

## Canon to the Theotokos

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.  
Amen.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Heavenly King... to Our Father...

Lord, have mercy. (12)

Glory... Now ...

O come, let us worship ...

Psalm 50.

The Symbol of Faith (Creed)

### **Troparia, tone 4:**

Let us, sinful and humbled, now earnestly run to the Mother of God and fall down in repentance, crying from the depth of our soul: O Lady, help, have compassion on us. Make haste, we are perishing from the multitude of our sins. Turn not Thy servants empty away for we have thee as our only hope.

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

Never, O Mother of God, will we cease to speak of thy powers, unworthy as we are. For if thou didst not intercede in prayer, who would have delivered us from so many dangers? Who would have kept us free until now? Let us never forsake thee, our Lady, for thou ever savest thy servants from all perils.

**Canon, tone 8:**

**Song 1.**

**Eirmos:** When Israel passed through the water as dry land, and had escaped the malice of the Egyptians, they cried: Let us sing to our Redeemer and our God.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

**Troparia:** Distressed by many temptations, I fly for refuge to thee, seeking salvation. O Mother and Virgin, bring me safely through dangers and difficulties.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

Outbursts of passion trouble me and fill my soul with great despondency. Calm it, O Maiden by the peace of thy Son and God, O all-innocent one.

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

I implore thee who gavest birth to our Saviour and God, O Virgin, to deliver me from perils. For thee I now run, lifting up my mind and soul.

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Sick in body and soul, make me worthy of the divine visitation, and of thy care, O for thou art good and the bearer of the Good One

**Song 3.**

**Eirmos:** O Lord, Creator of the vault of Heaven and Builder of the Church, strengthen me in Thy love, O Summit of Desire, O support of the Faithful, O only Lover of Mankind.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us*

I have chosen thee to be the protection and intercession of my life, O Virgin, Mother of God, guide me to thy haven, O cause of all blessings, O support of the faithful, O only praise of all

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

I pray thee, O Virgin, to dispel the tumult of my soul and the storm of my grief; for Thou O Bride of God, didst bear Christ, the Prince of Peace, O only immaculate one.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

O thou who didst bear the Benefactor and Author of good things, pour on all the riches of well-doing and good conduct; all is possible to thee, for thou gavest birth to Christ, mighty in power and all-blessed one.

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

Keep thy servants from conflicts, O Mother of God, for we all fly for refuge to the impregnable wall and protection.

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

I am tortured by grievous sicknesses and morbid passions: O Virgin, help me! For inexhaustible, unfailing treasury of healings, O all-blameless one.

Lord, have mercy (thrice).

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

**Sedalion, Tone 2:**

O fervent prayer and invincible wall, O fountain of mercy and refuge for mankind we earnestly cry to thee: O Mother of God, O Sovereign Lady, forestall and deliver us from dangers, O only speedy intercessor.

**Song 4.**

**Eirmos:** I have heard, O Lord, the mystery of Thy plan. I contemplate Thy works divine nature.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us*

**Troparia:**

O thou who didst bear the Lord Pilot, still the storm of my sins, and the turmoil of my passions , O Bride of God.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

Enjoying thy gifts, O all-pure one, we sing a song of thanksgiving to thee, knowing thee to be the Mother of God.

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

As I lie on the bed of my pain and sickness, help me, for thou art a lover of goodness and the only Ever-Virgin Mother of God.

*Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Having thee, O all-hymned one, as our hope and support and unshakable wall of salvation, we are delivered from every difficulty.

### **Song 5.**

**Eirmos:** Enlighten us by Thy commandments, O Lord, and by Thy uplifted arm grant us The Peace O Lover of men.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

### **Troparia:**

Fill my heart with gladness, O pure one, by giving me thy pure joy, O thou who didst bear the Cause of Gladness.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

Deliver us from conflicts, O pure Mother of God, who didst bear our Eternal Redemption and Peace that passes all understanding.

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

Dispel the darkness of my sins, O Bride of God, by the radiance of thy splendour, for thou has borne the Divine and Eternal Light.

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Heal, O pure one, the disease of my passions, when thou hast made me worthy of grant me health by thy intercession.

### **Song 6.**

**Eirmos:** I will pour out my prayer to the Lord, and to Him I will confess my grief, for my soul is full of evil and my life has drawn near to hell, and like Jonah I will pray: Raise me up from corruption O God

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

### **Troparia:**

O Virgin, implore thy Son and Lord Who from death and corruption has saved my nature, captured by corruption and death, by giving Himself to death, to deliver me from my enemies' evil actions.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

I know thee as the intercessor and safest guardian of my life, O Virgin, who puttest a stop to the swarm of temptations and drivest off the insolent onsets of devils; and I pray continually: Deliver me from the corruption of my passions.

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

We have thee as a wall of refuge and the perfect salvation of our souls and release from our afflictions O Maiden, and we ever rejoice in thy light. O Sovereign Lady keep us safe now from passions and conflicts.

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Now I lie on a bed of infirmities, and there is no healing for my flesh; but I pray to thee O Gracious Lady, who didst bear God and the Saviour of the World and the Healer of sicknesses. Raise me up from the corruption of disease.

Lord, have mercy (*thrice*).

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

**Kontakion, tone 6:**

O unfailing intercessor of Christians, O constant mediatrix before the Creator, despise not the cry of prayer of us sinners; but, of thy goodness, come speedily to the help of us who in faith call upon thee. Hasten to offer swift intercession and prayer for us, O Mother of God who intercedes for those who honour thee.

**Another Kontakion, tone 6:**

We have no other help, we have no other hope, but thee O Pure Mother of God - help us! In thee we hope, and of thee we boast, for we are thy slaves. Let us not be put to shame.

**Song 7.**

**Eirmos:** Having arrived in Babylon from, Judea, the Children of old by their faith trod down the flame of the furnace, singing: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

**Troparia:** Wishing to accomplish our salvation, Thou didst dwell in the womb of the Virgin, O Saviour and didst reveal her to the world as the mediatrix: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

O pure mother who didst bear the Lover of Mercy, implore Him to deliver from sins and from defilements of the soul those who with faith cry "O God of our fathers, blessed art thou!"

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

Thou hast shown her who gave birth to Thee to be a treasury of salvation, fountain of incorruption, tower of safety, and door of repentance to those who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Mother of God, grant healing for the weakness of our bodies and for the sickness of our souls who with love appeal to Thy divine protection, O Virgin, who for us didst bear Christ the Saviour

**Song 8.**

**Eirmos:** The King of Heaven Whom hosts of Angels praise, let us praise and exalt throughout all ages

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*



**Troparia:** Disregard not, O Virgin, those who need thy help and who sing and exalt thee, Oh Maiden throughout the ages.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

Thou healest the pains of my body and the infirmities of my soul, O Virgin, that I may praise thee, Oh pure one, for ever.

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

Thou pourest a wealth of healing, O Virgin, on those who with faith sing to thee and extol thy ineffable childbearing.

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Thou drivest away the assaults of temptations and the attacks of passions, O Virgin wherefore we sing to thee in all ages.

**Song 9.**

**Eirmos:** Saved by thee, O pure Virgin, we confess thee to be supremely the Mother of God and with the bodiless Choirs we magnify thee.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

**Troparia:** Turn not away from the torrent of my tears, O Virgin, who didst bear Christ Who didst dry tears from every face.

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

Fill my heart with joy, O Virgin, who didst receive the Fulness of Joy and banish the darkness of ignorance

*Most Holy Mother of God, save us.*

Be the haven and mediation and the unshakable wall, the refuge and the protection and the gladness, O Virgin, of all who fly to thee for refuge.

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

With the rays of thy light, O Virgin, enlighten those who with true faith confess thee to be the Mother of God, and banish the darkness of ignorance.

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

In the place of suffering, O Virgin, heal me, humbled by infirmity, and transform me from sickness to health.

### **Prayer to the Most Holy Mother of God.**

Accept from us thy unworthy servants, O all-powerful for good, immaculate, Sovereign Lady of God, these honourable gifts, which can be offered only to thee, who art the one chosen out of all generations, and who hast become higher than all creation, heavenly and earthly. For through thee, The Lord of Powers was with us, and through thee we came to know the Son of God, and was granted His holy Body and most pure Blood. Therefore thou art blessed by all generations, the Favourite of God, more radiant than the Cherubim, and more honorable than the Seraphim. And now most holy Mother of God, cease not to pray for us, thy unworthy servants, to be delivered from every snare of the subtle one, and from all besetting sins, and preserve us unharmed from every poisonous temptation of the devil. But preserve us to the end uncondemned by thy prayers; for saved by they help and

protection, we send up glory, praise, thanksgiving and adoration for all, to the One God in Trinity and Creator of All, now and for ever unto the ages of ages Amen

It is meet and right...

Prayer(s) following the Canon (s).

Trisagion to Our Father...

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory... Now...

More Honourable than the Cherubim...

Through the prayers of our holy fathers *(and those of the saints whose memory we keep today...)* O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.