

AKATHIST HYMN

to our SWEETEST

LORD JESUS CHRIST

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

Reader: Amen.

Glory to You, O our God, glory to You.

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.

Everyone: 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.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: 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)

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 I have 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.

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 You, O God.
(3x)

KONTAKION 1

To You, O Greatest Protector and Lord, Vanquisher
of hell, we, Your creatures and servants, offer songs
of praise, for You have delivered us from eternal
death. But as You have unimaginable compassion,
free us from every danger, as we sing to You:

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

IKOS 1

Creator of angels and Lord of hosts, as You opened
the ears and tongue to the deaf and dumb so long
ago, likewise open now our perplexed mind and
tongue to the praise of Your most Holy Name, that
we may sing to You:

Jesus, Most-wonderful, Angels' Astonishment.

Jesus, Most-powerful, Forefathers' Deliverance.
Jesus, Most-sweet, Patriarchs' Glory.
Jesus, Most-glorious, Kings' Power.
Jesus, Most-beloved, Prophets' Fulfillment.
Jesus, Most-marvelous, Martyrs' Strength.
Jesus, Most-peaceful, Monks' Joy.
Jesus, Most-gracious, Priests' Sweetness.
Jesus, Most-merciful, Fasters' Abstinence.
Jesus, Most-tender, Saints' Rejoicing.
Jesus, Most-honorable, Virgins' Chastity.
Jesus, Everlasting, Sinners' Salvation.
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 2

Seeing the widow weeping bitterly, O Lord, You were moved with mercy, and raised her son from the dead as he was being carried to burial, likewise have mercy on us, O Lover of mankind, and raise our soul, deadened by sins, as we sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 2

Seeking to understand the incomprehensible, Philip asked, "Lord, show us the Father," and You answered him, "Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know that I am in the Father and the Father in Me?" Likewise, O Inconceivable One, with fear we sing to You:

Jesus, Eternal God.

Jesus, Most-powerful King.

Jesus, Long-suffering Master.
Jesus, Most-merciful Savior.
Jesus, our Gracious Guardian.
Jesus, cleanse our sins.
Jesus, take away our transgressions.
Jesus, pardon our unrighteousness.
Jesus, our Hope, do not forsake us.
Jesus, our Helper, do not reject us.
Jesus, our Creator, do not forget us.
Jesus, our Shepherd, do not destroy us.
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 3

You clothed with power from on high Your Apostles who stayed in Jerusalem, O Jesus, clothe also us, stripped bare of all good works, with the fervor of Your Holy Spirit, and grant that with love we may sing to You: Alleluia.

IKOS 3

In the abundance of Your mercy, O Jesus, You have called tax-collectors and sinners and pagans. Now, do not reject us who are like them, but as precious myrrh accept our song:

Jesus, Invincible Power.
Jesus, Infinite Mercy.
Jesus, Radiant Beauty.
Jesus, Unyielding Love.
Jesus, Son of the Living God.

Jesus, have mercy on us, sinners.

Jesus, hear us, who were conceived in transgression.

Jesus, cleanse us, who were born in sin.

Jesus, teach us, who are unworthy.

Jesus, enlighten our darkness.

Jesus, purify us, who are unclean.

Jesus, restore us, who are prodigals.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 4

Having an interior storm of doubting thoughts, Peter was sinking, but beholding You physically walking on the waters, O Jesus, he confessed You to be the True God, and receiving the hand of salvation, he cried: Alleluia.

IKOS 4

When the blind man heard You, O Lord, passing by on the road, he cried aloud, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” And You called him and opened his eyes. Likewise enlighten the spiritual eyes of our heart with Your love as we sing to You:

Jesus, Creator of those on high.

Jesus, Redeemer of those below.

Jesus, Vanquisher of the powers of hell.

Jesus, Adorner of every creature.

Jesus, Comforter of our soul.

Jesus, Enlightener of our mind.

Jesus, Gladness of our heart.

Jesus, Health of our body.

Jesus, our Savior, save us.

Jesus, our Light, enlighten us.

Jesus, deliver us from all agonies.

Jesus, save us despite our unworthiness.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 5

As of old You redeemed us from the curse of the law by Your Divine-flowing Blood, O Jesus, likewise rescue us from the traps in which the serpent has entangled us through bodily passions, lustful impulses, and evil despondency, as we sing to You: Alleluia.

IKOS 5

Having beheld the Creator in human form and knowing Him to be the Master, the Hebrew children hastened to please Him with branches, crying aloud, “Hosanna.” But we offer You a song:

Jesus, True God.

Jesus, Son of David.

Jesus, Most-glorious King.

Jesus, Blameless Lamb.

Jesus, Most-wonderful Shepherd.

Jesus, Guardian of our infancy.

Jesus, Nourisher of our youth.

Jesus, Praise of our old age.

Jesus, our Hope at death.

Jesus, our Life after death.

Jesus, our Comfort at Your judgment.

Jesus, our Desire, do not put us then to shame.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 6

In fulfillment of the words and message of the God-bearing prophets, O Jesus, You appeared on earth. And as One Who is uncontainable, You lived among people, and took on our infirmities. Being healed through Your wounds, we have learned to sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 6

The light of Your truth shone upon the world, and demonic delusion was driven away, for the idols have fallen, O our Savior, unable to endure Your strength. But we, having received salvation, sing to You:

Jesus, the Truth, dispelling falsehood.

Jesus, the Light, above all radiance.

Jesus, the King, surpassing all in strength.

Jesus, God, constant in mercy.

Jesus, Bread of Life, fill us, who are hungry.

Jesus, Source of Knowledge, give us to drink, who are thirsty.

Jesus, Garment of Gladness, clothe us, who are naked.

Jesus, Shelter of Joy, cover us, who are unworthy.

Jesus, Giver to those who ask, give us mourning for our sins.

Jesus, Finder of those who seek, find our soul.

Jesus, Opener to those who knock, open our hardened heart.

Jesus, Redeemer of sinners, blot out our sins.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 7

Desiring to reveal the mystery hidden from the ages, You were led as a sheep to the slaughter, O Jesus, and as a voiceless Lamb before its shearer. But as God, You rose from the dead and ascended with glory to heaven, and along with Yourself You raised us who sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 7

The Creator has shown us a marvelous action by appearing to us: He was incarnate of a Virgin without seed, rose from the tomb without breaking the seal, and entered bodily through the closed doors to the Apostles' room. Therefore, marveling at this, we sing:

Jesus, Infinite Word.

Jesus, Unseen Word.

Jesus, Incomprehensible Power.

Jesus, Inconceivable Wisdom.

Jesus, Inexpressible Divinity.

Jesus, Boundless Dominion.

Jesus, Invincible Kingdom.

Jesus, Eternal Master.

Jesus, Supreme Strength.

Jesus, Infinite Power.

Jesus, our Creator, have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Savior, save us.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 8

Seeing God wondrously incarnate, let us shun the vain world and set our mind on things divine, for God came down to earth that He might raise to heaven us who sing to Him: Alleluia.

IKOS 8

The Immeasurable One was below all things, yet in no way separated from things above, when He willingly suffered for our sake, and by His death put our death to death, and by His Resurrection granted Life to those who sing:

Jesus, Sweetness of the heart.

Jesus, Strength of the body.

Jesus, Radiance of the soul.

Jesus, Swiftmess of the mind.

Jesus, Joy of the conscience.

Jesus, Sure Hope.

Jesus, Memory before the ages.

Jesus, High Praise.

Jesus, our Supremely-exalted glory.

Jesus, our Desire, do not reject us.

Jesus, our Shepherd, seek us.

Jesus, our Savior, save us.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 9

All the angelic nature of heaven glorifies unceasingly Your Most Holy Name, O Jesus, singing, “Holy, Holy, Holy.” But we sinners on earth with lips of clay sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 9

We see most eloquent orators as speechless as fish concerning You, O Jesus our Savior, for they are at a loss to say how You are perfect man, yet remain unchallengeable God. But we, marveling at this mystery, sing faithfully:

Jesus, God Eternal.

Jesus, King of kings.

Jesus, Lord of lords.

Jesus, Judge of the living and the dead.

Jesus, Hope of the hopeless.

Jesus, Comfort of those who mourn.

Jesus, Glory of the poor.

Jesus, do not condemn us according to our deeds.

Jesus, cleanse us according to Your mercy.

Jesus, banish our despondency.

Jesus, enlighten the hidden thoughts of our heart.
Jesus, grant us remembrance of death.
Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 10

Desiring to save the world, O Sunrise of the East,
You came to our fading and darkened nature, and
humbled Yourself even unto death. Therefore, Your
Name is glorified above all names, and from all the
tribes of heaven and earth You hear: Alleluia.

IKOS 10

King Eternal, Comforter, True Christ, cleanse us of
every stain, as You cleansed the ten lepers, and heal
us, as You healed the greedy soul of Zacchaeus the
Publican, that we may sing to You in humility:

Jesus, Treasury of Incorruptible.

Jesus, Wealth Unfailing.

Jesus, Strong Food.

Jesus, Drink Inexhaustible.

Jesus, Garment of the poor.

Jesus, Protection of widows.

Jesus, Defender of orphans.

Jesus, Helper of the weary.

Jesus, Guide of pilgrims.

Jesus, Pilot of voyagers.

Jesus, Calmer of the distressed.

Jesus, God, raise us who are fallen.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 11

We, though unworthy, offer You humble songs, and like the woman of Canaan, we cry aloud to You, “O Jesus, have mercy on us.” It is not a daughter, but our flesh that is cruelly possessed with passions and burning with fury. Grant healing to us, who sing to You: Alleluia.

IKOS 11

Having previously persecuted You, the Light-bestowing Lamp of those in the darkness of ignorance, Paul followed the power of the voice of Divine enlightenment, and understood the swiftness of the soul’s conversion. Thus, enlighten also the dark eye of our soul, as we sing:

Jesus, our Most-powerful King.

Jesus, our Almighty God.

Jesus, our Immortal Lord.

Jesus, our Most-glorious Creator.

Jesus, our Most-good Guide.

Jesus, our Most-compassionate Shepherd.

Jesus, our Most-merciful Master.

Jesus, our Most-gracious Savior.

Jesus, enlighten our senses darkened by passions.

Jesus, heal our body wounded by sins.

Jesus, cleanse our mind of vain thoughts.

Jesus, keep our heart from evil desires.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 12

Grant us Your grace, O Jesus, Absolver of all debts, and receive us, who are repenting, as You received Peter, who denied You three times. And call us, who are downcast, as of old You called Paul, who persecuted You, and hear us singing to You: Alleluia.

IKOS 12

Praising Your incarnation, we all extol You, and we believe with Thomas that You are Lord and God, sitting with the Father and coming to judge the living and the dead. On that day, grant us to stand on Your right hand, as we sing:

Jesus, King Eternal, have mercy on us.

Jesus, sweet-scented Flower, make us fragrant.

Jesus, beloved Warmth, make us fervent.

Jesus, Eternal Temple, shelter us.

Jesus, Garment of Light, adorn us.

Jesus, Pearl of Great Price, illumine us.

Jesus, Precious Jewel, shine on us.

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, illumine us.

Jesus, Holy Light, make us radiant.

Jesus, from sickness of soul and body deliver us.

Jesus, from the slavery to the enemy rescue us.

Jesus, from the unquenchable fire and other eternal sufferings save us.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 13

O Sweetest and Most-compassionate Jesus, receive now this our small supplication, as You received the widow's two coins, and protect Your inheritance from all enemies, visible and invisible, from foreign invasion, from disease and famine, from all tribulations and mortal wounds, and rescue from future agony everyone who calls to You: Alleluia.

This kontakion is repeated three times.

And again:

IKOS 1

Creator of angels and Lord of hosts, as You opened the ears and tongue to the deaf and dumb so long ago, likewise open now our perplexed mind and tongue to the praise of Your most Holy Name, that we may sing to You:

Jesus, Most-wonderful, Angels' Astonishment.
Jesus, Most-powerful, Forefathers' Deliverance.
Jesus, Most-sweet, Patriarchs' Glory.
Jesus, Most-glorious, Kings' Power.
Jesus, Most-beloved, Prophets' Fulfillment.
Jesus, Most-marvelous, Martyrs' Strength.
Jesus, Most-peaceful, Monks' Joy.
Jesus, Most-gracious, Priests' Sweetness.
Jesus, Most-merciful, Fasters' Abstinence.

Jesus, Most-tender, Saints' Rejoicing.

Jesus, Most-honorable, Virgins' Chastity.

Jesus, Everlasting, Sinners' Salvation.

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION 1

To You, O Greatest Protector and Lord, Vanquisher of hell, we, Your creatures and servants, offer songs of praise, for You have delivered us from eternal death. But as You have unimaginable compassion, free us from every danger, as we sing to You:

Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

LITANY

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, in Your great goodness, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Again we pray for our Patriarch [*name*], and for our Bishop [*name*], for priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Again we pray for this country, its president, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God [*names*], and for all parishioners of our community, and for the forgiveness and remission of our sins.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

We also pray to You, O Lord our God, that the voice of our petition and prayer be heard: Have mercy upon Your servants, [*names*], in Your grace and goodness, and fulfill all our supplications, and forgive our transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, that our petitions and offerings be acceptable before the Throne of Your Majesty, and protect us from all visible and invisible enemies, from all attacks, misfortune, and sorrow, and save us from illness, and grant us health and length of days: we pray You, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Look down, O Master Who love of mankind with Your merciful eye upon Your servants, [*name*], and hear our prayers offered in faith, for You Yourself have said, “Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (*Mark 11:24*), and again, “Ask, and it will be given to you” (*Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9*), therefore, though unworthy, but trusting Your mercy, we ask: Grant Your grace to all of us gathered here today, and to our relatives, friends, and neighbors, to those who are in need of Your mercy, and fulfill all of our good desires, preserve us in peace and safety, in health and length of days all of our life, we pray You, hear us quickly and graciously have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Hear us, O God our Savior, the Hope of all the ends of the earth, and show mercy to those far off upon the sea, and show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful to us. For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and to You we give glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

PRAYER *to our* LORD JESUS CHRIST

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: To You, O Lord, the Only Good One Who do not remember evils, we confess our sins, we fall down before You, unworthy that we are, crying out: We have sinned, O Lord, we have sinned, and we are not worthy to look upon the height of heaven because of the abundance of our iniquities.

But, our Lord, O Lord, grant us tears of humility, for You alone are good and merciful, so that with them we may ask You to cleanse us of all sin before the end, for frightful and terrible is the place that we must pass through when we will be separated from the body.

Therefore, we fall down before Your goodness: Do not deliver us up to those who wrong us, nor let

our enemies triumph over us, O Good Lord, nor let them say, “You have come into our hands, and you have been delivered to us.”

Neither, O Lord, forget Your compassions, and do not render to us according to our transgressions, and do not turn Your face away from us, but Yourself, O Lord, correct us with mercy and compassion, and do not let our enemy rejoice over us, but quench his threatening against us, and bring to nothing all his deeds.

And grant us an unblemished way to You, O Good Lord, because, having sinned, we have not had recourse to any other physician, and we have not stretched out our hands to a strange god. Therefore, do not reject our supplication, but hear us in Your goodness, and strengthen our heart in Your fear, and let Your grace be upon us, O Lord, like a fire consuming the impure thoughts within us.

For You, O Lord, are the Light above all lights, the Joy above all joys, the Repose above all repose, the True Life, and the Salvation that abides forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Wisdom. Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Reader: 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.

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to You.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x) Father bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, by the prayers of His most pure Mother; by the prayers of the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; by the prayers of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and by the prayers of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

People: Amen.

