

## *Reader's Moleben for First Responders and Healthcare Workers in Time of Contagion/Epidemic*

*Senior Reader:* Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

*Reader:* Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest 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. (3x)

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

*All:* Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, 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.

*Senior Reader:* Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us.

*Reader:* Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

O come, let us worship God our King. O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God. O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

### **Psalm 142/143**

*Reader:* Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications! In Thy faithfulness answer me, in Thy righteousness enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for no man living is righteous before Thee. For the Enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou hast done; I muse on what thy hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of Thy steadfast love, for in Thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to Thee I lift up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to Thee for refuge! Teach me to do

Thy will, for Thou art my God! Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path! For Thy name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble! And in Thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am Thy servant. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (3x)

*Senior Reader:* In the 4th Tone: God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

*All:* God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

*Senior Reader:* All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I destroyed them.

*All:* God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

*Senior Reader:* I shall not die, but live and recount of the deeds of the Lord.

*All:* God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

*Senior Reader:* 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.

*All:* God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

#### **Troparion to Christ - Tone 4**

O God, Creator, Master and Physician of all,  
bless and direct the work of those who've answered the call to aid us;  
for they risk and lay down their lives to help us  
exemplifying the greater love which Thou dost bless.  
Strengthen them in heart, mind, soul and body,  
that they may accomplish their work for the good of all//  
through the prayers of the Unmercenary Physicians, O merciful Lover of mankind.

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

#### **Troparion to all the Holy Unmercenary Physicians - Tone 8**

Holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers,  
heal our infirmities. //  
Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### **Theotokion - Tone 6**

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,  
constant Advocate before the Creator.  
Do not despise 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 honor you.

### 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, O God, 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.

**Senior Reader:** The prokeimenon in the 4th tone: Preserve me, O God, for in Thee I take refuge. (Ps.15/16: 1).

**All:** Preserve me, O God, for in Thee I take refuge.

**Senior Reader:** I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (Ps.15/16:8)

**All:** Preserve me, O God, for in Thee I take refuge.

**Senior Reader:** Preserve me, O God,

**All:** for in Thee I take refuge.

**Senior Reader:** The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (7:7-11, 11:27-30).

*All:* Glory to Thee, O God, glory to Thee.

*Senior Reader (read, not intoned):* The Lord said: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

*All:* Glory to Thee, O God, glory to Thee.

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

*Senior Reader:* Let us pray to the Lord. O God Almighty, Lord of Heaven and earth, Physician of all living things, in Thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, Thy people gathered in Thy Holy Name. As written in the Wisdom of Sirach, we are to give place to the physician and the medicines which God has created, including those through the God-given skill of the pharmacist. Therefore let us pray for them and for all those involved in caring for our minds and bodies during this epidemic - doctors, nurses, orderlies, mental health professionals, specialists, first responders and others; that they may accurately discern symptoms, create completely beneficial medicines and generally carry out their duties to fullest of their abilities for the health and welfare of all. May they be preserved from disillusionment, loss of hope, physical and mental exhaustion and from contracting the disease which currently afflicts us. All this we entreat of Thee, the Source of all blessings and healings, and to Thee we ascribe glory, honor and worship together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine All-holy, good and grace-bearing Spirit - the Comforter - always now and ever and unto ages of ages..

*All:* Amen.

*Reader:* More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

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. (3x) O Lord, Bless.

*Senior Reader:* Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and save us.

*All: Amen.*

*(Singing Ps.23/'The Lord is my Shepherd', or similar hymn would be appropriate here).*