

## A PRAYER AT THE THREAT FROM MALEVOLENT WINDS AND SEA STORMS

*Deacon:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy.

O Master, Lord, our God, Who, by Thy Hypostatic and Unoriginate Word, and Thy Lifegiving Spirit, Equal-in-honor, hast brought all things out of nothingness into being; Who hast established the sand as bounds to the sea and didst set in place the hills and valleys by Thy rule; Who hast measured Heaven with a span and holdest the earth in the hollow of Thy hand; Who hast given this creation measures and rules, boundaries and compositions, and visible and physical orders; Who, also, at Thy gesture, ineffably hast put in place changes of time, and returns of the sun, and the disclosing of elements, and Who directest them to an unalterable and unchangeable *state*: Do Thou Thyself, O All-good God, employing again Thy natural and customary love for mankind and goodness toward us, visit the works of Thy hand, and deprive us not of Thy mercies and compassions, neither disannul Thy covenant, O Thou Who hast fashioned us ineffably according to Thine Image. O Thou Who gavest Thine Only-begotten Son as Redemption for us, and Who gavest the Spirit by the ineffable Communion of His Divinity: Do Thou forgive the multitude of *our* sins, we pray, with the surpassing multitude of Thy compassions. O Thou Who hast washed away the sins of our race with the Blood of Thy Son: Do Thou lead Thy creation to its natural composition and order, and our sinful and evil habitation that has wretchedly reverted to an order contrary to nature for the sake of disorder and ugliness opposite the natural order. Do Thou show unto us this usual great depth of tranquility, and constraining the storm, cut apart also the disturbance of the air. Command the winds to render a timely and harmonious breath. Rebuke the waves of the sea, and the movement of the winds contrary to nature. Let the stormy wind stand back, and let *its* rebellion be transformed to tranquility, that those who cross the sea in boats and work on the many waters may again see Thy deeds and wonders. Set them in V 4, p 184 p 184 order, O Lover of Mankind and Master, by Thine unequaled love for mankind, Who, by Thy good pleasure and the activity of Thy Holy Spirit, didst will that Thine Only-begotten Son, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, become Man and sail together with Thy holy Disciples and Apostles, Who didst rebuke the stormy winds and didst command the waves of the sea to be calm. Do Thou Thyself now, also, soothe every contrary wind, calm the waves, appease the storm, and raise up exact and acceptable seasons and winds, being everywhere a Ruler and Helper to Thy servants, directing them to the harbor of salvation, knowing Thy Name only, and knowing none other god save Thee, and always calling unto Thee: Through the prayers and supplications of the most-blessed Theotokos, the God-seeing Angels and all the Saints; by the good-pleasure and graciousness of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy Most-holy, Good, and Lifegiving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.