

**A MOLIEBEN
FOR THE SALVATION OF OUR CHURCH
AND THE APPEASING IN IT OF DISCORD AND
STRIFE**

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Deacon: Bless, master.

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

Choir: Amen. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us of every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Reader: 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. 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 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. Amen....

Reader Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

Come, let us worship 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!

Psalm 45

God is our Refuge and Strength, a helper in afflictions which have found us exceedingly. Therefore we shall not fear when the earth is shaken, nor when the mountains be removed into the heart of the seas. Their waters roared and were troubled, the mountains were troubled by His might. The rushings of the river make glad the City of God; the Most High has sanctified His tabernacle. God is in the midst of her, and she shall not be moved. God shall help her early in the morning. The nations were troubled, kingdoms were bowed down; the Most High gave forth His voice, the earth was shaken. The Lord of hosts is with us; our Helper is the God of Jacob.

Come and behold the works of God, what wonders He has wrought on the earth, making wars to cease even unto the ends of the earth. He will crush the bow and shatter the weapon, and shields He will burn with fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The God of hosts is with us; our Helper is the God of Jacob.

And then:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (3)

Then "God is the Lord..." in the Sixth Tone:

- Priest/Deacon:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord! O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever!
- Choir:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord!
- Priest/Deacon:** All nations surrounded me, but in the Name of the Lord I destroyed them!
- Choir:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord!
- Priest/Deacon:** I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord!
- Choir:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord!
- Priest/Deacon:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner! This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes!

Choir:

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is
he who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Then the following:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us/
for laying aside all excuse,
we sinners offer to Thee, as to our Master, this supplication:
Have mercy on us.

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

O Lord, have mercy on us/
for in Thee have we put our trust./
Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities,
but look down on us even now, as Thou art compassionate,
and deliver us from our enemies;/
for Thou art our God, and we are Thy people,
we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Blessed Theotokos,
open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in you,
that we may not perish,
but be delivered from adversity through you./
For you are the salvation of the Christian people.

Then Psalm 50 is read:

Psalm 50 (51)

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy steadfast love; according to Thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified in Thy sentence and blameless in Thy judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness, let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will return to Thee.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Thy deliverance. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise.

Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thy altar.

After this, refrains of the Canon:

Clergy: O merciful Lord, hearken unto the prayers of Thy servants who are entreating Thee

Choir: Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Clergy: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Choir: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Lord, have mercy. (3)

Then the following Troparia

Tone Six (IDIOMELON)

Deliver Thy servants from misfortunes, O Greatly-merciful One/
for, with fervor, we flee unto Thee, the merciful Redeemer/
the Master of all/
the Lord Jesus.

Save your servants from misfortunes, O Theotokos/
for after God all of us hasten unto you/
as unto an unshakeable wall and protection.

Look down with compassion, O all-hymned Theotokos/
on the cruel affliction attacking the Church,
and heal the sickness of our soul.

Then the Priest or the Deacon says the Litany:

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3 – after each petition)

Priest/Deacon: Again we pray for our Metropolitan HERMAN; for our
Archbishop JOB; and for all our brethren in Christ.

Priest/Deacon: Again we pray for the President of our country, for all civil
authorities, and for the armed forces, especially those in
harms way.

Priest/Deacon: O Lord have mercy on Thy Church in this land on our Holy
Synod of Bishops, Clergy, Monastics, and all the faithful;
fill us with Thy grace, send us a spirit of discernment that
all the members of Thy Holy Body may serve thee in all
truth, love, integrity and peace, as befits those called by
Thy name, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: We have warranted just chastisement and Thy righteous judgment has overtaken us, O Lord. But do Thou spare Thy people who have sinned and destroy us not forever. We fall down before Thee in repentance and humbly pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: We know that we have provoked Thy love for mankind, O All-good Master, and we have angered Thy goodness. But do Thou turn away from us Thy wrath which justly rises against us; drive the present strife, discord and division away from Thy Church. In repentance and with broken hearts, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Ever surrounded by afflictions and our tears with which our sinfulness has encircled us, with compunction we cry out unto Thee, O Lord, our God, that our life be brought up from corruption, that we not be destroyed forever, and that the powers of darkness may be scattered. For we flee unto Thee and we call for Thy help: Hearken unto Thy people of the Orthodox Church in America who are afflicted and in need, O Lord, and out of Thy love for mankind have mercy.

Then the Exclamation:

For Thou are a merciful God and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

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on the cruel affliction attacking the Church,
and heal the sickness of our soul.

Then the Priest/Deacon says this Litany:

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, 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.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

And the Priest says the Exclamation:

Priest: For Thou art the King of peace and the Savior of our souls, and unto Thee do we send up glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest/Deacon: Let us attend

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Reader: And to your spirit

Priest/Deacon:

Wisdom

Reader:

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone:

They cried unto the Lord in their affliction, and out of their distresses He saved them. (106:13)

Choir:

They cried unto the Lord in their affliction, and out of their distresses He saved them.

Reader:

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death (106:14)

Choir:

They cried unto the Lord in their affliction, and out of their distresses He saved them.

Reader:

They cried unto the Lord in their affliction:

Choir:

And out of their distresses He saved them.

Priest/Deacon:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir:

Lord, have mercy.

And the Priest says the Exclamation:

For holy art Thou, O our God, Who restest in the Saints, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir:

Amen.

Priest/Deacon:

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Choir:

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Priest/Deacon:

Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in His mighty firmament.

Choir:

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Priest/Deacon:

Let everything that breathes.

Choir:

Praise the Lord.

Priest/Deacon:

And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy

Choir: Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. (3)

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

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

Priest/Deacon: Let us attend.

And immediately the Priest reads the Gospel:

The Gospel according to Matthew
(*Pericope 98 from the center – Matt. 24:6-10, 12, 21-22*)

The Lord said to His Disciples: You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in diverse places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you, and you shall be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many lose faith and shall betray one another and shall hate one another. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be shortened.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

Then the Priest/Deacon says this Litany:

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3 – after each petition)

Priest/Deacon: Again we pray for our Metropolitan HERMAN; for our Archbishop JOB; and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: O Lord have mercy on Thy Church in this land on our Holy Synod of Bishops, Clergy, Monastics, and all the faithful; fill us with Thy grace, send us a spirit of discernment that all the members of Thy Holy Body may serve thee in all truth, love, integrity and peace, as befits those called by Thy name, we pray Thee hearken and have mercy.

Then the Priest says the Exclamation:

Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those that be far off at sea; and be merciful, be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us: for Thou art a merciful God, and the Lover of Mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest/Deacon: Let us attend, and with humble hearts having inclined the knees of our souls and bodies, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

And the Priest reads this Prayer:

O Lord God, our Savior; With broken hearts we fall down before Thee and we confess our sins and iniquities wherewith we have provoked Thy deep compassion and have shut out Thy tender mercies. For we have departed from Thee, O Master, and have not kept Thy commandments. Thou hast become angry with us and hast allowed us to become wounded because of unrighteous deeds committed against Thy Church and because of our own unrighteousness. We are stricken with discord and strife; our love has grown cold and we approach the brink of despair. We have been tempted to heed the wisdom of this world instead of heeding Thy divine wisdom. We have witnessed unrighteous judgment, condemnation and hatred. How long, O Lord, How long must we endure this torment. Visit us with Thy mercy; send down Thy heavenly blessing upon us, heal the wounds of our souls, raise us up from our affliction. Calm the discord and turmoil in the Orthodox Church in America. Banish from us slander and conflict, bitter disputes and scandals. Burn out from our hearts every impurity, every evil, every unrighteous thought, that we may all

love one another again and abide in oneness of mind in accordance with Thy will. Remember the mercies which Thou hast shown to our forebears, the righteous hierarchs, clergy and faithful gone before us, and make us worthy to restore their vision and zeal for a united Orthodox witness to this North America Continent. Inspire our hierarchs of the Holy Synod to lead and guide the Church with that same vision and zeal.

Bless us with Thy peace, O Lord our God, through the prayers of the most-holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, the holy and all-laudable Apostles, the holy and right-victorious Martyrs, and all Saints of North America, especially the Evangelizers of the Midwest: St. Tikhon, St. Raphael, St. Alexis and St. John.

O Lord, we hasten unto Thee; teach us to do Thy will, for Thou art our God; for with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light. Let Thy mercy be upon all who know Thee.

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

Choir: Amen.

Priest/Deacon: Wisdom

Priest: Most Holy Theotokos Save us

Choir: 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: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy!
Father, bless!

Priest: May Christ, our true God through the prayers of his most pure mother, and all the saints have mercy on us for He is good and loves mankind.

