

## **Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch**

### **Trisagion for member who has fallen asleep**

*This service shall be done at either the Trisagion Funeral Service or at graveside. All members of The Order shall wear their St. Ignatius Cross and stand at the appointed place as instructed by Presiding Clergyman. If this service is done in conjunction with the Trisagion Funeral service, go to Pg. 4 starting with the Troparion of St. Ignatius in tone 4.*

Presiding Clergyman:

Blessed in our God always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Members of the Order:

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy 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 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.

Presiding Clergyman:

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. Amen.

*The Presiding Clergyman then sings the following Hymns in Tone 4:*

With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of thy servant, O Saviour: and preserve it in that life of blessedness which is with thee, O thou who lovest mankind

In the place of thy rest, O Lord , where all thy Saints repose , give rest also to the soul of thy servant; for thou only lovest mankind.

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

Thou art our God, who descended into Hell, and loosed the bonds of those who were there; thyself give rest also to the soul of thy servant.  
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Virgin , alone pure and immaculate , who without stain didst bring forth God , intercede for the salvation of *his/her* soul.

Presiding Clergyman:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee: hearken and have mercy. Members of the Order:

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Presiding Clergyman:

Again we pray for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, *N.*, departed this life, and that thou wilt pardon *his/her* every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.

Members of the Order:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Presiding Clergyman:

That the Lord God will establish *his / her* soul where the Just repose; the mercies of God , the kingdom of heaven, and remission of *his/her* sins, let us ask of Christ, our Immortal King and our God.

Members of the Order:

Grant this, O Lord.

Presiding Clergyman:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Members of the Order:

Lord, have mercy.

Presiding Clergyman:

O God of spirits and of all flesh, who has trampled down Death, and made powerless the Devil, and given life to thy world: Do thou, the same Lord, give rest to the soul of thy departed servant, *N.*, in a place of brightness, a place of verdure, a place of repose, whence all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away . Pardon every sin which *he/she* hath committed, whether by word, or deed, or thought; for thou art good, and loves mankind: for there is no man who liveth and sins not, and thou only art without sin, and thy righteousness is to all eternity, and thy law is truth.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Members or the Order:

Lord, have mercy.

Presiding Clergyman:

For thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of thy departed servant, *N.* , O Christ our God, and unto thee we ascribe glory, together with thy Father who is from everlasting, and mine all-holy , and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen .

Wisdom! O Blessed Theotokos, who art most holy, save us.

Members of the Order:

More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

*Troparion ~ St. Ignatius the God-Bearer of Antioch (Tone 4)*

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, you seceded to their throne. Inspired by God you found the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the faith to the very shedding of your blood. O Holy Martyr among Bishops Ignatius. Entreat the Lord, our God, to save our souls.

*Selection from the Epistles of St. Ignatius of Antioch  
See selections on next page.*

Presiding Clergyman:

Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our hope; glory to thee.

Members of the Order:

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

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Master/Father bless.

Presiding Clergyman:

May Christ, our true God, who hath dominion over the living and the dead: through the intercessions of his all immaculate and all blameless holy Mother; of our venerable and God bearing Fathers; and of all the Saints establish the soul of his servant, *N*, departed this life, in his holy mansions, and number *him/her* among the Just; and have mercy upon us; forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Chris our God, have mercy upon us and save us. AMEN

## **Selection from the Epistles of St. Ignatius of Antioch**

*Specific reading to be selected by presiding Clergy and read by members of the Order*

### **Polycarp**

So in all circumstances be wise as the serpent, though always harmless as the dove. The very reason you are given a body as well as a soul is to help you to gain the favor of this outward and visible world; though at the same time you must also pray for insight into the invisible world as well, so that you may come short of nothing and the whole treasury of the Spirit may be yours.

### **Smyrneans**

Given a thorough-going faith and love for Jesus Christ, there is nothing in all this that will not be obvious to you; for life begins and ends with those two qualities. Faith is the beginning, and love is the end; and the union of the two together is God. All that makes for a soul's perfection follows in their train, for nobody who possesses love can feel hatred. As the tree is known by its fruits, so they who claim to belong to Christ are known by their actions; for this work of ours does not consist in just making professions, but in a faith that is both practical and lasting.

### **Ephesians**

Men who are carnal are no more capable of acting spiritually, nor spiritual men of acting carnally, than deeds of unbelief are possible to the faithful, or deeds of faith to the unbelieving. But with you, even what you do in the flesh is spiritual, for your actions are well done in Jesus Christ.

### **Ephesians**

Regarding the rest of mankind, you should pray for them unceasingly, for we can always hope that repentance may enable them to find their way to God. Give them a chance to learn from you, or at all events from the way you act. Meet their animosity with mildness, their high words with humility, and their abuse with your prayers. But stand firm against their errors, and if they grow violent, be gentle instead of wanting to pay them back in their own coin. Let us show by our forbearance that we are their brothers, and try to imitate the Lord by seeing which of us can put up with the most ill-usage or privation or contempt so that in this way none of the devil's noxious weeds may take root among you, but you may rest in Jesus Christ in all sanctity and discipline of body and soul.

### **Trallians**

It is by the Cross that through His Passion He calls you, who are parts of His own Body, to Himself. Ahead cannot come into being alone, without any limbs; for the promise that we have from God is the promise of unity, which is the essence of Himself.

### **Magnesians**

Knowing how amply filled with God you are, I have been brief in these exhortations. Remember me in your prayers, so that I may win my way to God; and remember the church in Syria too, of which I am an unworthy member. I beg for your united prayers and love in God, so that our Syrian church may be refreshed with a sprinkling of dew from yours.

### **Romans**

Suffer me to attain to light, light pure and undefiled; for only when I am come thither shall I be truly a man. Leave me to imitate the Passion of my God.

### **Magnesians**

Do your utmost to stand firm in the precepts of the Lord and the Apostles, so that everything you do, worldly or spiritual, may go prosperously from beginning to end in faith and love, in the Son and the Father and the Spirit, together with your most reverend Bishop and that beautifully woven spiritual chaplet, your clergy and godly minded deacons. Be as submissive to the bishop and to one another as Jesus Christ was to His Father, and as the Apostles were to Christ and the Father; so that there may be complete unity, in the flesh as well as in the spirit.

### **Philadelphians**

Make certain, therefore, that you all observe one common Eucharist; for there is but one Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and but one cup of union with His Blood; and one single altar of sacrifice even as also there is but one bishop, with his clergy and my own fellow servitors the deacons. This will ensure that all your doings are in full accord with the will of God.

### **Philadelphians**

This favor only I beg of you: suffer me to be a libation poured out to God, while there is still an altar ready for me. Then you may form a loving choir around it and sing hymns of praise in Jesus Christ to the Father, for permitting Syria bishop, summoned from the realms of the morning to have reached the land of the setting sun. How good it is to be sinking down below the world's horizon towards God, to rise again later in the dawn of His presence!

### **Polycarp**

Pay careful regard to your bishop, if you wish God to pay regard to you. My heart warms to men who are obedient to their bishop and clergy and deacons, and I pray for a place in heaven at their side. For everyone must work together in unison at this training of ours; comrades in the wrestling and racing, comrades in its resting and its rising, like Goers good stewards and coadjutors and assistants. Make every effort to satisfy the Commander under whom you serve, and from whom you will draw your pay; and be sure that no deserter is found in your ranks. For a shield take your Baptism, for your helmet your faith for spear your love, and for body - armor your patience endurance; and lay up lay up a store of good work as a soldier deposits his savings, so that one day you may draw the credits that will be due to you . And be patient and gentle with one another, as God is with you. Now and always, may you be a joy to me.

### **Ephesians**

Pray then, come and join this choir, every one of you; let there be a whole symphony of minds in concert; take the tone all together from God, and sing aloud to the lather with one voice through Jesus Christ, so that He may hear you and know by your good works that you are indeed members of His Son's Body. A completely united front will help to keep you in constant communion with God.

### **Philadelphians**

Make certain, therefore, that you all observe one common Eucharist; for there is but one Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and but one cup of union with His Blood, and one single altar of sacrifice even as also there is one bishop, with his clergy.

### **Magnesians**

Have a single service of prayer which everybody attends; one united supplication, one mind, one hope, in love and innocent joyfulness. AU of you together, as though you were approaching the only existing temple of God and the only altar, speed to the one and only Jesus Christ.

### **Philadelphians**

As for me, I did my part as one dedicated to the cause of unity; for where disunion and bad blood exist, God can never be dwelling. That is why the Lord offers forgiveness to all who repent, if their repentance brings them back into unity with God and with the bishop's council of clergy. I have the fullest confidence in the Grace of Jesus Christ, that He will cast loose every chain that binds you; and I appeal to you not to let your actions be prompted by any party spirit but rather by the teaching of Christ.

### **Romans**

For my part, I am writing to all the churches and assuring them that I am truly in earnest about dying for, God-if only you yourselves put no obstacles in the way. I must implore you to do me no such untimely kindness; pray leave me to be a meal for the beasts, for it is they who can provide my way to God. I am His wheat, ground fine by the lions' *teeth* to be made purest bread for Christ. Better still, incite the creatures to become a sepulcher for me; let them not leave the smallest scrap of my flesh, so that I need not be a burden to anyone after I fall asleep. When there is no trace of my body left for the world to see, then I shall truly be Jesus Christ's disciple. So intercede with Him for me, that by their instrumentality I may be made a sacrifice to God. However, I am not issuing orders to a condemned criminal. They were free men, and I am still a slave (though if I suffer, Jesus Christ will give me my liberty, and in Him I shall rise again as a free man). For the present, these chains are schooling me to have done with early desires.



### **Polycarp**

Since I had been impressed by the godly qualities of your mind anchored as it seemed, to an unshakable rock-it gave me much pleasure to set eyes on your sainted countenance (may God give me the joy of it). But let me charge you to press on even more strenuously in, your course, in all the grace with which you are clothed, and to call all your people to salvation. You must do justice to your position, by showing the greatest diligence both in its temporal and spiritual duties. Give thought especially to unity, for there is nothing more important than this. Make yourself the support of all and sundry, as the Lord is to you, and continue to bear lovingly with them all. As you are doing at present. Spend your time in constant prayer, and beg for ever larger gifts of wisdom. Be watchful and unsleeping in spirit. Address yourself to people personally, as is the way of God Himself, and carry the infirmities of them all on your own shoulders, as a good champion of Christ ought to do. The heavier the labor, the richer the reward.