



ABRIDGED MOLIEBEN SUNG IN TIME OF PESTILENCE

After the ambo prayer, the Choir sings "Blessed be the Name of the Lord..." two times. The Priest takes his place in the center of the Church, and then immediately begins...

Priest: In the 2nd Tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Choir: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.*

Priest: All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I withstood them!

Choir: *God is the Lord ...*

Priest: I shall not die but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Choir: *God is the Lord ...*

Priest: The stone which the builders rejected, has become the head of the corner, this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Choir: *God is the Lord ...*

Then the Troparia

(Tone 2) In Thy wrath, O God, remember Thy compassions,
for we are dust and ashes,
whose breath, when it departs, shall not return,
and rebuke us not in Thine anger that we not be utterly destroyed.//
But spare our souls, as Thou only art merciful.

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

(Theotokion Tone 4) *O zealous Protectress, Mother of the Lord Most High, you pray to your Son, Christ our God, for all, and thou workest salvation for all who have recourse to your mighty protection. Protect all of us, O Lady, Queen and Sovereign, who are in misfortune and sorrows, burdened with many sins and in afflictions, and who are standing before you, praying to you tearfully with compunctionate spirits and contrite hearts before your most-pure Image. For, without wavering, we have set our hope on you, the Deliverer from all evil. Grant what is profitable to all and save all of us, O Theotokos Virgin, for you art the divine Protection of your servants*

Prokeimenon & Gospel

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone. O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy wrath!

Choir: *O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy wrath.*

Priest: For Thine arrows have pierced me, and Thou hast laid Thy hand heavily upon me.

Choir: *O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy wrath.*

Priest: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger,

Choir: *...neither chasten me in Thy wrath.*

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord!

Choir: *Lord have mercy!*

Priest: For Holy art Thou, O our God, who rests in the sanctuary, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: *Amen.*

Priest: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

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Priest: Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Choir: *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*

Priest: Let everything that breathes...

Choir: *...praise the Lord!*

Priest: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God!

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

Priest: Wisdom, stand aright, let us listen to the Holy Gospel, peace be unto all!

Choir: *And to your spirit.*

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

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

Priest: Let us attend! (St. Luke 4: 38-44): At that time, Jesus entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever, and they entreated Him for her. And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately having arisen, she ministered unto them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any sick with diverse diseases brought them unto Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "Thou art Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, suffered them not to speak; for they knew that He was Christ. And when it was day, He departed and went into a desert place. And the people sought Him and came unto Him and would have held Him, that He should not depart from them. But He said unto them, "I must preach the Kingdom of God to other cities also, for therefore am I sent." And He preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

Choir: *Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.*

Priest: Again and again with compunction, let us pray to the Lord, God!

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

Priest: O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, Thy people gathered in Thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send Thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify Thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: *Amen. Blessed be the Name...*