

GREAT COMPLINE

THE ORDER OF GREAT COMPLINE

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

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

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

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Thrice.

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

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

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

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

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

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. Twelve times.

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

O come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

And if it be the first week of Great Lent, we begin with:

PSALM 69

And having completed this, we chant the Great Canon.

But if it be not the first week of Great Lent, after O come, let us worship, we begin with:

PSALM 4

PSALM 6

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.

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

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

PSALM 24

PSALM 30

PSALM 90

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.

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

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

Then we chant these verses with sweet melody, not rapidly, but slowly, and with loud voice.

1st Choir: God is with us, understand, O ye nations, and submit yourselves: for God is with us.

2nd Choir, repeat.

Reader: Hearken ye unto the ends of the earth.

Choirs, alternately: FOR GOD IS WITH US.

O ye powerful, submit yourselves.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

For if ye again strengthen yourselves, ye shall again be vanquished.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

And whatsoever counsel ye shall take, the Lord shall bring it to nought.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

And the word, whatsoever ye speak, shall not remain with you.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

And of your fear we shall be neither afraid nor in dread.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

But the Lord our God, Him will we hallow, and He shall be fear unto us.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

And if I be trusting in Him, He shall be unto me sanctification.

FOR GOD IS WITH US.

And I will be hoping in Him, and shall be saved by Him.

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Behold, I and the children which God hath given me.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
Ye that dwell in the region and shadow of death, a light shall shine
upon you.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
Whose government is upon His shoulder.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
And of His peace there is no end.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
And His name shall be called Angel of Great Counsel.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
Wonderful Counsellor.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
Mighty God, Ruler, Prince of Peace.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
Father of the age to come.
FOR GOD IS WITH US.
Then, 1st Choir: God is with us, understand, O ye nations, and submit
yourselves: for God is with us.
2nd Choir: God is with us, understand, O ye nations, and submit
yourselves: for God is with us.
Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
1st Choir: God is with us.
Reader: Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
2nd Choir: God is with us.
Then, both choirs together: For God is with us!

And immediately these troparia:

1st Choir: The day being past, I give Thee thanks, O Lord;* the evening,
I pray, together with the night* without sin grant me, O
Saviour,* and save me.
2nd Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Spirit.
The day being past, I glorify Thee, O Master;* the evening, I pray,
together with the night* without temptation grant me, O
Saviour,* and save me.
Then, 1st Choir: Both now and ever,* and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
The day being past, I hymn Thee, O Holy One;* the evening, I pray,
together with the night* without peril grant me, O Saviour,*
and save me.

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The two choirs together, alternating phrases:

I The incorporeal cherubim glorify You with unceasing praise.

II The seraphim, the six-winged angels, exalt You with tireless voices.

I All the armies of angels praise You with the thrice holy hymn.

II Because You are before all else, O Father, and Your Son like Yourself is without beginning.

I By breathing forth the Spirit of life, equal in honor to You, You manifested the indivisible Trinity.

II Virgin most holy, Mother of God, and you eyewitnesses of the Lord and His servants, intercede for us.

I All the choirs of the prophets and the martyrs, who are enjoying eternal Life, intercede for us.

II Intercede for us unceasingly, for we are all in distress.

I That escaping from the terrors of evil, we may sing the angels' hymn.

II Holy, holy, holy, O thrice holy Lord, have mercy on us and save us!

And immediately, in a lower voice, the reader:

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. In one holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

And immediately, O most holy Lady; all are said twice except O most holy Lady, which is said thrice (once by each choir, whereas the other verses are alternated). And with each one we make a prostration, except on Friday evenings, when this is read instead of being chanted, we make a bow:

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- O most holy Lady Theotokos, intercede for us sinners.
- O all ye Heavenly Hosts of the holy Angels and Archangels, intercede for us sinners.
- O holy John, Prophet and Forerunner and Baptist of our Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for us sinners.
- O holy glorious Apostles, Prophets, and Marytrs, and all Saints, intercede for us sinners.
- O our holy and God-bearing fathers, pastors, and ecumenical teachers, intercede for us sinners.
- O our holy and God-bearing fathers Anthony and Theodostus, and all the holy fathers of the Caves, intercede for us sinners.
- O (patron saint of the temple), intercede for us sinners.
- O invincible and incomprehensible and divine power of the precious and life-giving Cross, forsake not us sinners.
- O God, cleanse us sinners.
- O God, cleanse us sinners, and have mercy on us.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3x)

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

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

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

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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

And he reads the following troparia:

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, in the Second Tone:

Enlighten mine eyes, O Christ God, lest at any time I sleep unto death, lest at any time mine enemy say: I have prevailed against him. Glory to

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the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Be my soul's helper, O God, for I pass through the midst of many snares; deliver me out of them, and save me, O Good One, for Thou art the Lover of mankind. Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: Seeing that we have no boldness on account of our many sins, do thou beseech Him that was born of thee, O Virgin Theotokos: for the supplication of a mother availeth much to win the Master's favour. Disdain not the prayers of sinners, O all-pure one, for merciful and mighty to save is He, Who deigned also to suffer for our sake.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, other troparia, in the Eighth Tone:

O Lord, Thou knowest the unsleeping vigilance of mine invisible enemies, and the weakness of my miserable flesh knowest Thou Who hast fashioned me: Into Thy hands, therefore, I will commit my spirit; shelter me with the wings of Thy goodness, lest at any time I sleep unto death, and enlighten the eyes of my mind to the enjoyment of Thy divine words, and raise me up in a seasonable time unto Thy glorification, for Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

Stichos: Look upon me and hear me, O Lord my God. How terrible is Thy judgment, O Lord, with the angels standing round about, the men being led in, the books opened, the deeds examined, the thoughts weighed. What judgment shall be awarded unto me who was conceived in sins? Who shall quench the flame for me, who shall enlighten the darkness for me, if not Thou, O Lord Who hast mercy on me, as the Lover of mankind.

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

Grant me tears, O God, as Thou didst once give to the sinning woman, and vouchsafe me to moisten Thy feet which have freed me from the path of delusion, and to offer to Thee as fragrant myrrh a pure life, fashioned in me by repentance, that I may hear Thy desired voice: Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace.

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

Theotokion: Having in thee, O Theotokos, a hope that cannot be put to shame, I shall be saved; having obtained thy mediation, O most pure one, I shall not fear. I shall pursue enemies and triumph over them, having covered myself, as in a breastplate, only with thy protection; and imploring thine all-powerful aid, I cry unto thee: O Sovereign Lady, save me through thine intercessions, and raise me up from somber sleep to thy glorification, by the might of the Son of God Who was incarnate of thee.

On Friday evenings, the troparion of the Saturday.

Lord, have mercy. (Forty times.)

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

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, father, bless.

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

Reader: Amen.

And this prayer of Basil the Great:

Priest: Lord, Lord, that has delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, do Thou deliver us also from everything that walks in darkness. Accept the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Vouchsafe us blamelessly to pass through the course of the night, being untempted of evils; and deliver us from every troubling and fear which comes to us of the devil. Grant compunction to our souls; and to our thoughts, mindfulness of the inquisition at Thy terrible and just judgment. Nail down our flesh with the fear of Thee, and mortify our members which are upon the earth that through the quiet of sleep we may rejoice in the vision of Thy judgments. And remove from us every shameful imagining and hurtful desire. And raise us up at the hour of prayer, established in faith, and advancing in Thy commandments, by the grace and the goodness of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, with Thine All-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

O come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

PSALM 50

PSALM 101

The Prayer of Manasses, King of Judea:

Priest: O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; Who has made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; Who has bound the sea by the word of Thy commandment; Who has shut up the deep, and sealed it by Thy terrible and glorious Name; Whom all things fear, and tremble before the Face of Thy power; for sinner be endured; but the mercy of Thy promise is immeasurable and unsearchable, for Thou art the Most High Lord, Who is compassionate, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and does repent at the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to Thy great goodness, has promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against Thee, and by the multitude of Thy compassions, has appointed repentance unto sinners,

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that they may be saved. Thou, therefore, O Lord God of Hosts, hast not appointed repentance to the just, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against Thee; but Thou has appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner, for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea. My iniquities are multiplied, O Lord, my iniquities are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of my transgressions. I am bowed down with many iron bands that I cannot lift up my head, neither have any release, for I have provoked Thy wrath, and done evil in Thy sight; I did not Thy will, neither kept I Thy commandments. Now, therefore, I bow the knee of my heart, beseeching Thee of Grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my iniquities. Wherefore, I humbly beseech Thee: Forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with my iniquities. Be not angry with me forever by reserving evils for me, neither condemn me into the nethermost parts of the earth. For Thou art the God, even the God of them that repent, and in me Thou will show all Thy goodness; for Thou will save me that am unworthy, according to Thy great mercy; and I will praise Thee forever, all the days of my life. For all the power of the Heavens do praise Thee, and Thine is the glory unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3x)

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

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

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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

And these troparia, in the Sixth Tone:

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

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

Lord, have mercy on us;* for we have hoped in Thee, be not angry with us greatly,* neither remember our iniquities;* but look upon us now as Thou art compassionate,* and deliver us from our enemies,* for Thou art our God, and we, Thy people;* all are the works of the Thy hands, and we call upon Thy name.

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

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

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (Forty times.)

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

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify you.

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

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

Reader: Amen.

And this prayer:

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

O come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

(Psalm 69 is omitted at this point when the Great Canon is read in the First Week)

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PSALM 69

PSALM 142

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will to men: we praise you, we bless You, we worship You. We glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty, O Lord the only begotten Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You who takes away the sin of the world receive our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us: for You alone are holy: You alone are the Lord Jesus Christ, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I give thanks to You and praise Your name forever and ever. Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said, "Lord, be merciful to me for I have sinned against You." Lord, I flee to You teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. For with You is the well of life, and in Your light shall we see light; continue Your loving kindness to those who know You.

Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this night without sin. Blessed are You O God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen. Let Your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord, as we put our trust in You blessed are you, O Lord, teach me Your statutes. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes. Your mercy, O Lord endures forever, despise not the works of Your hand. To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

It is truly meet to bless thee, the Theotokos, ever-blessed and most blameless, and Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify you.

Prostration.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3x)

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

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

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

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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Then we chant in a loud voice, and slowly, in the Sixth Tone

(except on Friday evenings we omit this entirely and say the kontakion of the Saturday commemoration):

Lord of powers, be with us, for in times of distress we have no other helper but You; Lord of powers, have mercy on us!

Stichon Praise the Lord in His holy ones; praise Him in the firmament of His might!

Lord of powers, be with us, for in times of distress we have no other helper but You: Lord of powers, have mercy on us!

Stichon Praise the Lord in His mighty deeds; praise Him for the fullness of His majesty!

Lord of powers, be with us, for in times of distress we have no other helper but You: Lord of powers, have mercy on us!

Stichon Praise Him with the blast of the horn; praise Him with the harp and the zither!

Lord of powers, be with us, for in times of distress we have no other helper but You: Lord of powers, have mercy on us!

Stichon Praise Him with timbrel and chorus; praise Him with strings and pipes!

Lord of powers, be with us, for in times of distress we have no other helper but You: Lord of powers, have mercy on us!

Stichon Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with cymbals of glory. May everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Lord of Powers, be with us, for in times of distress we have no other helper but You: Lord of powers, have mercy on us!

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Stichon - Praise the Lord in His holy ones! Praise Him in the firmament of His might!

Lord of Powers be with us, for in times of distress have no other helper but You: Lord of Powers, have mercy on us!

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

O Lord, had we not Your saints to intercede for us and Your bounty, to have mercy on us, how would we dare, O Savior to sing to You whom the angels endlessly praise? O You who know the heart, spare our souls!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Great is the number of my transgressions, O Mother of God it is in you, allchaste one, that I seek refuge in my need for salvation. Visit my diseased soul and intercede with your son, our God, that He deign to forgive the evil I have done, O You who alone are blessed!

Most holy Mother of God, forsake me not all the time of my life, entrust me not to human protection, but take care yourself of my safety, and have mercy on me!

To you I entrust all my hope, O Mother of God; keep me under your protection.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (Forty times.)

And the Prayer of the Hours:

You, who in all times and places are worshiped and glorified, both in heaven and on earth, ChristGod, longsuffering, generous in mercy and rich in compassion, Lover of the just and merciful to the sinner, O You who call all men to repentance through the promise of blessings to come: deign, O Lord, at this very hour to receive our supplications and to direct our lives in the way of Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, set our minds aright, cleanse our thoughts; deliver us from all affliction, wrath and necessity surround us with Your holy angels, so that, guided and guarded in their camp, we may attain unto the oneness of the faith and to the knowledge of Your unutterable glory, O You who are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

Reader: Amen.

And then the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian (on Friday evenings the Prayer of St. Ephraim is not said):

Priest: O Lord and Master of my Life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk.

(Prostration)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant.

(Prostration)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages.

(Prostration)

Reader: Amen.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3x)

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Reader: Amen.

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And the Supplicatory Prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos, of Paul the monk of the Monastery of Evergetides, i.e., of the Benefactress:

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Lady, Bride of God, virginal, pure, immaculate, blameless, without stain or disgrace, who through your birthgiving united God the Word with our human nature, and established a link between our fallen state and the things of heaven; O you, only hope of the hopeless, help of the oppressed, ready protection of those who flee to you and refuge of all Christians: despise me not who am a wretched sinner, who have defiled myself with unclean thoughts, words and deeds, and in my slothfulness have become a slave to the passions of life. Since you are the Mother of God, Who is the Lover of Mankind, have mercy, have compassion on me a sinner and a prodigal son; accept this prayer from my impure lips, and, with the power of your maternity, beg your Son, my Lord and my God, that he may open for me the depths of his loving kindness, forgive my countless sins, convert me to true repentance, and make me faithful to His commands. O you who are compassionate, be my constant companion in this present life, be with me as an intercessor, as a powerful help to turn away the assaults of my enemies and to guide me to salvation; at the hour of my death, be with me to embrace my poor soul and to keep away the dreadful sight of the wicked devils on the terrible day of judgment, deliver me from eternal punishment and make me an heir of your son's glory, through the grace and the love for mankind of your son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him and to His eternal Father and to his allholy, good and lifegiving Spirit we send up all glory, honor, and worship, now and always and forever and ever.
People: Amen.

Reader: Amen.

The priest turns to the icon of the mother of God and says

Priest: You most glorious, ever-virginal and blessed Mother of God, commend our prayers to your Son, our God, and entreat Him to save our souls through your intercession.

He goes to the holy doors and says:

The Father is my hope, the Son my refuge, the Holy Spirit my protection: O all-holy Trinity, glory to You!

Reader: Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy (12x)

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to your spirit!

Priest: Bow down your heads to the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord!

GREAT COMPLINE

While the brethren bow their heads, the priest says aloud:

Priest: O most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercession of our Lady all-pure, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary; through the power of your glorious and life-giving Cross; through the intercession of the heavenly, honorable, and bodiless powers of heaven, of the honorable and glorious prophet, the Forerunner, John the Baptist; of the holy, glorious, praise-worthy Apostles; of the holy, glorious, and triumphant Martyrs; of our just and God-bearing Fathers; of the holy and just ancestors of Christ, Joachim and Anna, and of all your Saints : make our supplications acceptable to You. Grant the remission of our sins. Protect us beneath the shelter of Your wings. Drive away from us all enemies and foes. Preserve our lives in peace. O Lord, have mercy on us and upon Your world and save our souls, for You are merciful O God, and You love mankind.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Bless me and forgive me, my brothers and sisters. Pardon me, a sinner.

People: May God forgive you, and have mercy on us all!

Priest: Let us pray for our Metropolitan
for _____, our Bishop, and for all our brethren in
Christ.

For the president of this country and for civil authorities.

For those who hate us and for those who love us,

For those who are kind to us and serve us.

For those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy though we be.

For the release of prisoners.

For our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

For those who travel by land, sea and air.

For the sick and the suffering.

For an abundance of the fruits of the earth.

GREAT COMPLINE

Let us also say for ourselves.

Chanters: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

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

Chanters: Amen.

And we venerate the holy icons and receive a blessing from the priest.

THE END OF GREAT COMPLINE