

ORDER OF THE MOLEBEN
For Opening the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Before the divine service, a procession is formed in front of the church. The cross-bearer precedes, followed by the Icon of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Icon of the Theotokos "The Doors of Mercy," and thereafter the priests, hierarch, singers, and the faithful.

The procession circles once around the temple, according to the prescription of the Typikon. When this is completed, standing before the doors of the temple, the deacon intones:

Deacon: Master, give the blessing.

Hierarch: † Blessed be our God, always, now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

From Pascha to Ascension:

Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death,
and to the those in the tombs, giving life. (*thrice*)

Proceed to "Holy God..." (below)

From Ascension to Pentecost:

Proceed immediately to "Holy God..." (below)

A: † Glory be to You, our God, *glory* be to You.

B: Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, * who are everywhere present and fill all things, * Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, * come and dwell within us, * cleanse us of all that defiles us, ** and O Good One, *save* our souls.

A: † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

B: † Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have *mercy* on us.

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B: † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

A: Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

B: Trinity most holy, have mercy on us. * Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord; * pardon our transgressions, O Master; * look upon our weaknesses and heal them, O Holy One; ** for the *sake* of Your Name.

A: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have *mercy*.

B: † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

A: Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

B: 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.

Hierarch: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

A: Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

B: Lord, have mercy. (*six times*)

A: † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy *Spirit*.

B: Now and forever and *ever*. Amen.

A: † Come, let us bow in worship before our King and God.

B: † Come, let us bow in worship before Christ our King and God.

A: † Come, let us bow in worship and fall down before the very Lord Jesus Christ...

All: ...our King and God.

PSALM 24

A: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

I trust You, let me not be disappointed; *

do not let my enemies *triumph*.

B: Those who hope in You shall not be disappointed, *
but only those who *wantonly* break faith.

A: Lord, make me know Your ways. *
Lord, *teach* me Your paths.

B: Make me walk in Your truth, and teach me: *
for You are God my *savior*.

A: In You I hope all day long *
because of Your *goodness*, O Lord.

- B:** Remember Your mercy, Lord, *
and the love You have *shown* from of old.
- A:** Do not remember the sins of my youth. *
In Your love *remember* me.
- B:** The Lord is good and upright. *
He shows the path to *those* who stray,
- A:** He guides the humble in the right path, *
He teaches His *way* to the poor.
- B:** His ways are faithfulness and love *
for those who keep His *covenant* and law.
- A:** Lord, for the sake of Your name *
forgive my guilt, for *it* is great.
- B:** If anyone fears the Lord *
He will show him the path *he* should choose.
- A:** His soul shall live in happiness *
and his children shall possess the land.
- B:** The Lord's friendship is for those who revere Him; *
to them He reveals His *covenant*.
- A:** My eyes are always on the Lord; *
for He rescues my *feet* from the snare.
- B:** Turn to me and have mercy *
for I am *lonely* and poor.
- A:** Relieve the anguish of my heart *
and set me free from *my* distress.
- B:** See my affliction and my toil *
and take all my *sins* away.
- A:** See how many are my foes; *
how violent their *hatred* for me.

B: Preserve my life and rescue me. *
Do not disappoint me, You are my *refuge*.

A: May innocence and uprightness protect me: *
for my hope is in *You*, O Lord.

B: Redeem Israel, O God, *
from *all* its distress.

A: † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy *Spirit*.

B: Now and forever *
and *ever*, Amen.

A: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, † Glory be to *You*, O Lord.

B: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, † Glory be to *You*, O Lord.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, † Glory be to You, O Lord.

PRAYER TO INVOKE THE LORD'S MERCY

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Hierarch: O Lord, who are generous, merciful, long-suffering, and rich in mercy, hear our prayers and give heed to the voice of our supplication. Reveal unto us a sign of Your loving kindness. Lead us along Your path, so that we might walk in Your truth. Gladden our hearts, so that we might fear Your holy Name, for You are great and work wonders. You only are the Lord, and there are no other gods like unto You, O Lord. You are mighty in mercy and kind in strength, so as to help, comfort, and save all those who hope in Your holy Name.

Therefore, O almighty and merciful God, we now hasten to You and humbly implore You: Open to us the doors of Your mercy! Pour out upon us, and upon our country, the fullness of your gifts, lead us along the path of truth and love, and grant that we might always and everywhere be a living instrument and effective sign of Your gracious and merciful presence in the world. For all glory, honor, and worship befit You, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

"GOD IS LORD"

The priest, with the cross, opens the doors of the temple. All enter into the temple, while singing the following in Resurrectional Tone 8:

**God is Lord, and has appeared to us *
blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

- v. Give thanks unto the Lord for He is Good, for His mercy endures forever.
- v. They encircled me and compassed me about, but 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, and it is a marvel in our eyes.

TROPARION

Tone 8

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, * and accepted three days of burial * to free us from our sufferings. * O Lord, our life and our resurrection, ** glory be to You!

THEOTOKION

Tone 6

† *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, *
now and forever and ever, Amen.*

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

PROKEIMENON

Tone 4

Deacon: Let us be attentive.

Hierarch: † Peace be with all.

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

I will sing of Your mercy, O Lord, * forever and ever. (Psalm 88:2)

v. For You have said that Your mercy endures forever. (Psalm 88:3)

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Hierarch: For You are holy, O our God, and we render glory to You,
† Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

"LET EVERYTHING THAT BREATHES"

Tone 4

Let everything that breathes * gives praise to the Lord.

v. Praise God in His holy places.

v. Praise God in the firmament of His strength.

GOSPEL

Deacon: That we be deemed worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: † Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Deacon: Wisdom, stand aright, let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Hierarch: † Peace be with all.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: † Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.

Deacon: † Let us be attentive.

Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said: As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

People: † Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.

STICHERA

Tone 6

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

O Father, Word, and Spirit, * O Most Holy Trinity, **
cleanse us from the multitude of our sins.

*Now and forever * and ever, Amen.*

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, * O Merciful God, **
cleanse us from the multitude of our sins.

Tone 2

*Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness, * in Your compassion blot out my offense.*

O Venerable † Father, and Son, Word of the Father, * Holy Spirit, uncreated essence, *
You who are the source of life, * and who pour out endless grace and streams of mercy!
* Receive our prayer and supplication, * and grant forgiveness to all sinners, ** for You,
O God, are merciful and love mankind.

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

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

People: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Deacon: We also pray to the Lord our God, that He hear the voice of us sinners praying, and that He have mercy upon us, His servants, delivering us from every sorrow, affliction, anger, and need, and from all spiritual and bodily illnesses, and that He grant us health for many years. Let us all say: graciously hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Deacon: We also pray that He deliver this city and this holy church, and every city, village, and country from hunger, ruin, earthquake, flood, hail, fire, sword, foreign invasion, and civil war, that He be merciful, kind, helpful, good, and the Lover of Mankind, that He turn away from us all of His approaching wrath, and that He deliver us from that which is according to His righteous retribution, and that He have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Deacon: We also pray to the Lord our God, that He open the doors of our hearts to the knowledge of His love, and that He grant us a mercy which is beyond our understanding. O Lord, speedily hear us, and graciously have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Deacon: We also pray that the Lord our God, merciful and lover of mankind, pour out upon us the divine streams of His mercy, deliver us from all calamity, and grant us His divine grace from on high. O Lord, speedily hear us, and graciously have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Deacon: We also pray that the Lord hear the voice of us sinners praying, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Hierarch: Hear us, O God our Savior, hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those far away at sea, and be merciful on account of our sins, O Merciful One and Master, and have mercy upon us. For you are a merciful and loving God, and we render glory to You, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

PRAYER

Deacon: Bowing our heads (and bending our knees), let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Hierarch: O Christ our God, the undivided one, the support of all those who have fallen, You raise up all those who are fallen over, You who are born of the bosom of the Father, who have become incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary, who came into the world to bestow Your care upon us, and to restore to its original stature our fallen nature, which had been attacked by bodiless and spirit-murdering thieves, and which had been severely wounded and lost immortality because of them. O Master, heal our invisible sores and bind together our spiritual wounds by the power of Your Precious Blood, which You poured out for us, and by Your Holy Anointing, which You have given to us. Deliver us from the wounds that are constantly applied to us by invisible forces, which rush to snatch away from us even our faith and hope in You, and which desire to wash away Your grace from us. Deprive us not of Your loving kindness and Your salvific healing, so that, healed and cleansed from all defilement, we might be made worthy of being called the "first-born," written in Heaven, for You are the Physician of illnesses, both visible and invisible. For You are our

God, and we render glory to You, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Wisdom.

People: More honorable than the Cherubim, * and by far more glorious than the Seraphim. * Ever a Virgin you gave birth to God the Word. ** O true Mother of God, we magnify you.

But from Pascha to Ascension:

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem * for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. * Exult now, and be glad, O Sion * and you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight ** in the Resurrection of your Son.

Priest: † Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, Glory be to You.

People: † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, * Now and forever and ever. Amen. * Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. ** (Master) Give the blessing.

But from Pascha to Ascension:

† Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling death by death, * and to those in the tombs, giving life. * Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. ** (Master) Give the Blessing.

Hierarch:

† Christ our true and merciful God

During Pascha: *Risen from the dead, trampling death by death,
and to those in the tombs, giving life*

Through the prayers of His immaculate Mother, of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

People: Amen.