

Moleben to the Theotokos for October 2024

This moleben has been composed for the special purpose of praying for the our country during October 2024 in advance of the November general election.

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

Glory to you, our God, glory to you!

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O gracious One.

+ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. *(3 times)*

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; Lord, cleanse us of our sins; Master, forgive our transgressions; Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(3 times)*

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. 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.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *(12 times)*

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

+ Come, let us worship our King and God!

+ Come, let us worship Christ, our King and God!

+ Come, let us worship and bow before the only Lord Jesus Christ, the King and our God!

PSALM 93

O Lord, avenging God,

avenging God, shine forth!

Judge of the earth, arise;

give the proud what they deserve!

How long, O Lord, shall the wicked,

how long shall the wicked triumph?

They bluster with arrogant speech;

those who do evil boast to each other.

They crush your people, Lord;

and they humble your inheritance.

They kill the widow and the stranger,

and murder the fatherless child.

And they say, "The Lord does not see;

the God of Jacob pays no heed."

Mark this, you senseless people;

fools, when will you understand?

Can he who planted the ear not hear?

Can he who formed the eye not see?

Will he who trains the nations not punish?

Will he who teaches man not have knowledge?

The Lord knows the plans of man.

He knows they are no more than a breath.

Blessed the man whom you discipline, O Lord,

whom you train by means of your law;
to whom you give peace in evil days,
while the pit is being dug for the wicked.
The Lord will not abandon his people,
nor forsake those who are his heritage;
for judgment shall again be just,
and all true hearts shall uphold it.
Who will stand up for me against the wicked?
Who will defend me from those who do evil?
If the Lord were not to help me,
my soul would soon go down to the silence.
When I think, "I have lost my foothold,"
your mercy, O Lord, holds me up.
When cares increase in my heart,
your consolation calms my soul.
Can judges who do evil be your friends?
They do injustice under cover of law;
they attack the life of the just,
and condemn the innocent to death.
As for me, the Lord will be a stronghold;
my God will be the rock where I take refuge.
He will repay them for their wickedness, destroy them
for their evil deeds.
The Lord, our God, will destroy them.

Concluding with:

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

+ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to you, O God!

(3 times)

Litany of Peace

Lord, have mercy. *(12 times)*

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

The Lord is God

This acclamation is sung in the tone of the first troparion that follows it, with the verses between chanted in the psalm tone.

The Lord is God and has revealed himself to us; + blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

v. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love endures forever.

v. They encircled me, compassed me about; in the Lord's name I crushed them.

v. I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

v. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Troparia and Theotokion

Troparion Tone 4 Protected by your appearance, O Theotokos; today, we devout people solemnly celebrate. Gazing upon your most pure icon, we fervently say: Protect us with your holy veil, and deliver us from all evil, imploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls. *(3 times)*

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offense.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them;

my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.
Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
Sprinkle me with hyssop, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.
A pure heart create for me, O God;
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.
Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, my saving God,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a contrite, humbled heart you will not spurn.
In your goodness, O Lord, show favor to Zion:
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, burnt offerings wholly consumed,
then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.

Canon

Take one of the ode from among Odes 1 through 8, then the Kontakion, Prokeimenon, and Gospel reading, followed by Ode 9.

Ode 1 - Monday

Irmos Tone 4 I will open my mouth; it will be filled by the Holy Spirit, and I will offer praise to the Queen Mother. I will celebrate in joy; in my rejoicing I will sing of these wonders.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

When the great archangel saw you, O immaculate one, as the living book of Christ, sealed by the Spirit, he cried unto you: Rejoice, vessel of joy, through whom the curse of our first-mother is loosed.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Rejoice, O virgin bride of God, the uplifter of Adam and death-knell of Hades; rejoice, O all-blameless one, the palace of the only King; rejoice, the fiery throne of the Almighty.

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

Rejoice, the Unwithering Rose; rejoice, who bear the fragrant Apple; rejoice, for you gave birth to the agreeable fruit and the fragrant aroma of our King; rejoice, O bride and maiden ever pure, who brings salvation to the world.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Rejoice, treasury of purity, who raises us up when we had fallen; rejoice royal lily, who fragrance fills the faithful; rejoice, sweet-smelling incense and most precious perfume.

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Ode 3 - Tuesday

Irmos Tone 4 O Theotokos, life-giving source of blessings, grant strength to those united in faith who sing hymns of praise to you. In your glory, grant them the crowns of victory.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

You have made the wheat of heaven spring up in the untilled field; rejoice, mystical table who bore the Bread of Life; rejoice, sovereign Virgin, never-failing spring of life-giving water.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Rejoice, for you gave birth to the Victim without blemish; rejoice, Mother of the Lamb Who takes away the sin of the world; rejoice, fervent mediator.

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

Rejoice, brilliant dawn, who alone bore Christ our Sun; rejoice, tabernacle of the Light, Who dispelled the darkness of death and dispersed the gloom of demons.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Rejoice, only gate through whom the Word alone has passed; by giving birth, O Virgin, you shattered the gates and bolts of Hades; rejoice divine entryway of the redeemed people, O Virgin.

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Ode 4 - Wednesday

Irmos Tone 4 Jesus, the true God, Who sits in glory upon the divine throne, now appears riding on a swift cloud; and with his pure hand He saves those who cry: Glory to Your power, O Christ.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

With our hymns and our voices, we, the faithful, sing to you, O Virgin, worthy of our praise: Rejoice, fertile mountain, uplifted by the Spirit; rejoice, golden candlestick and vessel containing the manna, savory sweetness for the faithful.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Rejoice, intercessor for the world and most pure Queen; rejoice, ladder leading from earth to grace; rejoice, bridge leading from death to life all the faithful who honor you with their hymns.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Higher than the heavens, in your womb you held the earth's Pillar and Foundation, and you did not suffer pains of childbirth, O Maiden. Rejoice, O sea-shell that dipped in your own pure blood the purple robe dyed for the King of Heaven.

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

Rejoice, for you gave birth to our Lawgiver, O Queen; He freely wiped out our sins; rejoice, unfathomable ocean, and indescribable peak; unwedded spouse through whom we are deified.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

For the world, you have woven a crown not made by human hands; we sing to you and cry out: Rejoice, holy Virgin and protectress of all, unshakeable rampart, fortress and sacred refuge.

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Ode 5 - Thursday

Irmos Tone 4 All nations marveled at your divine glory, for you, O Virgin who have not known wedlock, carried

within your womb the God of all, the eternal Son to Whom you gave birth; He grants salvation to all who sing your praises.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Rejoice, for you gave birth to the Way of Life; rejoice, for you saved the world from the deluge of sin; rejoice, Bride of God, hearing and speaking about Whom thrills; rejoice, dwelling of the Creator and Lord.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Rejoice, most pure one, fortress and rampart of humans; rejoice, abode of glory and dread of Hades; rejoice, splendor of virgins and joy of the angels in heaven; rejoice, protectress of the faithful who call upon you.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Rejoice, fiery chariot of the divine Word; rejoice, Queen and mystical Paradise, in who midst the Lord becomes the new Tree of Life, Whose sweetness takes the place of the bitterness of death for the faithful who eat its life-giving fruit.

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

Strengthened by your power, we cry out in faith: Rejoice, city of the great King; those who speak of you, worthily glorify you; rejoice, unfathomable abyss and uncut mountain.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Rejoice, spacious tabernacle of the Word of God; rejoice, most pure one, for you have fashioned the divine jewel; rejoice, unparalleled wonder; you reconcile with God those who always proclaim you blessed, O Theotokos.

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Ode 6 - Friday

Irmos Tone 4 Come, O you faithful, and clap your hands as we celebrate this holy and solemn feast of the Theotokos. Glorify Him Who was born of her.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Rejoice, nuptial chamber of the divine Word, the reason for the deification of us all; rejoice, O immaculate Virgin, about whom the prophets have heard; rejoice, adornment of the apostles.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

The dew has fallen from you, the flame of polytheism has been extinguished, therefore we cry to you: Rejoice, Virgin, the watered fleece, which Gideon contemplated in advance!

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

For us who sing to you, Rejoice, be a peaceful harbor in the midst of the waters, a refuge in the ocean of tribulations, and a shelter against the deceits of the Enemy.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

O cause of our Joy, become a pier for us, who are sailing on the sea; give us wisdom to sing to you: Rejoice, bush that burns without being consumed; rejoice, bright cloud covering the faithful with its never-ending shadow.

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Ode 7 - Saturday

Irmos Tone 4 The three youths courageously walked in the flaming furnace, preferring to worship the Creator

rather than created things, and they sang out in joy:
Blessed are You and praised above all, O God of our
fathers.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

We sing of your praises and cry out to you: Rejoice,
chariot of the spiritual Sun; you are truly the vine who
produced the sweet grape Whose wine brings joy to the
faithful who glorify you.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

You have given birth to the One Who heals all wounds;
rejoice, divine Bride, mystical branch which blossomed
with immortality; rejoice, O Queen who fill us with joy
and make us inheritors of life.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

The tongue of orators is perplexed when it seeks to
praise you, O Theotokos; you are exalted more than the
Seraphim in giving birth to Christ our King; intercede
with Him to save from all danger the faithful who ven-
erate you.

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

The ends of the earth proclaim you blessed, and they
sing with love: Rejoice, holy book in which the hand
of the Father has inscribed His Word; we ask you to
beseech Him to inscribe your servants in the Book of
Life, O Theotokos!

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

We, your servants, beseech you and we bow our hearts
before you: Incline your ear, O Purest One, and save
us from the abyss of temptations; protect your people
from the darts of the Enemy, O holy Theotokos.

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Ode 8 - Sunday

Irmos Tone 4 The three youths in the furnace were saved by the Offspring of the Theotokos. He Who was foretold has been born on earth, and He joins together all creation to sing to you: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and praise Him above all forever!

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

You have received the Word into your womb; you have borne the One Who bears the world in His hand; with your milk, you nourished the One Who nourishes the whole world. Therefore, we sing to Him: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and praise Him above all forever!

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Moses recognized in the burning bush the great mystery of your childbearing; the youths clearly prefigured it when they stood in the midst of the flames without being consumed; O holy and most pure Virgin, we bless you above all forever!

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Once stripped through the deceit of the Serpent, through your childbearing we have regained the garment of immortality; we who once sat in the darkness of sin, now have seen the Light dwelling in your womb; O Virgin and tabernacle of light, we praise you above all forever!

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

Through you the dead regain life, for you have conceived the personification of Life; those who are mute begin to speak, those with leprosy are purified, sickness

is driven back, and the multitude of evil spirits is overcome, through you, O Virgin, the salvation of mortals. Now and ever and forever. Amen.

You, who gave birth to the Salvation of the world, the One through Whom we ascended from earth to the height; rejoice, All-Blessed One, the cover and fortress, wall and stronghold, O Pure One, for those who sing: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and praise Him above all forever!

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Kontakion

Kontakion Tone 6 Steadfast Protectress of Christians, unshakable Mediatrix before the Creator, do not despise the prayerful voices of sinners; but in your goodness hurry to assist those who faithfully cry out to you. Hasten to intercede and heed our supplication, interceding always, Theotokos, in behalf of those who honor you.

Prokeimenon

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Ps 106) Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction, and he saved them out of their distresses.

v. And he brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bonds asunder.

(Repeat Prokeimenon)

Let everything that lives

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Ps 150) Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord

v. Praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens.

(Repeat Prokeimenon)

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to the holy apostle and evangelist Matthew (*Mt 24:6-10, 12-13, 21-22*).

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

The Lord said, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth-pangs. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold. But he who endures to the end will be saved. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Litany of Fervent Supplication

Lord, have mercy. *(40 times)*

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY IN TIME OF DISTRESS

O Lord God, our Savior: With broken hearts we fall down before you and we confess our sins and iniquities by which we have alienated your deep compassion and have shut out your tender mercies. For we have departed from you, O Master, and we have not kept your commandments nor done what you have commanded us. Therefore, you have been angered against us and you have visited our transgressions with an iron rod and our unrighteous deeds with wounds. You have stretched forth your arm, and the earth laments, and the sickness

of death has overtaken us. And you have struck us with discord and strife; and you have given us as refuse unto our enemies, and we have become least of all nations and have become as a taunt and derision unto our neighbors. O God, great and wonderful, who repent over the evils of men, who lift up those who are cast down and set aright those who have fallen: Send down your heavenly power from Heaven, heal the wounds of our souls, and raise us up from the bed of sickness, for our loins are filled with weakness, we are sick with unrighteousness and inflamed with iniquity. Calm the agitation and discord in our land, banish from us slander and conflict, murder and drunkenness, bitter disputes and scandals, and burn out of our hearts every impurity, conflict, and evil, that again we all may love one another and abide as one in you, O Lord our God, as you have commanded and directed us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have been filled with humiliation and none of us are worthy to lift up our eyes to Heaven. Remember the mercies which you have shown unto our fathers, change your wrath into loving-kindness, and grant unto us help in afflictions. Your Church prays you, through the mediation of your friends, the saints who are standing before you, and especially of all the saints that have shone in our land, and, most important, of the most-holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, all those who have protected and aided our land from times of old. Instruct us and strengthen all who are in authority, and proclaim unto them good things concerning your Church and all your people. With the power of your Cross, strengthen our armed forces, and deliver them from every snare of the enemy. Raise up for us men of strength and understanding, and grant unto all

of us a spirit of wisdom and the fear of God, a spirit of strength and piety. Amen.¹

Ode 9 - Everyday

Irmos Tone 4 May every child of the earth exult in spirit and hold aloft the burning lamp; may the angels in heaven praise with joy the holy feast of the Mother of God and sing to her: Rejoice, O blessed and Ever-Virgin, holy Theotokos.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Deliver us from the unending trials, from the chains of the Enemy, and every other scourge that justly threatens us because of our sins, that we may sing to you, Rejoice, for we are the faithful who have become participants in your joy.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

You are our confidence and our light; therefore, we cry out to you: Rejoice, unsetting star, who have brought our Sun into the world; rejoice, pure Virgin, for you open Eden which had formerly been closed to us; vessel of myrrh who have received the inexhaustible ointment poured out upon you.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Let us stand with fear in the house of God and say: Rejoice, Queen of the universe; rejoice, Mary, Lady of our hearts; rejoice, O all-fair and all-pure one, rejoice, pillar of fire, leading mortals to their heavenly homeland.

¹ The prokeimenon, Gospel reading, and prayer have been adapted from "A Molieben for the Salvation of [Our Land] and the Appeasing in It of Discord and Strife", St. Tikhon's Monastery, trans., *The Great Book of Needs: Expanded and Supplemented*, vol. IV (South Canaan, PA: St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, 1999), 128-129.

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

Rejoice, Ever-Virgin dove, who gave birth to the God of goodness; rejoice, glory of all the saints and crown of martyrs, the adornment of the just and the salvation of all our souls.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Spare your inheritance, O Lord, closing your eyes to all our sins; favorably accept the intercession of the one who bore You on earth, O Christ, when, in Your sovereign love, You deigned to clothe yourself in human nature.

Repeat the Irmos here as the Katavasia.

Samohlasen Tone 6 It is truly proper to glorify you, O Theotokos, the ever-blessed, immaculate, and the mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim; who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

LESSER DOXOLOGY

Glory to God in the highest,

and to people on earth, peace and good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, Father Almighty;

Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,

hear our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord, Jesus
Christ,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name forever.
O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.
I said: Lord, have mercy on me,
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.
O Lord, I have fled to you,
teach me to do your will, for you, O Lord, are my
God.
In you is the source of life
and in your light we see light.
Extend your mercy
to those who know you.
Make us worthy, O Lord,
to be kept sinless this morning.
Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
and praiseworthy and glorious is your name for-
ever. Amen.
May your mercy, O Lord, be upon us
who have placed our hope in you.
+ Blessed are you, O Lord,
teach me your commandments.
+ Blessed are you, O Master,
make me understand your commandments.
+ Blessed are you, O Holy One,
enlighten me with your commandments.
O Lord, your mercy is forever;
despise not the work of your hands.

To you is due praise,
to you is due a hymn;
to you is glory due, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Conclusion

+ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. *(3 times)*

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; Lord, cleanse us of our sins; Master, forgive our transgressions; Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(3 times)*

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. 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.

Amen.

Troparia of Repentance

Troparion Tone 6 adapt. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us: since we have no defense, we sinners offer this supplication to you, our Master; have mercy on us.

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

Lord, have mercy on us, for in you we place our hope. Be not exceedingly angry with us, nor mindful of our transgressions, but look upon us even now with mercy and deliver us from our enemies. For you are our God and we are your people: we all are the work of your hands, and we call upon your name.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Open unto us the doors of mercy, O blessed Theotokos. Let us not perish who place our trust in you, but rather through you be delivered from misfortune. For you are the salvation of all Christians.

Litany of Fervent Supplication

Lord, have mercy. *(40 times)*

PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Most gracious Lady, now receive from us, your unworthy servants, these worthy gifts of praise fitting to you alone, who are more honorable than any human being and more beautiful than all of creation seen or unseen. Blessed is the root of Jesse, and thrice-blessed the house of David from which you blossomed forth. God is with you and you will not be shaken. The Most High sanctified you, His tabernacle, and in you the covenants and vows of God to our fathers received a glorious fulfillment, for through you the Lord of powers came to be with us. Blessed are you for all generations, O holy and blessed one, more exalted than all creatures both in heaven and on earth, more splendid than the Cherubim and more glorious than the Seraphim, the boast of virgins and stronghold of the faithful. Most praiseworthy Theotokos, do not cease praying for us, your unworthy servants, that we may be delivered from the evil one and from all misfortune. O Lady, through you we have

come to know the Son of God, and have been deemed worthy of His all-holy Body and Blood. By your supplications, keep us free from condemnation until the end, that we all may be saved in all things, as we magnify you with love. We give glory to your Son, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

More honorable than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim; who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *(3 times)*

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

Closing Hymn

Special Tone Beneath your compassion we take refuge, O Virgin Theotokos. Despise not our prayers in our need, but deliver us from dangers, for you alone are pure and blessed.

