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# Orthros (Service of Matins)

## Akolouth (Fixed portion)

### ROYAL BEGINNING

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

Reader: (*intoned*) Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, O God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, present everywhere and filling all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us of every impurity; and save our souls, O good One.

Reader: Amen.

### Trisagion

Reader: \*\*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.

Lord, cleanse us of our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

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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 to 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, *(intoned) 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 to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

## **THE ROYAL TROPARIA**

### **Troparion of the Cross**

Reader: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the rulers against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your commonwealth through Your holy Cross.

### **Kontakion of the Cross**

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

Reader: You, O Christ our God, Who chose of Your own will to be lifted up on the Cross, grant Your mercies to Your new commonwealth which is called by Your name. In Your power, gladden the hearts of our faithful rulers against those who war against them, having Your alliance as their weapon of peace, an invincible standard.

### **Theotokion**

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

Reader: Awesome and blameless protection, do not overlook our petitions, O pure and praiseworthy Theotokos; make firm the community of the Orthodox; save those whom you have called to rule; and grant them victory from heaven, *(intoned) for you bore God, only blessed one.*

## **LITANY**

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beseech You, hear us and have mercy.

Chanter: *(intoned)* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop (Name), and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Truly You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity, always; now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

### HEXAPSALM (SIX PSALMS)

Reader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will to men.

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O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

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### Psalm 3

Reader: O Lord, why are those who afflict me multiplied?

Many rise up against me. Many say to my soul: there is no salvation for him in his God.

But You, O Lord, are my Helper, my Glory, and the One who lifts up my head.

I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain.

I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves round about against me.

Rise, O Lord; save me, my God; for You have struck down all who without cause are my enemies; You have broken the teeth of sinners.

Salvation is of the Lord, and Your blessing is on Your people.

(And Again) I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

### **Psalm 37**

Reader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath!

For Your arrows are fastened in me, and You have laid Your hand heavily upon me.

There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Your wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins.

For my iniquities have risen higher than my head; they have pressed heavily on me as a heavy burden.

My wounds have become foul and festering in the face of my foolishness.

I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; I went all the day long with downcast face.

For my loins are filled with inflammation, and there is no healing in my flesh.

I am afflicted and exceedingly humbled, I have groaned from the turmoil of my heart.

O Lord, all my desire is before You, and my groaning is not hidden from You.

My heart is troubled, my strength has failed me; and the light of my eyes, even this is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors drew near over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off.

And those who sought after my soul used violence; and those who sought evils for me spoke vain things, and they meditated deception all the day long.

But as for me, like a deaf man I did not hear them, and I was as a speechless man who does not open his mouth.

And I became as a man that does not hear, and that has no reproofs in his mouth.

For I have hoped in You, O Lord; You will hear me, Lord my God.

For I said: Let my enemies never rejoice over me; indeed, when my feet were shaken, those men spoke boastful words against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity, and I will anguish concerning my sin.

But my enemies live and are made stronger than I, and those who hated me unjustly are multiplied.

Those who render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness.

Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

Be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

(And Again) Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

Be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

### **Psalm 62**

Reader: O God, my God, to You I rise early at dawn.

My soul has thirsted for You; how often has my flesh longed after You in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered.

So I have appeared before You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory.

For Your mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise You.

So shall I bless You in my life, and I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with lips of rejoicing.

If I remembered You on my bed, I meditated on You at the dawn.

For You have become my Helper; I will rejoice in the shelter of Your wings.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

But as for those who in vain have sought after my soul, they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered to the edge of the sword, they shall be portions for foxes.

But the king shall be glad in God; everyone shall be praised that swears by Him; for the mouth of those who speak unjust things is stopped.

(And Again) At the dawn I meditated on You; for You have become my Helper; in the shelter of Your wings I will rejoice.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

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

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

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

### **Psalm 87**

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

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication.

For my soul is filled with evils, and my life has drawn near to Hades.

I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I have become as a man without help, free among the dead.

I am like the bodies of the slain that sleep in the grave, Whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and the shadow of death.

Your anger lies heavily on me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves.

You have removed my friends far from me; they have made me an abomination to themselves.

I have been delivered up, and have not come forth; my eyes have grown weak from poverty.

I have cried to You, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my hands to You.

No, will You work wonders for the dead? Or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks to You?

No, shall any in the grave tell of Your mercy, and of Your truth in that destruction?

No, shall Your wonders be known in that darkness, and Your righteousness in that land that is forgotten?

But as for me, I have cried to You, O Lord; and in the morning my prayer shall come before You.

O Lord, why do You therefore cast off my soul and turn Your face away from me?

I am as a poor man, and in troubles from my youth; indeed, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress.

Your fierce wrath has gone over me, and Your terrors have sorely troubled me.

They came around me all day long like water, they engulfed me altogether.

Because of my misery You have removed friend and neighbor and my acquaintances far from me.

(And Again) O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication!

### **Psalm 102**

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all that He has done for you.

Who is gracious to all your iniquities, Who heals all your infirmities.

Who redeems your life from corruption, Who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

Who fulfills your desire with good things; your youth shall be renewed as the eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of mercy, and executes judgment for all those who are wronged.

He has made His ways known to Moses, the things that He has willed to the sons of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy; He will not be angered to the end, neither will He be angry to eternity.

He has not dealt with us according to our iniquities, neither has He rewarded us according to our sins.

For according to the height of heaven from the earth, so has the Lord made His mercy to prevail over those who fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our iniquities from us.

Like a father has compassion on his sons, so has the Lord had compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows of what we are made, He has remembered that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth.

For when the wind passes over it, then it shall be gone, and its place will no longer remember it.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even to eternity, on those who fear Him.

And His righteousness is on sons of sons, on those who keep His testament and remember to do His commandments.

The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O all you His Angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words.

Bless the Lord, O all you His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

(And Again) Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

### **Psalm 142**

Reader: O Lord, hear my prayer, in Your truth give ear to my supplications; hear me in Your righteousness.

And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has humbled my life down to the earth.

He has sat me in darkness as those who have been long dead, and my spirit within me has become despondent; my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Your works, I pondered on the creations of Your hands.

I stretched forth my hands to You; my soul thirsts after You like a waterless land.

LITANY OF THE PEACE (THE GREAT LITANY)

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Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit has fainted away.

Do not turn Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning; for I have put my hope in You.

Cause me to know, O Lord, the way in which I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to You.

Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord; I have fled to You for refuge.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; You shall quicken me for Your name's sake, O Lord.

In Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction, and in Your mercy You shall utterly destroy my enemies.

And You shall cut off all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

(Repeat) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Let Your good spirit lead me on a level path!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God.

Reader: (*intoned*) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God. Lord, my Hope, glory to You.

**LITANY OF THE PEACE (THE GREAT LITANY)**

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our Archbishop (Name), the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the laity, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the president of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces on land, at sea, and in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by sea, land and air; the sick, the suffering, the captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

Chanter: (*sung*) To You, O Lord.

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

Chanter: (*sung*) Amen.

# Sequences (Variable portion)

## THEOS KYRIOS (GOD IS LORD)

*Mode pl. 4.*

God is the Lord, and He appeared to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Verse:* O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His holy name.

*Verse:* All the nations circled me, and I warded them off with the name of the Lord.

*Verse:* This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

## APOLYTIKIA AND THEOTOKION

### Apolytikia

*Saint Xenia of St. Petersburg*

*January 24. Mode pl. 4.*

In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

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

*Mode pl. 4.*

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

Born of a Virgin, O Good One who also endured crucifixion for our sake, who by death took the spoils of death as plunder and showed resurrection, being God, O despise not the ones that You formed with Your own hand. Demonstrate Your love for man, O Lord of mercy, and accept Your Mother, the Theotokos, who intercedes on our behalf, O Savior, and save us a despairing people.

**THE PSALTER****THE LITTLE LITANY**

Priest/Deacon: In peace let us again pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For yours is the dominion, the kingdom, the power, and the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

**SESSIONAL HYMNS (KATHISMATA)****Kathisma I**

*Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.*

With that rending of heart at thy husband's death \* came the tearing-away of the heavy veil \* of life's deep deceitfulness \* and its transient vanity; \* and by sorrow illumined in soul to seek after Christ, \* thou didst win Him as Bridegroom, betrothed to Him by His Cross. \* Now, as thou enjoyest grace and life everlasting \* and boldness before the Lord, \* Mother Xenia, remember us, \* who sing thy praise while crying out: \* Intercede with Christ our God \* that forgiveness of all their transgressions be \* granted to them that with longing \* keep thy holy memory.

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God \* that forgiveness of all their transgressions be \* granted to them that with longing \* keep thy holy memory.

### Theotokion

*Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.*

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

By conceiving the Wisdom and Word of God \* in thy womb, without being consumed thereby, \* thou barest for all the world \* Him Who filleth the universe; \* thou hast held Him in thine arms Him that holdeth together all, \* Who hath fashioned creation and giveth food to all. \* Wherefore, I beseech thee, O thou all-holy Virgin \* and Mother of God, that I \* be redeemed from my many sins \* when I shall have to stand before \* the Face of my Creator and God; \* O pure Lady Virgin, help me in that hour, \* for thou canst do whatsoever \* thou dost will, O all-hymned Maid.

### Kathisma II

*Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.*

In thy life, thou wast dead unto earthly joys; \* after death, thou art living to hear our cries, \* O Xenia, elect of God; \* and thy tomb is become a torch \* that doth light up the way for all seeking thy help in life \* and that burneth away all the darkness of maladies. \* Wherefore, in thanksgiving for the gifts thou hast shown us, \* we laud thee with sacred hymns, \* as we plead that thy sympathy \* ever be shown to them that cry: \* Intercede with Christ our God \* that forgiveness of all their transgressions be \* granted to them that with longing \* keep thy holy memory.

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**Theotokion**

*Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.*

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

Thee do all generations of mankind bless \* as the Virgin and only in womankind \* who seedlessly brought to birth \* God incarnate upon the earth. \* For in thee is the fire of the Godhead come down to dwell, \* and thou sucklest the Maker and Lord as a little babe. \* Wherefore, we, the race of man, with all of the Angels, \* befittingly glorify \* the all-holy Child born of thee, \* and with one voice we cry to thee: \* Intercede with Christ our God \* that forgiveness of all their transgressions be \* granted to them that with true faith \* worship thine all-spotless Child.

**Kathisma III**

*Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.*

With a stick in thy hand, thou didst walk with toil, \* while supporting the world by thy mighty prayers, \* O Xenia, belov'd of God, \* and no stranger to His commands. \* In the day, thou didst light them benighted by sins and cares, \* and by night thou didst shine with great labors to serve thy Lord. \* Now, thou art a proven intercessor and champion \* for all in perplexity, \* caught in sin or infirmity, \* when they cry out to thee with faith: \* Intercede with Christ our God \* that forgiveness of all their transgressions be \* granted to them that with longing \* keep thy holy memory.

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**Theotokion**

*Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.*

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

The Creator and Master of all that is, \* on assuming our flesh from thy spotless womb, \* made thee, O all-blameless one, \* the protectress of all mankind. \* For this reason, we

all flee for refuge and help to thee, \* and, O Lady, we ask the forgiveness of trespasses, \* and that we be rescued from eternal affliction, \* and torment of every kind \* that is found yonder, we entreat, \* and we cry unto thee with faith: \* Entreat thy Son and God that He grant \* His remission unto them that piously \* draw nigh to thy divine shelter, \* O all-holy Virgin Maid.

### THE LITTLE LITANY

Priest/Deacon: In peace let us again pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

### ANAVATHMOI (SONGS OF ASCENT)

#### Antiphon I

*Mode 4e.*

Choir: Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2)

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2)

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

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

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life and through cleansing is lifted and brightened in a hidden sacred manner by the trinal Monad.

**Antiphon II***Mode 4e.*

Choir: I cried to You, O Lord, from the depth of my soul with fervor, let Your divine ears be responsive to me. (2)

Whosoever has acquired hope in the Lord is superior to all whatsoever might grieve him. (2)

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

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

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered.

**Antiphon III***Mode 4e.*

Choir: Let my heart be lifted up unto You, O Logos; and none of the world's delights will entice me to be earthly-minded. (2)

Whereas one has filial affection for his mother, for the Lord we ought to have a love even more fervent. (2)

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

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

In the Holy Spirit is the wealth of knowledge of God, contemplation and wisdom. For in Him the Logos discloses all the dogmas of the Father.

**Prokeimenon***Mode 4.*

With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me. (2)

*Verse: He set my feet upon a rock, and He ordered my steps aright.*

With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me.

**MATINS GOSPEL**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Let every breath praise the Lord. (3)

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord, our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to you all.

Choir: And with your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Choir: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Priest:

The Lord said this parable, “The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of man will come.”

Choir: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

**PSALM 50**

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your compassions, blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is continually before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done this evil before You; that You may be justified in Your words, and prevail when You are judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me.

For behold, You have loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom You have made clear to me.

You will sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be made clean; You will wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

You will make me hear joy and gladness; the bones that have been humbled will rejoice.

Turn Your face away from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a 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 with Your governing Spirit establish me.

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly will turn back to You.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, my tongue will rejoice in Your righteousness.

O Lord, You will open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For if You had desired sacrifice, I would have given it; with whole burnt offerings You will not be pleased.

A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a heart that is broken and humbled 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 oblation and whole burnt offerings;

Then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. And have mercy on me, O God.

**INTERCESSORY TROPARIA**

*Mode 2g.*

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

At the intercession of Thy Saint, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses.

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

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses.

*Verse: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your compassions, blot out my transgression.*

*Mode 2.*

Thou hast cultivated the fruits of the life in Christ with great labor and wisdom, and with them thou sustainest the minds of the faithful in the Holy Spirit, O God-inspired Mother Xenia. For being deemed worthy of strange gifts from Christ, thou makest us strangers to the present world, and dost intercede for the salvation of our souls.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Priest/Deacon: O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary; the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven; the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist; the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles; our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker and Charalambos the Hieromartyr; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; [the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriakè, Fotenè, Marina, Paraskevè and Irene;] of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (the patron saint of the church); the holy and righteous ancestors of righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; Xenia, Deaconess of Rome, Vavylas the Holy Martyr, Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ, whose memory we celebrate; we beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (12)

Priest: Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

### KONTAKION

*Mode 3.*

Reader: Having been as a wandering stranger on earth, sighing for the Heavenly homeland, thou wast known as a fool by the senseless and unbelieving, but as most wise and holy by the faithful, and wast crowned by God with glory and honor, O Xenia, manly-minded and divinely wise. Wherefore, we cry to thee: *(intoned) Rejoice, for after earthly wandering thou hast come to dwell in the Father's house.*

### OIKOS

Reader: Who is this knocking upon the gates of the Kingdom of the Heavens, her garments white, her face shining brighter than the sun? Where doth she come from, asking for such great things? It is the daughter of the Heavenly Father, the faithful handmaid of the Son of God, and the chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit, who hath been wandering on the earth like a stranger. Now is she translated to the heavenly homeland; wherefore, quickly open the doors for her, and greet her with rejoicing, crying out: *(intoned) Rejoice, O Xenia, for after earthly wandering thou hast come to dwell in the Father's house.*

### SYNTAXARION

Reader: On the twenty-fourth of this month we commemorate our righteous Mother Xenia of Rome and her two handmaids.

*Verses*

Xenia is estranged from this life of the earthborn,  
Wherein she before lived truly as a stranger.

Now death taketh away both of Xenia's handmaids,  
Who were no strangers to their mistress's virtues.

On the twenty-fourth Xenia received Heaven's hospitality.

On this day we commemorate our righteous Mother, Blessed Xenia, the Fool for Christ's sake and Wonderworker of Saint Petersburg.

*Verses*

They that are at a loss invoke Blessed Xenia,  
Who having lost all things, won Christ as her Bridegroom.

On the twenty-fourth Xenia was in Heaven.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyred Brethren Paul, Pausirius, and Theodotion of Egypt.

*Verses*

Pausirius and Paul, who were fellow offspring,  
The river's spring showeth as fellow contenders.

Behold my neck; let the sword fall on it quickly.  
In his longing for God, so cried Theodotion.

On this day we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily and Timothy and Agapius his disciples.

*Verses*

At the first, Babylas contended with demons;  
And afterwards with his own blood he contended.

Agapius and Timothy, well I know them,  
That they be true imitators of their teacher.

On this day we commemorate our righteous Father Macedonius of Syria.

*Verses*

In Thy Father's house, of the numberless mansions,  
Macedonius, O Christ, one now receiveth.

On this day we commemorate the recovery of the sacred relics of the holy Righteous Martyr Anastasius of Persia.

*Verses*

Crowned with the grace of contests, O Anastasius,  
Thou hast granted to us the grace of thy relics.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyrs Hermogenes and Menas; and our righteous Father Philo, Bishop of Carpasia in Cyprus; and our righteous Father Philip (or Philippicus) the Presbyter; and the holy Martyr Barsimus of Syria and his two brethren.

*Verses*

Longing after God seized upon the three noble brethren,  
Persuading them to long for a divine sword-sent ending.

On this day our righteous Father Zosimas reposed in peace.

*Verses*

Who, O Zosimas, shall describe thy long labors?  
And who, when thou diest, the crowns for thy labors?

On this day we celebrate the Synaxis of the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John in the Church near to the Taurus.

*Verses*

How shall this tongue of mine now praise thee, O Preacher,  
Whom Christ's tongue calleth greater than all the earthborn?

On this day we commemorate our righteous Father Neophytus the Recluse of Cyprus.

*Verses*

The sepulcher hath thee, but only thy body,  
Thou boast of thy disciples in thine enclosure.

On this day we commemorate Saint Felician, Bishop of Foligno in Umbria in Italy, who was perfected in martyrdom in the year 252.

On this day we commemorate our righteous Father Cadoc of Llancarfan in Wales.

On this day we commemorate our Father among the Saints Gerasimus, Bishop of Perm.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyr John of Kazan.

On this day we commemorate the holy New Hieromartyr Anatolius, Archbishop of Irkutsk, who was slain by the atheists in the year 1921.

*(intoned) By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.*

**KATAVASIAE OF THE MEETING***Mode 3.***Ode i**

Once did the sun look down upon the surface of the dry abysm-bearing plain; \* for the water like a wall on either side was congealed, \* for a people walking crossed the sea, making God-appealing melody. \* Sing to the Lord for He has been gloriously glorified.

**Ode iii**

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.

**Ode iv.**

The heavens were covered by Your virtue, O Christ. \* For coming forth from the Ark of Your holiness, Your Mother who sustained no corruption, \* You appeared today in Your glorious Temple, as an infant held in arms. \* And the entire creation was filled with Your praise.

**Ode v.**

Isaiah once symbolic'y saw God \* seated on an elevated throne \* with a host of glorious Angels standing with Him. \* He cried, "Woe is me; I am lost! \* With my eyes I have foreseen incarnate God, \* and He is the Master of never-setting light and peace."

**Ode vi.**

The Elder cried out \* when with his own eyes \* he clearly saw Your salvation, O Lord, \* which is for all peoples,\* "God from God are You, Christ my Savior."

**Ode vii.**

In the fire You refreshed with dew the three Youths as they theologized; \* and You dwelt within the Virgin who was undefiled. \* God the Logos, we hymn You, \* and we chant devoutly, \* saying, "Blessed are You, the God of our Fathers."

**Ode viii.**

*We praise, and we bless, and we worship the Lord.*

The Youths, being piety's defenders, \* as if joining battle with the unbearable fire, \* and uninjured by the flame, sang a divine hymn exultantly, \* "All you works of the Lord, bless

the Lord, \* and exalt supremely unto all the ages.”

### MAGNIFICAT

Priest: Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of light.

#### *Mode 3.*

*Verse 1: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.*

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.

*Verse 2: For He has considered the humility of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*

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.

*Verse 3: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on them that fear Him unto generation and generation.*

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.

*Verse 4: He performed mighty deeds with His arm; He confounded the proud in the intention of their heart.*

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.

*Verse 5: He deposed the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the humble; He filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.*

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.

*Verse 6: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.*

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.

**Katavasia**

*Mode 3.*

**Ode ix**

*Theotokos, as the hope of us Christians, one and all, guard and shelter and protect those who put their hope in you.*

O believers, come let us perceive \* a type in the law, and the shadow and the letter. \* Every male that opens the womb shall be holy to God. \* So the unoriginate Father's firstborn Logos and Son, \* who is the firstborn of the Mother who knew not man, we magnify.

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Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For all the powers of heaven praise you and give you glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

**LAUDS (PRAISES)**

*Mode pl. 4.*

Let every breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. To You, O God, is due our song.

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. To You, O God, is due our song.

### Stichera

*Mode pl. 4. O strange wonder.*

#### First Hymn of Praise

*Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.*

Toiling with labors both night and day, \* O Xenia, thou builtest up \* the divine temple of the Lord: \* with the bricks, a comely church, \* and with prayer, thy most blessed soul, \* wherein the Lord God Almighty took His rest \* and gave thee strength passing nature to travail \* unto the benefit \* of thy neighbor and the glory of thy Lord, \* with Whom never cease to plead for them that honor thee.

#### Second Hymn of Praise

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp.*

Toiling with labors both night and day, \* O Xenia, thou builtest up \* the divine temple of the Lord: \* with the bricks, a comely church, \* and with prayer, thy most blessed soul, \* wherein the Lord God Almighty took His rest \* and gave thee strength passing nature to travail \* unto the benefit \* of thy neighbor and the glory of thy Lord, \* with Whom never cease to plead for them that honor thee.

#### Third Hymn of Praise

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute.*

Thou for a season didst disappear \* out of the sight of the world, \* to return as a shining light \* hid beneath the bushel of \* thine ostensible foolishness; \* but beams of miracles made thee known to all; \* in thy dark sayings, great wisdom brightly shone; \* and with thy prophecies, \* thou didst guide the lives of those who honored thee, \* for they knew the Spirit of the Lord abode in thee.

#### Fourth Hymn of Praise

*Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.*

He that in thy lifetime gave thee strength \* to pass the limits of man \* after death made thy sepulcher \* an abundant store of grace \* with the cure fit for each distress. \* And since thou livest eternally in Christ, \* thou dost appear in all quarters of the earth, \* showing

what gifts thou hast \* to assist them that invoke thy name in faith, \* O all-lauded Xenia, glory of the Orthodox.

### **Doxastikon**

*Mode pl. 2.*

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

After thy beloved husband's death, desiring to follow Christ in poverty, thou didst scatter all thy riches; and made rich in grace by thy heavenly Bridegroom, thou didst hide thy wealth in the rags of thy feigned foolishness, O venerable Mother Xenia. Wherefore, enduring mockery and hunger, thou didst attain to even greater heights of holiness, becoming a universal treasury of blessings for all, made perfect in the love of God; and now as thou standest in boldness before the Trinity on high, and goest about among us invisibly on earth, thou grantest peace, mercy, and salvation to all who keep thy festival with faith and love.

### **Theotokion**

*Mode pl. 2.*

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

O Theotokos, thou art the true vine that hath blossomed forth the Fruit of Life. Thee do we supplicate: Intercede, O Lady, together with the righteous one and all the Saints that our souls find mercy.

## THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

*Mode pl. 4.*

1. Glo-ry be to You Who showed the light. Glo-ry in the high - est to God, and on earth peace, good will a - mong men.
2. We praise You; we bless You; we wor - ship You; we glo - ri - fy You; we give thanks to You for Your great glo - ry.
3. O Lord, King, heav - en - ly God, the Fa - ther Al-might - y, O Lord the on - ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.
4. O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, Who take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, You Who take a - way the sins of the world.
5. Re - ceive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Fa - ther; and have mer - cy on us.
6. For You a - lone are ho - ly; You a - lone are Lord, Je - sus Christ, to the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A-men.
7. Ev - 'ry day will I bless You, and I will praise Your name for - ev - er and un - to the a - ges of a - ges.
8. Vouch - safe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.
9. Bless - ed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers, and praised and glo - ri - fied is Your name un - to the a - ges. A - men.
10. Let Your mer - cy, O Lord, be up - on us, e - ven as we have hoped in You.
11. Bless - ed are You, O Lord, teach me Your stat - utes. (3x)
12. Lord, You have been our ref - uge from gen - er - a - tion to gen-er - a - tion. I said: O Lord, have mer - cy on me; heal my soul, for I have sinned a - gainst You.
13. O Lord, to You have I fled for ref - uge; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.
14. For in You is the foun - tain of life; in Your light we shall see light.
15. Con - tin - ue Your mer - cy un - to those who know You.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly Might - y, ho - ly Im-mor - tal, have mer - cy on us. (3x)  
 Glo-ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;  
 Both now and ev - er, and un - to the a - ges of a - ges. A-men.  
 Ho - ly Im-mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Ho - - - -ly God, Ho - - - -ly Might - - -y, Ho - - - ly Im-mor - - - tal, have mer - - - cy on us.

## APOLYTIKION

*Saint Xenia of St. Petersburg*

*January 24. Mode pl. 4.*

In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.