

Canon to the Holy Guardian Angel

Troparion: O Angel of God, my holy Guardian, keep my life in the fear of Christ God; strengthen my mind in the true way, and wound my soul with heavenly love, so that, guarded by Thee, I may obtain the great mercy of Christ God.

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

Theotokion: O holy Lady, Mother of Christ our God, thou didst inexplicably bear the Creator of all; with my Guardian Angel entreat always His goodness to save my soul, possessed by passions, and to grant me remission of sins.

Ode 1

O Lord Jesus Christ my God, have mercy on me.

Vouchsafe me, Thy servant, O Saviour, worthily to sing a song and to praise the fleshless Angel, my guide and guardian.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

Alone I lie in folly and idleness, O my guide and guardian, forsake not me who am perishing.

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

Direct my mind by thy prayer to fulfil the commands of God, that I may obtain of God forgiveness of sins, and teach me to hate all wickedness, I pray thee.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

With my Guardian Angel, O Virgin, pray for me, thy servant, to the Gracious One, and teach me to fulfill the commandments of thy Son and my Creator.

Ode 3

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

All my thoughts and my soul I have committed unto thee, O my Guardian; do thou deliver me from all attacks of the enemy.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

The enemy troubleth and trampleth on me, and teacheth me always to do his will, but do thou, O my guide, forsake not me who am perishing.

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

Grant me to sing a song with thanksgiving and fervour to my Creator and God, and to thee my good Angel Guardian: O my deliverer, rescue me from foes that do me evil.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Heal, O immaculate one, the most painful wounds of my soul, and drive away the enemies that ever fight against me.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Out of the love of my soul I cry to thee, O guardian of my soul, mine all-holy Angel! Protect and guard me always from the hunting of the evil one, and guide me to the heavenly life, teaching and enlightening and strengthening me.

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

O Theotokos Unwedded, O most pure one who gavest birth without seed to the Master of all, together with my guardian angel entreat Him to deliver me from all perplexity, and to grant my soul compunction and light, and cleansing of sins, for thou alone art quick to help.

Ode 4

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

Pray thou to God, the Lover of mankind, and forsake me not, O my Guardian, but ever keep my life in peace, and grant me the invincible salvation.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

As the defender and guardian of my life I received thee from God, O Angel. I pray thee, O holy one, free me from all danger.

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

Cleanse my defilement by thy holiness, O my Guardian, and may I be drawn from the left side by thy prayers, and become a partaker of glory.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Perplexity confronteth me from the evil surrounding me, O most pure one, but deliver me from it speedily, for I flee only to thee.

Ode 5

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

As one having boldness toward God, O my holy guardian, do thou entreat Him to deliver me from the evils that afflict me.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

O radiant light, illumine my soul with radiance, O my guide and guardian, given me by God, O Angel.

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

Keep me vigilant who sleep from the evil burden of sin, O Angel of God, and raise me up to glorify Him, through thy supplication.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Mary, Lady Theotokos unwedded, O hope of the faithful, subdue the uprisings of the enemy, and gladden them that hymn thee.

Ode 6

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

Free me from every temptation, and save me from sorrow, I pray thee, O holy Angel, given to me as my good guardian by God.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

Enlighten my mind, O good one, and illumine me, I pray thee, O holy Angel, and teach me to think always profitably.

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

Abolish present disturbance from my heart, and strengthen me to be vigilant in good, O my Guardian, and guide me miraculously in quietness of life.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Word of God dwelt in thee, O Theotokos, and showed thee to men as the heavenly ladder; for by thee the Most High descended to us.

Show compassion to me, O holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, and leave not me, a defiled one, but illumine me with the light unapproachable, and make me worthy of the heavenly kingdom.

Vouchsafe my soul, humiliated by many temptations, the ineffable glory, O holy intercessor and singer with the choirs of the fleshless hosts of God. Have mercy and guard me, and illumine my soul with good thoughts, that I may be enriched by thy glory, O my Angel, subdue the enemies that wish me evil, and make me worthy of the heavenly kingdom.

Ode 7

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

Be merciful to me and entreat God, O Angel of the Lord; for I have thee as my defender for the whole of my life, a guide and guardian given me by God forever.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

Leave not my wretched soul, which was given thee blameless by God, to be slain by robbers along the way, O holy Angel, but guide it to the way of repentance.

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

My whole soul is disgraced by the evil thoughts and deeds I have brought upon me, but make haste, O my guide, and grant me healing with good thoughts, that I may be inclined always to the right way.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Wisdom of the Most High Personified, for the sake of the Theotokos, fill with wisdom and divine strength all that faithfully cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

Ode 8

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

O good Angel, sent by God, support me, thy servant, in my life and forsake me not unto the ages.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

O most blessed one, I hymn thee, O good Angel, guide and guardian of my soul unto the ages.

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

Be unto me a protection and fortification in the judgment day of all men, in which all deeds, both good and evil, shall be tried by fire.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Be unto me, thy servant, a helper and a calmness, O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, and leave me not bereft of thy protection.

Ode 9

O Lord Jesus Christ my God, have mercy on me.

Have mercy on me, O my only Saviour, for Thou art merciful and kind-hearted, and make me a member of the choirs of the righteous.

Holy Angel of the Lord, my Guardian, pray to God for me, a sinner.

Grant me ever to think and do only what is useful, O Angel of the Lord, that I may be blameless and strong in infirmity.

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

As one having boldness toward the Heavenly King, do thou, with the rest of the bodiless ones, entreat Him to have mercy on me the wretched one.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Having great boldness towards Him Who took flesh of thee, deliver me from fetters and grant me absolution and salvation through thine intercessions.

Prayer to the Holy Guardian Angel:

Holy Angel of Christ, I fall down and pray to thee, my holy Guardian, given me from holy Baptism for the protection of my sinful body and soul. By my laziness and bad habits, I have angered thy most pure light, and have driven thee away from me by all my shameful deeds, lies, slanders, envy, condemnation, scorn, disobedience, brotherly-hatred, grudges, love of money, adultery, anger, meanness, greed, excess, talkativeness, negative and evil thoughts, proud ways, dissolute madness, having self-will in all the desires of the flesh. O my evil will, which even the dumb animals do not follow! How canst thou look at me

or approach me who am like a stinking dog? With what eyes, O Angel of Christ, wilt thou look at me so badly snared in evil deeds? How can I ask forgiveness for my bitter, evil and wicked deeds, into which I fall every day and night, and every hour? But I fall down and pray, O my holy Guardian: pity me, thy sinful and unworthy servant (*name*). Be my helper and protector against my wicked enemy, by thy holy prayers, and make me a partaker of the Kingdom of God with all the Saints, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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