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(The Priest and Deacon take their places before the Icon of Christ placed in the center of the Temple or other suitable place. The Priest is vested in Riassa and Epitrachilion and the Deacon in Sticharion and Orarion.)

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

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, our 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 and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One!

The Trisagion Prayers

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 Thy 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.

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 ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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 143

Reader: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications. In Thy faithfulness answer me in Thy righteousness. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for no man living is righteous before Thee. For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou hast done; I muse on what Thy hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit falls! Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Let me hear in the morning of Thy steadfast love, for in Thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to thee I lift up my soul.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to Thee for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God! Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path! For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble! And in Thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries. For I am Thy servant.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to You, O God.

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The Great Litany

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of

God, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For his Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____; for our Bishop _____; for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For the President and all civil authorities of this country, and for those serving in its Armed Forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For reasonable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That He will bless the good intentions of His servants who strive to rescue His children from violent death; asking the power and action of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That He will bless His servants with the grace of the Most Holy Spirit so that their efforts would be well pleasing in His sight; let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That He will assign a guardian angel to banish every enemy and every obstacle visible or invisible warring against the sanctity of life, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That this work may be ordered in wisdom and may end in perfection by the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For the servants of God, all who have gathered here for prayer, for healing and strength, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That the Lord God will be merciful to them, forgiving every sin and transgression, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That from the goodness of His heart, He will have mercy on His servants, and will pardon every sin committed from their youth to this present hour, granting healing to their afflicted bodies and souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That the Lord God will not turn His face away from His suffering servants, but will receive the prayers which we now offer for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That He will heal every illness and grief by the visitation of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That the merciful Lord will hear the cries of His unworthy servants as He heard the cries of the Canaanite woman and will heal and console His suffering servants, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: That He will receive the infants killed by abortion for He knows the true names of all, and will save them forever in life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Priest: Commemorating our most holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

People: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, Your power is incomparable. Your glory is incomprehensible. Your mercy is immeasurable. Your love for mankind is inexpressible. Look down upon us and upon this holy house with compassion, O Master, and impart the riches of Your mercy and Your compassion unto us and unto those who pray with us,

For unto Thee is due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

God Is the Lord (in the Second Tone)

Deacon: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

People: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Deacon: All nations compassed me about, but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

People: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Deacon: I shall not die, but live; and declare the works of the Lord.

People: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Deacon: The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Troparion (in Tone 2)

People: We bow before Your most pure image, O Good One,
Begging You to forgive us our sins, O Christ our God.
You willingly did ascend the cross in the flesh,
To free us from Satan's snare.
For this we thank You Lord, and we cry to You:
You have filled all things with joy, O Savior,
When You came to save the world.

Psalm 51

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin, for I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me: against Thee, Thee only have I sinned and done that which is evil in Thy sight; that Thou might be justified in Thy word, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou hast required truth in the inward parts; the unclear and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou shalt reveal unto me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken might rejoice. Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my 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 guide me with a princely spirit. Then shall I teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would have given it, but Thou dost not delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a contrite spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou shalt not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Sion, and build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God.

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God.

Litany of Fervent Supplication

- Deacon:** Let us say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:
- People:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon:** O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.
- Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.
- Deacon:** Again we pray for our Father and Metropolitan (*N.*), our Bishop (*N.*), for priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.
- Deacon:** Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God who strive against the evil of abortion, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.
- Deacon:** Again we pray that Thou wilt grant to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from all evil, and to practice all righteousness, making us respectful of life and sharers of Thy blessings, caring for one another in mercy and truth.
- Deacon:** Again we pray that Thou wilt banish all evil from our hearts and wickedness from our laws, enabling us to be servants of Thy holy will and performers of Thy love.
- Deacon:** Again we pray that Thou wilt kindle in our hearts the will to care for the needy, to show kindness to the poor, to aid the homeless and to help the helpless.
- Deacon:** Again we pray for all those here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.
- Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God, and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.
- People:** Amen.

The Prokeimenon

- Deacon:** Let us attend
Priest: Peace be unto all.
Deacon: Wisdom! Let us Attend!
The Prokeimenon in the fourth tone:

Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance and exult in Thy Name forever.

Choir: Lord we will walk in the light of Thy Countenance and exult in Thy Name forever.

Deacon: I will sing of Thy mercy, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy faithfulness to all generations.

Choir: Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy Countenance and exult in Thy Name forever.

Deacon: Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance.

Choir: And exult in Thy Name forever.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For holy art Thou, O our God, who rests in the saints, and unto Thee we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Choir: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Deacon: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament.

Choir: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Deacon: Let everything that has breath.

Choir: Praise the Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord, our God.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all.

People: And to thy spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: At that time, Jesus told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary,' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual pleadings.'

And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says, And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man returns, will he find faith on earth?"

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

(All sing the Hymn to the Theotokos in Tone 6:)

People: It is truly meet to bless thee, 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: Thou who without defilement barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

The Trisagion Prayers

Reader: 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 Thy 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.

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 ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

The Augmented Litany

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

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord our God will hear the voice of us sinners and protect His servants from all tribulation, wrath, danger, necessity, and from every ill of soul and body, and grant them health and length of days: we pray Thee, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord our God will preserve this city and every city and country from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, civil war, and sudden death 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.

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord will hearken unto the prayers of us sinners, and have mercy on us.

Priest: Hear us, O God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far off upon the sea, and show mercy, show mercy O Master, upon us sinners. For Thou art a merciful God, and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the most holy Theotokos.

People: Most holy Theotokos, save us!

Priest: O Mother of God, our queen and our hope, the refuge of the abandoned and the intercessor for those who have gone astray; the joy of all who sorrow and the protectress of the needy; you see our poverty, our affliction and misery. Help us who are weak; feed us who are hungry; intercede for us with your Son and our God, and may He deal with us as He pleases. For we have no other hope, no other intercessor, no other consolation except you, O Virgin Theotokos. Protect us beneath your veil, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Again and again, on bended knees, Let us pray to the Lord!

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, who came into the world to enlighten it, Thou wast pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Thine All-Holy Spirit. O Master, Who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask that Thou might enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception, and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Thine image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For Thou art the Bestower of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Thy divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Thy Truth and glorify Thee, the Giver of Life, together with Thy Father and Thine All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

Priest: Wisdom.

People: Father, bless.

Priest: Christ our God, The Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Confirm, O God, the Holy Orthodox faith and Orthodox Christians unto ages of ages.

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

People: 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 Thee.

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

People: 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.

*(Facing those gathered, the **Priest** says:)*

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; by the power of the precious and life-creating cross; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy _____; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us for He is good and loves mankind.

People: Amen.

Source: TeenSOYO, Sacred Gift of Life Sunday Prayer Booklet, January 22, 2006.

Prayers to be used in other services

Intercessions for Those Involved in Abortion

For those who are tempted by abortion, that God may plant in their hearts a love for the treasure of life and the strength to protect it; we pray to the Lord:

For all doctors, that inspired by their oath to protect life, they may know the grace of repentance, serving others as true disciples of the Gospel of Life; we pray to the Lord:

For all nurses, that inspired by the gentle compassion, of Mary, the Mother of God, they might serve as guardians of life in every moment of its existence; we pray to the Lord:

For all hospital administrators, that with wisdom and respect for life, they might lead those who work with them, for the nurturing and protection of all life; we pray to the Lord:

For parents who have lost a child to abortion and whose hearts are closed to the mercy of God, that they might know the grace of repentance, confession and the healing embrace of the Father; we pray to the Lord:

For parents overwhelmed by grief and remorse at the loss of their child to abortion, that Jesus the shepherd, so rich in mercy and compassion, might heal their broken hearts; we pray to the Lord:

For all who counsel the parents of aborted children, that God might reward them for the crosses they bear and grant them the words of wisdom to lead lost souls home to him, we pray to the Lord:

For each child aborted from his mother's womb, that from their place in heaven they might intercede for their mothers and fathers for peace and healing and the gift of true repentance; we pray to the Lord:

Thus says the LORD: In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping! Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more.

Thus says the LORD: Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward,... There is hope for your future. ... Jeremiah 31:15-17

Source: <http://www.hopeafterabortion.com/hope.cfm?sel=prayers>

Prayer for Healing for Women who have had abortions

Eternal Father, Source of all mercy and love, out of love for us you sent your Son, and willed that blood and water flow from his side to cleanse us of sin and restore lost innocence. Hear the cry of each woman and man who mourns the loss of their child to abortion. Forgive their sin, restore them to your grace, and still the terror of their hearts with a peace beyond all understanding. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother, strengthen their faith in you. Give them the consolation to believe that their child is now living in the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who conquered sin and death, and who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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