



# Akathist to Saint Paisius the Athonite



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

**Reader:** Amen. Glory to Thee O God. Glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fills all things. Treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity. And, save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy **(3)**.

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

## KONTAKION I

**Choir/Faithful:** Let us believers with one voice all praise him who was **sent** by God / in these times of trial for our comfort and **guidance**, / Paisius the **wonderful**, / who struggled graciously and pleasingly for the **Master**, / burning with love for the **whole** world / and pledged his heart for us and for our **salvation**. / And let us call **out** to him / in thanksgiving, **saying**: // Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

## IKOS I

**Priest:** God ordained that you were born in the blessed land of Cappadocia, the cradle of a countless multitude of saints, to whom you also were added in perfect worthiness, shining forth together with them and unceasingly guiding us to repentance. Therefore we praise you with great joy, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for you made yourself a precious follower of the saints of Cappadocia!

Rejoice, for you wholly likened yourself to them as a true **bearer** of God!

Rejoice, most fair and fragrant **flower**, who has blossomed for our **enlightenment**!

Rejoice, wellspring of heavenly grace, who refreshes the **whole** world!

Rejoice, sweetest food, who fills the souls that are starved of right **teaching**!

Rejoice, receptacle that has gathered all our weaknesses, troubles and **sorrows**!

Rejoice, pillar of fire, who is the unshakable support of those that desire to gain **salvation**!

Rejoice, star that shines in the firmament of the Church, guiding us to the everlasting **mansions**!

Rejoice, for you were shown to be a blessing of God and a sign of His ineffable **mercy**!

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

## **KONTAKION II**

**Priest:** O Blessed Father, you were chosen from your mother's womb to give yourself up to God in all things and thus become a precious vessel unto Him, for the salvation and guidance of all that put their hope in you. To Him, Who worked great wonders and mercy through you, for such a blessing we all sing with joy the song: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **IKOS II**

**Priest:** The baptism which you, O Father, received from the hands of the saint of God, Arsenius, was a sign of God's grace resting on you. For seeing your many gifts in spirit, from your early infancy he blessed you to be his disciple and bear his name. Therefore, despite our unworthiness, we honor

you, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for you were found worthy to be baptized by Saint Arsenius the Cappadocian!

Rejoice, for he foresaw all that was to come to **pass** with you!

Rejoice, for his spirit rejoiced, seeing such blessed fruit sprung forth from the flock that he **shepherded**!

Rejoice, for on account of this he cared for you unceasingly throughout all his **earthly** life!

Rejoice, for even after departing to heaven he did not forsake you, but all the more **interceded** for you!

Rejoice, for you also honored him as befitting, piously reckoning him to be your **father** in Christ!

Rejoice, for you struggled heartily for his glorification, gathering testimonies of his **wondrous** life!

Rejoice, for the Saint of God blessed you to find his most beloved **relics**,

which became a fount of countless **healings**!

Rejoice, for lovingly you laid his revered body in the monastery founded by you at **Souroti**!

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

### **KONTAKION III**

**Priest:** Moving to Greece because of the tyrannical Turkish persecution, your parents came to the land of Konitsa, and, sacrificing yourself, O father, you began to ascend the godly ladder of perfection. For even since childhood, you were shown to be to be a guiding light for all those around you, who, seeing your precious gifts, glorified God, saying: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### IKOS III

**Priest:** Instructed by the example of your parents, from a young age you strove with burning zeal for the love of Christ, showing the deeds of a perfect man. For following your blessed mother, before long you began to fast strictly and pray unceasingly to God, a hermit by life, yet a child by age. Wondering at the manliness of your heart, with joy we sing to you thus:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for still young you wholly forsook the fleeting **lusts** of this world!

Rejoice, for through perfect fasting you preserved unspoiled the crown of **virginity**!

Rejoice, for your youth did not prevent you from acquiring unceasing prayer in **solitude**!

Rejoice, for instead of reveling in **childish** games, you delighted in ever being with **Christ** and His saints!

Rejoice, for on account of this you avoided the friendship of those that sundered you from your **ardent** love!

Rejoice, for you not only strove for outward things, but also adorned your soul with all **virtue**!

Rejoice, for you followed the kindness and devoutness of your blessed **mother**!

Rejoice, for she set for you an unspoiled example of love and utter self-**sacrifice**!

Rejoice, for we all wonder at the courage with which you began to fight the **good** fight!

Rejoice, Blessed Father **Paisius**, enlightener of the **latter** times!

## KONTAKION IV

**Priest:** Called to battle to defend your country from the unbelievers, O Father, you shone forth in your boundless courage. For, wholly forsaking the love of self, you sought to be amidst peril, in order to spare those that fought together with you. And seeing this, they all thanked God for such support, saying: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## IKOS IV

**Priest:** O Blessed Father, you used the war as a means of sanctification, for you unceasingly grew in love beyond passion, sacrificing your soul for the sake of your friends. And thus you won immortal crowns from Christ our God, Who makes Himself a hundredfold reward for all sacrifice. Understanding this, we too hasten to bring words like these to praise you:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for you were a wonderful example of utter self-sacrifice in **battle!**

Rejoice, for you utterly scorned this earthly life, thus earning **heavenly life!**

Rejoice, for you did not lose your piety in the dread perils which **you** endured!

Rejoice, for through the greatness of your soul, you made yourself a light of sanctification to those **around** you!

Rejoice, for you helped in and out of season all in trouble and **sorrow!**

Rejoice, for you utterly overcame human fear, arming yourself with iron **courage!**

Rejoice, for fighting against the enemies of your **country,**



you also secretly fought against the **enemies** of your soul!  
Rejoice, for although you wished to die in place of your  
friends, God shielded you as His most **beloved** one!  
Rejoice, for through the wonderful power of your soul, you  
showed us also the path to **perfection**!  
Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter**  
times!

### **KONTAKION V**

**Priest:** With burning zeal you forsook the world, O Father,  
and wholly dedicate yourself to Christ, joining the army of  
monks, who unceasingly struggle to overcome their nature.  
And in a short time you became an angel in the flesh, wholly  
clothing yourself in Him, to Whom we too humbly sing:  
Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **IKOS V**

**Priest:** You withdrew to the blessed desert of Sinai in order  
to serve Christ, O Blessed Father, and overcoming the lusts  
of the world, you became perfect man, shining forth with all  
virtue and burning with true love for God, Who through you  
bestowed on us the abundance of His mercy. Therefore,  
despite our unworthiness, we too thank you, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, angelic man, for you reckoned all  
worldly lusts as **vanity**!  
Rejoice, for you strove for three years in the harsh desert of  
**Sinai**!  
Rejoice, for unknown by all, you lived there in a **hidden** cave,

enduring **heat** and frost!

Rejoice, for there you fought unto blood against **all** desires!

Rejoice, for through your great meekness, you utterly defeated the cunning **demons**!

Rejoice, for you washed from yourself all the filth of sin, becoming a true **light** of Christ!

Rejoice, for you began to pray with fervent tears for the **whole** world!

Rejoice, for seeing your overwhelming sacrifice, God filled you with gifts beyond **nature**!

Rejoice, for in your narrow cave, you were vouchsafed countless revelations of **divine** grace!

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

### **KONTAKION VI**

**Priest:** After fighting the good fight in Sinai, O Father, you were called by the Mother of God to her earthly garden, the Holy Mount of Athos, the blossom and light of Orthodoxy. And foreseeing there the place of your perfection, you thanked the Most Holy Queen for her wondrous protecting veil, with which she unceasingly shields the whole world from troubles and sufferings; and with joy you sang to her Son the sweet song: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **IKOS VI**

**Priest:** Arriving on the Holy Mountain and taken to many places by the grace of God, you ascended the ladder of holiness, O Blessed Father, like a wise bee gathering from everywhere the sweetest spiritual nectar. And afterward you

became the son of Father Tikhon, the Spirit-bearing Elder who was full of virtue and whom you followed in absolute obedience. Therefore, with feeble voices we sing to you thus:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for God foreordained glorification for you on blessed Mount **Athos!**

Rejoice, for He entrusted you to the care of His Most Pure Mother, Who guarded you as Her **beloved** son!

Rejoice, for overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, you wandered over the whole **Mountain,** seeking out fathers of **holy** life!

Rejoice, for you wondered at their unceasing prayers, through which God sheds His mercy on the **whole** world!

Rejoice, for you strove to write their lives too, for the glory of God and the **profit** of men!

Rejoice, for afterward you became the disciple of Blessed Father Tikhon, the one perfect in **holiness!**

Rejoice, for you served him with endless love, in all things trusting in his wise **guidance!**

Rejoice, for seeing your utter obedience, God also gave you the gift to abide in your holy **father!**

Rejoice, for after his repose, Blessed Tikhon revealed to you that he would pray for you **unceasingly!**

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

## **KONTAKION VII**

**Priest:** Perfecting yourself in absolute love, you made yourself a tool of God, Who began to work through you with great power. For He made you a comfort for all those that were troubled and a guide for those that were darkened in sin. We all thank God, O Father, for He gave you to us for our

salvation, and we sing to Him thus: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## IKOS VII

**Priest:** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father that is in heaven, said the Saviour of the world with true voice. For in thee too, O Father, his word was fulfilled with all power. Therefore we praise you too, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, you who **taught** the world through books enlightened by the Holy **Spirit!**  
Rejoice, you who through words of great profit dispelled the **ignorance of our times!**  
Rejoice, trumpet of the Spirit, who heralded to all the joy of **repentance!**  
Rejoice, wondrous prophet, who showed us that we live in the **end times!**  
Rejoice, merciful healer of all diseases which **cannot** be healed!  
Rejoice, precious carer for all whose souls are burdened with **sorrows!**  
Rejoice, godly oil, that has cleansed **all** our wounds!  
Rejoice, heavenly peace, that has brought so many broken families **back together!**  
Rejoice, skilful guide, that has removed all devilish snares from among the **people!**  
Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter times!**

## KONTAKION VIII

**Priest:** Seeing the terrible struggle conducted by the enemy of salvation against the family blessed by God, you girded yourself with the weapon of the word, teaching spouses that only patience, long-suffering, forbearance and self-sacrifice with love can ensure the peace of their homes. Unceasingly we glorify God for sending you, O Blessed Father, to show us the right way, and we sing: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## IKOS VIII

**Priest:** Give me Christian mothers and I will give you saints to change the world, said the godly Chrysostom. And touched by this truth, you ever struggled with prayers and advice, showing faithful spouses that peace in the family is fruit of the Holy Spirit, and that they must wisely strive for this. We all thank you for your effort to bring healing to our families, so cruelly struck by temptations, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, intercessor before God for the harmony of those in **married** life!

Rejoice, for the faithful spouses whom you advised to live in moderation and **holiness**!

Rejoice, for you taught them lovingly and unselfishly to bear one another's **weaknesses**!

Rejoice, for you showed the parents that through prayer the grace of God descends on the whole family, bringing peace and **happiness**!

Rejoice, for you struggled against all sins, seeing them as the cause of the falling apart of **families**!

Rejoice, for you made yourself an unyielding reprover of the

horrible slaughter of **infants!**

Rejoice, for you told faithful **mothers**  
that through the example of their lives they can turn their  
**children** into saints!

Rejoice, for you showed the young that through obedience  
they attract the mercy of God and a **peaceful** life!

Rejoice, for you besought them to earn their parents'  
blessing, through which comes also the blessing of the  
Holy **Spirit!**

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter**  
times!

### **KONTAKION IX**

**Priest:** Let us now joyfully praise Paisius, our intercessor,  
who through his heartfelt prayers miraculously healed all our  
sufferings, both in body and soul. And let us sing with  
thanksgiving to God, Who is glorified in the Holy Trinity:  
Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **IKOS IX**

**Priest:** O Father, you made yourself the healer of all diseases  
through the gift given to you by God. For burning with love  
and pity for those tormented by afflictions, you selflessly  
prayed for their relief, teaching them to thank God for all  
things. We all praise you with one voice, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, strong weapon against the horrible  
disease of **cancer!**

Rejoice, tireless carer for those that suffer in **terrible** pain!

Rejoice, wellspring of healing, in which all those wounded in

soul **refresh** themselves!  
Rejoice, banisher of demons, for with your meekness you  
crushed all the wickedness and tyranny of the **devil**!  
Rejoice, most merciful **father**,  
for you could not bear to see the people crushed under the  
weight of their sufferings of **body** and soul!  
Rejoice, for on account of this you took upon yourself all our  
troubles and **sorrows**!  
Rejoice, for you selflessly prayed that God might give you  
our **weaknesses**!  
Rejoice, for you taught us that all sorrows come through  
straying from God and His **commandments**!  
Rejoice, you who showed us that the reward for those that  
suffer with patience and glorify God is **ineffable**!  
Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter**  
times!

### **KONTAKION X**

**Priest:** The Lord and Savior of the world promised a great reward to those that would strive in righteousness for the perfection of others. And though a simple monk and unlearned in worldly things, you, O Blessed Father, were gifted with wisdom by the Spirit of the Lord Himself, to guide thousands on the path of salvation. Unto now you pray for them to God, to Whom with joy we too sing: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **IKOS X**

**Priest:** On account of your complete virtue, God adorned you with gifts beyond nature, which you used for His glory and the profit of men. For you made yourself a father of countless

believers, who, beset by the terrible temptations of our times, sought you as a heavenly haven. And therefore we ask you to accept us too among thy spiritual children and allow us to sing with thanksgiving to you thus:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for you taught the **people** to struggle against the evil thoughts sown in their minds by the enemy of our salvation!

Rejoice, for shining with the gift of discernment, you at once **revealed** to your sons

whether their thoughts were from God or from the **devil!**

Rejoice, for by the grace of God you knew the depths of the **hearts** of men!

Rejoice, for having great wisdom, you brought to naught all the cunning snares of the **evil one!**

Rejoice, for you brought many to repentance through your **unfeigned** love!

Rejoice, for you made yourself a wise reproof of the proud and **stubborn!**

Rejoice, for you were a tender caress for those in despair and overwhelmed by temptations!

Rejoice, for you wept unceasingly for all that looked to thee as a true hope of **salvation!**

Rejoice, for on the day of judgement you shall say to God with **sweet** joy:

Behold I and the children that You have **given** me!

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

## **KONTAKION XI**

**Priest:** Becoming a perfect monk, O Father, and full of the grace of God, You made yourself the steadfast hope of the



unconsoled souls of those who desired to dedicate themselves wholly to Christ. And in your gifts they all saw in you a guide enlightened by the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise God, Who did not deprive His flock of shepherds of holy life, saying: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## IKOS XI

**Priest:** You founded a convent in Souroti, where your finest spiritual daughters would dedicate themselves to Christ the Bridegroom with great love. And then you lead them to perfection through your most wondrous counsel, as a loving and long-suffering father, who is to us also an undecieving guide. Therefore we all bless you, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for you founded the convent of Saint John the Theologian in Souroti!

Rejoice, for this became a haven of salvation for souls that **thirsted** for Christ!

Rejoice, for you strove in and out of season to make the nuns into perfect **brides** of our Lord!

Rejoice, for you taught them true monastic life, signifying to forsake the world **and** its lusts!

Rejoice, for you strove unceasingly to kindle their zeal for blessed **asectic** feats!

Rejoice, for you guided them to frequent **confession** of sins, through which all the devil's works are **utterly** despoiled!

Rejoice, for your counsel fell on fruitful earth and refreshed the **whole** world!

Rejoice, for you struggled diligently against the spirit of this world, which does terrible harm to **monastic** life!

Rejoice, for through your courage and love you made

yourself an example of spiritual victory for **all** monks!  
Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter**  
times!

## **KONTAKION XII**

**Priest:** Great was the grace of God on you, O Blessed Father, and also His great mercy, for on account of your great self-sacrifice, the Almighty vouchsafed you wonderful revelations and joys beyond belief. We too rejoice, seeing the reward that God gives His saints, and we beg Him to make us too partakers thereof and we sing to Him: Alleluia!

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **IKOS XII**

**Priest:** Even from this earth, O Father, you tasted of the joys of heaven, prepared by our All-Merciful God for all that serve Him with love. For although the struggles which the evil one conducted against you were terrible, so much greater were the consolations through which God strengthened you in virtue. Therefore, in humble praise, we sing to you:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, all-sweet light, through which  
Christ shines forth to the **whole** world!

Rejoice, wonderful flame that you kindle in us with the **love**  
of God!

Rejoice, for you made yourself the perfect abode of **heavenly**  
grace!

Rejoice, for in you it bore all the fruits of **holiness**!

Rejoice, for God overwhelmed you with His gifts beyond  
**nature**!

Rejoice, for you tasted of everlasting and uncreated light!

Rejoice, for you lived with the Saints as with your **close** friends!

Rejoice, for the Most Gracious Mother of our Lord **appeared** to you

to strengthen you in **sorrows!**

Rejoice, ineffable wonder, for you were vouchsafed to speak to Christ Our Lord and **God** Himself!

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

### **KONTAKION XIII**

You, O Father, said with words enlightened by the Holy Spirit that many saints would have desired to live in our times, in order to strive for salvation. For you heralded to us, who live in darkness, that the time is almost ready and that those that now struggle valiantly to win their salvation will receive a martyr's reward. For this we thank God, Who with mercy looked on His people, sending His Saint for our enlightenment, and thus with voices of joy we gladly sing to our All-Gracious Master the song: Alleluia.

**Choir/Faithful:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*This kontakion is recited thrice; whereupon Ikos I and Kontakion I are repeated.*

### **IKOS I**

**Priest:** God ordained that you were born in the blessed land of Cappadocia, the cradle of a countless multitude of saints, to whom you also were added in perfect worthiness, shining forth together with them and unceasingly guiding us to repentance. Therefore we praise you with great joy, saying:

**Choir/Faithful:** Rejoice, for you made yourself a precious follower of the saints of Cappadocia!

Rejoice, for you wholly likened yourself to them as a true bearer of God!

Rejoice, most fair and fragrant **flower**, who has blossomed for our enlightenment!

Rejoice, wellspring of heavenly grace, who refreshes the **whole** world!

Rejoice, sweetest food, who fills the souls that are starved of right **teaching**!

Rejoice, receptacle that has gathered all our weaknesses, troubles and **sorrows**!

Rejoice, pillar of fire, who is the unshakable support of those that desire to gain **salvation**!

Rejoice, star that shines in the firmament of the Church, guiding us to the everlasting **mansions**!

Rejoice, for you were shown to be a blessing of God and a sign of His ineffable **mercy**!

Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

## KONTAKION I

**Choir/Faithful:** Let us believers with one voice all praise him who was **sent** by God / in these times of trial for our comfort and **guidance**, / Paisius the **wonderful**, / who struggled graciously and pleasingly for the **Master**, / burning with love for the **whole** world / and pledged his heart for us and for our **salvation**. / And let us call **out** to him / in thanksgiving, **saying**: // Rejoice, Blessed Father Paisius, enlightener of the **latter** times!

**Priest:** Again and again on bended knees let us pray to our Blessed Father Paisius

**Choir/Faithful:** Blessed Father Paisius / pray to **God** for us.

### **Prayer to Our Blessed Father Paisius**

**Priest:** O beloved Father Paisius, thou that ascended the rungs of holiness and became perfect in virtue, therefore gaining boldness before our Merciful God, pray to Him, Whom you served unceasingly all your life, not to let us perish for the multitude of our sins, but to turn us back to blessed repentance.

You, who on earth healed with such love our countless weaknesses, diseases both of body and soul, can all the more now deliver us from all sufferings. So have mercy on us, O Father, through your immeasurable love and godly kindness, not forsaking us that are full of sins.

You, who never tired of guiding us to salvation and bearing our weaknesses while you were here with us, now grant us also the wisdom to overcome the temptations which the wicked devil ever weaves around us and through which he would destroy our souls for eternity. Enlighten us to know the will of God for us and pray to the Master that He might give us power to fulfil it with thanksgiving.

You, who set an unwavering example of courage and self-sacrifice, strengthen us also to follow your virtue, that we may win an everlasting crown, of which you yourself were found most worthy.

Thus, O Father, do not forsake us, who ceaselessly anger our long-suffering God, but rather stand with boldness before His throne, interceding for us with tears, that God may give us for your sake most dear salvation. And thus, thanking you with all our heart for all that you have done and still do for us, let us also thank our Most Gracious God, Who is glorified in the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir/Faithful:** Amen.

### **The Litany**

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Again we pray for His Beatitude, Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, His (*Grace /Eminence*), (*Arch*) Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Again we pray for the president of our country, for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Again we pray for mercy, life peace, health, salvation and visitation for the servants of God \_\_\_\_\_, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** Furthermore, we pray for the people here present, awaiting from Thee great and bountiful mercies for all the brethren and for all Christians.

**Choir/Faithful:** Lord have mercy (3)

**Priest:** 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.

**Choir/Faithful:** Amen.

**Priest:** Wisdom! Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

**Choir/Faithful:** More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos we magnify you.

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

**Choir/Faithful:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy (3). Father bless.

**Priest:** [pronounces the dismissal and faithful venerate the Cross]

*Blessed Father Pius pray to God for us!*

*Glory Be To God For All Things!*