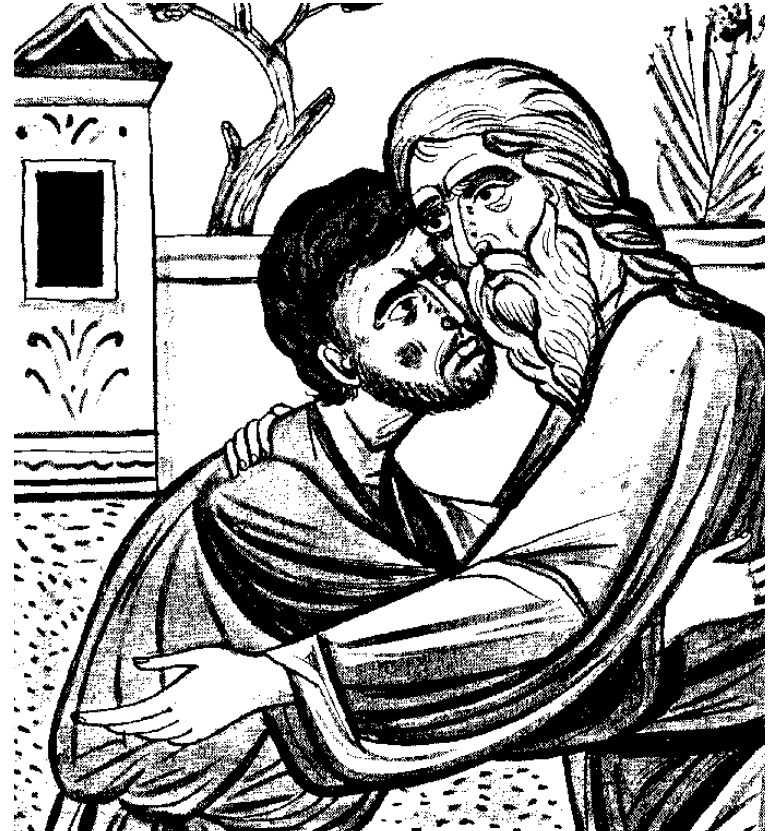
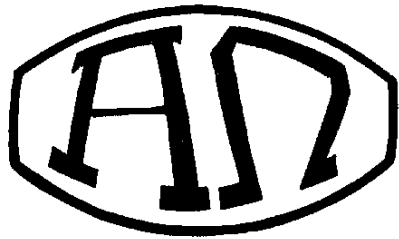


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THE GREAT CANON OF SAINT ANDREW

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK



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The Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania*

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. *Repeated after each petition*

For the president of our country, our civil authorities and for our armed forces serving everywhere.

For those who love us and those who hate us.

For those who have asked us to pray for them in our unworthiness.

For the deliverance of those falsely imprisoned.

For those traveling, by land, sea, and through the air.

For the sick and the suffering.

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

Let us pray for every Orthodox Christian soul.

Let us pray for our government, Orthodox hierarchs, and the founders of this holy house.

For our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and friends departed this life before us, and for all the Orthodox Christians here and everywhere laid to rest.

PRIEST: And, let us also say for ourselves!

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

CHOIR: Amen.

ALL: O God cleanse me a sinner, and have mercy upon me! *(12) w. bow at the waist*

PRIEST: O Lord, and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant! Yes, O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. *Prostration*

PRIEST: Glory to Thee O Christ Our God and our only sure hope, glory to Thee!

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 (3) Father bless!

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most pure Mother. Of saint(s) _____ who we commemorate today, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us for as much as He is good and loves mankind!

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST: *(Bowing to the faithful)* Forgive me a sinner, if I have offended any of you.

PEOPLE: May God forgive and have mercy on you. *(And they make a bow, asking his forgiveness)*

PRIEST: Let us pray for his Beatitude, the Most Blessed Metropolitan _____, and for His Grace *(Eminence)*, our Bishop *(Archbishop)* _____ and all our brethren in Christ.

ST. ANDREW ARCHBISHOP OF CRETE

Born in Damascus of Christian parents, he was unable to speak until the age of seven. When his parents took him to church for Communion, the power of speech was given to him. Such is the divine power of Communion.

He went to Jerusalem at the age of fourteen and was tonsured in the monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified. In his understanding and askesis, he surpassed many of the older monks and was an example to all. The Patriarch took him as his secretary.

When the Monothelite heresy, which taught that the Lord had no human will, but only a divine one began to rage, the 6th Ecumenical Council met in Constantinople in 681, in the reign of Constantine IV. Theodore, Patriarch of Jerusalem, was not able to be present at the Council, and sent Andrew, then a deacon, as his representative. At the Council, Andrew showed his great gifts: his articulateness, his zeal for the Faith and his rare prudence. Being instrumental in confirming the Orthodox faith, Andrew returned to his work in Jerusalem.

He was later chosen and enthroned as archbishop of the island of Crete. As archbishop, he was greatly beloved by the people. He was filled with zeal for Orthodoxy and strongly withstood all heresy. He

worked miracles through his prayers, driving the Saracens from the island of Crete by means of them. He wrote many learned books, poems and canons, of which the best-known is the Great Canon of Repentance which is read in full on the Thursday of the Fifth Week of the Great Fast.

Such was his outward appearance that, 'looking at his face and listening to the words that flowed like honey from his lips, each man was touched and renewed'. Returning from Constantinople on one occasion, he foretold his death before reaching Crete. And so it happened. As the ship approached the island of Mitylene, this light of the Church finished his earthly course and his soul went to the Kingdom of Christ, in about the year 740.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without defilement thou gavest birth to God the word, true Theotokos, we magnify thee!

In the name of the Lord, Father bless!

PRIEST: God be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us.

READER: 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.

All my hope I place in thee, O Mother of God: keep me under thy protection.

PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

PRIEST: 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 a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant! *Prostration*

Yes, O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. *Prostration*

All-holy Theotokos, do not forsake me all the days of my life. Do not give me over to the protection of men, but be my defender and have mercy on me.

I have put my whole trust in you, Mother of God: Keep me under your protection.

READER: Lord have mercy. (40 times)

O Thou who at every season and every hour in heaven and on earth art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God. Who art merciful and compassionate long-suffering and of great goodness; Who lovest the just and shows mercy on the sinner. Who callest all to salvation to the promise of blessings to come. O Lord, in this hour receive our supplication and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds deliver us from all tribulation evil and distress. Encompass us about with Thy holy angels that guided and guarded by them we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory for Thou art blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen

Lord have mercy. (3)

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

The priest exits the Altar and takes his place before the closed Royal Doors

The priest, vested in a epitrahilion, opens the curtain, and begins:

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

READER: Amen. Glory to Thee, O God, Glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings, and Giver of Life, come and abide in us, cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

O Most Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake Lord have mercy. (3)

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 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 ages of ages.

READER: Amen. Lord have mercy. (12)

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

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 69

O God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

CHOIR: O Lord of hosts, be with us, for we have no other helper in times of adversity but Thee. O Lord of hosts have mercy on us!

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

How should we dare to hymn Thee, O Savior, Whom the angels unceasingly glorify in song? Yet we have Thy saints as intercessors, and Thy mercy and loving kindness towards us. Thou knowest our hearts: spare our souls!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokos, the number of my transgressions is very great. I flee to you, pure one, entreating salvation. Visit my weakened soul, and pray to your Son and our God that He will grant me remission of the terrible acts I have done, only-blessed one!

Thee. Lord, I flee to Thee. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For with Thee is the fountain of Life and in Thy light shall we see light. Continue Thy mercy to those who know Thee. Enable us, Lord, to pass this night without sin. Blessed are Thou, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, Master, make me to understand Thy commandments. Blessed are Thou, Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts. Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not despise the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongs worship! To Thee belongs praise! To Thee belongs glory! To the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord Of Hosts (Psalm 149)

CHOIR: O Lord of hosts, be with us, for we have no other helper in times of adversity but Thee. O Lord of hosts have mercy on us!

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament!

CHOIR: O Lord of hosts... *(repeat after each verse)*

Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness!

The priest exits the Altar, now vested in a phelon, and takes his place before an analogian in the middle of the church as the choir sings "My Helper and a Protector..." and the Great Canon of St. Andrew is sung

GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE

ODE 1

CHOIR: My Helper and My Protector has become my salvation. He is my God, I will glorify Him: the God of my fathers, and I will exalt Him: for in glory was He glorified. (Exodus 15:2, 1; Psalm 117:14)

REFRAIN: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me! 

Each time this refrain is sung throughout the Canon, the faithful should make a full prostration (if they are able) or a bow from the waist.

TROPARIA

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of all, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Thy compassion grant me tears of compunction. *(John 1:29)*

I fall prostrate before Thee, O Jesus. I have sinned against Thee, be merciful to me. Take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Thy compassion grant me tears of compunction.

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

It is time for repentance. I draw near to Thee, my Creator. Take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Thy compassion grant me tears of compunction.

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I have squandered in extravagance the substance of my soul, and I am barren of virtues and piety; but famished I cry: O Father of mercies, forestall and have compassion on me. *(Luke 15:13, 17)*

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

By submitting to Christ's divine laws, thou didst draw near to Him, having left the unbridle craving for pleasure, and with all discretion thou didst achieve every virtue as one.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

O Trinity beyond all being, adored in Unity, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Thy compassion grant me tears of compunction.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Mother of God, hope and intercessor of those who sing of thee, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and as thou art our pure Lady, accept me who comes as a penitent.

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

READER: Amen. O Lord God, Father Almighty; O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit; One God, One Power, have mercy on me a sinner, and by the judgments Thou hast established, save me, Thy unworthy servant, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Small Doxology

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men! We praise Thee! We bless Thee! We worship Thee! We glorify Thee! We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty! O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world: receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of God the Father: have mercy on us. For Thou alone art Holy, Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone, Jesus Christ, art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every night will I give thanks to Thee and praise Thy name for ever and ever. Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, be merciful to me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against

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

Lord, have mercy on us, for in Thee have we put our trust. Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look down on us even now, since Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies, For Thou art our God, and we are Thy people. We are all the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Blessed Theotokos, open the doors of compassion to us who hope in you. May we not perish but be delivered from adversity through you, for you are the salvation of the Christian people.

Lord have mercy. (40 times)

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 more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim; without corruption you gave birth to God the Word: True Theotokos, we magnify you!

In the name of the Lord, bless Father!

ODE 2

Behold, and see now, see that I am God, Who rained down manna, and make water flow from the rock, in the days of old, for My people in the desert, by My right hand, and by My strength alone.

✠ **Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me!**

“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, my soul, do not tremble, while polluting the flesh and defiling the mind. (*Genesis 4:23*)

You would have contrived to build a tower, my soul, and erect a stronghold for your lusts, had not the Creator confounded your plans and brought your schemes crashing to earth. (*Genesis 11:3-4*)

How well have I imitated those first murderers, Cain and Lamech! Through the desires of the flesh I have killed my soul as did Lamech a man, and my mind as once he did a young man. I have also murdered my body as did Cain his brother. (*Genesis 4:23*)

The Lord rained fire from the Lord of old, and burnt up the wanton wickedness of Sodom. But you, my soul, have kindled the fire of hell in which you are about to be bitterly burnt. (*Genesis 19:24*)

I am struck and wounded! See the arrows of the enemy with which my soul and body are pierced all over! See the wounds, the sores and the mutilations that cry out and betray the blows of my self-chosen passions!

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

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

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

Unoriginate, uncreated Trinity, indivisibly Unity, accept me who repent, save me who have sinned. I am Thy creation, despise me not, but spare me and deliver me from the fire of condemnation.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

O Spotless Lady, Mother of God, hope of those who run to thee, and haven of those in distress, obtain grace for me from the merciful One, Thy Son and Creator, by thy prayers.

ODE 3

**Establish O Lord, on the rock of Thy commandments,
my unstable heart, for Thou only art Holy and Lord.**

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

You, my soul, have become like Hagar the Egyptian of old. You have become enslaved by your own choice and have a new Ishmael – stubborn self-will. (Genesis 16:15)

You know, my soul, of the Ladder shown to Jacob reaching from earth to Heaven. Why have you not clung to the sure step of piety? (Genesis 28:12)

the righteous, for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who did not sin against Thee; but Thou hast appointed repentance for me, a sinner. For the sins I have committed are more in number than the sands of the sea; my transgressions are multiplied, Lord, they are multiplied! I am unworthy to look up and see the height of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities. I am weighed down with many an iron fetter, so that I am rejected because of my sins, and I have no relief; for I have provoked Thy wrath and have done what is evil in Thy sight, setting up abominations and multiplying offenses. And now I bend the knee of my heart, beseeching Thee for Thy kindness. I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned, and I know my transgressions. I earnestly beseech Thee, forgive me, Lord, forgive me! Do not destroy me with my transgressions! Do not be angry with me forever or lay up evil for me; do not condemn me to the depths of the earth. For Thou, Lord, art the God of those who repent, and in me Thou will manifest Thy goodness; for, unworthy as I am, Thou will save me in Thy great mercy, and I will praise Thee continually all the days of my life. For all the host of heaven sings Thee praise and Thy is the glory for ever. Amen.

Penitential Troparia Tone 6

CHOIR: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for laying aside all excuse, we sinners offer to Thee, as to our Master, this supplication: Have mercy on us.

ness of sleep, we may be enlightened by the vision of Your judgments. Take from us also every evil imagination and harmful carnal passion. Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in the Faith, and holding steadfastly to Thy commandments; through the favor and goodness of Thy Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed together with Thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Prayer of Manasseh

Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and of their righteous posterity: Thou hast made heaven and earth with all their order; Thou hast shackled the sea by Thy word of command, Thou hast confined the deep and sealed it with Thy terrible and glorious name. All things shudder at Thee and tremble before Thy power, for Thy glorious splendor cannot be borne and the wrath of Thy threat to sinners is irresistible; yet immeasurable and unsearchable is Thy promised mercy, for Thou art the Lord Most High, of great compassion, long-suffering, very merciful, and Thou repentest over the evils of mankind. Thou, O Lord, according to Thy great goodness, have promised repentance and forgiveness to those who have sinned against Thee, and in the multitude of Thy mercies Thou hast appointed repentance for sinners, that they may be saved. Therefore, O Lord God of the righteous, Thou hast not appointed repentance for

Imitate that Priest of God and solitary King who was an image of the life of Christ in the world among men. (*cf. Melchizedek: Hebrews 7:1-4; Genesis 14:18*)

Be converted and groan, wretched soul, before the pageant of life comes to an end, before the Lord shuts the door of the bridal hall.

Do not be a pillar of salt, my soul, by turning back; but let the example of the Sodomites frighten you, and take refuge up in Zoar. (*Genesis 19:26*)

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

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

Simple, uncreated Unity, un-originate Nature praised in a Trinity of Persons, save us who with faith worship Thy power.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Mother of God, hope and intercessor of those who sing of thee, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and as thou art our pure Lady, accept me who comes as a penitent.

ODE 4

The Prophet heard of Thy coming, O Lord, and was afraid, how wast Thou to be born of the Virgin, and to appear unto men, and he cried aloud: "I have heard Thy tidings, and I am afraid, glory to Thy power, O Lord." (Habakkuk 3:2)

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

Brief is my lifetime and full of pain and wickedness, but accept me in penitence and recall me to awareness of Thee. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Saviour, have compassion on me. *(Genesis 47:9)*

If he who was righteous and blameless beyond all did not escape the snares and nets of the deceiver, what will you do, my soul, who are sin-loving and wretched, if something unexpected happens to you?

Boastful I am, and hard-hearted, all in vain and for nothing. Condemn me not with the Pharisee, but rather grant me the humility of the Publican, O only merciful and just Judge, and number me with him. *(Luke 18:9-14)*

I have sinned, I know, O merciful Lord, and outraged the vessel of my flesh, but accept me in penitence and recall me to awareness of Thee. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Saviour, have compassion on me.

that I may offer Thee a pure life as a sweet-smelling incense, fashioned by my repentance. Then I shall hear Thy longed-for voice saying: "your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

I shall be saved, Theotokos, for in you I have the hope which frees from shame. I will not fear, for I have your intercession, All-pure one. I will pursue my enemies and put them to flight, with only your protection and all-powerful aid as armor. I cry out and fervently beseech you: Lady, save me by your prayers! Raise me up again from the gloom of sleep that I may glorify you in hymns, by the might of the Son of God, Who was made flesh through you.

Prayer of St. Basil the Great:

READER: Lord, our Lord, who deliverest us from all the arrows that fly by day: deliver us also from all evil inhabiting the darkness. Accept the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Grant that we may pass this night without sin, untempted by evil; deliver us from every anxiety and fear of the devil. Grant contrition to our souls; make our minds alert to search out the thoughts which will come before us on the dread day of Judgment. Nail our flesh to the fear of Thee, and mortify our earthly members, that in the quiet-

Troparia

READER: Lord, my Creator, Thou knowest the unsleeping watchfulness of my invisible enemies, and the weakness of my poor flesh: Into Thine hands I commend my spirit! Cover me with the wings of Thy goodness, that I may not sleep in death. Enlighten the eyes of my spiritual understanding, that I may delight in Thy holy words. Grant at the acceptable time that I may give Thee praise, for Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

Verse: Look upon me, and hear me, O Lord my God!

How terrible is Thy Judgment, Lord, as men are led before Thee while the angels stand by. The books are opened, deeds are tried, and all thoughts are searched out. What judgment shall then be awarded to me, for I am conceived in sin? Who shall quench the flame for me? Who shall enlighten my darkness, if not Thou, O Lord, for Thou showest mercy to me as the Lover of mankind.

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

Grant me tears, O God, as Thou once did to the sinful woman of old, and graciously enable me to wash Thy feet which delivered me from the path of error,

I am become my own idol, and have injured my soul with passions, O merciful Lord, but accept me in penitence and recall me to awareness of Thee. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Saviour, have compassion on me.

I have not listened to Thy voice, I have disobeyed Thy Scriptures, O Lawgiver, but accept me in penitence and recall me to awareness of Thee. May I never be the possession or food of the enemy. O Saviour, have compassion on me.

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

Though dragged down to the depth of great offences, thou wast not held there. But with better thought thou didst return by action to consummate virtue beyond all expectation, to the amazement of angel-kind, O Mary.

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

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

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Thou givest birth and livest a virgin life, and in both remainest a virgin by nature. He Who is born of thee 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.

ODE 5

I seek Thee early in the night, I implore and pray Thee, Who lovest mankind; do enlighten me and guide me in Thy commandments, and teach me, O Saviour, to do Thy will.

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

Imitate, my soul, the woman bent earthward; come and fall down at the feet of Jesus, that He may straighten you to walk upright in the footsteps of the Lord. *(Luke 13:11)*

Though Thou art a deep well, O Lord, pour on me streams from Thy immaculate wounds, that like the Samaritan woman I may drink and thirst no more; for from Thee gush rivers of life. *(John 4:13-15)*

May my tears be for me a Siloam, O Sovereign Lord, that I may wash the eyes of my soul and mentally see Thee Who art that light which was before creation. *(John 9:7; Genesis 1:2-19)*

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

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

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

READER: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(3)*

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

O 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 Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. *(3)*

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 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 ages of ages.

The All-Holy Exclamations

All-holy and Sovereign Lady Theotokos, pray for us sinners. (2 times)

All the heavenly host of angels and archangels, pray for us sinners. (2 times)

Holy John, Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of our Lord Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners. (2 times)

Holy, glorious apostles, prophets and martyrs, and all saints, pray for us sinners. (2 times)

All our reverend and God-fearing fathers, pastors, and teachers of the universal Church, pray for us sinners. (2 times:)

Invincible, ineffable, and divine power of the honorable and life-giving Cross, do not forsake us sinners. (2 times)

O God, cleanse us sinners. (2 times)

O God, cleanse us sinners, and have mercy on us.

We glorify Thee, O Trinity, the one God: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, Father, Son and Spirit, simple Being, Unity ever adored.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen


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

ODE 6

I I cried with my whole heart, unto the merciful God, and He heard me, from the lowest Hades, and He raised my life, out of corruption.

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

I am the coin with the royal image which was lost of old, O Saviour. But light the lamp, Thy Forerunner, O Word; seek and find Thy image. (*Luke 15:8*)

Rise and make war against the passions of the flesh, as Joshua did against Amalek, and ever conquer the Gibeonites – illusive thoughts. (*Exodus 17:8; Joshua 8:21*) 

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

To extinguish the flame of the passions, O Mary, thou didst ever shed rivers of tears and fire thy soul with divine love. Grant also to me, thy servant, the grace of tears.

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

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

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Thy womb bore God for us Who took our form. Implore Him as the Creator of all, O Mother of God, that through thy intercessions we may be justified.

KONTAKION, TONE 6:

*During the singing of the Kontakion,
all present (if they are able) should kneel*

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, that Christ our God may spare you, who is everywhere and fillest all things.

ODE 7

We have sinned, we have done iniquity and evil before Thee: we have neither observed nor we have ever followed what Thou hast commanded us: but cast us not away at the last, O God of our fathers.

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

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? *(IV Kings 20:3; Isaiah 38:2)*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and 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; 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 rose 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 day is past; I sing praises to Thee, O Master. Grant, I pray, that this evening and this night I may be without guile, and save me, O Savior!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The day is past; I hymn Thee, O Holy One. Grant, I pray, that this evening and this night I may not be assailed by temptation, and save me, O Savior!

The bodiless powers of cherubim glorify Thee with never-ending hymns, and the six-winged seraphim greatly magnify Thee. All the host of angels praise Thee with thrice-holy hymns. For Thou art the Father before all worlds, with Thy Son, who is also from everlasting and the Spirit of Life, co-equal in honor, manifesting the undivided Trinity.

Most holy Virgin Theotokos and eye-witness apostles and servants of the Word, with the whole company of martyrs and prophets who have attained eternal life: Pray fervently for us all, for we are in great distress, that being delivered from the snares of the evil one, we may proclaim the Angelic Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Thrice-Holy Lord, have mercy on us and save us! Amen.

I fall, down before Thee and bring Thee as tears my words. I have sinned like the harlot, and transgressed as no other on earth. But have compassion, O Lord, on Thy work, and recall me.

I have buried Thy image and broken Thy commandment. All my beauty is darkened and my lamp is extinguished by my passions, O Saviour. But have compassion and restore to me, as David sings with joy. *(Psalm 50:14)*

Return, repent, uncover what is hidden. Say to God Who knows everything: Thou knowest my secrets, O only Saviour; but have mercy on me, as David sings, according to Thy mercy.

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

He Whom thou lovest, He Whom thou desires, He on Whose track thou camest, mother, found thee and granted thee repentance, for He is God Who alone is compassionate. Implore Him unceasingly to deliver us from passions and adversities.

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

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.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

We sing of thee, we bless thee, we praise thee, O Mother of God, for thou gavest birth to one of the inseparable Trinity, the one Son and God, and to us on earth thou hast opened the heavenly realms.

ODE 8

The Hosts of Heaven glorify Him, and the Cherubim and Seraphim tremble before Him, let every breath and all creation praise Him and bless Him, and exalt Him throughout all the ages.

✠ **Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me!**

The alabaster jar of my tears, O Saviour, I pour out on Thy head as the perfume, and like the harlot I cry to Thee, seeking Thy mercy. I offer prayer and ask to receive forgiveness. *(Matthew 26:7; Luke 7:38)*

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

Spare, O Saviour, Thy own creation, and seek as Shepherd Thy lost sheep; snatch the stray from the wolf, and make me a pet lamb in Thy sheep pasture. *(Psalm 118:176; John 10:11-16)*

When Thou sittest as judge and in Thy compassion showest Thy dread glory, O Christ, O what fear there will be then, when the furnace is burning and all shrink from Thy inevitable Tribunal! *(Matthew 25:31-46)*

- The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- To those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, a light is risen.
- 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. Eternal Ruler.
- Prince of Peace.
- The Father of the World to Come.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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

READER: The day is past; I thank Thee, O Lord! Grant, I pray, that this evening and this night I may not fall into sin, and save me, O Savior!

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

As the choir repeats the 9th Ode, the Priest returns to the Altar.

GOD IS WITH US

The following verses from Isaiah 8:8-10, 12-14, 17-18, 9:2,6 are sung

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

CHOIR: **God is with us! Understand all ye nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!**

PRIEST: Hear ye this even to the ends of the earth!

CHOIR: **For God is with us!** *Repeat as the Priest reads the following verses*

- Submit yourselves, you mighty ones!
- Even if again you strengthen yourself, again you shall be overthrown.
- Take counsel, if you wish, but it will come to nothing.
- Make your plans, if you wish, but they will not stand among you.
- We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled.
- For we will hollow the Lord our God, and Him we will 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 whom God has given me.

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

The Mother of the unwaning Light enlightened thee, and freed thee from the darkness of the passions. So now thou art admitted to the grace of the Spirit, enlighten, O Mary, those who faithfully praise Thee.

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

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 in Unity, have mercy on us.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

As from scarlet silk, O spotless Virgin, within thy womb the spiritual purple was woven, the flesh of Emmanuel. Therefore we honor thee in truth, as the Mother of God.

ODE 9

Ineffable is the Nativity of conception without seed: Incorruptible is the fruit of the Mother unwedded; for the birth of God reneweth all nature: Wherefore all generations right gloriously magnify you, as Bride and Mother of our God.

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

Have compassion and save me, have mercy on me, O Son of David. Who didst heal with a word the demoniac. And let Thy voice of tender compassion speak to me as to the robber, "Truly I tell you, you will be with Me in Paradise when I rise in My glory." *(Luke 9:38-42; 23:43)*

A robber accused Thee, and a robber confessed Thee to be God, for both were hanging on a cross with Thee. But open even to me, O most compassionate Saviour, the door of Thy glorious Kingdom as to Thy faithful robber who acknowledged Thee to be God. *(Luke 23:32-42)* ✠

Creation was in anguish; seeing Thee crucified; mountains and rocks were split with fear, the earth quaked, hell was emptied, and the light grew dark in the daytime; beholding Thee, Jesus, nailed to the Cross in Thy flesh. *(Matthew 27:52-53; Luke 23:44-45)*

Do not require me of fruits worthy of repentance, for my strength is spent in me. Grant me ever a contrite heart and spiritual poverty, that I may offer these gifts to Thee as an acceptable sacrifice, O only Saviour. *(Matthew 3:8; 5:3; Psalm 50:17)* ✠

O my Judge and my Light, Who alone knowest me and art coming again with Thine Angels to judge the whole world, regard me then with Thy merciful Eye and spare me, O Jesus. And have compassion on me who have sinned more than all mankind. *(Matthew 25:31-32)*

O Venerable Mother Mary, pray unto God for us!

Intercede with the Creator on behalf of those who praise thee, holy mother, that we may be delivered from the sufferings and afflictions which beset us on all sides, that being delivered from our temptations, we may unceasingly magnify the Lord Who glorified thee.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

Let us glorify the Father, exalt the Son, and faithfully worship the Divine Spirit, inseparable Trinity, Unity in essence, as the Light and Lights, the Life and Lives, giving life and light to the ends of the earth.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Protect this city, spotless Mother of God, for in thee it faithfully reigns, and in thee it is made strong, and through thee it conquers and routs every trial and temptation, and spoils its foes and rules its subjects.

O Venerable Father Andrew, pray unto God for us!

Venerable Andrew, thrice-blessed father, shepherd of Crete, cease not to pray to God for those who sing of thee, that he may deliver from anger, oppression, corruption, and our countless sins, all of us who faithfully honor thy memory.

And again the 9th Ode:

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