Priest:  Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.  
Reader:  Amen.  
Note: If Small Compline be not preceded by any other service, the Reader begins thusly:  
Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!  
   O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.  
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3)  
   Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
O Most-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy Name’s sake.  
   Lord, have mercy. (3)  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
   Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.  
Priest:  For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.  
Reader:  Amen.  
   Lord, have mercy. (12 times)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. Then shall I teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Sion, and let the walls
of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Psalm 69

God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified! But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

Psalm 142

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Thy faithfulness answer me, in Thy righteousness! Enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for no man living is righteous before Thee. For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou hast done; I muse on what Thy hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of Thy steadfast love, for in Thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to Thee I lift up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to Thee for refuge! Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God! Let Thy Good Spirit lead me on a level path. For Thy Name’s sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble. And in Thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am Thy servant.
The Small Doxology

Note: the Small Doxology is sung. Rather, it is chanted by the Reader, who begins without the exclamation of “Glory to Thee Who has shone us the Light!” (the above exclamation is an element of Matins, not Compline)

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, goodwill to men! We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great Glory! O Lord, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty, O Lord, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit! O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Thou Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer! Thou Who sittest at the Right Hand of the Father, have mercy on us! For Thou alone art Holy; Thou alone art Lord; Jesus Christ, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Every night will I bless Thee, and praise Thy Name for ever and ever! O Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said, “Lord, have mercy upon me! Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee!” O Lord, I flee unto Thee! Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God! For with Thee is the Fountain of Life, and in Thy Light shall we see Light! Continue Thy Mercy unto those who know Thee! Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy commandments! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts! Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever, O despise not the work of Thy Hands. To Thee belongs worship, to Thee belongs praise, to Thee belongs glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, /// now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All, spoken: The Symbol of Faith - The Nicene Creed

believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-
Begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light, true God of true God - begotten, not made, of one Essence with the Father - by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the Right Hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets.

In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

If an Akathist or Canon is to be sung, it is inserted here.

Afterwards (or otherwise), Small Compline continues:

\textit{It Is Truly Meet - Tone 8}

\textit{Obikhod Troparion}

Tone 8, “Up” Version

\textit{It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos!}

\textit{Blessed and Most Pure and the Mother of our God!}

\textit{“...-orable than the Cherubim”}
Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
O Most-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from
our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit
and heal our infirmities, for Thy Name’s sake.
Lord, have mercy. (3)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now
and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy
Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

And then the appointed Troparia.

Note: If a Menaion Feast is being celebrated, or (by local tradition) if an Akathist in honor of a specific Saint/Feast has just been sung, the Troparion for that Saint/Feast is sung first, followed the Troparia for the day of the week, as appointed in the Octoechos:

The Octoechos Troparia

Wednesday Evening - in honor of the Holy Apostles and St. Nicholas

Note: the Octoechos Troparia for the other nights of the week are provided in the Appendix.
Note: at this point, the Troparion to the Patron Saint is sung as well as the Troparia to other Saints of significant devotion within the local parish community (a local tradition). The music and text for these Troparia can be found in the Appendix.

Afterwards (or otherwise), on Sunday through Thursday evenings, the following Troparia (“O God of our fathers…”) are chanted by the Reader(s):
God of our fathers, Who at all times showest lovingkindness to us, take not Thy mercy away from us, but at the prayers of Thy Saints guide our lives in peace!

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy Martyrs’ blood shed throughout all the world! She cries to Thee, O Christ God, “Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!”

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

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants where sickness and sorrow are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

At the prayers, O Lord, of all Thy Saints and of the Theotokos, grant us Thy peace and have mercy upon us, for Thou only art compassionate!

The Penitential Troparia - Tone 6

Note: the Penitential Troparia are sung by tradition during Small Compline at this point, regardless of the day (which is the practice followed locally). In other traditions, they are not an element of Small Compline.

Obikhod Stikhera Tone 6

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for, laying aside all excess, ...cuse,“
- cuse, we sinners offer to Thee, as to our Master, this sup-pli-ca-tion,

"Have mer-cy on us!" Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Ho-ly Spir-it. O Lord, have mer-cy on us, for in Thee have we put

our trust! Do not be angry with us, nor remember our in-qui-ties,

but look down on us even now, since Thou art com-pas-sion-ate, and

"...deliver us from our enemies,"
deliver us from our ene-mies, for Thou art our God, and we are Thy peo-ple; we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy Name! Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Bless-ed The-o-to-kos, open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in thee, that we may not perish but be delivered from ad-ver-si-ty "...through thee,//"
Reader: Lord, have mercy. (40 times)

Thou, Who in every season and every hour, both in Heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, Who art longsuffering, most-merciful, and compassionate, Who loveth the just and showest mercy upon the sinner, Who callest all men to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplication and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds, deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Compass us about with Thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable Glory, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify thee!

In the Name of the Lord, give the blessing, Father.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Reader: Amen.

Reader (or Priest):

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION TO THE THEOTOKOS

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undefiled, immaculate, incorrupt and Most-Pure Lady, the Pure Virgin Bride of God, through thy most glorious Birth-giving thou didst unite God the Word to mankind and didst join our fallen human nature to the Heavenly. Thou art the only hope of the hopeless, the aid of the embattled, a ready help to those who run to thee and a refuge for all Christians. Do not turn away from me, in my sinfulness and vileness, even though I have made myself totally useless through defiled thoughts, words, and deeds, and my mind has become enslaved to the lazy pleasures of this life. As Mother of the God Who loves mankind, have pity on me, a prodigal sinner, in that same love for mankind. Receive the prayer I offer to thee with defiled lips and pray to thy Son, our Master and Lord, with thy maternal boldness. May He open even to me the goodness of His deep love for mankind. May He overlook my countless transgressions, turn me to repentance, and make me an experienced accomplisher of His commandments. Stand by me always in thy mercy, compassion, and love of good. Be my fervent intercessor and help in this life, driving off the assaults of enemies and guiding me to salvation. Guard my wretched soul at the time of my death, driving away the dark forms of the evil demons. Deliver me from eternal torments at the Day of Judgment and reveal me an heir of the inexpressible glory of thy Son and our God. May I receive this, my Lady, Most-Glorious Theotokos, through thy help and intercession: through the Grace and love for mankind of thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom belongeth all glory, honor and worship, with His Father Who is without beginning, and His Most-Holy, Good, and Life-Creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader (or Priest):

PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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As we prepare for sleep, Master, grant rest to our bodies and souls. Keep us from the dark sleep of sin and from every dark and passionate pleasure of the night. Still the impulses of passions and put out the flaming arrows which the evil one looses deceitfully against us. Still the rebellions of the flesh and put to sleep our worldly and material reasonings. O God, grant us an alert mind, chaste thoughts, a sober heart, and a light sleep, free of every satanic dream. Raise us at the time of prayer confirmed in Thy commandments—the memory of Thy judgments firmly in us. Grant that we may glorify Thee throughout this night, singing, blessing, and glorifying 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. Amen.

And immediately:

O most glorious, Ever-Virgin Mother of Christ our God: bear our prayer to thy Son and our God, that through thee, He may save our souls!

The Prayer of St. Joannikios

The Father is my Hope; the Son is my Refuge; the Holy Spirit is my Protector! O Holy Trinity, glory to Thee!

*In some places, some or all of the following prayers are said as well (locally observed):

All my hope I place in thee, O Mother of God! Keep me under thy veil!

All of Creation Rejoices in Thee

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All of Creation Rejoices in Thee

The Hymn of St. Basil the Great

Note: typically this hymn is sung in Troparion Tone 8, but by tradition is also sung in Stikhera Tone 6, as given below.

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace, the assembly of Angels and the race of men! O sanctified Temple and spiritual Paradise, the Glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages! He made thy body into a Throne,
Prayer to our Guardian Angel

Holy Angel, interceding for my wretched soul and my passionate life, forsake me not, a sinner, nor shrink from me for my intemperance. Give no place for the subtle demon to master me through the violence of my mortal body. Strengthen my poor and feeble hand, and guide me in the way of salvation. O Holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my wretched body and soul: forgive me for all the insults I have given thee every day of my life, and for whatever sins I may have committed during the past day. Protect me during the present night, and guard me from every temptation of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. And pray to the Lord for me, that He may strengthen me in His fear, and make me, His slave, worthy of His goodness. Amen.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos

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Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos
The Angelic Salutation

sung THREE TIMES

Rejoice, O Virgin The-o-to-kos, Mar-y Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee! Blesséd art thou a-mong wom-en, and Blesséd is the Fruit of thy womb,// for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls!

For Version #2 of “Rejoice, O Virgin,” see the following page. Otherwise, go to page 19 for the Dismissal.

*Note: different editions of the Horologion end Small Compline differently. Some provide none of the prayers on this page. Some give “All My Hope” as the final prayer. In some Slavonic editions of the Chasoslov, rather than the prayers on this page, the Choir sings the Penitential Troparia in Tone 6, “Have Mercy on Us, O Lord.” Some give only one or two of these prayers. These prayers in the order given here come from the Theion Prosevchetarion by Kyr Matthew (Laggis), Bishop of Oinoes (Koubara, Attica, Greece: Holy Transfiguration Monastery, 1982, 11th edition).
Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos
The Angelic Salutation
sung THREE TIMES

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee!
Blesséd art thou among women, and Blesséd is the Fruit of thy womb,
for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls!

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The Dismissal
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The Dismissal

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

Choir:

Priest: May He Who is risen from the dead, Christ our True God, through the prayers of His Most-Pure Mother, of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is Good, and loves mankind.

Choir: Amen. (see above)

In some places, the Theotokion in Tone 3 “Awed by the Beauty” is now sung (see text and music on page 22).

The Litany of Compline (NEXT PAGE!)
The Litany of Compline

While the Priest says the following petitions, the choir repeats “Lord, have mercy.” softly and slowly.

Priest: Let us pray for His Beatitude, the most Blessed Metropolitan __________, and for His Grace, the Right Reverend Bishop __________, and for all our brethren in Christ.

Priest: For the President of our country and for all civil authorities.
For those who hate us and for those who love us.
For those who are merciful to us and those who serve us.
For those who have commanded us, the unworthy, to pray for them.
For the rescue of captives.
For our absent fathers and brethren.
For those who sail upon the sea and travel by land and by air.
For those who lie in infirmities.
Let us also pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.
For every Orthodox Christian soul.
Let us bless pious rulers, Orthodox Hierarchs and the founders of this holy church.
Our parents, and all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox, departed this life before us, who lie here and everywhere.
Let us also say for each other:

Note: see Appendix for another version (music) of this Litany.

Priest:
Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us!

Choir:

For after the Blessing at the closing of the Curtain:

Litya Melody

Russian “Monastery” Chant
Theotokion [Avtomelom] - Awed By the Beauty - Tone 3

The Original Melody - Authentic Byzantine Chant

Awed by the beauty of thy virginity

and the exceeding radiance of thy purity, Gabriel stood amazed and cried to thee, O Theotokos: "What praise may I offer thee that is worthy of thy beauty?

By what name shall I call thee? I am lost and bewildered.

But I shall greet thee as I was commanded: 'Rejoice! thou who art Full of Grace!'"
**Sunday (Tone 4)**

O Commanders of the Heavenly Hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech you: / By your prayers encompass us / beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, / and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you: / “Deliver us from all harm, /// for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!”

**Monday (Tone 2)**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner! / Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets, / for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold! / Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, / thou didst proclaim to those in Hades God who appeared in the flesh, / Who takes away the sin of the world, // and grants us great mercy!

**Tuesday AND Thursday (Tone 1)**

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries, / and by virtue of Thy Cross, /// preserve Thy habitation!

**Wednesday**

See pages 7-8 for the Troparia of Wednesday evening.

**Friday (Tones 2 and 8)**

On Friday evening, only the following two Troparia are said:

*Tone 2:*

O Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, holy monks and righteous men, / who have fought the good fight to the end and kept the faith: / since ye have boldness in the presence of the Savior, / we entreat you to pray to Him on our behalf /// that in His love He may grant salvation to our souls!

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

*Tone 8:*

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs / as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator! /// Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace!
Small Compline - Patronal Troparia

Troparion to St. Symeon the New Theologian - Tone 3, Byzantine Chant

Note: most Tenors should sing the melody (top line), with only one or two Tenors singing the Tenor staff.

O holy Father Symeon, thou didst receive divine illumination in thy soul! Thou wast shown forth to the world as a most radiant light dispelling all darkness! Thou call est all men to seek the Grace of the Holy Spirit which they had lost!// O righteous Father, pray unto Christ our God that He may grant us great mercy!
From thy youth, thou didst love Christ, O blessèd one, and consumed with burning zeal didst labor for Him alone in thy desert, absorbed in continuous toil and prayer! With humble heart, chosen and belovèd of the Theotokos, thou hast won the love of Christ! Wherefore we sing to thee:// Save us by thy prayers, O Holy Father Seraphim!
O lover of the poverty of Christ, thou art now enjoying the eternal banquet! With feigned foolishness thou didst put to shame the folly of this world! With cross-bearing humility thou didst exalt the Glory of God, and therefore, thou hast acquired the gift of miraculous "...aid!"
aid! O Blessed Xenia, pray to Christ God that we may be delivered from all evil through repentance!
Glorious apostle to an age of cold-ness and un-belief, Grace-filled elder like the Saints of old, di-vine-ly-illumined seer of Heav-en-ly mys-ter-ies, hope of the hope-less, feed-er of or-phans, thou didst en-kin-dle on the eart h the flame of love for Christ! Up-on the dark eve of the Day of Judg-ment,
Day of Judgment, pray now that this sacred flame may also rise from our hearts!
O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, North Star of Christ’s Holy Church, the light of thy holy life and great deeds guides those who follow the Orthodox way! Together we lift high the Holy Cross thou planted firmly in America! Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, singing His Holy Resurrection!
Troparion to St. Innocent
Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America
Tone 4 - Chant of the Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra

O Holy Father Innocent, in obedience to the will of God,
thou didst accept dangers and tribulations, bringing
many peoples to the knowledge of Truth! Thou didst show us the way!

Now, by thy prayers, help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven!
Troparion to St. Alexis Toth
Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America
Tone 4 - Carpathian Chant

O righteous Father Alexis, our Heavenly intercessor and teacher, divine adornment of the Church of Christ, entreat the Master of All to strengthen the Orthodox Church in America, to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!
Thy proclamation has gone forth throughout North America, calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the Church! Hearing thy voice, they responded to thy teachings, and through thy writings thou didst instruct them in piety! Now guided by thine example, O Father Raphael, we sing hymns of praise to Christ our God:
Reader: If it is Sunday through Thursday evening, flip to the “O God of our Fathers” tab at this time.
While the Priest says the Litany of Compline petitions, the choir repeats “Lord, have mercy.” softly and slowly. When he says the final petition, “Let us say also for each other.,” the choir sings #3 (the triple).

Note: if there are two or more sopranos and tenors, ~1~ and ~2~ may be sung simultaneously (one soprano sings ~1~ while the other sings ~2~, etc.). It is better to start this “simultaneous singing” after singing ~1~ and ~2~ independently a few times first.