## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Glory to You, O God. (thrice)



#### I. PRAYER

- I thank You, O Lord my God, for You have not rejected me, a <u>sin</u>-ner, \* but have counted me worthy to be a partaker of Your <u>ho</u>-ly things.
- I thank You, for You have permitted me, the unwor-thy, \* to commune of Your most pure and hea-venly Gifts.
- But, O Master Who loves mankind, Who for our sakes died and *rose* again, \* and gave us these awesome and life-creating Mysteries for the good and sanctification of our souls and *bo*-dies;
- let them be for the healing of soul and body, the repelling of every adversary, the illumining of the eyes of my heart, the peace of my spiritual powers, a faith unashamed, a love unfeigned, the fulfilling of wisdom, the observing of Your commandments, the receiving of Your di-vine grace \*, and the attaining of Your King-dom.
- Preserved by them in Your holiness, may I always remember Your grace and live not for my-<u>self</u> alone, \* but for You, our Master and Bene-fac-tor.
- May I pass from this life in the hope of eternal life, and so attain to the everlasting rest, where the voice of those who feast is uncea-sing, \* and the gladness of those who behold the goodness of Your countenance is un-en-ding.
- For You are the true desire and the ineffable joy of those who *love* You, \* O Christ our God, and all creation sings Your praise for-*e*-ver. Amen.

### II. A PRAYER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

- O Master, Christ our God, King of the Ages, Maker of all things: I thank You for all the good things You have <u>gi</u>-ven me, \* especially for the communion with Your most pure and life-creating <u>Mys</u>-teries.
- I implore You, O gracious Lover of <u>man-kind</u>: \* preserve me under Your protection, beneath the shadow of Your *wings*.
- Enable me, even to my last breath, to partake worthily and with a pure conscience of Your <u>ho</u>-ly things, \* for the remission of sins and unto life e-*ter*-nal.
- For You are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of Holiness, the Giver of all Good; to You we ascribe *glo*-ry, \* with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of *a*-ges. Amen.

# III. A PRAYER BY ST. SIMEON METAPHRASTES:

- Freely You have given me Your Body for my food, O You Who are a fire consuming the unworthy. Consume me not, O my Cre-<u>a</u>tor, \* but instead enter into my members, my veins, my *heart*.
- Consume the thorns of my transgressions.

  Cleanse my soul and sanctify my <u>rea</u>sonings. \* Make firm my knees and <u>bo</u>-dy.
- Illumine my five senses. Nail me to the <u>fear</u> of You. \* Always protect, guard, and keep me from soul-destroying *words* and deeds.
- Cleanse me, purify me, and adorn me. Give me understanding and illumi-<u>na</u>-tion. \*
  Manifest me to be a temple of Your One Spirit, and not the home of <u>ma</u>-ny sins.

May every evil thing, every carnal <u>pas</u>-sion, \* flee from me as from a fire as I become Your tabernacle through com-<u>mun</u>-ion.

I offer You as intercessors, all the saints: the leaders of the bodiless hosts, Your Forerunner, the wise A-<u>pos</u>-tles, \* and Your pure and blameless *Mo*-ther.

Accept their prayers in Your love, O my Christ, and make me, Your servant, a child of light. For You are the only Sanctification and Light of our souls, O *Good* One, \* and to You, our Master and God, we ascribe glory *day* by day.

### IV. ANOTHER PRAYER:

O Lord Jesus Christ our God: let Your holy Body be my e<u>-ter</u>-nal life; \* Your precious Blood, my re-<u>mis</u>-sion of sins.

Let this Eucharist be my joy, health, and <u>glad</u>ness. \* Make me, a sinner, worthy to stand
on the right hand of Your glory at Your
awesome second Coming, through the
prayers of Your most pure Mother and of <u>all</u>
the saints.

## V. A PRAYER TO THE THEOTOKOS:

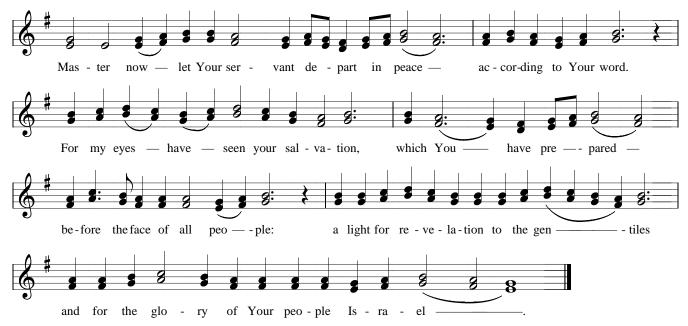
O most holy Lady Theotokos, the light of my darkened soul, my hope, my protection, my refuge, my rest, and my *joy*. \* I thank you, for you have permitted me, the unworthy, to be a partaker of the most pure Body and precious *Blood* of your Son.

Give the light of understanding to the eyes of my heart, you that gave birth to the <u>True</u> Light. \* Enliven me who am deadened by sin, you that gave birth to the Fountain of Immor-ta-lity.

Have mercy on me, O loving Mother of the <u>mer</u>ciful God. \* Grant me compunction and contrition of heart, humility in my thoughts, and a release from the slavery of my <u>own</u> reasonings.

And enable me, even to my last breath, to receive the sanctification of the most pure Mysteries, for the healing of soul and <u>bo</u>-dy. \* Grant me tears of repentance and confession, that I may honor you all the days of my life, for you are blessed and greatly glorified for-*e*-ver. Amen.

### ST. SIMEON'S CANTICLE



O Heavenly King, the comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who is everywhere and fills all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life. Come and abide in us, and cleanse from every im-<u>pu</u>-rity, \* and save our souls, O *Good* One!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Im-mor-tal, \* have mer-cy on us! (thrice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  $\underline{Spi}$ -rit. \* Now and ever and unto ages of  $\underline{a}$ -ges. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity have mercy upon us, Lord cleanse us from our i-<u>ni</u>-quities, \* O Holy One heal our infirmities, for *Your* name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have <u>mer-cy</u>. \* Lord, have <u>mer-cy</u>.

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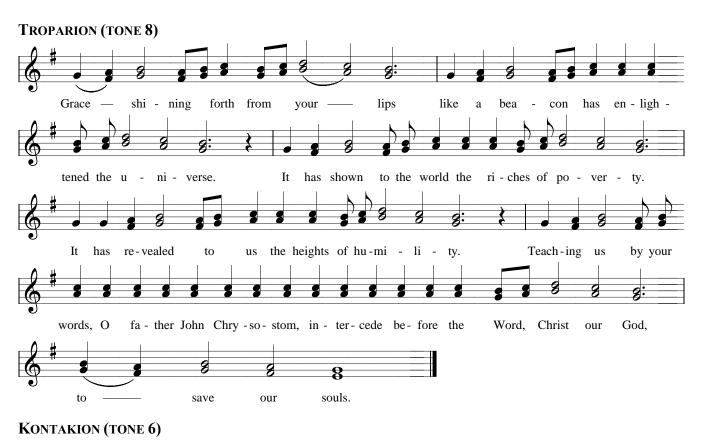
Our Father, You are in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temp-ta-tion, \* but deliver us from the e-vil one.

Priest: For Yours 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.



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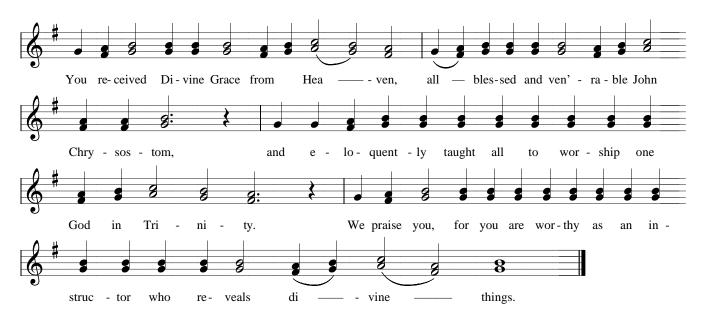
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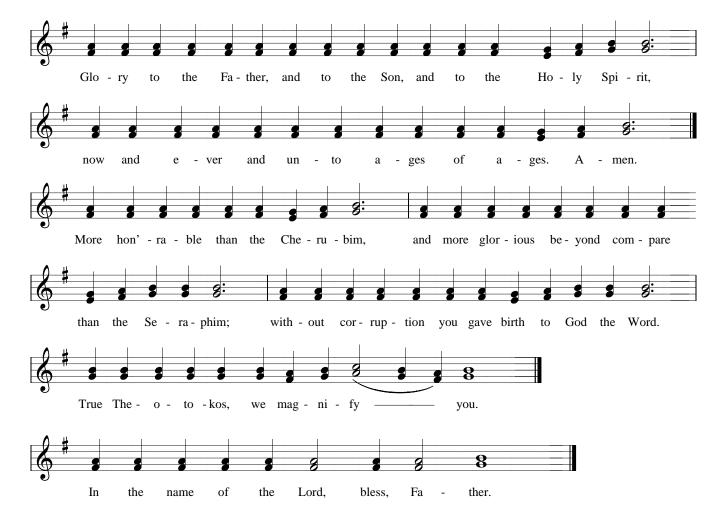
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**THEOTOKION (TONE 6)** (OR THE TROPARION OF THE DAY.)



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Priest: May [He Who rose from the dead, ] Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us for He is good and loves mankind.

