

**GREAT VESPERS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023  
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (SUNDAY OF THE  
GENEALOGY),  
WHICH FALLS ON PARAMON (EVE) OF NATIVITY OF CHRIST**

<p><b>Priest:</b> Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.</p>	<p><b>الكاهن:</b> تَبَارَكَ اللهُ إِلَهُنَا كُلَّ حِينٍ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.</p>
<p><b>Choir:</b> Amen.</p>	<p><b>الجوق:</b> آمين.</p>
<p><b>Reader:</b> 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 Christ Himself, our King and our God.</p>	<p><b>القارئ:</b> هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَزْكَعَ لِمَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهُنَا. هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَزْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهُنَا. هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَزْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا هُوَ مَلِكُنَا وَرَبُّنَا وَإِلَهُنَا.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSALM 103</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>المزمور 103</b></p>
<p><b>Reader:</b> Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back forever and ever. The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand. At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid. The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them. Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run. They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst. Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice. He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, to bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man. To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart. The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted. There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them. The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares. He hath made the moon for seasons; the</p>	<p><b>القارئ:</b> بَارِكِي يَا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهِي لَقَدْ عَظُمْتَ جِدًّا. الْاعْتِرَافَ وَعِظَمَ الْجَلَالِ تَسْرَبَلْتِ، أَنْتِ اللَّابِسُ النُّورِ مِثْلَ الثَّوْبِ. الْبَاسِطُ السَّمَاءِ كَالخَيْمَةِ، الْمُسَقِّفُ بِالمِيَاهِ عَلَالِيَهُ. الْجَاعِلُ السَّحَابَ مَرْكَبَةً لَهُ، المَاشِي عَلَى أَجْنَحَةِ الرِّيَاحِ. الصَّانِعُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ أرواحاً، وَخُدَامَهُ لَهيبَ نارٍ. المَوْسِسُ الأَرْضَ عَلَى قَوَاعِدِهَا، فلا تَتَرَعَّرُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الداهِرِينَ. رِداؤُهُ اللَّجَّةُ كالثَّوْبِ، عَلَى الجِبَالِ تَقِفُ المِيَاهُ. مِنْ انْتِهَارِكَ تَهْرَبُ، وَمِنْ صَوْتِ رَعْدِكَ تَحْزَعُ. تَرْتَفِعُ الجِبَالُ، وَتَنْخَفِضُ البِقَاعُ إِلَى المَوْضِعِ الَّذِي أَسَّسْتَهُ لَهَا. وَضَعْتَ لَهَا حَدًّا فلا تَتَعَدَّاهُ، ولا تَرْجِعُ فَنُعْطِي وَجْهَ الأَرْضِ. أَنْتِ المُرْسِلُ العُيُونِ فِي الشَّعَابِ. وَفِي وَسْطِ الجِبَالِ تَعْبُرُ المِيَاهُ. تَسْقِي كُلَّ وُحُوشِ العِياضِ، نَقْبِلُ حَمِيرُ الوَحْشِ عِنْدَ عَطَشِهَا. عَلَيَّهَا طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ تَسْكُنُ، مِنْ بَيْنِ الصُّخُورِ تُعْرِدُ بِأصواتِهَا. أَنْتِ الَّذِي يَسْقِي الجِبَالَ مِنْ عَلَالِيِهِ، مِنْ ثَمَرَةِ أَعْمَالِكَ تَشْبَعُ الأَرْضُ. أَنْتِ الَّذِي يُنْبِتُ العُشْبَ لِلبَهائمِ، وَالْحُضْرَةَ لِخِدْمَةِ البَشَرِ. لِيُخْرِجَ حُبْرًا مِنَ الأَرْضِ، وَالْحَمْرُ تُفْرِحُ قَلْبَ الإنسانِ. لِيُنْبِتْهُجَ الوَجْهَ بِالزَّيْتِ، وَالخُبْرُ يُشَدِّدُ قَلْبَ الإنسانِ. تُرَوَّى أشجارُ الغابِ، وَأرْزُ لَبْنانَ الَّذِي نَصَبْتَهُ. هُنَاكَ تَعْتَشُ العَصافِيرُ، وَمَساكِنُ الهيرودي تَتَعَدَّمُهَا. الجِبَالُ العالِيَةُ لِالأَيْلَةِ، وَالصُّخُورُ</p>

<p>sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad; young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. Man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. The earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled. Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return. Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works. Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being. May my words be sweet unto Him; I will rejoice in the Lord. O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. The sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.</p>	<p>مَلْجَأً لِلْأَرْبَابِ. صَنَعَ الْقَمَرَ لِلأَوْقَاتِ، وَالشَّمْسُ عَرَفَتْ غُرُوبَهَا. جَعَلَ الظُّلْمَةَ فَكَانَ لَيْلٌ، فِيهِ تَغَبَّرُ جَمِيعُ وَحُوشِ الْغَابِ. أَشْبَالٌ تَرْزُرُ لِتَخْطُفَ وَتَطْلُبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ طَعَامَهَا. أَشْرَقَتِ الشَّمْسُ فَاجْتَمَعَتْ، وَفِي صَبْرِهَا رَبَّصَتْ. يَخْرُجُ الْإِنْسَانُ إِلَى عَمَلِهِ وَإِلَى صِنَاعَتِهِ حَتَّى الْمَسَاءِ. مَا أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالَكَ يَا رَبُّ، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ، قَدْ امْتَلَأَتِ الْأَرْضُ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ. هَذَا الْبَحْرُ الْكَبِيرُ الْوَاسِعُ، هُنَاكَ دَبَابَاتٌ لَا عَدَدَ لَهَا، حَيَوَانَاتٌ صِعَاظٌ مَعَ كِبَارٍ. هُنَاكَ تَجْرِي السُّفُنُ، هَذَا التَّنِينُ الَّذِي خَلَقْتَهُ يَلْعَبُ فِيهِ. وَكُلُّهَا إِيَّاكَ تَتَرَجَّى، لِتُعْطِيَهَا طَعَامَهَا فِي حِينِهِ، وَإِذَا أَنْتَ أَعْطَيْتَهَا جَمَعْتَ. تَفْتَحُ يَدَكَ فَيَمْتَلِئُ الْكُلُّ خَيْرًا، تَصْرِفُ وَجْهَكَ فَيُضْطَرِّبُونَ. تَنْزِعُ أَرْوَاحَهُمْ فَيَفْنُونَ، وَإِلَى تَرَابِهِمْ يَرْجِعُونَ. تُرْسِلُ رُوحَكَ فَيُخْلَقُونَ، وَتَجَدِّدُ وَجْهَ الْأَرْضِ. لِيَكُنْ مَجْدُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ، يَفْرَحُ الرَّبُّ بِأَعْمَالِهِ. الَّذِي يَنْظُرُ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ فَيَجْعَلُهَا تَرْتَعِدُ، وَيَمَسُّ الْجِبَالَ فَتَدْحِنُ. أُسَبِّحُ الرَّبَّ فِي حَيَاتِي، وَأُرْتِّلُ لِإِلَهِي مَا دُمْتُ مَوْجُودًا. يَلِدُ لَهُ تَأْمَلِي، وَأَنَا أَفْرَحُ بِالرَّبِّ. لِتَبْدِ الْخَطَاةُ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ، وَلَا يَبْقَ فِيهَا الْأَثْمَةُ. بَارِكِي يَا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ. الشَّمْسُ عَرَفَتْ غُرُوبَهَا، جَعَلَ الظُّلْمَةَ فَكَانَ لَيْلٌ. مَا أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالَكَ يَا رَبُّ، كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ.</p>
<p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (<i>thrice</i>) O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!</p>	<p>الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ. هَلْلُوِيَا، هَلْلُوِيَا، هَلْلُوِيَا، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ يَا اللَّهُ. (ثَلَاثًا) يَا إِلَهَنَا وَرَجَاءَنَا لَكَ الْمَجْدُ.</p>
<p><b>THE GREAT LITANY</b></p>	<p><b>الطَّلِبَةُ السَّلَامِيَّةُ الْكُبْرَى</b></p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> In peace, let us pray to the Lord.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> بِسَلَامٍ إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.</p>
<p><b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy. (<i>use this response until noted below</i>)</p>	<p><b>الجوقة:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنَا. (تُعَادُ بَعْدَ كُلِّ طَّلِبَةٍ)</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> For the peace from above and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ السَّلَامِ الَّذِي مِنَ الْعُلَى وَخَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ سَلَامِ كُلِّ الْعَالَمِ، وَحُسْنِ ثَبَاتِ كَنَائِسِ اللَّهِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، وَإِتْحَادِ الْكُلِّ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> For this holy house and those who with faith, reverence and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ الْمُقَدَّسِ، وَالَّذِينَ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَيْهِ بِإِيمَانٍ وَوَرَعَ وَخَوْفِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.</p>

<b>Deacon:</b> For our father and metropolitan, N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ أَبِينَا وَمِتْرُوبُولِينَتِنَا (فِلَانِ)، وَالكَهَنَةَ الْمُكْرَمِينَ وَخُدَّامِ الْمَسِيحِ، وَجَمِيعِ الْإِكْلِيروسِ وَالشَّعْبِ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> For our country, its president, civil authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ حُكَّامِ هَذَا الْبَلَدِ، وَمُؤَارَرَتِهِمْ فِي كُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> For this city and every city and countryside and the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ، وَجَمِيعِ الْمُدُنِ وَالْقُرَى وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ السَّاكِنِينَ فِيهَا، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> For healthful seasons, abundance of the fruits of the earth and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ اعْتِدَالِ الْأَهْوِيَةِ وَخُضْبِ الْأَرْضِ بِالثَمَارِ، وَأَوْقَاتِ سَلَامِيَّةٍ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> For travelers by sea, by land and by air, the sick, the suffering, the captive, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمُسَافِرِينَ فِي الْبَحْرِ وَالْبَرِّ وَالجَوِّ، وَالْمَرْضَى وَالْمُضْنَبِينَ، وَالْأَسْرَى وَخَلَاصِهِمْ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مِنْ أَجْلِ نَجَاتِنَا مِنْ كُلِّ ضَيْقٍ وَغَضَبٍ وَخَطَرٍ وَشِدَّةٍ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.	<b>الشماس:</b> أَعُذُّ وَخَلِّصْ وَارْحَمْ واحْفَظْنَا يَا اللَّهُ بِنِعْمَتِكَ.
<b>Deacon:</b> Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.	<b>الشماس:</b> بَعْدَ ذِكْرِنَا الْكَلِيَّةِ الْقَدَّاسَةِ الطَّاهِرَةِ، الْفَائِقَةِ الْبَرَكَاتِ، الْمَجِيدَةِ، سَيِّدَتِنَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الدَّائِمَةَ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ مَرْيَمَ، مَعَ جَمِيعِ الْقَدِّيسِينَ، لِنُودِعَ أَنْفُسَنَا وَبَعْضُنَا بَعْضاً وَكُلَّ حَيَاتِنَا لِلْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ.
<b>Choir:</b> To Thee, O Lord.	<b>الجوقة:</b> لَكَ يَا رَبِّ.
<b>Priest:</b> For unto thee are due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.	<b>الكاهن:</b> لِأَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي لَكَ كُلُّ تَمَجِيدٍ وَإِكْرَامٍ وَسُجُودٍ، أَيُّهَا الْآبُ وَالابْنُ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُّسُ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ .
<b>Choir:</b> Amen.	<b>الجوقة:</b> آمِينَ.
<b>“BLESSED IS THE MAN” and verses</b>	
<i>Verse:</i> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked.	
<b>Refrain:</b> Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.	
<i>Verse:</i> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. <b>Refrain</b>	
<i>Verse:</i> Serve the Lord in fear and rejoice; rejoice in Him with trembling. <b>Refrain</b>	
<i>Verse:</i> Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. <b>Refrain</b>	
<i>Verse:</i> Arise, arise, O Lord. Save me O my God. <b>Refrain</b>	
<i>Verse:</i> Salvation belongs to the Lord. Thy blessing be upon Thy people. <b>Refrain</b>	
<i>Verse:</i> Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages.	
Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to Thee O God (3 times).	
<b>THE LITTLE LITANY</b>	
<b>Priest:</b> Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.	<b>الكاهن:</b> أَيْضاً وَأَيْضاً بِسَلَامٍ إِلَى الرَّبِّ نَطْلُبُ.
<b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy.	<b>الجوق:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْ.
<b>Priest:</b> Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.	<b>الكاهن:</b> أَعُذُّ، وَخَلِّصْ، وَارْحَمْ، واحْفَظْنَا يَا اللَّهُ بِنِعْمَتِكَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy.	<b>الجوق:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْ.
<b>Priest:</b> Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most-blessed and glorious Lady	<b>الكاهن:</b> بَعْدَ ذِكْرِنَا الْكَلِيَّةِ الْقَدَّاسَةِ، الطَّاهِرَةِ، الْفَائِقَةِ الْبَرَكَاتِ

the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.	المحيّدة، سَيِّدَتْنَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الدَّائِمَةَ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ مَرِيَمَ مَعَ جَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، لِنُؤَدِّعَ أَنْفُسَنَا وَبَعْضُنَا بَعْضاً وَكُلَّ حَيَاتِنَا لِلْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ.
<b>Choir:</b> To Thee, O Lord.	الجوق: لك يا رب.
<b>Priest:</b> For Thine is the might, and 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.	الكاهن: لَأَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ وَلَكَ الْمُلْكُ وَالْقُوَّةُ وَالْمَجْدُ أَيُّهَا الْآبُ وَالْإِبْنُ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُّسُ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Amen.	الجوق: آمين.
<b>“O LORD, I HAVE CRIED” IN TONE EIGHT</b>	“يا ربِّ إِلَيْكَ صَرَخْتُ” بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّامِنِ
O Lord, I have cried out unto Thee, hear Thou me; hear Thou me, O Lord. O Lord, I have cried out unto Thee, hear Thou me. Give ear to the voice of my supplication when I cry out unto Thee: hear Thou me, O Lord.	يا رَبِّ إِلَيْكَ صَرَخْتُ، فَاسْتَمِعْ لِي، اسْتَمِعْ لِي يَا رَبِّ. يا رَبِّ إِلَيْكَ صَرَخْتُ فَاسْتَمِعْ لِي، أَنْصِتْ إِلَى صَوْتِ تَصْرُعِي حِينَ أَصْرُخُ إِلَيْكَ، اسْتَمِعْ لِي يَا رَبِّ.
Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as the incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice; hear Thou me, O Lord.	لِتَسْتَقِمَّ صَلَاتِي كَالْبُخُورِ أَمَامَكَ، وَلِيَكُنْ رَفْعُ يَدَيَّ كَدَبِيحَةٍ مَسَائِيَّةٍ، اسْتَمِعْ لِي يَا رَبِّ.
Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door round about my lips.	اجْعَلْ يَا رَبُّ حَارِساً لِفَمِّي وَبَاباً حَصِيناً عَلَى شَفَتَيَّ.
Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins.	لَا تُمَلِّ قَلْبِي إِلَى كَلَامِ الشَّرِّ فَيَتَعَلَّلَ بِعَلَلِ الْخَطَايَا.
With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them.	مَعَ النَّاسِ الْعَامِلِينَ الْإِثْمَ وَلَا أَتَقَبُّ مَعَ مُخْتَارِيهِمْ.
The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.	سَيُؤَدِّبُنِي الصَّادِقُ بِرَحْمَةٍ وَيُوبِّخُنِي أَمَّا زَيْتُ الْخَاطِيِّ فَلَا يُدْهِنُ بِهِ رَأْسِي.
For my prayer also shall still be against the things with which they are well pleased; their judges falling upon the rock have been swallowed up.	لَأَنَّ صَلَاتِي أَيْضاً فِي مَسَرَّتِهِمْ، قَدْ ابْتَلَعَتْ قُضَائِهِمْ مُلْتَصِقِينَ بِصَخْرَةٍ.
They shall hear my words, for they are sweet; as when the thickness of the earth is broken upon the ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.	يَسْمَعُونَ كَلِمَاتِي فَإِنَّهَا قَدْ اسْتَلْدَتْ مِثْلَ سَمَنِ الْأَرْضِ الْمُنْشَقِّ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ تَبَدَّدَتْ عِظَامُهُمْ حَوْلَ الْجَحِيمِ.
But to Thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes; in Thee have I put my trust, take not away my soul.	لَأَنَّ يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ عَيْنَيَّ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ فَلَا تُنْزِعْ نَفْسِي.
Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of iniquity.	إِحْفَظْنِي مِنَ الْفَخِّ الَّذِي نَصَبُوهُ لِي وَمِنْ مَعَايِرِ فَاعِلِي الْإِثْمِ.
Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst I alone escape.	تَسْقُطُ الْخَطَاةُ فِي مَصَائِدِهِمْ وَأَكُونُ أُنَا عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ إِلَى أَنْ أُعْبِرَ.
I cried unto the Lord with my voice, with my voice unto the Lord, did I make my supplication.	بِصَوْتِي إِلَى الرَّبِّ صَرَخْتُ، بِصَوْتِي إِلَى الرَّبِّ تَصَرَّعْتُ.
I poured out my supplication before Him; I showed before Him my trouble.	أَسْكُبُ أَمَامَهُ تَصْرُعِي وَأَحْزَانِي قُدَّامَهُ أَحْبِرَ.
When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my paths.	عِنْدَ فَنَاءِ رُوحِي مَنِّي أَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ سُبُلِي.
In the way wherein I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.	فِي هَذَا الطَّرِيقِ الَّذِي كُنْتُ أَسْلُكُ فِيهِ أَحْفَوُ لِي فَخّاً.
I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me.	تَأَمَّلْتُ فِي الْمِيَامِينِ وَأَبْصَرْتُ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ مَنْ يَعْرِفُنِي.

Refuge failed me; no one cared for my soul.	ضَاعَ الْمَهْرَبُ مِنِّي وَلَمْ يُوجِدْ مَنْ يَطْلُبُ نَفْسِي.
I cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.	فَصَرَخْتُ إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ وَقُلْتُ أَنْتَ هُوَ رَجَائِي وَنَصِيبِي فِي أَرْضِ الْأَحْيَاءِ.
Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low.	أَنْصِتْ إِلَى طِلْبَتِي فَإِنِّي قَدْ تَدَلَّلتُ جَدًّا.
Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.	نَجِّنِي مِنَ الَّذِينَ يَضْطَهِدُونَنِي فَإِنَّهُمْ قَدْ اعْتَرَوْا عَلَيَّ.
<i>Verse 10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.</i>	عَزَّجْكَ 10. أُخْرِجْ مِنِ الْحَبْسِ نَفْسِي لِكَيْ أَشْكُرَ اسْمَكَ.
<i>Verse 9. The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.</i>	عَزَّجْكَ 9. إِيَّايَ يَنْتَظِرُ الصَّادِقُونَ حَتَّى تُجَازِيَنِي.
<b>For the Forefathers in Tone Eight (**The Paradise of Eden**)</b>	<b>للأجداد باللحن الثامن</b>
<i>Verse 8. Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice. As we the faithful celebrate today * the Forefathers' memory, * let us praise Christ the Redeemer and our King, * Who magnified them in the midst * of all nations upon the earth * and through faith accomplished strange and wondrous signs, * performing marvels and miracles, * since He is powerful and strong, * and Who from them hath shown unto us * that rod of power prophesied: * Mary, the Child of God, * who alone had no experience of man * and from whom came the Flower, * the promised Christ, Who sprouted life for all, * inexhaustible delight, * and our salvation to eternity.</i>	عَزَّجْكَ 8. مِنَ الْأَعْمَاقِ صَرَخْتُ إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ اسْتَمِعْ لَصَوْتِي. أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِذْ نَقِيمُ الْيَوْمِ تَذْكَارَ الْأَجْدَادِ، فَلْنُسَبِّحْ بِإِيمَانِ الْمَسِيحِ الْمُنْقَذِ، الَّذِي عَظَّمَهُمْ فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، الرَّبِّ الصَّانِعِ الْعَجَائِبِ الْمُسْتَعْرَبَةِ، بِمَا أَنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ وَقَدِيرٌ، الْمُظْهِرُ لَنَا مِنْهُمْ عَصَا قُوَّةٍ، هِيَ مَرْيَمُ فَتَاةُ اللَّهِ النَّقِيَّةِ، الَّتِي هِيَ وَحْدَهَا لَمْ تَعْرِفْ رَجُلًا، وَمِنْهَا وَرَدَ الْمَسِيحُ الرَّهْرَهُ، مُفْرِعًا لِلْجَمِيعِ الْحَيَاةَ وَالنَّعِيمَ الَّذِي لَا يَزُولُ وَالْخَلَاصَ الْأَبَدِيَّ.
<i>Verse 7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. (repeat above)</i>	عَزَّجْكَ 7. لَتَكُنْ أُنْذَاكَ مُصْغَعِيَّتَيْنِ إِلَى صَوْتِ تَصْرُعِي. (تعداد)
<i>Verse 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness. As in a gentle shower 'midst the flame, * the Children of God rejoiced * as they walked about amidst the Spirit's dew; * and in the flame they mystically * did prefigure the Trinity * and the wondrous Incarnation of Christ God; * since they were wise, by their faith in God * they quenched the power of the fire; * and righteous Daniel was also seen * to muzzle lions in the den. * Since Thou, O Friend of man, * art entreated by their prayers in our behalf, * rescue us all, O Savior, * from the eternal fire that nought can quench, * and vouchsafe that we attain * unto Thy Kingdom in the Heavens, O Lord.</i>	عَزَّجْكَ 6. إِنْ كُنْتَ لِلْآثَامِ رَاصِدًا يَا رَبُّ، فَيَا رَبُّ مَنْ يَثْبُتُ؟ فَإِنَّ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ الْإِعْتِقَارَ. إِنَّ فِتْيَةَ اللَّهِ فِي تَحْطُرِهِمْ وَسَطِ اللَّهَبِ مُنْهَلِّينَ بِبَدَى الرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ كَأَنَّهُمْ فِي رَوْضَةٍ غَنَاءٍ، سَبَقُوا فَرَسَمُوا فِيهِ رَمْزِيًّا الثَّالِوثَ وَتَجَسَّدَ الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهَ، فَأَخْمَدُوا قُوَّةَ النَّارِ بِالْإِيمَانِ عَنِ حِكْمَةٍ، أَمَّا دَانِيَالُ الصِّدِّيقُ فَقَدْ سَدَّ أَفْوَاهَ الْأَسْوَدِ جَلِيًّا. فَتَبْتَهَلُ إِلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْمُخْلِصُ الْمُحِبُّ الْبَشَرَ طَالِبِينَ أَنْ تُنْقِذَنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا، بِطِلْبَاتِهِمْ، مِنَ النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الَّتِي لَا تُطْفَأُ، وَتَوَهَّلْنَا لِلْفُوزِ بِمَلَكُوتِكَ السَّمَاوِيِّ.
<i>Verse 5. Because of Thy Name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.</i>	عَزَّجْكَ 5. مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِكَ صَبِرْتُ لَكَ يَا رَبُّ، صَبِرْتُ نَفْسِي فِي أَقْوَالِكَ، تَوَكَّلْتُ نَفْسِي عَلَى الرَّبِّ.

<p>When in the furnace of the blazing flame, * Thy holy and faithful Youths * proved to be as in a cool, refreshing dew; * then did they mystically portray * from before that Thou wast to come * from a Virgin whom Thy brightness would not burn. * As for Thy coming the second time * in Thy dread glory as our God, * the wondrous Prophet and righteous man, * great Daniel, clearly hath foretold, * when he cried out and said: * I beheld until the thrones were set in place * and the Judge sat for judgment; * and then rushed forth the river of that fire, * from the which may we be saved, * by their entreaties, O our Master Christ.</p>	<p>أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِنَّ الْفِتْيَةَ الْقَدِيسِينَ لَمَّا كَانُوا فِي أْتُونِ لَهَيْبِ النَّارِ، كَأَنَّهُمْ فِي نَدَى، سَبَقُوا فَصَوَّرُوا سِرِّيًّا مَجِيئَكَ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ الَّذِي أَنْارَنَا بِغَيْرِ اخْتِرَاقٍ، وَأَمَّا دَانِيَالُ الصِّدِّيقِ الْعَجِيبُ فِي الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَلَمَّا سَبَقَ وَأَوْضَحَ جَلِيًّا حُضُورَكَ الثَّانِي الْإِلَهِيَّ هَتَفَ قَائِلًا: إِنَّنِي رَأَيْتُ الْكَرَاسِيَّ قَدْ وُضِعَتْ، وَالذِّيَّانِ جَلَسَ وَنَهَرَ النَّارَ حَضَرَ قُدَّامَهُ، فَبِتَوَسُّلَاتِهِمْ أَنْقَذْنَا مِنْهُ أَيُّهَا السَّيِّدُ.</p>
<p><b>For the Forefeast of the Nativity in Tone One</b></p>	<p><b>لِنَقْدَمَةِ عِيدِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللَّحْنِ الْأَوَّلِ</b></p>
<p><i>Verse 4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord. Let us go before, O nations, and celebrate the Nativity of Christ. And lifting our minds to Bethlehem, let us ascend with our consciences, beholding with the thoughts of our hearts the approaching Virgin, giving birth in the cave to the Lord of all, our God Whose stupendous wonders Joseph did behold, while at the time he thought he was beholding a man wrapped in swaddling clothes, but was assured from His works that He was the true God, granting our souls the Great Mercy.</i></p>	<p><b>عَزَّجْكَ 4.</b> مِنْ أَنْفَجَارِ الصُّبْحِ إِلَى اللَّيْلِ، مِنْ أَنْفَجَارِ الصُّبْحِ لِنُعَيِّدَنَّ مَقْدَمًا يَا شُعُوبَ لِمِيلَادِ الْمَسِيحِ، وَلِنَشْخَصَنَّ بِعُقُولِنَا وَلِنَرْتِقَ بِأُدْهَانِنَا إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ، فَنُعَايِنَ بِالْأَفْكَارِ الْقَلْبِيَّةِ الْعَذْرَاءَ، تَسْعَى آتِيَةً إِلَيْهَا لِنَلَدَ فِي الْمَغَارَةِ رَبَّ الْكُلِّ إِلَهِنَا، الَّذِي شَاهَدَ يُوسُفُ مُعْجَزَاتِهِ الْعَظِيمَةَ، فَإِنَّهُ كَانَ يَخَالُ أَنَّهُ يُبْصِرُ إِنْسَانًا بَسِيطًا مُدْرَجًا فِي الْأَقْمِطَةِ كَطِفْلِ، وَلَكِنَّهُ تَيَقَّنَ بِالْفِعْلِ أَنَّهُ الْإِلَهُ الْحَقُّ، الْمَانِحُ نَفُوسَنَا عَظِيمَ الرَّحْمَةِ.</p>
<p><i>Verse 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities. (repeat above)</i></p>	<p><b>عَزَّجْكَ 3.</b> لِأَنَّ مِنَ الرَّبِّ الرَّحْمَةَ، وَمِنْهُ النَّجَاةُ الْكَثِيرَةُ، وَهُوَ يُجِئِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ كُلِّ آثَامِهِ. (تَعَاد)</p>
<p><i>Verse 2. Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all people. Let us go before, O nations, and celebrate the Nativity of Christ. And lifting our minds to Bethlehem, let us ascend with our consciences and behold the great Mystery that is in the cave; for Eden hath verily been opened by the coming forth of God from the spotless Virgin, perfect in Divinity and perfect in Humanity. Wherefore, let us shout forth: Holy God, Eternal Father; Holy Mighty, the Incarnate Son; Holy Immortal, the Comforting Spirit; O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee.</i></p>	<p><b>عَزَّجْكَ 2.</b> سَبِّحُوا الرَّبَّ يَا جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ، وَامْدَحُوهُ يَا سَائِرَ الشُّعُوبِ. لِنُعَيِّدَنَّ مَقْدَمًا يَا شُعُوبَ لِمِيلَادِ الْمَسِيحِ، وَلِنَشْخَصَنَّ بِعُقُولِنَا، وَلِنَرْتِقَ بِأُدْهَانِنَا إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ، فَنُعَايِنَ السِّرَّ الْعَظِيمَ الَّذِي تَمَّ فِي الْمَغَارَةِ، فَإِنَّ عَدْنًا قَدْ فَتِحَتْ بِوُرُودِ الْإِلَهِ، مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ النَّقِيَّةِ تَامَ اللَّاهُوتِ وَالنَّاسُوتِ، فَلْنَهْتَفِئَنَّ قَائِلِينَ: قُدُّوسَ اللَّهِ الْأَبِ الْأَرْلِيِّ، قُدُّوسَ الْقَوِيِّ الْإِبْنِ الْمُتَجَسِّدِ، قُدُّوسَ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، الرُّوحَ الْمُعْزِي أَيُّهَا الثَّلَاوُثُ الْقُدُّوسَ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.</p>
<p><i>Verse 1. For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Hearken, O Heaven, and give ear, O earth: for behold, the Son, the Word of the Father, cometh to be born of a Maiden that hath not known man. Wherefore, by the pleasure of Him Who gave Him birth without passion, and by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, O Bethlehem, make ready, and O Eden, open thou thy gates; for He Who is shall be that which hath not been; and the Maker of the entire creation shall become the Granter of Great Mercy to the world.</i></p>	<p><b>عَزَّجْكَ 1.</b> لِأَنَّ رَحْمَتَهُ قَدْ قَوِيَتْ عَلَيْنَا، وَحَقُّ الرَّبِّ يَدُومُ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ. يَا سَمَاءُ اسْمَعِي وَيَا أَرْضُ أَنْصِتِي، فَهَا إِنَّ ابْنَ اللَّهِ الْأَبِ وَكَلِمَتَهُ قَادِمٌ لِيُولَدَ مِنْ فَتَاةٍ لَمْ تَعْرِفْ رَجُلًا، وَذَلِكَ بِمَسْرَةِ الْأَبِ الَّذِي وَلَدَهُ بِلَا تَأَلُّمٍ، وَبِمُؤَاوَرَةِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ. فَيَا بَيْتَ لَحْمٍ تَهَيَّبِي، وَيَا عَدْنَ افْتَحِي أَبْوَابِكَ فَإِنَّ الْكَائِنَ يَصِيرُ مَا لَمْ يَكُنْ، وَمَكُونُ الْخَلِيقَةِ كُلِّهَا يَتَكَوَّنُ وَهُوَ الْمَانِحُ الْعَالَمَ عَظِيمَ الرَّحْمَةِ.</p>

<b>DOXASTICON FOR THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE SIX</b>	<b>ذُكُصَا لِلأَحَدِ الَّذِي قَبْلَ عِيدِ المِيلَادِ، بِاللَّحْنِ السَّادِسِ</b>
<i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Verily, Daniel, the man of desires, when he saw Thee, O Lord, a Stone cut out without hands, did foretell Thee a Babe born without seed, O Word incarnate of the Virgin, the untransformed God, Savior of our souls.</i>	المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدَّسِ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِنَّ دَانِيَالَ رَجُلَ الرِّغَائِبِ، لَمَّا عَايَنَكَ حَجْرًا مُقْتَطَعًا بِغَيْرِ يَدٍ، سَبَقَ فَدَعَاكَ طِفْلاً مَوْلُوداً بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ، أَيُّهَا الكَلِمَةُ المُتَجَسِّدُ مِنَ البَتُولِ، الإِلَهَةُ غَيْرُ المُسْتَحِيلِ المُخَلِّصُ نُفُوسَنَا.
<b>DOXASTICON FOR THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE SIX</b>	<b>ذُكُصَا لِتَقْدِيمَةِ عِيدِ المِيلَادِ بِاللَّحْنِ السَّادِسِ</b>
<i>Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. O cavern, make ready; for the ewe doth come bearing Christ in her womb; O manger, receive Him Who by His word undid the bestial works of us earthly men. O shepherds, watch and bear witness to the awesome wonder. And, O Magi, who come from Persia, bring forth to the King gold, frankincense and myrrh; for the Lord hath appeared from a virgin Mother; Whose Mother did bow to Him as a servant, addressing Him in her bosom, saying: How wast Thou seeded in me, and how didst Thou grow in me, my God and my deliverer?</i>	الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ. أَيُّهَا المَغَارَةُ اسْتَعِدِّي، فَإِنَّ النَّعْجَةَ تَأْتِي حَامِلَةً المَسِيحَ جَنِينًا. أَيُّهَا المِدْوَدُ تَقَبَّلْ مَنْ بِكَلِمَتِهِ نَقَضَ أفعالَنَا البَهِيمِيَّةَ، نَحْنُ مَعَاشِرَ الأَرْضِيِّينَ. أَيُّهَا الرُّعَاةُ اسهَرُوا، وَاشهَدُوا لِلعَجَبِ الرَّهيبِ. ويا أَيُّهَا المَجُوسُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ فَارِسٍ، قَدِّمُوا لِمَلِكِ ذَهَبًا وَلُبَانًا وَمُرًّا، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ ظَهَرَ مِنْ أُمِّ بَتُولٍ، الَّذِي قَدْ انْحَنَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ، وَسَجَدَتْ لَهُ كَعَبْدَةٍ، وَخاطَبَتْ الَّذِي فِي أَحْضَانِهَا قَائِلَةً: كَيْفَ بُذِرْتَ فِيَّ؟ وَكَيْفَ نَبَتَ مِنِّي، يَا إلهِي وَمُنقِذِي؟
• <i>When "both now" is chanted, the clergy make the entrance with the censer.</i>	
<b>Deacon:</b> Wisdom! Stand upright!	<b>الشماس:</b> الحِكْمَةُ! فَلنَسْتَقِم!
<b>O GLADSOME LIGHT</b>	<b>يا نوراَ بَهِيًّا</b>
<b>Choir:</b> O gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed 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, Giver of Life. Therefore all the world doth glorify Thee.	<b>الجوقة:</b> يا نوراَ بَهِيًّا لِقُدْسِ مَجْدِ الآبِ الَّذِي لا يَمُوتُ، السَّمَاوِيِّ، القُدُّوسِ، المَغْبُوطِ، يا يسوعُ المَسِيحِ. إِذْ قَدْ بَلَّغْنَا إِلَى غُرُوبِ الشَّمْسِ وَنَظَرْنَا نوراَ مَسائِيًّا، نُسَبِّحُ الآبَ وَالابْنَ وَالرُّوحَ القُدَّسَ الإِلَهَ. فَيَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ المُعْطِي الحَيَاةَ، إِنَّكَ لَمُسْتَحَقٌّ فِي سائِرِ الأَوَاقِيتِ أَنْ تُسَبِّحَ بِأصواتِ بارَّةٍ، لِذَلِكَ العالَمُ لَكَ يُمَجِّدُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> The evening prokeimenon.	<b>الشماس:</b> تَرْنِيمَةُ المَسَاءِ.
<b>SATURDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX</b>	<b>بروكيمينون لِنَهَارِ السَّبْتِ بِاللَّحْنِ السَّادِسِ</b>
<b>Choir:</b> The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. (ONCE)	<b>الجوقة:</b> الرَّبُّ قَدْ مَلَكَ وَالجَلالَ لَيْسَ.
<i>Verse 1. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. (Refrain)</i>	<b>سَتِيخُن:</b> لَيْسَ الرَّبُّ القُوَّةَ وَتَمَنطُقُ بِهَا. (اللازمة)
<i>Verse 2. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. (Refrain)</i>	<b>سَتِيخُن:</b> لِأَنَّهُ وَطَّدَ المَسْكُونَةَ فَلَنْ تَتَرَعَّرَعَ. (اللازمة)
<i>Verse 3. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. (Refrain)</i>	<b>عَزَّجَبَكَ:</b> لِأَنَّهُ تَبَّتْ المَسْكُونَةُ فَلَنْ تَتَرَعَّرَعَ.
<b>THE OLD TESTAMENT READINGS</b>	<b>قِراءاتُ العَهْدِ القَدِيمِ</b>
<b>The First Reading</b>	<b>القِراءَةُ الأُولَى</b>

<p><b>Deacon:</b> Wisdom!  <b>Reader:</b> The Reading from Genesis. (14:14-20)  <b>Deacon:</b> Let us attend!</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> حِكْمَةٌ!  <b>القارئ:</b> قِرَاءَةٌ أُولَى مِنْ سِفْرِ التَّكْوِينِ.  <b>الشماس:</b> لِنُضْغِ.</p>
<p><b>Reader:</b> When Abram heard that Lot his nephew had been taken captive, he numbered his own home-born servants 318, and pursued after them to Dan. And he fell upon them at night, he and his servants who were with him, and he smote them and pursued them as far as Chobal, which is on the left of Damascus. And he recovered all the cavalry of Sodom, and he recovered Lot his nephew, and all his possessions, and the women and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after he returned from the slaughter of Chodollogomor, and the kings with him, to the valley of Saby; this was the king's dale. And Melchisedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine, and he was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed Abram, and said: Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, Who made heaven and earth, and blessed be the Most High God, Who delivered thine enemies into thy hand.</p>	<p><b>القارئ:</b> فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَبْرَامُ، أَنَّ أَخَاهُ سُبْيَ جَرَّ غِلْمَانَهُ الْمُتَمَرِّينَ، وَلِدَانَ بَيْتِهِ، ثَلَاثَ مِئَةٍ وَثَمَانِيَةَ عَشَرَ، وَتَبِعَهُمْ إِلَى دَانَ. وَانْقَسَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ لَيْلًا هُوَ وَعَبِيدُهُ فَكَسَّرَهُمْ وَتَبِعَهُمْ إِلَى حُوبَةَ النَّبِيِّ عَنْ شِمَالِ دِمَشْقَ. وَاسْتَرْجَعَ كُلَّ الْأَمْثَالِكِ، وَاسْتَرْجَعَ لُوطًا أَخَاهُ أَيْضًا وَأَمْثَالَكُهُ، وَالنِّسَاءَ أَيْضًا وَالشَّعْبَ. فَخَرَجَ مَلِكُ سَدُومَ لِاسْتِقْبَالِهِ، بَعْدَ رُجُوعِهِ مِنْ كَسْرَةِ كَدْرَلَعُومَرَ وَالْمُلُوكِ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ إِلَى عُمُقِ شُؤَى، الَّذِي هُوَ عُمُقُ الْمَلِكِ. وَمَلِكِي صَادِقُ، مَلِكُ شَالِيمِ، أَخْرَجَ خُبْزًا وَخَمْرًا. وَكَانَ كَاهِنًا لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ. وَبَارَكَهُ وَقَالَ: «مُبَارَكُ أَبْرَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ مَالِكِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، وَمُبَارَكُ اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الَّذِي أَسْلَمَ أَعْدَاءَكَ فِي يَدِكَ».</p>
<p><b>The Second Reading</b></p>	<p><b>القراءة الثانية</b></p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Wisdom!  <b>Reader:</b> The Reading from Deuteronomy. (1:8-11, 15-17)  <b>Deacon:</b> Let us attend!</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> حِكْمَةٌ!  <b>القارئ:</b> قِرَاءَةٌ ثَانِيَّةٌ مِنْ سِفْرِ تَنْبِيَةِ الْإِسْتِرَاعِ.  <b>الشماس:</b> لِنُضْغِ.</p>
<p><b>Reader:</b> Thus said Moses to the sons of Israel: Behold, I have delivered the land before you; go in and inherit the land, which the Lord swore to your fathers Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spake to you at that time, saying: I shall not be able to bear you by myself. The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and behold, ye are today as the stars of heaven for multitude. The Lord God of your fathers add to you a thousand-fold more than ye are, and bless you as He hath spoken to you. So I took of you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to rule over you as rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of tens, and instructors for your judges. And I commanded your judges at that time, saying: Hear causes between your brethren, and judge justly between a man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Thou shalt not have respect to persons in judgment, thou shalt judge small and great equally; thou shalt not shrink from before the person of a man, for the judgment is God's.</p>	<p><b>القارئ:</b> وَقَالَ مُوسَى لِبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ: "أَنْظُرُوا، قَدْ جَعَلْتُ أَمَامَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ. ادْخُلُوا وَتَمَلَّكُوا الْأَرْضَ الَّتِي أَقْسَمَ الرَّبُّ لِأَبَائِكُمْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ أَنْ يُعْطِيَهَا لَهُمْ وَلِنَسْلِهِمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ. وَكَلَّمْتُكُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ قَائِلًا: لَا أَقْدِرُ وَحْدِي أَنْ أَحْمِلَكُمْ. الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ قَدْ كَثَّرَكُمْ. وَهُوَذَا أَنْتُمْ الْيَوْمَ كَنُجُومِ السَّمَاءِ فِي الْكَثْرَةِ. الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ آبَائِكُمْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْكُمْ مِثْلَكُمْ أَلْفَ مَرَّةٍ، وَيُبَارِكُكُمْ كَمَا كَلَّمَكُمْ. وَقَدْ أَخَذْتُ رُؤُوسَ أَسْبَاطِكُمْ رِجَالًا حُكَمَاءَ وَمَعْرُوفِينَ، وَجَعَلْتُهُمْ رُؤُوسًا عَلَيْكُمْ، رُؤُوسَاءَ الْوَفِيِّ، وَرُؤُوسَاءَ مِثَاتٍ، وَرُؤُوسَاءَ حَمَاسِينَ، وَرُؤُوسَاءَ عَشْرَاتٍ، وَعُرَفَاءَ لِأَسْبَاطِكُمْ. وَأَمَرْتُ قُضَاتِكُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ قَائِلًا: اسْمَعُوا بَيْنَ إِخْوَتِكُمْ وَأَقْضُوا بِالْحَقِّ بَيْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ وَأَخِيهِ وَنَزِيلِهِ. لَا تَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الْوُجُوهِ فِي الْقَضَاءِ. لِلصَّغِيرِ كَالْكَبِيرِ تَسْمَعُونَ. لَا تَهَابُوا وَجْهَ إِنْسَانٍ لِأَنَّ الْقَضَاءَ لِلَّهِ.</p>



The Third Reading	القراءة الثالثة
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Wisdom!  <b>Reader:</b> The Reading is from Deuteronomy (10:14-21).  <b>Deacon:</b> Let us attend!</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> حِكْمَةٌ!  <b>القارئ:</b> قِرَاءَةٌ ثَالِثَةٌ مِنْ سِفْرِ تَنْثِيَةِ الْإِشْتِرَاعِ.  <b>الشماس:</b> لِنُصْغِ.</p>
<p><b>Reader:</b> Thus said Moses to the sons of Israel: Behold, the heaven, and the Heaven of heaven, belong to the Lord thy God, the earth and all things that are therein. Yet the Lord chose your fathers to love them, and above all nations, as at this day He chose you out of their seed after them. Therefore, ye shall circumcise the hardness of your heart, and ye shall not harden your neck. For the Lord our God, He is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great, and strong, and terrible God, Who doth not respect persons, nor will He by any means accept a bribe; executing judgment for the stranger and orphan and widow, and He loveth the stranger to give him food and raiment. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve Him, and shalt cleave to Him, and shalt swear by His Name. He is thy boast, and He is thy God, Who hath wrought for thee these great and glorious things, which thine eyes have seen.</p>	<p><b>القارئ:</b> وَقَالَ مُوسَى لِبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ: "هُوَذَا لِلرَّبِّ إِلَهِكَ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَسَمَاوَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضُ وَكُلُّ مَا فِيهَا. وَلَكِنَّ الرَّبَّ إِنَّمَا اتَّصَقَ بِآبَائِكَ لِحُبِّهِمْ، فَاخْتَارَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ نَسْلَهُمُ الَّذِي هُوَ أَنْتُمْ فَوْقَ جَمِيعِ الشُّعُوبِ كَمَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ. فَاخْتِنُوا غُرْلَةَ قُلُوبِكُمْ، وَلَا تُصَلِّبُوا رِقَابَكُمْ بَعْدُ. لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَكُمْ هُوَ إِلَهُ الْإِلَهَةِ وَرَبُّ الْأَرْبَابِ، الْإِلَهُ الْعَظِيمُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمَهِيْبُ الَّذِي لَا يَأْخُذُ بِالْوُجُوهِ وَلَا يَقْبَلُ رَشْوَةً، الصَّانِعُ حَقَّ الْيَتِيمِ وَالْأَرْمَلَةِ، وَالْمُحِبُّ الْعَرِيبَ لِيُعْطِيَهُ طَعَامًا وَلِبَاسًا. فَأَحِبُّوا الْعَرِيبَ لِأَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ غُرَبَاءَ فِي أَرْضِ مِصْرَ. الرَّبُّ إِلَهَكَ تَنْقِي. إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُ، وَبِهِ تَلْتَصِقُ، وَبِاسْمِهِ تَخْلِفُ. هُوَ فَخْرُكَ، وَهُوَ إِلَهَكَ الَّذِي صَنَعَ مَعَكَ تِلْكَ الْعَظَائِمَ وَالْمَخَاوِفَ الَّتِي أَبْصَرْتَهَا عَيْنَاكَ."</p>
<p><b>THE LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION</b></p>	<p><b>الطلبية الإلحاحية</b></p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Let us say with our whole soul, and with our whole mind, let us say.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> لِنَقُلْ جَمِيعُنَا مِنْ كُلِّ نَفْسِنَا وَمِنْ كُلِّ نِيَاتِنَا لِنَقُلْ.</p>
<p><b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy.</p>	<p><b>الجوقة:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمِ.</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray thee, hear us, and have mercy.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الضَّابِطُ الْكُلِّ إِلَهُ آبَائِنَا، نَطْلُبُ مِنْكَ فَاسْتَجِبْ وَارْحَمِ.</p>
<p><b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy.</p>	<p><b>الجوقة:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمِ.</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray thee, hear us, and have mercy.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> ارْحَمْنَا يَا اللَّهُ كَعَظِيمِ رَحْمَتِكَ، نَطْلُبُ مِنْكَ فَاسْتَجِبْ وَارْحَمِ.</p>
<p><b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy. <b>(thrice)</b> (use this response until noted below)</p>	<p><b>الجوقة:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمِ. (ثَلَاثًا) (تَعَادُ بَعْدَ كُلِّ طَلْبَةٍ)</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> وَأَيْضًا نَطْلُبُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ الْحَسَنِيِّينَ الْعِبَادَةِ الْأَرْثُوذُكْسِيِّينَ.</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Again we pray for our father and metropolitan, N.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> وَأَيْضًا نَطْلُبُ مِنْ أَجْلِ أَبِيْنَا وَمِثْرُوبُولِيْتِنَا (فِلَان).</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, deacons, hierodeacons and monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> وَأَيْضًا نَطْلُبُ مِنْ أَجْلِ إِخْوَتِنَا الْكَهَنَةِ وَالشَّمَامِسَةِ وَالرُّهْبَانَ وَالرَّاهِبَاتِ، وَكُلِّ إِخْوَتِنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ.</p>
<p><b>Deacon:</b> Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of sins for (the servants of God, NN., and) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.</p>	<p><b>الشماس:</b> وَأَيْضًا نَطْلُبُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الرَّحْمَةِ وَالْحَيَاةِ، وَالسَّلَامِ وَالْعَافِيَةِ وَالْخَلَاصِ، لِعَبِيدِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعِ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ الْحَسَنِيِّينَ الْعِبَادَةِ الْأَرْثُوذُكْسِيِّينَ، السَّاكِنِينَ وَالْمَوْجُودِينَ فِي هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ (أَوْ الدَّيْرِ أَوْ الْقَرْيَةِ)، وَالْمُجْتَمِعِينَ فِي هَذِهِ الْكَنِيسَةِ الْمَقْدَسَةِ.</p>

<b>Deacon:</b> Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church (and for the servants of God, NN.,) and all of our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> وَأَيْضاً نَطْلُبُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمُطَوَّبِينَ الدَّائِمِي الذِّكْرِ الَّذِينَ عَمَّرُوا هَذَا الْهَيْكَلَ الْمُقَدَّسَ (أَوْ الدَّيرِ)، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ جَمِيعِ السَّابِقِ زُقَادِهِمْ مِنْ آبَائِنَا وَإِخْوَتِنَا الأَرثوُدُكْسِيِّينَ، الْمَوْضُوعِينَ هَهُنَا وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.
<b>Deacon:</b> Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, those praying with us from their homes, and all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.	<b>الشماس:</b> وَأَيْضاً نَطْلُبُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الَّذِينَ يُقَدِّمُونَ الأَثْمَارَ وَالَّذِينَ يَصْنَعُونَ الإِحْسَانَ فِي هَذَا الْهَيْكَلِ الْمُقَدَّسِ الْكُلِّيِّ الْوَقَارِ، وَالَّذِينَ يَتَّعْبُونَ وَيُرْتَلُونَ فِيهِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا الشَّعْبِ الْوَاقِفِ، الْمُنْتَظِرِ مِنْ لَدُنْكَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَنِيَّةَ الْعَظْمَى.
<b>Priest:</b> For thou art a merciful God and lovest 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.	<b>الكاهن:</b> لِأَنَّكَ إِلَهٌ رَحِيمٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ وَلَكَ نُرْسِلُ الْمَجْدَ أَيُّهَا الآبُ وَالإِبْنُ وَالرُّوْحُ الْقُدُّسُ، الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Amen.	<b>الجوقة:</b> آمين.
<b>THE EVENING PRAYER</b>	<b>صلاة المساء</b>
<b>People:</b> Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening 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.	<b>الشَّعْب:</b> أَهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا الْمَسَاءِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ. مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ، إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ. لِنَتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكَانِنَا عَلَيْكَ. مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلِمْنِي وَصَايَاكَ. مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا سَيِّدُ فَهَمِّنِي حُقُوقَكَ. مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا قُدُّوسُ أَنْزِنِي بِعَدْلِكَ. يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، وَعَنْ أَعْمَالِ يَدَيْكَ لَا تُعْرِضْ. لَكَ يَتَبَغِي الْمَدِيحُ، لَكَ يَلِيقُ النَّسْبِيحُ، لَكَ يَجِبُ الْمَجْدُ، أَيُّهَا الآبُ وَالإِبْنُ وَالرُّوْحُ الْقُدُّسُ، الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.
<b>THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION</b>	<b>الطلبية الإبتهائية</b>
<b>Deacon:</b> Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> لِنُكْمِلْ طَلِبَتَنَا الْمَسَائِيَّةَ لِلرَّبِّ.
<b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy.	<b>الجوقة:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمِ.
<b>Deacon:</b> Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.	<b>الشماس:</b> أَعُذْ وَخَلِّصْ وَارْحَمْ واحْفَظْنَا يَا اللَّهُ بِنِعْمَتِكَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Lord, have mercy.	<b>الجوقة:</b> يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمِ.
<b>Deacon:</b> That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> أَنْ يَكُونَ مَسَاؤُنَا كُلُّهُ كَامِلاً مُقَدَّساً سَلَامِيّاً وَبِلاَ خَطِيئَةٍ، الرَّبِّ نَسْأَلُ.
<b>Choir:</b> Grant this, O Lord. <i>(use this response until noted below)</i>	<b>الجوقة:</b> اسْتَجِبْ يَا رَبُّ. (تُعَادُ بَعْدَ كُلِّ طَلِبَةٍ)
<b>Deacon:</b> An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مَلَائِكِ سَلَامٍ مُرْشِدِئاً، آمِيناً، حَافِظاً نَفُوسَنَا وَأَجْسَادَنَا، الرَّبِّ نَسْأَلُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> Pardon and forgiveness of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> مُسَامِحَةً خَطَايَانَا وَغُفْرَانَ زَلَّاتِنَا، الرَّبِّ نَسْأَلُ.

<b>Deacon:</b> All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> الصَّالِحَاتِ وَالْمُؤَافِقَاتِ لِنُفُوسِنَا وَالسَّلَامِ لِلْعَالَمِ، الرَّبِّ نَسْأَلُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> أَنْ نُتِمِّمَ بَقِيَّةَ زَمَانِ حَيَاتِنَا بِسَلَامٍ وَتَوْبَةٍ، الرَّبِّ نَسْأَلُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> أَنْ تَكُونَ أَوَاخِرُ حَيَاتِنَا مَسِيحِيَّةً، سَلَامِيَّةً، بِلَا حُزْنٍ وَلَا خِزْيٍ، وَجَوَاباً حَسَناً أَدَى مَنبَرِ الْمَسِيحِ الْمَرْهُوبِ، نَسْأَلُ.
<b>Deacon:</b> Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.	<b>الشماس:</b> بَعْدَ ذِكْرِنَا الْكَلِيَّةِ الْقَدَّاسَةِ، الطَّاهِرَةِ، الْفَائِقَةِ الْبَرَكَاتِ، الْمَجِيدَةِ، سَيِّدَتِنَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الدَّائِمَةَ الْبِتُولِيَّةِ مَرْيَمَ مَعَ جَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، لِنُودِعَ أَنْفُسَنَا وَنَعُضُّنَا بَعْضاً وَكُلَّ حَيَاتِنَا لِلْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ.
<b>Choir:</b> To Thee, O Lord.	<b>الجوقة:</b> لَكَ يَا رَبِّ.
<b>Priest:</b> For thou art a good God and lovest 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.	<b>الكاهن:</b> لِأَنَّكَ إِلَهٌ صَالِحٌ وَمَحَبٌّ لِلنَّبَشْرِ، وَلَكَ نُرْسَلُ الْمَجْدَ، أَيُّهَا الْآبُ وَالْإِبْنُ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُّسُ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانَ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Amen.	<b>الجوق:</b> آمين.
<b>THE PEACE</b>	<b>السلام</b>
<b>Priest:</b> Peace be to all.	<b>الكاهن:</b> السَّلَامُ لِجَمِيعِكُمْ.
<b>Choir:</b> And to thy spirit.	<b>الجوقة:</b> وَلِرُوحِكَ أَيْضاً
<b>Deacon:</b> Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.	<b>الشماس:</b> لِنَحْنِ رُؤُوسَنَا لِلرَّبِّ.
<b>Choir:</b> To Thee, O Lord.	<b>الجوقة:</b> لَكَ يَا رَبِّ.
<b>Priest:</b> O Lord our God, who didst bow the heavens and come down for the salvation of mankind: Look upon thy servants and thine inheritance; for unto thee, the fearful Judge who yet lovest mankind, have thy servants bowed their heads and submissively inclined their necks, awaiting not help from men but entreating thy mercy and looking confidently for thy salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every foe, from all adverse powers of the devil and from vain thoughts and from evil imaginations.	<b>الكاهن:</b> أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْهُنَا، يَا مَنْ طَاطَأَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَنَزَلَ لِخَلَاصِ جِنْسِ النَّبَشْرِ، أَنْظُرْ إِلَى عِبِيدِكَ وَإِلَى مِيرَاثِكَ، فَإِنَّ عِبِيدَكَ قَدْ حَنَوُا رُؤُوسَهُمْ وَأَخْضَعُوا أَعْنَاقَهُمْ لَكَ، أَيُّهَا الْقَاضِي الْمَهِيْبُ الْمَحَبُّ النَّبَشْرِ، غَيْرَ مُنْتَظِرِينَ الْمَعُونَةَ مِنَ النَّبَشْرِ، بَلْ مُنْتَظِرِينَ رَحْمَتَكَ وَمُنْتَوِّعِينَ خَلَاصِكَ. فَاحْفَظْهُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، وَفِي هَذَا الْمَسَاءِ الْحَاضِرِ، وَاللَّيْلِ الْمُقْبِلِ، مَصُونِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فِعْلٍ مُضَادٍّ شَيْطَانِيٍّ، وَمِنْ الْأَفْكَارِ الْبَاطِلَةِ وَالْهَوَاجِسِ الشَّرِيْرَةِ.
Blessed and glorified be the might of thy kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.	لِيَكُنْ عَزْرُ مُلْكِكَ مُبَارِكاً وَمَجْداً، أَيُّهَا الْآبُ وَالْإِبْنُ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُّسُ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانَ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Amen.	<b>الجوقة:</b> آمين.
<i>If your parish will offer "The Service of the Lita and Artoklasia", it is performed here.</i>	
<b>THE APOSTICHA FOR THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE ONE</b>	<b>أَبُوسْتِيخُنْ لِتَقْدِيمَةِ الْعِيدِ بِاللَّحْنِ الْأَوَّلِ</b>

<p>O pure living palace of our God, * O all-blessed Virgin, He Whom all the Heavens cannot contain hath been contained in thee. * Past all understanding, * thou shalt bear Him in the cave; * for He hath been made poor and hath taken flesh that He might deify * and make rich me, who was rendered poor * by a surfeit * of exceeding bitter food.</p>	<p>أَيْشُهَا الْبَيْتُ الْبَرِيئَةُ مِنْ كُلِّ الْغُيُوبِ، الْبَلَاطُ الْحَيُّ لِلَّهِ، لَقَدْ وَسِعَتْ مَنْ لَا تَسْعُهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ، الَّذِي سَتَدِينُهُ فِي الْمَعَارَةِ بِمَا يَفُوقُ الْعَقْلَ مُتَمَسِكِينَ وَصَائِرًا جَسَدًا، لِكِي يُؤَهِّلَنِي وَيَغْنِينِي أَنَا الَّذِي صِرْتُ فَقِيرًا بِسَرَفِ الطَّعَامِ الْكَلْبِيِّ الْمَرَارَةِ.</p>
<p><i>Verse 1. God shall come from Teman, and the Holy One from the mountain overshadowed by the forest. At Caesar's commandment, Thou, O Christ, * wast enrolled with us Thy servants in Thy tender compassion that Thou mightest come to grant * freedom and redemption * and Thine everlasting life * to us, Thy thankless servants, who worship Thy divine and saving Birth, * O long-suffering and forbearing Lord, * since Thou camest * that Thou mightest save our souls.</i></p>	<p><b>عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِحَبْلِكَ 1:</b> اللَّهُ مِنَ التَّنِيمَنِ يَأْتِي وَالْقُدُوسُ مِنْ جَبَلٍ مُظَلَّلٍ مُدْعِلٍ. أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الطَّوِيلُ الْأَتَاةِ، إِنَّكَ لِتَحْتَنِيكَ كُتِبْتَ مَعَ الْعَبِيدِ بِأَمْرِ قَيْصَرَ، لِتَأْتِي فَتَمْنَحَ الْحَرِيَّةَ وَالْحَيَاةَ وَالنَّجَاةَ لِعَبِيدِكَ الْعَادِمِي الشُّكْرِ، السَّاجِدِينَ لِمِيلَادِكَ الْخَلَاصِيِّ، أَيُّهَا الْآتِي لِتُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.</p>
<p><i>Verse 2. O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee and was afraid: Lord, I considered Thy works and was amazed. The all-holy Virgin free of blame * having pondered on the great incomprehensible childbirth that transfigured and made new * nature's established bound'ries, * she cried out unto her Son: * O most beloved Child, I am sore amazed at this great mystery; * how I gave birth, and am virgin still, * by Thy power, * Who hast made all by Thy will.</i></p>	<p><b>عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِحَبْلِكَ 2:</b> يَا رَبُّ سَمِعْتُ سَمَاعَكَ فَفَزِعْتُ، فَكَّرْتُ بِأَعْمَالِ خَاصَّتِكَ وَتَعَجَّبْتُ. إِنَّ الْكَلِيَّةَ الْقَدَاسَةَ الْبَرِيَّةَ مِنَ الْعَيْبِ، لَمَّا أَدْرَكَتِ الْمِيلَادَ غَيْرَ الْمُدْرِكِ، الْمُجَدِّدَ تَرْتِيبَاتِ الطَّبِيعَةِ، هَتَفَتْ بِابْنِهَا قَائِلَةً: يَا وَلَدِي الْمَحْبُوبَ جِدًّا إِنِّي أَنْدَهُلُ مِنَ السِّرِّ الْعَظِيمِ، كَيْفَ أَكُونُ بَعْدَ الْوِلَادَةِ بَتُولًا بِقُدْرَتِكَ، أَيُّهَا الصَّانِعُ الْأَشْيَاءِ كُلَّهَا بِمَشِيئَتِكَ.</p>
<p><b>DOXASTICON FOR THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO</b></p>	<p><b>ذُكُصَا لِلأَحَدِ الَّذِي قَبْلَ عِيدِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّانِي</b></p>
<p><i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Rejoice, O honored Prophets, who didst organize well the law of the Lord, and appeared as stable, unshakeable pillars of faith; for verily, they hath become mediators of the New Covenant of Christ. Wherefore, having been translated to heaven, plead ye with Him to grant safety to the world and to save our souls.</i></p>	<p>المَجْدُ لِلأَبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. اإْفْرَحُوا أَيُّهَا الْأَنْبِيَاءُ الْمُشْرَفُونَ، الَّذِينَ نَظَّمُوا شَرِيعةَ الرَّبِّ حَسَنًا وَظَهَرُوا أَعْمَدَةً ثَابِتَةً لِلإِيمَانِ غَيْرَ مُتَزَعِّعَةٍ، لِأَنَّكُمْ عَدَوْتُمْ وَسَطَاءَ الْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ لِلْمَسِيحِ. فِيمَا أَنْتُمْ أَنْتَقَلْتُمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، ابْتَهِلُوا إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَمْنَحَ السَّلَامَ لِلْعَالَمِ وَلِنَفُوسِنَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.</p>
<p><b>DOXASTICON FOR THE FOREFEAST IN TONE TWO</b></p>	<p><b>ذُكُصَا لِتَقْدِيمَةِ الْعِيدِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّانِي</b></p>
<p><i>Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Behold, the time of our salvation approacheth; make thou ready, O cave, for it is time for the Virgin to give birth. And thou, Bethlehem of Judah, rejoice and be glad; for from thee shall shine forth our Lord. Hearken, O mountains and hills and the regions about Judah: for Christ cometh to save man whom He did create, since He is the Lover of mankind.</i></p>	<p>الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ. هَا قَدْ اقْتَرَبَ زَمَانُ خَلَاصِنَا، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمَعَارَةُ تَهَيَّأِي فَالْبَيْتُ قَدْ أَنْ لَهَا أَنْ تَلِدَ، وَيَا بَيْتَ لَحْمٍ أَرْضِ يَهُودَا اطْرَبِي وَابْتَهَجِي إِذْ مِنْكَ أَشْرَقَ رَبُّنَا، إِسْمَعِي أَيُّهَا الْجِبَالُ وَالتَّلَالُ وَالكُورُ الْمُحِيطَةُ بِالْيَهُودِيَّةِ، لِأَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَأْتِي لِكِي يُخَلِّصَ الْإِنْسَانَ الَّذِي جَبَلَهُ، بِمَا أَنَّهُ مُحِبٌّ لِلبَشَرِ.</p>
<p><b>THE HYMN OF ST. SIMEON THE GOD-RECEIVER</b></p>	<p><b>تَسْبِيحَةُ الْقُدَيْسِ سَمْعَانَ الْقَابِلِ الْإِلَهَ</b></p>
<p>Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in</p>	<p>الآنَ أَطْلُقُ عَبْدَكَ أَيُّهَا السَّيِّدُ عَلَى حَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ بِسَلَامٍ،</p>

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 lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.	لَأَنَّ عَيْنِي قَدْ أَبْصَرْتَا خَلَاصَكَ الَّذِي أَعَدَدْتَهُ أَمَامَ كُلِّ الشُّعُوبِ، نُورًا لِاسْتِعْلَانِ الْأُمَّمِ، وَمَجْدًا لِشُعْبِكَ إِسْرَائِيلَ.
<b>THE TRISAGION PRAYERS</b>	<b>صلاة التريصاجيون</b>
<b>People:</b> Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: Have mercy on us. ( <i>thrice</i> )	<b>الشعب:</b> قُدُوسَ اللَّهِ، قُدُوسَ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُوسَ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، اِرْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.	المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.
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.	أَيُّهَا الثَّالُوثُ الْقُدُوسُ، اِرْحَمْنَا. يَا رَبُّ اغْفِرْ خَطَايَانَا. يَا سَيِّدَ تَجَاوَزْ عَنَّا سَيِّئَاتِنَا. يَا قُدُوسَ اطَّلِعْ وَاشْفِ أَمْرَاضَنَا، مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِكَ.
Lord, have mercy. ( <i>thrice</i> )	يَا رَبُّ اِرْحَمِ. (ثلاثاً)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.	المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.
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.	أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، لِيَتَقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ، لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُكَ، لِيَتَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُكَ كَمَا فِي السَّمَاءِ كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، خُبِّرْنَا الْجَوْهَرِيَّ اعْطِنَا الْيَوْمَ، وَاتْرُكْ لَنَا مَا عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا نَتْرُكُ لِمَنْ لَنَا عَلَيْهِ، وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي تَجْرِبَةٍ، لَكِنْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشَّرِيرِ.
<b>Priest:</b> 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.	<b>الكاهن:</b> لِأَنَّ لَكَ الْمُلْكَ، وَالْقُوَّةَ، وَالْمَجْدَ، أَيُّهَا الْآبُ وَالْإِبْنُ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Amen.	<b>الجوقة:</b> آمِينَ.
<b>APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO</b>	<b>أبوليتيكيون الأحد الذي قبل عيد الميلاد باللحن الثاني</b>
Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.	عَظِيمَةٌ هِيَ أَفْعَالُ الْإِيمَانِ، لِأَنَّ الْفَتِيَّةَ الثَّلَاثَةَ الْقَدِيسِينَ قَدْ ابْتَهَجُوا فِي يَنْبُوعِ اللَّهَيْبِ كَأَنَّهُمْ عَلَى مَاءِ الرَّاحَةِ، وَالنَّبِيُّ دَانِيَالُ ظَهَرَ رَاعِيًا لِلسَّبَاعِ كَأَنَّهُمْ غَنَمٌ، فَبَنَصْرُعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ خَلِّصْ نَفُوسَنَا.
<b>APOLYTIKION OF THE PARAMON OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR (**Joseph was amazed**)</b>	<b>أبوليتيكيون بارامون عيد الميلاد باللحن الرابع</b>
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. As the fruit of David's seed, Mary was registered of old * with the Elder Joseph in the small town of Bethlehem, * when she conceived with a seedless and pure conception. * Behold, the time was come that she should bear her Child, * but no place was found within the inn for them; * yet the cave proved a delightful palace * for the pure Lady and Queen of all. * For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforesaid.	المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ. فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ، كُتِبَتْ مَرْيَمُ مَعَ يُوسُفَ الشَّيْخِ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ، بِمَا أَنَّهَا مِنْ زَرْعِ دَاوُدَ، وَكَانَتْ حَامِلَةً الْحَمَلِ الَّذِي بَغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ. فَلَمَّا حَانَ وَقْتُ الْوِلَادَةِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لهُمَا مَكَانٌ فِي الْقَرْيَةِ، ظَهَرَتْ الْمَغَارَةُ لِلْمَلِكَةِ، كِبَلَاطٍ مُطْرَبٍ. الْمَسِيحُ يُوَلَّدُ مِنْهُضًا الصُّورَةَ الَّتِي سَقَطَتْ مِنْهُ الْقَدِيمِ.

THE DISMISSAL	الختم
<b>Deacon:</b> Wisdom.	الشَّمَّاس: حِكْمَةً.
<b>Choir:</b> Father, bless.	الجوقة: بارِك يا أب.
<b>Priest:</b> Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.	الكاهن: المَسِيحُ إِلَهُنا، الَّذِي هُوَ مُبارِكٌ كُلَّ حِينٍ، الآنَ وَكُلَّ أوانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الداهِرِينَ.
<b>Choir:</b> Amen. Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.	الجوقة: آمين. لِيُوطِدَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُنا الإِيمانَ المُسْتَقِيمَ الرَّأي، مَعَ جَميعِ المَسِيحيينَ الأَرثوذكسيينَ إلى الأَبَدِ، آمين.
<b>Priest:</b> Most-holy Theotokos, save us.	الكاهن: أَيُّها الفائقُ قُدسُها والِدَةُ الإِلهِ خَلِّصينا.
<b>Choir:</b> More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption didst bear God the Word and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.	الجوقة: يا مَنْ هِيَ أَكْرَمُ مِنَ الشاروِبيمِ، وأَرْفَعُ مَجداً بغيرِ قِياسٍ مِنَ السارافيمِ، التي مِنْ دونِ فَسادٍ وَلَدَتْ كَلِمَةَ اللهِ، حَقاً أَنْتَ وَالِدَةُ الإِلهِ إِيّاكَ نُعْظِمُ.
<b>Priest:</b> Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee.	الكاهن: المَجْدُ لَكَ أَيُّها المَسِيحُ الإِلهُ، يا رِجاءَنا، المَجْدُ لَكَ.
<b>Choir:</b> 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 ( <i>thrice</i> ). Father, bless.	الجوقة: المَجْدُ لِلأَبِ وَالابنِ وَالرُوحِ المُقَدَّسِ، الآنَ وَكُلَّ أوانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الداهِرِينَ. آمين. يا رَبُّ ارْحَم. (ثلاثاً) بارِك يا أب.
<b>Priest:</b> May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of <i>Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community</i> ; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of all those who of old have been well-pleasing to God, from Adam down to Joseph the Betrothed, of the prophets and prophetesses, especially of Daniel the prophet and the three holy youths; whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.	الكاهن: أَيُّها المَسِيحُ إِلَهُنا الحَقِيقِي، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَينِ الأَمواتِ، بِشِفاعاتِ أُمَّكَ الكَلِيبَةِ الطَّهارَةِ والبَرِيبَةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيبٍ؛ وبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّليبِ الكَرِيمِ المُحْيِي؛ وبِطَلَباتِ القُوَّاتِ السَّماويَّةِ المُكْرَمَةِ العادِمَةِ الأَجسادِ؛ والنَّبِيِّ الكَرِيمِ السابِقِ المَجيدِ يوحنا المَعْمَدانِ؛ والقَدِيسينَ المُشْرِفينَ الرُّسُلِ الجَدِيبينَ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛ والقَدِيسينَ المَجيدينَ الشُّهداءِ المُتَأَلِّقينَ بِالظَّفَرِ؛ وآبائِنا الأَبْرارَ المُتَوَشِّحينَ بِاللَّهِ؛ والقَدِيسِ (فُلان) شَفِيعِ وَحامِي هَذِهِ الرِّعيَةِ المُقَدَّسَةِ، والقَدِيسينَ الصِّدِّيقينَ يُوَاكِمَ وَحَنَّةَ جَدِّي المَسِيحِ الإِلهِ، وَجَميعِ الَّذِينَ أَرْضُوا اللهُ مِنْ أَدَمَ حَتَّى يوسُفَ خَطِيبِ مَريمَ؛ وَالأنبِياءِ وَالنَّبِياتِ، وَخاصَّةً دانيالَ النَّبِيِّ، وَالفَتِيَّةِ الثَّلاثَةِ القَدِيسينَ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذكارَهُمُ اليَوْمَ، وَجَميعِ قَدِيسِكَ، ارْحَمنا وَخَلِّصنا بِما أَنْتَ صالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلبَشَرِ.
<b>Priest:</b> Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.	الكاهن: بِصَلواتِ آباينا القَدِيسينَ، أَيُّها الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ المَسِيحُ إِلَهُنا، ارْحَمنا وَخَلِّصنا.
<b>Choir:</b> Amen.	الجوقة: آمين.
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