



Life and Akathist Service to the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna

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Saint Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah, and was a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed. Saint Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi. Saint Anna's family came from Bethlehem.

The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and all their life they grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never grumbled, but fervently prayed to God, humbly trusting in Him.

Once, during a great feast, the gifts which Joachim took to Jerusalem as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest Reuben, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained the old man very much, and he, regarding himself the most sinful of people, decided not to return home, but to settle in solitude in a desolate place.

When Saint Anna learned what humiliation her husband

had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his desolate solitude the righteous Joachim also asked God for this. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, Who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that She would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Saints Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them and they named her Mary.

Saint Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. Saint Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband.

Saints Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children.

Troparion — Tone 1

Since **you** were righteous under the law of grace, O Joachim and **Anna**, / you gave birth to the God-given **infant** for our sake. / **Therefore**, the divine Church radiantly keeps **feast** today, / joyfully celebrating your honorable memory and giving **glory** to God // who has

raised up a horn of salvation from the house of **David**.

Kontakion — Tone 2

Anna is now no longer barren / and nurses the **All-Pure One!** / She **rejoices** and calls us all to sing a hymn of **praise** to Christ, // she who from her womb gave mankind the only ever **Virgin Mother**.

Akathist Service to the Righteous Joachim and Anna

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: O holy and righteous Joachim and **Anna** / the forebears of Christ, / elect among the **human** race, / who gave birth to the all-blessed, holy Maiden, of Whom the Son of God was **born** in the flesh. / In that you have great boldness before **Christ** God / and stand before His **heavenly** throne, / earnestly entreat Him, that we may be delivered from misfortunes / and thus may ever cry **aloud** to you: // “Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna!** ”

IKOS I

Priest: An angelic messenger was sent to you by God, O holy and righteous ancestors of God, when you both gave vent to your sorrow—you, O Joachim, in the wilderness, and you, O Anna, in the garden,—offering up supplication unto God. Thus the incorporeal one brought the joyful tidings that you would give birth to an all-blessèd daughter, in whom the whole human race would be blessed. And with him we also offer you joyful praise:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, branches of the vine of life who blossomed forth in holiness from the root of **David**;
Rejoice, you who gave birth to a daughter more blessed than all the generations of men.
Rejoice, most honored forebears of the incarnate **Son** of God;

Rejoice, ven' rable ancestors of the great Messiah.

Rejoice, you who took part in the dispensation of God for man's salvation;

Rejoice, most excellent disclosers of the mystery hidden from before **time** began.

Rejoice, closest kinfolk in the flesh to the Consolation of **Israel**;

Rejoice, blood relatives of the Savior Who was **promised** to the world.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

KONTAKION II

Priest: Seeing himself belittled by the high priest in the temple of Jerusalem because of his lack of children, the holy Joachim was sore distressed. In bitterness of soul he withdrew to his flocks in the wilderness, and there he offered fervent supplication with tears, that the Lord grant that he might be called father by a child of his own. And thus he added fasting to prayer, and in the contrition of his heart cried aloud to God Almighty: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS II

Priest: Knowing the extent of her husband's grief, the holy Anna wept bitterly in her house and prayed that the Lord would remove from her the reproach of barrenness. And we, remembering the patience of the righteous ones, cry:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, O divinely chosen pair who gave birth to her who would become the Mother of One of the **Trinity**;

Rejoice, you who produced an immaculate Mother for your
Creator.

Rejoice, you who nurtured her who is **all-pure**;
Rejoice, blessed twain who raised a daughter who is most
blessed among **women**.

Rejoice, you who cried out to God in your **bitter** distress;
Rejoice, you to whom God hearkened amid your **barrenness**.

Rejoice, for your tearful entreaties passed up to heaven and
reached the ear of the God of **Israel**;

Rejoice, for your temporal reproach has been transformed into
eternal glory in **heaven** and on earth.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and
Anna!

KONTAKION III

Priest: Filled with the power of God, the angel of the Lord
appeared to the holy Joachim in the wilderness and said to him:
“God has heard your prayer and has been pleased to grant you
His grace! Behold, Anna your wife shall conceive and bear you
a daughter, who shall be the joy of the whole world!” And
having said these things, the incorporeal one commanded him to
return to the temple of Jerusalem, where he would find his
spouse praying, that with her he also might sing there the hymn
of praise to the God of Israel: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS III

Priest: Having great sorrow in your heart, O holy Anna, you
entered the garden of your home, where your eye lit upon a
bird’s nest in a tree, wherein lay little chicks; and straightway
you added supplications to your entreaties, that the Lord might

vouchsafe you to become the mother of a child. And, lo! the angel of the Lord appeared unto you, saying: “Your prayer has been heard, your sighs have passed beyond the clouds, and your tears have come before God! Behold, you shall conceive and bear an all-blessèd daughter, in whom all the peoples of the earth will be blessed, and through whom salvation shall be given to the whole world! Her name shall be Mary!” Mindful of these most joyous angelic tidings, let us sing such things to the ancestors of God:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, O righteous couple, forechosen by **God** from on high;

Rejoice, you who were predestined for ineffable **glory**.

Rejoice, you who walked blamelessly in all the **commandments** of the Lord;

Rejoice, you who cherished his **precepts**.

Rejoice, you received eternal consolation amid your fleeting **sorrow**;

Rejoice, you who were exalted beyond expectation by the right **hand** of God.

Rejoice, for in your humility and tribulation the Lord **remembered** you;

Rejoice, for you were vouchsafed to become the forebears of the **Son** of God.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

KONTAKION IV

Priest: Beset by a storm of doubt and perplexed by the angel’s tidings to him, the righteous Joachim straightway set out for the city of Jerusalem, where he found before the gates of the temple the holy Anna, greatly glorifying the Lord, who declared to him

the joy of the angelic appearance and prediction of her childbirth. Wherefore, when he had told his spouse of his own vision, he cried with her unto the Lord: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS IV

Priest: When Anna's kinfolk and friends heard of her all-glorious conceiving, they glorified the God of Israel. And the divinely wise Anna promised the fruit of her womb to the service of God and offered up fervent thanks to the Lord. And hymning with splendor the most glorious conception of the divine Maiden Mary, we say unto her holy parents:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, joyous heralds announcing to us the Redeemer Who is come into the world;
Rejoice, you who were the harbingers of **grace** divine.
Rejoice, grandparents of God Who in His mercy **assumed** our form;
Rejoice, ever-mem'orable forebears of the awaited **Savior**.
Rejoice, you who through your blessed daughter provided flesh for the **Word** of God;
Rejoice, you who called the incarnate God your **grandson**.
Rejoice, worthy servants of the great mystery of **piety**;
Rejoice, most excellent means of God's **condescension** to men.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna!**

KONTAKION V

Priest: You were vouchsafed to give birth in the flesh to the all-holy Theotokos, the divinely radiant star who showed forth

Christ God, the Sun of righteousness, O most blessed Joachim and Anna, and have thus received the enviable title of ancestors of God. At her holy birth heaven and earth rejoiced, and the whole human race was sanctified, crying out to the God of Israel Who is wondrous in His saints: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS V

Priest: Looking as parents upon the Mother of the Creator, the divine Maiden Mary who was born to you, you reverently ministered unto her as the ark of God; wherefore, turn not away from us who fall down before you in prayer and say:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, you who were filled with radiant jubilation at the birth of the divine Maiden **Mary**;

Rejoice, you who were filled with delight at the sight of the divine **Maiden**.

Rejoice, you who were moved to compunction at the **sound** of her voice;

Rejoice, you who rejoiced to see her grow in stature and the **grace** of God.

Rejoice, you who after these things were blessed by the high **priest** of God;

Rejoice, you whose reproach was most gloriously removed by the **Most High**.

Rejoice, you who tended well the unblemished ewe-lamb **in** your house;

Rejoice, you who received the Mother of the Lamb and Shepherd as your **daughter**.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

KONTAKION VI

Priest: You were shown to be proclaimers of the wonders of God, O saints, when you fulfilled your vow to God and with glory brought the three-year old divine Maiden Mary to the temple of God, that she might abide there in the Holy of holies; and for these things you hastened with joy to sing unto the God of your fathers the glorification: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS VI

Priest: The divine Maiden shone forth like the full moon at her honored entry into the temple of the Lord, and the angels marveled at her beauty. And taking her from your hands, O holy Joachim and Anna, the High Priest Zachariah led her into the Holy of holies with honor, for she was truly the animate ark of God; and he blessed you as is meet with such praises as these:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, you who have given birth to the universal joy of the **human** race;

Rejoice, you who have nurtured the cause of the restoration of **mankind**.

Rejoice, you brought the animate ark of God to the **temple** of the Lord;

Rejoice, you presented her to the high **priest** of God.

Rejoice, you gave over your holy daughter to dwell in the Holy of **holies**;

Rejoice, you joyously committed to the Almighty the gift He had **given** you.

Rejoice, you who are revealed as the kinfolk of God Who will become **incarnate**;

Rejoice, you who conversed with the **angels**.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna!**

KONTAKION VII

Priest: Having fulfilled the desire of your soul and given your promise to God, O all-blessèd Joachim, you departed this earthly life in holiness and righteousness, passing on to the Lord. Wherefore, make entreaty for us to Him, that we also may be counted worthy to receive a peaceful and unashamed end, crying out to Him: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS VII

Priest: You lead a new and God-pleasing life in your widowhood, O holy Anna, abiding at the temple of God and ministering to your all-blessèd daughter; wherefore, we praise you as a true and God-pleasing widow and the grandmother of Christ, and with love we fervently honor you and your husband, Joachim the grandfather of God, and offer you such hymns as these:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, just ones whose righteousness shines like the sun forever;

Rejoice, brilliant stars of the firmament of the **Holy Church**.

Rejoice, companions of the holy patriarchs and **prophets** of God;

Rejoice, friends of the angels, who truly dwell with the saints in the **presence** of God.

Rejoice, you who stand nigh unto the throne of **heaven**;

Rejoice, you who have great boldness before **Christ** God.

Rejoice, adornment of the Church Triumphant in **heaven**;
Rejoice, goodly aid of the Church **Militant** on earth.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and
Anna!

KONTAKION VIII

Priest: Having reached the end of your earthly sojourn in the arms of your most divine daughter, the Theotokos Mary, O holy and righteous Anna, you slept the sleep of death and was transported unto God with hope; wherefore, glorifying your holy dormition, we entreat you, O most honored grandmother of God: When we also begin to fall into the sleep of death, beseech Christ the Savior, that our soul may part gently from our body and escape the power of the demons, and that we may be vouchsafed eternal salvation, and may cry out to Him in the joy of the saints: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS VIII

Priest: The whole Christian world blesses you as is meet, O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and in prayer glorifies your honored names; and the Church of Christ celebrates your memory with splendor and offers hymns of praise unto you:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, beacons who graciously illumine the **darkness** of our souls;
Rejoice, luminaries shining down upon us in the effulgence of your **glory**.
Rejoice, you who mercifully look down upon mortals from the heavenly heights of your **glory**;

Rejoice, you who with pity intercede for us sinners with your
Grandson.

Rejoice, you who ever pray with Mary the Theotokos;

Rejoice, you who with great might move Christ God to **mercy.**

Rejoice, you who save from all misfortunes those who cherish
love for **you** and faith;

Rejoice, you who deliver from a violent and sudden death those
who call upon your **aid** in prayer.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and
Anna!

KONTAKION IX

Priest: All the angels of God and the choirs of the saints of God
in heaven greet you, O holy and righteous ancestors of God
Joachim and Anna, and on earth the generations of men
praise you with prayerful hymns and cry out to God in
thanksgiving for your intercession: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS IX

Priest: Our eloquence does not suffice to praise you fittingly, O
holy forebears of Christ; yet as you are merciful, reject not our
poor laudations, but be fervent intercessors and advocates for us
before the Lord, fulfilling the deficiency of our souls with your
holy supplications, that we may cry out to you this hymn of
thanksgiving:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, mediators who win for us the joy and
eternal **glory** we desire;

Rejoice, fervent advocates before the Lord who acquire temporal
and eternal **blessings** for us.

Rejoice, you who by your intercession preserve the faithful
from deadly **pestilence**;

Rejoice, you who by your supplications dispel **mortal** plagues.

Rejoice, you who by your mediation cause earthquakes and
violent storms to cease and **restore** calm;

Rejoice, you whose entreaties deliver us from all **perils**.

Rejoice, you who avert every danger from those who have
recourse to your aid;

Rejoice, you who amid all tribulations and misfortunes **hasten**
to our aid.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and
Anna!

KONTAKION X

Priest: O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and
Anna, you have shown yourselves to be good helpers of those
who desire salvation of soul and diligently strive therefor, being
called the guardians of monks and nuns, and offering unto God
common entreaty for all the faithful, that in thanksgiving unto
Christ the King of glory, Who has glorified you throughout the
world, they all may cry out: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS X

Priest: With the bulwark of your prayers, O holy and righteous
ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, preserve and protect us
from the temptations of the diabolical foe who seeks the
destruction of our souls; for we know, we know that your
entreaty before the face of Christ our God, your Grandson
according to the flesh, is able to accomplish much. Never cease
to make entreaty to Him on behalf of all who with love honor

you and cry aloud:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, fruitful olive-trees pouring forth the oil of the mercy of God upon us in **abundance**;

Rejoice, two cypress-trees of goodly foliage, who turn the burning heat of our passions into the stillness of **dispassion**.

Rejoice, you who like cedars ever flourish in the courts of the **Most High**;

Rejoice, you who like pine-trees never lose the richness of the might of your boldness **before** Him.

Rejoice, purple and fine linen of which the tabernacle of God's **dwelling-place** was wrought;

Rejoice, turtle-doves mated for life, who brought forth the **immaculate** dove.

Rejoice, you who reign eternally with your daughter, the **Queen** of all;

Rejoice, you who celebrate with her in splendor in her heavenly mansion in **Zion** on high.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna!**

KONTAKION XI

Priest: Mercifully accept our hymnody of praise, and deprive us not of your compassions, O holy Joachim and Anna, ancestors of Christ: for though we are unworthy of your holy aid because of our sins, yet as you are good and full of pity, grant it to us, and help us to cleanse ourselves of the defilement of sin through repentance, that in purity of heart we may sing unto our Creator the hymn of praise: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS XI

Priest: O brethren, let us recognize the holy ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, as two radiant candles which lit the universal lamp, and, illumined with the effulgence of their heavenly glory, let us sing to them such things as these:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, you were counted worthy to raise her who is beyond compare more glorious than the **seraphim**;
Rejoice, you who with a loving eye watched over her who is higher in honor than the **cherubim**.

Rejoice, you who are resplendent with heavenly **effulgence**;
Rejoice, you who were illumined with rays of the **grace** of God.
Rejoice, you who were filled with the sweet fragrance of the **Spirit**;

Rejoice, you bear unto God the incense of your prayers for the whole **Christian** world.

Rejoice, you ever stand before the throne of Christ with Mary the Theotokos and John the **Baptist**;

Rejoice, you join the choirs of all the saints in praying to God for all the **faithful**.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna!**

KONTAKION XII

Priest: O holy ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, ask of the Lord, that He grant us divine grace and mercy, forgiveness of sins and correction of life; and cease never to entreat the countenance of Almighty God on our behalf, in that you have acquired great boldness before Him. Falling down before you with fervor for this purpose, we beseech you as our true intercessors and helpers, and with goodly compunction cry out to the Creator of all: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IKOS XII

Priest: Hymning the great might of your intercession before God, O righteous Joachim and Anna, we magnify Christ the Lord Who has magnified you; we hymn also His all immaculate Mother who was born of you; and in our zeal we offer you these right fitting praises:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, you who are glorified from the East even unto the West;

Rejoice, you whose fame has spread to the far reaches of the **north** and the south.

Rejoice, O our protectors, whose vigilance in intercession is never **wavering**;

Rejoice, divine guardians who tirelessly keep watch in your prayers to God for all the **faithful**.

Rejoice, you who grant your gracious help to every **Christian** soul;

Rejoice, you who fulfill the entreaties and petitions of the **pious**.
Rejoice, most excellent healers of the infirmities of soul and body, who **exact** no fee;

Rejoice, most diligent and right pleasing mediators who obtain for us temporal and eternal **good** things.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna!**

KONTAKION XIII

O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna! We entreat you with zeal and love, falling down before the footstool of your feet: Beseech the Lord God, that He may deliver us from the everlasting damnation prepared for sinners, that, saved by the lovingkindness of our God and aided by your holy prayers, we

may sing in thanksgiving to Him the angelic hymn: Alleluia!

Choir/Faithful: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

IKOS I

Priest: An angelic messenger was sent to you by God, O holy and righteous ancestors of God, when you both gave vent to your sorrow—you, O Joachim, in the wilderness, and you, O Anna, in the garden,—offering up supplication unto God. Thus the incorporeal one brought the joyful tidings that you would give birth to an all-blessèd daughter, in whom the whole human race would be blessed. And with him we also offer you joyful praise:

Choir/Faithful: Rejoice, branches of the vine of life who blossomed forth in holiness from the root of **David**;
Rejoice, you who gave birth to a daughter more blessèd than all the generations of men.

Rejoice, most honored forebears of the incarnate **Son** of God;

Rejoice, ven'erable ancestors of the great **Messiah**.

Rejoice, you who took part in the dispensation of God for man's salvation;

Rejoice, most excellent disclosers of the mystery hidden from before **time** began.

Rejoice, closest kinfolk in the flesh to the Consolation of **Israel**;

Rejoice, blood relatives of the Savior Who was **promised** to the world.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

KONTAKION I

Choir/Faithful: O holy and righteous Joachim and Anna / the forbears of Christ, / elect among the human race, / who gave birth to the all-blessed, holy Maiden, of Whom the Son of God was **born** in the flesh. / In that you have great boldness before **Christ** God / and stand before His **heavenly** throne, / earnestly entreat Him, that we may be delivered from misfortunes / and thus may ever cry **aloud** to you: // “Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and Anna! ”

Priest: Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the Holy and righteous Joachim and Anna

Choir/Faithful: Holy and righteous Joachim and Anna pray to **God** for us.

Prayer to the Holy and righteous Joachim and Anna

Priest: O Ever-glorious and righteous ancestors of Christ, holy Joachim and Anna who stand before the Heavenly throne of the great King and possesses boldness before Him; He was well pleased to become incarnate of your all-blessed daughter, the all-pure Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary. We the sinful and unworthy, come to you as mighty intercessors and diligent advocates for us. Entreat His goodness, that He may turn us to the way of repentance and set us firmly upon the path of His commandments. By your prayers, preserve our lives in peace. Ask that we may be successful in good things. By your intercession, may God grant to us all things necessary for life and piety and may He deliver us from all peril, misfortune and sudden death. May He allow us to live out our lives in peace and tranquility in all piety and purity. Having thus passed, from this

transitory life in peace, we may attain unto everlasting rest, where by your holy entreaty, may we be granted the Heavenly Kingdom of Christ our God, to Whom is due all glory, honor and worship with the Father and the All-Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto 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]

Holy and righteous Joachim and Anna pray to God for us!

Glory Be To God For All Things!