**Tuesday Night Canon**

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

**Reader:** Amen.

Amen.  Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. ***(Thrice)***

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

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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

Lord, Have mercy. ***(Twelve times)***

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

O come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

**Psalm 50**

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

**The Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the age to come. Amen.

*Then follows the first section of the Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete. Before each troparion of the Canon, we make the sign of the Cross and bow three times, and we sing:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me. *The irmoi are sung twice.*

*The Chanters usually sing the Irmoi, Refrains, Kontakion, and final Katavasia of the Great Canon, while the priest intones the troparia.*

**Ode I**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* He is for me unto salvation Helper and Protector. He is my God and I glorify Him, God of my fathers is He and I exalt Him, for He is greatly glorified. *(Exodus 15:2, 1; Psalm 117:14)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

By my own free choice have I incurred the guilt of Cain’s murder. I have killed my conscience, bringing the flesh to life and making war upon the soul by my wicked actions. *(Genesis 4:8)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O Jesus, I have not been like Abel in his righteousness. Never have I offered Thee acceptable gifts or godly actions, a pure sacrifice or an unblemished life. *(Genesis 4:4)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like Cain, O miserable soul, we too have offered, to the Creator of all, defiled actions and a polluted sacrifice and a worthless life: and so we also are condemned. *(Genesis 4:5; Hebrews 11:4)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

As the potter molds the clay, Thou hast fashioned me, giving me flesh and bones, breath and life. But accept me in repentance, O my Maker and Deliverer and Judge *(Genesis 2:7; Jeremiah 18:1-10; Romans 9:21)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I confess to Thee, O Saviour, the sins I have committed, the wounds of my soul and body, which murderous thoughts, like thieves, have inflicted inwardly upon me. *(Luke 10:30)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Though I have sinned, O Saviour, yet I know that Thou art full of loving-kindness. Thou dost chastise with mercy and art fervent in compassion. Thou dost see me weeping and dost run to meet me, like the Father calling back the Prodigal Son. *(Luke 15:20)*

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

*Triadicon:* Trinity beyond all being, worshipped in Unity, take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Thy compassion grant me tears of compunction.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* O Theotokos, the hope and protection of those who sing thy praises, take from me the heavy yoke of sin and, pure Lady, accept me in repentance.

**Ode II**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* Attend, O heaven, and I shall speak and sing in praise of Christ, Who took flesh from a Virgin and came to dwell among us.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Sin has stripped me of the robe that God once wove for me, and it has sewed for me garments of skin. *(Genesis 3:21)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I am clothed with the raiment of shame as with fig leaves, in condemnation of my self-willed passions. *(Genesis 3:7)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I am clad in a garment that is defiled and shamefully bloodstained by a life of passion and self-indulgence.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have fallen beneath the painful burden of the passions and the corruption of material things; and I am hard pressed by the enemy.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Instead of freedom from possessions, O Saviour, I have pursued a life in love with material things, and now I wear a heavy yoke. *(Matthew 5:3)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have adorned the idol of my flesh with the many-coloured clothing of shameful thoughts, and I am condemned. *(I John 5:21)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have cared only for the outward adornment, and neglected that which is within—the tabernacle fashioned by God. *(I Peter 3:3-4)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have discoloured with the passions the first beauty of the image, O Saviour. But seek me, as once Thou hast sought the lost coin, and find me. *(Luke 15:8)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like the Harlot I cry to Thee: I have sinned, I alone have sinned against Thee. Accept my tears also as sweet ointment, O Saviour. *(Luke 7:37-50)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like the Publican I cry to Thee: Be merciful, O Saviour, be merciful to me. For no child of Adam has ever sinned against Thee as I have sinned. *(Luke 18:13)*

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

*Triadicon:* I sing Thy praises, One in Three Persons, God of all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* O Theotokos, undefiled, Virgin alone worthy of all praise, intercede fervently for our salvation.

**Ode III**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* O Lord, upon the rock of Thy commandments make firm my wavering heart, for Thou alone art Holy and Lord.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

For me Thou art the Fountain of life and the Destroyer of death; and from my heart I cry to Thee before the end: I have sinned, be merciful to me and save me. *(Psalm 35:10; John 4:14; 7:37)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against Thee; be merciful to me. For there is no sinner whom I have not surpassed in my offenses.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

I have followed the example, O Saviour, of those who lived in wantonness in the days of Noah; and like them I am condemned to drown in the Flood. *(Genesis 6:5-13; Matthew 24:37-39)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my soul, thou hast followed Ham, who mocked his father. Thou hast not covered thy neighbour’s shame, walking backwards with averted face. *(Genesis 9:20-27)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Flee, my soul, like Lot from the burning of sin; flee from Sodom and Gomorrah; flee from the flame of every brutish desire. *(Genesis 19:17-25)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy on me, I cry to Thee, when Thou comest with Thine angels to give to every man due return for his deeds.

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

*Triadicon:* O simple Unity praised in Trinity of Persons, uncreated Nature without beginning, save us who in faith worship Thy power.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* O Mother of God, without knowing man thou hast given birth within time to the Son, who was begotten outside time from the Father; and — strange wonder! — thou givest suck while still remaining Virgin.

**Ode IV**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* The Prophet heard of Thy coming, O Lord, and he was afraid: how thou wast to be born of a Virgin and revealed to men, and he said: “I have heard the report of Thee and I was afraid.” Glory to Thy power, O Lord. *(Habakkuk 3:2)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Be watchful, O my soul, be full of courage like Jacob the great Patriarch, that thou mayest acquire action with knowledge, and be named Israel, ‘the mind that sees God’; so shalt thou reach by contemplation the innermost darkness and gain great merchandise. *(Genesis 32:28-30; Luke 19:13. -15)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

The great Patriarch had the twelve Patriarchs as children, and so he mystically established for thee, my soul, a ladder of ascent through action, in his wisdom setting his children as steps, by which thou canst mount upwards. *(Genesis 28:12-14; 35:22)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thou hast rivaled Esau the hated, O my soul, and given the birthright of thy first beauty to the supplanter; thou hast lost thy father’s blessing and in thy wretchedness been twice supplanted, in action and in knowledge. Therefore repent now. *(Genesis 25:31-33; 27:36)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Esau was called Edom because of his raging love for women; burning always with unrestrained desires and stained with sensual pleasure, he was named ‘Edom’, which means the red heat of a soul that loves sin. *(Genesis 25:30)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thou hast heard, O my soul, of Job justified on a dung-hill, but thou hast not imitated his fortitude. In all thine experiences and trials and temptations, thou hast not kept firmly to thy purpose but has proved inconstant. *(Job 2:8-10)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Once he sat upon a throne, but now he sits upon a dung-hill, naked and covered with sores. Once he was blessed with many children and admired by all, but suddenly he is childless and homeless. Yet he counted the dung-hill as a palace and his sores as pearls. *(Job 2:7-8)*

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

*Triadicon:* Undivided in Essence, unconfused in Persons, I confess Thee as God: Triune Deity, one in kingship and throne; and to Thee I raise the great thrice-holy hymn that is sung on high. *(Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8)*

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* Thou givest birth and art a virgin, and in both thou remainest by nature inviolate. He Who is born makes new the laws of nature, and the womb brings forth without travail. When God so wills, the natural order is overcome; for He does whatever He wishes.

**Ode V**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* From the night I seek Thee early, O Lover of mankind: give me light, I pray Thee, and guide me in Thy commandments, and teach me, O Saviour, to do Thy will.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thou hast heard, my soul, of the basket of Moses: how he was borne on the waves of the river as if in a shrine; and so he avoided the bitter execution of Pharaoh’s decree. *(Exodus 1:22 - 2:3)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thou hast heard, wretched soul, of the midwives who once killed in its infancy the manly action of self-control: like great Moses, then, be suckled on wisdom. *(Exodus 1:16; 2:9; Acts 7:22)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O miserable soul, thou hast not struck and killed the Egyptian mind, as did Moses the great. Tell me, then, how wilt thou go to dwell through repentance in the wilderness empty of passions? *(Exodus 2:12)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Moses the great went to dwell in the desert. Come, seek to follow his way of life, my soul, that in contemplation thou mayest attain the vision of God in the bush. *(Exodus 3:1-6)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Picture to thyself, my soul, the rod of Moses striking the sea and making hard the deep by the sign of the Holy Cross. Through the Cross thou also canst do great things. *(Exodus 14:16)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Aaron offered to God fire that was blameless and undefiled, but Hophni and Phinehas brought to Him, as thou hast done, my soul, strange fire and a polluted life. *(Leviticus 9:21-24; Numbers 16:1-40; I Kings 2:12-34)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Triadicon:* We glorify Thee, O Trinity, the one God. Holy, holy, holy, art Thou: Father, Son, and Spirit, simple Essence and Unity, worshipped for ever.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* O Virgin inviolate and Mother who has not known man, from thee has God, the Creator of the ages, taken human flesh, uniting to Himself the nature of men.

**Ode VI**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* With my whole heart I cried to the all-compassionate God: and He heard me from the lowest depths of hell, and brought my life out of corruption.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

The waves of my sins, O Saviour, have returned and suddenly engulfed me, as the waters of the Red Sea engulfed the Egyptians of old and their charioteers. *(Exodus 14:21-28)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like Israel before thee, thou hast made a foolish choice, my soul; instead of the divine manna thou hast senselessly preferred the pleasure-loving gluttony of the passions. *(Exodus 16:15; Numbers 21:5; I Corinthians 10:9)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my soul, thou hast valued the wells of Canaanite thoughts more than the veined Rock, Jesus, the Fountain of Wisdom from which flow the rivers of divine knowledge. *(Genesis 21:23; Exodus 17:6; Numbers 20:8; II Kings 22:2; I Corinthians 10:4)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

The swine’s meat, the flesh-pots and the food of Egypt thou hast preferred, my soul, to the food of Heaven, as the ungrateful people did of old in the wilderness. *(Exodus 16:3; Numbers 11:4-7)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

When Thy servant Moses struck the rock with his rod, he prefigured Thy life-giving side, O Saviour, from which we all draw the water of life. *(Exodus 17:6; Numbers 20:8; John 19:34; I Corinthians 10:4)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Like Joshua, the son of Nun, search and spy out, my soul, the land of thine inheritance and take up thy dwelling within it, through obedience to the Law. *(Numbers 13:21-25; 14:30; Joshua 2:1)*

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

*Triadicon:* ‘I am the Trinity, simple and undivided, yet divided in Persons, and I am the Unity by Nature one’, says the Father and the Son and the divine Spirit.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* Thy womb bore God for us, fashioned in our shape. O Theotokos, pray to Him as the Creator of all, that we may be justified through thine intercessions.

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

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

**Kontakion**

*Kontakion of the Great Canon, in Tone VI —*

My soul, O my soul, rise up! Why art thou sleeping? The end draws near and soon thou shalt be troubled. Watch, then, that Christ thy God may spare thee, for He is everywhere present and fills all things.

**Ode VII**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* We have sinned, we have transgressed, we have done evil in Thy sight; we have not kept or followed Thy commandments. But reject us not utterly, O God of our fathers.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

When the Ark was being carried in a cart and the ox stumbled, Uzzah did no more than touch it, but the wrath of God smote him. O my soul, flee from his presumption and respect with reverence the things of God. *(II Kings 6:6-7)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thou hast heard of Absalom, and how he rebelled against nature; thou knowest of the unholy deeds by which he defiled his father David’s bed. Yet thou hast followed him in his passionate and sensual desires. *(II Kings 16:21-22)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thy free dignity, O my soul, thou hast subjected to thy body; for thou hast found in the enemy another Ahitophel, and hast agreed to all his counsels. But Christ Himself has brought them to nothing and saved thee from them all. *(II Kings 16:23)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Solomon the wonderful, who was full of the grace of wisdom, once did evil in the sight of Heaven and turned away from God. Thou hast become like him, my soul, by thine accursed life. *(III Kings 11:1-10; Ecclesiastes 47:12-20)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Carried away by sensual passions, he defiled himself. Alas! The lover of wisdom became a lover of harlots and a stranger to God. And thou, my soul, in mind hast imitated him through thy shameful desires. *(III Kings 3:12; 11:1)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my soul, thou hast rivaled Rehoboam, who paid no attention to his father’s counselors, and Jeroboam, that evil servant and renegade of old. But flee from their example and cry to God: I have sinned, take pity on me. *(III Kings 11: 26-40; 12:1. -33)*

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

*Triadicon:* O simple and undivided Trinity, O holy and consubstantial Unity: Thou art praised as Light and Lights, one Holy and three Holies. Sing, O my soul, and glorify Life and Lives, the God of all.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* We praise thee, we bless thee, we venerate thee, O Mother of God: for thou hast given birth to One of the undivided Trinity, thy Son and God, and thou hast opened the heavenly places to us on earth.

**Ode VIII**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* The hosts of heaven give Him glory; before Him tremble cherubim and seraphim; let everything that hath breath and all creation praise Him, bless Him, and exalt Him above all for ever.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thou hast followed Uzziah, my soul, and hast his leprosy in double form: for thy thoughts are wicked, and thine acts unlawful. Leave what thou hast, and hasten to repentance. *(IV Kings 15:5; II Chronicles 26:19)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

O my soul, thou hast heard how the men of Nineveh repented before God in sackcloth and ashes. Yet thou hast not followed them, but art more wicked than all who sinned before the Law and after. *(Jonah 3:5)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Thou hast heard, my soul, how Jeremiah in the muddy pit cried out with lamentations for the city of Sion and asked to be given tears. Follow his life of lamentation and be saved. *(Jeremiah 45 [38]:6)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Jonah fled to Tarshish, foreseeing the conversion of the men of Nineveh; for as a prophet he knew the loving-kindness of God, but he was jealous that his prophecy should not be proved false. *(Jonah 1:3)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

My soul, thou hast heard how Daniel stopped the mouths of the wild beasts in the lions’ den; and thou knowest how the Children with Azarias quenched through their faith the flames of the fiery furnace. *(Daniel 6:16-22; 3:23-25)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

All the names of the Old Testament have I set before thee, my soul, as an example. Imitate the holy acts of the righteous and flee from the sins of the wicked.

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

*Triadicon:* Father without beginning, coeternal Son, and loving Comforter, the Spirit of righteousness; Begetter of the Word of God, Word of the eternal Father, Spirit living and creative: O Trinity in Unity, have mercy on me.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* As from purple silk, O undefiled Virgin, the spiritual robe of Emmanuel, His flesh, was woven in thy womb. Therefore, we honour thee as Theotokos in very truth.

**Ode IX**

*Great Canon of the St Andrew of Crete, Tone VI*

*Irmos:* Conception without seed; nativity past understanding, from a Mother who never knew a man; childbearing undefiled. For the birth of God makes both natures new. Therefore, as Bride and Mother of our God, with true worship all generations magnify thee.

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Christ was being tempted; the devil tempted Him, showing Him the stones that they might be made bread. He led Him up into a mountain, to see in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. O my soul, look with fear on what happened; watch and pray every hour to God. *(Matthew 4:3-9; 26:41)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

The Dove who loved the wilderness, the Lamp of Christ, the voice of one crying aloud, was heard preaching repentance; but Herod sinned with Herodias. O my soul, see that thou art not trapped in the snares of the lawless, but embrace repentance. *(Psalm 45:7; John 5:35; Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:2-3; 14: 3; Psalm 123:7)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

The Forerunner of Grace went to dwell in the wilderness, and Judea and all Samaria ran to hear him; they confessed their sins and were baptized eagerly. But thou, my soul, hast not imitated them. *(Matthew 3:5-6)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Marriage is honourable, and the marriage-bed undefiled. For on both Christ has given His blessing, eating in the flesh at the wedding in Cana, turning the water into wine and revealing His first miracle, to bring thee, my soul, to a change of life. *(Hebrews 13:4; John 2:1-11)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

Christ gave strength to the paralyzed man, and he took up his bed; He raised from the dead the young man, the son of the widow, and the centurion’s servant; He appeared to the woman of Samaria and spoke to thee, my soul, of worship in spirit. *(Matthew 9: 2-7; Luke 7:11-15; Matthew 8:6-13; John 4:24)*

*Refrain:* Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.

By the touch of the hem of His garment, the Lord healed the woman with an issue of blood; He cleansed lepers and gave sight to the blind and made the lame walk upright; He cured by His word the deaf and the dumb and the woman bowed to the ground, to bring thee, wretched soul, to salvation. *(Matthew 9:20-22; 10:8; 11:5; Luke 13:11-13)*

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

*Triadicon:* Let us glorify the Father, let us exalt the Son, and with faith let us worship the Spirit of God, undivided Trinity and Unity in essence. Let us adore Light and Lights, Life and Lives, giving light and life to the ends of the earth.

Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:* Watch over Thy city, all-pure Mother of God. For by thee she reigns in faith, by thee she is made strong; by thee she is victorious, putting to flight every temptation, despoiling the enemy and ruling her subjects.

*Refrain:* Holy Father Andrew, pray to God for us.

Venerable Andrew, father thrice-blessed, shepherd of Crete, cease not to offer prayer for us who sing thy praises; that we may be delivered from all danger and distress, from corruption and sin, who honour thy memory with faith.

*And we repeat the Irmos*:

Conception without seed; nativity past understanding, from a Mother who never knew a man; childbearing undefiled. For the birth of God makes both natures new. Therefore, as Bride and Mother of our God, with true worship all generations magnify thee.

**Reader:** It is truly meet to bless thee, the Theotokos, ever blessed and most blameless, and Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

**Trisagion Prayers**

**Reader:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *Thrice.*

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

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

Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

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

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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

**Reader:** Amen.

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. *Forty times.*

**The Prayer of the Hours**

Thou Who at all times and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, Who art long-suffering, plenteous in mercy, most compassionate, Who loveth the righteous and hast mercy on sinners, Who callest all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Receive, O Lord, our prayers at this hour, and guide our life toward Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, make chaste our bodies, correct our thoughts, purify our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guarded and guided by their array, we may attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

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

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, father (Master) bless.

**Priest:**  God be gracious unto us and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

**Reader:** Amen.

**The Prayer of St Ephraim the Syrian**

**Priest:** O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and idle talking give me not. *Prostration.*

But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant. *Prostration.*

Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my own failings and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen. *Prostration.*

*Then twelve reverences. With each one we say:*

O God, cleanse me a sinner.

*Then, the entire prayer without a break:*

O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and idle talking give me not. But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me Thy servant. Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my own failings and not condemn my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. *Prostration.*

**Reader:** Amen.

**The Dismissal**

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

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

Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

Father (Master), bless.

**Priest:** O Master plenteous in mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ our God: Through the intercessions of our immaculate Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary; through the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the mediations of the honourable, heavenly Bodiless Hosts; of the honourable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy glorious, and all-praised apostles; of the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; of our holy and God-bearing fathers; of the holy and Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints: make our prayer acceptable; grant us the remission of our sins; shelter us with the shelter of Thy wings; drive away from us every enemy and adversary; make our life peaceful, O Lord; have mercy on us and on Thy world, and save our souls, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

**Chanters:** Amen.