



Through the prayers of our holy fathers and mother, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things. Treasury of Blessings, 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. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, 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 Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, 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.

Lord, have mercy. (3x) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

*PSALM 51 (50 LXX)
A prayer of repentance*

Have mercy on me, O God, in Your great mercy,

and in the abundance of Your compassions
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against You alone have I sinned,
and done evil before You,
so that You are justified in Your words
and victorious in Your judgment.
For, behold, I was conceived in iniquity,
and in sin my mother gave birth to me.
For, behold, You love truth,
You revealed to me the unknown
and secret things of Your wisdom.
Sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed.
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Make me to hear joy and gladness,
let the bones that You have humbled rejoice.
Turn Your face away from my sins,
and blot out all my transgressions.
Create in me a clean heart, 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 establish me with Your guiding Spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners will return to You.
Rescue me from bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation,
and my tongue will rejoice at Your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise,
for if You had desired sacrifice, I would have given it,

You will not take pleasure in whole burnt offerings.
The sacrifice to God is a broken spirit,
a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.
Do good, O Lord, to Zion, in Your good pleasure,
and let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt.
Then You will be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,
with offerings and whole-burnt offerings,
then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Please continue praying for Irina Gozick.

CANON OF THE FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Ode 1

Irmos: I will open my mouth, and it will be filled with the Spirit, and I will pour out my words to the Queen and Mother. I will be seen radiantly keeping feast, and will joyfully praise her conceiving.

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

Let your forefather David sing to you, O Lady, striking upon the harp of the Spirit, "Listen, O daughter, to the glad voice of the angel, for he announces to you joy past all understanding."

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[The Archangel]: In gladness I cry to you, incline your ear and give heed to me, as I tell of God's conception without seed. For you, O Most Pure, have found grace before the Lord such as no other woman ever found.

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

[Theotokos]: O Angel, help me to understand the meaning of your words. How will what you say come to pass? Tell me clearly, how will I conceive, who am a virgin maid? And how will I become the Mother of my Maker?

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[The Archangel]: You think, so it seems, that I utter words deceitfully, and I rejoice to see your prudence. But take courage, O Lady, for when God so wills, strange wonders easily come to pass.

Ode 3

Irmos: As you are a living and abundant spring, establish, O Mother of God, those who sing your praise, forming a spiritual choir, and in your divine glory, count us worthy of crowns of glory.

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[Theotokos]: There is no more a prince of Judah's line, but the time is at hand in which Christ, the hope of the nations, will appear. But make plain to me how I, being a virgin, will give birth to Him?

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[The Archangel]: O Virgin, you seek to know from me the manner of your conceiving, but this is beyond all interpretation. The Holy Spirit will overshadow you in His creative power and will make this come to pass.

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

[Theotokos]: My mother Eve, accepting the suggestion of the serpent, was banished from divine delight, and therefore I fear your strange salutation, for I take heed lest I slip.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[The Archangel]: I am sent as the envoy of God to announce to you the divine will. Why are you, O most immaculate Lady, afraid of me, who rather am afraid of you? Why, O Lady, do you stand in awe of me, who stands in reverent awe of you?

The Sessional hymn of the Feast

The Word of God is now come down upon the earth.

The angel stood before the Virgin and cried aloud,

“Rejoice, O blessed Lady, for you alone among women

have preserved the seal of your virginity,

while yet receiving in your womb the pre-eternal Word and Lord,

that He as God may save humanity from error.

Ode 4

Irmos: He Who sits in glory on the throne of the Divinity, Jesus, the transcendent God, has come in a light cloud, and by His immaculate hand has saved those who cry, “Glory to Your Power, O Christ.”

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[Theotokos]: I have learned from the prophet, who foretold in times of old, the coming of Emmanuel, that a certain holy Virgin should bear a child. But I long to know how the nature of mortal men should undergo union with the Divinity.

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[The Archangel]: The bush that burnt with fire and yet remained unconsumed, disclosed the secret mystery that shall come to pass in you, O Maiden, full of grace. For after childbirth you will forever remain Virgin.

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

[Theotokos]: O Gabriel, messenger of the truth, shining with the radiance of Almighty God, tell me truly, how will I, my purity remaining untouched, bear in the flesh the Word that has no body?

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[The Archangel]: I stand before you in fear, as a servant before his mistress, and in awe I am afraid to look at you now, O Maid. In His good pleasure the Word of God will descend upon you, as dew upon the fleece.

Ode 5

Irmos: All things were amazed at your divine glory, for you, O Virgin, who have not known wedlock, held in your womb God Who is above all, and you gave birth to a timeless Son, Who bestows salvation upon all who sing your praises.

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[Theotokos]: I cannot understand the meaning of your words. For there have often been miracles, wonders worked by the power of God, symbols and figures containing the Law. But never has a virgin borne child without knowing a man.

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[The Archangel]: You are amazed, O all-blameless Virgin, and amazing indeed is the wonder that comes to pass in you. For you alone will receive in your womb the King of all who is to take flesh. It is you that are prefigured by the utterances and obscure sayings of the prophets and by the symbols of

the Law.

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

[Theotokos]: How can He Whom nothing can contain, upon Whom none can gaze, dwell in the womb of a virgin who He Himself has formed? And how will I conceive God the Word, Who with the Father and the Spirit has no beginning?

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[The Archangel]: He who promised to your forefather David that of the fruit of his body He would set upon the throne of his kingdom, He it is that has chosen you, the only excellency of Jacob, as His spiritual dwelling-place.

Ode 6

Irmos: Prefiguring the three days' burial, the Prophet Jonah in the whale cried out in prayer, "Deliver me from corruption, O Jesus, King of Hosts."

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[Theotokos]: Receiving your glad tidings, O Gabriel, I am filled with divine joy. For you speak to me of joy, a joy without end.

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[The Archangel]: Divine joy is given you, O Mother of God. All creation cries to you, "Rejoice, O Bride of God!" For you alone, O pure Virgin, were foreordained to be the Mother of the Son of God.

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

[Theotokos]: May the condemnation of Eve be now brought to naught through me, and through me may her debt be repaid this day. Through me may the ancient due be rendered up in full.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[The Archangel]: God promised to your forefather Abraham that in his seed the nations would be blessed, O pure Lady, and through you today the promise receives fulfilment.

The Kontakion of the Feast

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts,
we the servants delivered from all evil
sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos,

as you possess invincible might, set us from every calamity,
so that we may sing, “Rejoice, O unwedded bride!”

Ode 7

Irmos: The holy youths would not worship the creation rather than the Creator, but bravely trampling on the threat of fire, they rejoiced and sang, “Blessed are You and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers.”

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[Theotokos]: You bring me good tidings of divine joy, that the immaterial Light, in His abundant compassion, will be united to a material body, and now you cry out to me, “O most pure Lady, blessed is the Fruit of your womb!”

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[The Archangel]: Rejoice, O Lady! Rejoice, O most pure Virgin! Rejoice, vessel that contained God! Rejoice, candlestick of the Light, the restoration of Adam and the deliverance of Eve, holy Mountain, shining Sanctuary, and Bridal Chamber of immortality!

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

[Theotokos]: The descent of the Holy Spirit has purified my soul and sanctified my body. It has made me a Temple that contains God, a Tabernacle divinely adorned, a living Sanctuary, and the pure Mother of Life.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[The Archangel]: I see you as a Lamp with many lights and as a Bridal Chamber made by God. As an Ark of gold, O spotless Maiden, receive now the Giver of the Law, who through you has been pleased to deliver the corrupt nature of mankind.

Ode 8

Irmos: Hear, O Maiden, pure Virgin, let Gabriel tell you the counsel of the Most High which is ancient and true. Make ready to receive God, for through you, He Who cannot be contained will dwell among mortals. Therefore, rejoicing I cry aloud, “Bless the Lord, all the works of the Lord.”

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[Theotokos]: “All mortal thought is overwhelmed,” answered the Virgin, “as it ponders the strange wonders of which you tell me. I am filled with joy at your words, yet I am afraid. I fear lest you deceive me, as Eve was deceived, and lead me far from God. Yet behold, you cry out, “Bless the Lord, all the works of the Lord.”

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[The Archangel]: “See, your difficulty is resolved,” said Gabriel to this. “You have said well that this matter is hard to grasp. Obey, then, the words of your own lips, do not doubt as though it were deceitful, but believe in this thing as very truth. For I cry rejoicing, “Bless the Lord, all the works of the Lord.”

Refrain: Most holy Mother of God, save us.

[Theotokos]: “Childbirth comes from mutual love, such is the law that God has given to people,” said again she who is without reproach, “I do not know at all the pleasures of marriage. How then do you say that I will bear a child? I fear, lest you speak in deceit. Yet behold, you cry out, “Bless the Lord, all the works of the Lord.”

Let us bless the Lord, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

[The Archangel]: “O holy Virgin,” replied the angel, “you speak to me of the customary manner by which mortal men are born. But I tell you of the birth of the true God. Beyond words and understanding, in ways that He alone knows, He will take flesh of you. Therefore, I cry rejoicing, “Bless the Lord, all the works of the Lord.”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[Theotokos]: “You appear to me to speak the truth,” answered the Virgin. “For you have come as an angel messenger, bringing joy to all. Since, then, I am purified in soul and body by the Spirit, be it to me according to your word, may God dwell in me. To Him I cry aloud with you, “Bless the Lord, all the works of the Lord.”

We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.

Ode 9

Refrain: Proclaim, O earth, good tidings of great joy. O heavens, praise the glory of God.

Irmos: Since she is a living Ark of God, let no profane hand touch the Mother of God. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song, "Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you."

Refrain: Proclaim, O earth, good tidings of great joy. O heavens, praise the glory of God.

Having conceived God in ways past understanding, O Maiden, you have escaped from the ordinances of nature. Though by nature being mortal, you were not subject to the established laws of motherhood. Therefore, you worthily hear the salutation, "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

Refrain: Proclaim, O earth, good tidings of great joy. O heavens, praise the glory of God.

How do you give milk, O pure Virgin? This the tongue of mortal man cannot make plain. For you show forth a thing unknown to nature, that utterly surpasses the usual laws of birth. Therefore, you worthily hear the salutation, "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

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

The Holy Scriptures speak mystically of you, O Mother of the Most High. For Jacob saw in the days of old, the ladder that prefigured you, and said, "This is the stair on which God will tread." Therefore, you worthily hear the salutation, "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The bush and the fire showed a strange marvel to Moses, the initiate in sacred things. Seeking its fulfillment in the course of time, he said, "I will observe it brought to pass in the pure Virgin. To her as the Mother of God will it be said, "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

PRAYERS TO END THE PANDEMIC OF CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In Your inexpressible goodness, look down upon us,

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Your people gathered in Your Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction, for You know all our weaknesses and hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O loving Lord, deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Send Your angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of the physicians and heal Your servants through them. Grant wisdom to those who are working on the vaccine for this virus. And preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify Your most honorable and majestic Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your loving care, You traveled through towns and villages healing every disease and sickness, and at Your command, the sick were made well: Yourself now come to our aid, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, and grant us to experience the miracle Your healing love.

Comfort the families of those who are sick or have died. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. And as they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Guide the hands of the doctors and nurses and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. And impart Your wisdom on the researchers working on the vaccine for coronavirus.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim immunity to a disease that knows no boundaries. Instill the fear of You in the leaders of our nation and other nations of the world. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

O Master and Lord, our Savior, Healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by

many people suffering from this illness or only a few, stay with us as we patiently endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

For You are a merciful and loving God, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Lover of mankind, Physician of our souls and bodies, You endured the pain of our infirmities, and by Your wounds we are healed. You gave sight to the man born blind and straightened the woman who was bent over for 18 years. You gave speech and sight to the mute man who was possessed by demons. You not only forgave the paralyzed man his sins, but healed him to walk. You restored the withered hand of a man in the synagogue and stopped the flow of blood of a woman who bled for 12 years. You raised Jairus' daughter back to life and resurrected Lazarus who was dead four days. You heal every infirmity under the sun: Yourself now, O Lord, grant Your grace to all the doctors, nurses, physicians, and researchers, who have labored and studied hour upon hour, to go into all the world, and also to heal by the talent You have given to each of them. Strengthen them by Your strength, that they may not fear evil or disease. Enlighten them to do no evil by the works of their hands, and preserve them and those they serve in peace. For You are our God, and to You we give glory together with Your Father, Who has no beginning, and Your Most Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹²He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³There above it stood the Lord, and He said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴Your descendants will be

like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven.”

Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

²⁷ At the end of these days, from the eighth day on, the priests are to present your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings on the altar. Then I will accept you, declares the Sovereign Lord.” ⁴⁴ ¹ Then the man brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was shut. ² The Lord said to me, “This gate is to remain shut. It must not be opened. No one may enter through it. It is to remain shut because the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered through it. ³ The prince himself is the only one who may sit inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the Lord. He is to enter by way of the portico of the gateway and go out the same way.” ⁴ Then the man brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple. I looked and saw the glory of the Lord filling the temple of the Lord, and I fell facedown.

Proverbs 9:1-11

⁹ ¹ Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up its seven pillars.
² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
³ She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,
⁴ “Let all who are simple come to my house!”
To those who have no sense she says,
⁵ “Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.

⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight.”

⁷ Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.

⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.

⁹ Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

¹¹ For through wisdom your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

It is truly meet to bless you, 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, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos we magnify you.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers and mother, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

