

The Midnight Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos



I SING OF THY GRACE, O SOVEREIGN LADY, AND PRAY THEE:

Grace my mind;
Teach me to step aright in the way of Christ's Commandments;
Strengthen me to keep awake in song, and;
Drive away the sleep of despondency.

○ Bride of God, by thy prayers:

Release me, bound by the bonds of sin.
Guard me by night and by day, and
Deliver me from foes that defeat me.

○ bearer of God the Life-giver:

Enliven me who am deadend by passions.

○ bearer of the Unwaning Light:

Enlighten my blinded soul.

○ marvellous palace of the Master:

Make me to be a house of the Divine Spirit.

○ bearer of the Healer:

Heal the perennial passions of my soul.

Guide me to the path of repentance for I am tossed in the storm of life

Deliver me from eternal fire, from evil worms, and from Tartarus.

Let me not be exposed to the rejoicing of demons, guilty, as I am, of many sins, O most immaculate one.

Present me untouched by all torments, and pray for me to the Master of all.

Vouchsafe me to find the joys of heaven with all the saints.

○ MOST MOST HOLY VIRGIN:

Harken unto the voice of thine unprofitable servant.

Grant me torrents of tears, O most pure one, to cleans my soul from impurity.

I offer the groans of my heart to thee unceasingly:

Strive for me, O Sovereign Lady.

Accept my service of supplication and offer it to compassionate God.

○ thou who art above the angels:

Raise me above this world's confusion.

○ Light-bearing heavenly tabernacle:

Direct the grace of the Spirit in me.

I raise my hands and my lips in thy praise, defiled as they are by impurity, O all-immaculate one.

Deliver me from soul-corrupting evils,

Fervently intercede with Christ,

To Whom is due honour and worship, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen