



**THE PANIKHIDA –
REQUIEM
SERVICE**

**OF THE
HOLY ORTHODOX
CHURCH**





The Service is conducted in the centre of the church or at the graveside. In church, a table is prepared with Kollyva and candles. The mourners hold candles. The censuring continues throughout, almost uninterruptedly.

Blessing.

Priest. Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. +
Choir. Amen.

Litany.

Priest. In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Choir Lord have mercy.
Priest. For the peace that is from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Choir Lord Have mercy.
Priest For the forgiveness of sins of those who have departed this life in blessed memory. Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir Lord Have mercy.
Priest For the ever-remembered servants of God -NN- ; for their repose, tranquillity and blessed memory. Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir Lord Have mercy.
Priest That God will pardon them every offence, whether voluntary or involuntary. Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir Lord Have mercy.
Priest That they may present themselves blameless before the dread throne of the Lord of Glory. Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir Lord Have mercy.
Priest For the sorrowing and the sick who have set their hope in the consolation of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir Lord Have mercy.
Priest That Christ will release them from all sickness, all sorrow, and sighing, and make them glad where the light of God's countenance shall visit them.

Choir
Priest
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord Have mercy.
That the Lord God will establish
their souls in a place of green
pasture, a place of repose, where all
the righteous dwell.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord Have mercy.
That they may be numbered with
those who are in the bosom of
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
(*and with the blessed matriarchs
Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel*).
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord Have mercy.
That God will deliver us from all
tribulation, danger and necessity.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord Have mercy.
Help us, save us, have mercy on us,
and deliver us O God by your grace.
Choir
Priest
Lord Have mercy.
Having asked for the mercies of
God, the Kingdom of Heaven, and
the pardon of sins, let us commend
ourselves, and each other,
and all our life, to Christ our God.
Choir
To you O Lord.

*The Priest bows his head and quietly reads
the Prayer:*

*O God of spirits and of all
bodies, who trampled down
death and overcame the devil,
and bestowed life on your
world, yourself O Lord set to
rest the soul of your servant
(N) who has fallen asleep, in
a place of light, in a place of
green pastures, in a place of
rest whence all pain, sorrow
and sighing have been driven
away. Forgive him (her) every
transgression committed in
word, in deed, or in thought,
for you are a good God, the
Lover of mankind; yet there is
no man born who does not*

*transgress, and you alone are
without sin, your
righteousness is everlasting,
and your word is true.*

(Aloud: +)

For you are the resurrection,
the life, and the repose of your
servant (N) who has fallen
asleep, O Christ our God, and
to you we offer glory, together
with your Unoriginate Father,
and your all holy, good and
life-giving Spirit, Now and
ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir. Amen.

Prokeimena

Priest Alleluia (x 3)

Choir

[Verse 1.] Blessed are those whom you
have chosen and taken O Lord

Priest Alleluia (x3)

[Verse 2] Their memory shall last from
generation to generation.

Priest Alleluia (x 3).

[Verse 3] Their souls shall repose among
the blessed.

Priest Alleluia (x 3).

Priest. Our only Creator, who with
most profound wisdom order
all things in your mercy, and
give what is needful to all
human beings, give rest O
Lord to the souls of your
servants -NN-who have fallen
asleep; for they set their hopes
on you, our Maker, the Author
of our Being, and our God.
+ Glory + Now and ever.
In you, O Virgin Mother of
God, we have a Wall of
Defence and a Refuge, an
Intercessor pleasing to God
whom you have borne, the
salvation of the faithful.

The Requiem Troparia

Priest. Blessed are you O Lord, teach me your statutes. The Choir of Saints has found the Fountain of Life and the Door of Paradise. Through repentance may I also find the right path.

Choir: I am like the lost sheep. Call me O Saviour and save me.

Priest. You holy martyrs who preached the Word of God, and like lambs were put to death, were translated into the eternal life, which will never fade or falter. Pray to the Lord that he may have mercy on our souls.

Choir: I am like the lost sheep. Call me O Saviour and save me.

Priest. All you who followed the hard and narrow path, all you who in life took upon yourselves the Cross as a yoke, and faithfully followed me, now draw near. Enjoy the honours and crowns which I have prepared for you.

Choir: I am like the lost sheep. Call me O Saviour and save me.

Priest. I am an Ikon of your ineffable glory, even though I bear the marks of my sins. Show your compassion to your creature O Master . Purify your servant by your loving kindness. Restore to me the homeland of my heart's desire, making me once more a citizen of Paradise.

Choir: I am like the lost sheep. Call me O Saviour and save me.

Priest. Of old you called me out of nothingness into being , and honoured me with your own divine image; but because I transgressed your commandments you returned me to the

dust from which I was made.
Restore me again to that
Image, and to my original
beauty.

Choir: I am like the lost sheep. Call
me O Saviour and save me.

Priest. Give rest O Lord, to the souls
of your servants who have
fallen asleep, and establish
them in Paradise. Give rest to
your servants, O Lord, where
the choirs of the saints and all
the Just shine like the stars in
heaven , and do not regard
their transgressions.

Choir: I am like the lost sheep. Call
me O Saviour and save me.

Priest. Glory to the Father, to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit. +

Choir. From our hearts we sing to the
threefold light of the One
Godhead crying aloud: Holy
are you O Father, who are
from everlasting; Holy are you
O Co-Eternal Son, and Spirit
divine. Illumine us who
worship you in faith, and
rescue us from everlasting
judgement.

Priest: Now and ever and to the Ages
of Ages.

Choir. Amen.

Theotokion.

Hail most noble Lady who for
the salvation of all mankind
gave birth to God in the flesh;
and through whom the human
race found its salvation.

Through you we rediscovered
Paradise, O Pure and Most
blessed Mother of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Glory to you O God. (x 3).

Litany.

Priest. Again and again, in peace,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir. Lord have mercy.

Priest. Again we pray for the repose
of the souls of the servants of
God NN, departed this life; and
that they may be pardoned all
their sins, both voluntary and
involuntary.

Choir. Lord have mercy.

Priest. That the Lord God will
establish their souls where the
Just repose.

Choir. Lord have mercy.

Priest. The mercies of God, the
Kingdom of Heaven, and the
pardon of all their sins, let us
ask of Christ, our immortal
king and God.

Choir. Grant this O Lord.

Priest. Let us pray to the Lord.

*[The Priest bows his head and quietly reads
the Prayer:]*

*O God of spirits and of all
bodies, who trampled down
death and overcame the devil,
and bestowed life on your
world, yourself O Lord set to
rest the soul of your servant
(N) who has fallen asleep, in a
place of light, in a place of
green pastures, in a place of
rest whence all pain, sorrow
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away. Forgive him (her) every
transgression committed in
word, in deed, or in thought,
for you are a good God, the
Lover of mankind; yet there is
no man born who does not
transgress, and you alone are
without sin, your righteousness
is everlasting, and your word
is true.*

(Aloud: +)

For you are the resurrection,
the life, and the repose of your
servant (N) who has fallen
asleep, O Christ our God, and
to you we offer glory, together
with your Unoriginate Father,

and your all holy, good and
life-giving Spirit, Now and
ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir.

Amen.

Priest.

Give repose among the Just to
your servants, O Saviour, and
establish them in the courts of
heaven as it is written. In that
you are good and love
humankind, do not consider
their sins, whether voluntary or
involuntary, or any of the
things they committed in
knowledge or in ignorance.
You came from a Virgin and
shone out upon the world,
through her making us into the
children of the light. Christ our
God have mercy on us.

The Funeral Refrain (repeated three times).

Priest.

Give rest O Lord to the souls
of your servants who have
departed this life.

Choir.

Give rest O Lord to the souls
of your servants who have
departed this life.

Priest & Choir

Give rest O Lord to the souls
of your servants who have
departed this life

Priest.

+ Glory to the Father and to
the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir.

Now and ever and to the ages
of ages.

Irmos

Choir

I have looked upon the sea of
life raging in turmoil with the
storms of temptation, and have
fled to your quiet harbour,
crying aloud to you: Deliver
my life from corruption Most
Merciful One.

Litany.

Priest.

Again and again, in peace,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir.

Lord have mercy.

Priest. Again we pray for the repose
of the souls of the servants of
God NN, departed this life; and
that they may be pardoned all
their sins, both voluntary and
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Kingdom of Heaven, and the
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Priest. Let us pray to the Lord.
*[The Priest bows his head and quietly
reads the Prayer:]*

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bodies, who trampled down
death and overcame the devil,
and bestowed life on your
world, yourself O Lord set to
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for you are a good God, the
Lover of mankind; yet there is
no man born who does not
transgress, and you alone are
without sin, your righteousness
is everlasting, and your word
is true.*

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For you are the resurrection,
the life, and the repose of your
servants (NN) who has fallen
asleep, O Christ our God, and
to you we offer glory, together

with your Unoriginate Father,
and your all holy, good and
life-giving Spirit, Now and
ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Choir.

Prayer for the Dead

Priest With the saints give rest O Christ to the
souls of your servants where there is no
longer sickness or sorrow, or sighing, but
life everlasting. You only are immortal, the
creator and fashioner of humankind. We
mortals were made from out of the dust of
the earth, and to the earth we shall return again
as you commanded when you made us; saying:
'Earth you are and to the earth you shall return.'
All we mortals make our journey to this end,
making our funeral dirge the chant:
Alleluia. Alleluia.. Alleluia.
Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of
your servants departed this life.

Ninth Canticle

Choir It is not possible for mortal creatures to look upon
the face of God. that which on the angels dare not gaze,
but through you, Immaculate Lady,
the Word Incarnate was made manifest to our race;
and giving him glory with the heavenly hosts,
we call you truly blessed.

Trisagion Prayers.

Choir. + Holy God, Holy Mighty,
Holy Immortal,
Have mercy on us
(*three times*)
+ Glory to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Now, and forever, and to the Ages
of Ages, Amen.

All Holy Trinity have mercy on
us. Lord forgive us our sins.
Master pardon our transgressions.
Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for your name's sake.
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.
+ Glory to the Father, and to the

Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Now, and forever, and to the Ages
of Ages, Amen..

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed
be your name. Your kingdom
come. Your will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread, and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. And
do not lead us into temptation, but
deliver us from the evil one.

Priest. + For Yours is the Kingdom and
the Power and the Glory - of
the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit, Now, and
forever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Choir. Amen.

Prayer for the Dead.

Priest With the souls of the righteous
dead give rest O Saviour, to
the souls of your servants who
have departed this life,
preserving them to the life of
blessedness which is with you,
the lover of Mankind. In the
place of your rest O Lord,
where all the saints repose,
give rest also to the souls of
your servants,
for you love mankind.
.+ Glory to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

You are the God who descended
into Hades and unloosed the
chains of the captives. Give rest
also to the souls of your servants.

Now, and forever, and to the Ages
of Ages, Amen.

O Virgin pure and undefiled,

immaculately you brought forth
God. Pray to him for the salvation
of their souls.

Litany.

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and your all holy, good and
life-giving Spirit, Now and
ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Choir.

Priest. Wisdom !
Most holy Mother of God save us.

Choir. More honourable than the
Cherubim, and beyond compare
more glorious than the Seraphim,
inviolately you gave birth to
God the word, truly Mother of God
we magnify you.

Priest. + Glory to you O Christ our God,
Glory to you.

Choir. Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Now,
and forever, and to the Ages of
Ages, Amen.
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.
Father, give the blessing.

Final Blessing

Priest + May God who has the power
over both the living and the
dead, who himself rose again from
the dead, Christ our true God;
through the prayers of his all-pure
mother; of the holy, glorious
and all-laudable apostles; of our
holy and god-bearing fathers
and mothers; and of all the saints;
establish in the mansions of
the righteous, the souls of his
servants who have been taken
from us; may he give them rest in
the bosom of Abraham, and

Choir. number them among the Just; and
 may he have mercy on all of us
 for he is good and loves mankind.
 Amen.

Priest Give eternal rest, O Lord, in
 blessed repose, to the souls of your
 servants NN, who have departed
 this life, and make their memory
 eternal.

Choir. (Slow Chant)

Eternal their memory.
Eternal their memory.
Eternal their memory O Lord.

Aionia I Mneme
Aionia I Mneme
Aionia Afton I Mneme

*The People of God give their respects to the
bereaved family before leaving the church*

