

## **THE PREPARATION OF THE HOLY RELICS**

*The Celebrant Hierarch arrives at the Church to be consecrated and is received by the clergy in the Portico. After the petitions, the Hierarch reads the following prayers.*

### **THE FIRST PRAYER BY PATRIARCH KALLISTOS**

#### **HIERARCH**

Lord our God, you created all things by your word alone and adorned your creation with diversity in ways unknown to us. You poured forth the light of the sun for its renewal. You inspired your servant Moses to offer exaltations and praises to the excellence of your creation and say: "'You saw the light and it was good and you called it day.'" We have also seen this brilliant sun renewing the creation every day and we glorify you the true light. Lord, by your Son, you have commanded us to renew our nature by your Holy Spirit, and through this gift your just people shine like the sun. We pray and entreat you, Father of the Word, our Lord and our God Jesus Christ, because creation has been renewed by your indescribable love and abundant mercy for us. You manifested your love and mercy in the Old Testament as the image of the New, the miraculous burning bush, the tabernacle of assembly and the beautiful Temple of Solomon. Lord look upon us also, your sinful and unworthy servants with merciful eyes, who worship in this holy house, which is as broad as heaven, the pride of the universe, the true altar of your ineffable glory. Send down on us your most Holy Spirit and in the words of David, "renew a right spirit within our hearts and make us strong with your sovereign spirit." Make the leaders of our nation victorious over visible and invisible enemies and grant us tranquility and peace. Forgive the sins of those who have worked with diligence and love for you toward the erection and consecration of this Church. Fulfill Lord, all their requests which are for their salvation. Help them to perform your commandments. Give them the gift of renewal through your Holy Spirit, that they, without condemnation, may worship you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you sent, through the prayers of the most Holy Mother of God and all your Saints. (*Amen.*)

### **PRAYER OF PATRIARCH KALLISTOS**

#### **HIERARCH**

Eternal Word and only Son of God, true God of the material and spiritual creation. You adorned all of creation with divine wisdom. You joined together the fluid and vague nature of water with your Holy Spirit, that moved over the water, and you beautified all

the earth and renewed the whole world. You established the Tabernacle through Moses and consecrated it by your Holy Spirit. You inspired Solomon the Wise to erect a Holy Temple, in honor of your indescribable and ineffable glory. You consecrated it by your Holy Spirit and enabled the Judges of Judah at that time to see the glory and the grace of your Holy Spirit hovering over it. We pray and entreat you, at this time, eternal Word, and Son of the eternal Father, send down the same gift of your most Holy Spirit upon us and upon this Church erected for your glory and praise. Establish and strengthen this Church, protecting it to the end of the world. Renew this Church by your Holy Spirit, that as we offer the bloodless sacrifices in it, we might become partakers of your Holy Spirit. Make us sharers in the Holy Spirit, which renews us, upholds us with a willing heart and mystically grants us the cleansing of our mind, that we might offer you, Master, glory and honor, to the eternal Father, the only---begotten Son and the all---holy, good and life--- giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. (*Amen.*)

*His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah brings the relics of the three holy Martyrs to the Church on the eve of the Consecration. These relics will be deposited in the Altar Table the next day. The Clergy will escort the His Eminence and proceed to the Altar. His Eminence places the holy relics on the paten, covers them with a communion veil and says:*

Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. (*Amen.*)

**Trisagion Prayers.**

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

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All---holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. (*Amen.*)

*The Chanter sing the Apolytikia for the Saints whose relics were received and also the hymns of the Church.*

**For St. Panteleimon. Ἦχος γ'. Mode 3.**

Holy Laurel--bearer and Physician Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

**For the Holy Fathers. Ἦχος δ'. Mode 4. *You who were lifted.***

Elect in holiness as lambs of the Master, \* you left your various lands and all came together \* in the holy Pantocrator Monastery's flock. \* From there, when you were cruelly by barbarians slaughtered, \* you went out rejoicing to the heavenly sheepfold. \* Now as devout monastic Martyrs of Christ, \* ever entreat Him and pray that He save our souls.

**For St. Barbara Mode pl. 4.**

Let us honor the all-virtuous Saint Barbara; for she broke the snares of the enemy, and she escaped from them like a bird, with the Cross as her help and shield.

**For St. Demetrios Mode 3. Your Confession**

All the world has you, its mighty champion, \* fortifying us in times of danger, \* and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. \* So, as you humbled Lyaios's arrogance \* by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, \* thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, \* to Christ our God pray fervently, \* beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

**Mode pl. 2,**

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

Godly choir of Martyrs, you are the foundation of the Church, the perfect accomplishment of the Gospel. By your deeds you have fulfilled the words of the Savior; in you the gates of Hades, which were opened against the Church, have been shut. The spilling of your blood dried up the libations poured out to idols. Your slaughter gave birth the membership of the faithful. You amazed the choirs of bodiless Angels. You were crowned by God, and now you stand near Him. Unceasingly pray to Him on behalf of your souls.

### **Mode pl. 2.**

Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen

Theotokos, you are the true vine that produced the fruit of life. Lady, we fervently entreat you to intercede along with the Apostles and all the saints, that our souls be treated mercifully.

### **Dismissal**

### **HIERARCH**

Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope. Glory to You. May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his most pure and holy Mother, the power of the precious and life--giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, the holy, glorious, and triumphant Martyrs, our holy and God---bearing Fathers, the Holy Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-flowing, the holy and glorious Great Martyr and Physician Panteleimon, the holy and glorious Martyr Barbara, the 179 Holy Fathers who were slaughtered at the Holy Monastery of Pantocrator DTAO, the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, for and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, as a good, loving and merciful God

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

## CONSECRATION VESPERS

### PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

### HIERARCH

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

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

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

### **Psalm 103 (104).**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly; You clothe Yourself with thanksgiving and majesty, who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, who stretch out the heavens like a curtain; You are He who covers His upper chambers with water, who makes the clouds His means of approach, who walks on the wings of the winds, who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. He established the earth on its stable foundation; it shall not be moved unto ages of ages. The deep like a garment is His covering; the waters shall stand upon the mountains; at Your rebuke they shall flee; at the sound of Your thunder, they shall be afraid. The mountains rise up, and the plains sink down to the place You founded for them. You set a boundary they shall not pass over; neither shall they return to cover the earth. You are He who sends springs into the valley; the waters shall pass between the mountains; they shall give drink to all the wild animals of the field; the wild asses shall quench their thirst; the birds of heaven shall dwell beside them; they shall sing from the midst of the rocks. You are He who waters the mountains from His higher places; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Your works. You are He who causes grass to grow for the cattle, and the green plant for the service of man, to bring forth bread from the earth; and wine gladdens the heart of man, to brighten his face with oil; and bread strengthens man's heart. The trees of the plain shall be full of fruit, the cedars of Lebanon, which You planted; there the sparrows shall make their nests; the house of the heron takes the lead among them. The high mountains are for the deer; the cliff is a refuge

for the rabbits. He made the moon for seasons; the sun knows its setting. You established darkness, and it was night, wherein all the wild animals of the forest will prowl about; the young lions roar and snatch their prey, and seek their food from God. The sun arises, and they are gathered together; and they shall be put to bed in their dens. Man shall go out to his work and to his labor until evening. O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom; the earth was filled with Your creation. There is this great and spacious sea: the creeping things are there without number; the living things are there, both small and great; there the ships pass through; there is this dragon You formed to play therein. All things wait upon You, that You may give them food in due season. When You give it to them, they shall gather it; when You open Your hand, all things shall be filled with Your goodness. But when You turn Your face away, they shall be troubled; when You take away their breath, they shall die and return again to their dust. You shall send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the Lord be forever; the Lord shall be glad in His works; He looks upon the earth and makes it tremble; He touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing to my God as long as I exist; may my words be pleasing to Him, and I shall be glad in the Lord. May sinners cease from the earth, and the lawless, so as to be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knows its setting. You established darkness, and it was night.

O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3)

Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

**DEACON**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our Archbishop and Father Isaiah, for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

### **PRIEST**

For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

### **CHANTER**

#### **Plagal of the Fourth Mode**

Lord, I have cried to You; hear me. Hear me, O Lord. Lord, I have cried to You; hear me. Give heed to the voice of my supplication when I cry to You. Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

#### **For Consecration**

#### **Plagal of the Second Mode**

*If You, O Lord, should mark transgression, O Lord, who would stand? For there is forgiveness with You.*

Consecration is an old honored custom, and a good one. And it is also proper to honor new churches through consecration. As Isaiah says, islands will be dedicated to God, which are to be understood as the churches of the Gentiles, which have recently been



established, and have their sturdy construction by God. Therefore let us also spiritually celebrate the festival of the present Consecration.

*Because of Your law, O Lord, I waited for You; my soul waited for Your word. My soul hopes in the Lord.*

Be renewed, O brethren! And putting off the old man, live in newness of life, placing a bridle on all those things from which death comes. Let us discipline all our members, hating every evil eating from the tree, and only remembering the old so that we may flee it. This is person renewed, thus is the day of Consecration honored.

*From the morning watch until night; from the morning watch until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.*

O Christ, the pre-eternal Word, You have set up Your Church as a tower of strength; for You have established her on the rock of the Faith, and so she remains forever unshaken, for she has You, who for her sake in latter days without change became man; therefore we thank You and extol You, saying; You are He who is before the ages, and our King forever and ever. Glory to You!

*For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption; and He shall redeem Israel from all his transgressions.*

As we perform the Consecration, we glorify You, the Giver of sanctification, asking You to sanctify the senses of our souls, at the intercession of You glorious Martyrs, O good and almighty Lord.

**For Saint Nestor,**

**Plagal of the Fourth Mode**

*O strange wonder*

*Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; praise Him, all you peoples.*

Nestor, blessed athlete of the Lord, \* girding thyself round about \* with the full armour of thy Christ, \* though didst wrestle visibly \* with Lyaeus, destroying him; \* and with invisible holds thou boundest up \* the unseen Belial, smiting him with death. \*

Wherefore, thy head was crowned \* with a shining diadem of victory \* by the Great Bestower of the greatest gifts of all.

*For His mercy rules over us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

O wise Nestor, nerved with cords of strength \* by the divinely wise words \* of the Martyr Demetrios, \* thou didst bravely put to death \* him that boasted in tyranny; \* and for confessing to all the deathless God, \* Who by His death ruined Hades utterly, \* Thou, O most glorious, \* wast unjustly put to death. And for his cause, \* thou in joy art now become an heir of endless life.

### **For St. Demetrios**

#### **Plagal of the Fourth Mode**

#### *O Strange Wonder*

*From the morning watch until night; from the morning watch until light, let Israel hope in the Lord.*

What a paradoxical miracle! \* For both in heaven and earth \* is rejoicing perceived today \* clearly for the memory \* of the Martyr Demetrios. \* He is by angels enwreathed with hymns of praise, \* while from the faithful receiving sacred songs. \* Such was his martyrdom! \* Oh, how well did he compete! Through him the foe \* now has fallen utterly, for Christ defeated him.

*For the Lord there is mercy, and with him is abundant redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his transgressions.*

What a paradoxical miracle! \* Unto the ends of the earth \* does Demetrios ever shine \* brighter than the sun by means \* of the rays of his miracles. \* He is illumined by never-setting light, \* and he enjoys the unsetting radiance. \* Clouds of barbarians \* by his own illuminations are expelled; \* illnesses are warded off; demons are driven away.

*Praise the Lord, all you Gentles; praise Him, all you peoples.*

What a paradoxical miracle! \* Having been pierced with a spear \* for the sake of the name of Christ, \* thrice-blessed Demetrios \* every day is a two-edged sword, \* smiting

the arrogance of the enemies, \* and also cursing the demons' insolence. \* Let us cry out to him: \* "Beneath your protection keep us who observe \* your time-honored memory, O St. Demetrios."

*For His mercy rules over us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

You were manifestly seen as a tower of pious belief, \* firmly fixed on the rock of faith, \* in temptations resolute, \* and in perils unshakable. \* For though the mighty flood and the surging waves \* of the ungodly heavily beat on you, \* yet they did not bring down \* your unyielding perseverance. For you longed \* to be decorated with the crown of martyrdom.

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

### **For Saint Demetrios**

#### **Plagal of the Second Mode**

Today the worldwide festival of the Champion calls us together. Come then, all you are fond of feasts, let us radiantly celebrate his memorial, and salute him saying: "Rejoice, you who by faith tore apart the tunic of impiety, and robed yourself in the courage of the Spirit. Rejoice, you who destroyed the purposes of the iniquitous with the strength that was given you by the only God. Rejoice, for when your limbs were pierced by the lance, you spiritually depicted for us the blessed Passion of Christ. Implore Him, O Demetrios, you ornament of Athletes, and pray that He rescue us from visible and invisible enemies, and that He save our souls."

*Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

### **For the Consecration**

#### **Second Mode**

As we perform the consecration of all sacred church of Your Resurrection, we glorify You, O Lord, for you have sanctified it and perfected it y Your absolutely perfect grace. You are gladdened by the mystical and sacred services that are performed in it by the faithful; and You accept from the hands of Your servants the immaculate sacrifices

without the shedding of blood. And to those who offer these correctly, You render purification from sins and the great mercy.

**DEACON** (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

### **Prayer of the Entrance**

At evening, at morning and at midday we praise, bless and give thanks, and we pray to you, Master of all things, Lord who love mankind: Direct our prayer before you like incense, and do not incline our hearts to words or thoughts of evil, but deliver us from all that hunt down our souls. For our eyes look to you, O Lord, our Lord, and we have hoped in you.

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Arise.

**CLERGY AND PEOPLE**

### **Second Mode**

Gladsome light of holy glory of the holy, blessed, heavenly, immortal Father, O Jesus Christ: arriving at the hour of sunset and having seen the evening light, we praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. It is worthy for You to be praised at all times with happy voices, O Son of God and Giver of life; and therefore the world glorifies You.

**DEACON**

The evening Prokeimenon.

**CHANTER**

### **Prokeimenon**

#### **Plagal of the Second Mode**

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (2)

Verse: I lifted my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## **THE READINGS**

### **READER**

The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah. (63:15-20; 64:1-4a, 7-8)

### **DEACON**

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

### **READER**

Return from heaven, and look from Your holy and glorious dwelling-place. Where are Your zeal and Your strength; where is the multitude of Your mercy and Your compassion, so as to be patient with us? You are our Father, although Abraham did not know us, and Israel did not acknowledge us; but You, O Lord, are our Father. You delivered us, and from the beginning Your name was upon us. Why have you led us astray, O Lord, from Your path, and hardened our hearts so as not to fear You? Return for the sake of Your servants, for the sake of the tribes of Your inheritance, that we may inherit a small portion of Your holy mountain. For our adversaries trampled down Your sanctuary, and we have become as we were from the beginning, when You did not rule us, neither did we call upon Your name. If You open heaven, trembling shall take hold of the mountains before You, and they shall melt as wax melts before the fire. The fire shall burn up the adversaries, and the Lord's name shall be manifest among the adversaries; and the nations shall be troubled by Your presence. When You do glorious things, trembling shall take hold of the mountains because of You. From of old we have not heard, nor have our eyes seen any God but You, and Your works which You shall do for those who wait for Your mercy. For mercy shall meet with those who do righteousness, and they shall remember Your ways. And now, O Lord, You are our Father, and all we are clay, the work of Your hands. Do not be exceedingly angry with us, and do not remember our sins in an opportune time. And now look upon us, for we are all Your people.

## READER

The reading is from the Prophecy of Jeremiah. (2:1-12)

## DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

## READER

Thus says the Lord: ‘I remember your compassion and youth and your love and maturity, so as to follow the Holy One of Israel,’ says the Lord. ‘Israel, the beginning of His harvest, was holy to the Lord. All who devour him shall transgress, and evils will come upon them,’ ” says the Lord. Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: “What transgression have your fathers found in Me, so as to go far from Me, to follow after vain and worthless things? They did not say, ‘Where is the Lord, who led us out of the land of Egypt, who guided us in the wilderness, in an unknown and untrodden land, a land that was waterless and barren, in which no one traversed and where no son of man dwelt?’ I brought you into Carmel to eat its fruit and its good things, but you entered and defiled My land, and made My heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, ‘Where is the Lord?’ But those who handle the law did not trust Me, and the shepherds acted profanely toward Me. The prophets prophesied by Baal and walked after unprofitable things. Therefore I will yet bring charges against you,” says the Lord, “and I will bring charges against the sons of your sons. For pass by the islands of Chettim and see. Send to Kedar and consider diligently. See if such things happened, whether nations will change their gods; though they are not gods. But My people changed their glory to a glory from which they will not profit. Heaven was amazed at this and was exceedingly horror-struck,” says the Lord.

## READER

The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon. (3:1-9)

## DEACON

Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

## READER

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torture will ever touch them. In the eyes of the undiscerning they seemed to have died, and their departure was considered to be misfortune, and their passage from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in man's view they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Though chastened in a few things, great kindness will be shown them, for God tested them and found them worthy of Himself. He tested them like gold in a furnace and accepted them as a whole burnt offering. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and they will run about like sparks through straw. They will judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall reign over them unto the ages. Those who trust in Him will understand truth, and the faithful shall continue with Him in love, because grace and mercy are upon His elect [and He watches over His holy ones].

## DEACON

Let us all say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us all say.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for our Archbishop and Father Isaiah.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, the hieromonks, the hierodeacons, the monastics, and all our brotherhood in Christ.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church, and for all our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us, who here have been piously laid to their rest, as well as the Orthodox everywhere.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

## **PRIEST**

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

## **HIERARCH**

O Lord, keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is your name to the ages. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be upon us for we have set our hope in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed are you, Master, grant me understanding of your commandments. Blessed are you, Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord, your mercy is forever. Do not despise the works of your hands. To you is due praise, to you is due song, to you is due



glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.[HC]

(Amen.)

## DEACON

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For that which is good and beneficial for our souls, and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

And let us ask for a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

**PRIEST**

For You, O God, are good and love mankind, and to You we offer glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

**DEACON**

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of the human race, look upon your servants and upon your inheritance, for to you, the fearful Judge who love mankind, your servants have bowed their heads and inclined their necks, not waiting for any human help, but awaiting your mercy and looking for your salvation. Guard them at every moment, during both the present evening and the approaching night, from every foe, from every hostile operation of the devil and from vain thoughts and evil desires.

**PRIEST**

May the might of your kingdom be blessed and glorified, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

## **APOSTICHA**

### **For the Consecration.**

#### **First Mode**

Be Consecrated, be consecrated, O new Jerusalem, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. This house was built by the Father; this house was made firm by the Son; this house was renewed by the Holy Spirit, which illumines and supports, and sanctifies our souls.

*Verse: O Lord, I love the beauty of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.*

In the Old Testament, when the Temple was consecrated, Solomon offered sacrifices of irrational animals and whole-burnt offerings, O Lord. Since You, O Savior, were well pleased that the types should cease and the truth be known, now the whole world offers bloodless sacrifices to Your glory; for as the Lord of all, by Your Holy Spirit You sanctify everything.

*Verse: Holiness is proper to Your house, O Lord, until length of days.*

#### **Fourth Mode**

The Church of the Gentiles is consecrated today, by the precious and life-flowing blood of the immaculate and inviolate side of Christ our God, who was incarnate of the holy Virgin. Therefore, O chorus of believers, let us congregate and glorify the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the one Godhead, which rules the universe.

Glory to the Father and the Holy Spirit

#### **For the Feast**

Your most divine and blameless soul has its dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem, whose walls have been adorned by the immaculate hands of the invisible God, O honorable Demetrios. And on earth your famous church holds your all honored and most valiant body, a secure treasure of miracles, and a protection against disease. When we come to it we receive the cures. O all praised Saint, guard the city, which magnifies you from enemy assaults; for you have confidence towards Christ who glorified you.

Now and ever to the ages of ages. Amen

### **Theotokion**

#### **Plagal of the Fourth Mode**

O Virgin who did not know man and yet ineffably conceived God in the flesh, Mother of the Most High God, accept entreaties from your supplicants, All-blameless one. To all you grant purification of their offenses. We pray you now accept our supplications, and entreat Him, to save us all.

#### **PRIEST**

#### **Song of Simeon.**

Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples. A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

#### **PEOPLE**

#### **Trisagion Prayers.**

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

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the 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 forever and to the ages of ages. (Amen.)

## **CHANTER**

### **Apolytikia**

#### **For St. Nestor**

Fourth Tone

*Come Quickly*

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee \* receive as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. \* For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants \* and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. \* O Christ God, y his prayers, save our souls, since Thou are merciful.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

#### **Of Saint Demetrios**

Third Mode

*Your confession.*

All the world has you, its mighty champion, \* fortifying us in times of danger, \* and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. \* So, as you humbled Lyaaios's arrogance \* by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, \* thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, \* to Christ our God pray fervently, \* beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

#### **For the Consecration**

Fourth Mode

O Lord, establish this church forever as you have shown by the harmony of the heavens above and the beauty of the holy Tabernacle of your Glory below. Accept our prayers

which are continuously addressed to You in this church. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos who is the life and resurrection of all.

### DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

### PRIEST

May the blessing and the mercy of the Lord come upon you by His divine grace and love for mankind, always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

### HIERARCH

Make firm, Lord our God, the holy and pure faith of the pious Orthodox Christians, together with the Holy Church and this city forever.

### READER

Amen.

### PRIEST

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

### READER

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

### PRIEST

Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope. Glory to You.

### READER

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

Lord, have mercy. (3) Master, bless!

### **PRIEST**

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, the Holy Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer the protector of this Holy Church; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, of the Holy Martyr Nestor of Thessaloniki whose memory we celebrate; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

### **CHANTER**

Oh Lord, protect our Master and Hierarch for many years, Oh Master, for many years, Oh master, for many years, oh Master.

### **HIERARCH**

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

(Amen.)

### **PRIEST**

Through the prayers of our holy Master, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Amen.

