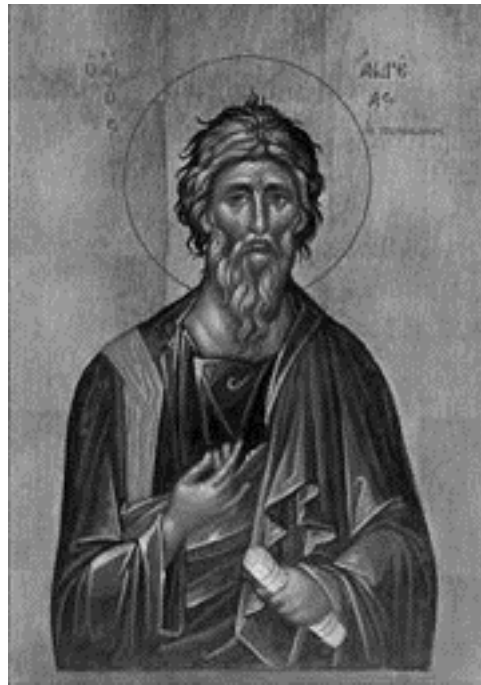


**Great Compline
with the Canon
of St. Andrew of Crete
Served as a Reader's Service
in the Absence of a Priest**



Reader's Great Compline with the Canon of St Andrew of Crete

BEGINNING

An icon of the Theotokos is placed on a stand in the center of the nave. The candles are lit and the church is darkened. The curtain and Holy Doors are closed. A hand-censer is prepared for use after the Canon. If possible, the Leader, Readers, and Choir stand before the icon in the center of the nave.

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

Reader: Amen. Glory to You, O God, Glory to You!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of blessing, and giver of life. Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

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.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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

Reader: Amen.

Ps 69 (70)

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt! Let them be appalled because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!" May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry!

We now sing the Wednesday section of the Canon of St Andrew.

Before each Troparion we make the sign of the Cross and bow three times.

Ode 1. Tone 6.

Eirmos:

A helper and protector has become salvation for me. He is my God; I will glorify him; God of my fathers, I will exalt him. For gloriously has he been glorified.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

From my youth, O Christ, I have rejected Your commandments. I have passed my whole life without caring or thinking as a slave of my passions. Therefore, O Savior, I cry to You: At least in the end, save me.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

In old age even, O Savior, do not cast me out empty to hell as I lie prostrate before Your gates. But before my end, in Your love for men, grant me release from my fails.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

I have squandered in profligacy my substance O Savior, and I am barren of virtues and piety; but famished I cry: O Father of mercies, forestall and have compassion on me. (Lk. 15:13, 17)

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

I am the one by my thoughts who fell among robbers, and now I am all wounded by them, full of sores. But stand by me, O Christ my Savior, and heal me. (Lk. 10:30)

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE I

The priest saw me first and passed by on the other side. Then the Levite took a look at my sufferings and disdained my nakedness. But stand by me, O Jesus Who didst dawn out of Mary, and have compassion on me. (Lk. 10:31-33)

Holy Mother Mary pray for us.

To Mary:

Grant me that illuminating grace from on high given you by Divine Providence that I may escape the darkening of the passions and fervently sing of the thrilling achievements of your life, O Mary.

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

To the Trinity:

Superessential Trinity, adored in Unity, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Your compassion grant me tears of compunction.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion:

Mother of God, hope and intercessor of those who sing of you, take from me the heavy yoke of sin as you are our pure Lady, accept me who repent.

Eirmos:

A helper and protector has become salvation for me. He is my God; I will glorify him; God of my fathers, I will exalt him. For gloriously has he been glorified.

Ode 2

Eirmos:

Listen, O heaven, and I will sing of Christ who from a virgin came to us in the flesh.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

I have slipped and fallen like David through lack of discipline, and I am covered with filth; but wash me too, O Savior, with my tears. (2 Kings 11:1-4)

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 2

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

No tears, no repentance have I, no compunction. But as God, O Savior, grant me these.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

I have lost my first-created beauty and comeliness ; and now I lie naked, and I am ashamed.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

Close not Your door to me then, Lord, Lord; but open it to me who repent to You. (Matt 25:11)

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

Give ear to the sighs and groans of my soul, and accept the drops of my eyes, O Savior, and save me.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

O Lover of men, Who wishes all to be saved, in Your goodness recall me and receive me who repent. (1 Tim. 2:4)

Theotokion:

Spotless Mother of God, only all-hymned Virgin, pray intensely that we may be saved.

Eirmos:

Listen, O heaven, and I will sing of Christ who from a virgin came to us in the flesh.

Ode 3

Eirmos:

On the unshakeable rock of your commandments, O Christ, establish my reasoning.

See, see that I am God, Who rained manna and made water spout from the rock of old for my people in the wilderness, by My right hand, and by My strength alone.

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

See, see that I am God: give ear, my soul, to the Lord Who is appealing to you, and tear yourself from your former sin, and fear Him as the Avenger, and as your Judge and God.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 3

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Whom do you resemble, O most sinful soul? Surely the first Cain and that wicked Lamech. For you have stoned your body with evil deeds, and you have murdered in your mind with irrational appetites. (Gen. 4:4-23)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Running through all who lived before the Law, my soul, you have not been like Seth, nor imitated Enoch, nor Enoch by translation, nor Noah. But you are seen to be bereft of the life of the righteous. (Gen 5)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

You alone have opened the cataracts of the wrath of God, my soul, and have flooded as the earth all your flesh and actions and life, and have remained outside the Ark of Salvation. (Gen. 6-8)

Holy Mother Mary, pray for us.

To Mary:

With all eagerness and love you ran to Christ, abandoning your former way of sin. And being nourished in the untrodden wilderness, you chastely fulfilled His divine commandments.

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

To the Trinity:

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion:

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

Eirmos:

On the unshakeable rock of your commandments, O Christ, establish my reasoning.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 4

Ode 4

Eirmos:

The prophet heard of your wish to be born of a virgin and appear to us, and he prayed, "Lord, I have heard of your coming and am filled with awe. Glory, O Lord, to your power.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

You have not inherited Shem's blessing, wretched soul, nor have you received that vast possession like Japheth in the land of forgiveness. (Gen. 9:26-27)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Come out, my soul from sin, from the land of Haran! Come into the land of eternal life flowing with incorruption which Abraham inherited. (Gen. 12:4)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

You have heard, my soul, how Abraham of old left the land of his fathers and became a nomad. Imitate his resolution. (Gen. 12:1)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

At the Oak of Mamre the Patriarch entertained Angels, and inherited in his old age the spoil of the promise. (Gen. 18:1)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Knowing, my wretched soul, how Isaac was mystically offered to the Lord as a new sacrifice and holocaust, imitate his resolution. (Gen. 22:2)

Holy Mother Mary, pray for us.

To Mary:

I am hard pressed by the waves and billows of my sins, mother. But now bring me safely through, and lead me to the haven of divine repentence.

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

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 4

To the Trinity:

Simple, uncreated Unity, unoriginate Nature praised in a Trinity of Persons, save us who with faith worship Your power.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O Mother of God, unwedded you gave birth in time to the timeless Son of the Father. And – O strange wonder! – you remain a Virgin while suckling Him.

Eirmos:

The prophet heard of your wish to be born of a virgin and appear to us, and he prayed, "Lord, I have heard of your coming and am filled with awe. Glory, O Lord, to your power.

Ode 5

Eirmos:

Keeping vigil, I pray to you my savior O lover of mankind, enlighten me and guide me in your ways teaching me to do your will.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

My body is defiled, my spirit is sullied, and I am all covered with sores. But as the Physician, O Christ, heal, wash and cleanse both body and spirit with repentance, and make me, my Savior, purer than snow.

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

You lay down Your body and blood, O crucified Word: Your body in order to renew me, Your blood in order to wash me, and You surrendered Your spirit, O Christ, in order to bring me to the Father.

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

You have wrought salvation in the midst of the earth, O merciful Creator that we may be saved. You were voluntarily crucified on the Tree: Eden that was closed is open; things on high and below, creation and all people are saved and worship You. (Ps. 73:12)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 5

May the blood and water that wells from Your side be a font for me and a draught of forgiveness, that I may be cleansed, anointed and refreshed by both as with drink and unction by Your living words, O Word. (Jn. 19:34; Acts 7:38)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

The Church has acquired Your life-giving side as a chalice, from which gushes forth for us a twofold torrent of forgiveness and knowledge as a type of the two covenants, Old and New, O our Savior.

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

I am bereft of the bridal hall, I am bereft of the marriage and supper. My lamp has gone out for want of oil, the door has been locked while I was asleep; the supper is eaten; and I, bound hand and foot, am cast outside. (Matt 25; Lk. 14:7-35; Matt. 22:1-14)

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

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: You gave birth and live a virgin life, and in both remain a virgin by nature. He Who is born of you renewest the laws of nature, and a womb gives birth without travail. Where God wills, the order of nature is overruled; for He does whatever He wishes.

Eirmos:

Keeping vigil, I pray to you my savior O lover of mankind, enlighten me and guide me in your ways teaching me to do your will.

Ode 6

Eirmos:

From the depths of hell I cried with all my heart to the merciful God and he heard me and raised my life from corruption.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 6

How heavy is the character I have become, in soul and body, like Jannes and Jambres in Pharaoh's bitter service, and my mind has sunk low. But help me, O Lord. (Ex. 7:11; 2 Tim. 3:8)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

I, wretch that I am, have rolled my mind in mud. But wash me, O Lord, in the bath of my tears, I pray You, and make the robe of my flesh as white as snow.

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

When I examine my actions, O Savior, I see that I have gone beyond all men in sins; for I have sinned with knowledge consciously, and not in ignorance.

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Spare, spare, O Lord, Your works. I have sinned; forgive me, for You alone are pure by nature, and apart from You there is none without defilement. (1 Pet. 3:21)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Being God, for my sake You took my form, and didst work miracles, healing lepers and bracing paralytics; and You stopped the flow of blood of the woman with hemorrhage, O Savior, through the touch of Your hem. (Phil 2:6; Matt. 4:24; Lk. 8:43-48)

Holy Mother Mary, pray for us.

To Mary: Having crossed Jordan's stream, you found rest by giving a wide berth to the deadening pleasure of the flesh from which deliver us also by your prayers, O saint.

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

To the Trinity: You, O Trinity, we glorify the one God: Holy, Holy, Holy, are you, Father, Son and Spirit, simple Being, Unity ever adored.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 6

Eirmos:

From the depths of hell I cried with all my heart to the merciful God and he heard me and raised my life from corruption.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

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

Pass through the flowing nature of time, like the Ark of old, and take possession of the Land of Promise, my soul: It is God's command. (Josh. 3:17; Deut. 1:8)

As You saved Peter when he cried, "Save me!" forestall and deliver me from the beast, O Savior; stretch out Your hand and raise me from the depths of sin. (Matt. 14:25-31)

I know You as a calm haven, O Lord, Jesus Christ; but forestall and deliver me from the innermost depths of sin and despair.

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

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: Your womb bore God for us Who took our form. Implore Him as creator of All, O Mother of God that through your intercessions we may be justified.

The Kontakion is sung slowly while the people kneel

Kontakion: Tone 6

My soul, my soul: Arise! Why are you sleeping? The end is at hand; destruction hangs over you. Come again to your senses that you may be spared by Christ our God, who is everywhere, filling all things.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 7

Ode 7

Eirmos:

We have sinned. We have dealt unlawfully and unjustly before you. We have neither kept nor done what you commanded us. Yet do not abandon us to the end, O God of our fathers.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

You have piled up sins like Manasseh by deliberate choice, my soul, setting up your passions as idols and multiplying abominations. But now fervently emulate his repentance and acquire compunction. (4 Kings 21-2; Chron. 33)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

You have rivalled Ahab in defilements, my soul. Alas, you have been a lodging place of fleshly pollutions and a shameful vessel of passions. But groan from your depths and tell God your sins. (3 Kings 16:30)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Heaven is closed by you, my soul, and the famine of God has reached you, for you have been disobedient as was Ahab of old to the words of Elijah the Tishbite. But be like the woman of Sarepta, and feed the Prophet's soul. (3 Kings 17)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Elijah once burned a hundred of Jezebel's flunkies when he had destroyed her shameful prophets as a proof and rebuke for Ahab. But avoid imitating these two, my soul, and master yourself.

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

To the Trinity: O Trinity simple and undivided, of one essence and one nature, Lights and Light, three Holies and one Holy, God the Trinity is hymned. But sing, my soul, and glorify the Life and Lives, the God of all.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 7

Theotokion: We sing of you, we bless you, we venerate you, O Mother of God, for you gave birth to one of the inseparable Trinity, the one Son of God, and to us on earth you have opened heavenly realms.

Eirmos:

We have sinned. We have dealt unlawfully and unjustly before you. We have neither kept nor done what you commanded us. Yet do not abandon us to the end, O God of our fathers.

Ode 8

Eirmos:

Him, whom the hosts of heaven glorify, whom the cherubim and seraphim dread, let every breath and creature praise, bless, and magnify unto all ages.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

Just Judge and Savior, have mercy on me and deliver me from the fire and the threat which I shall justly incur at the judgment. Forgive me before my end by virtue and repentance.

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Like the robber I cry, "Remember me!" Like Peter I weep bitterly, "Release me O Savior!" I croak like the publican. Accept my lamentation as once the Canaanite woman. (Lk. 23:42; Matt. 26:75; Lk. 18:13; 22-28)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Heal, O Savior, the corruption of my debased soul, O only Physician. Apply the compress to me, and the oil and wine works of repentance, compunction and tears. (Lk. 10:34)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Imitating the woman of Canaan, I also cry, "Have mercy on me, O Son of David!" I touch Your hem like the woman with hemorrhage. I weep like Martha and Mary over Lazarus.

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

To the Trinity: Eternal Father, co-eternal Son, gracious Comforter, Spirit of Truth; Father of the Divine Word, Word of the Eternal Father, living and creative Spirit, Trinity Unity, have mercy on us.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 8

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

Eirmos:

Him, whom the hosts of heaven glorify, whom the cherubim and seraphim dread, let every breath and creature praise, bless, and magnify unto all ages.

Ode 9

Eirmos:

Unexplainable is the fruit of a conception without seed, incorruptible is the bearing of the spouseless mother, for the nativity of God renews nature wherefore do all the generations rightly magnify you as the mother bride of God.

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God have mercy on me.

As Christ the Word healed diseases, preached the Gospel to the poor, cured cripples, ate with publicans, conversed with sinners, and He brought back the departed soul of Jairus' daughter by the touch of His hand. (Matt. 9:11; Mk. 5:4-42)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

The publican was saved, the harlot was made chaste, but the pharisee through boasting was condemned. For the first said, "Be merciful," the second, "Have mercy on me," but the last boasted and cried, "O God, I thank You," and then some foolish words. (Lk. 7:36-50; 18:9-14)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Zacchaeus was a publican, but yet was healed, and Simon the Pharisee was disappointed but the harlot received the release of full forgiveness from Him Who has power to forgive sins. Obtain His forgiveness yourself, my soul. (Lk. 19:1-10; 7:36-50)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

You, my wretched soul, have not emulated the harlot who took the alabaster jar of perfumed oil and anointed with tears and wiped with her hair the feet of the Savior, Who tore up for her the handwriting of her old accusation. (Lk. 7:37-38; Col. 2:14)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

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CANON (WEDNESDAY SECTION)

ODE 9

You know the towns to which Christ offered the Gospel were cursed. Fear this example, my soul, do not be like them; for the Lord compared them to the Sodomites and condemned them to hell. (Lk. 10:13-15)

Refrain: Have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me.

Do not let despair make you worse than the Canaanite woman, my soul, for you have heard of her faith through which her daughter was healed by the Word of God. Call to Christ like her from the depth of your heart, "Son of David, save me." (Matt. 15:22)

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

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

Holy father Andrew, pray for us.

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

Eirmos:

Unexplainable is the fruit of a conception without seed, incorruptible is the bearing of the spouseless mother, for the nativity of God renews nature wherefore do all the generations rightly magnify you as the mother bride of God.

After the Canon.

Psalm 4

When I cried out The God of my righteousness heard me. You gave me space in my distress: Have mercy on me and listen to my prayer. You sons of men, how long will you be hard hearted? Why do you love vanities and seek lies? Know that the Lord works wonders for his holy one: The Lord will hear me when I cry out before him. Be passionate, but do not sin; Repent upon your couches for what you say in your hearts. Offer a sacrifice of righteousness And hope in the Lord. Many say: "Who will show us good things?" The light of your face, O Lord, was a mark upon us. You have put gladness in my heart; They were filled with the blessing of their wheat, wine and oil. In peace I will lay me down to sleep: For you alone, O Lord, have made me dwell in hope.

"God is With Us" in Tone 6

Choir: God is with us. Understand, all you nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us.

Verse: Submit, you who have made yourselves strong:

Refrain: For God is with us. (Repeated continuously as the reader chants the verses)

Verse: For though you should again become strong, you will again be defeated.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: And whatever plan you make; the Lord will frustrate it.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: And whatever word you may speak will not abide in you.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: For we do not fear what you fear, nor are we alarmed.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: But we will glorify the Lord our God, and he shall be our fear.

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GOD IS WITH US

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: And if I put my trust in Him, He will be my sanctification.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: And I will put my trust in Him, and through him I shall be saved.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: Behold, I and the children whom God has given me.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: People walking in darkness have seen a great light.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: And those of us living in the land of the shadow of death, on us light will shine.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: For to us a child is born, and to us a Son is given.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: His government will be upon His own shoulder.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: And to His peace there is no boundary.

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: And His name will be called: "The Angel of the Great Plan."

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: Wonderful, Counselor:

Refrain: For God is with us.

GOD IS WITH US

Verse: The Strong God, the Supreme Ruler, the Prince of Peace:

Refrain: For God is with us.

Verse: The Father of the World to Come:

Refrain: For God is with us.

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

Refrain: For God is with us.

Choir: God is with us. Understand, all you nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us.

Praise of God's Infinite Majesty Tone 4

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- 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!

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The Creed
(Read Together)

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.

Intercession of the saints Tone 4

- I Most Holy Lady, Mother of God, intercede for us sinners.
- II All you heavenly powers, angels and archangels, intercede for us sinners
- I Holy John the forerunner, prophet and baptist of the Lord, intercede for us sinners.
- II Glorious saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all you holy ones, intercede for us sinners.
- I You just ones, and you God-fearing fathers: you shepherds of the universal church, intercede for us sinners.
- II You glorious St. John the Theologian, patron of this holy church, intercede for us sinners.

TROPARIA OF REPENTANCE

Troparia of Repentance

On Monday and Wednesday Tone 2

Enlighten my eyes, O Christ our God, lest I sleep to death lest my enemy say: "I have prevailed over him."

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

O God be the defender of my soul, for I walk in the midst of many snares, deliver me from them, O Lord, and save me, for you are good and a lover of mankind.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Since our many transgressions prevent us from finding favor with God, be our intercessor with him who was born of you O Theotokos: for the prayers of mothers have much weight in obtaining the Master's favor. O most venerable one despise not the pleadings of us sinners, for He who willed to suffer for us is merciful, and He has power to save us.

On Tuesday and Thursday Tone 8

O Lord you know well the alertness of my invisible enemies and the weakness of my own wretched body: for You Yourself have made me. Therefore, I entrust my soul into Your hands: cover me with the wings of Your bounty, lest I sleep to death. Enlighten my spirit with the delight of Your Divine Word: awaken me at the time appointed for Your glory: for You alone are gracious and a Lover of mankind.

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

Give me tears, O Lord, as You did to the sinful woman make me worthy to wash your feet that save me from the ways of error. Grant that it is offered to you as a sacred ointment, a blameless life that repentance has redeemed, so that I may also hear your sweet words: "Go in peace your faith has saved you."

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Mother of God, because of my great confidence in you, I shall obtain salvation. Because I have succeeded in having you as an intercessor, O purest of all I shall have no fear. Imploring your most powerful help, I shall pursue my enemies and drive them away, For I wear your protection as a breast-plate, O Lady save me through your intercession, And by the power of God who was made of your flesh, awaken me from my dark slumber that I may sing your glory.

PRAYER OF ST BASIL THE GREAT

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

Leader: Lord, Lord, that has delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, 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 Your terrible and just judgment. Nail down our flesh with the fear of You, and mortify our members which are upon the earth that through the quiet of sleep we may rejoice in the vision of Your 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 Your commandments, by the grace and the goodness of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, with Your All-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.
Come, let us worship God our King.
Come, let us worship Christ our King and God.
Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself our King and our God.

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, According to Your abundant mercy blot out all my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I have known my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against You only have I sinned and done that which is evil in your sight. So that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgment. Behold I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness, let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your holy spirit from me; restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance. O Lord open my lips, and my mouth will show forth Your praise. For You have no delight in sacrifice: Were I to give a burnt offering You would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken heart, O God, You will not despise. Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure, rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then You will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings: then will bulls be offered on Your altar.

PRAYER OF MANASSAS

The Prayer of Manassas, King of Judah

Leader: 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 Your commandment; Who has shut up the deep, and sealed it by Your terrible and glorious Name; Whom all things fear, and tremble before the Face of Your power; for sinner be endured; but the mercy of Your promise is immeasurable and unsearchable, for You are the Most High Lord, Who is compassionate, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and does repent at the evils of men. You, O Lord, according to Your great goodness, have promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against You, and by the multitude of Your compassions, has appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. You, therefore, O Lord God of Hosts, have not appointed repentance to the just, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against You; but You have 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 Your wrath, and done evil in Your sight; I did not Your will, neither kept I Your commandments. Now, therefore, I bow the knee of my heart, beseeching You of Grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my iniquities. Wherefore, I humbly beseech You: 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 You are the God, even the God of them that repent, and in me You will show all Your goodness; for You will save me that am unworthy, according to Your great mercy; and I will praise You forever, all the days of my life. For all the power of the Heavens do praise You, and Your is the glory unto the ages of ages. Amen.

TROPARIA OF REPENTANCE

Troparia of Repentance Tone 6

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

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

O Lord, have mercy on us for in You we have put our trust, do not be angry with us nor remember our iniquities, but look down on us even now, since You are compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies. For You are our God and we are Your people. We are all the work of Your hand and we call on Your name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O blessed Theotokos, open the doors of compassion to those who hope in you, that we may not perish, but be delivered from adversity through you, who are the salvation of the Christian people.

A charcoal is lighted and placed on the hand-censer.

Reader: Come, let us worship God our king.
Come, let us worship Christ our king and God.
Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our king and our God.

Psalm 69

O God, come to my assistance! O Lord, hasten to help me. O Lord, hasten to help me! Shame and disgrace upon those who seek my life! Let them be turned back and confounded who wish me evil! Let them now turn in shame who jeer at me: "Well done! Well done!" But let all who search for You be glad and rejoice in You! And let those who love Your salvation, O God, always say: "The Lord be exalted." As for me, I am wretched and poor: God shall be my help! You are indeed my help and my salvation, O Lord, tarry not.

THE LESSER DOXOLOGY

The Lesser 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.

LORD OF POWERS

While "Lord of Powers" is sung, the Leader places incense on the hand-censer and censes the narthex and the nave. He censes the Holy Doors once with the Sign of the Cross. He then censes the iconostasis, starting with the icon of the Lord to the right of the Holy Doors, then all icons on the right side of the iconostasis, then the Theotokos and all icons on the left side of the iconostasis. He then circles the nave in a counterclockwise direction, censing each icon and person in the Temple with the sign of the Cross. Finally, he returns to the iconostasis, censing the Lord once and the the Theotokos once, then giving up the hand-censer.

Psalm 150 (Tone 6)

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!

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

Reader's Great Compline with the Canon of St Andrew of Crete

LORD OF POWERS

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.
Lord, have mercy (12x).

Leader: You, who in all times and places are worshiped and glorified, both in heaven and on earth, Christ God, 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.

Reader: Lord, have mercy (3x)
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify you.

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

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Prayer of St. Ephraim

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 you are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Prostration*)

**Prayer of Paul the Cenobite
To the Most Holy Mother of God**

Leader: 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.

Reader: Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

**Prayer of the Monk Antiochus
To our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ**

Now that we lie down to sleep, grant us, O Master, the repose of our soul and body. Preserve us against the dark slumber of sin and against any impure satisfaction that roams around in the darkness of night; quiet the assaults of our passions, arrest the darts that the evil one insidiously throws at us; still the commotions of our flesh and calm all earthly and worldly feelings within us. Grant us, O Lord, a watchful mind, innocent thoughts, a sober heart, a gentle sleep free from evil dreams; at the hour of prayer, arouse us, strong in the practice of Your commands and ever mindful of Your desires; give us the grace to sing Your glory throughout the night; to praise, bless and glorify Your all honorable and magnificent name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Reader: Amen.

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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)

O Lord, bless.

Leader: (*facing east*) O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of your most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, patron and protector of this holy community, of _____ (saints of the day), and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for you are good and the Lover of mankind.

Reader: Amen.

Reader's Great Compline with the Canon of St Andrew of Crete

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Leader: Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

Reader: Amen.

Leader: O Lord, Lover of mankind, forgive them that hate and wrong us. Do good to them that do good. Grant our brethren and kindred their saving petitions and life eternal; visit the infirm and grant them healing. Guide those at sea. Journey with them that travel. Help Orthodox Christians to struggle. To them that serve and are kind to us grant remissions of sins. On them that have charged us, the unworthy, to pray for them, have mercy according to Your great mercy. Remember, O Lord, our fathers and brethren departed before us, and grant them rest where the light of Your countenance shall visit them. Remember, O Lord, our brethren in captivity, and deliver them from every misfortune. Remember, O Lord, those that bear fruit and do good works in Your holy churches, and grant them their saving petitions and life eternal. Remember also, O Lord, us Your lowly and sinful and unworthy servants, and enlighten our minds with the light of Your knowledge, and guide us in the way of Your commandments; through the intercessions of our most pure Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and of all Your saints, for you are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

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

Reader: Amen.

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

Reader: Amen.