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Βιβλία - Πηγαί

Μηναῖον - ΤΗ ΙΔ΄ ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Ἡ Ὑψωσις τοῦ Τιμίου Σταυροῦ

ΟΡΘΟΣ

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἦχος α΄.

Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν. Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Στίχ. α΄. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐπικαλεῖσθε τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἅγιον αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. β΄. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἐκύκλωσάν με, καὶ τῷ ὀνόματι Κυρίου ἠμυνάμην αὐτούς.

Στίχ. γ΄. Παρὰ Κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη καὶ ἔστι θαυμαστή ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα. (3)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἔτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῇ σῆ χάριτι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ. Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Τῆς παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν, Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ

Books - Sources

Menaion - September 14

The Elevation of the Holy Cross

MATINS

CHOIR

Mode 1.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.

Verse 2: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.

Verse 3: And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Apolytikion. For the Cross.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. (3) [GOA]

PRIEST

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all

πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς
καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Σοί, Κύριε.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἐστὶν ἡ
βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς
καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν
καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Ἀμήν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Κάθισμα Α΄.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος α΄. *Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος.*

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸ ξύλον προσκυνοῦμεν
Φιλάνθρωπε, ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ προσηλώθης ἡ ζωὴ τῶν
ἀπάντων· Παράδεισον ἠνέφξας Σωτήρ, τῷ πίστει
προσελθόντι σοι Ληστῆ· καὶ τρυφῆς κατηξιώθη,
ὁμολογῶν σοι, Μνήσθητί μου Κύριε. Δέξαι ὡσπερ
ἐκεῖνον καὶ ἡμᾶς, κραυγάζοντας· Ἠμάρτομεν,
πάντες τῆ εὐσπλαγχνία σου, μὴ ὑπερίδης ἡμᾶς.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Τὸ αὐτό.**

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸ ξύλον προσκυνοῦμεν
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Κάθισμα Β΄.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

the saints, let us commend ourselves and one
another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is
the kingdom and the power and the glory, of
the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1. *The stone had been secured.*

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος.

We venerate the wood of Your Cross, O
humane One, * for You, the Life of all, were
nailed to it. * O Savior, You opened Paradise to
the Robber who approached You with faith. *
He was counted worthy of delight, confessing
You, Remember me, O Lord. * Accept us as
You accepted him, * for we now cry, We all
have sinned * against Your compassion. Do not
abandon us. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

We venerate the wood of Your Cross, O
humane One, * for You, the Life of all, were
nailed to it. * O Savior, You opened Paradise to
the Robber who approached You with faith. *
He was counted worthy of delight, confessing
You, Remember me, O Lord. * Accept us as
You accepted him, * for we now cry, We all
have sinned * against Your compassion. Do not
abandon us. [SD]

Kathisma II.

From Menaion - - -

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Μόνον ἐπάγη τὸ ξύλον, Χριστέ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου, τὰ θεμέλια ἐσαλεύθησαν τοῦ θανάτου Κύριε· ὄν γὰρ κατέπιε πόθῳ ὁ ᾄδης, ἀπέλυσε τρόμῳ. Ἐδειξας ἡμῖν τὸ σωτήριόν σου ἅγιε, καὶ δοξολογοῦμέν σε Υἱὲ Θεοῦ· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Τὸ αὐτό.**

Μόνον ἐπάγη τὸ ξύλον, Χριστέ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου, τὰ θεμέλια ἐσαλεύθησαν τοῦ θανάτου Κύριε· ὄν γὰρ κατέπιε πόθῳ ὁ ᾄδης, ἀπέλυσε τρόμῳ. Ἐδειξας ἡμῖν τὸ σωτήριόν σου ἅγιε, καὶ δοξολογοῦμέν σε Υἱὲ Θεοῦ· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Κάθισμα Γ'.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος πλ. δ'. *Τὸ προσαχθέν.*

Προδιετύπου μυστικῶς πάλαι τῷ χρόνῳ, ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὁ τοῦ Ναυῆ, Σταυροῦ τὸν τύπον, ὡς τὰς χεῖρας ἐξέτεινε σταυροφανῶς Σωτήρ μου· καὶ ἔστη ὁ ἥλιος ἕως ἐχθρούς, ἀνεῖλεν, ἀνθισταμένους σοὶ τῷ Θεῷ· νῦν δὲ οὗτος ἐσκότισται, ἐπὶ Σταυροῦ σε ὀρῶν, θανάτου κράτος λύοντα, καὶ τὸν Ἄδην σκυλεύοντα.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. **Τὸ αὐτό.**

Προδιετύπου μυστικῶς πάλαι τῷ χρόνῳ, ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὁ τοῦ Ναυῆ, Σταυροῦ τὸν τύπον, ὡς τὰς χεῖρας ἐξέτεινε σταυροφανῶς Σωτήρ μου· καὶ ἔστη ὁ ἥλιος ἕως ἐχθρούς, ἀνεῖλεν, ἀνθισταμένους σοὶ τῷ Θεῷ· νῦν δὲ οὗτος ἐσκότισται, ἐπὶ Σταυροῦ σε ὀρῶν, θανάτου κράτος λύοντα, καὶ τὸν Ἄδην σκυλεύοντα.

Mode pl. 2.

The wood of Your Cross was merely planted, O Christ, and the foundations of death were shaken, O Lord. Hades had swallowed You eagerly, but with trembling it disgorged You. You have shown us Your salvation, O Holy One, and we glorify You, Son of God. Have mercy on us. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

The wood of Your Cross was merely planted, O Christ, and the foundations of death were shaken, O Lord. Hades had swallowed You eagerly, but with trembling it disgorged You. You have shown us Your salvation, O Holy One, and we glorify You, Son of God. Have mercy on us. [SD]

Kathisma III.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4. *When he perceived.*

Τὸ προσαχθέν.

Joshua of Nun formerly mystically prefigured * the figure of the precious Cross of You my Savior, * by extending his arms in cruciform, O Master. * At that time, the sun stood still until he destroyed * the enemies who opposed You the only God. * Now the same sun conceals its light * as it sees You on the Cross * destroying the might of death and despoiling Hades, O Lord. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

Joshua of Nun formerly mystically prefigured * the figure of the precious Cross of You my Savior, * by extending his arms in cruciform, O Master. * At that time, the sun stood still until he destroyed * the enemies who opposed You the only God. * Now the same sun conceals its light * as it sees You on the Cross * destroying the might of death and despoiling Hades, O Lord. [SD]

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἔτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου
δεηθῶμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ
διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῆ σῆ χάριτι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Τῆς παναγίας, ἀχράντου,
ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν,
Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ
πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς
καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Σοί, Κύριε.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἠυλόγηταί σου τὸ ὄνομα καὶ
δεδοξασταί σου ἡ βασιλεία, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ
τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ
καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Ἀμήν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἀντίφωνον Α΄.

Ἦχος δ΄.

Ἐκ νεότητός μου πολλὰ πολεμεῖ με πάθη·
ἀλλ' αὐτὸς ἀντιλαβοῦ, καὶ σῶσον Σωτήρ μου. (δίς)

Οἱ μισοῦντες Σιών, αἰσχύνθητε ἀπὸ
τοῦ Κυρίου· ὡς χόρτος γάρ, πυρὶ ἔσσεσθε
ἀπεξηραμμένοι. (δίς)

Δόξα.

Ἄγιῳ Πνεύματι πᾶσα ψυχὴ ζωοῦται, καὶ
καθάρσει ὑψοῦται, λαμπρύνεται, τῆ τριαδικῇ
μονάδι ἱεροκρυφίως.

PRIEST

Again and again in peace let us pray to the
Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate,
most blessed, and glorious Lady, the
Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all
the saints, let us commend 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 ever and to the ages
of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

CHOIR

Antiphon 1.

Mode 4.

From my youth, many passions war against
me. O my Savior, I implore You, uphold me and
save me. (2) [GOASD]

You who hate Zion, be shamed by the Lord;
for you will be withered like grass in the fire. (2)
[GOASD]

Glory.

By the Holy Spirit every soul is animated,
and when purified, it is mystically uplifted and
brightened by the triune Godhead. [GOASD]

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἄγιω Πνεύματι, ἀναβλύζει τὰ τῆς χάριτος
ῥεῖθρα, ἀρδεύοντα, ἅπασαν τὴν κτίσιν πρὸς
ζωογονίαν.

Προκείμενον. Ψαλμὸς 97.

Εἶδον πάντα τὰ πέρατα τῆς γῆς τὸ σωτήριον
τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. (δίς)

Στίχ. Ἦσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ἄσμα καινόν, ὅτι
θαυμαστὰ ἐποίησεν ὁ Κύριος.

Εἶδον πάντα τὰ πέρατα τῆς γῆς τὸ σωτήριον
τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ· Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι ἅγιος εἶ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐν ἁγίοις
ἐπαναπαύῃ, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν,
τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι,
νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Ἀμήν.

Ἦχος β΄.

Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον. (δίς)
Αἰνεσάτω πνοὴ πᾶσα τὸν Κύριον.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ καταξιωθῆναι ἡμᾶς τῆς
ἀκροάσεως τοῦ ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου, Κύριον τὸν
Θεὸν ἡμῶν ἱκετεύσωμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Σοφία. Ὁρθοί. Ἀκούσωμεν τοῦ ἁγίου
Εὐαγγελίου.

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit the streams of grace
well forth; they water all creation, so that life be
engendered. [GOASD]

Prokeimenon. Psalm 97.

All the ends of the earth saw the salvation of
our God. (2)

Verse: Sing a new song to the Lord, for
He did wondrous things.

All the ends of the earth saw the salvation of
our God. [SAAS]

Stand for the Gospel reading.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For You, our God, are holy, and You rest
among the holy ones, and to You we offer up
glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

Mode 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.
(2) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

[SAAS]

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)

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the holy
Gospel.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ· Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου
τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ· Πρόσχωμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ (ἀπὸ τῆς Ὠραίας πύλης)

Iω 12:28 – 36

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· πάτερ, δόξασόν σου τὸ ὄνομα. ἦλθεν οὖν φωνὴ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ· καὶ ἐδόξασα καὶ πάλιν δοξάσω. ὁ οὖν ὄχλος ὁ ἐστὼς καὶ ἀκούσας ἔλεγε βροντὴν γεγονέναι· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· ἄγγελος αὐτῷ λελάληκεν. ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν· οὐ δι' ἐμὲ αὕτη ἢ φωνὴ γέγονεν, ἀλλὰ δι' ὑμᾶς. νῦν κρίσις ἐστὶ τοῦ κόσμου τούτου, νῦν ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου τούτου ἐκβληθήσεται ἔξω· κἀγὼ ἐὰν ὑψωθῶ ἐκ τῆς γῆς, πάντας ἐλκύσω πρὸς ἐμαυτόν. τοῦτο δὲ ἔλεγε σημαίνων ποίῳ θανάτῳ ἤμελλεν ἀποθνήσκειν. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος· ἡμεῖς ἠκούσαμεν ἐκ τοῦ νόμου ὅτι ὁ Χριστὸς μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, καὶ πῶς σὺ λέγεις, δεῖ ὑψωθῆναι τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου; τίς ἐστὶν οὗτος ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου; εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἔτι μικρὸν χρόνον τὸ φῶς μεθ' ὑμῶν ἐστὶ· περιπατεῖτε ἕως τὸ φῶς ἔχετε, ἵνα μὴ σκοτία ὑμᾶς καταλάβῃ· καὶ ὁ περιπατῶν ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ οὐκ οἶδε ποῦ ὑπάγει. ἕως τὸ φῶς ἔχετε, πιστεύετε εἰς τὸ φῶς, ἵνα υἱοὶ φωτὸς γένησθε.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

PRIEST: Peace be with all.

CHOIR: And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the holy Gospel
according to John.

DEACON: Let us be attentive.

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

PRIEST (from the gate)

Jn. 12:28 – 36

The Lord said, “Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show by what death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” [RSV]

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Ἀνάστασιν Χριστοῦ θεασάμενοι,
προσκυνήσωμεν Ἅγιον Κύριον Ἰησοῦν,
τὸν μόνον ἀναμάρτητον. Τὸν Σταυρὸν σου,
Χριστέ, προσκυνοῦμεν καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν σου
ἀνάστασιν ὑμνοῦμεν καὶ δοξάζομεν· σὺ
γὰρ εἶ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἐκτός σου ἄλλον οὐκ
οἶδαμεν, τὸ ὄνομά σου ὀνομάζομεν. Δεῦτε
πάντες οἱ πιστοί, προσκυνήσωμεν τὴν τοῦ
Χριστοῦ ἁγίαν ἀνάστασιν· ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἦλθε διὰ
τοῦ Σταυροῦ χαρὰ ἐν ὄλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ. Διὰ
παντός εὐλογοῦντες τὸν Κύριον, ὑμνοῦμεν τὴν
ἀνάστασιν αὐτοῦ· Σταυρὸν γὰρ ὑπομείνας δι’
ἡμᾶς, θανάτῳ θάνατον ὤλεσεν.

Ψαλμὸς Ν´ (50).

Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός
σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου
ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου. Ἐπὶ πλεῖτον πλῦνόν
με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀμαρτίας
μου καθάρισόν με. Ὅτι τὴν ἀνομίαν μου ἐγὼ
γινώσκω, καὶ ἡ ἀμαρτία μου ἐνώπιόν μου ἔστι
διὰ παντός. Σοὶ μόνῳ ἤμαρτον, καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν
ἐνώπιόν σου ἐποίησα· ὅπως ἂν δικαιωθῆς ἐν
τοῖς λόγοις σου, καὶ νικήσης ἐν τῷ κρίνεσθαί
σε. Ἴδου γὰρ ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήφθην, καὶ ἐν
ἀμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέ με ἡ μήτηρ μου. Ἴδου γὰρ
ἀλήθειαν ἠγάπησας· τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κρύφια
τῆς σοφίας σου ἐδήλωσάς μοι. Ῥαντιεῖς με
ὕσσῳ, καὶ καθαρισθήσομαι· πλυνεῖς με
καὶ ὑπὲρ χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι. Ἀκουτιεῖς μοι
ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εὐφροσύνην· ἀγαλλιάσονται
ὀστέα τεταπεινωμένα. Ἀπόστρεψον τὸ
πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν μου, καὶ
πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου ἐξάλειψον. Καρδίαν
καθαρὰν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ Θεός, καὶ πνεῦμα

READER

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ,
let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only
sinless one. Your Cross, O Christ, we venerate,
and Your holy Resurrection we praise and
glorify. For You are our God; apart from You
we know no other; we call upon Your name.
Come, all faithful, let us venerate the holy
Resurrection of Christ; for behold, through
the Cross, joy has come to the whole world.
Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His
Resurrection; for having endured the Cross for
us, He destroyed death by death. [GOA]

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according
to Your great mercy; and according to the
abundance of Your compassion, blot out my
transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my
lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For
I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always
before me. Against You only have I sinned
and done evil in Your sight; that You may be
justified in Your words, and overcome when
You are judged. For behold, I was conceived
in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore
me. Behold, You love truth; You showed
me the unknown and secret things of Your
wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop,
and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and
I will be made whiter than snow. You shall
make me hear joy and gladness; my bones
that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn
Your face from my sins, and blot out all my
transgressions. Create in me a clean heart,

εὐθὲς ἐγκαίνισον ἐν τοῖς ἐγκάτοις μου. Μὴ ἀπορρίψῃς με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἅγιον μὴ ἀντανέλης ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Ἀπόδος μοι τὴν ἀγαλλίασιν τοῦ σωτηρίου σου καὶ πνεύματι ἡγεμονικῷ στήριζόν με. Διδάξω ἀνόμους τὰς ὁδοὺς σου, καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἐπὶ σὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι. Ῥῥυσαί με ἐξ αἱμάτων, ὁ Θεός, ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου· ἀγαλλιάσεται ἡ γλῶσσά μου τὴν δικαιοσύνην σου. Κύριε, τὰ χεῖλη μου ἀνοίξεις, καὶ τὸ στόμα μου ἀναγγελεῖ τὴν αἴνεσίν σου. Ὅτι εἰ ἠθέλησας θυσίαν, ἔδωκα ἄν· ὀλοκαυτώματα οὐκ εὐδοκήσεις. Θυσία τῷ Θεῷ πνεῦμα συντετριμμένον· καρδίαν συντετριμμένην καὶ τεταπεινωμένην ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ ἐξουδενώσει. Ἀγάθυνον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ εὐδοκίᾳ σου τὴν Σιών, καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τεῖχη Ἱερουσαλήμ. Τότε εὐδοκήσεις θυσίαν δικαιοσύνης, ἀναφορὰν καὶ ὀλοκαυτώματα. Τότε ἀνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Δόξα. ᾠχος β'.

Σύ μου σκέπη κραταιὰ ὑπάρχεις, ὁ τριμερῆς Σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἀγιάσόν με τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἵνα πιστεῖ καὶ πόθῳ προσκυνῶ καὶ δοξάζω σε.

Καὶ νῦν.

Σύ μου σκέπη κραταιὰ ὑπάρχεις, ὁ τριμερῆς Σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἀγιάσόν με τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἵνα πιστεῖ καὶ πόθῳ προσκυνῶ καὶ δοξάζω σε.

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

From Menaion - - -

CHOIR

Glory. **Mode 2.**

You are my mighty shelter, O tripartite Cross of Christ. Sanctify me by your power, so that with faith and love I may venerate and glorify you. [SDI]

Both now.

You are my mighty shelter, O tripartite Cross of Christ. Sanctify me by your power, so that with faith and love I may venerate and glorify you. [SDI]

Ἰδιόμελον. ᾠχος πλ. β΄.

Στίχ. Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου.

Σταυρὲ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, Χριστιανῶν ἡ ἐλπίς, πεπλανημένων ὁδηγέ, χειμαζομένων λιμὴν, ἐν πολέμοις νίκος, οἰκουμένης ἀσφάλεια, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρέ, νεκρῶν ἡ ἀνάστασις, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Σῶσον ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου· ἐπίσκεψαι τὸν κόσμον σου ἐν ἐλέει καὶ οἰκτιρμοῖς· ὕψωσον κέρας χριστιανῶν ὀρθοδόξων καὶ κατάπεμψον ἐφ’ ἡμᾶς τὰ ἐλέη σου τὰ πλούσια·

πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιῦ Σταυροῦ, οὗ καὶ τὴν παγκόσμιον Ὑψωσιν ἐορτάζομεν· προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων ἀσωμάτων, ἱεσείαις τοῦ τιμίου ἐνδόξου προφήτου προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἐν ἁγίοις πατέρων ἡμῶν μεγάλων ἱεραρχῶν καὶ οἰκουμενικῶν διδασκάλων Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου, Γρηγορίου τοῦ Θεολόγου καὶ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου, Ἀθανασίου καὶ Κυρίλλου, Ἰωάννου τοῦ Ἐλεήμονος πατριαρχῶν Ἀλεξανδρίας· Νικολάου τοῦ ἐν Μύροις, Σπυρίδωνος ἐπισκόπου Τριμυθοῦντος, καὶ Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως τῶν θαυματουργῶν τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων μεγαλομαρτύρων Γεωργίου τοῦ τροπαιοφόρου, Δημητρίου τοῦ μυροβλήτου, Θεοδώρου τοῦ τήρωνος, Θεοδώρου τοῦ στρατηλάτου, Μηνᾶ τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ· τῶν ἱερομαρτύρων Χαραλάμπους καὶ Ἐλευθερίου, τῆς ἁγίας

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.* [SAAS]

O Cross of Christ, the hope of Christians, the guide of the wayward, the haven of the storm-tossed, the victory in wartime, the security of the civilized world, for the sick a physician, for the dead resurrection, have mercy on us. [SD]

PRIEST

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 all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the universal Elevation of which we are celebrating; the protection of the honorable, heavenly, bodiless powers, the supplications of the honorable, 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 wonderworkers; the holy, glorious, great martyrs George the triumphant, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the soldier, and Theodore the general; Menas the wonderworker; Charalambos and Eleutherios, the hieromartyrs; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr

ἐνδόξου μεγαλομάρτυρος καὶ πανευφήμου
Εὐφημίας· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων μαρτύρων
Θέκλας, Βαρβάρας, Αναστασίας, Αἰκατερίνης,
Κυριακῆς, Φωτεινῆς, Μαρίνης, Παρασκευῆς
καὶ Εἰρήνης· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων
πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ ἁγίου τοῦ ναοῦ)· τῶν
ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ
Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων σου τῶν ἁγίων·

ἰκετεύομέν σε, μόνη πολυέλεε Κύριε,
ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν δεομένων
σου καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ')

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἐλέει καὶ οἰκτιρμοῖς καὶ φιλανθρωπία τοῦ
μονογενοῦς σου Υἱοῦ, μεθ' οὗ εὐλογητὸς εἶ,
σὺν τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου
Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Ἀμήν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗΣ

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος δ'. Αὐτόμελον.

Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ
ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς
σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· εὐφρανὸν ἐν
τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν,
νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων·
τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης,
ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Ὁ Οἶκος.

Ὁ μετὰ τρίτον οὐρανὸν ἀρθεὶς ἐν
Παραδείσῳ, καὶ ῥήματα τὰ ἄρρητα καὶ θεῖα,

and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and
glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia,
Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve
and Irene; our venerable and God-bearing
fathers; (local patron saint); holy and righteous
ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and all
Your saints:

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
for humankind of Your only-begotten Son,
with whom You are blessed, and Your all-
holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and
ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

From Menaion - - -

READER

Kontakion.

Mode 4. Automelon.

Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ.

You who were lifted on the cross
voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow
Your tender compassions * upon Your new
community to which You gave Your name. *
Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your
power, * granting them the victories against
their adversaries. * And for an ally, Lord, may
they have You, * peace as their armor, the
trophy invincible. [SD]

Oikos.

Paul, who was caught up into Paradise
beyond the third heaven, and who heard the

ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν γλώσσαις λαλεῖν, τί τοῖς Γαλάταις γράφει, ὡς ἐρασταὶ τῶν Γραφῶν, ἀνέγνωτε καὶ ἔγνωτε. Ἐμοί, φησί, καυχᾶσθαι μὴ γένοιτο, πλὴν εἰ μὴ ἐν μόνῳ τῷ Σταυρῷ τῷ τοῦ Κυρίου, ἐν ᾧ παθῶν, ἔκτεινε τὰ πάθη. Αὐτὸν οὖν καὶ ἡμεῖς βεβαίως κρατῶμεν τοῦ Κυρίου τὸν Σταυρὸν καύχημα πάντες· ἔστι γὰρ σωτήριον ἡμῖν τοῦτο τὸ ξύλον, ὄπλον εἰρήνης ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τοῦ Συναξαρίου.

Συναξάριον

Τοῦ Μηναίου.

Τῆς ἸΔ΄ τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνὸς ἡ παγκόσμιος Ὑψωσις τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ.

Τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρας, ἡ κοίμησις τοῦ ἐν ἀγίοις Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Ἰωάννου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου· ἐν ταύτῃ γὰρ ἀνεπαύσατο, ἀλλὰ διὰ τὴν Ἑορτὴν τοῦ τιμίου Σταυροῦ μετετέθη ἡ τούτου Ἑορτὴ εἰς τὸν Νοέμβριον μῆνα.

Καὶ μνήμη τῆς εὐσεβεστάτης βασιλίσσης Πλακίλλης, συζύγου γενομένης τοῦ μεγάλου βασιλέως Θεοδοσίου.

Τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρας μνήμη τῶν ἐν ἀγίοις Πατέρων ἡμῶν, τῶν συνελθόντων ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ καὶ Οἰκουμενικῇ Ἑκτῇ Συνόδῳ, ἐπὶ τῆς βασιλείας Κωνσταντίνου τοῦ Πωγωνάτου, υἱοῦ [ἢ μάλλον πατρὸς] Ἰουστινιανοῦ τοῦ δευτέρου, τοῦ καλουμένου Ρινοτμήτου, Σεργίου τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν Κωνσταντινουπόλεως ἰθύνοντος, καὶ Ἀγάθωνος τὴν Ῥωμαίων. Ἡθροίσθη δὲ ἐν τῷ Τρούλλῳ τοῦ

unspeakable and divine words that it is not permissible for tongues to utter, writes to the Galatians what you, as lovers of the Scriptures, have read and already know. “God forbid,” says he, “that I should boast except in the Cross of the Lord, whereby He suffered and thus killed the passions.” This very Cross of the Lord, then, let us all surely hold as our boast. For this wood is our salvation, the shield of peace, the trophy invincible. ^[GKD]

Stand for the reading of the Synaxarion.

Synaxarion

From the Menaion.

On September 14 is the worldwide Exaltation (i.e. Elevation) of the precious and life-giving Cross.

On this day was the repose of our father among the saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. He reposed on this date, but because of the feast of the Holy Cross his feast was moved to November 13.

We also commemorate the most pious empress Placilla, the wife of emperor Theodosius the Great.

On this day we also commemorate our fathers among the saints who assembled at the holy Sixth Ecumenical Council, during the reign of Constantine IV Pogonatos, father of Justinian II Rhinotmetos, while Sergios led the Church of Constantinople and Agatho the Church of Rome. The Council convened in Trullo of the Palace called Ovatus, to anathematize Sergios, Pyrrhos and Peter and

Παλατίου, τῷ λεγομένῳ Ὡάτῳ, ἀναθέματα καθυποβαλοῦσα Σέργιον καὶ Πύρρον καὶ Πέτρον καὶ Παῦλον, Ἐπισκόπους γενομένους Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, Μακρόβιον τε τὸν Ἀντιοχείας, καὶ Κῦρον τὸν Ἀλεξανδρείας, καὶ Ὀνώριον τὸν Ῥώμης, Στέφανόν τε καὶ Παλυχρόνιον καὶ τοὺς σὺν αὐτοῖς. Ἦτις ἅγια Συναδος, ἐπὶ μὲν τοῦ δηλωθέντος Κωνσταντίνου τοῦ Πωγωνάτου συνηθροίσθη· ἡ δὲ τῶν Κανόνων ἔκδοσις ἐπὶ Ἰουστινιανοῦ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ γέγονε.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ μνήμη τοῦ ἁγίου Μάρτυρος Πάπα.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ ὁ ἅγιος Μάρτυς Θεοκλῆς ξίφει τελειοῦται.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ ὁ ἅγιος Βαλεριανός, τὸ νήπιον, ξίφει τελειοῦται.

Ὁ ἅγιος νέος ὀσιομάρτυς Μακάριος, ὁ ἐν Θεσσαλονίκη μαρτυρήσας κατὰ τῷ ,αφκζ' (1527), ὁ καὶ μαθητὴς χρηματίσας τοῦ Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως Νήφωνος, ξίφει τελειοῦται.

Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἁγίαις πρεσβείαις, ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Ἀμήν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Καταβασίαι τοῦ Σταυροῦ ᾠδὴ α'. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Σταυρὸν χαράξας Μωσῆς, ἐπ' εὐθείας ράβδῳ, τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν διέτεμε, τῷ Ἰσραὴλ πεζεύσαντι· τὴν δὲ ἐπιστρεπτικῶς, Φαραὼ τοῖς ἄρμασι, κροτήσας ἦνωσεν, ἐπ' εὐρους διαγράψας, τὸ ἀήττητον ὄπλον· διὸ Χριστῷ ἄσωμεν, τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν ὅτι δεδόξασται.

Paul, who had been Bishops of Constantinople, as well as Macrobios of Antioch, Cyrus of Alexandria, and Honorius of Rome, and Stephen and Polychronios and their followers. This Council convened during the reign of the above mentioned Constantine Pogonatos, but its canons were published during the reign of his son Justinian.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Pappas.

On this day the holy Martyr Theocles died by the sword.

On this day Saint Valerian the infant died by the sword.

The holy new devout Martyr Macarius, who witnessed in Thessaloniki in the year 1527, and who had been a disciple of St. Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople, died by the sword.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

CHOIR

Katavasia of the Cross Ode i. Mode pl. 4.

Moses prefigured the Cross. * Lifting up the rod, he stretched out his hand and split the Sea for Israel to cross on land. * Then he stretched it out again, * and the sea returned and covered Pharaoh's chariots. * The Cross was thus portrayed as our invincible armor. * So let us sing to the

Ὡδή γ'.

Ῥάβδος εἰς τύπον, τοῦ μυστηρίου
 παραλαμβάνεται· τῷ βλαστῷ γὰρ προκρίνει τὸν
 ἱερέα· τῇ στειρευούσῃ δὲ πρῶην, Ἐκκλησίᾳ
 νῦν ἐξήνηθησε, ξύλον Σταυροῦ, εἰς κράτος καὶ
 στερέωμα.

Ὡδή δ'.

Εἰσακήκοα Κύριε, τῆς οἰκονομίας σου τὸ
 μυστήριον, κατενόησα τὰ ἔργα σου, καὶ ἐδόξασά
 σου τὴν θεότητα.

Ὡδή ε'.

Ὡ τρισμακάριστον ξύλον! ἐν ᾧ ἐτάθη
 Χριστός, ὁ Βασιλεὺς καὶ Κύριος· δι' οὗ πέπτωκεν
 ὁ ξύλῳ ἀπατήσας, τῷ ἐν σοὶ δελεασθεὶς, Θεῷ τῷ
 προσπαγέντι σαρκί, τῷ παρέχοντι, τὴν εἰρήνην ταῖς
 ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Ὡδή ς'.

Νοτίου θηρὸς ἐν σπλάγχνοις, παλάμας Ἰωνᾶς,
 σταυροειδῶς διεκπετάσας, τὸ σωτήριον πάθος,
 προδιετύπου σαφῶς· ὅθεν τριήμερος ἐκδύς, τὴν
 ὑπερκόσμιον ἀνάστασιν ὑπεζωγράφησε, τοῦ σαρκὶ
 προσπαγέντος Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ τριημέρω
 ἐγέρσει, τὸν κόσμον φωτίσαντος.

Ὡδή ζ'.

Ἐκνοον πρόσταγμα τυράννου δυσσεβοῦς,
 λαοὺς ἐκλόνησε, πνέον ἀπειλῆς καὶ δυσφημίας
 θεοστυγοῦς. Ὅμως τρεῖς Παῖδας οὐκ ἐδειμάτωσε,
 θυμὸς θηριώδης, οὐ πῦρ βρόμιον· ἀλλ' ἀντηχούντι
 δροσοβόλῳ πνεύματι, πυρὶ συνόντες ἔψαλλον·

Lord, * Christ our God, for He is greatly glorified.

[GOASD]

Ode iii.

The rod of Aaron is seen as typifying the
 mystery; * for it budded, and thus was the priest
 selected. * Now in the Church, that was barren
 once, the Cross of Christ, like a tree, * has
 blossomed forth, * as power and a firm support.

[GOASD]

Ode iv.

I have heard the report, O Lord, * of Your
 incarnation, which is a mystery. * I considered
 Your astounding works, * and I glorified Your
 divinity. [GOASD]

Ode v.

Tree of the Cross, you are thrice-blessed, * for
 Jesus Christ, who is King and Lord, was crucified
 on you. * Through you fallen is the one who by a
 tree deceived us, * for he was lured by God who
 in the flesh indeed * was hung and nailed to you, *
 and who grants to our souls His peace. [GOASD]

Ode vi.

In the belly of the sea beast * the prophet
 Jonah prayed with his arms extended crosswise;
 * thus he clearly prefigured the saving Passion of
 Christ. * When after three days he emerged, * he
 was depicting the supernal resurrection from the
 dead * of Christ God, who was physically nailed to
 the Cross * and by His third-day arising illumined
 the universe. [GOASD]

Ode vii.

The impious tyrant's preposterous decree
 disturbed the populace, * breathing threats and
 blasphemous pronouncements hateful to God.
 * His brutal anger did not intimidate * the three
 Servants, nor did the consuming fire. * But when

Ὁ ὑπερύμνητος, τῶν πατέρων καὶ ἡμῶν, Θεὸς εὐλογητὸς εἶ.

Ὡδὴ η΄.

Αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν καὶ προσκυνοῦμεν τὸν Κύριον.

Εὐλογεῖτε Παῖδες, τῆς Τριάδος ἰσάριθμοι, δημιουργὸν Πατέρα Θεόν· ὑμνεῖτε τὸν συγκαταβάνα Λόγον, καὶ τὸ πῦρ εἰς δρόσον μεταποιήσαντα· καὶ ὑπερυψοῦτε, τὸ πᾶσι ζωὴν παρέχον, Πνεῦμα πανάγιον εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν Θ΄ Ὡδὴν.

ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΣ

Τὴν Θεοτόκον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ φωτὸς ἐν ὕμνοις τιμῶντες μεγαλύνωμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ὡδὴ θ΄.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄. Ὁ Εἰρμός.

Μυστικὸς εἶ Θεοτόκε Παράδεισος, ἀγεωργήτως βλαστήσασα Χριστόν, ὕφ’ οὗ τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ, ζωηφόρον ἐν γῆ, πεφυτούργηται δένδρον· δι’ οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦντες αὐτόν, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν. (δίς)

Τροπάρια.

Σταυρὲ [πανάγιε] τοῦ Χριστοῦ, σκέπε ἡμᾶς τῇ δυνάμει σου.

Ἀγαλλέσθω τὰ δρυμοὺ ζύλα σύμπαντα, ἁγιασθείσης τῆς φύσεως αὐτῶν, ὕφ’ οὗ περ ἐξ ἀρχῆς, ἐφυτεύθη Χριστοῦ, ταυθεντός ἐν ζύλῳ· δι’ οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦμεν αὐτόν καὶ μεγαλύνομεν.

the dew-laden breeze whistled against the fire, they joined it and together sang, * “Blessed are You, O Lord. You are highly praised, O God, the God of our fathers.” [GOASD]

Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

You three pious Servants, * same in number as the Trinity, * bless God the Father, Maker of all; * sing a hymn to the Word who condescended * and who changed the fire in the furnace into dew; * as for the all-holy Spirit, who gives life to all, exalt Him * beyond measure unto the ages. [GOASD]

Stand for the singing of Ode ix.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

From Menaion ---

Ode ix.

Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

Μυστικὸς εἶ Θεοτόκε.

Theotokos, you are mystical Paradise, * for without husbandry you have blossomed Christ, * by whom on earth the Cross, as a life-bearing tree, has been planted and watered. * As it is now exalted, * we adore Him and worship Him and magnify you. (2)

Troparia.

[All-holy] Cross of Christ, guard us by your power.

Let all the trees of the forest greatly rejoice, * because their nature was sanctified when Christ, * by whom they were originally planted on earth, * was crucified upon one. * As it is now exalted, * we adore Him and worship Him and magnify Him.

[SD]

Σταυρὲ [πανάγιε] τοῦ Χριστοῦ, σκέπε ἡμᾶς
τῇ δυνάμει σου.

Ἱερὸν ἠγέρθη κέρας θεόφροσι, τῆς κεφαλῆς
τῶν ἀπάντων ὁ Σταυρός, ἐν ᾧ ἁμαρτωλῶν
νοουμένων, συνθλῶνται τὰ κέρατα πάντα, δι'
οὔ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦμεν αὐτὸν καὶ
μεγαλύνομεν.

Εἰρμός Ἕτερος.
Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ὁ Εἰρμός.

Ὁ διὰ βρώσεως τοῦ ξύλου, τῷ γένει
προσγενόμενος θάνατος, διὰ Σταυροῦ κατήργηται
σήμερον· τῆς γὰρ προμήτορος ἢ παγγενῆς, κατάρρα
διαλέλυται, τῷ βλαστῷ τῆς ἀγνῆς Θεομήτορος· ἦν
πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν μεγαλύνουσι.

Τροπάρια.

Σταυρὲ [πανάγιε] τοῦ Χριστοῦ, σκέπε ἡμᾶς
τῇ δυνάμει σου.

Μὴ τὴν πικρίαν τὴν τοῦ ξύλου, ἐάσας
ἀναιρέσιμον Κύριε, διὰ Σταυροῦ τελείως
ἐξήλειψας· ὅθεν καὶ ξύλον ἔλυσε ποτέ, πικρίαν
ὑδάτων Μερρῆς, προτυποῦν τοῦ Σταυροῦ τὴν
ἐνέργειαν· ἦν πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν
μεγαλύνουσιν.

Δόξα.

Ἀδιαλείπτως βαπτομένους, τῷ ζόφῳ τοῦ
προπάτορος Κύριε, διὰ Σταυροῦ ἀνύψωσας
σήμερον· ὡς γὰρ τῇ πλάνῃ ἄγαν ἀκρατῶς, ἡ
φύσις προκατηνέχθη, παγκλήρως ἡμᾶς πάλιν
ἀνῶρθωσε, τὸ φῶς τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου· ὄν οἱ
πιστοὶ μεγαλύνομεν.

*[All-holy] Cross of Christ, guard us by
your power.*

A sacred horn of the Head of all has been
raised up, * the Cross of Christ, for people of
godly mind. * By it are all the horns of intelligible
sinners completely crushed and broken. * As it is
now exalted, * we adore Him and worship Him
and magnify Him. [SD]

Another Heirmos.
Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

Ὁ διὰ βρώσεως.

Eating the tree's forbidden fruit once * in
Paradise brought death to the human race. * But
through the Cross, today death has no effect, *
because the curse that fell on the entire human
race through mother Eve * was undone by the
Offspring of the all pure Mother of God, who now
is by all the hosts of heaven magnified. [SD]

Troparia.

*[All-holy] Cross of Christ, guard us by
your power.*

You did not let the bitter taste of the tree
annihilate us, O Lord our God, * but by Your
Cross You eradicated it. * And to prefigure what
Your Cross would do, * the wood dissolved the
bitterness * of the water of Marah in times of old.
* This power of the Cross is by all the hosts of
heaven magnified. [SD]

Glory.

We were continually plunged in our
forefather's darkness, O Lord our God; * but
through the Cross, today You have raised us up. *
Even as all of human nature was swept down by
error uncontrollably, * so the light of Your Cross
lifted the entire human race. * And therefore we
the believers magnify the Cross. [SD]

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἵνα τὸν τύπον ὑποδείξης, τῷ κόσμῳ προσκυνούμενον Κύριε, τὸν τοῦ Σταυροῦ ἐν πᾶσιν ὡς ἔνδοξον, ἐν οὐρανῷ ἐμόρφωσας, φωτὶ ἀπλέτῳ ἠγλαϊσμένον, Βασιλεῖ πανοπλίαν ἀήττητον· ἦν πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν μεγαλύνουσιν.

Ὡδὴ θ'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Μυστικὸς εἶ Θεοτόκε Παράδεισος, ἀγεωργήτως βλαστήσασα Χριστόν, ὑφ' οὗ τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ, ζωφόρον ἐν γῆ, πεφυτούργηται δένδρον· δι' οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦντες αὐτόν, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

Καταβασία Ἐτέρα. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ὁ διὰ βρώσεως τοῦ ξύλου, τῷ γένει προσγενόμενος θάνατος, διὰ Σταυροῦ κατήργηται σήμερον· τῆς γὰρ προμήτορος ἢ παγγενῆς, κατάρρα διαλέλυται, τῷ βλαστῷ τῆς ἀγνῆς Θεομήτορος· ἦν πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν μεγαλύνουσι.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἔτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῇ σῆ χάριτι.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Τῆς παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν, Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς

Both now.

Wishing to show the world that truly * the figure of Your Cross is most glorious * and should be venerated by everyone, * O Lord, You formed it in the sky above resplendently with boundless light, * the invincible armor that Constantine the Emperor adopted, * which all the hosts of heaven magnify. [SD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode pl. 4.

Theotokos, you are mystical Paradise, * for without husbandry you have blossomed Christ, * by whom on earth the Cross, as a life-bearing tree, has been planted and watered. * As it is now exalted, * we adore Him and worship Him and magnify you. [GOASD]

Another Katavasia. Mode pl. 4.

Eating the tree's forbidden fruit once * in Paradise brought death to the human race. * But through the Cross, today death has no effect, * because the curse that fell on the entire human race through mother Eve * was undone by the Offspring of the all pure Mother of God, who now is by all the hosts of heaven magnified. [GOASD]

PRIEST

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all

καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Σοί, Κύριε.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ὅτι σὲ αἰνοῦσι πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν
οὐρανῶν καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπουσι, τῷ
Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν
καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

ΧΟΡΟΣ· Ἀμήν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἐξαποστειλάρια.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος β΄. *Τῶν Μαθητῶν ὁρώντων σε.*

Σταυρός, ὁ φύλαξ πάσης τῆς οἰκουμένης·
Σταυρός, ἡ ὠραιότης τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, Σταυρός,
Βασιλέων τὸ κραταίωμα· Σταυρός, Πιστῶν τὸ
στήριγμα· Σταυρός, Ἀγγέλων ἡ δόξα, καὶ τῶν
δαιμόνων τὸ τραῦμα.

Ἄτερον.

Ἦχος β΄. *Γυναῖκες ἀκουτίσθητε.*

Σταυρός ὑψοῦται σήμερον, καὶ κόσμος
ἀγιάζεται· ὁ γὰρ Πατρὶ συνεδρεύων, καὶ Πνεύματι
τῷ Ἁγίῳ, ἐν τούτῳ χεῖρας ἀπλώσας, τὸν κόσμον
ὅλον εἴλκυσας, πρὸς σὴν Χριστὲ ἐπίγνωσιν· τοὺς
οὖν εἰς σὲ πεποιθότας, θείας ἀξίωσον δόξης.

Οἱ Αἶνοι. Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον. Αἰνεῖτε
τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν· αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς
ὕψιστοις. Σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος τῷ Θεῷ.

the saints, let us commend ourselves and one
another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You,
and to You they offer up glory, to the Father
and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

CHOIR

Exaposteilaria.

From Menaion ---

Mode 2. *With the disciples.*

Τῶν Μαθητῶν ὁρώντων σε.

O Cross, you are the guardian of the whole
world. * O Cross, you are the height of the
Church's beauty. * O Cross, you are what
strengthened the Emperors. * O Cross, the
believers' firm support. * O Cross, the glory of
Angels * and the defeat of the demons. [SD]

Another.

Mode 2. *O Women, hearken.*

Γυναῖκες ἀκουτίσθητε.

Exalted is Your Cross today, and all the world
is sanctified. * O Christ, who sit together with the
Father and the Spirit, * You stretched Your hands
upon this Cross, * and thus You drew the whole
wide world * to knowledge of You, O Savior. *
Count worthy of divine glory * those who with
faith obey You. [SD]

Lauds. Mode pl. 4.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in
the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O
God. [SAAS]

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ·
αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις αὐτοῦ. Σοὶ πρέπει
ὕμνος τῷ Θεῷ.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἥλιος καὶ σελήνη, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν πάντα τὰ
ἄστρα καὶ τὸ φῶς.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν οἱ οὐρανοὶ τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ τὸ ὕδωρ τὸ
ὑπεράνω τῶν οὐρανῶν. Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου.

Ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε, καὶ ἐγενήθησαν, αὐτὸς ἐνετείλατο, καὶ
ἐκτίσθησαν.

Ἔστησεν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ
αἰῶνος· πρόσταγμα ἔθετο, καὶ οὐ παρελεύσεται.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, δράκοντες καὶ πᾶσαι
ἄβυσσοι.

Πῦρ, χάλαζα, χιών, κρύσταλλος, πνεῦμα καταιγίδος, τὰ
ποιῶντα τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ.

Τὰ ὄρη καὶ πάντες οἱ βουνοί, ξύλα καρποφόρα καὶ
πᾶσαι κέδροι.

Τὰ θηρία καὶ πάντα τὰ κτήνη, ἔρπετὰ καὶ πετεινὰ
περωτά.

Βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς καὶ πάντες λαοί, ἄρχοντες καὶ πάντες
κριταὶ γῆς.

Νεανίσκοι καὶ παρθένοι, πρεσβύτεροι μετὰ νεωτέρων·
αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου, ὅτι ὑψώθη τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ
μόνου.

Ἡ ἐξομολόγησις αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ γῆς καὶ οὐρανοῦ. καὶ
ὑψώσει κέρας λαοῦ αὐτοῦ.

Ὑμνος πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ, τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ, λαῶ
ἐγγίζοντι αὐτῷ.

Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ῥῆσμα καινόν, ἢ αἶνεσις αὐτοῦ ἐν
ἐκκλησίᾳ ὁσίων.

Εὐφρανθήτω Ἰσραὴλ ἐπὶ τῷ ποιήσαντι αὐτόν, καὶ οἱ
υἱοὶ Σιών ἀγαλλιᾶσθωσαν ἐπὶ τῷ βασιλεῖ αὐτῶν.

Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐν χορῷ, ἐν τυμπάνῳ καὶ
ψαλτηρίῳ ψαλάτωσαν αὐτῷ.

Ὅτι εὐδοκεῖ Κύριος ἐν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑψώσει
πραεῖς ἐν σωτηρίᾳ.

Καυχῆσονται ὅσοι ἐν δόξῃ καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσονται ἐπὶ τῶν
κοιτῶν αὐτῶν.

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all
you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O
God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars
and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters
above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded,
and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He
set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the
deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which
perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying
birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all
judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them
praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall
exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a
people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly
of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the
children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine
and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall
exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall
greatly rejoice on their beds.

Αἱ ὑψώσεις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν τῷ λάρυγγι αὐτῶν, καὶ ῥομφαῖα δίστομοι ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτῶν.

Τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐκδίκησιν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, ἐλεγμοὺς ἐν τοῖς λαοῖς.

Τοῦ δῆσαι τοὺς βασιλεῖς αὐτῶν ἐν πέδαις καὶ τοὺς ἐνδόξους αὐτῶν ἐν χειροπέδαις σιδηραῖς.

Τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐν αὐτοῖς κρίμα ἔγγραπτον· δόξα αὕτη ἔσται πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τοῖς ἀγίοις αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν στερεώματι τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ.

Στιχηρὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ.

Τοῦ Μηναιίου - - -

Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐπὶ ταῖς δυναστείαις αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῆς μεγαλωσύνης αὐτοῦ.

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! τὸ ζωφόρον φυτόν, ὁ Σταυρὸς ὁ πανάγιος, εἰς ὕψος αἰρόμενος, ἐμφανίζεται σήμερον· δοξολογοῦσι πάντα τὰ πέρατα· ἐκδειματοῦνται δαίμονες ἅπαντες, ὧ οἶον δώρημα, τοῖς βροτοῖς κεχάρισται! δι' οὗ Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν, ὡς ὁ μόνος εὐσπλαγχνος.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ἤχῳ σάλπιγγος, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ψαλτηρίῳ καὶ κιθάρα.

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! τὸ ζωφόρον φυτόν, ὁ Σταυρὸς ὁ πανάγιος, εἰς ὕψος αἰρόμενος, ἐμφανίζεται σήμερον· δοξολογοῦσι πάντα τὰ πέρατα· ἐκδειματοῦνται δαίμονες ἅπαντες, ὧ οἶον δώρημα, τοῖς βροτοῖς κεχάρισται! δι' οὗ Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν, ὡς ὁ μόνος εὐσπλαγχνος.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Stichera for the Cross.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4. *What a paradoxal.*

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * Behold, the life-bearing plant, * the all-holy and precious Cross,* is appearing on display * and is carried aloft today. * Now all the ends of the earth do glorify, * and all the demons are greatly terrified. * Oh, what a gift is this * that to mortals has been granted! Hence, O Christ * the only compassionate, * do thereby save our souls. [SD]

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * Behold, the life-bearing plant, * the all-holy and precious Cross,* is appearing on display * and is carried aloft today. * Now all the ends of the earth do glorify, * and all the demons are greatly terrified. * Oh, what a gift is this * that to mortals has been granted! Hence, O Christ * the only compassionate, * do thereby save our souls. [SD]

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τυμπάνῳ καὶ χορῷ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν χορδαῖς καὶ ὄργάνῳ.

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! ὡς βότρυς πλήρη ζωῆς, ὁ βασιτάσας τὸν ὑψιστον, ἀπὸ γῆς ὑψούμενος, Σταυρὸς ὄραται σήμερον· δι' οὗ πρὸς Θεὸν πάντες εἰλκύσθημεν, καὶ κατεπόθη εἰς τέλος θάνατος, Ὡ ξύλον ἄχραντον! ὑφ' οὗ ἀπολαύομεν τῆς ἐν Ἐδέμ, ἀθανάτου βρώσεως, Χριστὸν δοξάζοντες.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις εὐήχοις, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις ἀλαλαγμοῦ. Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον.

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! εὖρος καὶ μῆκος Σταυροῦ, οὐρανοῦ ἰσοστάσιον, ὅτι θεία χάριτι, ἀγιάζει τὰ σύμπαντα, ἐν τούτῳ ἔθνη βάρβαρα ἠττηνται· ἐν τούτῳ σκῆπτρα ἀνάκτων ἠδρασταί. Ὡ θείας κλίμακος! δι' ἧς ἀνατρέχομεν εἰς οὐρανοῦς, ὑψοῦντες ἐν ἄσμασι, Χριστὸν τὸν Κύριον.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Τοῦ Μηναιίου ---

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Σήμερον προέρχεται ὁ Σταυρὸς τοῦ Κυρίου, καὶ πιστοὶ εἰσδέχονται αὐτὸν ἐκ πόθου, καὶ λαμβάνουσιν ἰάματα ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος, καὶ πάσης μαλακίας. Αὐτὸν ἀσπασώμεθα τῇ χαρᾷ καὶ τῷ φόβῳ· φόβῳ διὰ τὴν ἀμαρτίαν, ὡς ἀνάξιοι ὄντες· χαρᾷ δὲ διὰ τὴν σωτηρίαν, ἣν παρέχει τῷ κόσμῳ, ὁ ἐν αὐτῷ προσπαγεὶς Χριστὸς ὁ Κύριος, ὁ ἔχων τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The Doxology follows immediately.

(Mode 4 "Agia" is preferred for today.)

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν Μ. Δοξολογίαν.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * The Cross that held the Most High * like a grape cluster full of life * is observed by all to be * exalted from the earth today: * the Cross, through which we have all been drawn to God, * and by which death was completely swallowed up. * O immaculate Tree, * whereby we again enjoy the deathless food * that was in Eden of old, * and Christ we glorify. [SD]

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

What a paradoxal miracle! * Behold the breadth and the length * of the Cross are the same as those * of the sky. For by divine * grace it hallows the universe. * By it barbarian nations are subdued, * by it the scepters of kings have been secured. * O holy and divine * ladder whereby to the heavens we return, * as we offer songs of praise * exalting Christ the Lord. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion ---

Mode pl. 2.

Today the Cross of the Lord comes out, and the faithful receive it with longing, and they obtain healings of soul and body and of every infirmity. Let us kiss it with joy and with fear: with fear, for we are unworthy because of sin; and with joy, because of the salvation, which Christ the Lord grants us, since He was nailed to the Cross, and He has great mercy. [SD]

The Doxology follows immediately.

(Mode 4 "Agia" is preferred for today.)

Stand for the Great Doxology.

Ἡ Μεγάλη Δοξολογία

Δόξα σοι τῷ δείξαντι τὸ φῶς. Δόξα ἐν
ὕψιστοις Θεῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνη, ἐν ἀνθρώποις
εὐδοκία.

Ἕμνουμέν σε, εὐλογοῦμέν σε,
προσκυνοῦμέν σε, δοξολογοῦμέν σε,
εὐχαριστοῦμέν σοι, διὰ τὴν μεγάλην σου
δόξαν.

Κύριε βασιλεῦ, ἐπουράνιε Θεέ, Πάτερ
παντοκράτορ· Κύριε Υἱὲ μονογενές, Ἰησοῦ
Χριστέ, καὶ Ἅγιον Πνεῦμα.

Κύριε ὁ Θεός, ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ
Υἱὸς τοῦ Πατρὸς, ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἀμαρτίαν τοῦ
κόσμου, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ αἴρων τὰς ἀμαρτίας
τοῦ κόσμου.

Πρόσδεξαι τὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν, ὁ καθήμενος
ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ Πατρὸς, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ μόνος Ἅγιος, σὺ εἶ ὁ μόνος
Κύριος, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, εἰς δόξαν Θεοῦ
Πατρὸς. Ἀμήν.

Καθ' ἐκάστην ἡμέραν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ
αἰνέσω τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν
αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

Καταξίωσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ταύτῃ,
ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων
ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά
σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς,
καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ.

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory
in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His
good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship
You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You
for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler
over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, who take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, You who take away the sins
of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at
the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on
us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are
Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your
name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages
of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be
kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our
fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name
to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we
have set our hope on You.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Κύριε, δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου.

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Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Κύριε, δίδαξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου.

Κύριε, καταφυγὴ ἐγενήθης ἡμῖν ἐν γενεᾷ καὶ γενεᾷ. Ἐγὼ εἶπα· Κύριε, ἐλέησόν με, ἴασαι τὴν ψυχὴν μου, ὅτι ἤμαρτόν σοι.

Κύριε, πρὸς σὲ κατέφυγον. Δίδαξόν με τοῦ ποιεῖν τὸ θέλημά σου, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεός μου.

Ὅτι παρὰ σοὶ πηγὴ ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ φωτί σου ὀψόμεθα φῶς.

Παράτεινον τὸ ἔλεός σου τοῖς γινώσκουσί σε.

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (3)

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.

Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

If the Service of the Elevation of the Cross will occur at the end of Liturgy then sing the following. Otherwise, see below.

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ

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.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

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

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

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

If the Service of the Elevation of the Cross will occur at the end of Liturgy then sing the following. Otherwise, see below.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over

βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Special Service of the Elevation

(The procession with the cross takes place during singing of the Asmatic Holy God.)

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

ᾠχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

ᾠχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα. (δίς)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, δεόμεθά σου, ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

ΧΟΡΟΣ (μεθ' ἐκάστην δέησιν)

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3 + 10 ἢ 40 ἢ 100 + 3)

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου ἡμῶν (δεῖνος).

the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. [GOA]

Special Service of the Elevation

(The procession with the cross takes place during singing of the Asmatic Holy God.)

CHOIR

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. [GOA]

PRIEST

Apolytikion.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. [GOA]

CHOIR

From Menaion ---

Apolytikion.

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. (2) [GOA]

PRIEST

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

CHOIR (after each petition)

Lord, have mercy. (3 + 10 or 40 or 100 + 3)

PRIEST

Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Again we pray for our Archbishop (name).

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, ὑγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τῆς ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης.

Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ πάσης ψυχῆς χριστιανῶν ὀρθοδόξων, ὑγείας τε σωτηρίας καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν.

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Κοντάκιον.

Ἦχος δ΄. Αὐτόμελον.

Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπινύμφῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Ἦχος β΄.

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν.

ΧΟΡΟΣ

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν. (δίς)

(As the people venerate the cross, sing the following hymn:)

Ἦχος β΄.

Δεῦτε Πιστοί, τὸ ζωοποιὸν ξύλον προσκυνήσωμεν, ἐν ᾧ Χριστὸς ὁ Βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης, ἐκουσίως χεῖρας ἐκτείνας, ὑψωσεν ἡμᾶς εἰς τὴν ἀρχαίαν μακαριότητα, οὓς πρὶν ὁ ἐχθρός, δι' ἡδονῆς συλήσας, ἐξορίστους Θεοῦ πεποίηκε.

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

Again we pray for the soul of every Orthodox Christian, for their health, salvation, and forgiveness of sins.

PRIEST

From Menaion ---

Kontakion.

Mode 4. Automelon.

Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ.

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions * upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. * Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, * granting them the victories against their adversaries. * And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, * peace as their armor, the trophy invincible. [SD]

Mode 2.

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection.

CHOIR

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection. (2)

(As the people venerate the cross, sing the following hymn:)

Mode 2.

Come, O believers, let us venerate the life-giving Cross. For Christ, the King of glory, voluntarily extended His hands on it and raised up to the original blessedness, after the enemy long ago had captured us with the bait of pleasure,

Δεῦτε Πιστοί, ξύλον προσκυνήσωμεν, δι' οὗ
ἠξιώθημεν, τῶν ἀοράτων ἐχθρῶν συντρίβειν
τὰς κάρας. Δεῦτε πᾶσαι αἱ πατριαὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν,
τὸν Σταυρὸν τοῦ Κυρίου ὕμνοις τιμήσωμεν.
Χαίροις Σταυρὲ τοῦ πεσόντος Ἀδὰμ ἡ τελεία
λύτρωσις. Ἐν σοὶ οἱ πιστότατοι Βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν
καυχῶνται, ὡς τῇ σῇ δυνάμει, Ἰσμαηλίτην λαὸν
κραταιῶς ὑποτάττοντες. Σὲ νῦν μετὰ φόβου
Χριστιανοὶ ἀσπαζόμενοι, τὸν ἐν σοὶ προσπαγέοντα
Θεὸν δοξάζομεν λέγοντες· Κύριε, ὁ ἐν αὐτῷ
σταυρωθεὶς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ
φιλόανθρωπος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἦχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον
τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ
βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ
τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

and caused us to be exiled from God. Come, O
believers, let us venerate the Cross, by which
we have been granted to crush the skulls of our
invisible enemies. Come, all you family of the
Gentiles, let us sing hymns to honor the Cross of
the Lord. “We salute you, O Cross, for you are the
complete redemption of Adam who had fallen. In
you our most faithful leaders boast, for by your
power they have mightily subdued the foreign
enemiy. Now we Christians with fear and awe
salute you with a kiss, and we glorify God who
was nailed to you, and we say, ‘O Lord, who were
nailed to the Cross, have mercy on us, for You are
good and benevolent.’” ^[SD]

Apolytikion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your
inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over
the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your
commonwealth. ^[GOA]