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*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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At the appointed time we begin:

O God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me (3).

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

O Heavenly King, the comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O good One.

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3)

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto 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 the evil one.

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

Lord have mercy (12) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! (metania)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! (metania)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself our King and our God! (metania)

## **Psalm 104**

Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you have become exceedingly glorious; you are clothed with majesty and honor. You clothe yourself with light as with a garment, and spread out the heavens like a curtain. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters, and make the clouds your chariot, and walk upon the wings of the wind. You make winds your messengers, and flames of fire your ministers. You laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stand above the hills. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away. They went up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath, even to the place you had appointed for them. You have set bounds for them which they shall not pass; neither shall they again cover the earth. You send the springs into the rivers, which run among the hills. All beasts of the field drink thereof, and the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them shall the birds of the air have their habitation and sing among the branches. You water the hills from above; the earth is filled with the fruit of your works. You bring forth grass for the cattle, and plants for the service of mankind, That they may bring food out of the earth, and wine that makes glad the heart, and oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen the heart. The trees of the LORD also are full of sap, even the cedars of Lebanon which he planted, Wherein the birds make their nests, and the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats, and so are the stony cliffs for the rock badgers. You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows its going down. You make darkness that it may be night, in which all the beasts of the forest move.

The lions, roaring after their prey, seek their meat from God. The sun arises, and they go away together, and lay themselves down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work, and to his labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

So is the great and wide sea also, in which are things creeping innumerable, creatures both small and great. There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan, whom you made to take its pleasure therein. These all wait upon you, that you may give them food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it, and when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When you let your breath go forth, they shall be made, and you shall renew the face of the earth. The glorious majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever; the LORD shall rejoice in his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; if he even touches the hills, they shall smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being, And so shall my words please him; my joy shall be in the LORD. As for sinners, they shall perish from the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end. Praise the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

## **Great Litany**

*Is chanted by the Priest*

### **Lord, I Call**

(Tone 6) Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

*(6) If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee.*

Like spiritual rivers issuing forth separately from Eden, O wise ones, ye have watered the whole earth, and, having ploughed it, have sown the preaching of salvation, and reaped right fruitful grain, the souls of the saved, laying them up in the noetic granaries like riches of great price, O disciples of the Lord.

*(5) For thy name's sake have I patiently waited for thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for thy word: My soul hath hoped in the Lord*

From the darkness of passions and pleasures, free my heart, which is sorely distressed by the passions, O ye who are luminaries of the noetic East, allradiant heralds of the Sun, who announce unto all Him that hath banished the night of unbelief. Entreat ye Him that He also enlighten our minds, in that ye were eyewitnesses unto Him.

*(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch: Let Israel hope in the Lord.*

Bearing the saving Word, which was written by the Spirit through the finger of the Father, ye were truly shown to be divinely-inscribed tablets of the new grace, initiates of His mysteries, and animate scrolls; wherefore, ye traversed all the ends of the earth, manifestly showing all men the Orthodox Faith, and the path which leadeth to the heavens.

*(3) For with the Lord, there is mercy; and, with Him, is plenteous redemption: And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Tone 8) What now, O Pimen, shall we call thee? Model of monks, and accomplisher of healings, who, with the stripes of abstinence, wounded the passions of the soul, citizen of heaven and converser with angels, inhabitant of the city on high, a vessel of the virtues, and the confirmation of the pious; pray thou that our souls be saved.

*(2) O praise the Lord, all ye nations: Praise Him, all ye people.*

What now, O Pimen, shall we declare thee? Dweller in the desert and lover of stillness, up-rooter of the passions, and instructor of monks, deluge of the teachings of the divine Spirit, perpetual lamp of discernment, true worker of wonders, who healest diverse sufferings; pray thou that our souls be saved.

*(1) For His merciful kindness is great towards us: And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

As a beacon of discernment, thou illuminest the souls that approach thee with faith, and showest them the path of life, O wise one; wherefore, we bless thee with praises, celebrating thy holy solemnity, O Pimen, boast of the fathers, adornment of the fasters; pray thou that our souls be saved.

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

(Tone 6) O venerable father, throughout all the earth, thy preaching of correction hath gone forth; wherefore, in the heavens, hast thou found the reward for thy labours: thou hast quelled the hosts of the devils, and hast reached the orders of the angels, unto whose life without spot thou hast attained: having boldness before Christ God, ask thou peace for our souls.

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

(Tone 6) Envyng thy flock, O all-pure one, the wicked adversary ever striveth to make it his food; but, O The-o-to-kos, deliver us from his harm.

## **Gladsome Light**

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed, O Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise O Son of God, and Giver of Life. Therefore all the world doth glorify Thee!

## **Evening Prokeimenon**

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 5<sup>th</sup> tone: Save me, O God, by Thy name and judge me by Thy strength!

*Verse: Hear my prayer, O God, hearken to the words of my mouth!*

### **Vouchsafe, O Lord**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

### **Evening Litany & Prayer at the Bowing of our Heads**

*Is chanted by the Priest*

#### **Aposticha**

(Tone 2) O Saviour, Thou hast magnified throughout the whole world the names of Thy chief apostles; for they learnt the ineffable things of heaven, and granted healings unto those on earth. They healed diseases by their shadows alone. They who were fishermen worked wonders; they who were Jews theologized the doctrines of grace. O Thou Who art full of loving kindness, for their sake, grant us great mercy.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God Until He have mercy upon us.

We, who are ever assailed by the actions of the unrighteous, yet truly find refuge in Thee, Who art God, offer unto Thee the voice of Thy disciples, saying: Save

us, O our Instructor, for we are perishing; and we pray: Show now to our enemies that Thou protectest men, and, through the supplications of the apostles, savest them from misfortunes, overlooking their sins in Thy great goodness. O Lord, glory to Thee.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with humiliation; let reproach come upon the wealthy and abasement on the proud.

Great is the glory ye have acquired by faith: for, ye not only vanquished the enemy in your sufferings, but, in death, ye drive away evil spirits and heal the infirm, O physicians of souls and bodies; pray ye to the Lord, that our souls find mercy.

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

(Tone 8) Thou wast a teacher of a multitude of monks, O Pimen our father: for, by thy path, have we truly learned to walk aright; blessed art thou who, labouring for Christ, also denouncedst the power of the enemy, O converser with the angels, sharer of the portion of the venerable and the righteous: together with them, pray to the Lord, that He may have mercy on our souls.

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

Amen. (Tone 8) I, O holy Virgin Theotokos, flee to thy protection: for I know that, through thee, I shall obtain salvation; for thou art able, O pure one, to help me.

### **St. Symeon's Prayer**

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

### **Trisagion (Thrice Holy)**

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

## **Troparia**

(Tone 8) With the streams of thy tears thou cultivatedst the barren desert; and with sighs from the depths of thy soul thou renderedst thy labours fruitful an hundredfold; and thou becamest a beacon for the whole world resplendent with miracles. Entreat Christ God, O our venerable father Pimen, that our souls be saved.

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

(Tone 8) Pure Theotokos and gate of eternal life: save from danger those that run to thee with faith to glorify thy holy childbearing for the salvation of our souls.

## **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

*Is chanted by the Priest*

## Dismissal

Wisdom! Blessed be He Who Is, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.

Most holy Theotokos, save us! More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, and our only sure hope, glory to Thee!

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

Lord have Mercy (3)

Lord Bless.

May Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the patron of this holy house, **of the Venerable Pimen** who we commemorate today, of all those Saints who have shone forth in this North American land, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind. Amen.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Igumen David Lewis**

**Archbishop David Mahaffey**

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**Child of God:** Emily Estrin

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**