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READER'S TYPIKA ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

(13th Sunday after Pentecost)

***The Holy Hieromartyr Anthimos of Nicomedia;
The Venerable Theoktistos, Fellow Ascetic of Euthymios the Great***

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

Reader: Amen.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS

People: 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 ages of ages. Amen

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. 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 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.

Leader: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

All: Amen.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (*12 times*)

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

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

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

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

THE FIRST ANTIPHON: PSALM 102

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath done for thee, Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thine infirmities, Who redeemeth thy life from corruption, Who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion, Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the eagle's. The Lord performeth deeds of mercy, and executeth judgement for all them that are wronged. He hath made His ways known unto Moses, unto the sons of Israel the things that He hath willed. Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy; not unto the end will He be angered, neither unto eternity will He be wroth. Not according to our iniquities hath He dealt with us, neither according to our sins hath He rewarded us. For according to the height of heaven from the earth, the Lord hath made His mercy to prevail over them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our iniquities from

us. Like as a father hath compassion upon his sons, so hath the Lord had compassion upon them that fear Him; for He knoweth whereof we are made, He hath remembered that we are dust. As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth. For when the wind is passed over it, then it shall be gone, and no longer will it know the place thereof. But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even unto eternity, upon them that fear Him. And His righteousness is upon sons of sons, upon them that keep His testament and remember His commandments to do them. The Lord in heaven hath prepared His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, all ye His angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words. Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts, His ministers that do His will. Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion.

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

And again: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name; blessed art Thou, O Lord.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON: PSALM 145

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord in my life, I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being. Trust ye not in princes, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation. His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return unto his earth. In that day all his thoughts shall perish. Blessed is he of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who hath made heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is therein, Who keepeth truth unto eternity, Who executeth judgement for the wronged, Who giveth food unto the hungry. The Lord looseth the fettered; the Lord maketh wise the blind; the Lord setteth aright the fallen; the Lord loveth the righteous; the Lord preserveth the proselytes. He shall adopt for His own the orphan and widow, and the way of sinners shall He destroy. The Lord shall be king unto eternity; thy God, O Sion, unto generation and generation.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE HYMN OF JUSTINIAN

Choir: Only-begotten Son and Word of God, who art im-mortal, who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, and without change became man; and wast crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled down death by death; who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

THE BEATITUDES IN TONE FOUR

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

For the Resurrection in Tone Four

Verse 12: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Because of the tree, Adam lost his habitation in Paradise; by the Tree of the Cross, the thief inhabited Paradise; for the one, by tasting, set at nought the commandment of the Creator; and the other, who was crucified with Thee, confessed Thee, the hidden God, as he cried: Remember me in Thy Kingdom.

Verse 11: Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Thou Who wast lifted up upon the Cross and didst destroy the power of death, and Who, as God, didst blot out the handwriting that was against us, O Lord, only Friend of man, do Thou grant the repentance of the thief also unto us who worship Thee with faith, O Christ our God, and cry unto Thee: Remember us also, in Thy Kingdom.

Verse 10: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Upon the Cross didst Thou tear up with the spear the handwriting that was against us; and being counted among the dead, Thou didst bind the tyrant there, delivering all men from the bonds of death by Thy Resurrection, whereby we have been enlightened, O man-befriending Lord, and we cry to Thee: Remember us also, in Thy Kingdom.

Verse 9: Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Thou Who wast crucified and didst arise from the grave on the third day as One Mighty, and didst raise up Adam the first-fashioned man, O only Immortal One, vouchsafe that I also, O Lord, may turn to repentance with my whole heart, and ever cry unto Thee with fervent faith: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

For St. Anthimos¹ in Tone Four

Verse 8: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Like Christ, thou gavest thyself up to them that sought thee, and wast led to the slaughter like a distinguished ram, O Anthimus, sanctifying with thy blood all that honour thee.

Verse 7: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Like Christ, thou gavest thyself up to them that sought thee, and wast led to the slaughter like a distinguished ram, O Anthimus, sanctifying with thy blood all that honour thee.

Verse 6: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

After thou hadst destroyed every deception of the demons by divine grace, thou wast led away as a bondsman, O Martyr Anthimus, portraying Him that was bound for thy sake, and by death destroyed death.

Verse 5: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Seeing all the instruments of burning and torture before thine eyes, thou wast not shaken in mind, but wentest ardently to torments, O much-contending Anthimus.

For St. Theoktistos² in Tone Eight

Verse 4: Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Thou didst rise as the sun upon those on earth, enlightening them with the beacon-fire of godliness, sowing abroad the brightness of the virtues, and teaching the splendour of chastity, O Theoctistus; and now do thou make the whole world peaceful by thy prayers.

Verse 3: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in the heavens.

Thou didst rise as the sun upon those on earth, enlightening them with the beacon-fire of godliness, sowing abroad the brightness of the virtues, and teaching the splendour of chastity, O Theoctistus; and now do thou make the whole world peaceful by thy prayers.

Verse 2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Employing thy divinely-wise reason, thou didst scorn all things on earth and didst most wisely prefer the inheritance of the Heavens, O all-blessed Father Theoctistus; and now thou verily goest about rejoicing in the Heavens.

Verse 1: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

¹ From 3rd Ode of Matins canon for St. Anthimos.

² From 6th Ode of Matins canon for St. Theoktistos.

We were captivated with desire of the majestic and divine beauty of Christ, Who appeared incarnate in the world from the holy and pure Mother of God, and ye became examples of the perfect manner of life for monks.

THE SUNDAY EISODIKON

Verse: O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Choir: O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Apolytikia:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. ANTHIMOS IN TONE ONE

*(**While Gabriel was saying**)*

O godly-minded Anthimos, as a staunch defender * of thy flock, thou eagerly sheddest thy blood for its protection. * Unbending and wholly unafraid * of all thine adversaries' fearful threats, * thou rejoicest now in Heaven, standing before * the throne of the Three-Sun Godhead. * Glory to Christ Who hath given thee strength. * Glory to thy manly bravery. * Glory to thy patient endurance in martyrdom.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. THEOKTISTOS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theoktistos, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN TONE ONE

*(**The soldiers standing guard**)*

When Christ God had been born for our sakes from the Virgin, thou faith-fully didst follow Him, keeping His statutes and heeding His sacred laws, O august Mary Magdalene. Hence, as we today observe thy holy remembrance, we receive the loosing of our sins and transgressions through thy holy prayer(s) for us.

THE TRISAGION HYMN

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.

Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

THE APOSTOLOS & THE GOSPEL

PROKEIMENON, TONE 4

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. (*Ps.103:26a*)
{*twice*}

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.
(*Ps.103:1*)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

THE SUNDAY APOSTOLOS:

Reader: The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians §166 (16:13-24).

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

ALLELUIA, TONE 4

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 1: Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness. (*Ps.44:3b*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity. Wherefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness more than Thy fellows. (*Ps.44:6*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL:

Reader: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew §87 (21:33-42).

Choir: Glory the Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Reader: The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Choir: Glory the Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Then we sing the following, in tone 6

Choir: Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

- Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.
- Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Verse: Come unto Him, and be enlightened and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

The choir of Holy angels and archangels, with all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

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 worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very 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 heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and 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;

And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Leader: Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

All: 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.

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

All: Amen.

Kontakia:

KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE FOUR

*(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)*

Now hath my Deliverer * and mighty Savior * raised the earthborn from the grave * and from their bonds, since He is God; * and He hath crushed Hades' brazen gates * and is arisen the third day as Sovereign Lord.

KONTAKION FOR ST. ANTHIMOS IN TONE FOUR

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

Among God's priests wast thou distinguished for fervour; * and in completing well thy course as a Martyr, * thou didst quench all the power of idolatry; * for thou wast the champion * of thy

flock; hence, it crieth * unto thee now mystically, as it showeth * thee honour: * Deliver us from perils by thy prayers, * O godly-minded and glorious Anthimus.

KONTAKION FOR ST. THEOKTISTOS IN TONE EIGHT

(**As first-fruits of our nature**)

Thou didst preserve the dignity of thy soul free of every stain, * which as God's creature, thou wholly didst dedicate unto the Lord, O righteous one; * and divinely enlightened, * thou didst rise to the pinnacle of true godliness, * O godly Theoctistus, confirming thy name in very deed.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

Leader: Lord, have mercy. (12 times)

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

Choir: One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM 33

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

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong. The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

It is truly meet and right to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare

than the seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: We magnify thee.

READING(S)

THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMUS, BISHOP OF NICOMEDEA

After the death of the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, their Bishop Anthimus fled to a certain village to care for his remaining flock. The Emperor Maximian sent men in search of him. When they found him, he promised to show Anthimus to them, but first took them in as guests, fed them, and only then made himself known to them. Amazed at his kindness, the soldiers promised him to tell Maximian that they had not found him. But Anthimus went willingly with them, and converting them by his admonitions, baptized them on the way. He boldly confessed his Faith before Maximian, and after frightful tortures was beheaded in the year 303 or 304. [From tyoos.org]

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OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER THEOCTISTUS, FELLOW ASCETIC OF SAINT EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT
Saint Theoctistus, a monk at the Palestinian lavra of Pharan, embraced a more severe life in the wilderness with his friend Saint Euthymius the Great (see Jan. 20). They founded a monastery, of which Theoctistus was the abbot. He reposed in deep old age in 451. [From tyoos.org]

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THE HOLY MARTYR CHARITON

The Holy Martyr Chariton met his end by being cast into a pit of lime [From Mystagogy]

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THE NEW-MARTYR POLYDOROS OF CYPRUS

Martyr Polydoros, from the city of Lefkosia on the island of Cyprus. For his conversion from Mohammedism to Christianity, the Turks hanged him after severely torturing him in New Ephesus in 1794. Many miracles were performed from his relics. [From holytrinityorthodox.com]

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PHOEBE THE DEACONESS OF CENCHREAE

Saint Phoebe the Deaconess is mentioned by the holy Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans (Rom. 16: 1-2). [From holytrinityorthodox.com]

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THE RIGHTEOUS BASILISSA OF NICOMEDIA

Saint Basilissa of Nicomedia suffered for her faith in Christ under the emperor Diocletian. The Nicomedia governor Alexander gave orders to arrest the nine year old Basilissa and force her to renounce Christ. But the young maiden displayed unshakable firmness in fidelity to her Lord and for this she was subjected to protracted and intense torture. But through the grace of God the holy martyress remained alive and unharmed. This was evident to all those present as a manifestation of the power of God, and it so shook up the governor Alexander, that he also came to believe in Christ and confessed himself a Christian. Baptised later by Bishop Anthymos, he lived for a short while afterwards in deep repentance, and then expired peacefully to the Lord, as also did Saint Basilissa some while after him. Her end was one of Christian peace and accompanied by miraculous signs of God's mercy (+ 309). [From holytrinityorthodox.com]

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IOANIKIOS I, PATRIARCH OF SERBIA

Saint Ioanikios, Patriarch of Serbia, was a native of the city of Prizren. At first, he was a secretary under king Karl (Charles) of Serbia, and later on from the year 1339, he guided the Church as Archbishop.

In the year 1346 a Council of all the Serbian archpastors, and including also the Patriarch of Bulgaria, at the wish of King Dushan, chose Archbishop Ioanikios as Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Saint Ioanikios reposed on September 3, 1349 and was buried in the Pech monastery. [From holytrinityorthodox.com]

THE DISMISSAL

The Leader bows toward the icon of Christ on the iconostasis, saying:

Leader: Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Lord, bless.

Leader: O Thou Who rose again from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of the *Holy Myrrh-Bearer and Equal to the Apostles Mary Magdalene*, protector of this community; of the Hieromartyr Anthimos of Nicomedia; Venerable Theoktistos, fellow ascetic with Euthymios the Great; Martyr Chariton; New-martyr Polydoros of Cyprus; Phoebe the deaconess of Cenchrae; Righteous Basilissa of Nicomedia; and Ioanikios I, patriarch of Serbia, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us, and save us, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

Then, facing the icon of Christ, on the iconostasis, the Leader says:

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

All: Amen.