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Deacon: Bless, Master.

Priest or Bishop: 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 from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Reader: 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. 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. (3x)

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 the evil one.

Priest or Bishop: 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.

Choir: Amen.

## God Is the Lord

Deacon: 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; His mercy endures forever.

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

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 that comes in the name of the Lord.

Deacon: I shall not die but live and recount the works of the Lord.

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

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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

# O Heavenly King

Tone 6

O HEA - VEN - LY KING, THE COMFORTER, THE SPIR - IT OF TRUTH WHO ART

The first system of music consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily composed of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: O HEA - VEN - LY KING, THE COMFORTER, THE SPIR - IT OF TRUTH WHO ART

EVERYWHERE AND FILL - EST ALL THINGS. TREA - SU - RY OF BLESS - INGS, AND

The second system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: EVERYWHERE AND FILL - EST ALL THINGS. TREA - SU - RY OF BLESS - INGS, AND

GIV - ER OF LIFE: COME AND A - BIDE IN US, AND CLEANSE US FROM

The third system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: GIV - ER OF LIFE: COME AND A - BIDE IN US, AND CLEANSE US FROM

EV - 'RY IM - PUR - I - TY, AND SAVE OUR SOULS O GOOD ONE.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: EV - 'RY IM - PUR - I - TY, AND SAVE OUR SOULS O GOOD ONE.

# God is the Lord

## Tone 4

GOD IS THE LORD AND HAS REVEALED HIM - SELF TO US BLESSED IS

HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,

## Troparion

TODAY, LIKE THE MORNING SUN RIS - ING O - VER US, YOUR ALL - HONORED

ICON ENLIGHTENS THE WORLD WITH RAYS OF MER - CY. AND OUR

LAND REVERENTLY RE - CEIVES IT AS A DI - VINE GIFT FROM ON HIGH,

GLORIFYING YOU, O BIRTHGIVER OF GOD, OUR LADY OF SIT - KA,

WITH JOY MAGNIFYING CHRIST OUR GOD WHO WAS BORN OF YOU.

PRAY TO HIM O LADY MARY, QUEEN AND THE - O - TO - KOS

THAT ALL CITIES AND LANDS BE PROTECTED FROM OUR EN - E - MIES,

AND THAT THEY WILL BE SAVED WHO IN FAITH VENERATE YOUR MOST

PURE I - CON THAT HAS COME TO DWELL WITH US, O VIR - GIN MO - THER

WHO SHOW US THE WAY TO CHRIST.

Kontakion 1

O MOTHER OF GOD CHOSEN FROM ALL GEN - ER - A - TIONS

TO BE THE PROTECTRESS OF THE CHRIST - IAN PEO - PLE; WE OFFER

YOU SONGS OF THANKS - GIV - ING FOR YOUR WONDERWORKING ICON

THAT HAS COME TO A - LAS - KA. YOU ARE A FOUN - TAIN OF

MER - CY AND HELP OF ALL WHO SEEK RE - FUGE IN YOU.

DEFEND US IN ALL AFFLICTIONS, NECESSITIES AND TRIB - U - LA - TIONS

THAT WE MAY CRY TO YOU: REJOICE, ZEAL - OUS DE - FEN - DER

OF THE ORTHODOX FAITHFUL IN A - MER - I - CA.



Tone 8 (Alternate Melody)

Kontakion 1

O MO - THER OF GOD, CHO - SEN FROM ALL GENERATIONS TO BE THE

PROTECTRESS OF THE CHRIST - IAN PEO - PLE; WE OF - FER YOU SONGS OF

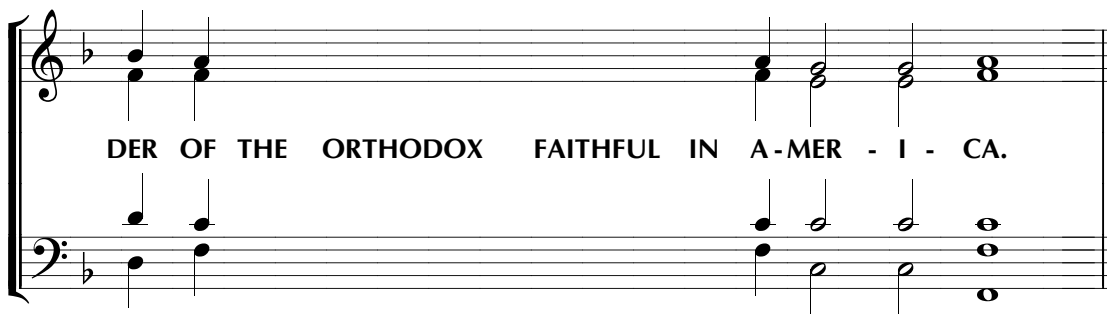
THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR WONDERWORKING ICON THAT HAS COME TO A - LAS - KA.

YOU ARE A FOUN - TAIN OF MER - CY AND HELP ALL WHO SEEK RE -

FUGE IN YOU. DE - FEND US IN ALL AF - FLIC - TIONS, NECESSITIES AND



TRIBULATIONS THAT WE MAY CRY TO YOU: RE - JOICE, ZEAL - OUS DE - FEN -



DER OF THE ORTHODOX FAITHFUL IN A - MER - I - CA.

## Ikos 1

An Archangel was sent to greet the Holy Virgin: Rejoice, for God the Word shall be made flesh in your womb. And we sinners give glory to the wonderworking icon of the Holy Virgin and the divine Infant, our Savior, Jesus Christ. And we cry to her, who is full of grace, from the depths of our hearts.

REJOICE, DIVINELY CHOSEN MAIDEN OF GOD, MOTHER OF OUR SAV - IOR.

REJOICE, YOU WHO ARE HONORED BY THE ANGELS AND HYMNED BY THE SER - A - PHIM.

REJOICE, BRIGHT FULFILL - MENT OF PRO - PHE - SY REJOICE, BOAST OF THE

A - POS - TLES. REJOICE, CROWN OF MAR - TYRS. REJOICE, GLORY

OF ALL MO - NAS - TICS. REJOICE, JOY OF THE RIGHT - EOUS.

REJOICE, HOPE OF SIN - ERS. REJOICE, ZEAL - OUS DE - FEN - DER

OF THE ORTHODOX FAITHFUL IN A - MER - I - CA.

### Kontakion 2

We recognize you as the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only true God. Your all pure face looks down from your holy icon on the glorious town of Sitka; and worshipping your Son with love and joy, we sing to God: Alleluia

ALLELUIA, AL - LE - LU - IA, AL - LE - LU - IA.

## **Ikos 2**

Burdened by many afflictions and sins, we have no other help or hope but you, O Lady. Therefore falling before your holy icon with hearths full of love we sing:

**Rejoice, perfection of praise to God through the mouths of child-ren.**

**Rejoice, revealer of the mysteries of Divine grace to the meek.**

**Rejoice, conversion of unbeliev-ers.**

**Rejoice, you, who, by the glory of your miracles, illumine the minds of the faith-ful.**

**Rejoice, rebuker of those fallen into her-esy.**

**Rejoice, confirmation of the Christ-ian Faith.**

**Rejoice, changer of our sor-row into joy.**

**Rejoice, for you make us joyful with unfail-ing hope.**

**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**

**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

## **Kontakion 3**

When the stormy seas engulf us and the rough waters fill our souls with fear, the does our holy Father Herman call from heaven upon your all powerful intercession, O lady, and a deep calm envelops us all. Therefore, as we now gaze at your holy icon, we cry to God: **Allelu-ia.**

## **Ikos 3**

With compassionate forethought for your Alaskan people, you have sent forth your icon in the Cathedral of Sitka a stream of wonders enlightening the minds and souls of those lying in ignorance of God. Granting a safe haven and good fishing to those on the seas you protect all on their paths, and for this, in love we cry to you:

**Rejoice, illumination of all men with the shining rays of your won-ders.**

**Rejoice, sight of the blind.**

**Rejoice, glory of Alas-ka.**

**Rejoice, calm haven of those seeking salya-tion.**

**Rejoice, pure Theoto-kos.**

**Rejoice, shelter and defender of child-ren.**  
**Rejoice, queller of the o-cean's fierce waves.**  
**Rejoice, joy of all the poor and the afflict-ed.**  
**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**  
**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

#### **Kontakion 4**

A storm of passions and sins rages against us and now we know not where to turn. It is then that the holy Mother of God gives us her peace; and gazing at the icon she has sent us, we cry with thanksgiving to God: **Allelu-ia.**

#### **Ikos 4**

Beset by hardships in this far northern land, we are lifted up by the faith our Father Herman instilled in us, and by the prayer of Our Lady of Sitka we take upon ourselves, with hope and fortitude, the Cross our Lord has given to each one of us and sing to her:

**Rejoice, mother of the most high God.**  
**Rejoice, queen of hea-ven and earth.**  
**Rejoice, intercessor of your Son Jesus Christ for all of us.**  
**Rejoice, protectress of those who run to you.**  
**Rejoice, giver of what is needful to all who pray before your**  
**wonderworking i-con.**  
**Rejoice, for you are swift to help.**  
**Rejoice, for you pour upon us unfailing mer-cy.**  
**Rejoice, deliverer from peril on land and on sea.**  
**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**  
**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

## Kontakion 5

Your icon shines in our Cathedral like a bright star enlightening the whole land with its radiance. It guides all the Orthodox in America gone astray on the sea of life and overwhelmed by the waves of sorrow, tribulations and sickness, giving them peace and happiness as they take refuge in you and sing to God: **Allelu-ia.**

## Ikos 5

Dark are the winters, and cold are the winds; but cheered by the beauty of your face, we find warmth of soul and body as we raise our prayers to you, singing:

**Rejoice, abode of Christ our God.**

**Rejoice, dwelling place of His ineffable glo-ry.**

**Rejoice, joy of towns and har-bors.**

**Rejoice, guardian and bulwark of Christians in afflic-tion.**

**Rejoice, treasure of the Or-thodox Church.**

**Rejoice, helper of those who fight for Christ.**

**Rejoice, for you drive away the en-emy.**

**Rejoice, visitation of all men with your mer-cies.**

**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**

**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

## Kontakion 6

Standing before your all pure icon the assembly of bishops, priests and faithful people proclaims your great mercy, O Mother of God, for you protect our cities and lands against floods and storms, and we truly know you to be our helper. We offer you our love and tears, begging you to stretch out your hand to your Son asking Him to deliver us from all evil that we may thankfully sing to God: **Allelu-ia.**

## Ikos 6

Who can worthily praise you and thank you for sending us your wonderworking icon? Our tongues fail before this miracle and we beg you to help us sing to you:

**Rejoice, unfailing source of ho-liness.**

**Rejoice, river of divine grace flowing in ma-ny streams.**

**Rejoice, reconciler of sin-ners with God.**  
**Rejoice, teacher of pi-ety.**  
**Rejoice, helper and confirmation in good works.**  
**Rejoice, receiver of pi-ous vows.**  
**Rejoice, destroyer of e-vil intents.**  
**Rejoice, you who tear into pieces the snares of the en-emy.**  
**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**  
**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

### **Kontakion 7**

Your icon has come to us as dew upon the fleece confirming the power given to you by God. As we praise Him for His boundless mercies, we cry: **Allelu-ia.**

### **Ikos 7**

To your icon we Orthodox run when about to embark on a new enterprise or to set out on a journey by sea, land or air, offering you a prayer of thanksgiving and asking for your blessing and your help and our deliverance from tribulation and assault; for we know you to be a strong protectress and defender, and we therefore sing to you:

**Rejoice, protectress of Alas-ka.**  
**Rejoice, confirmation and guardian of Orthodoxy in our land.**  
**Rejoice, breastplate that cannot be pierced.**  
**Rejoice, reprover of dishon-esty.**  
**Rejoice, destroyer of the ser-pent.**  
**Rejoice, corrector of those who have gone astray.**  
**Rejoice, com-forter of the old.**  
**Rejoice, bestower of knowledge good for the soul.**  
**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**  
**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**



## Kontakion 8

Doubters and unbelievers are amazed to hear that streams of divine grace flow through your icon, while we know that this is so with this icon of Sitka and that God's grace will abide with it forever. Therefore, standing reverently before it, we kiss it and venerate it as we would your very self; for the honor paid to icons passes to their prototype, and God's grace acts through this icon in wonders and signs for those who run to you with faith and cry to God: **Allelu-ia.**

## Ikos 8

We praise you, O burning bush, unhewn mountain, royal throne, daughter of the King, and unwedded bride who has given us God's grace through your icon in Sitka, and raising our voices in songs and hymns, we cry to you:

**Rejoice, vessel of Him who cannot be contained.**

**Rejoice, bearer of the liv-ing God.**

**Rejoice, earthly brance who brough forth the heav-venly Fruit.**

**Rejoice, for your prayer before your Son and God is of great ben-efit.**

**Rejoice, for from the time of the Crucifixion you have adopted us all as your child-ren.**

**Rejoice, you who show motherly love towards us.**

**Rejoice, cause of eternal bles-ings.**

**Rejoice, giver of blessings in this tem-poral life.**

**Rejoice, zealous defend-er  
of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

## Kontakion 9

You have shown yourself above every angelic rank, O Virgin; for you have conceived in the flesh Him Who cannot be circumscribed. And you have carried in your arms Him Who holds the whole world in the palm of His hand. Therefore, as you are greater in honor than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, we glorify you and sing to God on your account: **Allelu-ia.**

## **Ikos 9**

O Mother of God, we see most eloquent orators silenced before you, for every tongue is at a loss to praise you worthily. Our minds have not the strength to extol you. Therefore, O you who are gracious, accept from us the salutation of the Archangel as we cry to you:

**Rejoice, you who are full of grace and blessed among wom-en.**

**Rejoice, for you have found fa-vor with God.**

**Rejoice, for you have brought forth the Sav-ior of the world.**

**Rejoice, mother of the Son of God.**

**Rejoice, for you have given birth to the Eter-nal King.**

**Rejoice, for you were overshadowed by the power of the Most High.**

**Rejoice, true hand-maiden of the Lord.**

**Rejoice, for all generations shall call you bles-s-ed.**

**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**

**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

## **Kontakion 10**

Wishing to save many from the evils, afflictions and sicknesses which afflict mortal men, you have given Sitka this holy icon before which we pray that the drowning be saved, those possessed of the devil be freed, our boats be filled with fish and our hunting be blessed and our villages and homes be protected from flood, fire and earthquake. Therefore, glorifying God, Who has bestowed on us such mercy, we cry to Him: **Allelu-ia**.

## **Ikos 10**

You are the wall of protection guarding the land of Alaska. You are the glory and joy of Sitka and strengthen the Orthodox to withstand their enemies. Therefore in thanksgiving we cry to you:

**Rejoice, glorifier of those who glo-rify you.**

**Rejoice, confounder of those who fail to hon-or you.**

**Rejoice, glory of the Or-thodox.**

**Rejoice, strength of soldiers on the field of bat-tle.**

**Rejoice, life-giving guardian gladdening the hearts of the faith-ful.**  
**Rejoice, defender before whom devils quake and trem-ble.**  
**Rejoice, unction who soothes the sinful wounds of those who repent.**  
**Rejoice, our fer-vent hope.**  
**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**  
**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

### **Kontakion 11**

Choirs of young maidens offer you, O Lady, hymns of praise and thangsiving. Leading a pure life under your protection and setting all their hopes on you they cry to your Son: **Allelu-ia.**

### **Ikos 11**

O all holy Lady, as a candlestick that has received the Light, we look upon your holy icon, for having taken the spiritual fire of your grace it kindles new lamps in its likeness, and they also participate in this same grace and shine bright with wonders, guiding upon the path of salvation all those who cry to you:

**Rejoice, unwed-ded bride.**  
**Rejoice, chosen Maiden, Mother and Vir-gin.**  
**Rejoice, boast of wom-en.**  
**Rejoice, defender of widows, protectress of or-phans.**  
**Rejoice, nour-isher of the poor.**  
**Rejoice, clother of the na-ked.**  
**Rejoice, comforter of those in sor-row.**  
**Rejoice, joy of the afflict-ed.**  
**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**  
**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

### **Kontakion 12**

Wishing to give your grace for those venerating you with love, you, O Mother of God, have left in your holy icons the power of your grace. For this same divine grace remaining with those holy icons ever bring about sings and wonders, and by your unceasing supplications to God you give

healing of body and soul to those who approach you with faith and love and who sing to Him:  
**Allelu-ia.**

## **Ikos 12**

Singing the praises of your wonders both past and present, we laud you as a life-bearing fount of grace, as an unfailing river of miracles, as a fountain of mercy and compassion. Setting all our hope on you after God in both this and in the world to come, we sing to you:

**Rejoice, unfounded hope of Christ-ians.**

**Rejoice, refuge of the faith-ful.**

**Rejoice, hope of the hopeless, salvation of those in despair.**

**Rejoice, fountain washing the con-science clean.**

**Rejoice, unmercenary physician for your child-ren.**

**Rejoice, speedy deliverance from all afflic-tions.**

**Rejoice, comforter in every tribula-tion.**

**Rejoice, intercessor in the hour of our death.**

**Rejoice, zealous defend-er**

**of the Orthodox faithful in Amer-i-ca.**

## **Kontakion 13** (*Three Times*)

O most pure Lady, in whom all creation rejoices, and Mother of the Word holier than all the saints, accept now this supplication of your faithful servants. And for the sake of your great goodness and the depth of your mercy bring not to mind the multitude of our sins, but fulfill our prayers, giving health to our bodies and salvation to our souls. Deliver us from all sorrow and necessity, and make heirs of the heavenly Kingdom all those who faithfully sing to God:  
**Allelu-ia.**

*Then Ikos 1 and Kontakion 1 are repeated.*

## **THE LITTLE LITANY**

Prokimenon and Gospel

Tone 4

I WILL CALL UPON THY NAME FROM GENERATION TO GEN-ER - A - TION.

LORD HAVE MER - CY

LET EV - ERY BREATH PRAISE THE LORD.

LORD HAVE MER - CY, LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MER - CY.

AND TO YOUR SPIR - IT. GLORY TO THEE, O LORD, GLO - RY TO THEE.

## THE PROKIMENON AND GOSPEL

- Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend.  
The prokimenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> tone: I will call upon Thy name from generation to generation.
- Choir: I will call upon Thy name from generation to generation.
- Deacon: Hearken, O Daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear.
- Choir: I will call upon Thy name from generation to generation.
- Deacon: I will call upon Thy name
- Choir: from generation to generation
- Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord have mercy.
- Priest or Bishop: For holy art Thou, O our God, who retest in the saints, 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.
- Deacon: Let every breath praise the Lord!
- Choir: Let every breath praise the Lord!
- Deacon: Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!
- Choir: Let every breath praise the Lord!
- Deacon: Let every breath
- Choir: praise the Lord!
- Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.
- Choir: Lord have mercy. (*3 times*)
- Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.
- Priest or Bishop: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest or Bishop: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest or Bishop: *(Luke 1:39-49,56)* In those days: Mary arose and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

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

CLERGY: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

CHOIR:

MOST HO - LY THE - O - TO - KOS SAVE US.

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

CHOIR:

NOW AND EVER AND UN - TO A - GES OF A - GES. A - MEN.

### Hymn to the Theotokos

Tone 8

IT IS TRU - LY MEET TO BLESS YOU O THE - O - TO - KOS EV - ER BLESS - ED

AND MOST PURE AND THE MO - THER OF OUR GOD. MORE HO - NOR - A - BLE THAN

THE CHE - RU - BIM, AND MORE GLO - RI - OUS BE - YOND COM - PARE THAN



THE SER - A - PHIM: WITH - OUT DE - FILE - MENT YOU GAVE BIRTH TO GOD THE WORD,

TRUE THE - O - TO - KOS WE MAG - NI - FY YOU.

**Augmented Litany**

LORD HAVE MER - CY, LORD HAVE MER - CY, LORD HAVE MER - CY.

A - MEN.

DEACON: Again and again on bended knees, let us pray to the Most Holy Theotokos!

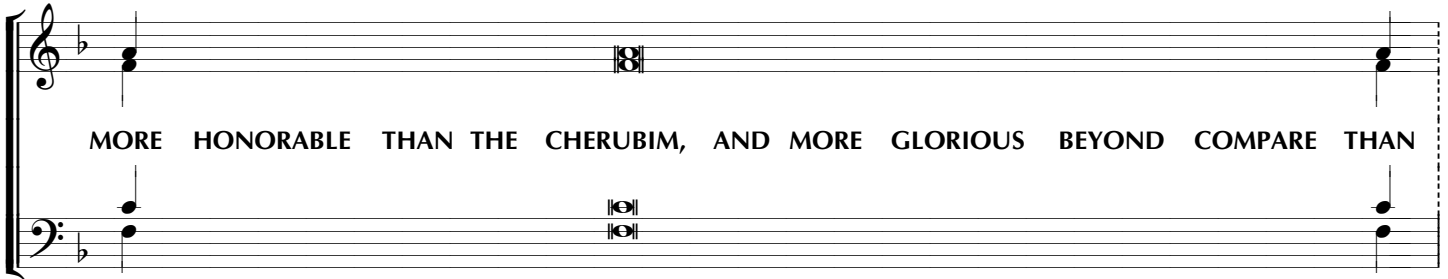
**CHOIR:**

MOST HO - LY THE - O - TO - KOS SAVE US.

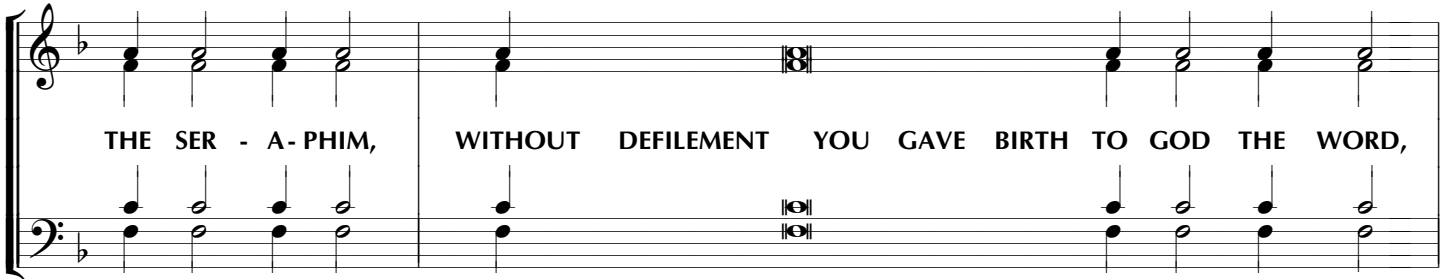
DEACON: Wisdom!

PRIEST or BISHOP: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

CHOIR:



MORE HONORABLE THAN THE CHERUBIM, AND MORE GLORIOUS BEYOND COMPARE THAN



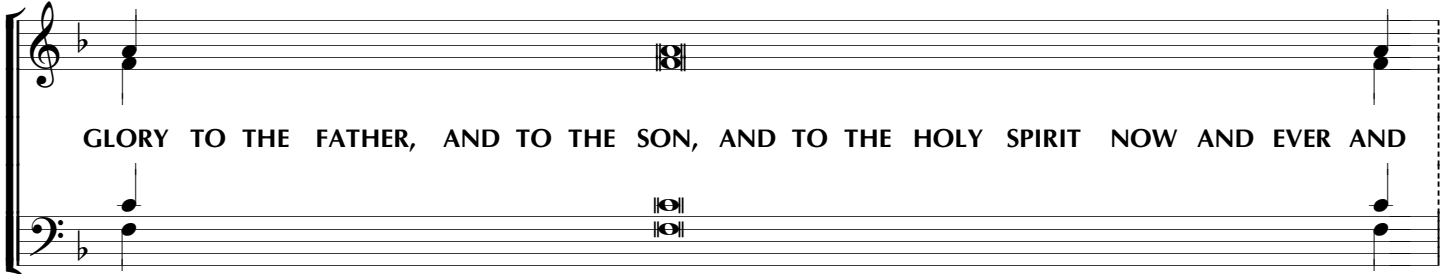
THE SER - A - PHIM, WITHOUT DEFILEMENT YOU GAVE BIRTH TO GOD THE WORD,



TRUE THEOTOKOS, WE MAG - NI - FY YOU.

PRIEST or BISHOP: 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 A - GES. A - MEN. LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MER - CY.

MAS - TER, BLESS.  
FA - THER, THER,

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of three measures. The first measure contains the notes G2 and F2. The second measure contains the notes E2 and D2. The third measure contains the notes C2 and B1. The lyrics are: MAS - TER, BLESS. FA - THER, THER,.

PRIEST or BISHOP: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most Pure Mother, the Birthgiver of God; of Saint \_\_\_\_\_ (*of the day*), through the prayers of our fathers among the saints, Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts; Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America, the Confessor; John of Shanghai and San Francisco, the Wonderworker; Nikolai of South Canaan, Bishop of Zhicha; Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn; the holy Hieromartyrs, Juvenaly of Iliamna, Alexander and John; Peter the Aleut, Martyr of San Francisco; the Venerable Herman of Alaska and all America, the Wonderworker; the holy and Righteous Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis; and Jacob, Enlightener of the native peoples of Alaska; of the holy righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

*Then the Polichronian is sung or if not, sing:*

A - MEN.

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# Polichronion

*Traditional*

HIS BEATITUDE, OUR MOST BLESSED JO - NAH, ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON AND

NEW YORK, METROPOLITAN OF ALL AMERICA AND CA - NA - DA; HIS GRACE, EMINENCE, GRACE

THE RIGHT REV - REND MOST/RIGHT BISHOP OF SITKA, ANCHORAGE AND ARCH/BISHOP

A - LAS - KA THE PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY AND ALL CIVIL

AU - THOR - I - TIES AND ALL OR - THO - DOX CHRIST - IANS

PRE - SERVE THEM O LORD, FOR MA - NY YEARS.

## Augmented Litany

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, and His Eminence/His Grace, our Archbishop/Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for the President of our country (*Her Majesty the Queen*), for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces everywhere.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servant(s) of God and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Furthermore we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that the voice of our petition and prayer be heard. Have mercy upon Thy servant(s) \_\_\_\_\_, in Thy grace and goodness, and fulfill all their supplications, and pardon them their transgressions both voluntary and involuntary; that their petitions and alms be acceptable before the throne of Thy Majesty, and protect them from all visible and invisible enemies, from all attacks, misfortune and sorrow, and save them from illness, and grant them health and length of days: we pray Thee, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Look down, O Master, Lover of mankind with Thy merciful eye upon Thy servant(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and hear our prayers offered in faith, for Thou Thyself hast said: What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you will receive them, and you shall have them, and again: Ask, and it shall be given you. Therefore, though unworthy, but trusting upon Thy mercy, we ask: grant Thy grace to Thy servant(s) and fulfill all (his, her, their) good desires, preserve (him, her, them) in peace and tranquility; in health and length of days all their life, we pray Thee, hear us quickly and graciously have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

*Additional petitions are for special occasions can be inserted here.*

Deacon: Furthermore we pray for all the people here present, awaiting from Thee great and bountiful mercies, for all the brethren and for all Christians.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and to those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God Who lovest mankind, 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.

### Prayer before the Sitka Icon of the Mother of God

Deacon: Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the Most Holy Theotokos!

Choir: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Priest or Bishop: O Lady, Mother of God Most High, look down upon your faithful servants praying before your holy icon and serving your Son. Receive our humble prayer and visit us in our unworthiness. Help us to keep pure the Orthodox Faith and to walk in the ways of our Savior, Jesus Christ. By your intercessions entreat Him to grant us health of soul and body and the forgiveness of our sins in this life, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Choir: Amen.

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