

The Service of Supplication to St. Thekla

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fills all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, 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 God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

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

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 ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Lord have mercy. (12 times)

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

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

Come, let us worship and fall down before the very Christ, our King and our God.

Psalm 142

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications, in Thy faithfulness answer me, in Thy righteousness. Enter not in to judgment with Thy servant; for no man living is righteous before Thee. For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore, my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou hast done; I muse on what thy hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails. Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of Thy steadfast love, for in Thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to Thee I lift up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies. I have fled to Thee for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God! Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path. For Thy name's sake, preserve my life! In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble. And in Thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am Thy servant.

God is the Lord

Third Mode

Ἦχος Γα

Ison
God is the Lord and hath ap - peared un - to us.
Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the Name of the Lord.

(The chanter begins first with "God is the Lord..." and repeats it after each of the verses.)

CHANTER: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Verse 1: O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his holy name.

Verse 2: All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

Verse 3: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Troparion of St. Thekla

Arr: Fr. John Namie
Byzantine Chant
Tone 3

Ison:


O glo - ri - ous Thek - la, com-pan - ion of Paul the di-vine,
 you were en-flamed with the love of your Cre - a - tor, by the
 teach - ing of the di-vine preach - er. You des-pised the
 pass-ing earth - ly plea - sures, and of - fered your-self to
 God as an ac-cept - a - ble and pleas-ing sac - ri - fice,
 dis - re-gard-ing all suf-fer - ing. In - ter - cede with Christ
 your Groom to grant us His great mer - - - cy.

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy: according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out mine iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity; and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned, and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth: the unclear and hidden things of Thy wisdom, Thou hast made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness: the bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice. Turn away Thy face 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 steady me with a guiding spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways: and the impious shall be converted unto Thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness. O Lord, open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For hadst Thou desired sacrifice, I would have given it Thee: Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. Sacrifices to God are a contrite spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offerings: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.


Supplications in Tone 3. [*Enharmonic*]

CLERGY:




Musical notation for Clergy part 1: A single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "O Ho-ly Mar-tyr Thek - la, pray un - to God for us." are written below the staff, with hyphens under "Thek - la" and "un - to". A dynamic marking of *F* (forte) is placed above the first note.

PEOPLE:



Musical notation for People part 1: A single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "O Ho-ly Mar-tyr Thek - la, pray un - to God for us." are written below the staff, with hyphens under "Thek - la" and "un - to". A dynamic marking of *F* (forte) is placed above the first note.

CLERGY:



Musical notation for Clergy part 2: A single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "Glo-ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it." are written below the staff, with hyphens under "Fa - ther" and "Spir - it". A dynamic marking of *F* (forte) is placed above the first note, and a dynamic marking of *D* (diminuendo) is placed above the eighth note.

ALL:

Both now and ev - er and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Pray thou un - to God for us, O Ho - ly Mar - tyr Thek - la. For we

ear - nest - ly have re - course un - to thee, who art a speed - y

help and in - ter - ces - sor for our souls.

Deacon: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee: hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: And we pray for our father and Metropolitan (N.).

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, deacons, hierodeacons and monastics, and all our brotherhood in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and pardon and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God (N) and for all pious and Orthodox Christians of true worship, and all those who live and work in this Village community.

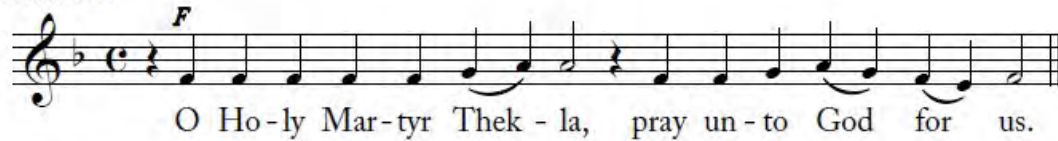
People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God and love mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Supplications in Tone 3. [*Enharmonic*]

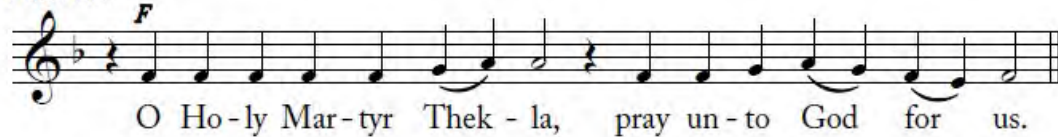
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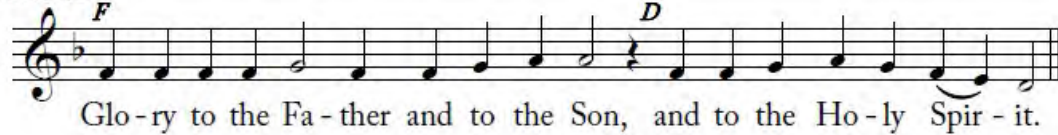
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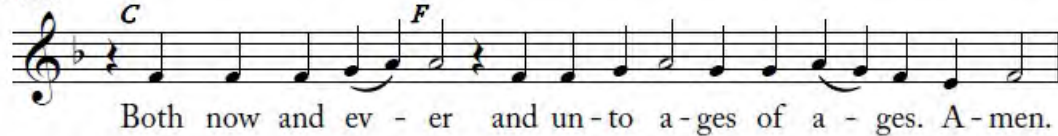
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Musical notation for Clergy part 2: Treble clef, C major, common time. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. A dynamic marking of *F* is placed above the first note, and a *D* chord marking is placed above the 13th note.

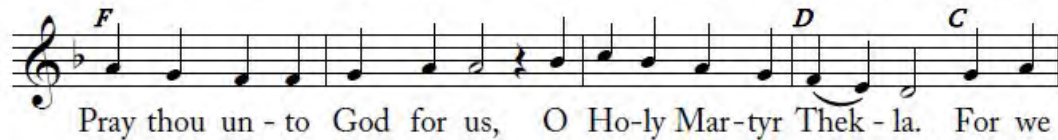
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Both now and ev - er and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.



Musical notation for All part 2: Treble clef, C major, common time. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Dynamic markings of *F*, *D*, and *C* are placed above the 1st, 13th, and 15th notes respectively.

Pray thou un - to God for us, O Ho-ly Mar-tyr Thek - la. For we



Musical notation for All part 3: Treble clef, C major, common time. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. A dynamic marking of *F* is placed above the 10th note.

ear - nest - ly have re - course un - to thee, who art a speed - y



Musical notation for All part 4: Treble clef, C major, common time. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. Chord markings of *C*, *D*, *E*, and *F* are placed above the 10th, 13th, 14th, and 15th notes respectively.

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The Little Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ, our God.

People: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is Thy name, and glorified is Thy kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Chanter First, People Repeat

Pre - cious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His saints.

Verse: What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? (Repeat Refrain)

Final Time

Chanter People

Pre - cious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His saints.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Chanter first, People repeat

Let ev - ry - thing that hath breath praise the Lord

Verse: Praise ye God in His saints; Praise Him in the firm foundation of His power. (Repeat Refrain)

Final Time:

Chanter People

Let ev - ry - thing that hath breath praise the Lord!

The Gospel

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Wisdom! Stand upright. Let us hear the holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to Thy Spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

(Matthew 25:1-13)

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.


Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: The Lord said this parable: "The Kingdom of Heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry "Behold, the Bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all the maidens arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man shall come."

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

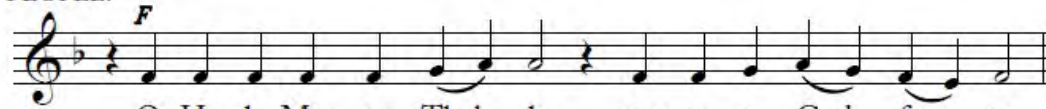
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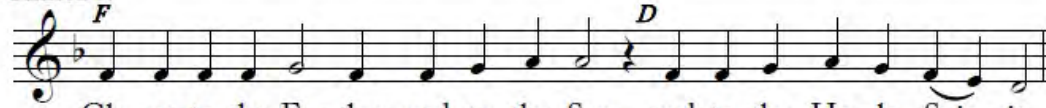
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Hymn to the Theotokos (Tone 8)

F *C*
 It is tru - ly meet to bless thee, O The - o -
F *C*
 to - kos, the ev - er bles - sed and all blame - less, and the
F *D*
 Moth - er of our God. More hon' - ra - ble than the
C *F* *D*
 Cher - u - bim, and more glo - ri - ous be - yond com -
C *F*
 pare than the Ser - a - phim, thou who with - out cor -
 rup - tion bar - est God the Word, and art
C *F*
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- People: Amen.

- Deacon: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee: hear us and have mercy.
- People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.
- People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: And we pray for our father and Metropolitan (N.), and all our brotherhood in Christ.
- People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and pardon and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God (N) and for all pious and Orthodox Christians of true worship, and all those who live and work in this Village community.
- People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: Again we pray the He will keep this holy (shrine/church) and this Village, and every city and countryside from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion, civil war and sudden death; that our good God, who loves mankind, will be gracious, favorable and conciliatory. And turn away and dispel all the wrath stirred up against us, and all sickness, and may deliver us from his righteous chastisement which impends against us, and have mercy on us.
- People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord our God will hearken to the voice of supplication of us sinners, and have mercy on us.
- People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off; and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, upon our sins and have mercy on us. For Thou art a merciful God and loves mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
- People: Amen.

The Prayer to St. Thekla

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: O holy Father, Physician of souls and bodies, who sent Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who heals every infirmity and delivers from death; Heal also, Your servants from the ills of body and soul which hinder them; and quicken them by the grace of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; through the prayers of our most holy Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; through the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; through the supplications of the glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John; of the holy Proto-Martyr and equal to the apostles, Thekla; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints.

For You are the fountain of healing, O our God, and unto You we ascribe glory, together with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your all holy good and life-giving Spirit, one in essence, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!

People: Father bless.

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

People: More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and are truly Theotokos: we magnify thee!

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

People: 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. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ, our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless holy Mother; of the holy Proto-Martyr and Equal to the Apostles, Thekla; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is a good God and loves mankind.

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

People: Amen.