

# PARAKLESIS

Service of Supplication

**Deacon:** Bless Master!

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

**Reader:** Amen. Glory to Thee, O God, glory to Thee! O Heavenly King! The Comforter, the Spirit of Truth Who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us! Cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3)

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

 ur 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 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 unto the ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen. Lord have mercy (12)

Come, let us worship God our King! (*metania*)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our  
King and our God! (*metania*)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ  
Himself our King and our God! (*metania*)

## Psalm 142



Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgement 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.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to Thee O God! (3)

## God Is the Lord

**Deacon:** *(In the 4th Tone)* God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

**Choir: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.**

All nations surrounded me, but in the Name of the Lord have I destroyed them. *(refrain - "God is the Lord...")*

I shall not die but live and recount the works of the Lord. *(refrain)*

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes. *(refrain)*

#### Tone 4 - Byzantine

**T**o the Theotokos, let us run now most fervently, as sinners and lowly ones, let us fall down in repentance, crying from the depths of our soul: Lady, come and help us, have compassion upon us; Hasten now for we are lost in the host of our errors; Do not turn your servants away, for you alone are a hope to us.

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

**O Theotokos, we shall never be silent. Of your mighty acts, all we the unworthy; Had you not stood to intercede for us who would have delivered us, from the numerous perils? Who would have preserved us all until now with our freedom? O Lady, we shall not depart from you; For you always save your servants, from all tribulation.**

#### Psalm 50

**H**ave mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine 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 with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

### Ode 1

**Crossing the waters as on dry land, in that way escaping from the evils of Egypt's land, the Israelites cried out exclaiming: let us sing to our Redeemer and our God.**

*Note: All should prayerfully sing the **refrain** throughout the service. Orthodox Christians have confessed for 2,000 years that our Salvation is through Jesus Christ. This call to the Mother of God to "save us" can be likened to begging for help while drowning.*

**ALL**: *Most Holy Theotokos save us.*

**With my temptations surrounding me, searching for salvation, I have sought refuge in you; O Mother of the Word, and ever-Virgin, from all distresses and dangers deliver me.**

*Most Holy Theotokos save us.*

**Assaults of the passions have shaken me, my soul to its limits has been filled with much despair; bring peace, O Maiden, in the calmness, of your Son and your God, all-blameless One.**

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

**To God and the Savior you've given birth; I ask you, O Virgin, from the dangers deliver me; For now I run to you for refuge, with both my soul and my reasoning.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**Diseased is the body and the soul; Deem me truly worthy of divine guidance and your care; For you alone are God's Mother, as the good and the birth-giver of the Good.**

### Ode 3

**The apse of the heavens, are You O Lord, Fashioner, and the Holy Church's great Founder, likewise establish me, in constant love for You for You're the height of our longing; Support of the faithful, the only Friend of all.**

*Most Holy Theotokos save us.*

**A protection and shelter, I have with you in my life, you, the Theotokos and the Virgin, pilot me towards your port; For you are the cause, the cause of that which is good, support of the faithful, the only all-praised one.**

*Most Holy Theotokos save us.*

**I entreat you, O Virgin, disperse the storm of my grief, and the soul's most inward confusion, scatter it far from me; You are the Bride of God, for you have brought forth the Christ, the Prince of Peace; O all-blameless One.**

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

**Having brought forth unto us the cause and giver of good, from your great abundance of kindness, pour forth upon us all; for all is possible, for you who carried the Christ, Who is mighty in power; You, who are blessed of God.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**With most serious ailments, and with the passions so dark, I am being tested, O Virgin, come and bring help to me; For I have known of you, that you are without fail the endless treasure of cures, only all blameless One.**

**Deliver us, all of your servants, from danger, O Theotokos; after God, we all flee to you, for shelter and covering, as an unshakable wall and our protection.**

**Turn to me, In your good favor, all praise-worthy Theotokos; look upon my grave illnesses, which painfully sting my flesh and heal the cause of my soul's pain and suffering.**

### **Litany of Supplication**

**Deacon:** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray, Thee, hear us, and have mercy.

**Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)**

Again we pray for His Beatitude, the Most Blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and for His Grace (*Eminence*) our Bishop (*Archbishop*) \_\_\_\_\_, for Priests, Deacons, monastic's, and all of our brotherhood in Christ.

**Lord, have mercy. (3)**

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation and pardon and remission of sins of the servants of God the faithful of our parish and all Orthodox Christians of True Worship, who live and sojourn in this community.

**Lord, have mercy.** (3)

Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable house; for those who labor, and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.** (3)

**Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God who loves mankind, and to Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**Choir: Amen.**

#### **Tone 2**

**A fervent prayer, and wall most unshakable a merciful spring and shelter of all mankind; Fervently, we cry unto you: Theotokos, our Lady, come to us and from all dangers now deliver us the only protection who speeds to us.**

#### **Ode 4**

**O Lord, I have heard of the wondrous mystery of Your salvation; I have contemplated all Your works and I have glorified Your great divinity.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**Still the darkest of passions, calm the sea of errors in your great peacefulness; It was you who bore the guiding Lord, and you who are the blessed bride of God.**

*Most Holy Theotokos save us.*

**Your depth of compassion grant unto me as one beseeching you; You have carried the Compassionate One, the Savior of those praising you.**

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

**We are thankful for all the gifts which we have been given by you the Spotless One; and to you, we sing a hymn of praise, knowing you to be the Mother of God.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**As a hope and foundation, and a wall unshaken of our salvation; we have you, the all-lauded One, and from afflictions do rescue us.**

### **Ode 5**

**Lord, enlighten us, with Your precepts that can guide our lives, and with Your arm most powerful grant to us Your peace, O You Who are the Friend of all.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**Pure one, fill my heart with a merriment, a happiness; bestow on me your spotless joy, for you have given birth to Him Who is the cause of joy.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**Deliver all of us from the dangers, Theotokos, most pure, for you bore the timeless deliverer, and you bore the peace, the peace which has surpassed all thought.**

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

**Dissipate the cloud of my sinfulness, O bride of God, with the brightness of your eminence; For you brought forth the Light, Divine Light, which was before all time.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**Heal me from the ills which the passions bring, most pure One, make me worthy of your guiding care, and unto me grant health, through your intercessions and your prayers.**

## Ode 6

**My petition, I pour out to the Lord, and to Him I will confess all my sorrows; for many woes fill my soul to its limits, and unto Hades my whole life has now approached, like Jonah, I pray to You, O God now raise me from corruption.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**From death and corruption He has saved my nature, held by death and corruption; For unto death He Himself has surrendered; For which reason, O Virgin, please intercede with Him who is your Lord and Son, from the enemies' evils deliver me.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**I know you as the protection of my life, a steadfast shelter and refuge, O Virgin; Disperse the host of my many temptations, and force away the demonic attacks from me; I pray to you unceasingly, from corruptions of passions deliver me.**

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

**We have you as a wall of refuge, and our soul's most perfect salvation; you are an aid, in affliction, O Maiden, and in your light we rejoice to eternity; O Lady, also now, from the passions and dangers deliver us.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**I lie now on a bed of infirmities, and there is no healing at all for my body except for you, who has brought forth our Savior, God, the healer of all our infirmities; of your goodness, I pray to you, from corruption of sicknesses raise me.**

**Deliver us, all of your servants, from danger, O Theotokos; after God, we all flee to you, for shelter and covering, as an unshakable wall and our protection.**

**Spotless one, Who by a word, did bring to us the Word eternal, in the last days ineffably; Do you now plead with Him, as the one with the motherly favor.**

## Litany of Supplication

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**Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God who loves mankind, and to Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**Choir: Amen.**

## Kontakion

**Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator, despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but come speedily to help those who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petitions, and to intercede for us O Theotokos, for thou dost always protect those who honor thee.**

### Hymns of Ascent

**From my youth many passions have fought against me, but do Thou help me and save me, O my Saviour. You who hate Zion shall be put to shame by the Lord. You shall be withered up like grass by the fire.**

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

**Every soul is enlivened by the Holy Spirit and is exalted in purity, illumined by the Holy Trinity in a sacred mystery.**

### Prokeimenon

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Let us attend! The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: I shall remember Thy Name from generation to generation.

**Choir:** I shall remember Thy Name from generation to generation.

**Deacon:** Listen, O Daughter, and see, and incline your ear, and forget your people and your father's house and the King will desire your beauty.

**Choir:** I shall remember Thy Name from generation to generation.

**Deacon:** I shall remember Thy Name...

**Choir:** ...from generation to generation.

### Gospel

**Deacon:** And that we might be accounted worthy to hear to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God!

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (3)

**Deacon:** Wisdom, Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**Choir:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

**Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!**

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

*Priest:*

**I**n those days Mary arose and went in haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed, for there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the lowly estate of his handmaiden. For behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

**Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!**

## **Tone 2**

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

**Father, Word, and Spirit, Trinity in oneness, wash away my many personal offenses.**

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

**Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, merciful One, wash away my many personal offenses.**

## **Plagal 2 (6)**

**Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your compassions blot out my transgressions.**

**Put me not into the hands of any human protection, O our Lady, most holy, but do now receive the prayers of your supplicant; Sorrow has taken me, and I am unable to withstand and bear the demon's darts; Shelter I do not have, nor a place to go, worthless that I am; Lady of humanity, the shelter of the faithful and their hope, do not reject my prayers to you, do the things that profit me.**

### Theotokia

**No one is turned away from you, ashamed and empty, who flee unto you, O pure virgin Theotokos; But one asks for the favor, and the gift is received from you, to the advantage of their own request.**

**The transformation of the afflicted, You are the cure of those in sickness, Theotokos, O Virgin; Save your people and your town. You are the peace of those in conflict, the calm of those in turmoil, the only protection of the faithful.**

### Intercessions

**Deacon:** O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Visit Thy world with mercy and bounties, exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians, and send down on us Thy rich mercy. Through the prayers of our all-pure Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary; By the power of the precious and life-creating Cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; of the honorable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles; Of our fathers among the saints, hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia; of the holy Methodius and Cyril, Equals to the Apostles and Teachers of the Slavs; of our fathers among the saints, the Wonderworkers of Russia, Peter, Alexis, Jonah, and Philip; of Innocent of Alaska, Equal to the Apostles and Apostle of North America; of Tikhon, Metropolitan of Moscow and Enlightener of N. America; of Raphael of Brooklyn, Nikolai of Zicha, and John of Shanghai and San Francisco, who labored in America. Of the holy, glorious, and right-victorious martyrs; of the Holy New-Martyrs of Alaska Priest-monk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut, of the Priest-martyrs John of Chicago and Alexander of New York City, Basil of Poland, and Maksym of Carpatho-Rus; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers. Of Herman of Alaska the Wonderworker; of the Priests Alexis of Wilkes-Barre, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America; and Jacob the Enlightener of Alaska; and of all the saints who have shown forth in North America; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of \_\_\_\_\_ who we commemorate today, and of all the saints. We pray Thee, O most merciful Lord, hear us sinners who entreat Thee, and have mercy on us.

**Choir: Lord, have mercy. (12)**

**Priest:** Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God and Who loves mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**Choir: Amen.**

### Ode 7

**Coming out of Judea, once the young men did go to the land of Babylon; the flame of the furnace, they trampled down while chanting, with their faith in the Trinity: O the God of our Fathers, Blessed are You, our God.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**As You willed, O our Savior, to dispense our salvation through Your economy inside the Virgin's womb; You showed to all the people that she was our own guardian; O the God of our fathers, blessed are You, our God.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**The Bestower of Mercy that you bore, O pure Mother, entreat on our behalf; from sins deliver us, and from the soul's defilement, we who cry out most faithfully: O the God of our fathers, blessed are You, our God.**

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

**A fountain of pureness and a tower of safety is she who carried You, a treasure of salvation and the door of repentance, she has been shown to those that cry; O the God of our fathers, blessed are You, our God.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**The illnesses of body, and the soul's ailing sickness, of those who run to you, for divine protection, as God's holy Mother, make them worthy of remedy. For the Savior Christ Was born from you.**

### Ode 8

**The King of heaven, Who is praised, and is hymned by the host of the angels; praise Him and exalt Him throughout the many ages.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**Do not neglect those who seek the help you grant They hymn you, O Virgin Maiden, and they do exalt you throughout the many ages.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**O Virgin, you pour a wealth of healing on those who faithfully hymn you, and those who exalt your Childbearing wonder.**

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

**The infirmities of my soul are healed by you, and the pains of my body, O Virgin, so that I may praise you, O Lady, in God's favor.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**You drive away the assaults of temptations, and attacks of the passions, O Virgin, therefore do we praise you, throughout the many ages.**

### **Ode 9**

**Saved through you, O pure Virgin, hence we do confess you to be most truly the birth-giver of our Lord; With choirs of bodiless Angels, you do we magnify.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**The streams of my many tears, reject not, Holy Virgin; For you gave birth to the One who dried all the tears, from all the faces of people - the Christ was born of you.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**With gladness fill my heart, Most holy Virgin lady, For you are she who received the abundant joy; take the grief of my sinfulness, and make it disappear.**

*Most Holy Theotokos, save us.*

**A shelter and protection and a wall unshaken, become, O Virgin, for those who flee to you, a sheltered cover and refuge, and a place of joy.**

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

**O Virgin, from the brightness of your light illumine the ones who call you most piously God's Mother, take all the gloom of our ignorance and banish it away.**

*Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**Oppressed I am, O Virgin; in a place of sickness, I have been humbled, I ask you bring remedy - transform my illness, my sickness, into a wholesomeness.**

## Megalynaria

*The Priest censes the entire church.*

**Higher than the heavens above art thou, and thou art much more purer than the radiance of the sun, for thou hast redeemed us out of the curse that held us. O Mistress of creation, thee do we magnify.**

**From the great abundance of all my sins, ill am I in body, ailing also am I in soul. Thee have I as refuge. Do thou therefore help me, O hope of all the hopeless, for thou art full of grace.**

**O Lady and Mother of Christ our God, receive supplication from us sinner who beg of thee, that thou make entreaty unto the One born from thee. O Mistress of creation, pray thou to God for us.**

**Now we chant with eagerness unto thee with this hymn, most joyful Theotokos, all lauded one. Together with the Baptist and all the saints together, beseech, O Theotokos, that we find clemency.**

**Speechless be the lips of the impious who refuse to reverence the revered icon which is known by the name Directress and which hath been depicted for us by the Apostle Luke, the Evangelist.**

**O all ye array of angelic hosts, O ye Holy Baptist, and ye Holy Apostles, all the saints together, as well as God's birth-giver, pray make ye intercession for our deliverance.**

## Trisagion

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3)

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



**ur 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 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 unto the ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for laying aside all excuse, we sinners offer to Thee, as to our Master, this supplication, have mercy on us!

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

O Lord, have mercy on us, for in Thee have we put our trust. Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look down on us even now, since Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies; for Thou art our God, and we are Thy people; we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call upon Thy Name.

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O blessed Theotokos, open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in thee, that we may not perish, but be delivered from adversity through thee, who art the salvation of the Christian people.

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**Deacon:** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray, Thee, hear us, and have mercy.

**Choir: Lord, have mercy.** *(3) repeated after each petition*

Again we pray for His Beatitude, the Most Blessed \_\_\_\_, and for His Grace (*Eminence*) our Bishop (*Archbishop*) \_\_\_\_, for Priests, Deacons, monastic's, and all of our brotherhood in Christ.

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of sins of the servants of God the faithful of this holy temple and all Orthodox Christians of True Worship, who live and sojourn in this community.

Again we pray that He will preserve this city and this holy house, and every city and land from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, and from civil war; And that our good God, who loves mankind, will be graciously favorable and easy to be entreated, and will turn away from us all the wrath stirred up against us, and deliver us from all His righteous chastisement which impends against us, and have mercy on us.

**Priest:** Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God and Who loves mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**Choir: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Priest:** Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

**Choir: More honorable than the Cherubim...**

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ, our God and our only sure hope, glory to Thee!

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

**Priest:** May Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the Holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of \_\_\_\_\_ who we commemorate today, and of all those Saints who have shone forth in North America, and of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind.

**Choir: Amen.**

*The Priest may choose to offer a short sermon.*

*Afterwards the faithful come forward to be anointed with holy oil, while the chanters sing the Exapostilarion*

### **Exapostilarion**

**O ye Apostles from afar, being now gathered together, here in the town of Gethsemane, give burial to my body. And Thou my Son and my God, receive Thou my spirit.**

**Thou art the sweetness of angels, the gladness of afflicted ones, and the protectress of Christians, O Virgin Mother of our Lord. Be Thou my helper and save me from out of eternal torments.**

**I have thee as a Mediatress with the Man befriending God; may He not censure my action before the hosts of the angels. I supplicate thee, O Virgin, come unto my aid most quickly.**

**Thou art a gold entwined tower and "twelve-walled" encircled city, a throne besprinkled with sunbeams, a royal chair of the King. O inexplicable wonder! That thou dost milk-feed the Master!**