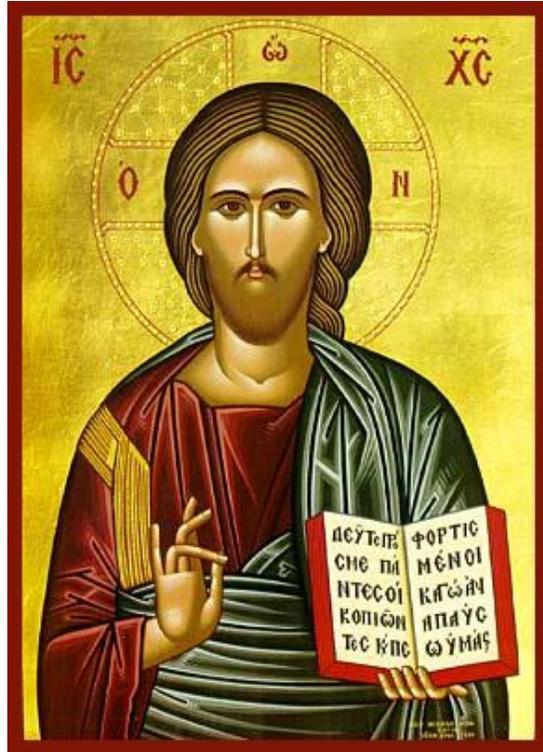




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ORTHODOX CHURCH



**THE LITTLE COMPLINE WITH
THE SUPPLICATORY CANON
(PARAKLESIS) TO
THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
READER'S SERVICE**

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Oh Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of Good Things, 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. *(Thrice)*

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

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

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Choir: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve Times)

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

A metanoia is made after each verse below.

Choir: O Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

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

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

PSALM 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy;

According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out mine iniquity.

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

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

Against Thee only have I sinned and done evil in Thy sight.

That Thou mightest be justified in Thy words and prevail when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the unclear and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made clear to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face 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 Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and steady me with a guiding spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and the impious shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For hadst Thou desired sacrifice, I would have given it Thee; Thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

Sacrifices to God are a contrite spirit; a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offerings.

Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

PSALM 69

O God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

PSALM 142

O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in

Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth. He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands. I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land. Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy Name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me. In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies. And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

THE LITTLE DOXOLOGY

- ✠ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.
- ✠ We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory.
- ✠ O Lord, 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 takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Thou Who takest away the sins of the world.

- ✘ Receive our prayer, Thou Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.
- ✘ For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.
- ✘ Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever.
- ✘ Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
- ✘ Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.
- ✘ For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.
- ✘ O continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee.
- ✘ Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.
- ✘ Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen.
- ✘ Let Thy mercy, O Lord: be upon us, as we do put our hope in Thee.
- ✘ Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.
- ✘ Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes.
- ✘ Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes.
- ✘ Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands.
- ✘ To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE CREED

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, by 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 was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sittest at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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 age to come. Amen.

THEOTOKION

It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, Thou who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, and art Truly Theotokos we magnify Thee!

The Canon of The Paraklesis

ODE I

Heirmos: In the deep of old, the Power supreme to all weaponry overwhelmed Pharaoh's whole army. And when the Word became incarnate, He destroyed exceedingly pernicious sin; for the glorified Lord has gloriously been glorified.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

Sweetest Jesus Christ, long-suffering Jesus, heal the wounds of my soul, O Jesus, and make sweet my heart, O most Merciful One, I pray to You, O Jesus my Saviour, that, as one saved, I may magnify You.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

Sweetest Jesus Christ, O Jesus, open to me the portals of repentance, O Jesus, You the Friend of man, and accept me, O Jesus my Saviour, as I fall down before You and fervently implore the forgiveness of my sins.

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

Sweetest Jesus Christ, O Jesus, snatch me from the hand of deceitful Belial, O Jesus, and make me stand at the right of You glory, O Jesus my Saviour, delivering me from the lot of those on the left.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O Lady, who has given birth to Jesus our God, pray for us worthless slaves, that by your intercessions, O immaculate one, we who are defiled may be delivered from torment, O spotless one, and enjoy everlasting glory.

ODE III

Heirmos: Establishing me on the rock of faith, You have enlarged my mouth over my enemies;

for my spirit rejoices in chanting: There is none holy as our God, and none righteous save You, O Lord.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

Hearken, O my man-befriending Jesus, unto You servant calling with compunction; and deliver me, O Jesus, from condemnation and punishment, O only long-suffering, sweetest and most merciful Jesus.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

Receive You servant, O my Jesus, who falls prostrate with tears, my Jesus, and save me as one repentant, O my Jesus, delivering me from Gehenna, O Master, sweetest and most merciful Jesus.

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

The time which You gave me, O my Jesus, have I squandered in passions, my Jesus. Cast me not away, O my Jesus, but call me back again, I pray, O Master, O sweetest Jesus, and save me.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O Virgin, who has given birth to my Jesus, implore Him to 'rescue me from Gehenna. You alone are the protectress of the afflicted, O you who are full of divine grace. And make me worthy of the life that ages not. O all-blameless one.

SESSIONAL HYMN

First Tone. Thy tomb, O Saviour

O Jesus my Saviour, Who has saved the prodigal, O Jesus my Saviour, Who has accepted the harlot: Have mercy on me also, O most Merciful Jesus; have compassion and save me, O Jesus my Benefactor, even as You had compassion on Manasses, O my Jesus, the only Friend of man.

ODE IV

Heirmos: From a Virgin did You come, not as an ambassador, nor as an angel, but the very Lord Himself incarnate, and saved me, the whole man. Therefore, I cry to You: Glory to Your power, O Lord.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

Heal. O my Jesus, the wounds of my soul, my Jesus, I pray, and snatch me from the hand of soul-corrupting Belial, O my compassionate Jesus, and save me.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

I have sinned, O my sweetest Jesus; my compassionate Jesus, save me who flee to Your protection. O long-suffering Jesus, and make me worthy of Your Kingdom.

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

No one, O my Jesus, has sinned as have I, the wretched one; but now I fall prostrate and pray: Save me, O my Jesus, and bequeath me life, O my Jesus.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O all-hymned one, who has given birth to the Lord Jesus, implore Him to deliver from torment all who hymn you and rightly call you the Mother of God.

ODE V

Heirmos: O Christ my Saviour, You are the Light of those that lie in darkness and Salvation of the despairing, unto You do I rise early, O King of peace. Enlighten me with Your illumination, for besides You I know none other God.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

You are the Light of my mind, O my Jesus; You are the Salvation of my despairing soul, O Saviour. O my Jesus, deliver me from torment and Gehenna, as I cry: Save me, the wretched one, O Christ my Jesus.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

Utterly cast down to shameful passions, O my Jesus, I now cry: Stretch down to me a helping hand, O my Jesus, and pluck me out as I cry: Save me, the wretched one, O Christ my Jesus.

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

Carrying about a mind defiled, I call to You, O Jesus: Cleanse me of the defilement of sin, and redeem me who have slipped down into the depths of evil through ignorance, and save me, O Saviour, my Jesus, I pray.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O Maiden Mother of God, who has given birth to Jesus, implore Him to save all Orthodox monastics and laity, and to deliver from Gehenna those who cry: We know no certain protection save yours.

ODE VI

Heirmos: Encompassed round about by an abyss of offences, I appeal to the unfathomable abyss of Your compassion: Raise me up from corruption, O God.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

O most merciful Christ, my Jesus, accept me who confess my sins, O Master, and save me, O Jesus, and snatch me from corruption, O Jesus.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

O my Jesus, no one else has been so prodigal as I, the wretched one, O man-befriending Jesus; but do save me, O Jesus.

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

O my Jesus, with my passions I have surpassed the harlot and the prodigal, Manasses and the publican, O my Jesus, and the thief and the Ninevites, O Jesus.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O you who did conceive my Jesus Christ, O only undefiled and immaculate Virgin: even now, by the hyssop of your intercessions, cleanse me, the defiled one.

KONTAKION

Fourth Tone

O Sweetest Jesus, Light of the world, enlighten the eyes of my soul, O Son of God, with Your divinely radiant splendour, that I may praise You, the unwaning Light.

ODE VII

Heirmos: When the golden image was adored in the plain of Deira, Your three Children trampled underfoot the ungodly decree; and though cast into the midst of the fire, as ones refreshed they chanted: Blessed are You, the God of our Fathers.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

O Christ Jesus, no one on earth has ever sinned, O my Jesus, as have I, the wretched one and prodigal. Therefore, I cry to You, my Jesus, have compassion on me as I sing: Blessed are You, the God of our Fathers.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

O Christ Jesus, I cry: Nail me down with the fear of You, O my Jesus, and guide me to Your calm haven now, O my compassionate Jesus, that as one saved I may sing to You: Blessed art You, the God of our Fathers.

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

O Christ Jesus, ten thousand times have I, the hapless one, promised You repentance, O my Jesus, but, wretch that I am, I lied to You. Therefore, I cry to You, my Jesus: Enlighten my soul which yet remains unfeeling, O Christ, the God of our Fathers.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O you who gave birth to Jesus Christ awesomely and supernaturally, O all-blameless one, implore Him, O Maiden, to forgive me all my sins which I have committed against my human nature, that as one saved I may cry: Blessed are you who conceived God in the flesh.

ODE VIII

Heirmos: O you works, praise you the Lord God Who descended into the fiery furnace with the Hebrew Children and changed the flame into dew; and supremely exalt Him unto all the ages.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

I implore You, O my Jesus: As You redeemed the harlot from many sins, O my Jesus, likewise redeem me, O Christ my Jesus, and cleanse my foul soul, O my Jesus.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

O Jesus, having yielded to irrational pleasures. I have become irrational, O my Jesus; and wretch that I am, I have truly and pitifully become like

the beasts, O Saviour. Therefore, O Jesus, deliver me from irrationality.

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

Having fallen, O Jesus, into the hands of soul-corrupting thieves, I have been stripped now of my divinely-woven garment, O Jesus, and prostrate I lie all bruised with wounds, O my Christ, do pour on me oil and wine.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O Theotokos Mary, who inexplicably held the Christ, my Jesus and God: Implore Him to save from perils your servants and them that praise you, O Virgin who knew no wedlock.

ODE IX

Heirmos: With one accord, let us the faithful magnify with hymns God the Word, Who came forth from God, and Who was inexpressibly incarnate of the holy Virgin for our sakes, and Who in His ineffable wisdom came to renew Adam who fell grievously when he partook of corruption.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

I have surpassed, O my Jesus, Manasses and the publican, the harlot and the prodigal, O compassionate Jesus, and the thief, O my Jesus, through all my shameful and unbecoming deeds, O Jesus; but do forestall me, O my Jesus, and save me.

O Sweetest Jesus, save me.

By my passions, O my Jesus, pitifully have I, the wretched one, surpassed all those from Adam who have sinned, both those before the Law and in the Law, O Jesus, and after the Law and Grace,

O my Jesus; but by Your judgments save me, O my Jesus.

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

May I not be parted from Your ineffable glory, my Jesus, nor may the portion on the left, O Jesus, fall to me, O sweetest Jesus; but set me on the right hand with Your sheep and give me rest, O Christ my Jesus, since You are compassionate.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O Theotokos, who alone held Jesus, O Virgin Mary who knew not wedlock: O pure one, implore Him, your Son and Creator, to be gracious to us, that we who have recourse to you may be delivered from temptations and perils, and from the fire that is to come.

Stichera (a poem of Theoctistus):

Plagal of Second Tone.

(Having placed their every hope)

O my sweetest Jesus, You the joy and Gladness of my soul, Jesus, You the cleansing of my mind, O my Master and Lord most merciful: Jesus, save me, O Jesus my Saviour; O my Jesus, You Almighty One, do not abandon me; O my Saviour Jesus, have mercy and deliver me from punishment, O my Jesus, and deem me worthy of the lot of the saved, O my Jesus, and number me with the choir of all Your blessed and chosen ones, O Jesus, Friend of man.

O my sweetest Jesus, You the glory of the Apostles, O my Jesus, You the boast of the Martyrs, Master Who are omnipotent: Jesus, do save me, O Jesus my Saviour; my Jesus, You the most beautiful One, have mercy on me, O Saviour Jesus, who runs to You, by the entreaties of her that carried You and, O Jesus, of all Your Saints, and of all the Prophets, O Saviour Jesus,

and give the Paradise of delight to me, O Jesus, Friend of man.

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

O my sweetest Jesus, You the glory of the monastics, O long-suffering Jesus, You the ascetics' blest adornment and great delight: Jesus, save me, O Jesus my Saviour; my Jesus You are supremely good, snatch me out of the hand of the dragon, O Saviour Jesus Christ, and free me from his snares, O my Saviour Jesus, and now lead me up, my Saviour, out of the lowest pit, O Jesus, and number me, O Jesus, with Your sheep at Your holy, blessed right hand.

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: O entrust me not, I pray, to any human protection, O our Lady, holy one, but accept the prayer of your supplicant. Sorrow has fettered me, and I am unable to endure and bear the demons' darts; a shelter have I not, neither place to run, I, the wretched one; embattled from all sides am I, and no consolation have I but you, Mistress of creation, protection and hope of faithful ones: Turn not away when I pray to you; do that which will profit me.

A prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ

O Master Christ God, Who by Your Passion has healed my passions, and by Your wounds has healed my wounds: grant tears of compunction unto me who have greatly offended; temper my body with the fragrance of Your life-creating Body, and sweeten my soul with Your precious Blood, taking away the bitterness which the contending adversary has made me drink. Lift my mind up to You, since it has been drawn down below, and lead me up from the pit of destruction; for I have no repentance, I have no compunction, I have not a tear of supplication as

children which shall lead me up unto my inheritance. I have been darkened in mind by the passions of life and I am not able to look up to You in my travail; I cannot rouse myself to fervour with tears of love for You. But, O Master, Lord Jesus Christ, Treasury of good things, grant me complete repentance, and a suffering heart that shall seek You out. Grant Your grace to me and renew in me the likeness of Your image. I have abandoned You; do not abandon me. Come forth and seek me out, lead me into Your pasture, number me together with the sheep of Your elect flock, and nourish me together with them on the verdure of Your divine Mysteries, by the intercessions of Your all-pure Mother and of all Your Saints. Amen.

Trisagion Prayers

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Choir: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (40 times)

Evening Prayer

Reader: O Christ our God, Who art worshipped and glorified at all times at every hour both in heaven and on earth; Who art long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and compassion; Who lovest the just man and showest mercy upon the sinner; and Who callest all men to repentance through the promise of blessings to come; receive, O Lord, at this very hour our supplications, and direct our lives in the way of Thy commandments: sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, set our minds aright, cleanse our thoughts; deliver us from all affliction, trouble, and distress; compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guided and guarded by them, we may attain unto the unity of the Faith, and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, Thou who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, and art Truly Theotokos we magnify Thee!

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve Times)

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Prayer of Paul The Cenobite To The Most Holy Theotokos

O all-pure and incorruptible Virgin Bride of God, and our Sovereign Lady, who made the Word of God one with mankind by gloriously giving birth to your Son and joining our fallen nature to His

divine nature; who are the hope of the despairing and the support of those in distress, the swift defender of those who turn to you and the refuge of all Christians:

Do not turn from me, an unclean sinner, who have destroyed myself with unworthy thoughts, words and deeds, and have been enslaved by forgetfulness to the carnal passions of life; but have compassion on me, O Theotokos, and accept the prayer of a sinner and prodigal, offered from unclean lips.

Exercise your boldness as a mother, and pray to your Son, our Lord and Master, that He will make known to me also His compassionate goodness, and overlooking my countless sins, will turn me to repentance and make me fervent in doing His commandments.

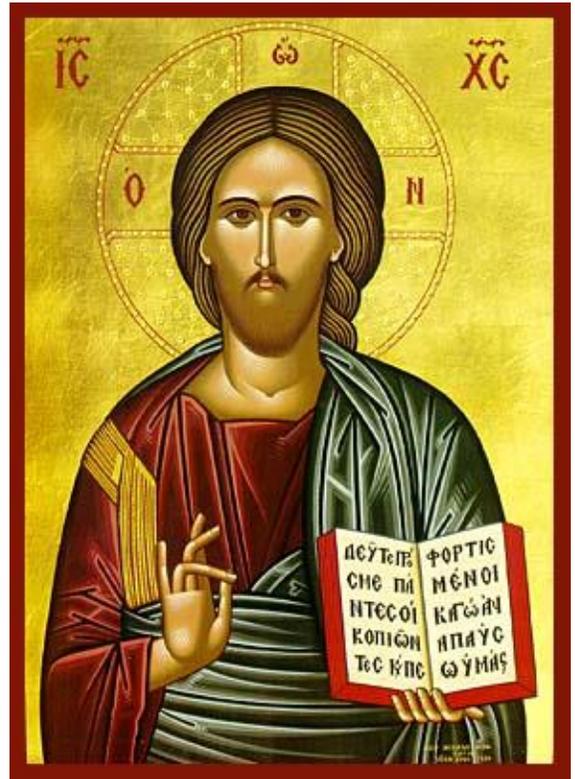
Be with me always in your grace and loving mercy, for you are the fervent helper who turn away the assaults of enemies and guide men toward salvation, caring for my unworthy soul at the hour of death and driving from it the darkness of evil spirits. In the Day of judgment, free me from eternal torment and show me to be an heir of the divine glory of your Son, and our God.

Grant this, O Lady Theotokos, by your prayers and intercessions, through the mercy and lovingkindness of your only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom are due all glory, honor and worship, with the Father Who is eternal, and His all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



**Prayer of The Monk Antiochus To
Our Lord Jesus Christ**

And grant rest, O Master, to our souls and bodies as we sleep; preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin and from the dark passions of the night. Calm the impulses of carnal desires, quench the fiery darts of the evil one which are craftily directed against us. Still the rebellions of the flesh, and put far from us all anxiety and worldly cares. Grant us, O God, a watchful mind, pure thoughts, a sober heart and a quiet rest free from every vision of the devil. Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in Your precepts and holding within us steadfastly the thought of Your commandments. Grant that we may sing praises to You through the night and that we may hymn, bless and glorify Your all-honorable and majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



The first person then says:

O exceedingly glorious and ever-virgin Theotokos, bring our petitions before your Son, and our God, and implore Him that through you He will save our souls. Amen.

The second person then says:

O Father, my hope! O Son, my refuge! O Holy Spirit, my protection! O Most Holy Trinity: Glory to You!

The first person then says:

In thee, O Mother of God, I place all my hope; keep me under your protection.

Prayer To Our Guardian Angel

O holy Angel who accompanieth my wretched soul and lowly life, forsake me not, and depart not from me because of my extravagance and wickedness. Give not access to the evil demon to rule with his might this mortal body of mine, but hold me by my wretched, feeble hand; lead me in the path of salvation. Yea, O holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my wretched soul and body, forgive me all wherewith I have heretofore saddened thee all the days of my life. And though this day I have sinned, be thou my shelter this night. Keep me from all the wiles of the enemy, that I may not anger God with any sin. Intercede with the Lord for me, that He may confirm me in His fear and show me forth as a worthy servant of His goodness. Amen

The Dismissal

Leader: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

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

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Oh Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.