

## **Family Prayers for Sunday, December 12, 2021 (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere 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. (3x)

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. (3x)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

### Hymns

Make ready, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened unto all. Prepare, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life has blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin, for her womb didst appear as a super-sensual paradise in which is planted that holy Vine; if we should eat of it we shall live and not die as Adam of old. Christ shall be born, raising the image that fell at the beginning.

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

Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore Thee without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Wounded by love of Christ, most holy one, your mind was given wings by the radiance of the Spirit, O God-inspired one, you found your work in active contemplation, O Spyridon, becoming a godly sacrifice, and entreating divine illumination for all.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. [Luke/Llukait](#) 14:16-24

Let us pray for our leaders and helpers.

Lord, have mercy!

Let us pray for our loved ones (*include names*).

Let us pray for those who have departed this world with hope and faith in our merciful God, (*include names*).

Lord have mercy.

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from this virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those who are suffering. Guide the hands of doctors and nurses, carers and researchers, and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify 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.

#### Prayer to St. Spyridon

O all-blessed and holy hierarch Spyridon, great favorite of Christ and most glorious wonderworker! Standing in heaven with the choirs of angels before the throne of God, look down with merciful gaze upon the people who now turn to you. Be a comforter for the grieving, a physician for the afflicted, a helper amidst temptations, a shelter for the naked, an aid to the widowed, a defender of the orphaned, a nourisher of infants, a strengthener of the aged, a guide to travelers; and intercede for all who are in need of your mighty help in all things, that guided and guarded by your prayers, we may glorify God Who is worshiped in Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers and Mothers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and save us! Amen.