

O Pure Virgin, the flesh of Emmanuel was formed within your womb as a robe of royal crimson is spun from scarlet silk. We proclaim you to be the Theotokos.

Heirmos 9: Conception without seed; birth past understanding, from a mother who never knew a man; childbearing undefiled. For nature is renewed by the birth of God. Therefore with true worship all generations magnify you as Mother and Bride of God.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Christ the Word healed diseases, preached the Good News to the poor and cured cripples. He ate with tax-collectors, spoke with outcasts, and by just the touch of His hand recalled Jairus' daughter from death.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

By repenting, the tax-collector was saved and the prostitute purified, but the outwardly-righteous Pharisee was condemned for his pride. For the first cried; "O God be merciful to me!" The second entreated mercy. But the last in his foolish vanity simply sought to justify himself.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Zacchaeus was a tax-collector yet obtained salvation, while Simon the Pharisee was saddened by the kindness Christ showed a prostitute, for she received complete forgiveness of her sin from Him Who has power to grant forgiveness. Now, O my soul, imitate her and receive the same for yourself.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my soul, you have not imitated the prostitute, who having washed the Savior's feet with her tears anointed them with perfumed ointment from a costly jar. For this, the Lord proclaimed to her, "Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven, for your faith has saved you."

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my soul, you know the curse upon the towns, which hearing Christ's preaching of the Good News, refused to accept it. Fear, lest the same happen to you, for comparing them to Sodom, the Master condemned them to hell.

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my soul, do not despair, for have you not heard how the daughter of the Canaanite woman was healed by a word from God? Therefore, imitate her faith and cry out to Christ from the depths of your heart: "O Son of David, save me!"

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

We glorify the Father, we exalt the Son, and we worship the Holy Spirit – the indivisible Trinity Who exists as One – the Light and Lights, the Life and Lives Who grants light and life to the ends of the world.

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

O Purest Theotokos, preserve your people, for through you we are kept faithful, strengthened and made able to overcome every temptation, trial and tribulation.

O Venerable Father Andrew, pray unto God for us.

O Honorable Andrew, thrice-blessed Pastor of Crete, never cease praying to God for those who sing your praises, that He may deliver from anger, sorrow, corruption, and countless sins all of us who faithfully honor your memory.

Heirmos 9: Conception without seed; birth past understanding, from a mother who never knew a man; childbearing undefiled. For nature is renewed by the birth of God. Therefore with true worship all generations magnify you as Mother and Bride of God.

Compline

Psalm 4

READER: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. O people, how long will you be slow of heart? How long will you love vain words, and seek lies? You know that the Lord has magnified his holy one. The Lord hears me when I call to him. Be angry, but sin not; commune with your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? The light of your countenance has been marked on us, O Lord!" You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine and oil abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God! (3x)

PRIEST: God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

CHOIR: God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

PRIEST: Hear this, all you ends of the earth!

Submit yourselves, you mighty ones!

Even if your strength returns, you shall be overthrown once more.

If you take counsel together, the Lord will scatter you.

If you speak a word, it will never stand, even among yourselves.

We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled. For the Lord our God is holy, and him will we fear.

If I trust in him, he will be my sanctification. I will wait for him; he will save me.

Behold, I and the children God has given me.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them has a light shined.

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.

And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

And of his peace, there shall be no end.

And his name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel. Wonderful, Counselor.

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The Father of the world to come.

Submit yourselves, you mighty ones!

Even if your strength returns, you shall be overthrown once more.

If you take counsel together, the Lord will scatter you.
If you speak a word, it will never stand, even among yourselves.
We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled. For the Lord our God is holy, and him will we fear.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

CHOIR: God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

The Troparia of Thanksgiving

READER: Now that the day is over, I thank you, O Lord, and I pray that I may pass the evening and the night without sin. Grant this, O Savior and save me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now that the day is over, I glorify you, O Master, and I pray that I may pass the evening and the night without giving offense. Grant this, O Savior, and save me. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Now that the day is over, I praise you, O Holy One, and I pray that I may pass the evening and the night without temptation. Grant this, O Savior, and save me.

The Creed

PEOPLE: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He arose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

[The following invocations are sung antiphonally between priest and choir.]

PRIEST: O All-Holy Sovereign Lady, Theotokos, pray for us sinners.
O heavenly hosts of angels and archangels, pray for us sinners.
O holy John, Prophet and Forerunner and Baptist of our Lord, Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners.
O holy, glorious apostles, prophets and martyrs, and all you saints, pray for us sinners.
O our holy God-bearing fathers, mothers, pastors, and teachers of the universe, pray for us sinners.
O Holy Apostle Paul, pray for us sinners.
O Blessed Father Herman, pray for us sinners.
O Holy Hierarch Innocent, pray for us sinners.
O Invincible, Ineffable, and Divine power of the Honorable and Life-Giving Cross, forsake not us sinners.
O God, cleanse us sinners. (2x)
O God, cleanse us sinners and have mercy on us.

CHOIR: Lighten my eyes, O Christ God, that I sleep not unto death, lest my enemy say: I have prevailed against him.

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

CHOIR: Be the Defender of my soul O God, for I walk amid a multitude of snares. Deliver me from them and

save me, O Good One: for You love mankind.

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

CHOIR: Since we have no boldness because of our many iniquities. O Virgin Theotokos, fervently entreat Him who was born of you. For the prayer of a mother avails much unto the goodness of the Master. Do not despise the petitions of us sinners, O All-Pure one, for He is gracious and mighty to save, for He willed to suffer for our sakes.

Psalm 143

READER: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications. In your truth, answer me, in your righteousness. Enter not into judgment with your servant; for no one who lives is righteous before you. For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I muse on what your hands have made. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord, my spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of your mercy, for in you have I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you have I lifted up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to you for refuge! Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good spirit lead me on a level path! For your name's sake, O Lord, you will give me life! In your righteousness you will bring me out of trouble! And in your mercy you will cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant. Answer me, O Lord, in your righteousness. Enter not into judgment with your servant. Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path!

The Lesser Doxology

READER: Glory to God in the highest; peace and goodwill among people on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you because of your great glory: O Lord and King, heavenly God and Father Almighty; O Lord and only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and you, O Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy; you alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever. O Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said, Lord, have mercy on me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. O Lord, I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light will we see light. Continue your mercy unto those who know you.

Grant, O Lord, that we may be kept this night without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name for ever. Amen.

Let your mercy be upon us, O Lord, for we have put our hope in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master, make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy One, enlighten me with your statutes. Your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever; do not despise the work of your hands. To You belongs praise, to you belongs honor, to you belongs glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: 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 unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

The Praises

CHOIR: Remain with us, O Lord of Hosts. In affliction we have no other helper but Thee. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us. Praise God in His Sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty firmament. Remain with us, O Lord of Host. In affliction we have no helper but Thee. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us. Praise Him for His mighty deeds, praise Him according to His exceeding greatness. Remain with us, O Lord of Hosts. In affliction we have no other helper but Thee. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us. Praise Him with trumpet sound, praise Him with lute and harp. Remain with us, O Lord of Hosts. In affliction we have no other helper but Thee. O Lord of hosts, have mercy on us. Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with string and pipe. Remain with us, O Lord of Hosts. In affliction we have no helper but Thee. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us. Praise Him with sounding cymbals, praise Him with loud clashing cymbals. Remain with us, O Lord of Hosts. In affliction we have no other helper but Thee. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us. Praise God in His Sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty firmament. Remain with us, O Lord of Hosts. In affliction we have no other helper but Thee. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. O Lord, if we did not have Thy saints as intercessors and Thy merciful loving-kindness; how could we dare to praise Thee, O Savior, whom angels glorify ceaselessly; O Seer of hearts, have pity on our souls. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Great is the multitude of my transgressions, O Theotokos. I run to you, O Pure One, seeking salvation. Visit my ailing soul, and entreat your Son and our God, to grant me remission of the awful things I have done, O Only Blessed One. Do not forsake me throughout all the days of my life, O All-Holy Theotokos. Do not turn me over to the protection of men, but help me and have mercy on me. All my hope have I placed in you, O Holy Theotokos. Protect me beneath your veil.

READER: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

The Prayer of the Hours

In every season and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, You are worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, long-suffering, great in mercy and compassion. You love the righteous and show mercy on sinners. You call everyone to salvation through the promise of blessings to come. Do You Yourself, O Lord, accept also our prayer at this hour and direct our lives according to Your commandments.

Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds, and deliver us from all affliction, evil and distress. Surround us with Your holy angels, that guarded and guided by them we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory; for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

More honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. We magnify you, the true Theotokos.

In the name of the Lord, bless Father.

PRIEST: O God, be gracious to us and bless us. Make Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

READER: Amen.

The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

PRIEST and PEOPLE:

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

(Prostration)

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

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. *(Prostration)*

O God, cleanse me, a sinner. (12x)

[Then the entire prayer of St. Ephrem is read and a single prostration is made at the end.]

The Prayer of Supplication to Our Lord Jesus Christ by the Monk Antiochus of the Pandect Monastery

PRIEST: Grant unto us, O Master, as we lay down to sleep, rest of both soul and body, and preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin and from every dark and nocturnal passion. Calm the impulses of carnal desire, and quench the fiery darts of the Evil One which are craftily directed against us. Still our every earthly and material desire, and grant unto us, O God, a watchful mind, chaste reason, a sober heart, and gentle sleep, free from every vision of the Devil. Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in Your precepts, and holding steadfastly to Your commandments. Grant that all night long we may sing praises unto You, and may sing, bless and glorify Your all-honorable and majestic Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

PRIEST: O exceedingly glorious, ever-Virgin Theotokos, carry our prayers unto your Son and our God, and implore Him that, through you, He will save our souls.

A Prayer of St. Ioannikius

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

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

PRIEST: (while kneeling, faces the people saying:)

O Master, great in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God; through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; through the might of the precious and Life-Giving Cross; through the prayers of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy, glorious and gloriously triumphant Martyrs; of our venerable and God-Bearing Fathers; of the holy, righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of our venerable Father Herman, Elder and Wonderworker of Alaska; and the Saints who have shone forth in North America; and of all the Saints: Make our prayer acceptable. Grant unto us remission of our iniquities. Hide us under the shadow of Your wings. Drive far from us every foe and adversary. Give peace to our life. Have mercy upon us and upon Your world, O Lord, and save our souls, forasmuch as You are merciful and love mankind.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST: Pray for me, Brothers and Sisters. Forgive me, a sinner. *(Prostration)*

PEOPLE: May God forgive you, Father (*Name*), and forgive us, also. For He is a forgiving God.

PRIEST: Let us pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan (*Name*); for His (Eminence) Grace, our (Arch)Bishop(*Name*); for the whole episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America; for the honorable priesthood, those in monastic orders, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people:

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (*Repeat softly throughout all petitions*)

PRIEST: For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces:

For those who hate us and those who love us:

For those who are kind to us and those who serve us:

For those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy though we may be:

For the release of prisoners:

For those who are absent for worthy cause:

For those who are traveling by land, by sea or in the air:

For those who lie in sickness:

For the abundance of the fruits of the earth and for seasonable weather:

For those who are persecuted for the Faith:

For every soul of Orthodox Christians:

For the Orthodox bishops and for the founders and benefactors of our seminaries, monasteries, and chapels of prayer of our holy Church and for the staff, the teachers, servers and the confessors who labor therein:

For the founders and benefactors of this holy temple (or house, or habitation) and for those who labor, serve, and sing herein:

For our parents and brethren and for all Orthodox believers departed this life before us, who here, and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord:

And let us say also for ourselves:

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us.

PEOPLE: Amen, Amen.