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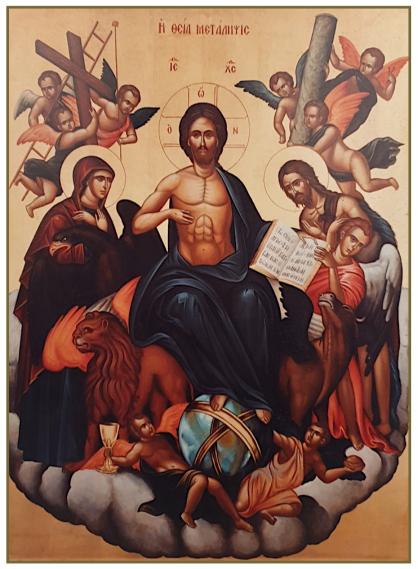
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Νού, ήψατο τούτο των χειλέων σου, και αφελεί τας ανομίας σου, και τας αμαρτίας σου περικαθαριεί. Ησαΐας 6:7



Behold, This has touched your lips, and will take away your iniquities, and will purge your sins. Isaiah 6:7



## Άκολουθία τῆς Θείας Μεταλήψεως

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Εὐλογητὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

(Άμήν.)

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Βασιλεῦ οὐράνιε,
Παράκλητε, τὸ Πνεῦμα τῆς
ἀληθείας, ὁ πανταχοῦ παρὼν
καὶ τὰ πάντα πληρῶν, ὁ
θησαυρὸς τῶν ἀγαθῶν καὶ
ζωῆς χορηγός, ἐλθὲ καὶ
σκήνωσον ἐν ἡμῖν καὶ
καθάρισον ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης
κηλῖδος καὶ σῷσον, Ἁγαθέ,
τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Άμήν.

### Τρισάγιον.

Άγιος ὁ Θεός, ἄγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἄγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ΄)

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ

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#### **PRIEST**

Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, treasury of good things and giver of life: come; take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, O Good one.

#### **READER**

Amen.

### **Trisagion Prayers.**

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

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy

ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα, συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἅγιε, ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἴασαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἰοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. (Ἀμήν.)

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ΄)

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν αὐτῷ, Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

### Ψαλμὸς Ν΄ (50).

Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου. Ἐπὶ πλεῖον πλῦνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς

#### **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 forever and to the ages of ages. (Amen.)

#### READER

Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

Come, let us worship and bow down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Him, Christ our King and God.

### Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me

άνομίας μου, καὶ απὸ τῆς άμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με. Ότι τὴν ἀνομίαν μου ἐγὼ γινώσκω, καὶ ἡ ἁμαρτία μου ένώπιόν μού έστι διὰ παντός. Σοὶ μόνω ήμαρτον καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν ἐνώπιόν σου έποίησα, ὅπως ἂν δικαιωθῆς έν τοῖς λόγοις σου, καὶ νικήσης έν τῷ κρίνεσθαί σε. Ίδοὺ γὰρ ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήφθην, καὶ ἐν ἁμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέ με ἡ μήτηρ μου. Ίδοὺ γὰρ ἀλήθειαν ἠγάπησας, τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κρύφια τῆς σοφίας σου έδήλωσάς μοι. Ραντιεῖς με ὑσσώπω, καὶ καθαρισθήσομαι, πλυνεῖς με, καὶ ὑπὲρ χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι. Άκουτιεῖς μοι ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εύφροσύνην' ἀγαλλιάσονται όστέα τεταπεινωμένα. Απόστρεψον τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν μου καὶ πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου έξάλειψον. Καρδίαν καθαράν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ Θεός, καὶ πνεῦμα εὐθὲς ἐγκαίνισον ἐν τοῖς ἐγκάτοις μου. Μὴ

thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with

ἀπορρίψης με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου καὶ το Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἅγιον μὴ ἀντανέλης ἀπ' έμοῦ. Ἀπόδος μοι τὴν άγαλλίασιν τοῦ σωτηρίου σου καὶ πνεύματι ἡγεμονικῷ στήριξόν με. Διδάξω ἀνόμους τὰς ὁδούς σου, καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἐπὶ σὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι. Ρῦσαί με ἐξ αίμάτων, ὁ Θεός, ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου' άγαλλιάσεται ή γλῶσσά μου τὴν δικαιοσύνην σου. Κύριε, τὰ γείλη μου ἀνοίξεις, καὶ τὸ στόμα μου ἀναγγελεῖ τὴν αίνεσίν σου. Ότι εἰ ἠθέλησας θυσίαν, ἔδωκα ἄν' όλοκαυτώματα οὐκ εὐδοκήσεις. Θυσία τῷ Θεῷ πνεῦμα συντετριμμένον, καρδίαν συντετριμμένην καὶ τεταπεινωμένην ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ έξουδενώσει. Άγάθυνον, Κύριε, ἐν τῆ εὐδοκίᾳ σου τὴν Σιών, καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τείχη Ἱερουσαλήμ. Τότε εὐδοκήσεις θυσίαν δικαιοσύνης, άναφορὰν καὶ δλοκαυτώματα. Τότε

Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built: then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar.

άνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

> Κανών τῆς Θείας Μεταλήψεως

'**Ωδὴ α΄. ဪτε** λαοί.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Άρτος ζωῆς αἰωνιζούσης γενέσθω μοι τὸ Σῶμά σου τὸ ἄγιον, εὕσπλαγχνε Κύριε, καὶ τὸ Τίμιον Αἷμα, καὶ νόσων πολυτρόπων ἀλεξητήριον.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Βεβηλωθεὶς ἔργοις ἀτόποις ὁ δείλαιος, τοῦ σοῦ ἀχράντου Σώματος καὶ Θείου Αἵματος ἀνάξιος ὑπάρχω, Χριστέ, τῆς μετουσίας, ἦς με ἀξίωσον.

Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Γῆ ἀγαθή, εὐλογημένη Θεόνυμφε, τὸν στάχυν ἡ βλαστήσασα τὸν ἀγεώργητον καὶ σωτήριον κόσμῳ, ἀξίωσόν





## The Canon of Preparation for Holy Communion

Ode i. Mode 2. Peoples, now come.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Merciful Lord, may Your holy body be for me the bread of everlasting life; and may Your precious blood, O compassionate Master, prevent me from succumbing to illness of any kind.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

I am defiled by my inappropriate deeds, for which I am unworthy of the most pure body and divine blood of my Savior. O Christ, I entreat You, let me partake of them.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Bride of God, you are the blessed good earth that produced the ear of grain, which no man sowed and which became the world's με τοῦτον τρώγοντα σώζεσθαι.

**'Ωδὴ γ'. <sup>3</sup>Ηχος β'.** Έν πέτρα με τῆς πίστεως.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Δακρύων μοι παράσχου, Χριστέ, ἡανίδας, τὸν ἡύπον τῆς καρδίας μου καθαιρούσας, ὡς ἂν εὐσυνειδότως κεκαθαρμένος, πίστει προσέρχωμαι καὶ φόβῳ, Δέσποτα, ἐν τῆ μεταλήψει τῶν θείων δώρων σου.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Εἰς ἄφεσιν γενέσθω μοι τῶν πταισμάτων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα καὶ θεῖον Αἶμα, εἰς Πνεύματος Ἁγίου τε κοινωνίαν καὶ εἰς αἰώνιον ζωήν, Φιλάνθρωπε, καὶ παθῶν καὶ θλίψεων ἀλλοτρίωσιν.

Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς. salvation. And now, as I eat it, grant that I be saved by it.

Ode iii. Mode 2. You strengthened me.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Christ, grant me a faucet of cleansing teardrops to wash away the stain of my heart's defilement, that purified by them and with a good conscience, O Master, I may come to You with fear and faith, and with love partake of Your holy gifts, O Lord.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

For pardon of the multitude of transgressions be Your divine blood and Your pure body, O Lover of humanity, and for communion with the Holy Spirit and eternal life, and complete estrangement from passions troubling me.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Ζωῆς τοῦ Ἄρτου τράπεζα, Παναγία, τοῦ ἄνωθεν δι' ἔλεον καταβάντος, καὶ κόσμῳ καινοτέραν ζωὴν διδόντος, κἀμὲ ἀξίωσον νῦν τὸν ἀνάξιον, μετὰ φόβου γεύσασθαι τούτου καὶ ζήσεσθαι.

**'Ωδὴ δ'. ဪ ΤΧος β'.** Ἐλήλυθας ἐκ Παρθένου.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ήθέλησας δι' ήμᾶς σαρκωθείς, Πολυέλεε, τυθῆναι ὡς πρόβατον διὰ βροτῶν ἁμαρτήματα' ὅθεν ἰκετεύω σε καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ ἐξαλεῖψαι πλημμελήματα.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Θεράπευσον τῆς ψυχῆς μου τὰ τραύματα, Κύριε, καὶ ὅλον ἁγίασον καὶ καταξίωσον, Δέσποτα, ὅπως κοινωνήσω σου τοῦ μυστικοῦ Θείου Δείπνου ὁ ταλαίπωρος.

O Virgin Maid, you are the all-holy table of the Bread of life, the Son of God, who for mercy came down and gave new life to the world and saved it. Now I who am unworthy earnestly entreat that you count me worthy to eat it and to live.

#### Ode iv. Mode 2. N/M

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

You willed to become incarnate for us, Lord most merciful, and as a Lamb be sacrificed for all the sins of humanity. Therefore I implore You now, to blot out my offenses and to wash me from my lawlessness.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Master, I pray You, heal the wounds of my sorry soul, and though I am wretched, sanctify me, body and soul alike. Make me worthy to partake of Your divine and Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Ίλέωσαι καὶ ἐμοὶ τὸν ἐκ σπλάγχνων σου, Δέσποινα, καὶ τήρει με ἄρρυπον τὸν σὸν ἰκέτην καὶ ἄμεμπτον, ὅπως εἰσδεχόμενος τὸν νοητὸν μαργαρίτην ἁγιάζωμαι.

**'Ωδὴ ε'. ဪ ΚΟς β'.** Ὁ τοῦ φωτὸς χορηγός.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Καθώς προέφης, Χριστέ, γενέσθω δὴ τῷ εὐτελεῖ δούλῳ σου καὶ ἐν ἐμοὶ μεῖνον ὡς ὑπέσχου ἰδοὺ γὰρ τὸ Σῷμα τρώγω σου τὸ θεῖον καὶ πίνω τὸ Αἷμά σου.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Λόγε Θεοῦ καὶ Θεέ, ὁ ἄνθραξ γένοιτο τοῦ σοῦ Σώματος εἰς φωτισμὸν τῷ ἐσκοτισμένῳ ἐμοί, καὶ καθαρισμὸν τῆς

most mystical supper, O gracious Lord.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Lady, implore your Son to be merciful unto me. I entreat you, keep me free of every sin and impurity, so that when I dare receive the holy pearl of communion, I may truly be sanctified.

**Ode v. Mode 2.** Lord, the provider of light.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

As You once said it, O Christ, so let it be to me Your worthless servant: Abide in me, even as you promised. For now I am about to eat Your holy body and drink Your most precious blood.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Word of God and God, may the live coal of Your divine body be illumination to me, bedarkened, and may Your holy blood be purification for my defiled soul. βεβηλωθείσης ψυχῆς μου τὸ Αἷμά σου.

Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Μαρία μῆτερ Θεοῦ, τῆς εὐωδίας τὸ σεπτὸν σκήνωμα, ταῖς σαῖς εὐχαῖς σκεῦος ἐκλογῆς με ἀπέργασαι, ὅπως τῶν ἀγιασμάτων μετέχω τοῦ Τόκου σου.

**'Ωδὴ ζ'. <sup>3</sup>Ηχος β'**. Έν ἀβύσσφ πταισμάτων.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Νοῦν, ψυχὴν καὶ καρδίαν άγίασον, Σῶτερ, καὶ τὸ σῶμά μου, καὶ καταξίωσον ἀκατακρίτως, Δέσποτα, τοῖς φρικτοῖς μυστηρίοις προσέρχεσθαι.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ξενωθείην παθῶν, καὶ τῆς χάριτος σχοίην τε προσθήκην ζωῆς καὶ ἀσφάλειαν, διὰ τῆς μεταλήψεως τῶν ἁγίων, Χριστέ, Μυστηρίων σου.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Mary, Mother of God, the tabernacle of the fragrance of God, I pray you make me a chosen vessel, by your almighty prayers, that I may partake of your Son's holy Sacrament.

Ode vi. Mode 2. In the sea now surrounded.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Savior, hallow my intellect, soul and heart, and my body, so that I may worthily approach Your awe-inspiring Mysteries, and not eat and drink judgment upon myself.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Through communion of Your holy Mysteries, may I become a stranger to the sinful passions, may grace be added unto me, and may I have assurance of life, O Christ.

Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Ό Θεοῦ Θεὸς Λόγος ὁ Ἅγιος, ὅλον με ἀγίασον νῦν προσερχόμενον τοῖς θείοις Μυστηρίοις σου, τῆς ἀγίας Μητρός σου δεήσεσι.

Δόξα' καὶ νῦν.

#### Κοντάκιον.

Ήχος β΄. Τὰ ἄνω ζητῶν.
Τὸν Ἄρτον, Χριστέ, λαβεῖν μὴ ὑπερίδης με, τὸ Σῶμα τὸ σὸν καὶ τὸ θεῖον νῦν Αἷμά σου τῶν ἀχράντων, Δέσποτα, καὶ φρικτῶν Μυστηρίων σου μετασχεῖν τῷ ἀθλίῳ, μὴ εἰς κρῖμά μοι γένοιτο γένοιτο δέ μοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον καὶ ἀθάνατον.

**'Ωδὴ ζ'. ဪΚος β'.** Εἰκόνος χρυσῆς.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Πηγὴ ἀγαθῶν ἡ μετάληψις, Χριστέ, τῶν ἀθανάτων σου νῦν Μυστηρίων' γενηθήτω μοι φῶς καὶ ζωὴ καὶ ἀπάθεια, Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Being holy, as God and the Word of God, through Your holy Mother's intercession, sanctify the whole of me as I approach Your divine and immaculate Mysteries.

Glory. Both now.

#### Kontakion.

Mode 2. In seeking the heights.

I pray you do not forbid me to receive the Bread, Your Body, O Christ, nor deny me Your holy Blood. May receiving Your awe-inspiring, immaculate Mysteries be to me, wretched sinner, not for judgment, O loving Lord; may it rather be to me for immortal and everlasting life.

Ode vii. Mode 2. The image of gold.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Immortal, O Christ, are Your Mysteries, of which I am partaking. May this become for me the source of light and life, dispassion and every

καὶ πρὸς ἀρετῆς θειοτέρας προκοπὴν καὶ ἐπίδοσιν πρόξενος, μόνε Ἀγαθέ, ὅπως δοξάζω σε.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ρυσθείην παθῶν καὶ ἐχθρῶν καὶ ἀναγκῶν καὶ πάσης θλίψεως, τρόμῷ καὶ πόθῷ προσιὼν τανῦν, μετ' εὐλαβείας, Φιλάνθρωπε, σοῦ τοῖς ἀθανάτοις καὶ θείοις Μυστηρίοις καὶ ψάλλων σοι Εὐλογητὸς εἶ ὁ Θεός, ὁ τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Σωτῆρα Χριστὸν ἡ τεκοῦσα ὑπὲρ νοῦν, Θεοχαρίτωτε, ἐκδυσωπῶ σε νῦν ὁ δοῦλός σου, τὴν καθαρὰν ὁ ἀκάθαρτος' μέλλοντά με νῦν τοῖς ἀχράντοις Μυστηρίοις προσέρχεσθαι, κάθαρον ὅλον μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος.

good; may it give me growth and advancement in divine virtue by Your grace, that I may glorify You, only good and merciful Lord.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

From passions and foes, from necessity and every tribulation, may I be rescued as I come to Your divine, immortal Mysteries reverently with trembling and longing, only Friend of humanity, to sing to You, "O God of our Fathers, glory to You."

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

O Maid full of grace, you ineffably gave birth to Christ the Savior. Now I, your unclean servant pray to you who are most pure and immaculate: As I now prepare to go forward to receive the Holy Eucharist, completely cleanse me of impurities of body and soul.

# **'Ωδὴ η'. <sup>3</sup>Ηχος β'**. Τὸν ἐν καμίνω τοῦ πυρός.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Τῶν οὐρανίων καὶ φρικτῶν καὶ ἀγίων σου, Χριστέ, νῦν Μυστηρίων, καὶ τοῦ Θείου σου Δείπνου καὶ μυστικοῦ κοινωνὸν γενέσθαι κἀμὲ καταξίωσον, τὸν ἀπεγνωσμένον, ὁ Θεὸς ὁ Σωτήρ μου.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ύπὸ τὴν σὴν καταφυγὼν εὐσπλαγχνίαν, Άγαθέ, κράζω σοι φόβῳ' Ἐν ἐμοὶ μεῖνον, Σῶτερ, κἀγώ, ὡς ἔφης ἐν σοί' ἰδοὺ γάρ, θαρρῶν τῷ ἐλέει σου, τρώγω σου τὸ Σῶμα καὶ πίνω σου τὸ Αἷμα.

Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Φρίττω δεχόμενος τὸ πῦρ, μὴ φλεχθῶ ὡσεὶ κηρὸς καὶ ὡσεὶ χόρτος. μο φρικτοῦ Μυστηρίου! Ω εὐσπλαγχνίας

## Ode viii. Mode 2. When God rvent down.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Your holy Mysteries, O Christ, are from heaven and are therefore awe-inspiring. And the mystical Supper that You prepared is divine. Now I who am desperate pray to You: Grant me to partake of it, O my God and Savior.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

To Your compassion I have run, and with fear I cry to You the only Good One: As You said, so abide in me and let me abide in You. For trusting in Your mercy, behold, I eat Your all-holy Body and drink Your Blood, O Savior.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

I am afraid as I partake of the fire, lest I burn like wax and hay do. Awesome Mystery! Wonderful is the mercy of God! How I, who am clay, can Θεοῦ! Πῶς θείου Σώματος καὶ Αἵματος ὁ πηλὸς μετέχω καὶ ἀφθαρτοποιοῦμαι;

**'Ωδὴ θ'. Ἦχος β'.** Ανάρχου Γεννήτορος.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Χρηστός ἐστι, γεύσασθε καὶ ἴδετε, ὁ Κύριος δι' ἡμᾶς καθ' ἡμᾶς γὰρ πάλαι γενόμενος, ἄπαξ ἑαυτόν τε προσάξας, ὡς προσφορὰν Πατρὶ τῷ ἰδίῳ ἀεὶ σφαγιάζεται, ἁγιάζων τοὺς μετέχοντας.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

Ψυχὴν σὺν τῷ σώματι ἀγιασθείην, Δέσποτα, φωτισθείην, σωθείην, γενοίμην οἶκός σου τῆ τῶν Μυστηρίων μεθέξει τῶν ἱερῶν, ἔνοικόν σε ἔχων σὺν Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, εὐεργέτα Πολυέλεε.

Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι. partake of God's Body and His Blood and can thus become immortal!

Ode ix. Mode 2. To us has appeared.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Yes, Christ is the Lord; and therefore taste and see that He is good. For of old He came down and became like us for us. Only once He offered himself as a sacrifice to His God and Father, yet He is forever slain, sanctifying us communicants.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Lord, may my body with my soul alike be sanctified, and illumined and saved and become Your dwelling place, through participation in Your sacred and divine Mysteries, O Master. May You and the Father and the Holy Spirit also dwell in me.

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Ώς πῦρ γενηθήτω μοι καὶ ώσεὶ φῶς τὸ Σῶμά σου καὶ τὸ Αἶμα, Σωτήρ μου, τὸ τιμιώτατον, φλέγον ἁμαρτίας τὴν ὕλην, καὶ ἐμπιπρῶν παθῶν τὰς ἀκάνθας καὶ ὅλον φωτίζον με προσκυνεῖν σου τὴν Θεότητα.

Ύπεραγία Θεοτόκε, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Θεὸς σεσωμάτωται, ἐκ τῶν ἀγνῶν αἰμάτων σου ὅθεν πᾶσα ὑμνεῖ σε γενεά, Δέσποινα νόων τε τὰ πλήθη δοξάζει, ὡς διὰ σοῦ σαφῶς κατιδόντα τὸν πάντων δεσπόζοντα, οὐσιωθέντα τὸ ἀνθρώπινον.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν Θεῷ.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν αὐτῷ, Χριστῷ τῷ Βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

O Savior most merciful, I pray to You that Your divine precious Body and Blood be for me both light and fire, burning up the causes of sin and also the thorns of the sinful passions, and fully enlightening me to worship Your Divinity.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

When God formed a body for himself, He did it in your womb. Therefore all generations, O Lady, sing your praise. Multitudes of Angels give glory, for now through you they can clearly see Him, the Lord of the universe, one in essence with humanity.

Come, let us worship and bow down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Him, Christ our King and God.

### Ψαλμὸς ΚΒ΄ (22).

Κύριος ποιμαίνει με καὶ οὐδέν με ὑστερήσει. Εἰς τόπον χλόης, ἐκεῖ με κατεσκήνωσεν, έπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως έξέθρεψέ με, τὴν ψυχήν μου έπέστρεψεν. Ώδήγησέ με έπὶ τρίβους δικαιοσύνης ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ. Ἐὰν γὰρ καὶ πορευθῶ ἐν μέσω σκιᾶς θανάτου, οὐ φοβηθήσομαι κακά, ὅτι σὸ μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ' ἡ ράβδος σου καὶ ἡ βακτηρία σου, αὖταί με παρεκάλεσαν. Ήτοίμασας ἐνώπιόν μου τράπεζαν, έξεναντίας τῶν θλιβόντων με' ἐλίπανας ἐν έλαίφ την κεφαλήν μου, καὶ τὸ ποτήριόν σου μεθύσκον με ώσεὶ κράτιστον. Καὶ τὸ ἔλεός σου καταδιώξει με πάσας τὰς ήμέρας τῆς ζωῆς μου, καὶ τὸ κατοικεῖν με ἐν οἴκῳ Κυρίου είς μακρότητα ήμερῶν.

### Ψαλμὸς ΚΓ΄ (23).

Τοῦ Κυρίου ἡ γῆ καὶ τὸ πλήρωμα αὐτῆς, ἡ οἰκουμένη καὶ πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες ἐν αὐτῆ. Αὐτὸς ἐπὶ θαλασσῶν

#### Psalm 22 (23).

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord to the end of my days.

### Psalm 23 (24).

The earth is the Lord's, and its fullness, the world and all who dwell therein. For He founded it upon the seas and prepared it upon the rivers.

έθεμελίωσεν αὐτὴν καὶ ἐπὶ ποταμῶν ἡτοίμασεν αὐτήν. Τίς ἀναβήσεται εἰς τὸ ὄρος τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ τίς στήσεται έν τόπω άγίω αὐτοῦ; ἀθῷος χερσὶ καὶ καθαρὸς τῆ καρδία, δς οὐκ ἔλαβεν ἐπὶ ματαίφ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ καὶ οὐκ ὤμοσεν έπὶ δόλω τῷ πλησίον αὐτοῦ. Οὖτος λήψεται εὐλογίαν παρὰ Κυρίου καὶ ἐλεημοσύνην παρὰ θεοῦ σωτῆρος αὐτοῦ. Αὕτη ἡ γενεὰ ζητούντων τὸν Κύριον, ζητούντων τὸ πρόσωπον τοῦ θεοῦ Ἰακώβ. Ἄρατε πύλας, οἱ ἄρχοντες ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐπάρθητε, πύλαι αἰώνιοι, καὶ είσελεύσεται ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης. Τίς ἐστιν οὖτος ὁ βασιλεύς τῆς δόξης; Κύριος κραταιὸς καὶ δυνατός, Κύριος δυνατὸς ἐν πολέμφ. Ἄρατε πύλας, οί ἄρχοντες ὑμῶν, καὶ έπάρθητε, πύλαι αἰώνιοι, καὶ είσελεύσεται ὁ βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης. Τίς ἐστιν οὖτος ὁ βασιλεύς τῆς δόξης; Κύριος τῶν δυνάμεων αὐτός ἐστιν ὁ βασιλεύς τῆς δόξης.

Who shall ascend to the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place? He who has innocent hands and a pure heart; He who does not lift up his soul to vanity; He who does not swear deceitfully to his neighbor. He shall receive blessing from the Lord and mercy from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up the gates, O you rulers, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall enter. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord powerful in battle. Lift up the gates, O you rulers, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall enter. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

### Ψαλμὸς ΡΙΕ΄ (115).

Έπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα: έγὼ δὲ ἐταπεινώθην σφόδρα. Έγω δε εἶπα ἐν τῆ ἐκστάσει μου' πᾶς ἄνθρωπος ψεύστης. Τί ἀνταποδώσω τῷ Κυρίω περὶ πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκέ μοι; ποτήριον σωτηρίου λήψομαι καὶ τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου έπικαλέσομαι. Τὰς εὐχάς μου τῷ Κυρίῳ ἀποδώσω ἐναντίον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ αὐτοῦ. Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος τῶν ὁσίων αὐτοῦ. Ὠ Κύριε, ἐγὰ δοῦλος σός, ἐγὰ δοῦλος σὸς καὶ υἱὸς τῆς παιδίσκης σου. Διέρρηξας τούς δεσμούς μου, σοὶ θύσω θυσίαν αἰνέσεως καὶ ἐν ονόματι Κυρίου έπικαλέσομαι. Τὰς εὐχάς μου τῷ Κυρίῷ ἀποδώσω ἐναντίον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ αὐτοῦ, ἐν αὐλαῖς οἴκου Κυρίου ἐν μέσω σου, Ίερουσαλήμ.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

#### Psalm 115 (116).

I believed: therefore, I spoke; I was greatly humbled. I said in my ecstasy, "Every man is a liar." What shall I give back to the Lord for all He rendered to me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy ones. O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant and the son of Your handmaid. You broke apart my bonds; I will offer a sacrifice of praise; I shall pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Δόξα σοι ὁ Θεός. (ἐκ γ΄)

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Τὰς ἀνομίας μου πάριδε, Κύριε, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθείς, καὶ τὴν καρδίαν μου καθάρισον, ναὸν αὐτὴν ποιῶν τοῦ ἀγίου σου Πνεύματος, μή με ἐξουδενώσης, ἀπὸ τοῦ σοῦ προσώπου, ὁ ἀμέτρητον ἔχων τὸ ἔλεος.

#### Δόξα.

Εἰς τὴν μετάληψιν τῶν Αγιασμάτων σου πῶς ἀναιδεσθῶ ὁ ἀνάξιος; ἐὰν γὰρ τολμήσω σοι προσελθεῖν σὺν τοῖς ἀξίοις, ὁ χιτών με ἐλέγχει, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστι τοῦ Δείπνου, καὶ κατάκρισιν προξενήσω τῆ πολυαμαρτήτῷ μου ψυχῆ. Καθάρισον, Κύριε, τὸν ῥύπον τῆς ψυχῆς μου καὶ σῶσόν με, ὡς φιλάνθρωπος.

Καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Overlook my transgressions, O Lord born of a Virgin, and purify my heart, and make it temple of Your Holy Spirit. I implore You whose mercy is immense, that You do not reject me from Your presence.

#### Glory.

How shall I, who am unworthy, shamelessly commune Your holy Mysteries? If I dare to approach You with those who are worthy, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not fit for the banquet, and I shall bring condemnation upon my very sinful soul. O Lord, cleanse the filth of my soul and save me, in Your love for humanity.

Both now. Theotokion.

Πολλὰ τὰ πλήθη τῶν ἐμῶν Θεοτόκε πταισμάτων, πρὸς σὲ κατέφυγον Άγνή, σωτηρίας δεόμενος. Ἐπίσκεψαι τὴν ἀσθενοῦσάν μου ψυχήν, καὶ αἴτησαι τῷ Υἰῷ σου καὶ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, δοθήναί μοὶ τὴν ἄφεσιν, ὧν ἔπραξα δεινῶν, μόνη εὐλογημένη.

Τῆ δὲ ἀγία καὶ μεγάλη Πέμπτη, τὸ παρόν.

Ότε οἱ ἔνδοξοι Μαθηταί, ἐν τῷ νιπτῆρι τοῦ Δείπνου ἐφωτίζοντο, τότε Ἰούδας ὁ δυσσεβής, φιλαργυρίαν νοσήσας ἐσκοτίζετο, καὶ ἀνόμοις κριταῖς, σὲ τὸν δίκαιον Κριτὴν παραδίδωσι. Βλέπε χρημάτων ἐραστά, τὸν διὰ ταῦτα ἀγχόνῃ χρησάμενον φεῦγε ἀκόρεστον ψυχήν, τὴν Διδασκάλῷ τοιαῦτα τολμήσασαν. Ὁ περὶ πάντας ἀγαθός, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

O Theotokos, my offences are indeed very many. \* To you I run, O Maiden pure, and I pray for salvation. \* Visit my infirm and ailing soul, \* and pray for me to your Son and our God, \* to grant to me forgiveness for the evils I have done, O only blessed Lady.

#### On Holy and Great Thursday, the following:

While the glorious Disciples were being illumined at the washing of the feet during the Supper, then, too, did Judas the ungodly one, succumb to darkness, being sick with avarice. And he delivered You, the righteous Judge, to lawless judges. Look here, O lover of money, and see the one who for money's sake hanged himself. Flee from the greed that made him dare commit such a deed against the Teacher. O Lord benevolent to all, glory be to You.

Lord, have mercy. (40)



### Περὶ τοῦ, πῶς δεῖ προσέρχεσθαι τοῖς Ἀχράντοις Μυστηρίοις

Μέλλων φαγεῖν, ἄνθρωπε, Σῶμα Δεσπότου, \* φόβω πρόσελθε, μὴ φλεγῆς' πῦρ τυγχάνει. \* Θεῖον δὲ πίνων Αἶμα πρὸς μετουσίαν, \* πρῶτον καταλλάγηθι τοῖς σὲ λυποῦσιν, \* ἔπειτα θαἰρὸῶν, μυστικὴν βρῶσιν φάγε.

### Έτεροι ὅμοιοι.

Πρὸ τοῦ μετασχεῖν τῆς φρικώδους θυσίας, \* τοῦ ζωοποιοῦ Σώματος τοῦ Δεσπότου, \* τῷδε πρόσευξαι τῷ τρόπῳ μετὰ τρόμου.

## ΕΥΧΗ Α΄ (Μεγάλου Βασιλείου)

Δέσποτα Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἡ πηγὴ τῆς ζωῆς καὶ τῆς ἀθανασίας, ὁ πάσης ὁρατῆς καὶ ἀοράτου κτίσεως δημιουργός, ὁ τοῦ ἀνάρχου Πατρὸς συναΐδιος

#### **Instructive Verses**



(How one should approach the immaculate Mysteries).

As you are about to eat the body of the Master, \* approach with fear lest you be burned, for it is fire. \* And before you drink in communion the blood, \* be first reconciled with all those you have offended; \* then you may take courage to eat the mystic Food.

Before you take part in the awesome sacrifice \* of the life-giving body of the Master, \* take care and pray with fear of God.

## FIRST PRAYER of Saint Basil the Great

Master Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Source of life and immortality, Who are the Maker of all creation, both visible and invisible, the coeternal and co-beginningless Son of the eternal Father, Υίὸς καὶ συνάναρχος, ὁ δι' ύπερβολήν άγαθότητος έπ' έσχάτων τῶν ἡμερῶν σάρκα φορέσας, καὶ σταυρωθεὶς καὶ τυθεὶς ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀχαρίστων καὶ ἀγνωμόνων ἡμῶν, καὶ τῷ οἰκείφ σου Αἵματι ἀναπλάσας τὴν φθαρεῖσαν ὑπὸ τῆς άμαρτίας φύσιν ήμῶν, αὐτὸς άθάνατε Βασιλεῦ, πρόσδεξαι κάμοῦ τοῦ άμαρτωλοῦ τὴν μετάνοιαν καὶ κλῖνον τὸ οὖς σου έπ' έμοὶ καὶ εἰσάκουσον τῶν ῥημάτων μου' ἥμαρτον γάρ, Κύριε, ἥμαρτον εἰς τὸν ούρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου καὶ οὔκ εἰμι ἄξιος ἀτενίσαι εἰς τὸ ύψος τῆς δόξης σου παρώργισα γάρ σου τὴν άγαθότητα, τὰς σὰς ἐντολὰς παραβάς καὶ μὴ ὑπακούσας τοῖς σοῖς προστάγμασιν. Ἀλλὰ σύ, Κύριε, ἀνεξίκακος ἄν, μακρόθυμός τε καὶ πολυέλεος, οὐ παρέδωκάς με συναπολέσθαι ταῖς ἀνομίαις μου, τὴν ἐμὴν πάντως άναμένων έπιστροφήν. Σὺ γὰρ εἶπας, φιλάνθρωπε, διὰ τοῦ προφήτου σου, ὅτι οὐ

Who in the abundance of Your goodness were in the last days clothed in flesh, were crucified and buried for us, the ungrateful and thankless ones, and by Your own Blood refashioned our nature which had been corrupted by sin: O immortal King, accept the repentance even of me the sinner, and incline Your ear to me and hear my words. For I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against heaven and before You, and I am not worthy to gaze on the height of Your glory; for I have provoked Your goodness by transgressing Your commandments and not obeying Your ordinances. But in Your forbearance, patience, and great mercy, You, O Lord, have not given me up to be destroyed with my sins, but You await my complete conversion. For You Who love mankind have said through Your Prophet that You desire not the death of the sinner, but that he should return to You and live. For You do not will, O Lord, that

θελήσει θέλω τὸν θάνατον τοῦ ἁμαρτωλοῦ, ὡς τὸ έπιστρέψαι καὶ ζῆν αὐτόν' οὐ γὰρ βούλει, Δέσποτα, τὸ πλάσμα τῶν σῶν ἀπολέσθαι χειρῶν, οὐδὲ εὐδοκεῖς ἐπ' ἀπωλεία ἀνθρώπων, ἀλλὰ θέλεις πάντας σωθῆναι καὶ είς ἐπίγνωσιν ἀληθείας έλθεῖν. Διὸ κάγώ, εἰ καὶ άνάξιὸς είμι τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ αὐτῆς τῆς προσκαίρου ζωῆς ὅλον έμαυτὸν ὑποτάξας τῆ ἁμαρτία καὶ ταῖς ἡδοναῖς δουλώσας καὶ τὴν σὴν ἀχρειώσας εἰκόνα, ἀλλὰ ποίημα καὶ πλάσμα σὸν γεγονώς, οὐκ ἀπογινώσκω τὴν ἐμαυτοῦ σωτηρίαν ὁ ἄθλιος' τῆ δὲ σῆ άμετρήτω εὐσπλαγχνία θαρρήσας προσέρχομαι. Δέξαι ούν κάμέ, φιλάνθρωπε Χριστέ, ὡς τὴν Πόρνην, ὡς τὸν Ληστήν, ὡς τὸν Τελώνην καὶ ὡς τὸν Ἄσωτον' καὶ ἄρόν μου τὸ βαρὺ φορτίον τῶν άμαρτιῶν, ὁ τὴν ἁμαρτίαν αἴρων τοῦ κόσμου καὶ τὰς ἀσθενείας τῶν ἀνθρώπων

the work of Your hands should be destroyed, neither do You delight in the destruction of men, but You desire that all should be saved and come to a knowledge of the Truth. Therefore, though I am unworthy both of heaven and earth, and even of this transient life – since I have completely succumbed to sin and am a slave to pleasure and have defaced Your image, yet being Your work and creation, wretch that I am, even I do not despair of my salvation and dare to draw near to Your boundless compassion. Therefore receive even me, O Christ Who Loves mankind, as the harlot, as the thief, as the publican, and as the prodigal; and take from me the heavy burden of my sins: You Who take away the sin of the world, Who heal men's sicknesses. Who call the weary and heavy laden to Yourself and give them rest; for You came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. And cleanse me from all defilement of flesh

ιώμενος' ὁ τοὺς κοπιῶντας καὶ πεφορτισμένους πρὸς σεαυτὸν καλῶν καὶ άναπαύων' ὁ μὴ ἐλθὼν καλέσαι δικαίους, άλλὰ άμαρτωλούς είς μετάνοιαν' καὶ καθάρισόν με ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος' δίδαξόν με έπιτελεῖν ἁγιωσύνην ἐν φόβω σου, ἵνα ἐν καθαρῷ τῷ μαρτυρίφ τῆς συνειδήσεώς μου, τῶν ἁγιασμάτων σου τὴν μερίδα ύποδεχόμενος, ένωθῶ τῷ ἀγίῳ Σώματί σου καὶ Αἵματι, καὶ ἕξω σε ἐν ἐμοὶ κατοικοῦντα καὶ μένοντα σὺν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι. Ναί, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεός μου' καὶ μὴ εἰς κρῖμά μοι γένοιτο ἡ μετάληψις τῶν ἀχράντων καὶ ζωοποιῶν Μυστηρίων σου, μηδὲ ἀσθενὴς γενοίμην ψυχῆ τε καὶ σώματι, ἐκ τοῦ ἀναξίως αὐτῶν μεταλαμβάνειν ἀλλὰ δός μοι, μέχρι τελευταίας μου άναπνοῆς, ἀκατακρίτως ύποδέχεσθαι τὴν μερίδα τῶν άγιασμάτων σου, είς

and spirit. Teach me to attain perfect holiness in the fear of You, that with the clear witness of my conscience I may receive a portion of Your holy Things and be united with Your holy Body and Blood, and have You dwelling and remaining in me with the Father and Your Holy Spirit. And, O Lord Jesus Christ, my God, do not let the communion of Your immaculate and life-giving Mysteries be to me for condemnation, nor let it make me sick in body or soul through my partaking of them unworthily; but rather grant that until my last breath I may receive a portion of Your holy Things without condemnation, for communion with the Holy Spirit, as a provision for eternal life, and as an acceptable defense at Your dread tribunal, so that I, too, with all Your elect may become a partaker of Your pure joys which You have prepared for those who love You, O Lord, in whom You

Πνεύματος άγίου κοινωνίαν, εἰς ἐφόδιον ζωῆς αἰωνίου καὶ εἰς εὐπρόσδεκτον ἀπολογίαν τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματός σου ὅπως ἂν κἀγώ, σὺν πᾶσι τοῖς ἐκλεκτοῖς σου, μέτοχος γένωμαι τῶν ἀκηράτων σου ἀγαθῶν, ὧν ἡτοίμασας τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε, Κύριε' ἐν οἶς δεδοξασμένος ὑπάρχεις εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

**ΕΥΧΗ Β'** (τοῦ αὐτοῦ)

Οἶδα, Κύριε, ὅτι ἀναξίως μεταλαμβάνω τοῦ ἀχράντου σου Σώματος καὶ τοῦ τιμίου σου Αἵματος καὶ ἔνοχὸς εἰμι καὶ κρῖμα ἐμαυτῷ ἐσθίω καὶ πίνω, μὴ διακρίνων τὸ Σῶμα καὶ τὸ Αἶμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ Θεοῦ μου' ἀλλὰ τοῖς οίκτιρμοῖς σου θαρρών, προσέρχομαί σοι τῷ εἰπόντι. Ό τρώγων μου τὴν Σάρκα καὶ πίνων μου τὸ Αἶμα ἐν ἐμοὶ μένει, κάγὼ ἐν αὐτῷ. Σπλαγχνίσθητι οὖν, Κύριε, καὶ μὴ παραδειγματίσης με τὸν άμαρτωλόν, άλλὰ ποίησον

are glorified throughout the ages. Amen.

## **SECOND PRAYER** of Saint Basil the Great

I know, O Lord, that I partake of Your immaculate Body and precious Blood unworthily, and that I am guilty, and eat and drink judgment to myself by not discerning the Body and Blood of You, my Christ and God. But, trusting in Your compassion, I take courage and approach You, for You have said: "He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in him." Therefore have compassion, O Lord, and do not make an example of me, the sinner, but deal with me according to

μετ' έμοῦ κατὰ τὸ ἔλεός σου' καὶ γενέσθω μοι τὰ ἅγια ταῦτα εἰς ἴασιν καὶ κάθαρσιν καὶ φωτισμὸν καὶ φυλακτήριον καὶ σωτηρίαν καὶ ἁγιασμὸν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος' είς ἀποτροπὴν πάσης φαντασίας καὶ πονηρᾶς πράξεως καὶ ένεργείας διαβολικής, κατά διάνοιαν τῆς ἐν τοῖς μέλεσί μου ένεργουμένης' είς παρρησίαν καὶ ἀγάπην τὴν πρὸς σέ' εἰς διόρθωσιν βίου καὶ ἀσφάλειαν' εἰς αὔξησιν άρετῆς καὶ τελειότητος' εἰς πλήρωσιν ἐντολῶν' εἰς Πνεύματος άγίου κοινωνίαν' είς έφόδιον ζωῆς αἰωνίου καὶ είς ἀπολογίαν εὐπρόσδεκτον, τὴν ἐπὶ τοῦ φοβεροῦ βήματός σου' μη είς κρίμα η είς κατάκριμα.

## ΕΥΧΗ Γ΄ (Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου)

Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου, οἶδα, ὅτι οὕκ εἰμι ἄξιος οὐδὲ ἱκανός, ἵνα μου ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην εἰσέλθης

Your mercy; and let these Holy Things be for my healing, and purification, and enlightenment, and protection, and salvation, and sanctification of body and soul; for the turning away of every fantasy, and all evil practice, and diabolical activity working subconsciously in my members; for confidence and love towards You: for reformation of life and stability; for an increase of virtue and perfection; for fulfillment of the commandments; for communion with the Holy Spirit; as a provision for eternal life; and as an acceptable defense at Your dread Tribunal, not unto judgment nor unto condemnation.

# THIRD PRAYER of Saint John Chrysostom

Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy or sufficient that You should come under the roof of the house of my τοῦ οἴκου τῆς ψυχῆς, διότι őλη ἔρημος καὶ καταπεσοῦσὰ έστι, καὶ οὐκ ἔχεις παρ' ἐμοὶ τόπον ἄξιον τοῦ κλῖναι τὴν κεφαλήν. Άλλ' ώς έξ ὕψους δι' ἡμᾶς ἐταπείνωσας σεαυτόν, συμμετρίασον καὶ νῦν τῆ ταπεινώσει μου. Καὶ ὡς κατεδέξω ἐν τῷ σπηλαίῳ καὶ φάτνη ἀλόγων ἀνακλιθῆναι, ούτω κατάδεξαι καὶ ἐν τῆ φάτνη τῆς ἀλόγου μου ψυχῆς καὶ ἐν τῷ ἐσπιλωμένῳ μου σώματι είσελθεῖν. Καὶ ὡς οὐκ άπηξίωσας είσελθεῖν καὶ συνδειπνησαι άμαρτωλοῖς ἐν τῆ οἰκία Σίμωνος τοῦ λεπροῦ, οὕτω κατάδεξαι εἰσελθεῖν καὶ είς τὸν οἶκον τῆς ταπεινῆς μου ψυχῆς, τοῦ λεπροῦ καὶ άμαρτωλοῦ. Καὶ ὡς οὐκ ἀπώσω τὴν ὁμοίαν μοι πόρνην καὶ ἁμαρτωλόν, προσερχομένην καὶ άπτομένην σου, οὕτω σπλαγχνίσθητι καὶ ἐπ' ἐμοὶ τῷ άμαρτωλῷ, προσερχομένῳ σοι καὶ ἀπτομένω σου. Καὶ ὡς οὐκ ἐβδελύξω τὸ ῥυπαρὸν έκείνης στόμα καὶ ἐναγὲς

soul, for all is desolate and fallen, and You do not have within me a place fit to lay Your head. But even as from on high You humbled Yourself for our sake, so now conform Yourself to my humility. And as You consented to lie in a cave and in a manger of irrational beasts, so also consent to lie in the manger of my irrational soul and to enter my defiled body. And as You did not disdain to enter and dine with sinners in the house of Simon the Leper, so consent also to enter the house of my humble soul which is leprous and sinful. And as You did not reject the woman who was a harlot and a sinner like me, when she approached and touched You, so also be compassionate with me, the sinner, as I approach and touch You, and let the live coal of Your most-holy Body and precious Blood be for the sanctification, and enlightenment, and strengthening of my humble soul and body; for a relief

καταφιλοῦν σε, μηδὲ ἐμοῦ βδελύξη τὸ ῥυπαρώτερον έκείνης στόμα καὶ έναγέστερον, μηδὲ τὰ ἔμμυσα καὶ ἀκάθαρτά μου χείλη καὶ βέβηλα, καὶ τὴν άκαθαρτοτέραν μου γλῶσσαν. Ἀλλὰ γενέσθω μοι ὁ ἄνθραξ τοῦ παναγίου σου Σώματος καὶ τοῦ τιμίου σου Αἵματος εἰς ἁγιασμὸν καὶ φωτισμὸν καὶ ῥῶσιν τῆς ταπεινῆς μου ψυχῆς καὶ τοῦ σώματος' είς κουφισμόν τοῦ βάρους τῶν πολλῶν μου πλημμελημάτων' είς φυλακτήριον πάσης διαβολικής ένεργείας' είς άποτροπὴν καὶ ἐμπόδιον τῆς φαύλης μου καὶ πονηρᾶς συνηθείας' είς ἀπονέκρωσιν τῶν παθῶν' εἰς περιποίησιν τῶν ἐντολῶν σου' εἰς προσθήκην τῆς θείας σου χάριτος καὶ τῆς σῆς βασιλείας οἰκείωσιν. Οὐ γὰρ ὡς καταφρονῶν προσέρχομαί σοι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ἀλλ' ὡς θαρρών τη ἀφάτω σου άγαθότητι, καὶ ἵνα μή, ἐπὶ

from the burden of my many sins; for a protection from all diabolical practices; for a restraint and a check on my evil and wicked way of life; for the mortification of passions; for the keeping of Your commandments; for an increase of Your divine grace; and for the advancement of Your Kingdom. For it is not as one insolent and presumptuous that I draw near to You, O Christ my God, but as one taking courage from Your ineffable goodness, so that having long abstained from Your communion I may not become a prey to the noetic wolf. Therefore, I pray to You, O Lord, Who alone are holy: sanctify my soul and body, my mind and heart, my emotions and affections, and wholly renew me. Root in my members the fear of You, and make Your sanctification indelible within me. Be also my Helper and Defender, guide my life in peace, and make me worthy to stand on Your right hand with Your

πολύ ἀφιστάμενος τῆς κοινωνίας σου, θηριάλωτος ύπὸ τοῦ νοητοῦ λύκου γένωμαι. Διὸ δέομαί σου, ὡς μόνος ὢν ἅγιος, Δέσποτα, άγίασὸν μου τὴν ψυχὴν καὶ τὸ σῶμα, τὸν νοῦν καὶ τὴν καρδίαν, τοὺς νεφροὺς καὶ τὰ σπλάγχνα, καὶ ὅλον με άνακαίνισον καὶ ῥίζωσον τὸν φόβον σου ἐν τοῖς μέλεσί μου, καὶ τὸν ἁγιασμόν σου ἀνεξάλειπτον ἀπ' ἐμοῦ ποίησον. Καὶ γενοῦ μοι βοηθὸς καὶ ἀντιλήπτωρ, κυβερνῶν ἐν εἰρήνη τὴν ζωήν μου, καταξιῶν με καὶ τῆς ἐκ τῶν δεξιῶν σου παραστάσεως μετὰ τῶν ἁγίων σου' εὐχαῖς καὶ πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου σου Μητρός, τῶν ἀΰλων σου λειτουργῶν καὶ ἀχράντων Δυνάμεων καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, τῶν ἀπ' αίῶνος σοι εὐαρεστησάντων. Άμήν.

**ΕΥΧΗ Δ'** (τοῦ αὐτοῦ)

Οὔκ εἰμι ἱκανός, Δέσποτα

Saints; through the prayers and intercessions of Your allpure Mother, of Your ministering Angels, of the immaculate Powers, and of all the Saints who have been well-pleasing to You. Amen.

FOURTH PRAYER
of Saint John Chrysostom
I am not worthy,

τὴν στέγην τῆς ψυχῆς μου' άλλ' έπειδή βούλει σύ, ώς φιλάνθρωπος, οἰκεῖν ἐν ἐμοί, θαρρών προσέρχομαι. Κελεύεις, ἀναπετάσω τὰς πύλας, ἃς σὺ μόνος έδημιούργησας, καὶ εἰσέρχη μετὰ φιλανθρωπίας, ὡς πέφυκας' εἰσέρχη καὶ φωτίζεις τὸν ἐσκοτισμένον μου λογισμόν. Πιστεύω ώς τοῦτο ποιήσεις' οὐ γὰρ Πόρνην προσελθοῦσὰν σοι μετὰ δακρύων ἀπέφυγες, οὐδὲ Τελώνην ἀπεβάλου μετανοήσαντα, οὐδὲ Ληστὴν έπιγνόντα τὴν βασιλείαν σου άπεδίωξας, οὐδὲ Διώκτην μετανοήσαντα κατέλιπες, ὃ ἦν' ἀλλὰ τοὺς ὑπὸ τῆς μετανοίας προσαχθέντας, ἄπαντας ἐν τῷ χορῷ τῶν σῶν φίλων κατέταξας, ὁ μόνος ύπάρχων εὐλογημένος πάντοτε, νῦν καὶ εἰς τοὺς άπεράντους αίωνας. Άμήν.

> **ΕΥΧΗ Ε΄** (τοῦ αὐτοῦ)

Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ

Sovereign Lord, for you to come under the roof of my soul. Yet because of your love for all people, you wish to dwell in me. I boldly come. Command that the gates open which you alone made and you will come in with love toward all people, as is your nature. You will come in and enlighten my darkened reasoning. I believe that you will do this, for you did not send away the harlot who came to you with tears, nor cast out the repenting publican, nor reject the thief who acknowledged your kingdom, nor forsake the repentant persecutor for what he was. But you counted as your friends all of those who came to you in repentance. You alone are blessed, always, now and to the endless ages. Amen.

FIFTH PRAYER
of Saint John Chrysostom
Lord Jesus Christ my God,

Θεός μου, ἄνες, ἄφες, ίλάσθητι καὶ συγχώρησὸν μοι, τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ καὶ ἀχρείῳ καὶ ἀναξίω δούλω σου, τὰ πταίσματα καὶ πλημμελήματα καὶ παραπτώματά μου, ὅσα σοι ἐκ νεότητός μου μέχρι τῆς παρούσης ήμέρας καὶ ὥρας ήμαρτον, εἴτε ἐν γνώσει καὶ άγνοία, εἴτε ἐν λόγοις ἢ ἔργοις η ένθυμήμασιν η διανοήμασι καὶ ἐπιτηδεύμασι, καὶ πάσαις μου ταῖς αἰσθήσεσι. Καὶ τῆ πρεσβεία τῆς ἀσπόρως κυησάσης σε παναχράντου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας τῆς Μητρός σου, τῆς μόνης άκαταισχύντου έλπίδος καὶ προστασίας καὶ σωτηρίας μου, καταξίωσόν με ἀκατακρίτως μεταλαβεῖν τῶν άχράντων καὶ άθανάτων καὶ ζωοποιῶν καὶ φρικτῶν Μυστηρίων σου, εἰς ἄφεσιν άμαρτιῶν καὶ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον' εἰς ἁγιασμὸν καὶ φωτισμὸν καὶ ῥώμην καὶ ἴασιν καὶ ὑγείαν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος' καὶ εἰς έξάλειψιν καὶ παντελῆ ἀφανισμὸν τῶν

loose, remit, forgive, absolve, and pardon the sins, offenses and transgressions which I, Your sinful, useless and unworthy servant have committed from my youth, up to the present day and hour, whether in knowledge or in ignorance, whether by words or in deeds, whether in my intentions or in my thoughts, and whether by habit or through any of my senses. And through the intercession of her who conceived You without seed, the all-pure and ever-virgin Mary Your Mother, my only sure hope and protection and salvation, make me worthy to receive without condemnation Your pure, immortal, life-giving and fearful Mysteries, unto forgiveness of sins and for eternal life; for sanctification, and enlightenment, and strength, and healing, and health of soul and body; and for the blotting out and complete destruction of my evil reasonings, and intentions, and prejudices, and the nocturnal fantasies of dark

πονηρῶν μου λογισμῶν καὶ ἐνθυμήσεων καὶ προλήψεων καὶ νυκτερινῶν φαντασιῶν τῶν σκοτεινῶν καὶ πονηρῶν πνευμάτων. Ότι σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα καὶ ἡ τιμὴ καὶ ἡ προσκύνησις, σὸν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ ἀγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὸς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

## ΕΥΧΗ **ζ'**(Ἰωάννου τοῦ Δαμασκηνοῦ)

Δέσποτα Κύριε Ίησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ μόνος έχων έξουσίαν άνθρώποις άφιέναι άμαρτίας, ώς άγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος, πάριδέ μου πάντα τὰ ἐν γνώσει καὶ άγνοία πταίσματα, καὶ άξίωσόν με άκατακρίτως μεταλαβεῖν τῶν θείων καὶ ένδόξων καὶ ἀχράντων καὶ ζωοποιῶν σου Μυστηρίων, μὴ είς κόλασιν, μη είς προσθήκην άμαρτιῶν, ἀλλ' εἰς καθαρισμόν καὶ ἁγιασμόν καὶ ἀὀῥαβῶνα τῆς μελλούσης ζωῆς καὶ βασιλείας εἰς τεῖχος

evil spirits. For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, and the honor, and the worship, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

# SIXTH PRAYER of Saint John of Damascus

Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who alone have authority to forgive men their sins, in Your goodness and love for men overlook all my offenses whether committed with knowledge or in ignorance, and make me worthy to receive without condemnation Your divine, glorious, spotless, and lifegiving Mysteries, not for punishment, nor for an increase of sins, but for purification and sanctification, and as a pledge of the life and Kingdom to come, as a

καὶ βοήθειαν καὶ ἀνατροπὴν τῶν ἐναντίων καὶ εἰς ἐξάλειψιν τῶν πολλῶν μου πλημμελημάτων. Σὰ γὰρ εἶ Θεὸς ἐλέους καὶ οἰκτιρμῶν καὶ φιλανθρωπίας, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σὰν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὰς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

## ΕΥΧΗ Ζ΄ (Συμεὼν τοῦ Νέου Θεολόγου)

Ἀπὸ ῥυπαρῶν χειλέων, ἀπὸ βδελυρᾶς καρδίας, ἀπὸ ἀκαθάρτου γλώττης, ἐκ ψυχῆς ἐὀῥυπωμένης, δέξαι δέησιν, Χριστέ μου' καὶ μὴ παρωσάμενός μου, μὴ τοὺς λόγους, μὴ τοὺς τρόπους, μηδὲ τὴν ἀναισχυντίαν, δός μοι παὀρἡσία λέγειν, ἃ βεβούλευμαι, Χριστέ μου, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ δίδαξόν με, τί με δεῖ ποιεῖν καὶ λέγειν. Ἡμαρτον ὑπὲρ τὴν Πόρνην ἥ, μαθοῦσα ποῦ κατάγεις, μύρον ἐξωνησαμένη, ἦλθε τολμηρῶς

protection and help, for the destruction of enemies, and for the blotting out of my many transgressions. For You are a God of mercy and compassion and love for men, and to You we send up the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### SEVENTH PRAYER of Saint Symeon the New Theologian

From lips tainted and defiled, from a heart unclean and loathsome, from an unclean tongue, and out of a polluted soul: receive my prayer, O my Christ. Do not reject me, nor my words, nor my ways, nor even my shamelessness, but give me courage to say what I desire, O my Christ; and even more, teach me what to do and what to say. I have sinned more than the harlot who, on learning where You were lodging, bought myrrh and dared to come and anoint

άλεῖψαι, σοῦ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Χριστοῦ μου, τοῦ Δεσπότου καὶ Θεοῦ μου. Ώς ἐκείνην οὐκ ἀπώσω, προσελθοῦσαν ἐκ καρδίας, μηδ' έμε βδελύξη, Λόγε, σοὺς δὲ πάρασχέ μοι πόδας καὶ κρατῆσαι καὶ φιλησαι, καὶ τῷ ῥείθρῳ τῶν δακρύων, ὡς πολυτιμήτω μύρω, τούτους τολμηρῶς άλεῖψαι. Πλῦνόν με τοῖς δάκρυσί μου, κάθαρον αὐτοῖς με, Λόγε, ἄφες καὶ τὰ πταίσματά μου, καὶ συγγνώμην πάρασχέ μοι. Οἶδας τῶν κακῶν τὸ πλῆθος, οἶδας καὶ τὰ τραύματά μου' καὶ τοὺς μώλωπας ὁρᾶς μου άλλὰ καὶ τὴν πίστιν οἶδας καὶ τὴν προθυμίαν βλέπεις καὶ τούς στεναγμούς ακούεις. Ού λανθάνει σε, Θεέ μου, ποιητά μου, λυτρωτά μου, οὐδὲ σταλαγμὸς δακρύων, οὐδὲ σταλαγμοῦ τι μέρος. Τὸ μὲν ἀκατέργαστόν μου ἔγνωσαν οί ὀφθαλμοί σου' ἐπὶ τὸ βιβλίον δέ σου, καὶ τὰ μήπω πεπραγμένα, γεγραμμένα σοι τυγχάνει. Ίδε την ταπείνωσίν Your feet, my Christ, my Lord and my God. As You did not repulse her when she drew near in her heart, neither, O word, reject me, but grant that I may clasp and kiss Your feet, and dare to anoint them with a flood of tears as with most-precious myrrh. Wash me with my tears and purify me with them, O Word. Forgive my sins and grant me pardon. You know the multitude of my evil-doings, You also know my wounds, and You see my bruises. But You also know my faith, and You behold my willingness, and You hear my sighs. Nothing escapes You, my God, my Maker, my Redeemer, not even a teardrop, nor part of a drop. Your eyes know what I have not achieved, and in Your book things not yet done are written by You. See my depression, and see how great is my trouble: take from me all my sins, O God of all, that with a clean heart, a trembling mind, and a contrite spirit I may partake

μου, ἴδε μου τὸν κόπον, ὅσος! καὶ τὰς ἁμαρτίας πάσας ἄφες μοι, Θεὲ τῶν ὅλων, ἵνα καθαρᾶ καρδία, περιτρόμω διανοία καὶ ψυχῆ συντετριμμένη, τῶν άχράντων σου μετάσχω καὶ πανάγνων μυστηρίων, οίς ζωοῦται καὶ θεοῦται πᾶς ὁ τρώγων σε καὶ πίνων έξ είλικρινοῦς καρδίας. Σὺ γὰρ εἶπας, Δέσποτά μου' Πᾶς ὁ τρώγων μου τὴν Σάρκα, πίνων δέ μου καὶ τὸ Αἶμα, ἐν έμοὶ μὲν οὖτος μένει, ἐν αὐτῷ δ' ἐγὰ τυγχάνω. Ἀληθης ὁ λόγος πάντως τοῦ Δεσπότου καὶ Θεοῦ μου. Τῶν γὰρ θείων ό μετέχων καὶ θεοποιῶν χαρίτων, ούμενουν, οὐκ ἔστι μόνος, ἀλλὰ μετὰ σοῦ, Χριστέ μου, τοῦ φωτὸς τοῦ τρισηλίου, τοῦ φωτίζοντος τὸν κόσμον. Ίνα γοῦν μὴ μόνος μένω δίχα σου τοῦ Ζωοδότου, τῆς πνοῆς μου, τῆς ζωῆς μου, τοῦ ἀγαλλιάματός μου, τῆς τοῦ κόσμου σωτηρίας, διὰ τοῦτό σοι προσῆλθον, ὡς ὁρᾶς μετὰ

of Your pure and all-holy Mysteries by which all, who with sincerity of heart eat and drink You, are quickened and deified. For You, my Lord, have said: "Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in Him": wholly true is the word of my Lord and God. For whoever partakes of Your divine and deifying Gifts certainly is not alone, but is with You, my Christ, the Light of the Triune Sun Which illumines the world. That I may not remain alone without You, the Giver of Life, my Breath, my Life, my Joy, the Salvation of the world, I have therefore drawn near to You, as You see, with tears and with a contrite spirit. Ransom of my offenses, I beseech You to receive me, that I may partake without condemnation of Your life-giving and perfect Mysteries, and that You may remain as You have said with me, thrice-wretched as I am, lest the tempter find me without Your grace and craftily seize me and, having

δακρύων καὶ ψυχῆς συντετριμμένης, λύτρον τῶν έμῶν πταισμάτων ἱκετεύων τοῦ λαβεῖν με, καὶ τῶν σῶν ζωοπαρόχων καὶ ἀμέμπτων μυστηρίων μετασχεῖν ἀκατακρίτως, ἵνα μείνης, καθώς εἶπας, μετ' ἐμοῦ τοῦ τρισαθλίου' ἵνα μή, χωρὶς εύρών με τῆς σῆς χάριτος, ὁ πλάνος, ἀφαρπάση με δολίως, καὶ πλανήσας ἀπαγάγη τῶν θεοποιῶν σου λόγων. Διὰ τοῦτό σοι προσπίπτω καὶ θερμῶς ἀναβοῶ σοι' Ώς τὸν Άσωτον έδέξω, καὶ τὴν Πόρνην προσελθοῦσαν, οὕτω δέξαι με τὸν πόρνον καὶ τὸν ἄσωτον, Οἰκτίρμον, ἐν ψυχῆ συντετριμμένη νῦν με προσερχόμενόν σοι. Οἶδα, Σῶτερ, ὅτι ἄλλος, ὡς ἐγώ, οὐκ ἔπταισέ σοι οὐδὲ ἔπραξε τὰς πράξεις, ἃς ἐγὼ κατειργασάμην. Άλλὰ τοῦτο πάλιν οἶδα, ὡς οὐ μέγεθος πταισμάτων, οὐχ άμαρτημάτων πληθος, ύπερβαίνει τοῦ Θεοῦ μου τὴν πολλήν μακροθυμίαν, καὶ

deceived me, seduce me from Your deifying words. Therefore I fall at Your feet and fervently cry to You: as You received the prodigal and the harlot who drew near to You, so also have compassion and receive me, the profligate and the prodigal, as I now draw near to You with a contrite spirit. I know, O Savior, that no other has sinned against You as I have, nor has done the deeds that I have committed. But Lalso know this: that neither the greatness of my offenses, nor the multitude of my sins, surpasses the great patience of my God, and His extreme love for men. Despite our offenses, You purify and enlighten with the oil of compassion those who fervently repent, and You make them children of the light and sharers of Your divine nature. And You act most generously, for what is strange to Angels and to the minds of men You often tell to the repentant as to Your true friends. These things

φιλανθρωπίαν ἄκραν' άλλ' έλαίφ συμπαθείας, τούς θερμῶς μετανοοῦντας, καὶ καθαίρεις καὶ λαμπρύνεις καὶ φωτὸς ποιεῖς μετόχους, κοινωνούς Θεότητός σου έργαζόμενος ἀφθόνως' καί, τὸ ξένον καὶ ἀγγέλοις καὶ άνθρώπων διανοίαις, όμιλεῖς αὐτοῖς πολλάκις, ὥσπερ φίλοις σου γνησίοις. Ταῦτα τολμηρὸν ποιεῖ με, ταῦτά με πτεροῖ, Χριστέ μου' καὶ θαρρών ταῖς σαῖς πλουσίαις πρὸς ἡμᾶς εὐεργεσίαις, χαίρων τε καὶ τρέμων ἄμα, τοῦ πυρὸς μεταλαμβάνω, χόρτος ὢν καὶ ξένον θαῦμα! δροσιζόμενος ἀφράστως ώσπεροῦν ἡ βάτος πάλαι, ἡ άφλέκτως καιομένη. Τοίνυν εὐχαρίστω γνώμη, εὐχαρίστω δὲ καρδία, εὐχαρίστοις μέλεσί μου, τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ τῆς σαρκός μου προσκυνῶ καὶ μεγαλύνω καὶ δοξάζω σε, Θεέ μου, ὡς εὐλογημένον ὄντα νῦν τε καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

make me bold, my Christ, these things give me wings, and I take courage from the wealth of Your goodness to us. With rejoicing, yet with trembling, I who am but straw partake of Fire and, strange wonder, I am ineffably bedewed, like the bush of old which burnt without being consumed. Therefore with thankful mind and with thankful heart and with thankfulness in all the members of my soul and body, I worship and magnify and glorify You, my God, for You are blessed, now and ever, to all ages.

EYXH H'

EIGHTH PRAYER

# (Συμεὼν τοῦ Μεταφραστοῦ)

Ό μόνος καθαρός καὶ ἀκήρατος Κύριος, ὁ δι' οἶκτον φιλανθρωπίας άνεκδιήγητον τὸ ἡμέτερον ὅλον προσλαβόμενος φύραμα, ἐκ τῶν ἁγνῶν καὶ παρθενικῶν αίμάτων τῆς ὑπερφυῶς κυησάσης σε, Πνεύματος Θείου ἐπελεύσει καὶ εὐδοκία Πατρὸς ἀϊδίου, Χριστὲ Ἰησοῦ, σοφία Θεοῦ καὶ εἰρήνη καὶ δύναμις' ὁ τῷ προσλήμματὶ σου τὰ ζωοποιὰ καὶ σωτήρια πάθη καταδεξάμενος, τὸν Σταυρόν, τοὺς ἤλους, τὴν λόγχην, τὸν θάνατον, νέκρωσόν μου τὰ ψυχοφθόρα πάθη τοῦ σώματος. Ὁ τῆ ταφη σου τὰ τοῦ ἄδου σκυλεύσας βασίλεια, θάψον μου διὰ τῶν ἀγαθῶν λογισμῶν τὰ πονηρὰ διαβούλια, καὶ τὰ τῆς πονηρίας πνεύματα διασκέδασον. Ὁ τῆ τριημέρω σου καὶ ζωηφόρω Άναστάσει τὸν πεπτωκότα προπάτορα άναστήσας, άνάστησόν με τῆ

# of Saint Symeon Metaphrastes

Lord, Who alone are pure and incorrupt, Who through the ineffable compassion of Your love for mankind assumed our whole nature through the pure and virgin blood of her who supernaturally conceived You by the coming of the Divine Spirit and by the will of the Eternal Father; O Christ Jesus, Wisdom and Peace and Power of God, Who in assuming our nature suffered Your life-giving and saving Passion – the Cross, the Nails, the Spear, and Death mortify all the deadly passions of my body. You Who in Your burial spoiled the dominions of hell, bury with good thoughts my evil schemes and scatter the spirits of wickedness. You Who by Your life-giving Resurrection on the third day raised up our fallen first Parent, raise me up who am sunk in sin and suggest to me ways of repentance. You Who by

άμαρτία κατολισθήσαντα, τρόπους μοι μετανοίας ύποτιθέμενος. Ό τῆ ἐνδόξω σου Άναλήψει τῆς σαρκὸς θεώσας τὸ πρόσλημμα καὶ τοῦτο τῆ δεξιᾶ καθέδρα τιμήσας τοῦ Πατρός, ἀξίωσόν με, διὰ τῆς τῶν ἁγίων σου μυστηρίων μεταλήψεως, τῆς δεξιᾶς μερίδος τῶν σωζομένων τυχεῖν. Ὁ τῆ ἐπιδημία τοῦ παρακλήτου Πνεύματος σκεύη τίμια τοὺς ίερούς σου μαθητὰς έργασάμενος, δοχεῖον κάμὲ της αὐτοῦ ἀνάδειξον έπελεύσεως. Ὁ μέλλων πάλιν ἔρχεσθαι κρῖναι τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐν δικαιοσύνη, εὐδόκησον κάμὲ προϋπαντῆσαὶ σοι ἐν νεφέλαις τῷ ποιητῆ καὶ πλάστη μου σύν πᾶσι τοῖς άγίοις σου' ἵνα ἀτελευτήτως δοξολογῶ καὶ ἀνυμνῶ σε, σὺν τῷ ἀνάρχῳ σου Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ παναγίω καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας

τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Your glorious Ascension deified our nature which You had assumed and honored it. by Your sitting at the right hand of the Father, make me worthy by partaking of Your holy Mysteries of a place at Your right hand among those who are saved. You Who by the descent of the Spirit, the Paraclete, made Your holy Disciples worthy vessels, make me also a recipient of His coming. You Who are to come again to judge the World with justice, grant me also to meet You on the clouds, my Maker and Creator, with all Your Saints, that I may unendingly glorify and praise You with Your Eternal Father and Your allholy and good and lifecreating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

# ΕΥΧΗ Θ΄ (Ἰωάννου τοῦ Δαμασκηνοῦ)

Πρὸ τῶν θυρῶν τοῦ ναοῦ σου παρέστηκα καὶ τῶν δεινῶν λογισμῶν οὐκ ἀφίσταμαι, ἀλλὰ σύ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ὁ Τελώνην δικαιώσας καὶ Χαναναίαν ἐλεήσας καὶ τῷ Ληστῆ παραδείσου πύλας ἀνοίξας, ἄνοιξόν μοι τὰ σπλάγχνα τῆς φιλανθρωπίας σου καὶ δέξαι με προσερχόμενον καὶ άπτόμενόν σου, ώς τὴν Πόρνην καὶ τὴν Αἱμόρρουν' ἡ μὲν γάρ, τοῦ κρασπέδου σου άψαμένη εύχερῶς τὴν ἴασιν ἔλαβεν, ἡ δέ, τοὺς σοὺς άχράντους πόδας κρατήσασα, τὴν λύσιν τῶν ἁμαρτημάτων έκομίσατο. Έγὼ δὲ ὁ ἐλεεινός, őλον τὸ Σῶμα τολμῶν δέξασθαι, μη καταφλεχθείην άλλὰ δέξαι με, ὥσπερ ἐκείνας, καὶ φώτισόν μου τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς αἰσθητήρια, καταφλέγων μου τὰ τῆς άμαρτίας ἐγκλήματα, πρεσβείαις τῆς ἀσπόρως

# NINTH PRAYER of Saint John Damascene

I stand before the doors of Your sanctuary, yet I do not put away my terrible thoughts. But, O Christ our God, Who justified the Publican, and Who had mercy on the Canaanite woman, and opened the gates of Paradise to the Thief, open to me the depths of Your love for mankind, and as I approach and touch You, receive me like the Harlot and the woman with an issue of blood. For the one easily received healing by touching the hem of Your garment, and the other obtained release from her sins by clasping Your sacred feet. And I, deplorable as I am, dare to receive Your whole Body; may I not be burnt, but receive me even as You did these. And enlighten the senses of my soul, and burn up the indictments of my sins, by the intercessions of her who bore You without seed, and of the Heavenly

τεκούσης σε καὶ τῶν ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων. Ότι εὐλογητὸς εἶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

# ΕΥΧΗ Ι΄ (Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου)

Πιστεύω, Κύριε, καὶ όμολογῶ, ὅτι σὸ εἶ ἀληθῶς ὁ Χριστός, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ζῶντος, ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὸν κόσμον άμαρτωλούς σῶσαι, δν πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ. Ἐτι πιστεύω, ὅτι τοῦτο αὐτό ἐστι τὸ ἄχραντον Σῶμά σου καὶ τοῦτο αὐτό ἐστι τὸ τίμιον Αίμά σου. Δέομαι οὖν σου' έλέησόν με καὶ συγχώρησόν μοι τὰ παραπτώματά μου, τὰ έκούσια καὶ τὰ ἀκούσια, τὰ ἐν λόγω, τὰ ἐν ἕργω, τὰ ἐν γνώσει καὶ ἀγνοία' καὶ άξίωσόν με άκατακρίτως μετασχεῖν τῶν ἀχράντων σου μυστηρίων, εἰς ἄφεσιν άμαρτιῶν καὶ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Άμήν.

Hosts, for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

# TENTH PRAYER of Saint John Chrysostom

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God. Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen.





# Απερχόμενος δὲ μεταλαβεῖν, λέγε τοὺς παρόντας Στίχους Συμεὼν τοῦ Μεταφραστοῦ·

Ίδού, βαδίζω πρὸς θείαν Κοινωνίαν' Πλαστουργέ, μὴ φλέξης με τῆ μετουσία' Πῦρ γὰρ ὑπάρχεις τοὺς ἀναξίους φλέγον. ἀλλ' οὖν κάθαρον ἐκ πάσης με κηλῖδος.

# Εἶτα τὸ Τροπάριον

Τοῦ Δείπνου σου τοῦ μυστικοῦ, σήμερον Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, κοινωνόν με παράλαβε' οὐ μὴ γὰρ τοῖς ἐχθροῖς σου τὸ Μυστήριον εἴπω, οὐ φίλημά σοι δώσω, καθάπερ ὁ Ἰούδας, ἀλλ' ὡς ὁ Ληστὴς ὁμολογῶ σοι. Μνήσθητί μου Κύριε, ἐν τῆ Βασιλείᾳ σου.

# Εἶτα τοὺς παρόντας Στίχους

Θεουργὸν Αἶμα φρίξον, ἄνθρωπε βλέπων Ἄνθραξ γάρ ἐστι τοὺς ἀναξίους φλέγων Θεοῦ τὸ Σῶμα, καὶ θεοῖ με, καὶ τρέφει Θεοῖ τὸ πνεῦμα, τὸν δὲ νοῦν τρέφει ξένως.

# When coming forward to receive communion, say these verses of Symeon Metaphrastes.

Behold, I approach for Divine Communion. \* O Maker, burn me not as I partake, \* for You are fire consuming the unworthy. \* But cleanse me from every stain.

# Then this Troparion:

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.

# Then again the following verses:

Tremble, O man, as you behold the divine Blood. It is a burning coal that sears the unworthy. The Body of God both deifies and nourishes me: It deifies the spirit and wondrously nourishes the mind.

# Καὶ τὰ Τροπάρια ταῦτα

Έθελξας πόθω με Χριστέ, καὶ ἠλλοίωσας τῷ θείῳ σου ἔρωτι, ἀλλὰ κατάφλεξον, πυρὶ ἀΰλω τὰς ἁμαρτίας μου, καὶ εμπλησθῆναι τῆς ἐν σοὶ τρυφῆς καταξίωσον, ἵνα τὰς δύο σκιρτῶν, μεγαλύνω ἀγαθὲ παρουσίας σου.

Έν ταῖς λαμπρότησι τῶν Αγίων σου, πῶς εἰσελεύσομαι ὁ ἀνάξιος; ἐὰν γὰρ τολμήσω συνεισελθεῖν εἰς τὸν νυμφῶνα, ὁ χιτὼν μὲ ἐλέγχει, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστι τοῦ γάμου, καὶ δέσμιος ἐκβαλοῦμαι ὑπὸ τῶν Αγγέλων. Καθάρισον, Κύριε, τὸν ῥύπον τῆς ψυχῆς μου, καὶ σῶσόν με ὡς φιλάνθρωπος.

# Καὶ τὴν παροῦσαν Εὐχήν

Δέσποτα φιλάνθρωπε, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ὁ Θεός μου, μὴ εἰς κρῖμά μοι γένοιτο τὰ ἅγια ταῦτα, διὰ τὸ ἀνάξιον εἶναί με, ἀλλ' εἰς κάθαρσιν καὶ ἁγιασμὸν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος, καὶ εἰς ἀρῥαβῶνα

#### And these Troparia:

You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine eros You have changed me. But burn up with spiritual fire my sins, and grant me to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, I may magnify, O Good One, Your two comings.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I should dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my vesture will condemn me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. Cleanse, O Lord, the filth of my soul, and save me, as You are the one Who loves mankind.

Master Who loves mankind, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body and the τῆς μελλούσης ζωῆς καὶ βασιλείας. Ἐμοὶ δὲ τὸ προσκολλᾶσθαι τῷ Θεῷ ἀγαθόν ἐστι, τίθεσθαι ἐν τῷ Κυρίῳ τὴν ἐλπίδα τῆς σωτηρίας μου.

#### Καὶ πάλιν'

Τοῦ Δείπνου σου τοῦ μυστικοῦ, σήμερον Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, κοινωνόν με παράλαβε' οὐ μὴ γὰρ τοῖς ἐχθροῖς σου τὸ Μυστήριον εἴπω, οὐ φίλημά σοι δώσω, καθάπερ ὁ Ἰούδας, ἀλλ' ὡς ὁ Ληστὴς ὁμολογῶ σοι. Μνήσθητί μου Κύριε, ἐν τῆ Βασιλείᾳ σου.



# Εύχαριστία μετὰ τὴν Θείαν Μετάληψιν

# Στίχοι προτρεπτικοί'

Ἐπὰν δὲ τύχης τῆς καλῆς μετουσίας \* τῶν ζωοποιῶν μυστικῶν δωρημάτων, \* ὅμνησον εὐθύς, εὐχαρίστησον

pledge of the life and Kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

#### And again:

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.



# Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

#### The Admonitory Verses

And when you obtain the blessed Communion, \* of the life-creating mystical Gifts, \* straightway give praise and μέγα, \* καὶ τάδε θερμῶς ἐκ ψυχῆς Θεῷ λέγε' \* Δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός' δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός' δόξα σοι, ὁ Θεός!

Καὶ εὐθὺς τὰς ἐπομένας εὐχαριστηρίους Εὐχάς

# Άνωνύμου

Εὐχαριστῷ σοι, Κύριε, ὁ Θεός μου, ὅτι οὐκ ἀπώσω με τὸν ἁμαρτωλόν, ἀλλὰ κοινωνόν με γενέσθαι τῶν άγιασμάτων σου κατηξίωσας. Εὐχαριστῷ σοι, ὅτι με τὸν ἀνάξιον μεταλαβεῖν τῶν άχράντων σου καὶ έπουρανίων δωρεῶν κατηξίωσας. Άλλά, Δέσποτα φιλάνθρωπε, ὁ ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν άποθανών τε καὶ ἀναστὰς καὶ χαρισάμενος ήμῖν τὰ φρικτὰ ταῦτα καὶ ζωοποιά σου Μυστήρια, έπ' εὐεργεσία καὶ άγιασμῷ τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ τῶν σωμάτων ήμῶν, δὸς γενέσθαι ταῦτα κάμοὶ εἰς ἴασιν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος, εἰς αποτροπήν παντός έναντίου, είς φωτισμὸν τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν

great thanks, \* and fervently from your soul say to God, \* Glory to You, O God; glory to You, O God; glory to You, O God

And immediately, the following prayers of thanksgiving:

#### Anonymous

I thank You, O Lord my God, for You have not rejected me, a sinner, but have deemed me worthy to be a partaker of Your Holy Gifts. I thank You that You deemed me worthy, unworthy as I am, to partake of Your pure and heavenly Gifts. O Master, Who loves mankind. Who for us both died and arose and Who granted us these, Your dread and life-creating Mysteries, for the benefit and sanctification of our souls and bodies: Grant that these may be to me for the healing of both soul and body, for the averting of everything hostile, for the enlightenment of the eyes of my heart, for the peace of the powers of my soul, for faith unashamed, for love

τῆς καρδίας μου, εἰς εἰρήνην τῶν ψυχικῶν μου δυνάμεων, είς πίστιν ἀκαταίσχυντον, είς άγάπην άνυπόκριτον, είς πλησμονήν σοφίας, είς περιποίησιν τῶν ἐντολῶν σου, είς προσθήκην τῆς θείας σου χάριτος καὶ τῆς σῆς βασιλείας οἰκείωσιν' ἵνα ἐν τῷ ἁγιασμῷ σου δι' αὐτῶν φυλαττόμενος, τῆς σῆς χάριτος μνημονεύω διὰ παντὸς καὶ μηκέτι ἐμαυτῷ ζῶ, ἀλλὰ σοὶ τῷ ἡμετέρῳ Δεσπότη καὶ εὐεργέτη. Καὶ ούτω τοῦ τῆδε βίου ἀπάρας έπ' έλπίδι ζωῆς αἰωνίου, εἰς τὴν ἀΐδιον καταντήσω ἀνάπαυσιν, ἔνθα ὁ τῶν έορταζόντων ἦχος ὁ ἀκατάπαυστος καὶ ἡ ἀπέραντος ἡδονὴ τῶν καθορώντων τοῦ σοῦ προσώπου τὸ κάλλος τὸ ἄὀῥητον. Σὺ γὰρ εἶ τὸ ὄντως έφετὸν καὶ ἡ ἀνέκφραστος εύφροσύνη τῶν ἀγαπώντων σε, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ σὲ ὑμνεῖ πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

unfeigned, for the fullness of wisdom, for the observance of Your commandments, for an increase of Your divine grace, and for abiding in Your Kingdom; that being kept by them in Your holiness I may ever be mindful of Your grace, and no longer live for myself but for You, our Master and benefactor. And thus, when from this life I have passed in the hope of life eternal, may I attain to everlasting rest, where the sound of those who celebrate is unceasing, and unending is the delight of those who behold the ineffable beauty of Your Countenance. For You are, indeed, the true object of our desire and the inexpressible gladness of those who love You, O Christ our God, and all creation praises You unto the ages. Amen.

# Τοῦ Μεγάλου Βασιλείου

Δέσποτα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, βασιλεῦ τῶν αἰώνων καὶ δημιουργέ τῶν ἀπάντων, εύχαριστῶ σοι ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἶς παρέσχου μοι άγαθοῖς, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆ μεταλήψει τῶν ἀχράντων καὶ ζωοποιῶν σου μυστηρίων. Δέομαι οὖν σου, ἀγαθὲ καὶ φιλάνθρωπε' φύλαξόν με ύπὸ τὴν σκέπην σου καὶ ἐν τῇ τῶν πτερύγων σου σκιᾶ' καὶ δώρησαὶ μοι ἐν καθαρῷ συνειδότι, μέχρις ἐσχάτης μου ἀναπνοῆς, ἐπαξίως μετέχειν τῶν ἁγιασμάτων σου, είς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν καὶ είς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Σὸ γὰρ εἶ ὁ άρτος τῆς ζωῆς, ἡ πηγὴ τοῦ άγιασμοῦ, ὁ δοτὴρ τῶν άγαθῶν' καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, σὺν τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῷ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

# Συμεών τοῦ Μεταφραστοῦ

Ό δοὺς τροφήν μοι σάρκα σὴν ἑκουσίως, ὁ πῦρ ὑπάρχων καὶ φλέγων ἀναξίους, μὴ δὴ

# Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Master Christ, our God. King of the ages and creator of all, I thank You for all the good things You have granted me and for the Communion of Your pure and life-giving Mysteries. I beseech You, therefore, O Good One Who loves mankind, keep me under Your protection and in the shadow of Your wings; and grant that, with a clear conscience and until my final breath, I may worthily partake of Your Holy Gifts for the remission of my sins and for life eternal. For You are the bread of life, the wellspring of holiness, and the giver of all that is good, and to You we ascribe the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

# Prayer of St. Symeon Metaphrastes

O You Who willingly grant me Your Flesh for food, You are a fire, and You

καταφλέξης με, μή Πλαστουργέ μου μᾶλλον δίελθε πρὸς μελῶν μου συνθέσεις, εἰς πάντας ἁρμούς, είς νεφρούς, είς καρδίαν' φλέξον δ' ἀκάνθας τῶν ὅλων μου πταισμάτων. Ψυχὴν κάθαρον, ἁγίασον τὰς φρένας' τὰς ἰγνύας στήριξον όστέοις ἄμα' αἰσθήσεων φώτισον άπλῆν πεντάδα: őλον με τῷ σῷ συγκαθήλωσον φόβω. Αεὶ σκέπε, φρούρει τε καὶ φύλαττέ με ἐκ παντὸς ἔργου καὶ λόγου ψυχοφθόρου. Άγνιζε καὶ κάθαρε καὶ ρύθμιζέ με' κάλλυνε, συνέτιζε καὶ φώτιζέ με' δεῖξόν με σὸν σκήνωμα Πνεύματος μόνου, καὶ μηκέτι σκήνωμα τῆς άμαρτίας' ἵν' ὡς σὸν οἶκον εἰσόδω κοινωνίας, ὡς πῦρ με φεύγη πᾶς κακοῦργος, πᾶν πάθος. Πρέσβεις φέρω σοι πάντας ἡγιασμένους, τὰς ταξιαρχίας τε τῶν Άσωμάτων, τὸν Πρόδρομόν σου, τούς σοφούς Άποστόλους, πρὸς τοῖς δε σὴν consume the unworthy! Burn me not, O my Maker, but rather pass through my composite members into all my joints, my innermost core, and my heart. Burn up the thorns of all my transgressions; purify my soul; sanctify my thoughts; make firm my legs, as well as my bones; illumine the clarity of my five senses; nail down the whole of me by Your fear. Ever overshadow, watch, and guard me from every souldestroying act and word. Purify, cleanse, and train me; adorn, elucidate, and illuminate me; show me to be the dwelling of Your Spirit alone, and no longer the dwelling of sin; so that, as Your house, by the entrance of Communion as fire, every evildoer and passion may flee. I bring to You intercessors, all the sanctified, the captains of the bodiless angels, Your Forerunner, the wise apostles, and to them I add Your pure, immaculate Mother. Receive, O my compassionate Christ, their petitions, and make of

ἄχραντον ἁγνὴν Μητέρα' ὧν τὰς λιτάς, εὕσπλαγχνε, δέξαι, Χριστέ μου, καὶ φωτὸς παῖδα τὸν σὸν ἔργασαι λάτριν. Σὺ γὰρ ὑπάρχεις ἁγιασμὸς καὶ μόνος ἡμῶν, ἀγαθέ, τῶν ψυχῶν καὶ λαμπρότης' καὶ σοὶ πρεπόντως, ὡς Θεῷ καὶ Δεσπότη, δόξαν ἄπαντες πέμπομεν καθ' ἡμέραν.

# Άνωνύμου

Τὸ Σῶμά σου τὸ ἅγιον, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, γένοιτό μοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον, καὶ τὸ Αἶμά σου τὸ τίμιον εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. Γένοιτο δέ μοι ἡ εὐχαριστία αὕτη εἰς χαράν, ὑγείαν καὶ εὐφροσύνην καὶ ἐν τῆ φοβερᾶ καὶ δευτέρα ἐλεύσει σου ἀξίωσόν με τὸν ἁμαρτωλὸν στῆναι ἐκ δεξιῶν τῆς σῆς δόξης, πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου σου Μητρός, καὶ πάντων σου τῶν Ἁγίων. Ἀμήν.

#### Ανωνύμου

Παναγία Δέσποινα, Θεοτόκε, τὸ φῶς τῆς your hired servant a child of light! For You are alone our sanctification, O Good One, and the brightness of our souls; and to You, as is fitting, as our God and Master, do we all ascribe glory from day to day.

#### Anonymous

May Your holy Body, O
Lord Jesus Christ, our God,
be to me for life eternal, and
Your precious Blood for
remission of sins. And may
this Eucharist be to me for
joy, health, and gladness. And
at Your awesome Second
Coming, deem me, the sinner,
worthy to stand at the right
hand of Your glory, through
the intercessions of Your allpure Mother and all Your
saints. Amen.

#### Anonymous

All-holy Lady, Theotokos, the light of my darkened soul,

έσκοτισμένης μου ψυχῆς, ή έλπίς, ή σκέπη, ή καταφυγή, ή παραμυθία, τὸ ἀγαλλίαμά μου, εὐχαριστῷ σοι, ὅτι ήξίωσάς με τὸν ἀνάξιον κοινωνὸν γενέσθαι τοῦ άχράντου Σώματος καὶ τοῦ Τιμίου Αἵματος τοῦ Υίοῦ σου. Άλλ' ή τεκοῦσα τὸ ἀληθινὸν φῶς, φώτισὸν μου τοὺς νοητούς ὀφθαλμούς τῆς καρδίας' ή τὴν πηγὴν τῆς άθανασίας κυήσασα, ζωοποίησόν με τὸν τεθανατωμένον τῆ ἁμαρτία, ἡ τοῦ ἐλεήμονος Θεοῦ φιλεύσπλαγχνος Μήτηρ, έλέησόν με, καὶ δὸς κατάνυξιν καὶ συντριβὴν ἐν τῆ καρδία μου καὶ ταπείνωσιν ἐν τοῖς διανοήμασί μου, καὶ άνάκλησιν έν ταῖς αίχμαλωσίαις τῶν λογισμῶν μου. Καὶ ἀξίωσόν με, μέχρι τελευταίας μου ἀναπνοῆς, άκατακρίτως ὑποδέχεσθαι τῶν ἀχράντων Μυστηρίων τὸν ἁγιασμόν, εἰς ἴασιν ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος' καὶ παράσχου μοι δάκρυα

my hope and protection, my refuge and consolation, and my joy, I thank you that you have made me worthy, though I am unworthy, to partake of the pure Body and precious Blood of your Son. But as the one who gave birth to the true Light: enlighten the noetic eyes of my heart. You who conceived the source of immortality, give life to me, dead in sin. You who are the compassionately loving Mother of the merciful God, have mercy on me and give my heart compunction and contrition, humility in my thoughts, and release from my captive thoughts. And make me worthy until my final breath to receive without condemnation the sanctification of the pure Mysteries for the healing of both soul and body. And grant me tears of repentance and confession, that I may praise and glorify you all the days of my life. For you are blessed and glorified unto the ages. Amen.

μετανοίας καὶ ἐξομολογήσεως, εἰς τὸ ὑμνεῖν καὶ δοξάζειν σε πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας τῆς ζωῆς μου. Ὅτι εὐλογημένη καὶ δεδοξασμένη ὑπάρχεις εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας' ᾿Αμήν.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

# 'Ωδὴν τοῦ Θεοδόχου Συμεών.

Νῦν ἀπολύεις τον δοῦλόν σου, Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνη' ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἡτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν' φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἐθνῶν, καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραήλ.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

# Τρισάγιον.

Άγιος ὁ Θεός, ἄγιος Ίσχυρός, ἄγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ΄)

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ

#### **PRIEST**

# Song of Simeon.

Lord, now You are letting 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 bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

#### READER

# **Trisagion Prayers.**

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

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy

ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Παναγία Τριάς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Κύριε, ἱλάσθητι ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις ἡμῶν. Δέσποτα, συγχώρησον τὰς ἀνομίας ἡμῖν. Ἅγιε, ἐπίσκεψαι καὶ ἴασαι τὰς ἀσθενείας ἡμῶν, ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου. Ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου. Γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον. Καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν. Καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκης ἡμᾶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ότι σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἰοῦ καὶ τοῦ Αγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. (Ἀμήν.)

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Μετὰ τὴν Θ. Λειτουργία τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου'

#### Απολυτίκιον.

Ή τοῦ στόματός σου καθάπερ πυρσὸς ἐκλάμψασα χάρις, τὴν οίκουμένην ἐφώτισεν' ἀφιλαργυρίας τῷ κόσμῷ θησαυροὺς ἐναπέθετο' τὸ ὕψος ἡμῖν τῆς ταπεινοφροσύνης ὑπέδειξεν. Ἀλλὰ σοῖς λόγοις παιδεύων, Πάτερ Ἰωάννη Χρυσόστομε, πρέσβευε τῷ Λόγῷ Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### Δόξα. Κοντάκιον.

Έκ τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐδέξω τὴν θείαν χάριν, καὶ διὰ τῶν σῶν χειλέων, πάντας διδάσκεις, προσκυνεῖν ἐν Τριάδι τὸν ἕνα

#### **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 forever and to the ages of ages. (Amen.)

#### READER

After the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:

#### Apolytikion.

The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls.

#### Glory. Kontakion.

You received the grace of God coming down from heaven; now by means of your own lips you instruct all people how to worship in Trinity the

Θεόν, Ἰωάννη Χρυσόστομε, παμμακάριστε Όσιε, ἐπαξίως εὐφημοῦμέν σε' ὑπάρχεις γὰρ καθηγητής, ὡς τὰ θεῖα σαφῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.** Τῆ πρεσβεία Κύριε, πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, καὶ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τὴν σὴν εἰρήνην δὸς ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς μόνος οἰκτίρμων.

Μετὰ τὴν Θ. Λειτουργία τοῦ Μ. Βασιλείου

#### Απολυτίκιον.

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὖ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα. Κοντάκιον.

one and only God, O devout Saint John Chrysostom, the all-blessed and goldenmouthed. It is right that we should honor you. For elucidating things divine, you are our teacher and guide.

Both now. **Theotokion**. By the intercessions of all Your Saints and the Theotokos, grant us Your peace and have mercy on us, O only compassionate Lord.

After the Liturgy of St. Basil:

#### Apolytikion.

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Glory. Kontakion.

Ώφθης βάσις ἄσειστος τῆ Ἐκκλησία, νέμων πᾶσιν ἄσυλον, τὴν κυριότητα βροτοῖς, ἐπισφραγίζων σοῖς δόγμασιν, Οὐρανοφάντορ Βασίλειε ὅσιε.

Καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.** Τῆ πρεσβεία Κύριε, πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, καὶ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τὴν σὴν εἰρήνην δὸς ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς μόνος οἰκτίρμων.

Μετὰ τὴν Θ. Λειτουργία τῶν Προηγιασμένων'

#### Άπολυτίκιον.

Στόμα γρήγορον, καταπλουτήσας, νομεὺς ἄριστος τοῦ θείου λόγου, ἀνεδείχθης Ἱεράρχα Γρηγόριε, τῶν ἀρετῶν γὰρ ἐκφάντωρ γενόμενος, δικαιοσύνης ἐκφαίνεις τὴν ἔλλαμψιν Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Δόξα. Κοντάκιον.

As a base unshakable \* you were presented \* to the Church, attributing \* the full dominion to mankind, \* and by your dogmas confirming this, O devout Basil, Revealer of heaven to all.

Both now. **Theotokion**. By the intercessions of all Your Saints and the Theotokos, grant us Your peace and have mercy on us, O only compassionate Lord.

After the Presanctified Liturgy:

# Apolytikion.

You were shown to be a great dispenser \* of the word of God, having been given \* a most capable mouth that was rich in grace. \* You radiated the luster of righteousness, \* teaching the virtues, O hierarch Gregory. \* O devout father, pray now to Christ our God, \* entreating Him to grant us His great mercy.

Glory. Kontakion.

Ταῖς τῶν σῶν λόγων ἀκτῖσι φωτίζεται, ἡ Ἐκκλησία θεόφρον Γρηγόριε, Ἱεράρχα πάνσοφε, τῷ θείῳ θρόνῳ παριστάμενος, ἐκτενῶς Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, πρεσβείαν ποίει ὑπὲρ πάντων ἡμῶν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Θεοτοκίον.** Τῆ πρεσβεία Κύριε, πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, καὶ τῆς Θεοτόκου, τὴν σὴν εἰρήνην δὸς ἡμῖν, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς μόνος οἰκτίρμων.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ')

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ, καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν, ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφείμ, τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως, Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

The Church is illumined by the rays of your words, O allwise, God-bearing hierarch Gregory. Now, as you stand near the divine throne, earnestly intercede with Christ our God on behalf of us all.

Both now. **Theotokion**. By the intercessions of all Your Saints and the Theotokos, grant us Your peace and have mercy on us, O only compassionate Lord.

#### READER

Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

Έν ὀνόματι Κυρίου εὐλόγησον, Πάτερ.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ό Θεὸς οἰκτιρήσαι ἡμᾶς καὶ εὐλογήσαι ἡμᾶς' ἐπιφάναι τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καὶ ἐλεήσαι ἡμᾶς.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Άμήν.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Εὐλόγησον.

#### ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἀγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, (τοῦ Αγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ) τῶν ἀγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεήσαι

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

#### **PRIEST**

May God have compassion on us and bless us; may his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

#### **READER**

Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Father, bless!

#### **PRIEST**

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθρωπος.

#### ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ουρανός πολύφωτος η Εκκλησία, ανεδείχθη άπαντας, φωταγωγούσα τούς πιστούς, εν ώ εστώτες κραυγάζομεν, Τούτον τόν οίκον, στερέωσον Κύριε.

Τὸ στερέωμα, τῶν έπὶ σοὶ πεποιθότων, στερέωσον Κύριε τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν, ἣν έκτήσω, τῷ τιμίῳ σου αἴματι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Δι' εὐχῶν τῶν ἀγίων πατέρων ἡμῶν, Κύριε Ἰησοῦ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

(Άμήν.)

the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

#### READER

The Church is Heaven filled with many lights, and guides all the faithful by its light. We stand therein and cry aloud: Strengthen this house O Lord.

As the firm support of those who hope in You firmly, \* O Lord, now confirm the Church that You established, \* which You purchased for yourself with Your precious Blood.

#### **PRIEST**

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

(Amen.)







Δεν ευχαριστούμαι από την τροφή της φθοράς, ούτε για τις ηδονές της ζωής αυτής. Θέλω το Άρτο Του Θεού, που είναι η Σάρκα Του Ιησού Χριστού... και Θέλω να πιώ το Αίμα Αυτού. Αγιος Ιγνάτιος



I have no taste for corruptible food, nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the Bread of God, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ... and it is His Blood I want to drink.

St Ignatius of Antioch



