

# MOLIEBEN



FOR THE BEGINNING OF A CHURCH ASSEMBLY

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*Protodeacon:* Bless Master.

*Hierarchy:* Blessed is our God; always, now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*People:* Amen.

*Protodeacon:* Glory to You, O God, Glory to You.

**Tone 6** **Common Chant**  
arr. from Lvov-Bakhmetev

*People:*

O Heav - en - ly King, the Comforter the Spi - rit  
of Truth, who art everywhere and fill - est all things;  
Treasury of bless - ings and Gi - ver of Life:  
Come and a - bid e in us, and cleanse us from every  
im - pur - i - ty, and save our souls, O Good — One!



## GREAT LITANY

*Protodeacon:* In peace, let us pray to the **LORD**.

*People:* **LORD**, have mercy. (*and after each petition*)

*Protodeacon:* For the peace from on above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For the peace of the whole world, the stability of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For this holy temple, and for those who enter here in faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For our lord and father, most blessed Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, for our lord most reverend Archbishop \_\_\_\_\_, and for our lord, right reverend Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy, and the people, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For (*his/her Majesty the King / Queen, for*) this country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For this city (*town, village, place, monastery*), for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For favourable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ That He will hear the voice of petition of the members of this Assembly (*Council*) and fulfill all of our good desires and intentions, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ That He will send down the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding upon the members of this Assembly (*Council*),





opening our hearts and lips and enlightening our minds, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ That He will grant them the Wisdom which stands by His Throne, making it abide in our hearts and teaching us what is for the good of His Holy Church, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ That we may wisely remain constant in the Orthodox Faith and in all good works, a joy and comfort to all people and a strengthening of the Holy Church, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ That He will look down with His merciful eye on His Church and upon this Assembly (*Council*), bestowing the grace of wisdom upon its endeavours in the successful building up of the life of the Church of our salvation, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For the members of this Assembly (*Council*) gathered here from throughout our Archdiocese awaiting the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and needful of God's help and protection, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ That He will instill in the members of this Assembly (*Council*) oneness of mind, harmony of spirit, good intentions, and wise action for the benefit of His Holy Church, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the **LORD**.

✠ Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

✠ Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos, and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints; let us commend ourselves, each other, and our whole life unto Christ our God.

*People:* To You, O **LORD**.





*Hierarch:* For to You are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*People:* Amen.

### GOD IS THE LORD TONE 8<sup>1</sup>

*Protodeacon:* In the 8<sup>th</sup> tone.

God is The **LORD** and has revealed Himself to us!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the **LORD**!

O give thanks to the **LORD**, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

*People:* God is The **LORD** and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the **LORD**! (*Refrain*)

*Protodeacon:* Encircling me, they surrounded me, but in the Name of the **LORD**, I repulsed them.

~ *Refrain* ~

*Protodeacon:* I shall not die, but live, and tell the works of the **LORD**.

~ *Refrain* ~

*Protodeacon:* The stone which the builders rejected has become the very cornerstone; this came about from the **LORD**, and it is wondrous in our eyes.

~ *Refrain* ~

### APOLYTIKIA

[Tone 8] Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who has revealed the fishermen as most wise; by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You.

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1 Ps. 117:27–26, 1, 11, 17, 22–23.





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

[Tone 8] As a beautiful fruit of the sowing of Your salvation, the lands of America offer to You, O LORD, all the Saints that have shone in her. By their prayers keep the Church and the world in profound peace, through the Theotokos, O Most-merciful One

*... Now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen*

[Tone 6] Steadfast Protectress of Christians.

Constant advocate before the Creator:

Despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,

But in your goodness

Come speedily to help us who call on you in faith.

Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos.

For you always protect those who honour you.

*Clergy:* Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

*People:* Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

*Clergy:* Most holy Theotokos, save us.

*People:* Most holy Theotokos, save us.

*Clergy:* All Saints of America, pray to God for us.

*People:* All Saints of America, pray to God for us.

*Clergy:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;...

*People:* ...Now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Choir:* O greatly merciful one deliver your servants from distress.

For we earnest hasten to you. LORD, Jesus Christ, the merciful redeemer of all.

*Protodeacon:* Let us be attentive. Wisdom! Let us attend!





*Deacon:* The prokiemenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Deliver your servants from distress, for human salvation is in vain.

*Choir:* Deliver your servants from distress, for human salvation is in vain.

*Deacon:* With God we will show our strength, and He will destroy our oppressors.

*Choir:* Deliver your servants from distress, for human salvation is in vain.

*Deacon:* Deliver your servants from distress...

*Choir:* ... for human salvation is in vain.

*Protodeacon:* Let us pray to the **LORD**.

*Choir:* **LORD**, have mercy.

*Priest:* For Holy are You, Our God, Who abides in Your holy ones, and we glorify You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*Choir:* Amen.

*Deacon:* Let every breath, praise the **LORD**.

*People:* Let every breath, praise the **LORD**.

*Deacon:* Praise God in His Saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

*People:* Let every breath, praise the **LORD**.

*Deacon:* Let every breath...

*People:* ...Praise the **LORD**.

*Protodeacon:* That we may be accounted worthy to hear of the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the **LORD** God.

*People:* **LORD**, have mercy. (3x).







*Protodeacon:* Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

*Hierarch:* Peace be unto all!

*People:* And to your spirit.

*Hierarch:* The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John the Theologian.

*People:* Glory to You, O LORD, glory to You!

*Protodeacon:* Let us attend.

**GOSPEL** (*John 17:1-22*)

*Hierarch:* At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

“Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom





You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.”

*People:* Glory to You, O LORD, glory to You.

*Clergy:* Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

*People:* Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us.

*Clergy:* Most holy Theotokos, save us.

*People:* Most holy Theotokos, save us.

*Clergy:* All Saints of America, pray to God for us.

*People:* All Saints of America, pray to God for us.





*Clergy:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;...

*People:* ...Now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

### PANAGIA AXION ESTIN TONE 6

*People:* It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim, more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos: we magnify you.

### LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

*Deacon:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hearken and have mercy.

*People:* **LORD**, have mercy. (3x). (*and after each petition*)

*Deacon:* Again we pray for our lord and father, most blessed Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, for our lord most reverend Archbishop \_\_\_\_\_, and for our lord, right reverend Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy, and the people, and for all our brethren in Christ.

✠ Again we pray (*for his/her Majesty the King / Queen,*) for this country, for those who govern it, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere.

✠ Again we pray to the **LORD** our God, that He will look with mercy upon the members of this Assembly (*Council*), and will send down into our hearts, our minds, and our lips the spirit of wisdom, of understanding, of godliness, and of His fear; enlightening our minds with the light of His gracious understanding, that we may be adorned with all good works for the glory of His most holy Name; for the benefit of His Holy Church; let us say: O **LORD**, hearken and mercifully have mercy.





✠ Again, we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God, especially for all the delegates and participants and members of our Archdiocese in this Assembly (*Council*), and for the pardon, and remission of their sins.

*Hierarch:* Hear us, O God our Saviour, Your hope extends to the ends of the earth and to them that are far off at sea. Be benevolent and merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us. **For You are a merciful God and the Lover of Mankind, and to You we give glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

*People:* Amen.

*Deacon:* Again, and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the **LORD**.

*People:* **LORD** have mercy. (3x)

*Hierarch:* O God, our God! You have adorned us with Your image and given us free will. When You entered the temple in the midst of the feast, O most compassionate Master, You amazed the people with Your teaching. Through your servant David, You taught us, saying, “Come listen to me, children, and I will teach you the fear of the **LORD**” (*Psalms 33:11*). You also taught wisdom to Solomon: [so] look down even now upon this Assembly (*Council*), and grant us wisdom and understanding, so that we may learn Your holy will. Fill our hearts with love for You and for our Brethren. Guide us on the way of truth and righteousness, keeping our hearts from all evil. Unite us in mind and heart, and let mutual brotherly love abide in our midst. Bless us to accomplish good works for Your Name’s sake.

We pray, O most merciful **LORD** our God, the God of all compassion and consolation: do not turn Your face away from us,





nor deprive us of our deepest desires, for we have set our hope on You. Grant us peace and serenity, unity of spirit, concord and fruitful action, and all things needful for our ephemeral and eternal life. You alone know what we need, and grant it to us even before we make our request.

For You are God, powerful in mercy and gracious in strength, and to You are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; always, now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*People:* Amen.

*Protodeacon:* Wisdom!

*Hierarch:* O most holy Theotokos, save us!

*People:* More honourable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the word, true Theotokos, we magnify you.

*Hierarch:* Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope, glory to You.

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

**LORD**, have mercy! (3x)

*(Most Blessed)/(most reverend)/(right reverend)* Master, bless!

### DISMISSAL

*Hierarch:* May \_\_\_\_\_ (*Sunday Only: He who rose from the dead*), Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles;

*(Monday)* through the protection of the honourable bodiless Powers of heaven;





(*Tuesday*) through the prayers of the honourable and glorious prophet, forerunner and baptizer, John;

(*Wednesday, Friday*) through the power of the precious and life-creating Cross;

(*Thursday*) and of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra and Lycia;

Through the prayers of all the Saints glorified in North America;

Through the prayers of the holy \_\_\_\_\_, whose memory we keep today; through the prayers of the holy, and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim, and Anna, and of all the saints; have mercy on us, and save us, for He is Good and the Lover of Mankind.

*People:* Amen.

Eis polla eti Despota!

*If the Many Years is to be chanted*

*Protodeacon:* A prosperous and peaceful life, health and salvation, and good success in all things, grant, O LORD, to our lord and father, most blessed \_\_\_\_\_ archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada, and our lord, most reverent \_\_\_\_\_ archbishop of Ottawa and Canada, and our lord, right reverent bishop \_\_\_\_\_. And all Orthodox Christians, and preserve them for many years.

*People:* God grant you many years! (3x.)

