

***Prayers for the
Procession
of the
Holy Cross***



C: Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross, //
preserve Your habitation!

P: O Lord, save your people, and bless your inheritance. Visit your world in mercy and compassion. Exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians, and send down on us your rich

mercies, through the prayers of our most-pure Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; through the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of heaven; through the supplications of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; and the holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles, Mary Magdalen.

Of our fathers among the saints, hierarchs and ecumenical teachers: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom.

Of our fathers among the saints: Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyrna, Irenaeus of Lyons, Cyprian of Carthage, Ambrose of Milan, Nicholas of Myra in Lycia, Athanasius the Great, and Cyril of Alexandria, Gregory of Rome, Augustine of Canterbury and Theodore of Tarsus; Gregory the Enlightener of Armenia, Nina Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of Georgia, Patrick Enlightener of Ireland, the holy Methodius and Cyril, Enlighteners of the Slavs, the blessed Princess Olga and

the holy Prince Vladimir, Nahum, Enlightener of the Bulgarians.

Of our fathers among the saints: Clement of Ochrid, Sava of Serbia, Euthemius of Trnovo; Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of Japan; Innocent, the Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America, and Tikhon, first bishop in New York, Confessor-Patriarch of Moscow; Rafael, Bishop of Brooklyn.

Of the holy, glorious and right-victorious martyrs: the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen; the Great-martyrs Demetrius of Thessalonika, **George the Victorious** (Patron of our Church) and Theodore the Recruit; Alban, Protomartyr of Britain; the New Hieromartyr Nicetas the Albanian of Mount Athos, the New Hieromartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Cosmos of Berat; the New Martyr Christo the Gardener of Albania;

Of Juvenaly, martyred near Lake Illiamna and Peter the Aleut martyred near San Francisco; Alexis (Toth) of Wiles-Barre, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America; the priests Alexander, John and

Vasili, missionaries in America, martyrs under the Communist yoke.

Of the martyrs Adrian and Natalia of Nicomedia, the Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria and his mother, the Martyr Anthia; of the Protomartyr among women and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thekla; of the Great Martyrs: Barbara, Catherine, Irene of Thessalonica and Marina of Antioch; Lucy of Syracuse; the martyrs Faith, Hope and Charity and their mother Sophia; and the Virgin-martyrs of Rome: Anastasia, Tatiana, Paraskeva, Xenia, Agnes, Lucy, Susanna and Eugenia;

Of our venerable and God-bearing fathers: Anthony the Great; Sergius of Radonezh; Seraphim of Sarov, and our venerable father Herman of Alaska, Elder and Wonderworker of all America; Jacob, the Evangelizer of Native Americans; of our venerable and God-bearing mothers: Pelagia, Theodosia, Anastasia, Eupraxia, Fevronia, Theodulia, Euphrosyne, Mary of Egypt, and Matushka Olga of Alaska.

Of the holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Constantine and his mother Helen; Tamara, Queen of Georgia, Stephen, King

of Serbia and his mother Militsa; and Angelina the Albanian, Princess of Serbia;

Of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians and Healers: Luke the Evangelist and physician, Cosmas and Damian, Cyrus and John, Panteleimon and Hermolaus, Samson and Diomedes, Photius and Anecitas, Thalelius and Triphon, Sampson and Diamedes; Hermione, Philonilla & Zenaida.

Of the holy, righteous forebears of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, hear us sinners who pray to you, and have mercy on us!

C: Lord have mercy. (12)

P: Again we pray for our Metropolitan _____, our Bishop _____, and for all our brethren in Christ; and for every Christian soul, afflicted and weary, in need of God's mercies and help; for the protection of this city, and for those who dwell therein; for the peace and quietness of the whole world; for the good estate of the holy churches of God; for the salvation and help of our parents and brethren who with diligence and the fear of God labor and

serve; for those who are gone away and those who are abroad; for the healing of those who lie in infirmity; for the repose, refreshment and blessed memory and forgiveness of sins of all our parents and brethren the Orthodox gone to rest before us, who lie here and in all the world; for the deliverance of captives; for our brethren who are serving, and for all who serve and have served in this holy temple, let us say:

C: Lord have mercy. (12)

P: Again we pray that he will keep this town, and this holy church, and every town, city and country from wrath, famine, pestilence, pandemics, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, from foreign invasion, from civil war, and from sudden death; and that our good God, who loves mankind, will be gracious, favorable and conciliatory, and will turn away and dispel all wrath stirred up against us and all sickness, and may deliver us from his righteous chastisement which impends against us, and have mercy on us.

C: Lord have mercy. (12)

P: Again we pray that the Lord God will hearken to the voice of supplication of us sinners and have mercy on us.

C: Lord have mercy. (3)

P: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious; be gracious, O Master, to us sinners and have mercy on us. For you are a merciful and loving God, and to you we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be to all.

C: And to your spirit.

P: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

C: To you, O Lord.

P: O Master, great in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, through the power of the



precious and life-giving Cross, through the prayers of Saint _____, who we commemorate today, and of all the saints, make our prayer acceptable; grant us forgiveness of our trespasses, shelter us beneath your wings, drive away from us every enemy and adversary; give peace to our life, O Lord. Have mercy on us and on your world and save our souls, for you are good and love mankind.

C: Amen.

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