

**THE PRIEST SAITH:** Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**READER:** Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save, our souls, O Good One.

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 the unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O 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 the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**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 the ages of ages.

**READER:** Amen.

**And the following Troparia:**

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Having risen from sleep, we fall down before Thee, O Good One, and the angelical hymn we cry aloud to Thee, O Mighty One: Holy, holy, holy art Thou, O God; through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

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

From bed and sleep hast Thou raised me up, O Lord, enlighten my mind and heart, and open my lips that I may hymn Thee, O Holy Trinity: Holy, holy, holy art Thou, O God; through the Theotokos, have mercy on us.

Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Suddenly the Judge shall come, and the deeds of each will be laid bare; but with fear do we cry at midnight: Holy, holy, holy art Thou, O God; through the Theotokos, have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy. *(12 times)*

***Prayer of St. Basil the Great to the Most Holy Trinity***

As I rise from sleep, I thank Thee, O Holy Trinity, for through Thy great goodness and patience Thou wast not angered with me, an idler and sinner, nor hast Thou destroyed me with mine iniquities, but hast shown Thy usual love for mankind; and when I was prostrate in despair, Thou hast raised me up to keep the morning watch and glorify Thy power. And now enlighten my mind's eye, and open my mouth that I may meditate on Thy words, and understand Thy commandments, and do Thy will, and hymn Thee in heartfelt confession, and sing praises to Thine all-holy name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

***Another prayer:***

Glory to Thee, O King, Almighty God, Who through Thy divine and man-loving providence hast vouchsafed me, a sinner and an unworthy one, to rise from sleep and obtain entry into Thy holy house. Receive, O Lord, the voice of my supplication even as Thou dost accept that of Thy holy and noetic hosts, and deign that through my defiled lips, but from a pure heart and humble spirit, praise may be offered to Thee, so that I also, with the bright lamp of my soul, may become a companion of the wise virgins and glorify Thee, O God the Word, Who art glorified in the Father and the Spirit. Amen.

O come, let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Him, Christ Himself, our King and our God.

***And three "reverences"***

**PSALM 50**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast

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Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

***Then, Prayer I, of St. Macarius the Great***

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, for I have never done anything good in Thy sight; deliver me from the evil one, and may Thy will be in me, that I may open my unworthy mouth without condemnation, and praise Thy holy Name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

***Prayer II, of St. Macarius the Great***

Having risen from sleep, I offer Thee, O Savior, the midnight song, and I fall down and cry unto Thee; grant me not to fall asleep in the death of sin, but have compassion on me, O Thou Who wast voluntarily crucified, and hasten to raise me who am prostrate in idleness, and save me in prayer and intercession, and after the night's sleep, bless me with a sinless day O Christ, our God, and save me.

***Prayer III, of St. Macarius the Great***

O Lord, Who in Thy abundant goodness and Thy great compassion hast granted me, Thy servant, to pass the time of this night without the temptation of any opposing evil, Lord and Creator of all, by Thy true light and with an enlightened heart grant me to do Thy will, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

***Prayer IV, of St. Macarius the Great***

Almighty Lord God, Who dost receive from Thy Heavenly Powers the thrice-holy hymn, receive also from me, Thy unworthy servant, this song of the night, and grant me every year of my life and at every hour to send up glory to Thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Prayer V, of St. Basil the Great***

Almighty Lord, God of the Powers and of all flesh, Who livest in the Highest and carest for the humble, Who searchest our hearts and affections, and clearly foreknowest the secrets of men; eternal and everliving Light, in Whom is no change nor shadow of variation; O Immortal King, receive our prayers which at the present time we offer to Thee from unclean lips, trusting in the multitude of Thy mercies. Forgive all sins committed by us in thought, word or deed, consciously or unconsciously, and cleanse us from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant us to pass the night of the whole present life with wakeful heart and sober thought, ever expecting the coming of the radiant day of the appearing of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, when the Judge of all will come with glory to render to each according to their deeds. May we not be found fallen and idle, but awake and alert for action, ready to accompany Him into the joy and divine palace of His glory, where there is the ceaseless sound of those keeping festival and the unspeakable delight of those who behold the ineffable beauty of Thy Face. For Thou art the true Light that enlightens and sanctifies all, and all creation sings to Thee throughout the ages. Amen.

***Prayer VI, of St. Basil the Great***

We bless Thee, O most high God and Lord of mercy, Who art ever doing numberless great and inscrutable things with us, glorious and wonderful; Who grantest to us sleep for rest from our infirmities, and repose from the burdens of our much toiling flesh. We thank Thee that Thou hast not destroyed us with our sins, but hast loved us as ever, and though we are sunk in despair, Thou hast raised us up to glorify Thy power. Therefore we implore Thy incomparable goodness, enlighten the eyes of our understanding and raise up our mind from the heavy sleep of indolence; open our mouth and fill it with Thy praise, that we may be able to sing and confess, Thee, Who art God in all and by all, the eternal Father, with Thy only-begotten Son, and Thy all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

***Prayer VII, Midnight Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos***

I sing of Thy grace, O Sovereign Lady, and I pray thee to grace my mind.  
Teach me to step aright in the way of Christ's commandments.  
Strengthen me to keep awake in song, and drive away the sleep of despondency.  
O Bride of God, by thy prayers release me, bound with the bonds of sin.  
Guard me by night and by day, and deliver me from foes that defeat me.  
O bearer of God the Life-giver, enliven me who am deadened by passions.  
O bearer of the Unwaning Light, enlighten my blinded soul.

O marvelous palace of the Master, make me to be a house of the Divine Spirit.  
O bearer of the Healer, heal the perennial passions of my soul.  
Guide me to the path of repentance, for I am tossed in the storm of life.  
Deliver me from eternal fire, and from evil worms, and from Tartarus.  
Let me not be- exposed to the rejoicing of demons, guilty as I am of many sins.  
Renew . me, grown old from senseless sins, O most immaculate one.  
Present me untouched by all torments, and pray me to the Master of all.  
Vouchsafe me to find the joys of heaven with all the saints.  
O most holy Virgin, hearken unto the voice of thine unprofitable servant.  
Grant me torrents of tears, O most pure one, to cleanse my soul from impurity.  
I offer the groans of my heart to thee unceasingly, strive for me, O Sovereign Lady.  
Accept my service of supplication and offer it to compassionate God.  
O thou who art above the angels, raise me above this world's confusion.  
O Light-bearing heavenly tabernacle, direct the grace of the Spirit in me.  
I raise my hands and lips in Thy praise, defiled as they are by impurity, O im-  
maculate one.  
Deliver me from soul corrupting evils, and fervently intercede with Christ, to Whom  
is due honor and worship, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Prayer VIII, to our Lord Jesus Christ***

O my plenteously-merciful and all merciful God, Lord Jesus Christ, through Thy great love Thou didst come down and become incarnate so that Thou mightest save all. And again, O Savior, save me by Thy grace, I pray Thee. For if Thou shouldst save me for my works, this would not be grace or a gift, but rather a duty; yea, Thou Who art great in compassion and ineffable in mercy. "For he that believeth in Me," Thou hast said, O my Christ, "shall live and never see death." If, then, faith in Thee saveth the desperate, behold, I believe, save me, for Thou art my God and Creator. Let faith instead of works be imputed to me, O my God, for Thou wilt find no works which could justify me. But may my faith suffice instead of all works, may it answer for, may it acquit me, may it make me a partaker of Thine eternal glory. And let not Satan seize me and boast, O Word, that he hath torn me from Thy hand and fold. But whether I desire it or not, save me, O Christ my Savior, forestall me quickly, quickly, for I perish. Thou art my God from my mother's womb. Vouchsafe me, O Lord, to love Thee now as fervently as I once loved sin itself, and also to work for Thee without idleness, diligently, as I worked before for deceptive Satan. But supremely shall I work for Thee, my Lord and God, Jesus Christ, all the days of my life, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Prayer IX, to the Holy Guardian Angel***

O Holy Angel that standeth by my wretched soul and my passionate life, forsake not me, a sinner, nor shrink from me because of mine intemperance. Give no place for the cunning demon to master me through the violence of my mortal body, strengthen my poor and feeble hand, and guide me in the way of salvation. Yea, O holy angel of God, guardian and protector of my wretched soul and body, forgive me all wherein I have offended thee all the days of my life; and if I have sinned during

the past night, protect me during the present day, and guard me from every temptation of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. And pray to the Lord for me, that He may establish me in His fear, and show me, His servant, to be worthy of His goodness. Amen.

***Prayer X, to the Most Holy Theotokos***

O my most holy Lady Theotokos, through thy holy and all-powerful prayers, banish from me, thy lowly and wretched servant, despondency, forgetfulness, folly, carelessness, and all filthy, evil, and blasphemous thoughts from my wretched heart and my darkened mind. And quench the flame of my passions, for I am poor and wretched, and deliver me from many and cruel memories and deeds, and free me from all their evil effects. For blessed art thou by all generations, and glorified is thy most honorable name unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Then, on a weekday, the Seventeenth Kathisma, on Saturday, the Ninth Kathisma***

***After the Kathisma, the***

**SYMBOL OF FAITH:**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and the earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one 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; being of one essence with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from the Heavens, and was Incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried; And arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; And ascended into the Heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission . of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the age to come. Amen.

***Then:***

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**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 the ages of ages.

**READER:** Amen.

**And these Troparia:**

***If it Be a Weekday***

**STONE EIGHT**

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh at midnight, and blessed is that servant whom He shall find watching, but unworthy is he whom He shall find heedless. Beware, therefore, O my soul, lest thou be weighed down with sleep; lest thou be given up to death, and be shut out from the kingdom. But rouse thyself and cry: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God; through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

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

Meditating on that terrible day, O my soul, watch, keeping thy lamp alight and filled with oil; for thou knowest not when unto thee shall come the voice, saying: Behold the Bridegroom! Beware, therefore, my soul, lest thou fall into slumber and be left outside, knocking, as were the five virgins; but wakefully watch, that thou mayest come to meet Chris with good oil, and He shall bestow upon thee the divine chamber of His glory.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Theotokion.***

Thee, the unassailable wall, confirmation of salvation, O Virgin Theotokos do we supplicate, to destroy the counsels of the enemies, to change the sorrows of thy people into joy, to protect thy city, to ensure victory for pious, and to pray for the peace of the world; for thou, O Theotokos, art our hope.

***If it be Saturday***

**STONE TWO**

O Thou Who art by nature uncreated, the Fashioner of all, do Thou open our lips that we may proclaim Thy praise while we cry: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God; through the Theotokos, have mercy on us.

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

Imitating on earth the Hosts on high, we offer Thee, O Good One, the triumphant song: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God; through the Theotokos, have mercy on us.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

From bed and sleep hast Thou raised me up, O Lord; enlighten my mind and heart, and open my lips that I may hymn Thee, O Holy Trinity: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God; through the Theotokos, have mercy on us.



**Then:** Lord, have mercy. **Forty times.**

**And this Prayer of the Hours:**

Thou Who at all times and every hour, in heaven and in earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, Who art long-suffering, plenteous in mercy, most compassionate, Who loveth the righteous and hast mercy on sinners, Who callest all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Receive, O Lord, our prayers at this hour, and guide our life toward Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, make chaste our bodies, correct our thoughts, purify our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guarded and guided by their array, we may attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. **Thrice**

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, father (Master) bless.

**PRIEST:** God be gracious unto us and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

**READER:** Amen

***If it be a weekday service:***

*And if be Great Lent, or the first day of the Apostles fast, or the first day of the Nativity Fast (if it fall on a weekday), we say prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, dividing it into three parts and making three prostrations.*

**PRIEST:** O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, talking give me not. *Prostration.*

But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow up me Thy servant. *Prostration.*

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my failings and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of amen. *Prostration.*

*Then twelve "reverences" (bows from the waist with the sign of the Cross). With each one we say: O God, cleanse me a sinner.. And then the entire prayer:*

O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit idleness, despondency, ambition, idle talking give me not. But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow on me Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my failings and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of amen. **Prostration.**

**Then this prayer:**

O Sovereign God, the Father Almighty, O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ and Thou O Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power: Have mercy on me a sinner, and by the judgments which Thou knowest, save me, Thine unworthy servant; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***If it be a Saturday Service this prayer of St. Eustratius:***

Most highly do I magnify Thee, O Lord, for Thou didst take notice of my lowliness and hast not delivered me into the hands of mine enemies, but relieved my soul from wants. And now, O Master, let Thy hand shelter me and let Thy mercy descend upon me, for my soul is distracted and pained its departure from this my wretched and filthy body, lest the evil of the adversary overtake it and make it stumble into the darkness for the unknown and known sins amassed by me in this life. Be merciful unto me, O Master, and let not my soul see the dark countenances of evil spirits, but let it be received by angels bright and shining. Glorify Thy holy name and by Thy might set me before Thy divine judgment seat. When I am being judged, suffer not that the hand of the prince of this world should take hold of me to throw me, a sinner, into depths of Hades, but stand by me and be unto me a savior and mediator, for these bodily torments gladden Thy servants. Have mercy, O Lord, on my soul defiled through passions of this life and receive it cleansed by penitence and confession, for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Then:** O come let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King, and God.

**Three reverences**

**PSALM 120**

I have lifted up mine eyes to the mountains, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth. Give not Thy foot unto moving, and He not slumber that keepeth thee. Behold, He shall not slumber nor shall He sleep, He that keepeth Israel. The Lord shall keep thee: the Lord is thy shelter at thy right hand. The sun shall not burn thee by nor the moon by night. The Lord shall keep thee from all evil, the Lord shall guard thy soul. The Lord shall keep thy going and thy going out, from henceforth and for evermore.

**PSALM 133**

Behold now, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, in the nights lift up your hands unto the holies and bless the Lord. The Lord bless thee out of Sion, He that made heaven and the earth.

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 the unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. **(Thrice)**

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**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 the ages of ages.

**READER:** Amen.

**And these Troparia:**

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Remember, O Lord, for Thou art good, Thy servants and forgive them whatsoever sins they have committed in life; for none is sinless but Thee Who art able to give repose unto them that are departed.

O Thou Who by the depth of Thy Wisdom dost provide all things out of love for mankind, and grantest unto all that which is profitable, O only Creator: Grant rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants; for in Thee have they placed their hope, O our Creator and Fashioner and God.

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

**Kontakion**

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Theotokion:***

In all generations we call thee blessed, O Virgin Theotokos, for in thee the uncontainable Christ our God was pleased to be contained. Blessed are we also, having thee as mediatrix; for day and night pleadest thou for us, and the scepters of kingdoms are strengthened by thine intercessions. Wherefore in hymns we cry unto thee; Rejoice! O thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Lord, have mercy. ***Twelve times.***

***And this Prayer:***

Remember, O Lord, our fathers and brethren who fell asleep in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal, and all those who ended this life in piety and faith, and pardon them every transgression which they have willfully or unwillingly, in word or deed or thought committed, and settle them in a place of light, a place of refreshment, a place of repose, wherefrom every sickness, sorrow and sighing are banished, and wherein from eternity the light of Thy countenance shineth and gladdeneth all Thy saints. Grant unto them and unto us Thy kingdom, and participation in Thine ineffable blessings, and the enjoyment of Thine endless and blessed life. For Thou art the life, and the resurrection, and the repose of Thy departed servants, O Christ our God, and to Thee we send up glory, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Most glorious, Ever-Virgin, Mother of Christ God, present our prayer to thy Son and our God, that through thee He may save our souls.

My hope is the Father, my refuge is the Son, my protection is the Holy Spirit; O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

***And these Troparia:***

**SIXTH TONE:**

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; / for at a loss for any defense, / this prayer do we sinners offer unto Thee as Master; // have mercy on us.

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

Lord, have mercy on us; / for we have hoped in Thee, be not angry with us greatly, / neither remember our iniquities; / but look upon us now as Thou art compassionate,

/ and deliver us from our enemies, / for Thou art our God, and we, Thy people, // all are the works of Thy hands, and we call upon Thy name.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The door of compassion open unto us, O blessed Theotokos, / for, hoping in thee, let us not perish; / through thee may we be delivered from adversities, // for thou art the salvation of the Christian race.

**PRIEST:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**CHANTERS:** Lord, have mercy (**Thrice**)

**PRIEST:** Again we pray that this sacred monastery (or this city). and every monastery, city, town, and every country may be preserved from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of aliens, and civil war; that our good and man-loving God may be gracious and favorable, that He may turn away all the wrath stirred up against us, and deliver us from His righteousness which hangeth over us, and have mercy on us.

**CHANTERS:** Lord, have mercy (**Forty times**)

**PRIEST:** Hearken unto us, O God our Savior, Thou hope of all the ends of the earth and of them that be far off at sea; and be merciful, be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us; for a merciful God art Thou; and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**CHANTERS:** Amen.

**PRIEST:** Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

**CHANTERS:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. **Thrice** Father (master), bless.

**PRIEST:** May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing father(s) N.(N) and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

Then the priest maketh a bow (or a prostration) to the bishop/superior and to the brethren (sisters), saying:

**PRIEST:** Bless, (holy me ) holy fathers (mothers) and brethren, (sisters) and forgive me a sinner, all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and through all my senses.

**And the brethren (sisters) (congregation) reply**

May God forgive and have mercy on thee, holy father.

**And they make a prostration depending on the typicon), asking this forgiveness:**

Bless me, holy father, and forgive all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and thought, and in all my senses, and pray for me a sinner

**PRIEST:** Through His grace may God forgive and have mercy on us all

**And he saith this Ectenia:**

Let us pray for the Orthodox episcopate of the Russian Church; for our lord the Very Most Reverend Metropolitan N., First Hierarchy of the Russian Church Abroad; for our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop or Bishop N., whose diocese it is) and all our brethren in Christ.

**CHANTERS:** Lord, have mercy.

**Quietly, slowly, and repeatedly, until the petitions are finished**

**PRIEST:** For the suffering Russian land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation; for this land authorities and armed forces, and for every Christian land.

For them that hate us and them that love us.

For them that are kind to us and them that serve us.

For them that have asked us unworthy ones to pray for them.

For the deliverance of the imprisoned.

For our fathers and brethren that have passed on before us.

For those sailing upon the sea.

For those bedridden in infirmities.

Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.

And for every Orthodox Christian soul.

Let us bless pious kings (rulers) . orthodox hierarchs, and the founders of this holy habitation.

Our parents, and all that have passed on before us, our fathers, brethren, and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest.

Let us say also for ourselves.

**CHANTERS:** Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

**PRIEST:** For the sake of the intercessions of Thy most pure Mother of (the patron saint of the temple), and the saints, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

**CHANTERS:** Amen.

***And we venerate the holy icons and receive a blessing from the priest (superior) (bishop).***

***THE END OF THE MIDNIGHT OFFICE FOR WEEKDAYS and SATURDAYS***