

The Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration

Liturgical Resource

Vespers for the Preservation of Creation

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D = Deacon BishopC = ChoirR =
P = PriestB = ReaderA = All

(P) Blessed is our God, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

(C) Amen.

(A) O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, present in all places and filling all things; treasury of good things and giver of life, come and dwell in us and purify us from every stain, and of your goodness save our souls.(All) Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)

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

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy upon us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins.

O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy (12 times).

(R) O come let us worship and bow down to our King and God.

O come let us worship and bow down to Christ, our King and God.

O come let us worship and bow down before Christ himself, our King and our God.

(Psalm of Preparation)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the conies.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works -who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord! O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom have you made them all.

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

ages, Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to you, our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to you, our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to you, our hope, O Lord, glory to you.

(D) In peace let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For the peace that is from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For peace in the world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For our Metropolitan / Archbishop / Bishop (N.), the honorable presbyters, the deacons in the service of Christ, and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and temperate seasons, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

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

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by Your Grace.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) Remembering our most holy, pure blessed, and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(A) To you O Lord.

(P) Lord, our God, whose power is beyond compare, and glory is beyond understanding; whose mercy is boundless, and love for us is ineffable: look upon us and upon this holy

house in Your compassion. Grant to us and to those who pray with us Your abundant mercy.

(D) For to You belong all glory, honor and worship to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

(C) Amen.

Tone 1

(C) O Lord, I have cried out to you, hear me, O Lord. Lord I have cried out to you, hear me, give heed to the voice of my prayer. When I cry out to you, hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer rise like incense before you; and the lifting of my hands an evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

Verse: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? For with you there is forgiveness.

O Christ, who brought all things into existence from nothing, and with ineffable wisdom gave to each one to accomplish unerringly the goal which you laid down in the beginning, O Saviour, Lover of humankind, as you are powerful, bless the whole creation which you fashioned.

Verse: For your name's sake I have waited for you, O Lord; my soul has waited for your word, my soul has hoped in the Lord. Give peace to all the nations, Lord, and understanding in all things, so that we may lead our life in tranquillity and always keep the laws which you laid down for all creation for the unalterable maintenance and government of the universe.

Verse: From the watch of dawn until the night, from the watch of dawn, let Israel hope in the Lord. Lover of humankind, keep unharmed the environment that clothes the earth, through which, by your will, we who inhabit the earth live and move and have our being, that we, your unworthy suppliants, may be delivered from destruction and ruin.

Verse: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him abundant redemption, and he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Fence round the whole creation, O Christ Saviour, with the mighty strength of your love for humankind, and deliver the earth we inhabit from the corruption which threatens it; for we, your servants, have set our hopes on you.

Verse: Praise the Lord all nations! extol him all peoples!

Put an end, O Saviour, to the evil designs which are being devised against us by senseless intent, and turn aside from the earth every destructive action of the works of human hands which contrive corruption leading to perdition.

Verse: For great is his mercy to us, and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

O Lord, who wraps creation in clouds, as godly David sang, watch over the environment of the earth, which you created from the beginning for the preservation of mortals, and give us the breath of the winds and the flow of waters.

Tone 6

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

Almighty God, who created all things with wisdom and who watches over and guides them by your all-powerful hand, grant well-being that all creation may prosper and remain unharmed by hostile elements; for you, Master, commanded that the works of your hands should remain unshaken until the ends of the age; for you spoke and they came into being and they receive from you mercy for the turning away of all harm, and for the salvation of the human race which glorifies your name which is praised above all.

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

Who will not call you blessed, all-holy Virgin? Who will not hymn your child-birth without labor? For the only-begotten Son, who shone from the Father beyond time, came forth from you pure Maiden, ineffably incarnate. By nature he became man for our sakes, not divided in a duality of persons, but known without confusion in a duality of natures. O honored and all-blessed, implore him to have mercy on our souls.

(D) Wisdom. Let us attend.

O Jesus Christ, the joyful Light of the holy glory, of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the evening light, we sing in praise to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For you are worthy to be praised at every hour with songs of worship, O Son of God, giver of life. Wherefore the world doth glorify you.

(P) Wisdom.

(R) The Reading is from Leviticus:

The Lord spoke to the children of Israel saying: If you walk in my ordinances and keep my commandments and do them, I will give you rain in its season and the earth will give its produce and the trees of the plains their fruit. And your threshing time will overtake the vintage, and the vintage will overtake the sowing. And you will eat your bread to the full and dwell in safety on your land. And no one shall make you afraid; and I will destroy the evil before you. And five of you will pursue a hundred and a hundred of you will pursue tens of thousands. And I will look upon you and bless you and make you increase and multiply and I will establish my covenant with you. And you will eat what is old and very old, and bring out the old to make way for the new. And I will set my tabernacle among you and my soul shall not abhor you; and I will walk among you; and I will be your God and you shall be my people.

But if you will not listen to me, nor observe these ordinances of mine, but disobey them, and if your soul loathes my judgements, so that you do not keep all my commandments, I in turn will do thus to you: I will bring distress upon you, and you will sow your seed in vain and your enemies will devour your labors. And I will set my face against you and you will fall before your foes and they will pursue you and you will flee though no one pursues you; and I will smash the arrogance of your pride. And I will make the heaven like iron for you and your earth like solid bronze. And your strength will be in vain and your land will not give its fruit, and the trees of the field will not give their fruit. And I will send the wild beasts of the earth against you, and they will consume your cattle, and the sword will come against you and make you few in number. And your land will be desert and your farms will be

desert; because you have walked against me crookedly, and I will walk against you with crooked rage, says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel.

(P) Wisdom.

(R) The Reading is from the prophecy of Isaiah:

Look down, Lord, from heaven and see, from your holy house and your glory. Where is the abundance of your mercy and of your acts of pity, that you have withheld yourself from us? For you are our Father, because Abraham has not known us, nor Israel acknowledged us. But do you Lord, our Father, deliver us; from the beginning your name is upon us. Why have you made us wander from your way, Lord?

Why have you hardened our hearts not to fear you? Return for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage, that for a little while we may inherit your holy mountain. Our enemies have trampled down your sanctuary, we have become as at the beginning when you did not rule over us, nor had your name been invoked upon us. If you open the heaven, trembling from you will seize the mountains and they will melt as wax melts before the fire, and fire will burn up your adversaries, and your name will be manifest among your adversaries; nations will be troubled at your presence. When you do glorious deeds, trembling from you will seize the mountains. From eternity we have not heard, nor have our eyes seen any God but you. And your works are true, and you will perform mercy for those who wait for you. For mercy will meet with those who do right and remember your ways. And now, Lord, you are our Father; while we are clay and you are our Fashioner; we are all the work of your hands. Do not be exceedingly angry with us, Lord, and do not remember our sins for ever.

And now, look upon us, Lord, because we are all your people.

(P) Wisdom.

(R) The Reading is from the Prophecy of Jeremiah:

Thus says the Lord: I have remembered the mercy of your youth and the love of your marriage, of your following the Holy One of Israel, says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. To the Lord was the beginning of his produce. All those who devoured him will offend and evils will come upon them, says the Lord. Hear the word of the Lord, house of Jacob, and every family of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What offence did your fathers find in me, that they revolted far from me and went after vanities and became vain? And they did not say: Where is the Lord who brought us up out of the Land of Egypt, who guided us in the wilderness, in a boundless and trackless land, without water or fruit, and in the shadow of death, in a land through which no man had passed, nor had any son of man dwelt there? And I led you to Carmel to eat its fruits and its good things; and you went in and you defiled my land and made my inheritance an abomination. The priests did not say: Where is the Lord? And those who cling to the law did not know me, and the shepherds acted impiously towards me; and the prophets prophesied Baal and went after that which does not profit. Therefore I will be brought to trial before you again, says the Lord; and I will be brought to trial before your children's children. Cross to the islands of Kittim and look; and to Kedar and send and observe carefully, and see if such things have been done; if the nations will change their

gods, though they are no gods. But my people have changed their glory for something from which they will gain nothing. Heaven was amazed at this and trembled exceedingly, says the Lord.

(D) Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) O Lord almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) Again we pray for our Metropolitan / Archbishop / Bishop (Name), for the priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) Again we pray for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy Orthodox patriarchs; and for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy house; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God that lie ill, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable house; for those who labor and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await your great and rich mercy.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(P) For you are a merciful God, and love humankind, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

(A) Amen.

(A) Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are you O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is your name for ever. Amen. Let your mercy come upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on you,

Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your statutes.

Blessed are you, O Master, make me to understand your statutes.

Blessed are you, O Holy one, enlighten me with your statutes.

Your mercy, O Lord, is for ever. Do not overlook the works of your hands.

To you belongs praise; to you is due song; to you is due glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit now and ever, and to the ages of ages, Amen.

(D) Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(A) Lord have mercy.

(D) For a perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless evening, let us ask the Lord.

(A) Grant this O Lord.

(D) For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

(A) Grant this O Lord.

(D) For forgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

(A) Grant this O Lord.

(D) For all that is good and beneficial to our souls, and for peace in the world, let us ask the Lord.

(A) Grant this O Lord.

(D) For the completion of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

(A) Grant this O Lord.

(D) For a Christian end to our lives, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good account before the awesome judgement seat of Christ, let us ask the Lord.

(A) Grant this O Lord.

(D) Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(A) To You O Lord.

(P) For you are a good God who loves humankind, and to you we send up glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

(A) Amen.

(B) Peace be with all.

(A) And with your spirit.

(D) Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(A) To You O Lord.

(P) May the might of your kingdom be blessed and glorified; of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

(A) Amen.

Tone 1

O Lord, who created the universe at the beginning and gave to each thing his own rank, do not despise the works of your hands, but with an eye of mercy look from heaven upon this vine and restore it according to your will, turning aside from it every purpose that brings corruption and every destroyer; for you are our Shepherd and Deliverer and Saviour and from you we receive help in mercy and acts of compassion, as we glorify you, O Master.

Tone 2

O Lord and Master who fenced about the domain of the earth and made it sure with an enveloping band, deliver its whole structure from harm and disaster; for you are a treasury of strength and the source of life, and all things minister and are subject to your will as your servants, Lord. And so grant us your mercies and turn away from us every disaster, and save our souls as you love humankind.

Tone 3

Threats and scourges and destruction hang over us, Lord, because of the multitude of our transgressions; for we have sinned and transgressed and gone far from you, and we are affected and afflicted by dire perils; but deliver us, Lord from dangers that beset us, and keep the whole structure of the earth unharmed, granting equable breaths of wind and ever-flowing springs of water for our safe-keeping and salvation, O Lover of humankind.

Tone 4

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

O Lord, who holds the circle of the earth and establishes its foundations, as the Prophet says, accept our suppliant entreaties, as our guardian and protector and Saviour; for we are your people and the sheep of your pasture and by your infinite mercy we shall be delivered from expected dangers. Do not then utterly destroy us, Master, but may your goodness conquer the multitude of our offences, that we may glorify the ocean of your acts of pity.

Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

From dangers of every kind protect your servants, blessed Mother of God, that we may glorify you, the hope of our souls.

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(D) Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) Again we pray for all those responsible for our churches and communities, and for all brothers and sisters in Christ, and for every Christian soul afflicted and weary, in need of God's mercies and help; for the protection of this city and those who dwell in it; for the peace of the whole world; for the well-being of the holy churches of God; for the servants of God here present; for the salvation and help of all who labor and serve; for those who travel; for the healing of the sick; for the repose, refreshment and blessed memory of and forgiveness of sins of all who have gone to rest before and lie here and everywhere; for the deliverance of captives and refugees, let us say:

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Again we pray that God will keep this city and every city and country from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, pollution, war and civil strife, and that our good God who loves humanity will be gracious and merciful and deliver us from his righteous chastisement which impends against us, and have mercy on us.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) Again we pray that the Lord God hear the prayer of us sinners and have mercy on us.'

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(B) Hear us, O God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, unto us sinners and have mercy on us.

(A) Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(D) For you are a merciful God who loves humanity and all your creation, and unto you do we give glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

(A) Amen.

(B) Peace be to all.

(A) And with your spirit.

(D) Let us pray to the Lord.

(B) Lord, Jesus Christ our God, who blessed the five loaves in the wilderness, and from them five thousand were fed, bless also these loaves, this oil, this wine and all the fruits of the earth, and multiply them in this city and everywhere in your world; sanctify your faithful who will receive them. For you are the One who blesses and feeds and sanctifies all creation, O Christ our God, and to you we give glory, together with your eternal Father, and your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Verse:

The rich have become poor and hungry; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Tone 5

Merciful God, who loves humankind, look with an eye of compassion upon the works of your

hands and set free the expanse of the atmosphere from dread destruction and death-dealing emissions and every poisonous pollution, through which death and danger threaten. Take pity then on what you have fashioned and give to all prudence not to act senselessly, the result of which is corruption, granting to all pardon and salvation and divine mercy.

Verse:

With my voice I cried to the Lord, and he heard me from his holy mountain. Accept, O Saviour, the entreaties of your Mother, which she offers for all creation, and the supplications of all your Saints. Grant to all your mercies, and keep unharmed the firmament which you spread out from the beginning with wisdom, Lord, and brought into being for the benefit of mortals. Keep undamaged, O Word, the whole environment which girds the earth from harmful influences, granting to all pardon and salvation and great mercy.

Verse:

When I called you hearkened to me, O God of my justice, in all affliction you set me at large. With humility of our soul we entreat you, Lord, and we fall down before you: At your command deliver the earth on which we dwell from every harm and from harsh ruin, and speedily avert from it and abolish by your will destructive emanations and pour out the fresh dew of life-sustaining air. Fence about the whole enclosure of the environment, Master and Saviour, with your mighty power, granting to all pardon and salvation and divine mercy.

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

Through compassionate pity, O Word, you took another form, refashioned corrupted nature and brought it back to incorruption; and now we beseech you, yield to the supplications of your most pure Mother and grant stability to the inhabited world and well-being to all creation and deliverance from perils for the salvation for the salvation of our souls.

(C) Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all peoples; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

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

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

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the 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 trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

(P) 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 to the ages of ages.

(C) Amen.

Tone 4

(C) Lord and Saviour, who as God brought all things into being by a word, establishing laws and governing them unerringly to your glory, keep secure and unharmed, at the prayers of the Mother of God, all the elements which hold the earth together, and save the universe.

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

The mystery hidden from all eternity and unknown to Angels has been revealed to those on earth through you, O Mother of God: God being made flesh in a union without confusion, and willingly accepting the Cross for us, though which he raised the first-formed man and saved our souls from death.

(D) Let us pray to the Lord

(A) Lord have mercy.

(B) The blessing of the Lord, through his grace and loving-kindness, be upon you always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

(A) Amen.

(P) Wisdom.

(C) Master give the blessing.

(B) Blessed be He that is, even Christ our God, always, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

(C) Amen. Confirm, O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto the ages of ages.

(P) Most holy Mother of God, save us.

(C) More honorable than the Cherubim, incomparably more glorious than the Seraphim, who undefiled gave birth to God the Word, true Mother of God, we magnify you.

(P) Glory to you, O Christ our God, our sure hope, glory to you.

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

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Master, give the blessing.

(P) May Christ our true God, as a good, loving, and merciful God, have mercy upon us and save us, through the intercessions of His most pure and holy Mother; the power of the precious and life-giving cross; the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the

supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist; the holy, glorious and praise-worthy apostles; the holy, glorious and triumphant martyrs, the holy and righteous ancestors Joachim and Anna; Saint (Name/s.) whose memory we commemorate today, and all the saints, for he is good and loves humankind.

(A) Amen

(P) Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.

(A) Amen.