

MATINS

With the Penitential Canon Of Saint Andrew Of Crete

This liturgical service is celebrated on the fifth Thursday of the Holy Great Fast

STAND

The priest comes before the closed Royal Door vested in a red epitrachilion, makes three small bows and begins:

Priest: Glory be to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating, and undivided Trinity, to the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit, always, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

Priest: Glory be (+) to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

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SIT

Psalm 3

(use the Great Fast Psalmatic melodies)

O Lord, how many are my adversaries!

Many rise up against me!

Many are saying of me,

"There is no salvation for him in God."

But You, O Lord, are my Shield;

My Glory, You lift up my head!

When I call out to the Lord,

He answers me from His holy mountain.

When I lie down in sleep,

I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

I fear not the myriads of people

arrayed against me on every side.

Rise up, O Lord!

Save me, my God!

For You strike all my enemies on the cheek;

The teeth of the wicked you break.

Salvation is the Lord's!

Upon Your people, be Your blessing!

When I lie down in sleep,
I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

STAND

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory (+) be to You, O God! (3x's)

SIT

EKTENIA OF PEACE

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

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For peace from on high, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For peace in the whole world, for the well-being of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy Church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our holy ecumenical Pontiff John Paul, the Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our most reverend Archbishop and Metropolitan Judson, for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our civil authorities and for all those in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this city, for every city and countryside, and for those living within them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

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

Response: Lord, have mercy.

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

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us and preserve us, O God, by Your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Remembering our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Response: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For to You is due all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

STAND

ALLELUIA

(Tone of the week)

Priest: My spirit yearns for You in the night * yes, my spirit within me keeps vigil for You.

When Your judgment dawns upon the earth, * the world's inhabitants learn justice.

Let them be shamed when they see Your zeal for Your people; * let the fire prepared for Your enemies consume them.

You have increased the nation, O Lord, * increased the nation to Your own glory.

SIT

TRIADIKON

(Troparion Tone 8)

RESPONSE: Let us follow the ranks of the angels * and lift up our hearts to heaven. * Let us bow down in fear before the Judge, * singing praise with the triumphal hymn: * "holy, holy, holy, are You, O God!" * Through the prayers of Your holy apostles and Saint Nicholas, * have mercy on us!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

The Cherubim do not dare to gaze upon You, * but hover around You, crying out with joy, * chanting the divine song, the thrice-holy hymn. * Together with them, we also

cry out: * "holy, holy, holy, are You, O God!" * Through the prayers of all Your saints, have mercy on us!

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Since we stoop beneath the burden of our sins * and dare not lift up our eyes to Your height, * we bow in spirit and body and cry out to You * with the angels singing this hymn: * "holy, holy, holy, are You, O God!" * Through the intercession of the God bearer, * have mercy on us!

Lord, have mercy (3x's). Glory be to the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

KNEEL

PSALM 50

King David's Prayer of Repentance

O God, have mercy on me in the greatness of Your love;
in the abundance of Your tender mercies wipe out my offense.

Wash me thoroughly from malice
and cleanse me from sin.

For I am well aware of my malice
and my sin is before me always.

It is You alone I have offended,
I have done what is evil in Your sight.

Wherefore You are just in Your deeds
and triumphant in Your judgment.

Behold, I was born in my iniquities
and in sin my mother conceived me.

But You are the Lover of Truth:
You have shown me the depths and secrets of Your Wisdom.

Wash me with hyssop and I shall be pure,
cleanse me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear sounds of joy and feasting:
the bones that were afflicted shall rejoice.

Turn Your Face away from my offenses
and wipe off all my sins.

A spotless heart create in me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit in my breast.

Cast me not afar from Your Face,
take not Your blessed Spirit out of me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
and let Your guiding Spirit dwell in me.

I will teach Your ways to the sinners,
and the wicked shall return to You.

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

THE GREAT CANON

We now chant the first part of the Great Canon of St. Andrew. The hirmosi and the refrains are sung by the congregation. The troparia will be chanted by the priest. After each refrain, a Metany or great prostration is made.

STAND

I. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 1):

Response: He is my helper and Protector, * and He has become my Salvation. * This is my God, and I will glorify Him; * my father's God, and I will exalt Him. * For gloriously has He been glorified.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: Where shall I begin to lament the deeds of my wretched life? * What first-fruit shall I offer, O Christ, for my present lamentations? * But in your compassion grant me release from my faults. (Refrain)

I have sinned, O Savior, yet I know that You are the Lover of Mankind. You strike compassionately and pity warmly. You see me weeping and run towards me as the Father recalling the Prodigal. (Refrain)

Enter not into judgment with me, by recording my deeds, demanding an account of my words, and examining my motives and desires. But in Your compassion discard my terrible past and save me, O God All-Powerful.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

Grant me that illuminating grace from on high given to you by Divine Providence that I may escape the darkening of the passions and fervently sing of the thrilling achievements of your life, O Mary the Egyptian.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

By your prayers, O Andrew, deliver us from degrading passions, and make us, who with faith and love sing of you, partakers now of the Kingdom of Christ, O renowned father, we pray.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Superessential Trinity, adored in Unity, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Your compassion grant me tears of compunction.

Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

O Godbearer, hope and intercessor of those who sing of you, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and as you are our pure Lady, accept me who repent.

II. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 2):

Response: Attend, O heaven, and I will speak, * and will sing of Christ Who came to dwell among us in the flesh * which He took from the Virgin.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: Attend, O heaven, and I will speak, * O earth, give ear to a voice repenting to God, * and singing praises to Him. (Refrain)

I am clad in a coat that is spotted and shamefully bloodstained by the flow of my passionate and pleasure-loving life. (Refrain)

Give ear to the sighs and groans of my soul, and accept the drops of my eyes, O Savior, and save me.

Refrain: O Most Holy Godbearer, save us!

O Spotless Godbearer, only hymned Virgin, pray intensely that we may be saved.

II a HIRMOS (Tone 6, Ode 2)

Response: See, see that I am God, Who rained manna * and made water spout from the rock of old for My people in the wilderness, * by My right hand, and by My strength alone.

Troparia

Priest: See, see that I am God: give ear, my soul, to the Lord Who is appealing to you and tear yourself from your former sin, and fear Him as the Avenger, and as Your Judge and God. (Refrain)

"I have killed a man to the wounding of myself," said Lamech, "and a young man to my own hurt," he cried out wailing. But you, O my soul, do not tremble, while polluting the flesh and defiling the mind. (Refrain)

Know and see that I am God, Who searches hearts, punishes thoughts, reproves actions, and burns sins, and judges the orphan, the humble and the poor.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

You did stretch out your hands to the merciful God, O Mary, when sunk in the lowest vices. And He Who by every means was seeking your conversion, lovingly stretched out a helping hand as to Peter.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

Let us see, let us see, O soul, our Lord and God's love for mankind. So before the end let us fall down before Him with tears and cry out: By the prayers of our father Andrew of Crete, O Savior, have mercy on us.

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: O unoriginate, uncreated Trinity, indivisible Unity, accept me who repent, save me who have sinned. I am Your creation, despise me not, but spare me and deliver me from the fire of condemnation..

Response: Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Priest: O spotless Lady, Godbearer, hope of those who run to you, and haven of those in distress, obtain grace for me from the merciful One, your Son and Creator, by your prayers.

III. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 3):

Response: Establish Your Church on the unshakable rock * of Your commandments, O Christ.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: I confess to You O Savior, I have sinned, I have sinned against You, but absolve and forgive me in Your compassion. (Refrain)

You are the good Shepherd, seek me, Your lamb, and neglect not me who have gone astray.

Refrain: O Most Holy Trinity our God, have mercy on us.

O Trinity, Unity, God, save us from delusion and temptations and distressing circumstances

Refrain: O Most Holy Godbearer, save us!

Rejoice, God-receiving womb! Rejoice, throne of the Lord! Rejoice, Mother of our Life!

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

III a HIRMOS (Tone 6, Ode 2)

Response: Establish, O Lord, my unstable heart on the rock of Your commandments, * for You alone are Holy and Lord!

Troparia

Priest: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against You. Be merciful to me. For there is no one who has sinned among men whom I have not surpassed by my sins.
(Refrain)

Reject not the prayer of those who praise You, O Lord; but have compassion on us, O Lover of mankind, and to those who ask with faith, grant forgiveness.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

I am hard pressed by the waves and billows of my sins, mother Mary the Egyptian. But now bring me safely through, and lead me to the haven of divine repentance.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

By your prayers grant me release from my debts, O Father Andrew, prelate of Crete, for you are an unsurpassed guide to the mysteries of repentance.

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: O simple, uncreated Unity, unorginate Nature praised in a Trinity of Persons, save us who with faith worship Your power.

Response: Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Priest: O Godbearer: unwedded, you gave birth in time to the timeless Son of the Father. And, O strange wonder! You remained a Virgin while nourishing Him.

SIDALION

(Troparion Tone 8)

O divinely shining lights, Apostles and eye-witnesses of the Savior, * enlighten us in the darkness of life, * that we may walk honestly as in the day, * routing the passions of the night with the lamp of temperance and continence, * and may see the glorious Passion of Christ rejoicing.

IV. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 4):

Response: The Prophet heard of Your coming, O Lord, * and was afraid that You were to be born of a Virgin and appear to me, * and he said, "I have heard the report of You and am afraid." * Glory be to Your power, O Lord!

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: Despise not Your works, and forsake not Your creation, O just Judge and Lover of mankind, * though I alone have sinned as a man more than any other man. * But being Lord of all, You have the power to pardon sins. (Refrain)

You have wrought salvation in the midst of the earth, O merciful Creator, that we may be saved. You were voluntarily crucified on the Tree: Eden that was closed

is open; things on high and below, creation and all peoples are saved and worship You.
(Refrain)

I have not listened to Your voice, I have disobeyed Your Scripture, O Lawgiver, but accept me in repentance and recall me to awareness of You. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Savior, have compassion on me.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

By living a bodiless life in a body, O Saint, you have truly received great grace from God to intercede for those who faithfully honor you. Therefore, we implore you: deliver us by your prayers from trials of all kinds.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

O Andrew, glory of the Fathers, standing before the transcendently divine Trinity, by your prayers cease not to intercede that we who invoke you with love may be delivered from torment, O divine intercessor, adornment of Crete.

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: I confess You to be undivided in essence, unconfused in persons, One Triune Divinity, co-enthroned and co-reigning. I sing You the great song thrice sung on high.

Response: Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Priest: You gave birth and lived a virgin life, and in both remained a virgin by nature. He Who is born of you renews the laws of nature, and a womb gives birth without travail. Where God wills, the order of nature is overruled; for He does whatever He wishes.

V. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 5):

Response: Throughout the night as I watch in the early hours for You, * enlighten me, I pray, O Lover of mankind, * and guide me in Your commandments, * and teach me, O Savior, to do Your will!

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: I have passed my life ever in night, for the night of sin has been to me thick fog and darkness; * but make me, O Savior, a son of the day (Refrain)

Imagine Moses' staff striking the sea and fixing the deep as a type of divine Cross, by which you too, my soul, can accomplish great things. (Refrain)

May my tears be for me a Siloam, O Sovereign Lord, that I may wash the eyes of my soul and mentally see You Who are that light which was before creation.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

You all blessed one, did yearn with matchless love and longing to worship the Tree of Life, and your desire was granted; make us also worthy to attain to the glory on high.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

Eminent as the best of pastors, O wise Father Andrew of Crete, I pray you with great love and veneration that by your intercessions I may obtain salvation and eternal life.

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: You, O Trinity, we glorify, the One God: Holy, Holy, Holy, are You, Father, Son (+), and Spirit, simple Being, Unity ever adored.

Response: Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Priest: From you, O pure maiden Mother and Virgin, God Who created the worlds and ages was clad in my clay and united to Himself human nature.

VI. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 6):

Response: I cried out with my whole heart to the merciful God, * and He heard me from the bottomless pit * and raised my life out of corruption.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: I sincerely offer You with a pure intention, O Savior, the tears of my eyes and the groans from the depths of my heart, crying: * O God, I have sinned against You; be merciful to me! (**Refrain**)

Let Moses' hand assure us, O my soul, how God can whiten and cleanse a leprous life. * So do not despair of yourself, even though you are leprous. (**Refrain**)

I am the coin with the royal image which was lost of old, O Savior, but light the lamp, Your fore-runner, O Word; seek and find Your image.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

To extinguish the flame of the passions, O Mother Mary the Egyptian, you did ever shed tears and fire your soul with divine love. Grant also to me, your servant, the grace of tears.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

Knowing you to be the shepherd and prelate of Crete and intercessor for the world, O Father Andrew, I run to you and cry: Deliver me, father, from the depths of sin.

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: I am the Trinity, simple and undivided, divided Personally, and am the Unity, united in nature, says the Father, Son (+) and the Divine Spirit.

Response: Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Priest: Your womb bore God for us Who took our form. Implore Him as the Creator of all, O Godbearer, that through your intercessions we may be justified.

SIT

Priest: Again and again, let us pray to the Lord God in peace.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us and preserve us, O God by Your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Remembering our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, The Mother of God, and ever-Virgin Mary, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Response: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For You are the King of Peace and Savior of our souls, and to You do we give glory, Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

STAND**Kondakion**

(Tone 6)

O my soul, O my soul, arise! * Why are you sleeping? * The end is drawing near, and you will be confounded. * Awake, then and be watchful * so that Christ our God may spare You, * for He is everywhere present and fills all things.

VII. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 7):

Response: We have sinned, transgressed, done wrong before You, * we have not watched or done as You have commanded us. * But do not give us up utterly, O God of our Fathers.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: I have sinned, offended, and rejected Your commandment, for I have advanced in sins and added wounds to my sores. * But in Your compassion have mercy on me, O God of our Fathers. (Refrain)

Wonderful Solomon, who was full of the grace of wisdom, at one time did evil in God's sight and fell away from Him. And you, my soul, have resembled him by your accursed life. (Refrain)

My days have vanished like a dream on waking. Therefore, I weep on my bed like Hezekiah that years may be added to my life. But what Isaiah will come to you, my soul, except the God of all?

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

To By crying to the Immaculate Mother of God, you did repel the rage of passions which once violently harassed you, and did put to shame the enemy tempter. But now grant me, your servant, also help out of trouble.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

Strengthen me on the rock of faith by your intercessions, O father, and surround and fortify me with an awed sense of the divine indwelling, and grant me repentance, O Andrew, now. And I implore you to deliver me from the snares of foes actively seeking my life.

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: O Trinity simple and undivided, of one essence and one nature, Lights and Light, three Holies and one Holy, God the Trinity is hymned. But sing, my soul, and glorify the Life and Lives, the God of all.

Response: Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Priest: We sing of you, we bless you, we venerate you, O Godbearer, for you gave birth to the one of the inseparable Trinity, the one Son and God, and to us on earth you have opened the heavenly realms.

VIII. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 8):

Response: Him Whom the heavenly hosts glorify * and before Whom Cherubim and Seraphim tremble, * let every breath and all creation * praise, bless and exalt throughout the ages.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: I have sinned, O Savior, have mercy! Awaken my mind to conversion; accept me who repent; have compassion on me as I cry: "Against You only have I sinned and acted lawlessly; have mercy on me." (Refrain)

You have heard, my soul, of Daniel's in the lion's den, and how he shut the beasts' mouth. You know how the children who were with Azariah extinguished the flames of the burning furnace by faith. (Refrain)

Though no one has sinned against You as I, yet accept even me, O compassionate Savior, repenting with fear and crying with love: Against You only have I sinned. I have done wrong, have mercy on me.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

The Mother of the unwaning Light enlightened you, and freed you from the darkness of the passions. So now you are admitted to the grace of the Spirit, enlighten, O Mary the Egyptian, those who faithfully praise you.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

As you have boldness with the Lord, O Father Andrew, venerable credit of Crete, intercede, I implore you, that by your prayers I may now find release from the chain of my sins, O teacher of repentance, glory of saints.

Response: Let us bless the Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, the Lord.

Priest: O Eternal Father, Co-eternal Son (+), Gracious Comforter, Spirit of Truth; Father of the Divine Word, Word of the Eternal Father, living and creative Spirit, Trinity Unity, have mercy on us.

Response: Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

Priest: As from scarlet silk, O spotless Virgin, within your womb the spiritual purple was woven, the flesh of Emmanuel. * Therefore, we honor you as truly the Godbearer.

IX. Hirmos (Tone 6, Ode 9):

Response: Ineffable is the childbearing of a seedless conception, * unsullied the pregnancy of a Virgin Mother, * for the birth of God renews nature. * So in all generations we magnify you in true veneration as a Mother and Bride of God.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! (Metany)

Troparia

Priest: The Law has grown weak, the Gospel is unpracticed, the whole of the Scriptures is ignored by you. The Prophets and every word of the Just has lost its power. * Your wounds, O my soul, have multiplied, and there is no physician to heal you. (Refrain)

Christ became man and called to repentance robbers and harlots. Repent, O my soul! * The door of the Kingdom is already open, and the transformed pharisees, publicans, and adulterers are seizing it ahead of you. (Refrain)

O my Judge and my Light Who alone knows me and is coming again with Your angels to judge the whole world, regard me then with Your merciful Eye and spare me, O Jesus. And have compassion on me who have sinned more than all mankind.

Refrain: Venerable mother Mary the Egyptian, pray to God for us.

You did astonish all by your strange life, both the Orders of Angels and the councils of men, by living immaterially and surpassing nature. Then treading firmly the waves like an immaterial being, O mother Mary the Egyptian, you did cross the Jordan.

Refrain: Venerable father Andrew of Crete, pray to God for us.

Priest: O venerable Andrew, thrice-blessed father, shepherd of Crete, cease not to pray to God for those who sing to you, that He may deliver from anger, oppression, corruption, and our countless sins, * all of us who faithfully honor your memory.

Refrain: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Trinity of one essence, Tripersonal Unity, we sing Your praise, glorifying the Father, magnifying the Son (+), and adoring the Spirit, Who is truly one God by nature, Life, and Lives, Kingdom unending.

Refrain: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Response Protect your city, spotless Godbearer, for in you it faithfully reigns, and in you is made strong, and through you it conquers and routs every trial and temptation, and spoils its foes and rules its subjects.

It is truly proper to glorify you, who have borne God, the ever-Blessed, Immaculate, and the Mother of our God, more honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond more glorious than the Seraphim, who a Virgin gave birth to God the Word; you truly the Mother of God, we magnify.

Then the rest of Matins

The priest goes behind the altar

SIT

Psalm 148

Response: Give praise to the Lord from the heavens;
 Give praise to Him in the heights.
 Give praise to Him, all you His angels;
 Give praise to Him all you His powers.
 Give praise to Him sun and moon;
 Give praise to Him all you stars and light!
 Give praise to Him, you heavens of heavens;
 And you water that is above the heavens!
 May they praise the Name of the Lord,
 For He said the Word, and they came to be.
 He commanded,
 And they were created.
 He established them for all eternity and forever and ever;
 He fixed their boundaries which cannot be passed.
 Give praise to the Lord from out of the earth,
 You monsters, and all you depths!
 Fire and hail, snow and ice,
 Tempestuous wind, who obey His word.
 You mountains and all you hills,
 Fruit-bearing trees and all you cedars.
 Savage beasts and all you cattle,
 Crawling things and all you winged birds.
 Kings of the earth and all you nations,
 Leaders and all you judges of the earth.
 Young men and maidens, elders and children:
 Give praise to the Name of the Lord for His Name alone is exalted.
 His exaltation is above earth and heaven,
 He will raise up a horn for His people.
 A praise for all His saints
 For the people of Israel who are close to Him.

Priest: Glory belongs to You, O Lord, our God, Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, we render glory now and ever and forever.

Refrain: Amen.

THE LESSER DOXOLOGY

STAND

Priest: Glory be to You Who has shown us the Light!

Response: Glory to God in the highest
 And on earth peace, good will among men.
 We praise You, we bless You, we worship You
 We glorify You, we give thanks to You for the splendor of Your glory.
 O Lord, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty;
 O Lord, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit!
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 Who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
 O You Who take away the sins of the world,
 Accept our prayers.
 O You Who sit at the right hand of the Father,
 Have mercy on us.
 For You alone are holy; You alone are the Lord, Jesus Christ,
 In the glory of God the Father. Amen.
 Every day I will bless You,
 And I will praise Your Name forever and ever.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord,
 To keep us this day without sin!
 Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers,
 And praised and glorified is Your Name forever. Amen.
 Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
 For we have placed our hope in You.
 Blessed are You, O Lord,
 Teach us Your precepts.
 Blessed are You, O Master,
 Make me understand Your precepts.
 Blessed are You, O Holy One,
 Enlighten us by Your precepts.
 O Lord, You have been our Refuge,
 From generation to generation.
 I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me!
 Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You!"
 O Lord, to You do I flee;
 Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.
 For in You is the Source of Life,
 In Your Light, we shall see light.
 Extend Your mercy,
 To those who profess You.

STAND

Priest: Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, O God, by Your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant it, O Lord.

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

Response: Grant it, O Lord.

Priest: For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant it, O Lord.

Priest: For what is good and beneficial to our souls, and for the peace of the world, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant it, O Lord.

Priest: That we may spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant it, O Lord.

Priest: For a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before the fearsome judgment-seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant it, O Lord.

Priest: Remembering our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God, and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ, our God.

Response: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For You, O God, are gracious and You love mankind, and we glorify You, Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

STAND

Response: Amen.

Priest: Peace (+) be with all!

Response: And with your spirit.

Priest: Bow your heads to the Lord.

Response: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O Holy Lord, You live on high and yet stoop to look down upon the earth, and with Your divine eyes You see all creatures. Before You we bow down in spirit and body, and we pray You, O Holy of holies, stretch forth Your invisible hand from Your holy dwelling and bless us. If we have sinned in any way, either deliberately or through human frailty, forgive us, for You are good; You give us earthly and heavenly blessings, and You alone love all.

For it is You alone Who has mercy and saves us, and we glorify You, Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

recited by all

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. (METANY)

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love. (METANY)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen. (METANY)

Then make 12 small bows while making the sign of the Cross saying:

O God, (+) be merciful to me a sinner.

O God, (+) cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

O Lord, (+) forgive me, for I have sinned without number.

Then recite the entire prayer again followed by one large METANY.

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

Response: Glory be the Father, and to the Son (+), and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Lord, have mercy (3x's). Give the blessing!

Priest: May Christ our true God, who for the sake of our salvation prayed and fasted for forty days and forty nights, have mercy on us and save us: through the prayers of his most pure mother; through the intercession of the honorable, heavenly incorporeal powers; of the holy, glorious, and illustrious Apostles; and of our venerable and God-mantled Fathers; and through the intercession of the holy Angelic Commander, Michael the Archangel, the Patron of this holy Church; and of our venerable Father Andrew of Crete and of (Saint of the day), whose memory we are beginning to commemorate today; and of all the Saints, for He is gracious and loves mankind.

Response: Amen.

Priest: The blessing (+) of the Lord be upon you though His grace and loving kindness, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

Priest: Having suffered the passion for us, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us. (METANY)

Response: Preterp'ivij za nas strasti, Isuse Christe, Syne Bozij, pomiluj, pomiluj, pomiluj nas. (METANY)

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