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20th Sunday after Pentecost / Venerable Hilarion the Great of Palestine (371)

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 3 Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (5th Sunday of Luke)

Daylight Savings Time Begins / Blessing of Parish Council and Curators / Church School

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, November 6 – 7pm Exploring Orthodoxy in Wexford

Friday, November 8 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Demetrius

The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

Monday	7 Holy Youths (7 Sleepers) of Ephesus (250)	Philippians 4:10-23	Luke 10:22-24
Tuesday	Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord (63)	Colossians 1:1-2,7-11	Luke 11:1-10
* Wednesday	Martyr Arethas of Omir (523)	Colossians 1:18-23	Luke 11:9-13
Thursday	Martyrs Marcian & Martyrius of Constantinople (355)	Colossians 1:24-29	Luke 11:14-23
* Friday	Great-martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher (306)	Colossians 2:1-7	Luke 11:23-26
Saturday	Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica (306)	2 Corinthians 3:12-18	Luke 8:16-21

* Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

November 10 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost / St. Job, Hegumen of Pochaev & Wonderworker (1651)

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 4 Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20; Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 (6th Sunday of Luke)

Additional Collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / Church School

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (responded with: **Glory Be Forever!**)

Slava Isusu Christu! (**Slava Na Viki!**)

We are happy that you have joined us today! Please join us downstairs for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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This Bulletin Is Offered:

If you wish to sponsor a bulletin In Honor of (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or In Memory of someone, please do so by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or by contacting Fr. Dave. An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.



PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Please have submissions for this section to Father Dave by Wednesday.)

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Exploring Orthodoxy for teenagers through senior-citizens – We will meet every **Wednesday through November 20th** from 7 to 8:15pm at the Eat 'n Park off of the Wexford exit of 79 (2650 Brandt School Road, Wexford, Pa 15090 / 724-940-3270) for our *Exploring Orthodoxy (ACE: Adult Continuing Education)* discussions. Get your questions ready! We hope and pray that everyone is able to attend these tangent oriented discussions about Orthodoxy! Come for a bite to eat and learn about your faith! (If you need a ride, please contact Fr. Dave.)

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Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy – Order forms for our Christmas Candy Sale have arrived and are in the Church Hall. Orders will be due by **November 10th** with delivery on December 9th. Please see Tim Martin with any questions.

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Turkey Bingo – Advertising flyers have been made. Please let Father know how many you want and he will print them for you. *** Form letters are also available to approach businesses for supplies or donations.

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Candle and cleaning assistance – We are looking for a couple helpers leading up to Sunday, November 17th to help with the weekly cleaning and candles. Please contact Fr. Dave if you will be able to share your stewardship with the church.

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Steeler Ticket Raffle - We will be having a Relocation Raffle with 1st Prize being 2 Steeler Tickets (vs. the Bills) and 2nd Prize of \$100. Tickets will be \$5 each and the winner will be drawn at this year's Turkey Bingo. Please see Sharon Peifer or Carol Lorenzi for tickets.

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Shuster Family; Lawrence Martin; Kathy Schrmack; Olga Radick; Mirilovich Family; Eleanor Sanger; Pañi Brancho; Mary Jane Hudak; Patty Watson; Joanne Nelson.

***"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* - John 8:12**

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by John Gaydos, Jr., in Memory of Mother, Catherine. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Annual Turkey Bingo – will occur on **Sunday, November 24th**. Donation is \$10 for admission which includes 3 cards. The doors will open at **2pm** and the games begin at 3pm. All Bingo winners will receive a turkey as a prize. Plan to have supper at the church hall as the *Carpathian Kitchen* will be open and plenty of refreshments will be available.

In conjunction with the bingo we will also have a raffle of sporting tickets, Auction, Food Raffle, and baked goods available.

We ask you to help to **donate unexpired food and/or paper products to be a part of the food basket raffle**, and to prepare some homemade baked goods to be sold the afternoon of the bingo.

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WE NEED STEWARDS (VOLUNTEERS) To Step Forward With Your Time, Talents, And God Given Gifts To Make This A Successful Community Event!

Please see a Parish Council member to offer your help

Thank you in advance for your support!

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ACRY NEWS



Lots-O-Luck Calendars – The National ACRY Lots-O-Luck Calendars are available. \$25 per ticket for a year's worth of prizes totaling \$10,000! Please see Theresa Sharpless for tickets.

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Membership Drive – The ACRY is having their membership drive this month. Please see any of our ACRY members or Father Dave with any questions that you may have!

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Pill Bottle Collection – Our ACRY continues it's outreach to "Matthew 25: Ministries" who accepts donations of clean empty plastic medicine pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment. *More information is on the bulletin board in the church hall.*

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 320
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 163
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 440
Community Outreach (Seminary):	\$ 171
Total Collections:	\$ 1094
Fundraising Acc't (Basket Raffle):	\$ 1520
Relocation Fund:	\$ 650

Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3

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October Financial Report:

Donation Income = \$ 3,691.00

***Expenses = \$ 4,217.68**

Net Deficit = \$ 526.68

**details listed on the church hall bulletin board*
Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 40

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Reader of the Third Hour:

November 10: John Kirish

November 17: Available to you

November 24: Available to you

This should begin by 9:15 and can be read or chanted. Please contact Fr Dave if you are interested in participating in this wonderful stewardship prayer opportunity!

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

November 10: **Open / Potluck**

November 17: **Open / Potluck**

November 24: **Open / Potluck**

The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!

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Panachida (Memorial) Services – *If you desire to offer Panachida (Memorial) Services in memory of your departed loved ones, please, contact Fr. Dave ahead of Sunday to make these arrangements. Depending on the number of requests, we may combine with other families' commemorations. Typically in the Orthodox Church, Panachida's are offered on the anniversary of one's passing from this life to our eternal life. Also note that sponsoring the bulletin in memory of someone should not replace having the prayers of a Panachida (Memorial) Service.*

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

- ✘ **Wednesday**, November 20 – 7pm Exploring Orthodoxy in Wexford
- ✘ **Thursday**, November 21 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Archangel Michael
- ✘ **Sunday**, November 24 – IOCC Sunday / 3pm Turkey Bingo

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

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Orthodoxy on Tap – The Pittsburgh Orthodox Young Adults (POYA) will host their next "Orthodoxy on Tap" on **Thursday, November 14th** at 7 pm at **Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Café** (224 East Eight Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120 / 412-464-9023). Come pre-game before the Steeler game with us! Topic of discussion will be: *Orthodox Marriage in a Non-Orthodox Country*. All young adults ages 21

to "39" are welcome! Please email POYAPittsburgh@gmail.com with any questions and to RSVP by Nov. 12th.

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ST JOHN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting monetary donations for the **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**. This agency, that is under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, represents Orthodox Christians in North America and understands its work to include developing in Orthodox Christians a commitment to philanthropy and global cooperative involvement in the work of the Orthodox Church. They have a yearly campaign called a "day of giving Sunday" before Thanksgiving. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

"Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures." +Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship

¹¹For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; ¹⁴and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

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Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹"There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a

poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, ²⁸for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The Monk Ilarion the Great

Commemorated on November 3/October 21

The Monk Ilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabath. He was sent for study to Alexandria, where he became acquainted with Christianity and accepted holy Baptism. Hearing an account of the angelic life of the Monk Anthony the Great (Comm. 17 January), Ilarion set out to him, in order to study that which is pleasing to God. Ilarion soon returned to his native-land. His parents had already died. Having distributed his familial inheritance to the poor, Ilarion set out into the wilderness surrounding the city of Maium. The monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning of the flesh, defeating them with heavy toil, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to terrorise the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During times of prayer Saint Ilarion heard children crying, women wailing, and the growling of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors, in order to drive him away from the



wilderness, and therefore he overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer.

One time robbers fell upon the Monk Ilarion, and he by the power of his words persuaded them to forsake the life of crime.

Soon all Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord vouchsafed to the Monk Ilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this graced gift he loosed the bounds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying, that the grace of God is not for sale. By means of smell the saint learned with which passion this or that man was afflicted. And they came to the Monk Ilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of the Monk Ilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout all of Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he set in them a strict ascetic manner of life. About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) the Monk Ilarion resettled to Cyprus, where he asceticised in a solitary place, until the Lord summoned him to Himself.

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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father can meet M-F 9:30a-4p or by appointment.

Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Phone Tree – Please call Fr. Dave to be added.

Emergency Sick Calls – Please notify Fr Dave when you or a family member are going into the hospital or having a procedure so he can pray with you and you may receive the Anointing to be fully prepared.

Mystery of Confession – Opportunities are available after every service, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.

Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged for all Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves, with fasting from midnight on, regular Confession, and forgiveness for all people. Those who are not Orthodox may receive a *blessing* from the chalice.

Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life



anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.

Baptisms – Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith (and the other a practicing Christian). In the case of infants, the newly-baptized must have one name that is Christian in origin. Parents/grandparents/guardians must also promise to bring the child up in an Orthodox Christian way of life. Please consult Father for more details.

Adult Chrismation – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with Fr. Dave before administration of the Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required.

Marriages – are only solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. They are not performed during fasting periods and certain Feast Days. Please consult Father ASAP for more details (*before* arrangements are made for the hall).

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations; otherwise burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Freedom: The mastering of oneself brings about true freedom

It would seem to be an almost genetic trait of we humans to desire freedom. We want to live in a free society, have the freedom to make our own choices, and freedom from the tyranny of others. Yet we fail to realize that the freedom so desired from the inner most part of our being, is not really freedom in and of itself. The true desire for freedom is the desire for God.

That God yielded to us a piece of His divine authority, instilled in us this sense of freedom as

something good. It is in this freedom that we are given the power to voluntarily approach God, offering our freedom in sacrifice to Him. For it is that moment that we submit our freedom to God, that we become truly free, for we have been freed from the bondage that has kept our true nature subjugated to sin and death.

"Therefore, if you have mastered yourself, now give yourself to God. When you sinned, you not only lost yourself, but in losing yourself you took yourself away from God. Now, having returned from the captivity of sin, after you have mastered

yourself, return yourself also to God (Saint Theophan the Recluse)." This then becomes the moment of true emancipation, for we will have found freedom from all that has separated us

from our true selves, and we will have become one with God.

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

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PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs *

A Prayer For The Sick: O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant **name(s)**. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver **him/her/them** from sickness and bitter pain. Heal **him/her/them** so that **he/she/they** may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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For the Health of... Michael, Daniel, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Doug, Joanne ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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For the Special Intentions of... Metropolitan Gregory, Alisha, Aaron, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Sean, Thomas, John, Daniel and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach, Christ the Savior Seminary ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):

(please contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Jason Shelpman, Jr (11/4), Viola Peifer (11/4), Nicholas Joseph Kubis (11/6),

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Olga Radick (11/7)

...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers...

Dustin, Stephen, Daniel ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*

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For those preparing for Marriage...

Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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Anniversary Prayers for... ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For Pregnant Mothers...

Caitlinn, Allison ...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities... Thomas R. Dzadoovsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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For the souls of the newly departed...

+Barbara Wisnosky, +Michael Timko (10/24), +Evelyn Tihey (10/22), +Rosemary Jordanoff (10/14), +Peter Joyce (10/8) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning.*

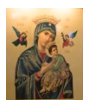
Eternal be their Memory!

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another.**

Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ.

This prayer list is NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:



Supplicatory prayers of St John Chrysostom corresponding to the 24 hours of the day

(take them slowly - with a deep breath on each one)

DAY: 1. Lord, deprive me not of Your heavenly joys. 2. Lord, deliver me from eternal torments. 3. Lord, if I have sinned in mind or thought, in word or deed, forgive me. 4. Lord, deliver me from all ignorance, forgetfulness, cowardice, and insensitivity. 5. Lord, deliver me from every temptation. 6. Lord, enlighten my heart which evil desires have darkened. 7. Lord, I being human have sinned, but being the generous God that You are, have mercy on me, knowing the sickness of my soul. 8. Lord, send Your grace to my help, that I may glorify Your holy Name. 9. Lord Jesus Christ, write me Your servant in the Book of Life, and grant me a good end. 10. O Lord my God, even though I have done nothing good in Your sight, yet grant me by Your grace to make a good start. 11. Lord sprinkle into my heart the dew of Your grace. 12. Lord of heaven and earth, remember me, Your sinful servant, in Your Kingdom.

NIGHT: 1. O Lord, accept me in penitence. 2. O Lord, leave me not. 3. O Lord, lead me not into temptation. 4. O Lord, grant me good thoughts. 5. O Lord, grant me tears and remembrance of death and compunction. 6. O Lord, grant me the thought of confessing my sins. 7. O Lord, grant me humility, chastity, and obedience. 8. O Lord, grant me patience, courage, and meekness. 9. O Lord, plant in me the root of all blessings, the fear of You in my heart. 10. O Lord, grant me to love You with all my mind and soul, and always to do Your will. 11. O Lord, protect me from certain people, and demons, and passions, and from any other harmful thing. 12. O Lord, I know that You act as You will: may Your will be in me, a sinner, for You are blessed forever. Amen.