

# A Moleben of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

*Priest:* Blessed is our God, + always, now and ever and forever

*People:* Amen.

*Priest:* +Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One: have mercy on us.

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*People:* +**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

*Priest:* Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

*People:* **O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.**

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy. (*3 times*)

*People:* +**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

*Priest:* Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

*People:* **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 forever.

*People:* Amen.

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy (*6 times*)

*People:* **Lord, have mercy (*6 times*)**

*Priest:* +Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

(+bow) Come, let us worship God, our King. (+bow) Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. (+bow) Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

## PSALM 117

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord

I cut them off! They surrounded me like bees, they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!" I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank thee that thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech thee, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech thee, give us success! Blessed be he who enters in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar! Thou art my God, and I will give thanks to thee; thou art my God, I will extol thee. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Glory to You, O God (*three times*)

*Priest:* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For the peace that comes from heaven above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For peace throughout the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God and for the union of them all, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For this holy church and for those who enter it with faith, devoutness, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For our Ecumenical Patriarch (name), the Archbishop of Constantinople, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For our God-loving Bishop (name), for our esteemed priesthood, for the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For the honorable government of our country and all civil authorities and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For this city and for every city, village and country and for those who with faith dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For healthful seasons, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For those who travel by land, by sea, by air, for the sick, the suffering, for those who are held in captivity, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Here the special petitions are included:*

*Priest:* That the Lord God mercifully accept upon His spiritual altar this thanksgiving and supplication of His unworthy servants, and in His compassion, have mercy upon us, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* That the Lord God deem worthy this thanksgiving of His servants, which is offered with a contrite heart for the benefits received from Him; and that it may be acceptable to Him as the sweet aroma of incense, and as a rich offering, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* That he will hear the supplication of us, His servants, and always fulfill the good intentions and desires of His faithful people, when they are for their benefit; and that the merciful Lord, always grant to His holy Church and to each of us the petitions we make, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* That He will grant us all the grace to see ourselves and all of creation as gifts of which we are only stewards in this life, giving most hearty thanks for the opportunity to use these gifts for His glory and for the benefit of all people through His Holy Orthodox Church, let us pray to the Lord,

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, and want, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*People:* **Lord have mercy.**

*Priest:* Commemorating our ever holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Birth-giver of God and ever virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*People:* **To You, O Lord!**

*Priest:* For to You are due all glory, honor, and adoration: to the + Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*(Tone 4)* **We, Your thankful and unworthy servants, \* praise and glorify You, O Lord, \* for the many blessings we have received from You. \* We bless You, we thank You, we sing to You \* and we rejoice in Your great mercy. \* In humility and love, we praise you: \* O Benefactor and Savior, glory to You.**

*(Tone 3)* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit \* Now and ever, and forever. Amen.**

**We, although unworthy, have received Your blessings and gifts. \* As unprofitable servants, we dare to come to You, O Master \* bringing You thanks, as much as we can. \* We glorify and sing to You our Benefactor and Creator: \* glory to You, O most bountiful God.**

*Priest:* Be attentive! Peace be + with all! Wisdom! Be attentive!

*Reader:* (Tone 4) I cry out to the Lord Who has been my Benefactor, I praise the Name of the Lord in the highest  
*v.* My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

*Priest:* Wisdom

*Reader:* A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

*Priest:* Be attentive!

*Reader:* (Eph 5:8-21) Brethren, for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise

from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

*Priest:* Peace be unto you, Reader, Wisdom!

*Reader:* (Tone 4) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*v.* I will praise the Name of God in song, and I will glorify Him with thanksgiving.

*v.* For the Lord hears the poor; and He does not spurn those who are in bonds.

*Priest:* Wisdom, Let us stand and listen to the Holy gospel! Peace be unto all.

*People:* **And to your spirit.**

*Priest:* The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

*People:* **Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.**

*Priest:* Be attentive! (*Luke 17:12-19*): At that time, (as Jesus) entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

*People:* **Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You**

*Priest:* Let us say with our whole soul and with all our mind, let us say.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* O Lord, Almighty, God of our fathers, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* Furthermore we pray for our Ecumenical Patriarch (name), the Archbishop of Constantinople, for our God-loving Bishop (name), for our spiritual fathers and for all our brethren in Christ; for their welfare, peace, health, salvation, and for the remission of their sins and that the Lord, our God, may prompt and help them in all things.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* Furthermore we pray for those who give offerings and do good works in this holy and venerable church, for those who labor in its service, for those who sing, and for all the people here present who await Your great and abundant mercy, for those who have shown us kindness and for all Orthodox Christians.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* O Lord, our Savior and Master, with fear and trembling, we Your servants, give thanks for Your loving-kindness and for the benefits which You have showered upon us in abundance. We pray You hear us and have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* We offer before You, O Lord Most High, the first-fruits of our labor as a token of the thanks we owe to You for Your gracious goodness toward us. As stewards of all the good things You have bestowed on us, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* Make us ever mindful of Your bountiful goodness, and of our stewardship of that goodness, that we may use those things of which we are stewards to Your glory, the upbuilding of Your Holy Church, and the benefit of those who are in need of the necessities of life. We pray to You hear us and have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and we give glory to You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the God of all mercies and bounties Whose mercy is immeasurable, and whose love for mankind is an unfathomable deep: falling down in adoration before Your majesty, with fear and trembling, as unprofitable servants, and now humbly rendering thanks unto Your loving-kindness for Your benefits bestowed upon Your Servants,

we glorify You, we praise You, we sing You and we magnify You as our Lord, and Master, and Benefactor; and again falling down before You, we humbly thank You, supplicating Your boundless and inexpressible mercy. And in that Thou hast graciously accepted the petitions of Your servants and to fulfill them, so also grant that henceforth Your Holy Church and this city may be delivered from every hostile assault, and may live in peace and tranquility, and that increasing in true love of You, and in all virtues, all Your faithful people may receive Your benefits; and that we may ever offer thanksgiving unto You, together with Your Father, Who is from everlasting, and Your all holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, God glorified in one person; and that we may say exceeding good things and sing: Glory to You, O God our Benefactor, forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Priest:* Wisdom!

**People: More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who as a Virgin gave birth to God the Word, true Birth-giver of God, we magnify you.**

*Priest:* Glory to You, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to You.

**People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen. Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Father (Master), bless.**

*Priest:* May Christ our God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, (*the patron saint of the church*) , and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and the Lover of mankind.

**People: Amen.**