

The Order for a Moleben to St Alexei Mechev

As a Reader Service on a Tuesday evening or a Thursday evening

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, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. **(Thrice)**

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. **(Thrice)**

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

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 the evil one.

Senior Reader: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Reader: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **(12 times)**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the 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

O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth. He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands. I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land. Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me. In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies. And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *Thrice.*

Choir: God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Reader: Stichos 1: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Stichos 2: Surrounding me they compassed me, and by the name of the Lord I warded them off.

Choir: God is the Lord....

Stichos 3: I shall not die, but live, and I shall tell of the works of the Lord.

Choir: God is the Lord....

Stichos 4: The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Choir: God is the Lord....

Then the troparion, twice.

Teacher of Orthodoxy, instructor of piety, and chastity, luminary of the Church, God-inspired instructor of Hierarchs, O supremely wise Alexei, thou hast illumined all by they teaching; entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Repeat:

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Glory... Both now...

Stavrotheotokion: Upon beholding Thee suspended upon the Cross, * O Word of God, * Thy most pure Mother exclaimed, lamenting maternally: * "What is this new and strange wonder, O my Son? * How is it that Thou, the Life of all, hast tasted death, * desiring to bring life to mortals, ** in so far as Thou art compassionate?"

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from

mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Senior Reader: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Choir: Amen.

After this, the canon to the saint is chanted, with refrains such as the following:

The Canon, Tone 6, Ode 1. The Irmos:

Whilst travelling on foot along the depths of the sea as if upon dry land, Israel seeing Pharaoh, their pursuer, drowned, cried out: Unto God let us sing an ode of victory.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

With all his thoughts hath the sacred Alexei loved Thee, O Jesus, and with all his heart he was ready to suffer, enduring sorrows, maladies and suffering, until he attained the everlasting food.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

With drops of blood hast thou appeased the bitter sea of unbelief; thou wast Christ's river which ever giveth rightful drink unto the church.

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

The feats accomplished by thee on earth hast thou brought unto God, O glorious Alexei, and wast made worthy to receive the crowns of the heavenly Kingdom and the undisturbed life everlasting.

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

Adorned with the beauty of virtues, thou hast, O pure mother of God, conceived the Virtue, even the True God, Who hath illumined us with divine virtues.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

Whilst travelling on foot along the depths of the sea as if upon dry land, Israel seeing Pharaoh, their pursuer, drowned, cried out: Unto God let us sing an ode of victory.

Ode 3. The Heirmos:

There is none holy as Thou, O Lord my God, that hast, as Good One, exalted the horn of Thy believers, and established us upon the rock of Thy confession.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Thou halt given neither repose unto thine eyelids, nor sleep unto thine eyes, O holy Father Alexei, until thou didst appear as a house of the Holy Trinity and a treasury of wisdom, enriching the world with the brilliant as gold teachings of thine, O blissful one.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Having been the keeper of the divine injunctions, O God-wise Alexei, thou wast locked up in prisons, opening unto the faithful the bars of the instructive path that leadeth unto the breadth of understanding.

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

Strengthened by the divine might, thou hast put down the arrogant insolence of the lawless with thy firm confession, O all sacred sufferer Alexei, as an armiger of the divine army

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

The Wisdom and the Word of the Father that existed before all ages, and that in these latter days was ineffably incarnate of thee, O Mother, innocent of marital life, hath made thee the Mother of God.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

There is none holy as Thou, O Lord my God, that hast, as Good One, exalted the horn of Thy believers, and established us upon the rock of Thy confession.

After Ode III: Glory be....Both now....

(Sessional hymn): Following Christ, thou hast forsaken the world * and by abstinence subdued thy flesh, * wherefore O most blessed Alexei , * thou wast deemed worthy of the unction of consecration * and hast now passed over to the incorporeal choirs, * interceding on behalf of us who praise thee.

Ode 4. The Heirmos:

Christ is my power, my God and Lord--the venerable church God-beseemingly singeth, thus calling out, with pure mind feasting in the Lord.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

With thy words as with a lance hast thou pierced the godlessness, and with thy sufferings, as with a sword, hast thou obtained victory over the troops of demons, from whose malice do deliver those that venerate thee, O all-laudable Alexei.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

The sacred martyr Alexei hath called out: I will not sacrifice to idols, neither do I fear death or material tortures, but I confess One God known in the Trinity.

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

Seeing the most glorious height of thy humility, the Lord hath granted unto thee the order above nature, wherewith thou hast humbled, O father, the devilish-haughtiness of heretics.

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

We bless thee, O Virgin, as the door leading unto the divine entrance, as the divine paradise, as the intellectual place of sanctification, and as the beauty of Jacob.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

Christ is my power, my God and Lord--the venerable church God-beseemingly singeth, thus calling out, with pure mind feasting in the Lord.

Ode 5. The Heirmos:

With Thy divine light, O Good One, do illumine, I pray Thee, the souls of those who lovingly watch early unto Thee, that they may know Thee, O Word of God, as the true God recalling them out of the darkness of sin.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

With the flow of thy tears thou hast, O all-wise father Alexei, dried up the abyss of sweet things, and with the outpouring of thy teaching thou hast barred up the torrents of heresies.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Thou wast, O father (mentioned by name), a truly spacious temple unto the Trinity, being adorned by the grace, by the shine of the honourable virtues, and by thine instructive humility.

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

Having by thine endurance put down all the risings of the evil one, do thou deliver me from his harm, O glorious Alexei, making me by all means bold, and setting me in the paths that lead unto God.

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

We hymn, O all pure one, Him Who from thee hath taken the passionate and mortal flesh, and the manifest birth in the commingled, but unmingled Hypostasis.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

With Thy divine light, O Good One, do illumine, I pray Thee, the souls of those who lovingly watch early unto Thee, that they may know Thee, O Word of God, as the true God recalling them out of the darkness of sin.

Ode 6. The Heirmos:

Beholding the sea of life swelling with the storm of temptation, and taking refuge in Thy calm haven, I cry unto Thee: Lead up my life from corruption, O Greatly Merciful One.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Having been a luminary and having enlightened the ends of the world with the light of thy sufferings, thou hast confessed the name of Christ before thy tyrants, O all-laudable sufferer of the Lord Alexei.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Thy tongue was truly as the calamus of a swift scribe; propounding the all-honourable sense of the spiritual law and writing it on the tablets of hearts, O father Alexei

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

Those that swim in the calm of thine instruction, O God-spoken father, avoid the abyss of the perfidious tempest, and those coming from heresies are saved by faith.

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

The Holy Spirit having come over Thee, O pure one, as the preserver of virginity, hath made thee, O all-blessed one, into an all-undefiled and honourable abode of the Son of the Most High.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

Beholding the sea of life swelling with the storm of temptation, and taking refuge in Thy calm haven, I cry unto Thee: Lead up my life from corruption, O Greatly Merciful One.

After Ode VI: Glory be....Both now....

(Kontakion): Finding delight in abstinence, * thou hast subdued the desires of the flesh * Revealed to be nurtured in the faith, * thou hast blossomed like the tree of life in paradise, ** O sacred Father Alexei.

(The Ikos): Standing now before God, O most glorious most sacred and holy Confessor Alexei, by thy God-pleasing prayers open my lips, that I may hymn thy blessed life and worthily describe thy virtues which, fervently loving God, thou hast practiced on earth; for thou wast revealed to be a fearless confessor, loving vigilance, purity, and abstinence, by which thou hast set aright the faith, O sacred Father Alexei.

Prokeimenon in Tone VIII

The Prokeimenon: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints

Verse: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

Senior Reader: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Choir: Amen.

Reader: *Let every breath praise the Lord.*

Choir: Let every breath praise the Lord.

Reader: *Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.*

Choir: Let every breath praise the Lord.

Reader: *Let every breath*

Choir: praise the Lord.

Senior Reader: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee.

The Gospel is then read in a normal voice.

¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another. ¹⁸ “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. ²² If I had not come and

spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵ But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'²⁶ "But when the [\[a\]](#)Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. ¹⁶ "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. ² They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Ode 7. The Heirmos:

Dew-yielding hath an angel made the furnace unto the pious youths, and God's injunction burning the Chaldeans hath inclined the tyrant to cry out: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

As thy life was most illustrious on account of abstinence, so firm appeared also thy suffering, O God-wise one, for thou hast openly glorified Christ, vociferating: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Having girded thyself with the manliness of the purity of chastity, and by grace obtained the lustrous crown of martyrdom, thou, O God-pleasing father Alexei, hast vociferated: Blessed art Thou, God of our fathers.

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

Those that do not adore Thy most pure icon, O Saviour, these wicked ones have deeply and manifoldly offended Thy servant that is ever saying and vociferating unto Thee: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

He that uncircumscribed sitteth in the bosom of the Begetter, having now passed out of thy loins, O most pure one, doth sit circumscribed, being like unto thine image and having become Adam in order to save Adam.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

Dew-yielding hath an angel made the furnace unto the pious youths, and God's injunction burning the Chaldeans hath inclined the tyrant to cry out: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Ode 8. The Heirmos:

Unto the pious hast Thou made dew out of the flame to flow and the sacrifice of a righteous man didst Thou consume with water, for everything makest Thou, O Christ, just as Thou willest; Thee we exalt unto all the ages.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Thou didst appear light-bearing, O blissful Alexei, as another sun, sending forth instruction unto the ends of the world, and with the light of repentance driving away the darkness of every perplexing sin.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

Protected by the streams of divine teaching, thou didst come out as a river from another paradise, O God-pleasing Alexei, giving drink unto the face of the earth and drowning the tares of wickedness.

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

Thou wast adorned with the beauty of thy speech, O all-blissful one, for thou didst appear as a calamus, piously writing down for the faithful the divine understanding and extolling Christ unto the ages.

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

Unto thy shelter, O all-spotless one, I flee, and as a protection of my life I now offer thee that above understanding barest God the Word, Whom we extol unto the ages.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

Unto the pious hast Thou made dew out of the flame to flow and the sacrifice of a righteous man didst Thou consume with water, for everything makest Thou, O Christ, just as Thou willest; Thee we exalt unto all the ages.

Ode 9. The Irmos.

It is not possible for man to behold God on Whom the angelic orders dare not cast a glance; but through thee, O all-pure one, was seen of man the Incarnate Word; Him magnifying, with heavenly hosts we call thee blessed.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

As light, as the moon and the great sun, as lightning hast thou shone forth unto the church of Christ, and hast illumined the thoughts of the faithful; having found thine abode in the never-fading light, thou dost sing the trisagion hymn unto the Uncreated Trinity.

Righteous Father Alexei, pray to God for us!

The earth hath been enriched with thy holy tomb and with thy sacred body, O all-praised Alexei, and the spirits of the righteous began to exult when the angels have taken up thy spirit, O blissful one; together with them do remember us that hymn thee.

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

Thou wast, O Alexei, temple of the Holy Spirit and a river full of living water, an immoveable foundation of the church, standard of orthodoxy, stream everflowing, wonder-worthy source of the divine repentance.

Both now and forever and until the ages of ages Amen

The Theotokion:

As heavenly drop hath the rain descended into thy womb, O Virgin, and having dried up the streams of flattery, made incorruption and deliverance to flow unto all men, through thee, O full of God's grace.

Pray to God for us, O holy Alexei, for we fervently flee unto you, the speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

It is not possible for man to behold God on Whom the angelic orders dare not cast a glance; but through thee, O all-pure one, was seen of man the Incarnate Word; Him magnifying, with heavenly hosts we call thee blessed.

Then:

It is truly meet to bless thee, the Mother of God, ever-blessed and most blameless, and Mother of Our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more

glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Mother of God, thee do we magnify.

Then the prayer for the Canon :

Pray unto God for this Parish, St Alexei, well-pleasing to God: for we turn to you, who are a speedy helper and intercessor for our souls.

St Alexei, and all the saints who have pleased God in Your lives; pray to Christ our Lord with us that the Lord our God would hearken unto the voice of our supplication and prayer, and have mercy on His servant(s) **N. (N.)**,.....

... That through His grace and compassion, and He would fulfill all **his (her) (their)** petitions, and pardon **him (her) (them)** all transgressions voluntary and involuntary; let **his (her) (their)** prayers and alms be acceptable before the throne of His dominion, and protect **him (her) (them)** from enemies visible and invisible, from every temptation, harm and sorrow, and deliver **him (her) (them)** from ailments, and grant **him (her) (them)** health and length of days: let us all say, O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Look down, O Master, Lover of mankind, with Thy merciful eye, upon Thy Parish of St Alban here in Luton and hearken unto our supplication which is offered with faith, for Thou Thyself hast said: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believe that ye shall receive, and it shall be done unto you; and again: "Ask, and it shall be given you." Therefore we, though we be unworthy, yet hoping in Thy mercy, ask: Bestow Thy kindness upon Thy Parish and in particular our priest Stephen, and fulfil our good desires, particularly in terms of growth both in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and by adding to the Church such as should be saved, deign to bless us with a priest and a deacon to serve this community, free of other responsibilities, and add to the number of priests in our diocese to serve all those who live within its boundaries and desire to be saved, preserve us O Lord, all our days peacefully and calmly in health and length of days: let us all say, O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

"Illumine with the light of grace all who have left the Orthodox Faith, or who are currently blinded by pernicious heresies, and draw them to Thyself, and unite them to Thy Holy,

Apostolic, Catholic Church. Heal those who are unwell and save those who are in need of your salvation.

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People:” Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.”

O God Almighty, Lord of Heaven and Earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Thine Ineffable Goodness, look down upon us, They People gathered in Thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Coronavirus. Send Thine Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and nurses, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace, that together we may glorify they most honourable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

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People: Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Choir: Amen.

Then:

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. **(Thrice)**

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. **(Thrice)**

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

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 the evil one.

Senior Reader: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Reader: Amen.

After The Lord's Prayer (Troparion): Teacher of Orthodoxy, instructor of piety and chastity, * luminary of the Church, God-inspired instructor of Hierarchs, * O supremely wise Alexei , thou hast illumined all by thy teaching; * entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.

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Stavrotheotokion: Upon beholding Thee suspended upon the Cross, * O Word of God, * Thy most pure Mother exclaimed, lamenting maternally: * "What is this new and strange wonder, O my Son? * How is it that Thou, the Life of all, hast tasted death, * desiring to bring life to mortals, ** in so far as Thou art compassionate?"

Choir: Lord, have mercy. 40x.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

O Lord, Bless.

Senior Reader (Facing the East, rather than facing the people): O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of St Alban, Patron of our parish, of St Alexei Mechev to whom this Molieben is dedicated, of **(the saints of the day)** whose memory we keep today, all the ancient saints of these islands of ours, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

Choir: Amen.