

The Psalmody of Advent (“Keyahk”) According to the Tradition of The Coptic Orthodox Church

“And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.” (Luke 1:28)

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“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10,11)

“And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.” (Luke 1:46-48)

“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.” (Exodus 3;2-8)

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Introduction

Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.” (Psalms 119:164). Praising is the highest form of prayer, the relation between man and his creator “. Singing is as old as the human race: “Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.” (Exodus 15:1).

Our Egyptian ancestors are known for their hymnals and music. The Book of the Dead is a book of songs they recited during the funeral processions and the many days of their grieving. Happy singing was even more abundant as is evident on the walls of the temples all over southern Egypt. The Coptic Church inherited a wealth of tunes from our Egyptian ancestors. These tunes were applied to create the Psalmody (Psalms) of the Church. There are five tunes to Coptic Church Singing: Annual, Festive, Shaaneen, Adreeby, and Advent. This book lists translations from the Advent Psalmody. Annual is what we sing daily in the Church. Festive is used during the Celebration of the Feasts of the Church, Shaaneen comes from the Hebrew word “Osana” meaning save us and is used on the Feast of The Entrance of Christ the Savior to the temple and on the feasts of the Cross. Adreeby is the sad tune used in the Paschal Week and in Funeral Services. Advent is used during the Coptic Month of Keyahk or Koiak, and it is an anxious and joyful waiting period in the life of the Church. The Advent or Keyahk tune reflects that mood of anxious-joyful waiting “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,” (Galatians 4:4).

There are two Psalmody Books: The annual and the Advent also called “Keyahk” because the season of Advent or the Marian Month as it is also called happens to coincide with the month of Keyahk or Koiak in the Coptic Calendar.

The Book of the Psalmody of Keyahk is twice as thick as the annual Psalmody Book. It follows the same order of singing and praising followed in the Coptic Orthodox Church. Praising starts with the evening prayer if it is in the evening or the morning prayers if it is in the morning. After the prayers is the singing and praising. The Marian or Advent Psalmody consists of 7 Marian Praises, 4 Psalis (Odes). The Marian Praises are called “theotekias” a reference to Mary the “Theotokos” (Mother of God in truth) as she was called by St. Cyril (Kyrillos) the Pillar of Faith (24th Patriarch of Alexandria, and Pope of the See of St. Mark). Psalis are also called “Hosaat” or odes. That is why sometimes in the Egyptian Colloquial they refer to the Advent events as “sabaaw arbaaw” meaning 7 and 4.

The First Ode is to praise God because He saved the people of Israel from slavery and delivered them out of Egypt. The Second Ode is to thank Him because His Mercy endures forever. The Third Ode is a personal thank to Him because He is Great and His Name is Great and is Greatly Blessed forever, the story of the three youth and

the Lords Great wonders in saving them. The Fourth Ode is all praises based on the 148th Psalm of David.

The Theotokiaas are arranged according to the days of the week, one for each day. Praising the Virgin St. Mary because she was chosen from among all women to carry the Incarnate Word, God in the Flesh, who was Incarnate, meaning became human and was born from the Virgin Mary as full human in the fullness of time.

The Praise service includes also praises and glorification for many of the saints and martyrs. And is concluded with the Congregation of the Saints praise which is a work in progress because the Church can add names as more bearers of the cross, confessors, martyrs and saints are born and have shown their love to Christ our Lord. The Congregation praise is arranged to give glory to God in His Saints and Martyrs. They usually follow this with a song imploring the mercy of God: “Your Mercies My God are exceedingly many, Your Mercies My God are can not be counted, the drops of the waters are confined between your hands and the grains of the sand are all known to you, ... etc.” And the closing of prayer as customary in our Church. It is a great spiritual revival of one’s soul to attend the Advent Praise Service: “saba wa arbaa” (7 and 4).

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Glory Always be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God. Amen. Glory always be to Our Lord in His Saints from Adam to the End of Times. Amen.

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THE FIRST CANTICLE

(Exodus 15)

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Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying,

“I will sing unto the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously.

“The horse and his rider has He thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation.

“He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.

“The Lord is a man of war. “The Lord” is His Name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host has He cast into the sea.

“His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

“The depths have covered them; they sank into the bottom as a stone.

“Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power. Thy right hand, O Lord, has dashed in pieces Thine enemies.

“And in the greatness of Thine excellency Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against Thee. Thou sentest forth Thy wrath which consumed them as stubble.

“And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the flood stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

“The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil. My lust shall be satisfied upon them. I will draw my sword, and my hand shall destroy them.’

“Thou didst blow with Thy wind; the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

“Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

“Thou stretchedst out Thy right hand; the earth swallowed them. Thou, in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which Thou hast redeemed. Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thine holy habitation.

“The people shall hear and be afraid. Sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

“Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them.

“All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away; fear and dread shall fall upon them.

“By the greatness of Thin arm they shall be as still as a stone, till Thy people pass over, O Lord; till the people pass over, which Thou hast purchased.

“Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance; in the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in;

“In the Sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established. The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

“For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots, and with his horsemen, into the sea.

“And the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.”

And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with praises.

And Miriam answered them, “Sing ye to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously.

“The horse and his rider has He thrown into the sea. Sing ye to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously.”

PSALI ADAM

**The Lord said unto Moses,
“Let thy people go.
Lift up thy rod over the sea:
You’ll find a dry land.”**

**Moses stretched out the rod
By night over the sea:
The sea was made land –
A long and wide track.**

PSALI ADAM

(On the Second Canticle)

**My heart and my tongue
Glorify the Trinity:
*O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.***

**Every one praises Thee
And glorifies Thee:
*O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.***

For Thou art our God

**And our Saviour:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Great is Thy mercy.
Visit us with Thy salvation:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Glory and power
To Thee, O King of glory:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**The Lord is our refuge
In the time of tribulation:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**All nations praise Thee,
O Christ our King:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Deliver us from temptation,
O Only-Begotten Son:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Grant us Thy perfect peace
And heal our infirmities:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Thou art the Compassionate;
Thou art the Merciful:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

**Guard us, O Christ,
According to Thy goodness:
*O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.***

**My soul and my thoughts,
Lift them up to Thee.
*O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.***

**O Lord, Son of God Grant us Thy salvation:
*O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.***

**Holy, Holy, Holy,
The Son of the Holy:
*O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.***

**Remember us, O Lord,
In Thine heavenly kingdom:
O Holy Trinity,
Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord told Moses, Tell Your People to Depart (A Praise on the First Ode)

**The Lord told Moses,
tell your people to depart,
and strike the sea with the rod,
an entrance will be opened.**

**Moses rose in the night,
and struck the sea quickly,
a long passage opened,
and a wide road it was.**

**The sea was split in half,
and they passed it all together,
and they walked in the sea,
on the lower lands there is.**

**And the column of light was a guide,
for the road to lead them,
in front of all of Israel,
and with His light He covered them.**

**They treaded on the reefs and rocks,
in the middle of the sea,
and the water was like a fence,
high to the right and left.**

**Pharaoh dared and entered,
with his horses following them,
and he had all his soldiers,
and his slave following them.**

**The column of cloud got to them,
and separated the two rows,
and pharaoh remained in the dark,
and his servants were with him**

**The Egyptians said we escape,
away from them,
from fighting the Israelites,
the lord fights for them.**

**The Lord told Moses,
strike the sea back,
he struck the sea with the rod,
the water returned as it was.**

**The carriages of pharaoh turned over,
and his servants were defeated,
they drowned in the water,
and covered in darkness.**

**A strong storm came,
in the middle of the sea,
and the waves closed in,
and the water covered the bottom.**

**Dived pharaoh and drowned,
and his armies with him,
and they became like lead,
and settled in the bottom.**

**The sun shines this hour,
when this mighty one drowned,
and Israel had courage,
crossed the sea and passed.**

**They passed the sea with joy,
walking on the reefs and rocks,
and they flew like eagles,
and descended on the top
of the mount of Torr.**

**Hence Moses praised ,
with all of Israel,
and all of the leaders with him,
praising and singing.**

**Moses and the people,
spoke with one mouth,
come ye praise the Lord,
because he is by glory glorified.**

**The horses and their riders,
drowned in the red sea,
and Israel was saved,
from shame and disgrace.**

**This is my Lord,
I praise His name always,
This is the god of my fathers,
the maker of all wonders.**

**He destroyed the fighters,
His name be glorified,
pharaoh and his forces,
“av veer voroo eh evioom”**

**The best of his tri-carriages,
in the middle of the sea drowned,
and his army soldiers,
in the bottom of the sea rested.**

**The water covered them,
and they drowned in the deep,
like rocks thrown,
and the sea closed on them.**

**Your right hand O'my God,
was glorified by your strength,
Your right hand O'my God,**

destroyed all enemies.

**O'Lord with your glory,
you destroyed the guilty enemy,
and the spirit of your anger,
consumed them like a wreck.**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

N.B. In the New Testament Church Egypt/Pharaoh are symbols of the evil world.
Israel/Zion are symbol of the people of God (The Church) from all nations, and all races.

THE SECOND CANTICLE **(Psalm 136)**

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.
(For His mercy endureth forever.)

O give thanks unto the God of gods: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

To Him Who alone does great wonders: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

To Him that by wisdom made the heavens Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

To Him that made great lights: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

The sun to rule by day: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

The moon and stars to rule by night: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

To Him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

And brought out Israel from among them: Alleluia:
Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.

**With a strong hand and with a stretched-out arm: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**To Him Who divided the Red Sea into parts: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**To Him Who led His people through the wilderness: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**To Him that smote great kings: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**And slew famous kings: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**Sihon, king of the Amorites: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**And Og, the king of Bashan: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**And gave their lands for a heritage: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**Even a heritage unto Israel His servant: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**Who remembered us in our low estate: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**And has redeemed us from our enemies: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**Who gives food to all flesh: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**O give thanks unto the God heaven: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**O give thanks unto the Lord of lords, for He is good: Alleluia:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

PSALI ADAM

**Let us sing with David
And give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is merciful and kind:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**Holy, Holy, Holy:
Our God is the Only One.
O give thanks unto the Lord:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**He divided the sea
And Pharaoh was overthrown,
And the Israelites went through:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**He sprang water out of a rock,
And His people drank,
In the barren desert:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**The honour and the worship
Are all due to Him.
Give thanks unto Him always:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**Proclaim the Name of Christ
And give thanks for His mercies.**

**Praise Him more and more:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**He divided the sea of Hades
And Satan was thrown therein,
And delivered us from him:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**He lifted us up
With all those whom He loved,
And called us His beloved:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**Instead of quails and manna
He gave us His body and blood,
And filled our thirsty souls:
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

**He led us to the promised land
And gave us a new covenant –
His heavenly kingdom –
*Je Pef nai shop sha eneh.***

Praise on the Second Ode (Adaam)
(I Write Rhythm and Order, on the explanantion of Adaam)

Arabic Transliteration: "anshey wazna wanizaam, alaa sharh el-adaam, feeky ya-mariaam, maa ibnk massiaass"

**I write rhyme and order,
on the explanation of adaam,
in you mariaam,
with your son Massiaas.**

**Gabriel brough you the good news,
about the coming of Emanoel,
and you carried Him with joy,
conception unsoiled.**

**What was written is complete,
and your God became you son,
born from your womb,
as prophecied by Elias.**

**Glory to the mighty,
came with the victory,
from a first born virgin,
Noble in all races.**

**You carried a great mystery,
in your womb was carried,
you became like the sherobeem,
and also holy of holies,**

**Salvation of the human race,
appeared clearly,
from a first born virgin,
the best of all virgins.**

**The most high and precious,
you carried Him O'mariam,**

**as clarified and spoke,
david the prophet.**

**You were called mother of Issus,
and your name became higher,
and from you the spring,
to heal people's pains.**

**The kind hearted showed kindness,
and mercy for us all,
and the nations obeyed him,
from all tongues and tribes.**

**The sin of Adam became,
rescinded as it was not at all,
as Anba Shenouda said,
bless the head of solitude.**

**Our Lord came,
and with mariam we were saved,
from the stronghold of the enemies,
the evil and unclean.**

**A believing people we became,
and the light with us remains,
as John has said,
and he is the evangelisteese.**

**He repaired the vine and restored,
as the Lord of the vine command,
and said a branch that bear none,
shall be cut from existence.**

**My situation weak and failing,
and the light missed me,,
when my enemies overcame me,
ignorance without measure.**

**The physician of the ailing,
came to us with gifts,
He called on the dead to rise,
and returned to him the breath.**

**He appeared from your womb,
the Lord who made you,
and any who believe in Him,
has built the foundation.**

**Numb are all illusions,
and mystified all minds,
in you ya-mariam,
and your son the massiaas.**

**The minds became abscent,
and the tongues are tireless,
and the enemies are subdued,
and received the opposite.**

**His enemies made a rumble,
about jesus unfairly,
and the world was shaken,
but dimas (the thief) accepted.**

**We accepted you Issus,
and heard about pavlos,
who explained to dyounasius,
in the city af athenaas.**

**Lord of Hostess tasted death,
and in the tomb He was,
and He arose again,
in the early hours of day.**

**When Mariam peeked,
she saw two angels,**

**one at the head,
and the other at the feet.**

**Mar saw clearly,
on the Sunday early,
Our Lord rose and appeared,
to the disciple in Amoas.**

**He handed His disciples,
body and blood from His hand,
and called us to have,
the same every service.**

**For all our sins,
sacrifice and redemption,
placed in a tray,
and His blood is in the chalice.**

**He reached us with edification,
and the gift of information,
and the promise of paradise,
after we were hopeless.**

**Do not ask me to wait,
I am a poor servant,
the lowly abu-al-saad,
who is called a deacon.**

**Mary I am used,
to you coming to me,
and your intercession with me,
to save also mattias.**

**Hail to you O'Mary,
from a sad heart,
be my victory,
to receive my good salvation.**

**Hail to you O'Mary,
be my treasury,
my crown and glory,
at your son massiass.**

**His mercy through your prayers,
intercede for our salvation,
and your request always,
for us in the judgment day.**

**By you we ask it,
and through you we receive it,
by you we ask it.
Forgiveness for all.**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

THE THIRD CANTICLE

(Translation provided by Fr. Athanasius Eskander, Ontario, Canada)

**Blessed are Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers,
And exceedingly to be praised, and exalted above all forever.**

**Blessed is the Holy Name of Thy glory,
And exceedingly to be praised, and exalted above all forever.**

**Blessed art Thou in the holy temple of Thy glory,
And exceedingly to be praised, and exalted above all forever.**

**Blessed art Thou in the holy temple of Thy glory,
And exceedingly to be praised, and exalted above all forever.**

**Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths and sittest upon the
Cherubim,
And exceedingly to be praised, and exalted above all forever.**

**Blessed art Thou on the throne of Thy kingdom,
And exceedingly to be praised, and exalted above all forever.**

**Blessed art Thou in the firmament of heaven,
And exceedingly to be praised, and exalted above all forever.**

**Bless the Lord, all ye words of the Lord:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.
(Praise ye Him and exalt Him above all forever.)**

**Bless the Lord, O ye heaven:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, all ye angels of the Lord:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, all yea water that be above the heaven:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, all ye powers of the Lord:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye sun and moon:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, all ye stars of heaven:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye clouds and winds:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, all ye spirits:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye fire and heat:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye cold and warmth:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye dew and hoar frosts:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye night and day:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye light and darkness:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye frost and cold:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye ice and snow:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye lightnings and cloud:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

Bless the Lord, all the earth:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O ye mountains and all hills:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, all ye things that spring up in the earth:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O ye fountains:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O ye seas and rivers:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O ye whales and all that moves in the waters:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, all ye fowls of the sky:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, all ye beasts and cattle:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O ye sons of men; worship the Lord:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O Israel:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O ye priests of the Lord:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

Bless the Lord, O ye servants of the Lord:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.

**Bless the Lord, of ye spirits and souls of the just:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye holy and humble of heart:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

**Bless the Lord, O ye that serve the Lord, God of our fathers:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf sha ni eneh.***

PSALI BATOS

**God, existing before the ages,
Sent His elect Angel to save
The children from the fiery furnace:
Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.
(Praise ye Him and exalt Him above all.)**

**Bless the Lord, the God of Israel,
Ananias, Azarias and Misael.
Praise Him with the voice of joy:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**Nebuchadnezzar, the king, made an image of gold,
And said to the ministers and all his folk,
“Whenever you hear the musical notes –”
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**“Fall down immediately and bow
To the golden image, without delay.
If not, you’ll be thrown in the fiery furnace.”
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**The Chaldeans worshipped the image
Which the king had set up,
But the Three Children worshipped it not.**

Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.

**The king gathered all the leaders
And all the ministers of the kingdom,
And told them to light up the furnace.
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**They bound the Three Children
And threw them in the fiery furnace,
But the fire had not power upon them:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**The Angel of the Lord then arrived
And extinguished the fire.
The children rejoiced at seeing him:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**The Azarias began to pray
A strong prayer without fear,
Glorifying the power of the Trinity:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**The king was greatly amazed:
“Three children I threw in the blaze.
How come now I see four?”
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**To the king’s great astonishment,
The fourth who had joined them
Had the form of the Son of God:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**The children defied the fiery blaze
And overcame the infidel foes,
And deserved to be remembered and praised:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

The king cried with a loud voice,

**“Ananias, Azarias and Misael,
Ye servants of the Most High God –”
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**“Come forth out of the fire.
Your God is the Lord of Power,
The worker of great wonders.”
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**Glorify your God, O Sedrach,
Abednego and the praised Misach,
For He has saved you from death:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**Praise Him with hymns too,
All ye youth, and bless Him.
Glorify Him at all times:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**For He is great and blessed,
And awesome above all the lords.
He saved the children with His great might:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**Praise Him ye Authorities;
The Thrones, Dominions and Powers.
Praise ye the Lord of the heavens:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

**To the Creator is due
All the honour and the worship,
For He is the Lord of all goodness:
*Hos Erof ariho-oo chasf.***

WE FOLLOW THEE

**We follow Thee with all our hearts and fear Thee,
And seek after Thy face: O God, forsake us not.**

**But rather, deal with us according to Thy meekness,
And according to Thy great mercy, O God, help us.**

**May our prayers ascend unto Thee, O our Master,
Like unto holocausts of lambs and fat calves.**

**Forget not the covenant Thou hast made with our fathers,
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Israel, Thy saints.**

**Bless the Lord, all ye nations;
The tribes, ad all kinds of tongues.
Praise ye Him and exalt Him
Above all forever.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O three saintly children,
Sedrach, Misach, and Abednego,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**A Praise on the Third Ode
(O'Lord to You be Praise, With Your Only Begotten Son)**

Refrain: "Amen Kyrie-Laison"

Meaning: "Amen, Lord Have Maercy"

**O'Lord to you be praise,
with your only begotten son,
and the Holy Spirit the advocate,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**We know none other but you,
you are the mighty God,
be to us support,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**You put in us hope,
hear us when we call,
and accept our requests,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Grant us repentance and forgiveness,
affix us to the faith,
and remove our sadness,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**We are the sin slaves,
forgive us our helper,
make us to you children,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Your mercies are abundant,
your graces are plentiful,
grant us good story,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Because you have plenty,
and you give without measure,**

**grant us our hope,
Amen. Kerye-Laison.**

**You are near to the righteous,
and faraway from the evil,
protect us from bad destiny,
Amen-Kerye-Laison.**

**The poor of your people ,
grant them great richness,
and an inheritance in paradise,
Amen. Kerye-Laison.**

**Stangers and aliens we are,
in a world and land of obscurity,
write our names in your heaven,
Amen. Kerye-Laison.**

**Hidden and openly known,
in front of your eye all is disclosed,
have mercy on us O' frightful.
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Long suffering and fair,
your promises are assured,
make us affixed in you,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Weak we are and poor,
for your gifts we are in need,
and endurance we ask from you.
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Truthful in all you say,
just in all you do,
grant us likewise,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**We ask you victory,
over our heathen enemies,
through the intercession of the virgin.
Amen Kere-Laison.**

**Remove the obstacles,
and protect us from disasters,
and ease our ways.
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Your care for your children,
surround us with your armies,
lead us with your guidance,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Our sins and bad deeds,
forgive our Lord,
remember and not forget us,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Prepare our way,
protect us from evil,
and make our days full of joy,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Deliver us from satan,
make us feel safe,
and protect us at all times,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Defend our Church,
and raise our race,
and help us in our estrangement,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Renew your promise,
and listen and hear us,**

**and in paradise gather us,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Ground us in the faith,
and comfort us in our despair,
and look upon this place,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**The weary of your people,
lift from them the grief,
and forgive all their sins,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Bless for us this year,
don't show us in it grief,
and comfort our sorrow,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Heal our sick people,
and repose our departed,
and comfort our grieving,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Return the travelers,
to their homes in safety,
with gains and benefits,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Father become to the orphans,
the widows care for them,
and the imprisoned visit them, and the distressed relieve them,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**The absent protect them,
the poor shelter them,
the needy provide for them,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Accept the repenting,
awaken the asleep,
and raise the falling,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**look after the celibates,
and guard those in the bond of marriage,
and calm those in warfare,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**The youth protect them,
from evil deliver them,
and spirit of virtue grant them,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**Grant to the virgins,
piety and purity,
to live in sanctity,
Ame Kerye-Laison.**

**Strengthen the elders,
and straighten the younger,
and the immature forbade them,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**The writer begs you,
to cover him with your acceptance,
and to protect him with your power,
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

**And for our arch-priest,
and all clergy ranks,
your care grant them.
Amen, Kyrie-Laison**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

Glory to the Worshiped God, and His Only Begotten Son (A Praise on the Fourth Ode)

Refrain: "fi mazalat beit daoud"
meaning In the shelter of David's House

**Glory to the worshiped god,
and His only begotten son,
and His everlasting spirit,
"fi mazalat beit daoud."**

**Blessing in seloam,
heals all sickness,
from the god of all grace,
"fi mazalat beit daoud."**

**An angel moved by grace,
stirred the water of the pond of "daan,"
and it healed every sickness,
"fi mazalat beit daoud."**

**An angel of spirit,
stirred a spring of light,
the blood of the second Adam,
"fi mazalat beit daoud."**

**Gabriel stirred a spring,
brought Jesus the Lord,
healed his aching people,
"fi mazalat beit daoud."**

**From the bossom of His Father came,
to a garden to pray,
an angel appeared to strengthen Him,
"fi mazalat beit daoud."**

**He stepped on the vine press,
defeated and gained victory,**

**Mightiest beat all the mighty,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Removed the laid Vail ,
and also the large stone,
and removed the sharp barrier,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Sowed teaching and preaching,
Paul the wise apostle,
said came from the seed of Abraham,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**I heard the righteous david,
saying on the strings,
rejoice like a mighty,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Jacob lived in the two rivers land,
like a secret between a pair,
the church of two testaments,
“fi beit daoud.”**

**I saw a mysterious affair,
a stone on the mouth of a well,
Jacob the great removed,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**The stone of sin He removed,
completely pushed away,
and opened the baptismal,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**He encountered trouble and pain,
and tempted by satan,
he took from laban,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Was caught in love and affection,
and lived in “faddan araam,”
A bride watches the sheep,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**He kept the promise and bond,
returned to the home of Isaac,
a ship load of trade,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**He ascended ot mount Glead,
with fortune and slaves,
he observed the renewal feast,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Moses appeared afterwards,
One from his seed,
to God he does speak,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**A lesson the curse of the law,
commandments and all,
one cannot explain,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**The branch of balsam was sowed,
and the sons of Jacob cared for,
and the ointment they reaped,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**In the house of David garden,
a branch from a vine came forth,
the bread of life appeared,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**A plalce in the land of Israel,
beautiful with lights that appeal,**

**the house of emmanoel,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**John the celibate revealed,
the Church length and girth,
He started to explain and say,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Also the apostles of the lamb,
gathered by the thousands,
they worship in order,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**A number that is ordained,
among the tribes they are named,
twelve-thousand sealed,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**A city with high walls,
from gold and precious stones,
inscribed with many marks,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**A tent by the Father was installed,
with four chosen posts,
and twelve (open) doors,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**A lamb holy and whole,
came and saved Adam,
and became the light of the world,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Lights the heavens His glory,
and the psalmist told the story,
bowed to Him the girls of “Soor”
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**My desire and aim,
my prayer I the “massoudy”,
to offer my adulation,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**The writer of this hymnal,
the hegomen abdul-massih,
offering my praise,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Because I have no remembrance,
day and night I stand,
to offer my thanks,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Lord keep our patriarch,
and his companions our bishop,
and with their prayers affix us,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

**Lord keep our priest,
and also our deacons,
and all our people,
“fi mazalat beit daoud.”**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

Agios Otheos Agios Eshiros
(Holy God Holy, Holy Mighty Holy, Holy Immortal Holy)

Arabic in English Letters:

“AgiOS otheos ..agios eshiros.. agios athanatos..Amen. Alleluia. Quddos allah qudoos. Quddos alquau
Quddus. Quddos alhay alla. Amen Alleluia. Bimaount raab Quadir. Ellah azeem khabeer ashrah manna
tafseer. Amen Alelluia.”

English Translation:

AgiOS Otheos

AgiOS Athanatos

--

Qudos Allaha Qudos

Qudos Al-hay Allah

--

Holy God Holy

Holy Immortal Holy

--

With the help of a powerful God

I explain its meaning

--

The Meaning is so lovely

Praised in His highest Heaven

--

Mikhaeel we Ghabeiaal

Reciting Praises and Hymnals

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Praised by the Sherobeem

Reciting Praises and Hymnals

Armies of Light

Crying Openly

And the four Incorpeal Beasts

Reciting at all times

The First the likes of a lion

And eyes without number

AgiOS Ehiros

Amen. Alleluia

Qudos Alquauia Qudos

Amen. Alleluia

Holy Mighty Holy

Amen. Alleluia

Great Knowing God

Amen. Alleluia

That no God is but God

Amen. Alleluia

Raphaeel wa Soriaal

Amen. Alleluia

and also the Serapheem

Amen. Alleluia

Ranks of Spirit

Amen. Alleluia

Carrying the Throne of God

Amen. Alleluia

Image without body

Amen. Alleluia

**The Second the likes of a bull
Crying unceasingly**

**and he is an image of light
Amen. Alleluia**

**The Third is like an Eagle
Crying unceasingly**

**Interceding for the fowl of heaven
Amen. Alleluia**

**The Fourth is like a man
From the One on the throne**

**Asking for us forgiveness
Amen. Alleluia**

**A view drenched in light
To the one on the throne**

**and praising in heaven
Amen. Alleluia**

**A view with many aspects
Crying unceasingly**

**Serapheem with six wings
Amen. Alleluia**

**And the 24 Priests
Crying the words of Glory**

**Clergy with precious rank
Amen. Alleluia**

**He is praised by the Cosmos
Above the high heavens**

**That completed their paths
Amen. Alleluia**

**Sataneel became
When he stopped this remembrance**

**Satan by high boasting
Amen. alleluia**

**Poor who hears it
In the gathering of who say it**

**and neglects to recite it
Amen. Alleluia**

**Alleluia Praise
With it we Cry and Say**

**Singing and Hymnals
Amen. Alleluia**

**Alleluia Glory
It is a rich remembrance**

**To God Full of Glory
Amen. Alleluia**

**Alleluia Justice
A mouthful of praise**

**Sanctification to the singer
Amen. Alleluia**

**Alleluia Pleasure
Salvation to the sayer**

**Alleluia Glory
Mysterious and Generous**

**Alleluia Remembrance
To Him is due remembrance**

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**Praising and Pleasing
It is the best that was said**

**Praise Him who made what was
He Fills Every place**

**Praise Him Who is Greater
No one worshipped but Him**

**Praise Him a Jealous God
He covers all our deeds**

**Praise Him Maker of All
He said be and it became**

**Alleluia it became
Sing all ye present here**

**With it David Prophesied
With Sayings that Sparkled**

**In the Book of the Psalms
At the end of every psalm**

**He said all ye nations
Recite the praises and songs**

**Beautiful the accent
Amen. Alleluia**

**to a God full of Glory
Amen. Alleluia**

**Of a Great protecting God
Alleluia Singing**

**Amen, Alleluia
Amen. Alleluia**

**Existing before it was
Amen. Alleluia**

**No eye can see Him
Amen. Alleluia**

**Merciful, Forgiving, Kind
Amen. Alleluia**

**With His Will all was made
Amen. Alleluia.**

**Fulfillment of the Righteous Dream
Amen. Alleluia**

**With its help he testified
Amen. Alleluia**

**One hundred and fifty-one Psalms
Amen. Alleluia**

**Clap with songs of power
Amen. Alleluia**

**In the fraction of “Qurbaan”
It explains the faith**

**David the Righteous praised
On the ten strings**

**With Organ and flout
And Cymbal and trumpet**

**He said my daughter your Lord
Listen and forget your home**

**And about her he said
Higher than all examples**

**He named her “Zion”
God with hidden mysteries**

**He called he total
With light and vestment**

**He said blessed is the man
The poor and the lowly**

**The Lord will save him
What suffices and heals him**

**To you our Lord we ask Keep our perfect Pope (Anba Shenouda)
Our Patriarch give him acceptance Amen. Alleulia**

**O’Lord Comfort us
Anba (.....) our bishop**

**Protect O’Lord of Lords
The present and absent**

**Protect who reads it
And who follows it**

**“Hebeh evki neeman”
Amen. Alleluia**

**Merriam the mistress of virgins
Amen. Alleluia**

**and Musicians with strings
Amen. Alleluia**

**Chose and preferred you
Amen. Alleluia**

**she is a high mountain
Amen. Alleluia**

**And he said from her will be
Amen. Alleluia**

**And Queen with fullness
Amen. Alleluia**

**Who gives and helps all
Amen. Alleluia**

**and blessings will increase to him
Amen. Alleluia**

**About he who watches for us
Amen. Alleluia**

**All our beloved
Amen. Alleluia**

**And who explains it
Amen. Alleluia**

**The one who wrote it
With your mercy cover him**

**Forgive his sins
Amen. Alleluia**

**Youhanna from Samanhood
God Have mercy on his soul**

**Called and named in there
Amen. Alleluia**

**To read it always from the heart
To achieve our hearts' desire**

**Good Saying refined
Amen. Alleluia**

**My tongue wanted to speak
To achieve our hearts' desire**

**Clever and Clear sayings
Amen. Alleluia**

**Sing it all times
In the explanation of praises**

**To the creator of heaven
Amen. Alleluia**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

The praise of the three youth: (Anania, Azaria, and Missael)

Refrain: "hose erouf are-ho etshasf."

Meaning: Praise and elevate Him above all

**God the eternal before all times,
sent his chosen angel,
saved the three youths from the pit of fire,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Bless the Lord of Israel,
Anania , Azaria, and Missael,
praise Hime with the sound of praise,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Belshaser the king erected a golden statue,
and told all ministers and commons,
when you hear the sound of music,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Come at once and bow,
to this image you shall kneel,
and if you do not do you will be thrown in the fire,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The Chadians advanced to do,
and to the image fell to worship,
except the three saintly youths,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Come to us Ananias,
sing with us with the sound of deliverance,
and praise your Lord Massiah,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Some cam to the king informing,
there are three men residing here,
did not bow but neglected,**

“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”

**The king gathere the leaders of the land,
the lords and all the high ranks,
and told them to light the pit,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**They brought the youth in chains,
and throw them over into the pit,
it became like ice to them,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The ange of the Lord came to them,
and extinguished the fire and saved them,
and they were happy to see him,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Hence prayed Azaria,
strong prayer without blemish,
“ti o-o etgoam ente etrias” ,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Specially was moved Misael,
His voice rose with the joyful praise,
“ezmo eh evran en emanuel” ,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The king was astonished and amazed,
didno’t we throw three men in the pit,
how come I see four walking openly,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The king saw truly and clearly,
four men walking in the fire,
praising with joy and piety,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**His amazement increased and he spoke,
the fourth looks like the son of god,
in his looks and appearance,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Praise God all ye masters,
angels-thrones-and powers,
and the spirits of all blessed people,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Praise and glorify Him,
and in His People Churches elevate Him,
and from the podiums of His elders bless Him,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Praise your God O’Sedrak,
and Abdenagho and the praised Messak,
because He saved you from destruction,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Praise Him all ye nations,
the free and enslaved and servants,
because He made you from nothing,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The flame of the fire O’Ananias,
Distinguished by your Lord Massias,
“ezmo eh evran towdemias” ,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Cried the youths with a loud voice,
bless the Lord all ye young men,
Anania, Azarai, and Missael,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**A sacrifice offered without blemishes,
you O’blessed Azarias,
“ezmo eh evran towdemias” ,**

“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”

**Distinguish the fire Emanoel,
bringing the joy to Missael,
and he sang in praises to his Lord,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The youths appeared full of praise,
and sang with a joyful voice,
“evouab ebshere em menreet”
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The flame of the fire rose up,
forty-nine feet complete,
and it did not scare the warriors,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The flame of fire the youths beat,
and the heathen enemies they did beat,
and praise and remembrance to them it became,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**The king screamed with a loud voice,
Anania, Azaria, and Missael,
the servants of the mighty and highest God,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Come out of the pit of fire,
because your God is of great power,
performer of the miracles of greatness,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Glory and honor to Israel,
offere to your God Emmanoel,
praises, blessings, and songs of joy,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**To Him bows all the tribes,
and all tongues and all languages,
praise the Lord of all powers,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Who is like you Lord of Lords,
mighty powerful beloved God,
Your rule is in all ages,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Icy cold became that pit,
the youth cried with a kind voice,
“ezmo eh epshoice ton keryion” ,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Praise ye the God of Jacob,
and rejoice in the Lord the strong and feared,
and sing to His beloved name, ,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Praise Him also with hymnals,
bless God O ye youths,
“evhos evnoti enthio neven,”
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Because He is great and very blessed,
and feared above all gods,
with His might he saved the youths,
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

**Meet to praise and sing to Him,
and shouting with the highest voice,
“evouab ebsheri engori,”
“hose erouf are-ho etshasf.”**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

THE FOURTH CANTICLE (Fourth ODE) **(Psalm 148)**

(Translation provided by Fr. Athanasius Eskander, Ontario, Canada)

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: Alleluia.
Praise Him in the highest.

Praise ye Him, all His angels: Alleluia.
Praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon: Alleluia.
Praise Him all ye stars of light.

Praise Him ye heavens of heavens: Alleluia.
And ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord: Alleluia.
For He commanded and they were created.

He has also established them forever and ever: Alleluia.
He has made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth ye dragons and all deeps: Alleluia.
Fire and hail, snow and vapours, stormy wind, fulfilling His word.

High mountains and all hills: Alleluia.
Fruitful trees and all cedars.
The beasts and all the cattle: Alleluia.
Creeping things and flying fowl.

Kings of the earth and all people: Alleluia.
Princes and all judges of the earth.

Both young men and maidens: Alleluia.
Old men and children.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord: Alleluia.

For His Name alone is excellent.

**His glory is above the earth and heaven: Alleluia.
He also exalts the horn of His people.**

**The praise of all His saints: Alleluia.
Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

(Psalm 149)

**Sing unto the Lord a new song: Alleluia.
And His praise in the church of the saints.**

**Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him: Alleluia.
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

**Let them praise His Name in the chorus: Alleluia.
Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.**

**For the Lord takes pleasure in His people: Alleluia.
He will exalt the meek with salvation.**

**Let the saints be joyful in glory: Alleluia.
Let them sing aloud upon their beds.**

**Let the high praises of God be in their mouth: Alleluia.
And a two-edged sword in their hand.**

**To execute vengeance upon the heathen: Alleluia.
And punishments upon the people.**

**To bind their kings with chains: Alleluia.
And their nobles with fetters of iron.**

**To execute unto them the judgement written: Alleluia.
This honour have all His saints.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**A Praise of our Fathers Sts. Maximus and Domadeus
(on the congregation of saints tune for Advent “Keyahk”)**

Refrain: Maximus and Domadeus

**I begin with the name of the Lord,
Our Lord “Issus Bekhristos,”
and with honors introduce,
Maximus and Domadius.**

**Beginning of my speech,
is to praise “Mary te-barthios,”
to help me in my arrangement,
about those great saints.**

**She helps me in praising the brothers,
maximus and domadeus,
with you I find strength,
and I ask you in the name of Issus.**

**They exchanged their honor,
being the children of king londius,
with inhabiting the prairie,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They took of the crowns,
and threw it away,
for the love of the king of heavens,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They followed the biblical sayings,
and followed the commandments,
and sat in the bossom of Ibrahim,
maximus and domadeus.**

**Their honor shined and increased,
when they reached paradise,
with crowns on their heads,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They loved to inhabit mountains,
and made friends with wild animals,
and despised positions and rule,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They got rid of the worldly place,
and defeated the heathen satan,
and received the eternal joy,
maximus and domadeus.**

**Guided them before departing,
their father anba aghabious,
to go to the prairie of sheheet,
the ecete of maxarius.**

**The singing david,
explained in the psalmos,
the children of kings will seek,
anba maxarius.**

**Their appearance in the prairie,
the likes of ne-angelos,
and were called to the patriarchte,
maximus and domadius.**

**They adorned the rank of monks,
the ranks of ne-asomatos,
and they cried in the valleys,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They healed all sickness,
in the name of the holy god,
in canaan and mount sheheet,
maximus and domadeus.**

**Cried with songs and hymns,
in front of the holy god,**

**and they became brave soldiers,
maximus and domadeus.**

**The crown shined brighter,
when placed on their heads,
and the prairie was enlightened,
maximus and domadeus.**

**Bless yo our fathers,
the children of maxarius,
the stars of the prairie of sheheet,
maximus and domadeus.**

**Bless you abu-maquar,
bless you Makarius,
the father of mount sheheet,
and all the heads of monastics.**

**I wasted my youth,
going the opposite way,
and my hope has a precious name,
and the key of the paradise.**

**High is your place,
the hope of all souls,
do not forget the singer,
the sinner in all ways.**

**The defeated all enemies,
by the name of the holy lord,
and they rest in the paradise,
maximus and domadeus.**

**The pride of all monks,
king loundius,
the children of this sovereign,
maximus and domadeus.**

**About them said,
their father anba makarius,
they honored the habit of monastics,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They wrote their names,
in the congregations of the head fathers,
with their spiritual fathers,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They wore robes of glory,
when they entered paradises,
and crowns of light,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They were espoused to Christ,
and entered paradises,
and the cried with praise,
with ni-angelos.**

**They received all praise,
by the name of the holy lord,
and cried with songs and hymns,
maximus and domadeus.**

**They are a treasured gift,
with the holy lord,
and well kept jewel,
from the king laoundeus.**

**Do not forget our patriarch,
at the holy lord,
and his companios
our bishop, anba (....) bi-eskopos.**

**Forget not our lord,
the ranks of the monks,
and all the ranks of our race,**

“be-ooay en-ne-ekhristianos”

**And my praise to the three makarion,
and all the head fathers,
who reside in mount of sheheet,
the escete of makarios.**

**And my praise anba youannes,
bi-eghomanos,
and the father anba beshoy,
“be-romy ente lee-ios”**

**And my praise to anba Daniel,
and tha father anba ese-zoros,
and the blessed with all blessings,
anba arsanios.**

**And my praise to anba paula,
and the father anba antonius,
and our father the father of communes,
anba pakhomius.**

**And my praise to anba Abraam,
we anba gaourgius,
who received the blessings,
from the mouth of the lord issus.**

**He christened them with sign,
the sign of “bi-estavros,”
and they became for Christ knights,
in the escete of maxarius.**

**And my praise to anba moesees,
we anba zakharias,
and our father anba youannes,
“kami be-ebresveteros”**

**O'valley of "habeeb" forgotten,
by the fathers in pradisus,
and the children of kings inhabited you,
maximus and domadeus.**

**O'high and great mountain,
was likened to paradises,
the home of the father monks,
escete maxarius.**

**Blessed are you precious mountain,
that cleanses the rust of our souls,
the source of precious ointments,
escete makarius.**

**The place of prayers and supplications,
from all the head fathers,
who live in the mount of shehet,
escete makarius.**

**You were a den of thieves,
and a hiding place for evil ones,
abu-maquar made from you,
the likes of pradisus,**

**A spiritual net,
gathered from every race,
evil doers and thieves,
and made them heads of grace.**

**They became spiritual beings,
patriarchs, bishops, and presbyterus,
and crowns they are now earing,
the sons of makarios.**

**Crowns of light they wear,
sparkling over all,
the likes of the heavenly,
“taghamat ni-angelos”**

**Blessed are you “abu-maquar,”
Blessed are you makarius,
who became like the mighty,
who covers the sins of msny sould.**

**To all who lived or visited,
escete makarius,
your name known in all the lands,
All nations and every race.**

**Ye home of the monastics,
escete makarius.
a columns of light shining,
the look of makarius,**

**Above the high mountains,
the monastery of baramus,
righteous fathers inhabited,
crying and saying “agios”,**

**Day and night alert,
the sons of makarius,**

**and my praise to mariam,
the intercessor for every race,
the one with the higher name,
and the key of “paradisus”**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

Hymn for St. Anthony the Great, the Father of All Monks (The Advent Great Ode Tune, Psalmody of Advent “Keyahk”)

Arabic Original by HH Pope Shenouda III, when he was a monk, Monk Antonious Al-Syriani (From the Monastery of the Virgin Mary known as AL-Syrian)

Refrain: Peniot Ava Antonious Meaning: The Blessed Our Father Antonious

**In the Church of the First Born
He Stands With Great Respect**

**In the Congregation of the Saints
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**Stands With Great Esteem Among who
On the Rank of the Sherobeem**

**Wear the Eskeem
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**With Spirit Filled Prayers
Yo’Consecrated The Wilderness**

**With Godly Life Story
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**Striving In Prayers
With Tears and Prostration**

**Tens and Tens of Years
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**Monastic in Your Fasts
Your Soul Seeks No Rest**

**The Days Never Last
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**Ascetic When Pleasures Appear
Contemplating Spiritual Feel**

**Resonating the Eternal Appeal
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**You Received the Spirit of Eliah
And, John the Son of Zachariah**

**And The Prophetess Hannah
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**The Devils Were Terrified
And Your Continuous Prayers**

**Because of Your Faithful Heart
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**They Fought You With No Rest
And So Many Tricks**

**With All The Power and Risk
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**With Your Sister They Reminded
And to Annoy You**

**You So As to Disturb You
Peniot Ava Antonious**

They Scattered Gold And Change

On The Mountains to Tempt You

Glittering on The Desert Sand

Peniot Ava Antonious

**They Moved with Pride and Chant
To Cause You To Fall in Their Traps**

**In the Likeness of Women
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**They Took the Form of Lions
Screaming Like Fierce Winds**

**And Tigers and Lynx
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**They Gathered to Harm You
But Humility Saved You**

**Make You Frightened by Their View
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**I Wonder for Your Gathering
I am Weaker Than Your Smallest**

**Against My Weakness
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**St. Antonious, You Are A Tower
You Humbled Yourself to the Devils**

**Strong And Full Of Power
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**You Are Power and Symbol
You Are Dweller of High Mountains**

**For Seekers of the Example
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**Example of Virginity
And Calmness of the Wilderness**

**And Power of Spirituality
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**Your Life Is a Light
Like A Psalm To Recite Joyfully**

**And Nice Smelling Incense
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**You Are Great In Tribulations
Intercede In Our Behalf**

**You Are Wise In Temptations
Peniot Ava Antonious**

**Can We Follow Your Example
Pray In Our Behalf**

**Can We Trace Your Every Step
Peniot Ava Antonious**

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The Praise of the Congregation of the Saints

“Ari epresvevin ehri egon o-enchoice enneve teren ti-theotokos: maria ethmav empencwteer: entev ka nenovi nan evol”:

Intercede in our behalf, the lady of us all, Mary the mother of our savior, so He may forgive us our sins.

Intercede in our behalf, O’ye pure archangels, Micheal and Gabriel, so He may forgive us our sins.

Intercede in our behalf, O’ye pure archangels, Rafael and Soriel, so He may forgive us our sins.

Intercede in our behalf, O’ye pure archangels, Sadakael and Ananiel, so He may forgive us our sins.

Intercede in our behalf, O’ye thrones and principalities, and sherobeem and seraphim, so He may forgive us our sins.

Interceded in our behalf, O’ye four incorpeal beasts, so He may forgive our sins.

Intercede in our behalf, O’ye twenty-four presbatyres, so He may forgive us our sins.

Intercede in our behalf, O’ye the heavenly host, so He may forgive us our sins.

Pray for us to the Lord, our masters the fathers the patriarchs, Ibrahin Isaac and Jacob, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us to the Lord, O’ye the perfect man, Enoch the righteous, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us ye prophets, Elias the tesbite and Elisha his disciple, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us Moses, and Isiah, Ezekial and Armeiah, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us ye perfect man, the righteous and chosen Noah, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Malchesadak, and Aaron and Zakaraih and Samson, the He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'ye ranks, of prophets and righteous and holy men, that He may forgive us our sins.

Intercede O'ye for runner, the baptizer John the Baptist, that He may forgive us our sins.

Intercede in our behalf, O'ye hundred and forty-four thousand, and the celibate evangelists, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us our Masters, the fathers the Apostles, and the rest of the disciples, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'ye archdeacon, the blessed Stephen, the first martyr, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'ye beholder of God, the Evangelist, St. Mark the Apostle, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'ye Martyr, the one who suffered, my master the king George, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Theodorus, and Theodorus, Lawandeus and Panikarus, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Philopatere Markorius, and Abba Mena, and Abba Boktor, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'My Master Ekladius, and Theodorus and Abba Eskhiron and Abba Isaac, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Wasselidis, and Youssabius and Makarios and Philosauis, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Anba Bassora, and Anba Beshay, Anba Eissi and His sister Taklah, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'ye Suffering Martyrs, Yustus, epali, and Theoklia, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Anba Jacob the Persian, and the Saints Sergius and Wakhis, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Suffering Martyrs, Kouzman, His siblings and their mother, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Abba Kir and His Brother John, and Barbara and Youlianah, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Suffering Martyrs, the Master Abadeer, and his sister Irini, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'suffering Martyrs, Youlius and his companions, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Two Suffering Martyrs, Mari Bahnam. And his sister Sarah, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Anba Sarabamon the bishop, and Epsadi and Ghalinikus, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Suffering Martyrs, the forty saints of sebasstiah, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O'Anba pirw, and Athom and John and Simeon, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Suffering Martyrs, Anba beshoy and his friend Bottrus, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Abba Eklogg the Priest, and Anba Pijol and Anba Kao, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Abba Youhanna from Haraklia, and the Masters Piphamon and Saleeb, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Isidorus, and Pantelon, Sophia, and Ophomeyah, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' My Master Abanoub, and Eptholomeus, and Epakraghon and sosennius, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Great Archpriest, Anba Bottrus the Martyr in priests, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Two New Martyrs, Anba Saleeb and Anba Arssanius, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Michael the Priest, and Michael the Monk, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Ranks of Martyrs, who suffered for the sake of Christ, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' My Masters, who love their children, Anba Antonius and Anba Paula, that He may forgive our sins.

Ask for us O' Three Anba Makarios, and their children the bearers of the Cross, that Ha may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Two Fatherly Hegomens, Anba Youhanna and Anba Daniel, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Two Fathers, the lovers of their children, Anba Beshoy and Anba Paula, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Two Saintly Roman Fathers, Maximus and Domadius, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Forty-Nine Martyrs, the elders of sheheet, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Strong Saint, Anba Mouses (the black) and John Kami, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Pakhom, the Father of Communes and Theodorus his disciple, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Shenouti, the Head of Solitude and Anba Wissa his disciple, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Nophir, and Anba Karas and Anba Paphnotius, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Samuel the Confessor, and Yustus and Appollo his disciples, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Appollo, and Anba Abib and our father Anba Pijimi, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Okeen, and Anba Ehrown and Abba Ahore and Anba Phees, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Barssoum, and Ephram and Youhanna and Simeon, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Epiphanous, and Amonius and Archilledes and Arssanius, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Two Monastic Fathers, Anab Abraam and Anba Gawergi, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Athanassius the Apostolic, and Saverus and Discorus, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Hadeed and Anba Youhanna, and Our Great Fathers Anba Barssoum and Anba reuis, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Anba Abraam the Hegomen, and our Father Anba Markus, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Host of Bearers of the Cross, who were perfected in the prairies, the He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Two Perfect Men, Joseph and Necodimus, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' My Master, King Constantine and Queen Hillanah, so He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Pure Virgins, the wise one the brides of Christ, that He may forgive us our sins.

Ask for us O' Saints of this day, everyone with his name, that He may forgive us our sins.

We also praise you, with the psalmist David saying, You are the Priest forever on the rank of Malchesadek.

Ask for us O' Our Father the Patriarch, Anba (Shenouda) the Archpriest, that He may forgive us our sins.

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

**Gather strength through faith
(A Praise to the Virgin Mary From Monday Theotekia)**

**Gather strength through faith
And Praise the pride of all races**

**You who believe in Christ
Maria ti-parthenos**

**Take the initiative and mark yourself
And Praise at all times**

**with the sign of the Cross
Maria ti-parthenos**

**Repent from all sins
And Praise at all times**

**And follow the law
Maria ti-parthenos**

**Gabriel was sent and he came
With news to a celibate virgin**

**From the Holy Father
Maria ti-parthenos**

**She accepted when informed
And the spirit of the Lord carried**

**the New from the angel
Maria ti-parthenos**

**The salvation of human race
By a pure celibate**

**And all the world
Maria ti-parthenos**

**The full hearted called you
oo-the ethouab**

**“simote eroo-zikaous”
Maria ti-parthenos**

**The Lord of Glory chose you
And with His Spirit were visited**

**“Katha eesagi embe himnadous”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**With the light of the divine adorned
The one from the trinity**

**by the coming of the holy Jesus
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**The called you “ti-shouri”
And a famous dome**

**“en noub enkasthrus”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**The sun of righteousness you carried
Who received what you had**

**In your womb O’ Celibate Virgin
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

Sophonius told

about the birth of the Christ

**He fell like dew and rain
The ruler of all worlds
Your carried like a man**

**“Maria ti-parthenos”
And life giver to all souls
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**Bless you mother of the worshipped
O’ descendant of the father “daoud”**

**Bless you mother of the Holy
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**From you divinity was revealed
United with humanity**

**Christ the king of Glory
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**On you we relied
Do not abandon us**

**We ask you in the name of Issus
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**Your praise is precious and sweet
Your value increased and got higher**

**Above all “bi cosmos”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**You exceeded the righteous fathers
Became higher than all measures**

**“ni ethme nim-ni zekeos”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**Ancient, eternal, and worshipped
Chose the daughter of “Daoud”**

**One by the person Holy
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**Become for me mother of Jesus
The heard voice in his presence**

**And to all the world
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**Without you who could have seen
In the world clearly viewed**

**The Glory of the Lord Jesus
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**Moses desired to see
He could not stand a needle hole**

**The Glory of the Holy Lord
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**We ask you to lead us
To lead us to the harbor**

**to please the Holy Lord
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**A holy temple you became
And in Your womb you carried**

**through the coming of “bashoice Issus”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

You nursed from your breasts

The giver of life to all souls

And carried Him on your hands

“Maria ti-parthenos”

**Mary do not forget
By the Greatest Birth**

**the people of your Christ
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**O’ Mary help us
To lead us to the harbor**

**In front of your son “Issus”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**My praise to the Virgin
With Her we achieved victory**

**“etmav en-issus bi-ekhristos”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**My praise to Mary
The pride of all the world**

**“ti theo-tokos”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**My greeting to all present
To be saved from the pit of fire**

**Standing are or sitting
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**And the one who wrote these words
I am the sinner Gabriel**

**Asking you “ya aum issus”
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**I praise and ask your prayers
By your life I pray help me**

**The pride of the holly’s creation
“Maria ti-parthenos”**

**And asking the champion of them all
The absolutely great leader**

**“ebshosho eni-martirus”
“vi-ethouab gawargious”**

**Because he is my only teacher
His remembrance to me is a feast**

**And by his life I am sheltered
“vi-ethouab gawargious”**

**Brothers I close my sayings
Mary the door of forgiveness**

**by praising “ti-parthinos”
and the Kery to “paradisos”**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

**I begin with the name of the trinity
(A Praise to the Virgin Mary From Tuesday Theotekia)**

Refrain: “esslam laki ya mariam”
Meaning: Peace unto you O’Mary

**I begin with the name of the trinity
And I cry with a loud voice**

**Before I write and speak
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**By you O’ Mary we were saved
And children of paradise we became**

**from the fire of “gouhanam”
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**All the heavenly orders praise you
They cry with loud voices**

**with joy and sweet tunes
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Higher is the mighty God
He came with the victory**

**Whose name is the greatest
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**His Spirit on you descended
By the righteous David your father**

**As was revealed and spoken
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**The salvation of the human race
From a Celibate virgin**

**appeared after all was lost
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**You were called the mother of Jesus
And your name became elevated**

**The King of All Glory
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**The Lord of Glory chose you
Because of your inner beauty**

**From all nations and all races
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**The Light of Divinity adorned you
By you the paradise was opened**

**Your name became hallowed
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**“seemoty eroo-zekeos”
“david bi-hemondus”**

**About You Explained and spoke
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**“sheri ti-parthenos”
“ethmav em bi-ekhrastos”**

**“sheri-he mariaam”
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**You became mother of your creator
The honor you have received**

**And any tongue can explain
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**The Pantocrator of all worlds
Was born from you like all humans**

**Creator all nations and people
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Long suffering and merciful
He brought back the lost sheep**

**Favored and to Him Glory
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**From you He appeared
Was still in the bosom of His Father**

**Full God and Full Man
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Elevated and you bore
A Holy dwelling you became**

**The Lord of Great Glory
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Precious and sweet your praise
Your worth is increasingly high**

**Better than all tunes
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**We won you mother of light
We received all joy and happiness**

**Were renewed after defeat
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Ancient, eternal, worshipped
Appeared from you a new born**

**Holy God of all ages
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Generous, Merciful, Compassionate
“etsheri en-youachim”**

**Chose the best of all
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Wore the humanity
The Eternal Logos**

**with the greatness of the Divine
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**From a Celibate Virgin
He was completely revealed**

**In the best arrangement
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**We ask you “areebin maevy”
In front of “peniot etkhen ni-veooy”**

**Through Your Intercession
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Prepare for me mother of light
I enter it with joy and gladness**

**A home of the most joy
“esslam laki ya mariam”**

**Every season has its pleasure
And I am lost now**

**Because all my life
By your precious prayers**

**Mary O' Help us
And lead us to the harbor**

**And the writer of these words
The Sinner Gabriel**

**In a village called "quai"
But you are my help and hope**

**And I seek the help of a Champ
The pride of all martyrs**

**Because he is my teacher
His remembrance is a feast**

**And I close my speech
And I cry out and declare**

(Amen, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

**The time of summer is here
"esslam laki ya mariam"**

**I am calm and full of hope
"esslam laki ya mariam"**

**In the day of great judgment
"esslam laki ya mariam"**

**Admirer of your praise
"esslam laki ya mariam"**

**Raised in works and sorrows
"esslam laki ya mariam"**

**Courageous and well advanced
And the great morning star**

**And his favors are in advance
And his aid I hope to receive**

**praising the pride of our race
"esslam laki ya mariam"**

All the Heavenly Host (A Praise to the Virgin Mary From Wednesday Theotekia)

Refrain: "tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"
Meaning: Blessed You O' Virgin Pride

**All the Heavenly Host
Cry with a pleasurable voice**

**And the Army of "ni-angelos"
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**With the heavenly tunes
Crying with bright tongues**

**All are saying "marin hoss"
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**The Father Looked from His High Heaven
He sent His Son born from you**

**Did not find any like you
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**To you came with the good news
Announced to you the good news**

**Gabriel "bi-angelos"
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**His Holy Spirit descended on you
And you became mother of your creator**

**From you appeared "Bashois-issus"
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**You redeemed Adam and His seed
From the slavery of Satan freed him**

**Brought him back "illa -elpherdoss"
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**You O' precious blossom were called
"nem ti-ehrerer ethouab"**

**"ti-shori en-noub en-katharooss"
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**The Lord of Glory chose your beauty
The Lord of Lords became your Son**

**"kata epsagi embe hemnodus"
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**Ezekiel in his vision saw
The Mighty Lord entered from it**

**Door towards the East that was closed
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**A Ladder seen by the Father Jacob
Worshipping the Fearsome King**

**surrounded with host of angels
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

**Moses told and prophesied openly
A green bush burning inside**

**And called you a fruitful vine
"tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss"**

“Sophonius” about you told He will fall like dew and rain	A witness about the birth of “Issus” “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
Daniel in his revelation said On it sat the Mighty King	“anok ai-nav eh-oo-ethronoss” “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
Moses wished to see once He couldn’t stand a needle hole	As you saw mother of the Holy “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
He came from you completed He redeemed his seed from all bonds	the promise Adam return (to the paradise) “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
You increased and became pleasure When the Creator descended in you lap	Like the sweet fruits of paradise “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
Gained victory and received Hope Who invests in you praise	Hoping to please the Holy Lord “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
My desire all my life is to be To help and assist when I die	Able to praise “ti-parthenous” “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
The glory of Mary who can measure And if we say the chair she is better	She’s Like suns and the moon “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
The Cherubim of Glory you carried Increasingly was elevated	Became higher than all ranks “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
Without you mother of light To see him in the world famous	Who could see the glory of “Issus” “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
Who gained what you gained O’ Mary What tongue can speak	Who’s Like you mother of the Holy “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”
We ask you Celibate Virgin “hena enten ko-evol”	“ariba-meve o-bachoice issus” “tobaky ya bikrah we-?arooss”

THE FIERY BUSH

A Praise to the Virgin Mary From Thursday Theotekia (The Fiery bush that Moses Had Seen in the Wilderness)

(Translation is provided by Fr. Athanasius Eskander, Ontario, Canada)

Refrain:

The Fiery bush that Moses
Had seen in the wilderness,
Burning with fire from within -
And the bush was not consumed -

Is a figure of the blessed Mother of the Light,
Who carried the Divine Ember
Nine full months in her womb,
With a perpetual virginity.

Verses:

**I open my mouth and speak,
About the hidden mysteries,
And honour Mary, the Mother of the Light
Blessed are you among women.**

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**Gabriel announced to her
The incarnation of the Word.
She carried her Lord in her womb:
Blessed are you among women.**

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**David your father spoke of you,
With prophetic sayings;
The God of gods became your son:
Blessed are you among women.**

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**You are the mother of your Creator,
Who came to save the human race.
He came and dwelt in your womb:
Blessed are you among women.**

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**The forgiver of all sins,
The source of all blessings,
He loved our race and took our form:
Blessed are you among women.**

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**He bowed down the heavens,
And descended to earth,
While still in His Father's bosom:
Blessed are you among women.**

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**Of all people, who has obtained
What you received, O Mary?
All generations proclaim and say:
Blessed are you among women.**

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**O Virgin Mary, we bless you,
And praise by day and night
The One Who chose your goodness:
Blessed are you among women.**

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(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

**To praise the daughter of Zion
(A Praise (Wattis) to the Virgin Mary From Friday Theotekia)**

**I begin with the name of the Lord Jesus,
And ask from His goodness in awe,
To raise my mind to the heavenly,
To praise the daughter of Zion.**

**Beginning of my sayings and rhyme,
I greet the first born,
Because all my maladies,
Through her with the pain are cured.**

**My soul longs for her,
And I am in between her hands,
Because I depend on her,
To be save from the evil one.**

**Come to our help O' Mother of Light,
Please Mary from all evil,
Who from her came the well known,
The Creator of all flesh.**

**All my thought became like night,
Because I could not see the light,
A virgin without spouse,
Carried the hidden mystery.**

**Creator of the seen and the unseen,
How could the womb contain,
Ye all wise and learned,
Tell me how it can be.**

**She is called the mother of mercy,
And also the full of grace,
The mother of the Logos,
Many about her prophesied.**

**Let me praise you and say,
Blessed are you Celibate virgin,
From whom came the well known,
And the savior of all flesh.**

**The spirit of truth the Advocate,
Came as intermediary and with the good news,
To Him Praise Lord and Savior,
Knowing of what was and what will be.**

**Adorned Mary with His Advent,
And Completed what the witnesses said,
Magi's came and worshiped Him,
And with precious Gifts they were introduced.**

**Our Lord accepted suffering,
Died, was buried in the tomb and He arose,
And Mary was filled with joyful peace,
And He also appeared to the Apostles.**

**You were likened to Noah's Ark,
You healed our wounds,
And you made Adam to be in joy,
With unexplained tribute.**

**Mary, you became a lamp,
And Your Light in the world showed,
The one, whose aroma spread,
And by all the righteous smelled.**

**When the speaking sheep lost his way,
the Shepherd sought the lost one to redeem,
When He completed His true promise,
And appeared to us in the flesh,**

**Blessed are you O' Full of Grace,
Who became like a lighthouse,
And you became like a fishing hook,**

To the intellect of the earthly.

**You were covered by the Cherubim,
O' Mary daughter of Joachim,
Truly it is a great mystery,
not understood by the orderly.**

**Our Lord Emanuel,
Meaning God with Us,
He came and saved us,
And to God we became children.**

**The unseen how could we see,
The unlimited how could he be contained,
The unspoken how could they see,
With the eyes of the humanly.**

**Jesus opened the door of paradise,
And with Him all souls were pleased,
He brought back life with His Holy Name,
And Gave to us His body as proof.**

**You became a mother to your Lord,
O' Ye High, blessed are you,
Your elegance and glory O' Mary,
Are beyond our poets to explain.**

**All tongues could not speak,
And I a sinner put my hope in you,
My mind could not contain you,
And My thoughts are just so weak.**

**I am still begging you,
To lead me to your Son's way,
We all Bless you,
Because you became to us Zion.**

**I need a wise and rational one,
To help me to be able to say,
Praise and hymnals worthy of you,
So I can in you feel safe.**

**The Lord so the lost sheep,
And to David He gave a promise,
From your seed will be,
The Promise and He did not retract.**

**The promise He did complete,
In the fullness of time He came,
From the House of David He appeared,
And walked on Earth Like the humanly.**

**I am the sinner made noises,
Asking for joy exceeding,
Abu Al-saad from Abu Teig,
The Servant of all who write poetry.**

**My mind with guilt made me write,
Because in the Psalms I did read,
If the Lord does not build,
Vanity is the work of who builds.**

**O' Jesus Our Savior,
Protect the life of Anba (Shenouda) the Patriarch,
And His Companions our Bishops,
And our gathered brothers.**

**And the peace of the Lord be with you,
O' Ye gathered all together here,
And His Pleasant Voice shall you hear,
On the day of Resurrection you all will be.**

“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”
(A Praise to the Virgin St. Mary From Saturday Theotekia)

**I begin with the name of God the Holy,
Our Savior the Worshipped King,
And Praise the Virgin Mary,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**With your goodness we became free,
And alive after we were deceased,
And were freed from all bondage,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Ye all come to me,
To cry with the highest voice,
And I the poor scream with you,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Help us O’ Mother of Light,
Who became tabernacle and censor
You Carried the Son the Unseen,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Ezekiel saw a door to the East,
Kept closed, protected, and sealed,
The Lord of Lords entered and did leave,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**He exited and the door remained closed,
As it was before He came,
You remained the Celibate virgin,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**You were called mother of your creator,
For whom the thrones and ranks kneel,
And Your carried Him in your hands,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Thousands of thousands and more, ?
Tremble in His presence,?
In rags you carried Him,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**You erased the curse and shame,
O’ Mary daughter of David,
O’ Pure and Chosen seat,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**A Ladder to heaven Jacob saw
From Earth to Heaven Straight,
Celibate Virgin, a vision of you,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Moses saw and openly perceived,
A bush burning like with fuel,
And the branch was not harmed,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Cried and spoke about you,
And moved the strings of “Daoud”,
Listen O’ Daughter and understand,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Solomon told in his proverbs,
And spoke in his songs rather loudly,
My sister your are the choice of creation,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Blessed are you O’ Daughter of Joachim,
Because from you came the one born,
And he saved us from the punishment of hell,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**From you appeared the like of man,
Divine united with Human form,
And He pushed away all sorrow,**

“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”

**High and Mighty in the Glory of His Father,
Above the tribe of “ all-Daoud”,
Appeared from you and you carried Him,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**You became higher than all the heavenly,
“o-ti eros tattis etenhoot”
and all the ranks of the lightly,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**You received all praise,
Your remembrance is well known,
Greets you all the regions (of the land),
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**A chair you became for the Highest,
Our Worshipped Savior and Lord,
Blessed art thou in all generations,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Without your coming to the world,
The paradise would have remained closed,
And Adam would have stayed away,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Through you he became happy,
And returned after he was castaway,
And we were delivered from the slavery to satan,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**We all because of him became,
Encircled with the death ordained,
And by you we became joyful,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

We are all gathered together,

**To offer you our thanks,
And to off to you our praise publicly,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**And I the one who advanced,
Boldly to praise the daughter of David,
I am the lowliest in the Christians,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Do not forget my Lady,
O’ You Jewel precious, “zomorod we yacoutt”
O’ Temple unto the Lord you became,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Mary keep for us always,
The life of our Holy Father,
“beniot ethouav ava” (Shenouda),
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**And his companions from all ranks and positions,
Keep them O’ Lord of Hosts,
And keep your people the Christians,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**And the one who wrote these rhyme,
Cries loudly from his heart in awe,
To his Lord is his desire,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**He cries asking Him forgiveness,
To come to his help at the hour of demise,
And for you to assist him in the day of judgment,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

**Mary, I ask intercession,
In the presence of the Worshipped Lord,
So, He may forgive us with your prayer,**

“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”

**My Lady, I ask your bequest,
O’ Daughter of the righteous “daoud”
To save us from the ghastly fire,
“geh sheeri si-esmeh en-ehmot”**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison,)

**Rashi O'Maria:
A COPTIC hymnal (praise) of St. Mary
Used During Advent Evening Services**

Refrain: Rashi O'Maria
Meaning: Ample O' Mary

**Rashi O'Maria: Adam Became Free
Rashi O'Maria: After He Was Sad.
Rashi O'Maria: He Disobeyed and Sinned.
Rashi O'Maria: By You He Defeated the Head.**

**Rashi O'Maria: You Are the Sacrifice of Aaron.
Rashi O'Maria: You Are the Crown of Israel.
Rashi O'Maria: You Are Given Praise.
Rashi O'Maria: Because Praising Helps.**

**Rashi O'Maria: The Happiness of Ibrahim.
Rashi O'Maria: That Isaac Is Safe.
Rashi O'Maria: Jacob Was a Leader.
Rashi O'Maria: Came Joseph With Vision.**

**Rashi O'Maria: David Sang and Said.
Rashi O'Maria: In You Explained.
Rashi O'Maria: Also In the Proverbs.
Rashi O'Maria: The Wisdom of Solomon.**

**Rashi O'Maria: Your Are The Seat.
Rashi O'Maria: Like the Arc of Noah.
Rashi O'Maria: Blossom With Good Aroma.
Rashi O'Maria: Branches of Olive.**

**Rashi O'Maria: The Chariot of Cherubim.
Rashi O'Maria: The Wings of Seraphim.
Rashi O'Maria: The Daughter of Youakeem.
Rashi O'Maria: The Censor of Aaron.**

Rashi O'Maria: The Intercession of Peter.

Rashi O'Maria: The Wisdom of Paul.

Rashi O'Maria: The Delight of Philip.

Rashi O'Maria: The Purity of the Confessors.

Rashi O'Maria: The Salvation of Mathias

Rashi O'Maria: The Confession of Thomas.

Rashi O'Maria: The Holy of Holies.

Rashi O'Maria: The Jealousy of Simon.

Rashi O'Maria: The Crown of the Martyrs.

Rashi O'Maria: Happiness Starts With You.

Rashi O'Maria: Conquered Our Enemies.

Rashi O'Maria: You Defeated Satan.

Rashi O'Maria: The Mother of the Incarnate.

Rashi O'Maria: The Seed of Our Father David.

Rashi O'Maria: Completed the Plan.

Rashi O'Maria: You Are A Protected Tower.

Rashi O'Maria: After You Borne Him.

Rashi O'Maria: On Your Shoulder He Rested.

Rashi O'Maria: Thirst and You Nursed Him.

Rashi O'Maria: How Can We Explain That!

Rashi O'Maria: It Is A Sealed Secret.

Rashi O'Maria: For The Universe to Ponder.

Rashi O'Maria: It Was Revealed.

Rashi O'Maria: After It Was Sealed.

Rashi O'Maria: Who Has an Understanding.

Rashi O'Maria: Can Easily Understand.

Rashi O'Maria: Light From Light.

Rashi O'Maria: Without Any Doubt.

Rashi O'Maria: If I Say I Know.

Rashi O'Maria: All Its Meanings.

Rashi O'Maria: I Can not Tell All.

Rashi O'Maria: To The High and Lowly.

Rashi O'Maria: If the Poet Wrote.

Rashi O'Maria: He Was Honored to Say.

Rashi O'Maria: A Few Things.

Rashi O'Maria: With Your Continuing Help.

My Lord Jesus Christ
(A Praise to the Virgin St. Mary From Sunday Theotekia)

Refrain: " yarby yassu al-massih"
Meaning: "My Lord Jesus Christ"

I open my mouth with praise
My Lord Jesus Christ

And speak with a wounded heart
Give me a clever tongue

To praise your name
My Lord Jesus Christ

And thank you for your gifts of grace
Teach me your justice

Your name Holy and Mysterious
My Lord Jesus Christ Have Mercy

Glorified in your Saints
on the works of you hands

Worthy and Just are You
My Lord Jesus Christ

To be praised and glorified
Your name is sweet to me

I made my reliance on you
My Lord Jesus Christ

My Lord neglect me not
Do not abandon me

Your Holy Spirit
My Lord Jesus Christ

Do not permit to depart me
With your help wrap me

The enemy's arrows wounded me
My Lord Jesus Christ

And the wound is getting deep
Your blood is my medicine

Seven times every day
My Lord Jesus Christ

I bless your name
Make me your inheritance

My soul longs to you
My Lord Jesus Christ

Like a thirsty ground
Your mercies endure

Forget not our Church
My Lord Jesus Christ

Fill it with your gifts
Affix it to your witness

Sweet in my throat is your witness
My Lord Jesus Christ

Like honey in my mouth
Cleanse me from my offenses

**We thank the beneficent
Christ the Lord of Hosts**

**Ordain in us your laws
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**Raise the standing of all Christians
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**If we are poor financially
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**Praise is due to you
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**Lord save your people
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**Your kingdom O' My God
Your Lordship O' God**

**Strength and Highness
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**The kingdoms of the world dissolve
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**All kingdoms shall dissolve
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**The poor of your people enrich
The orphans raise them**

**From your goodness enrich them
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**If we are in need
High in value and generous**

**We worship Jesus the Lord
In awe to Him we kneel**

**And with your power sustain us
Raise the standing of our race**

**In all the lands
With your help wrap them**

**Your name suffices us
Your virtues enrich us**

**Blessings are due to you
The source of all goodness**

**And bless your inheritance
Ordain for them your kingdom**

**An Eternal kingdom
Gives us our strength**

**Are the mystery of your works
Master of all kingdoms**

**And money can be wasted
Your Kingdom is everlasting**

**Treasures of the mighty vanish
The treasure of the poor**

**And the sick heal them
From your goodness enrich them**

**Pay the debts of the indebted
The treasure of the needy**

**We have a precious jewel
More precious than all the world**

**Precious in value and generous
His name is Jesus Christ**

**He forgives all transgressions
All nations confess him**

**Praise Him all ye nations
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**His nature is goodness
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**You look upon everyone
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**We know no other God
You are the Son of God**

**Affix us in the faith
We rejoice in the praises**

**My Lord Jesus Christ
Our joy is your praise**

**My Lord Jesus Christ
To you did I only sin**

**To be true in your word
Victorious in your judgments**

My Lord Jesus Christ

**I am humbled by your glory
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**On your left do not leave me
I ask you to accept me**

**More precious than all the world
Forgiver of all transgressions**

**He forgives all who ask Him
The rulers praise him**

**Praise him all ye people
Whose nature is goodness**

**No one is like Him
You look upon everyone**

**With your sustenance
No one other than you we need**

**We believed in your Testament
Affix us In your faith**

**And awaken us from boredom
Your names is to be praised**

**Your praise is joy and gladness
Our gladness is your glory**

**To you alone be glory
In front of you I transgressed**

**Victorious in your judgments
Your Mercies unbounded**

On my humble soul have mercy

**Dependant on your promises
On your left do not leave me**

**With the evil people
As you accepted the taxman**

**I cry with the voice of the taxman
God forgive my sins**

**With my head hanging
Because I am a sinner**

**Sin is my nature
No servant is without sin**

**And giving is you nature
No master is without forgiveness**

**Forgiveness comes from you
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**And mercy is yours also
Lead me to your ways**

**Your ways were lost on me
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**And life was gone
Forgive all my sins**

**Grant me repentance and forgive me
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**Cleanse me from all blemishes
Forgive all my sins.**

**My sins are heavy to bear
My Lord Jesus Christ**

**As a heavy load on me
Heal all my senses**

**Your Mercies My God
Your Mercies My God**

**Are very many
Cannot be counted**

**Your Mercies My God
Your Mercies My God**

**More than the plants on earth
Exceeded all numbers**

**Your Mercies My God
Your Mercies My God**

**Are Like the drops of water
More than the grains of sand**

**Your Mercies My God
Your Mercies My God**

**Are Like the Springs of Water
Like the running rivers**

**O' Lord have mercy on my soul
O' Lord erase my transgressions**

**O' Lord save me,
With your goodness remember me**

**Holy and Holy
Creator of all souls**

**The Lord of Hosts
Providing all their needs**

**We ask you our Master
And His Companion our Bishop**

**Preserve our Patriarch
Amen. Alleluia.**

(Amen. Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison, Kyrie-Laison)

Seven Parts on the Interpretation of the Incarnate Birth Part One (1)

**I begin with the name of God
Who spoke to Moses
He Said O' Moses
I will tell what was**

**Get up O' Moses
Build A dome there
And all that I told you
This is the testament**

**Hurry up O' Moses
Build in it a dome
Make its streets high
And gather all the needs**

**Make outside the dome
And cover the dome
Inside and out
From top to bottom**

**Make under the dome
And make around the altar
And put on top the altar
With Extended wings**

**Place inside it
Inside it the golden beaker
And the censor of Aaron
Also include the two tablets**

**Also the minaret
And the table from gold**

**That dwells in the light
From the top of mountain tor
Get up happy and with delight
As was prophesied**

**And climb the highest mountain
To you like a shelter
Write it very quickly
to the Israelites**

**An Look up this place
From Granite stones
And give it four corners
of the builders**

**a hall with corridors
with the purest gold
as honor to the preaching
Use essayed gold**

**An altar for offerings
Four Columns ..
Two Cherubs
“ejen bi-lasterion”**

**the tabernacle of the law
With the hidden manna
From pure gold
Together with the staff of Aaron**

**From choice gold
Shines like a flame of fire**

**Adorn it Moses
And include in it**

**With various lights
Four burning lights**

**Hail to you O' Mary
Endowed with Light
Intercede for Us
By you we were saved**

**Full of Grace
Mother of Mercy
In the Judgment day
Daughter of Zion**

(The Gospel According to St. Luke: 1:46-50)

“And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.”

Part Two (2)

**The Lord told Moses
Get up and make me a tabernacle
To put in it my mystery
From resistant wood**

**You became O'mary
Inside it the golden beaker
Your praise in my mouth
We hail you**

**O' shining star
Carried the Son of God
You saved Adam
He returned with his seed**

**Filled the world with light
Carried in your womb
Your are the tabernacle
You are our strength**

**Calling with a Loud Voice
Plate it with gold
And make my testament
And with silk cover it**

**Like a tabernacle
With the rational Manna
Sweeter than honey
O' Daughter of Zion**

**Like a Light Lamp
The Immortal and unseen
After he was enslaved
To the Paradise with joy**

**After it was dark
The Son of God the Logos
You are the wisdom
And the joy of all the righteous**

**When God ordained
Sent to you the Word
You carried in your womb
Bore him and sucked you milk**

**Ezekiel Prophesied
I saw a door towards the East
From it entered and left
And it was not harmed**

**How many witnesses
The from you will appear
To save His people
By you we were saved**

**Willed and Chose you
With His Holy Spirit adorned you
The Lord your God
Like all humans**

**In his revelation and said
Locked and sealed
The Mighty King
Remained sealed as it was**

**In prophecies and proverbs
The Mighty Lord
In the Fullness of Time
O' Censor of Aaron**

**Hail to you O' Mary
Endowed with Light
Intercede for Us
By you we were saved**

**Full of Grace
Mother of Mercy
In the Judgment day
Daughter of Zion**

(The Gospel According to St. Luke: 1:51-55)

"He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever."

Part Three (3)

**Mary you became
On it the table gold
He is the Son of the Immortal God
To every pure of heart**

**You are the altar
Your Light sparkles**

**An altar for atonement
In it the body is offering
Provider of Redemption
The Paradise of Joy**

**Endowed with Lights
Fills all the lands**

**Your Light O' Mary
You exceeded all ranks**

**You exceeded the Heads
And Also the thrones
You Bore the Son of God
Giver of all Life**

**O' Blossom of nice aroma
O' Shining star
O' Full of Grace
By you we received all salvation**

**Daniel Prophesied
I saw a chair from light
Around Him thousands of thousands
Praising the mighty God**

**Mary you became
You bore the Son of God
The fathers called you
And how many descriptions**

**The Lord selected you
A pure and clean seed
You carried Him in your womb
Bore Hime and he sucked your milk**

**Exceeded all suns and moons
And all the Heavenly Hosts**

**And the Four Incorporable Beasts
The Lords and Powers
Creator of all creation
To every flesh and soul**

**Your incense amber(gris) scent
as a Bright Lamp
Beginning of joy
And the Paradise of Grace**

**In his revelation assuredly
On it the Lord of Hosts
Principalities and powers
the Holy King**

**Like the throne of God
The Immortal and articulate
The door towards the East
O' Virgin Pride**

**From Jesse's seed
Home of prophets and kings
O' Virgin Pride
"hose romy enteh leyouss"**

**Hail to you O' Mary
Endowed with Light
Intercede for Us
By you we were saved**

**Full of Grace
Mother of Mercy
In the Judgment day
Daughter of Zion**

(The Gospel According to St. Luke: 1:68-73)

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,"

Part Four (4)

**O' Precious Gold beaker
Symbol and analogy
O' Precious Stone
Blessed Are You O' Mary**

**O' Ladder of Jacob
In your womb was hidden
He healed all the sick
Raised the dead**

**O' Staff of Aaron
O' Dome of Moses
A Planted Vine
By you we were saved**

**David in the Psalm
The Lord Chose Zion
These are all symbols
About you O' Mary**

**The Lord chose you beauty
Born from you and sucked your milk
You were highly elevated
Higher than all the Heads**

**Higher than the Cherubim
And also the Seraphim
O'Daughter of Joachim
You Redeemed Adam**

**O' Full of Grace
O' Mother of Mercy
Your Removed our Darkness**

**The Manna hidden in it
To you O' Mother of God
O' Ship of Survival
O' Daughter of Zion**

**You Carried the Great Judge
And brought Him a full man
Opened the blind eyes
After he was buried**

**Light of the blossoms
Full with Light
Bearing Fruits
O' Hidden Jewel**

**Said in the Tunes
And truly Dwelled there
Signs and Analogies
O' Daughter of Zion**

**And truly dwelled in you
of your breast by His mouth
Like His high heaven
The Righteous and Holy**

**O' Mistress of Virgin
O' Full of Light
The Righteous Seed
After he was imprisoned**

**The purest of the pure
Light from Light
By you we became free**

And Inherited the Paradise

**The Lord selected you
A pure and clean seed
You carried Him in your womb
Bore Him and he sucked your milk**

**Hail to you O' Mary
Endowed with Light
Intercede for Us
By you we were saved**

By Baptism and Myroon

**From Jesse's seed
Home of prophets and kings
O' Virgin Pride
"hose romy enteh leyouss"**

**Full of Grace
Mother of Mercy
In the Judgment day
Daughter of Zion**

(The Gospel According to St. Luke: 1:73-77)

"To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,"

Part Five (5)

**God Spoke to Moses
Rise and Make a Minaret
In it Seven Lamps
From the Inside of the Dome**

**Moses Made as was told
From High Gold
Blessed are you O' Mary
Your Light Shines in Us**

**You are the Minaret
The rays of its light rose
Higher O'Mariam**

**From the top of the Mount Tor
From the Choice Gold
Lighting Day and Night
"nem ti-kivotoss"**

**And built the minaret
Blessed Are You O' Chosen
Exceeded All Examples
"anon kha-ni bestoss"**

**Full of Light
on all the Lands
Above the Righteous Fathers**

His Holy Spirit Descended

Moses saw You
Budding Tree
By you we Received Victory
Who gained what you gained

No one Like you
The Lord Preferred You
About You they Testified
The Fathers Called You

Your Father David
The Lord Desired your Beauty
Carried in your womb
Bore Him and He sucked your milk

Called you also
A Man Born from Her
Her Creator undoubtedly
Gave Birth to God the Just

Hail to you O' Mary
Endowed with Light
Intercede for Us
By you we were saved

On You the Holy Lord

On the Mount of Torr
Surrounded with Light
Joy, happiness, and gladness
In all "bi-cosmoss"

On Earth or Heaven
Above all the Creation
In Books and Prophecies
"ni-etshrombi ethnasoss"

Said in the Psalm
Adorned you with Splendor
Nine Full Months
Good News "bi-angilos"

The mother of Man
The King of Hosts
Sent His Holy Spirit
Creator of all Souls

Full of Grace
Mother of Mercy
In the Judgment day
Daughter of Zion

(The Gospel According to St. Luke: 1:78-79)

"Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Part Six (6)

**O' Censor of Aaron
Her Incense is Ember
By your Life O' Mary
The Promise was Reached**

**You are the Censor
Carried the Son of God
Descended to your Womb
Born and Sucked your Milk**

**O' Censor of Aaron
O' Daughter of "daoud"
You Carried the Worshipped
He Loosened all bondages**

**You are the Censor
Filled all the World
We Hail You Truly
O' Pillar of Christianity**

**Solomon About you said
My Sister and My Beloved
The Ember of Your Incense
And He Gave Many Examples**

**Blessed You O' Mary
O' Holy Temple
Protect Your Son's Children
And all in the Church**

**Hail to You O' Mary
Your Light Shines in Us
You Bore the Creator
From You Born a Man**

**Carrying the Fire Brand
Filled all the Lands
We're Saved the Heat of Fire
As was Prophesied**

**Full of Ember Incense
God Light from Light
Nine Full Months
Like all Humans do**

**with Ember Incense
O' Precious Jewel
and was Openly Revealed
Broke Satan's Snare**

**The Aroma of Incense sensible
By you we Gained the Victory
Every Night and Day
The Orthodox Faith**

**In the Song of Songs
My Lord Desired
Spread in Abundance
Prophecies as Witness**

**Mother of Jesus Christ
And a Holy Vail
Deacons and Priests
All the gathered here**

**The Guarded Temple
And Fills all the Worlds
The adjudicator Son of God
United with Divinity**

**Hail to you O' Mary
Endowed with Light
Intercede for Us
By you we were saved**

**Full of Grace
Mother of Mercy
In the Judgment day
Daughter of Zion**

(The Gospel According to St. Luke: 2:29-32)

“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”

Part Seven (7)

**Called Mother of God
Became Like the Highest Heaven
From You Spring of Life Appeared
Brought back the Lost Sheep**

**O' Dome of Moses
Tabernacle of Testament
O' Blossom of Ember
O' Treasured Jewel**

**O' Beaker of Precious Gold
O' Pure Temple
Who Believes in His Name
O' Pure Altar**

**Hail to You O'Mary
The Fathers Called You
How Many Times
O' Incense of Ember**

O' altar and Vail

**O' Daughter of Joachim
Above the Cherubim
And Healed every Sickness
the Snare of Satan Broke**

**Full of Lights
Hiding All the Mysteries
Your Incense filled the Lands
O' Staff of Aaron**

**The Manna is Hidden in
God Loved and Dwelled in
After death will See Him
Carrying the Hidden Mystery**

**Mistress of all the Virgins
Treasure and Minaret
Analogies and Examples
In Aaron's Censor**

Home of the Trinity

**O' Chair of God
By you O'Mary we Gained
Blessed You O' Mary**

**Forget not your Servant
Asking your Intercession
In front of Jesus your Son
To grant me forgiveness**

**"Youhanna ?bdek"
My country Fayoum
Asking for my salvation
So, the Lord may Gather Us**

**The Father Lord of Hosts
The Paradise of Joy
"et-sony ent-eh solomoon"**

**I am "khaty we-maskeen"
In the Judgment Day
be the supporting helper
And to those before me**

**Lowly, weak, and poor
A village called "fedemeen"
Be a fortress to me
With all His Saints.**

**Hail to you O' Mary
Endowed with Light
Intercede for Us
By you we were saved**

**Full of Grace
Mother of Mercy
In the Judgment day
Daughter of Zion**

THE KIAK CANTICLE

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O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth. Declare among the heathen His glory and among all people His wonders. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all gods. *Alleluia.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. *Alleluia.*

Thou that dwellest between the Cherubims, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up Thy strength, and come and save us. Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. *Alleluia.*

He bowed the heavens also, and came down, and darkness was under His feet, and He rode upon a Cherub, and did fly. Yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness His secret place, His pavilion round about Him. *Alleluia.*

The wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon. *Alleluia.*

The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan, an high hill as the hill of Bashan. Why leap ye, ye high hills? This is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever. *Alleluia.*

Upon Thy right hand did stand the queen, arrayed in vesture of inwoven gold, adorned in varied colours. *Alleluia.*

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty; for He is thy Lord. *Alleluia.*

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour. *Alleluia.*

The King's daughter is all glorious within in golden borders, clothed round about with varieties. After her, shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbours shall be brought to Thee. They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the King. *Alleluia.*

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be feared in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, in mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the Great King. *Alleluia.*

His foundation is in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *Alleluia.*

And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the Highest Himself establisheth her. *Alleluia.*

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. *Alleluia.*

Who maketh His angels spirits, His servants a flaming fire. *Alleluia.*

Who maketh the cloud His chariot: Who walketh upon the wings of the wind. *Alleluia.*

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments. Bless ye the Lord all His hosts; ye servants of His, that do His pleasure. *Alleluia.*

Before the angels will I praise Thee; I will worship toward Thine holy temple. *Alleluia.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language. *Alleluia.*

Where their voice is not heard, their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to end of the world. *Alleluia.*

The Lord shall give the word to them that preach good tidings with great power. The King of power is of the beloved. *Alleluia.*

Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people; talk ye of all His wondrous works. Glory ye in His Holy Name. *Alleluia.*

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. O Lord, I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid: Thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. *Alleluia.*

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints. He is the God of Israel. He will give strength unto His people. Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yea, let them exceedingly rejoice before God. Blessed be the Lord God. *Alleluia.*

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Most Mighty; with Thy glory and Thy majesty ride prosperously. *Alleluia.*

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. *Alleluia.*

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord's. He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him. *Alleluia.*

Let the righteous rejoice with joy. They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distress. *Alleluia.*

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. *Alleluia.*

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness. *Alleluia.*

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. *Alleluia.*

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgement. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. *Alleluia.*

Thy saints shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him. *Alleluia.*

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. For this shall everyone that is godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found. *Alleluia.*

Let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name. O

Lord, deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name's Sake.

Alleluia.

Let them exalt him in the church of his people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders; and maketh him families like a flock. The righteous see it and rejoice. *Alleluia.*

The Lord hath sworn and will not repent: Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. *Alleluia.*

May God be merciful unto us, and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us. *Alleluia.*

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever. *Alleluia.*

Who is a wise man, let him keep this and understand the mercies of the Lord. *Alleluia.*

Bless me. Lo, metanoia. Forgive me, my fathers and my brethren; pray for me. In love, I ask you, remember me.

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

Now, and at all times, and to the age of all ages. Amen.

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THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

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**Intercede on our behalf,
O lady of us all, the Mother of God,
Mary the Mother of our Saviour,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O holy archangels,
Michael and Gabriel,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O holy archangels,
Raphael and Souriel,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O holy archangels,
Sedakiel, Sarathiel, and Ananiel,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O Thrones, Dominions, and Powers,
The Cherubim and the Seraphim,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O Four Incorporeal Beasts,
The ministering flames of fire,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O priests of the Truth,**

**The Twenty Four Presbyters,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O angelic hosts,
And all the heavenly orders,
That He may forgive us our sins.
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**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
My lords and fathers, the patriarchs,
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
That he may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Elijah the Tishbite,
And his disciple, Elisha,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O Moses and Isaiah,
And Ezekiel and Jeremiah,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O good man,
The righteous and just Job,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
The righteous and perfect man,
The elect and just Noah,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Melchizedek and Aaron,
And Zacharias and Simeon,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O choir of the prophets,
And the righteous and the just,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

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**Intercede on our behalf,
O fore-runner and baptizer,
John the Baptist,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Intercede on our behalf,
O One Hundred and Forty Four Thousand,
And the celibate Evangelist,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
My lords and fathers, the Apostles,
And the rest of the Disciples,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O blessed archdeacon,
Stephen the First Martyr,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O Divinely-Inspired Evangelist,
Mark the Apostle,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O victorious martyr,
My lord the prince, George,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Theodorus an Theodorus,
Leontius and Panicharus,**

That He may forgive us our sins.

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Philopater Mercurius,
Abba Mina and Abba Victor,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Master Claudius and Theodorus,
Abba Eschyron and Abba Isaac,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Basilidis and Eusebius,
Macarius and Philotheos,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba PISOORA and Abba Epshoi,
Abba Eesi and his sister Thekla,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O victorious martyrs,
Justus, Apalia, and Theoklia,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Saint James the Persian,
Saint Sergius and Saint Bachus,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O victorious martyrs,
Cosmas, his brothers and their mother,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

Pray to the Lord on our behalf,

**Abba Cyrus and his brother John,
And Barbara and Juliana,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O victorious martyrs,
Master Apatir and his sister Era-ee,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O victorious martyrs,
Julius and those who were with him,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O victorious martyrs,
Mari Pahnam and his sister Sarah,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Serapamon the Bishop,
Psati and Gallinikos,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Piro and Athom,
And John and Simeon,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O victorious martyrs,
Abba Epshoi and his friend Peter,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Eklog the priest,
Abba Epgol and Abba Kav,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba John of Heraclia,
Master Piphamon and Pistavros,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Isidore and Panteleon,
Sophia and Euphemia,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Master Apanoub and Ptolomeos,
Apakragon and Sousennius,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O great high priest,
Abba Peter, the martyr among the priests,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O new martyrs,
Pistavros and Arsenius,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O Michael the hegoumen,
And Michael the monk,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O choir of the martyrs,
Who suffered for the sake of Christ,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

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**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
My lords and fathers who love their children,
Abba Antony and Abba Paul,**

That He may forgive us our sins.

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O three saints, Abba Macarii,
And their children, the cross-bearers,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
My lords and fathers the hegoumens,
Abba John and Abba Daniel,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
My lords and fathers who love their children,
Abba Pishoi and Abba Paul,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Our holy Roman fathers,
Maximus and Dometius,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O Forty Nine Martyrs,
The elders of Scetis,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O strong saint, Abba Moses,
And John Kama,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Pachom of the Koinonia,
And his disciple Theodorus,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

Pray to the Lord on our behalf,

**Abba Shenute the Archmandrite,
And his disciple Abba Wisa,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Nopher and Karus,
And our father Paphnutius,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Samuel the confessor,
And his disciples, Justus and Apollo,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Apollo and Abba Apip,
And our father Abba Pigimi,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Evkin and Abba Ehron,
And Abba Hor and Abba Phis,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Parsoma and Ephrem,
And John and Simeon,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Epiphanius and Ammonius,
And Arshellidis and Arsenius,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
My lords, the ascetic fathers,
Abba Abraam and Ge-orgi,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Athanasius the Apostolic,
Severus and Dioscorus,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Basil and Gregory,
And our father Abba Cyril,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O three hundred an' eighteen gathered at Nicea,
For the sake of the faith,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O one hundred and fifty at Constantinople,
And the two hundred at Ephesus,
That he may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Hadid and Abba John,
Our great father Parsoma and Abba Teji,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Abba Abraam the hegoumen,
And our father Abba Mark,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O choir of the cross-bearers,
Who were consummated in the wilderness,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

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**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O perfect men,
Joseph and Nicodemus,**

That He may forgive us our sins.

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
My lord the king, Constantine,
And his mother, Queen Helen,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O wise virgin ladies,
The brides of Christ,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
O saints of this day,
Each one according to his name,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

**Likewise, we exalt Thee,
With David the Psalmist:
Thou art a priest forever,
After the order of Melchizedek.**

**Pray to the Lord on our behalf,
Our saintly father, the patriarch,
Abba. (Shenouda), the high priest,
That He may forgive us our sins.**

(Psalm 150)

(Translation Provided by Fr. Athanasius Eskander, Ontario, Canada)

Praise God in all His saints: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him in the firmament of His power: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him for His might acts: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him according to the multitudes of His greatness: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him with psaltery and harp: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him with timbrel and chorus: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him with strings and organs: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him with pleasant-sounding cymbals: Alleluia.

*Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.
Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.*

Praise Him upon the cymbals of joy: Alleluia.

Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.

Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.

**Let everything that has breath praise the Name of the Lord our God:
Alleluia.**

Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.

Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: Alleluia.

Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.

Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.

Now, and forever, and to the age of ages. Amen. Alleluia.

Unto our God is due the glory and the praise.

Praise ye the Lord our God with a joyful psalm.

Glory be to our God: Alleluia.

THE SUNDAY PSALI

I sought after Thee / with all my heart:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.
(My Lord Jesus, help me.)

Loose unto me / all the bonds of sin:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.
(My Lord Jesus Christ, help me.)

Be a help to me / that Thou mayest save me:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

May Thy goodness / come speedily to me:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

Overshadow me / with the shadow of Thy wings:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

In six days Thou hast / made all the creation:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

Seven times everyday / I praise Thy Name:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

All the creation / glorifies Thy Name:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

Thine is the Lordship / and the Authority:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

Make haste, O my God, / that Thou mayest save me:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

Every knee / bows down to Thee:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

**All the diverse tongues / together bless Thy Name:
*Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.***

**Hide Thy face from / all of my sins:
*Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.***

**Blot out, O God, / all my iniquities:
*Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.***

**Thou knowest my thoughts / and searchest my reins:
*Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.***

**Create in me / a clean heart:
*Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.***

**Thine Holy Spirit / take not away from me:
*Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.***

**Incline Thine ears; / make haste and hear me:
*Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.***

**Set before me a law / in the way of Thy justice:
*Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.***

**Thy Kingdom, O God, / is an eternal kingdom:
*Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.***

**Thou art the Son of God: / I believe in Thee:
*Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.***

**O Thou Who carries / the sins of the world, save me:
*Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.***

**Forgive me the multitude / of my transgressions:
*Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.***

**All of the souls / together bless Thy Name:
*Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.***

Have patience with me; / destroy me not quickly:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

Early in the morning / I will praise Thy Name:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

Thy yoke is sweet / and Thy burden is light:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

In the accepted time / hear Thou me:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

Oh, how I love / Thine Holy Name:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

Disperse away from me / all of the devils:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

Sow within me / the seed of righteousness:

Pa Chois Isos arivoithin eroi.

Grant us Thy perfect peace / and forgive us our sins:

Pa Chois Isos Pi Khristos arivoithin eroi.

**And whenever we
Gather for prayer,
Let us bless the Name
Of my Lord, Jesus.**

**We bless Thee,
O my Lord, Jesus.
Keep us through Thy Name,
For we have hope in Thee.**

**That we may praise Thee,
With Thy Good Father,**

**And the Holy Spirit,
For Thou hast come and saved us.**

**Glory to the Father,
And the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Now, and forever,
And to the age of ages. Amen.**

THE SUNDAY THEOTOKIA

(Part One)

**You are called righteous,
O blessed one
Among the women,
The Second Tabernacle:**

**Which is called
The Holy of Holies,
Wherein are the Tables
Of the Covenant:**

**Whereupon are
The Ten Commandments,
Written by
The finger of God:**

**A foreshadow
Of the Iota,
The Name of Salvation,
Of Jesus Christ:**

**Who was incarnate
Of you, without change,
And became the Mediator
Of a new covenant.**

**Through the shedding
Of His holy Blood,
He purified the faithful,
A justified people.**

**Wherefore everyone
Magnifies you,
O my lady, the Mother of God,
The ever-holy.**

**And we too,
Hope to win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

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Who can speak of

**The honour of the Tabernacle,
Which Moses made
On Mount Sinai.**

**He made it with glory,
As commanded by the Lord,
According to the pattern
Shown unto him.**

**Therein Aaron
And his sons served
The example and shadow
Of the heavenly things.**

**They likened you to it,
O Virgin Mary,
The true Tabernacle,
Wherein dwelt God.**

**Wherefore we
Exalt you befittingly,
With prophetic
Hymnology.**

**For they spoke of you
With great honour
O Holy City,
Of the Great King.**

**We entreat and pray,
That we may win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

THE GOSPEL FROM LUKE 1:46-50

And Mary said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is might hath done to me great things; and Holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.”

(Part Two)

**The Ark made
Of Shittim wood,
That was overlayed
Round about with gold:**

**Was a figure of
God the Logos,
Who became man
Without separation:**

**One nature out of two,
A Holy Godhead,
Co-Essential with the Father,
Incorruptible:**

**And a Holy Humanity,
Begotten without seed,
Consubstantial with us,
According to the Economy.**

**That is which He
Has taken from you,
And made on with Him,
As a hypostasis.**

**Wherefore everyone
Magnifies you,
O my lady, the Mother of God,
The ever-holy.**

**And we too,
Hope to win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

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**All the children
Of Israel
Brought gifts unto
The Tabernacle of the Lord:**

**Gold and silver,
And precious stones;**

**Purple and scarlet,
And fine linen.**

**And they made an ark
Of Shittim wood,
Overlayed with gold,
Within and without.**

**You too, O Virgin Mary,
Are clothed with the glory
Of the Divinity,
Within and without.**

**For you have brought
Unto God your Son,
Many people,
Through your purity.**

**Wherefore we
Exalt you befittingly,
With prophetic
Hymnology.**

**For they spoke of you
With great honour
O Holy City,
Of the Great King.**

**We entreat and pray,
That we may win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

THE GOSPEL FROM LUKE 1:51-55

“He hath shewed strength with his arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the might from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hat holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.”

(Part Three)

**The Mercy-Seat,
Overshadowed by
The Cherubims
Beaten out of gold:**

**Was a figure of God the Logos,
Who was incarnate
Of you, without change,
O undefiled one.**

**He became the purification
Of our sins,
And the forgiver
Of our iniquities.**

**Wherefore everyone
Magnifies you,
O my lady, the Mother of God,
The ever-holy.**

**And we too,
Hope to win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

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**The two Cherubims,
Beaten out of gold,
Covered with their wings
The Mercy-Seat:**

**Overshadowing
The place of
The Holy of Holies,
In the Second Tabernacle.**

**You too, O Mary,
Thousands of thousands,
And myriads of myriads,
Overshadowed you:**

**Praising their Creator,
Who was in your womb,**

**And took our form
Without alteration.**

**Wherefore we
Exalt you befittingly,
With prophetic
Hymnology.**

**For they spoke of you
With great honour
O Holy City,
Of the Great King.**

**We entreat and pray,
That we may win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

THE GOSPEL FROM LUKE 1:68-72

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hat visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David; as He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant.”

(Part Four)

**You are the Pot,
Made of pure gold,
Wherein was kept
The True Manna:**

**The Bread of Life,
Which came down from heaven,
And gave life
Unto the world.**

**Wherefore everyone
Magnifies you,
O my lady, the Mother of God,
The ever-holy.**

**And we too,
Hope to win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

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**It befits you
That we call you
The golden Pot,
That had the Manna:**

**For that was kept
In the Tabernacle,
As a testimony to
The children of Israel:**

**Of the good things
Which the Lord God
Did unto them,
In the wilderness of Sinai.**

**You too, O Mary,
Have borne in your womb
The rational Manna,
Which came from the Father:**

**And have born Him without blemish.
He gave unto us
His honoured Body and Blood,
And we lived forever.**

**Wherefore we
Exalt you befittingly,
With prophetic
Hymnology.**

**For they spoke of you
With great honour
O Holy City,
Of the Great King.**

**We entreat and pray,
That we may win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of Mankind.**

THE GOSPEL FROM LUKE 1:73-77

“The oath which He sware to our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins.”

(Part Five)

**You are the Candlestick
Made of pure gold,
Carrying the Lamp
Ever giving light:**

**The unapproachable
Light of the world,
Out of the Light
Unapproachable:**

**The True God,
Of the True God,
Who was incarnate
Of you, without change.**

**By His manifestation,
He gave light to us,
Who were sitting in darkness
And the shadow of death:**

**And guided our feet
Unto the path of peace,
Through the communion
Of His holy Mysteries.**

**Wherefore everyone
Magnifies you,
O my lady, the Mother of God,
The ever-holy.**

**And we too,
Hope to win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

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**All the higher orders
Cannot resemble you,
O golden Candlestick,
Which carries the True Light:**

**That was made of
Pure and elect gold,
And was placed in
The Tabernacle:**

**That was ordained
For the hands of men,
Who brought oil for its lamps,
By day and by night.**

**He Who dwelt in your womb,
O Virgin Mary,
Lights every man
That comes into the world.**

**For He Whom you have born,
Is the Sun of Righteousness,
And He has healed us
From our sins.**

**Wherefore we
Exalt you befittingly,
With prophetic
Hymnology.**

**For they spoke of you
With great honour
O Holy City,
Of the Great King.**

**We entreat and pray,
That we may win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

THE GOSPEL FROM LUKE 1:78-79

“Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

(Part Six)

**You are the Censer,
Made of pure gold,
Carrying the blessed
Live coal:**

**Which is taken
From the Altar,
To purge the sins and take
Away the iniquities:**

**Which is God the Logos,
Who was incarnate of you,
And offered Himself to God
His Father, as incense.**

**Wherefore everyone
Magnifies you,
O my lady, the Mother of God,
The ever-holy.**

**And we too,
Hope to win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

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**Wherefore indeed,
I trespass not
Whenever I call you,
The golden Censer:**

**For therein
Is offered
The choicest incense,
Before the Holiest:**

**Where God takes away
The sins of the people,**

**Through the burnt offerings
And the savour of incense.**

**You too, O Mary,
Have borne in your womb,
The Invisible Logos
Of the Father:**

**Who has offered Himself
As a pleasing sacrifice,
Upon the Cross,
For the salvation of our race.**

**Wherefore we
Exalt you befittingly,
With prophetic
Hymnology.**

**For they spoke of you
With great honour
O Holy City,
Of the Great King.**

**We entreat and pray,
That we may win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

THE GOSPEL FROM LUKE 2:29-32

“Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.”

(Part Seven)

**Hail to you, O Mary,
The fair dove,
Who has borne unto us
God the Logos.**

**You are the flower
Of incense,**

**Which blossomed from
The root of Jesse.**

**The rod of Aaron,
Which budded
Without watering,
Is a type of you.**

**You have born Christ,
Our God in truth,
Without human seed,
While being virgin.**

**Wherefore everyone
Magnifies you,
O my lady, the Mother of God,
The ever-holy.**

**And we too,
Hope to win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

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**You are called righteous,
O holy Mary,
The Second Tabernacle
Of the Holies:**

**Wherein was placed
The rod of Aaron,
And the holy flower
Of incense.**

**You are clothed with purity,
Within and without,
O pure Tabernacle
Of the Righteous.**

**The higher orders
And the choirs of the just,
All glorify
Your blessedness.**

Wherefore we

**Exalt you befittingly,
With prophetic
Hymnology.**

**For they spoke of you
With great honour
O Holy City,
Of the Great King.**

**We entreat and pray,
That we may win mercy,
Through your intercessions
With the Lover of mankind.**

SEVEN TIMES EVERYDAY

**Seven times everyday
I praise Thine Holy Name,
With all my heart,
O God of everyone.**

**I remembered Thy Name
And I was comforted,
O King of the ages
And God of all gods:**

**Jesus Christ our Lord,
The True God,
Who was incarnate
For our salvation..**

**He was incarnate
Of the Holy Spirit,
And of the Virgin Mary,
The holy Bride:**

**And changed our sorrow,
And all our afflictions,
To joy for our hearts
And rejoicing for all.**

**Let us worship Him,
And sing about His mother,
The Virgin Mary,
The fair dove.**

**Let us all proclaim
With the voice of joy,
Saying, "Hail to you, O Mary,
The Mother of Emmanuel."**

Shere ne Maria: the salvation of Adam.

***Shere ne Maria:* the Mother of the Refuge.
Shere ne Maria: the rejoicing of Eve.
Shere ne Maria: the joy of all nations.**

***Shere ne Maria:* the joy of Able.
Shere ne Maria: the true Virgin.
Shere ne Maria: the salvation of Noah.
Shere ne Maria: the meek and undefiled.**

***Shere ne Maria:* the grace of Abraham.
Shere ne Maria: the unfading crown.
Shere ne Maria: the redemption of Isaac.
Shere ne Maria: the Mother of the Holy.**

***Shere ne Maria:* the rejoicing of Jacob.
Shere ne Maria: myriad of myriads.
Shere ne Maria: the glory of Judah.
Shere ne Maria: the Mother of the Master.**

***Shere ne Maria:* the preaching of Moses.
Shere ne Maria: the Mother of the Lord.
Shere ne Maria: the pride of Samuel.
Shere ne Maria: the glory of Israel.**

***Shere ne Maria:* the steadfastness of Job.
Shere ne Maria: the precious stone.
Shere ne Maria: the Mother of the Beloved.
Shere ne Maria: the daughter of King David.**

***Shere ne Maria:* the spouse of Solomon.
Shere ne Maria: exaltation of the just.
Shere ne Maria: the deliverance of Isaiah.
Shere ne Maria: the healing of Jeremiah.**

***Shere ne Maria:* the knowledge of Ezekiel.
Shere ne Maria: the gift of Daniel.
Shere ne Maria: the power of Elijah.
Shere ne Maria: the grace of Elisha.**

Shere ne Maria: the Mother of God.
Shere ne Maria: the Mother of Jesus Christ.
Shere ne Maria: the fair dove.
Shere ne Maria: the Mother of the Son of God.

**Hail to you, O Mary,
About whom
All the prophets
Prophesied and said,**

**“Behold, God the Logos
Was incarnate of you,
With a unity
Unparalleled.”**

**You are exalted,
In truth, more
Than the rod of Aaron
O full of grace.**

**The rod is none
Other than Mary,
For it is a type
Of her virginity.**

**She conceived and bore,
Without human seed,
The Son of the Most High,
The Eternal Logos.**

**Through her prayers
And intercessions,
O Lord, open to us
The door of the church.**

**I ask you,
O Mother of God,**

**Keep the door of the church
Open to the faithful.**

**Let us ask her
To intercede for us,
With her Beloved,
That He may forgive us.**

GOD HAVE MERCY UPON US

God have mercy upon us:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
God attend to us:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
God look unto us:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
God behold us:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
God have compassion on us:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
We are Thy people:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
We are Thy creation:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
Deliver us from our enemies:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
Deliver us from scarcity:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
We are Thy servants:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
Thou art the Son of God:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
We believe in Thee:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
For Thou hast come and saved us:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
Visit us with Thy salvation:	<i>Kyrié eleison (3)</i>
And forgive us our sins: :	<i>Kyrié eleison.</i>

Closing of Prayer

Amen. alleluia. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now, and forever, and to the age of ages. Amen.

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We proclaim and say, O our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Bless the air of heaven, bless the waters of the river, bless the seeds and the herbs;
May Your mercy and Your peace be a fortress unto Your people.
Save us and have mercy on us. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord Bless. Bless me.
Forgive me , Say the blessing.

Coptic Transliteration:

**Amen. Alleluia Zoxa-patri Ke-eiu Ke-agio ebnevmati. Kanin Ke-a-ain
Ke-estos Onas-ton Onon Amen.**

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ten osh evol evgo emmos je e-open choice issus pakhrastos. Ezmo enimou em-evia-rou:
mare peknai nem tek-heren oi-ensobt em-piklaoss: soti emmon ooh-nai naan.
Kyrie-Laison Kyrie-Laison: Kyrie-Evlogison Amen. Essmo eroui ti-matania: goni evol:
go-eebbi-esmo.

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