

Hierarch Demetrius confession of sins, said before priests in the presence of penitents.

I confess to the Lord God Almighty glorified and worshipped in the Holy Trinity, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and the All Blessed and Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, and to all the saints (refer to note 8 on p. 986), and to you, reverend father, all my sins, which does harm, in thought, word and deed, and with all my feelings, as in the sins withered, in sins born, in sins brought up with, and in sins after baptism even until this very hour I have lived.

I confess this way, as I have sinned very much with pride, vain glory, by exaltation so with the eyes as also with clothes and all my actions, with envy, with hatred, with desire for honor as also with avarice, with anger, with affliction, with laziness, with a big belly, with lust for sodomy, with sacrilege, with unrighteous curses, with adultery, with theft, with extortion, any kind of fornication, with the most unclean filthiness, with drunkenness, with gluttony, with idle talk, with carnal desires, with kissing and touching my unclean genital penis, with clever murder by desire, in faith, hope and love, with the unworthy reception of the customary Body and Blood of the Lord, in exhortations and deceitful flattery, with ignorance, with negligence in the giving of gifts and with received gifts, in the creation of usury, in authority with the wrong structure of church things, with the giving of insufficient alms, with exasperation for the poor, in the odd acceptance and satisfaction of the needy, in the oppression of domestics under my charge, with not visiting the ill according to the commandments of the Gospel, and those who are in prison, with the unburied dead, with not clothing the naked, with not quenching the thirsty and with not feeding the hungry.

On feast days of the Lord and the saints honoring those pleasing to Him, the due reverence and commemoration of them often exists by unrewarded drunkenness.

We from of old consent to evil, not helping before him nor comforting those demanding, but damaging them more so.

We are looking at the powerful elders and chiefs with slander and blasphemy, and the friend of my benefactor of my unprotected faith, and failed due obedience, for the animal and bestial intercourse of an impure conscience.

We are proud in the church of God, walking, standing, sitting and lying down, and dissimilar in leaving her, and speaking with the righteousness in her, by lawless conduct, with dirty conversations, by touching sacred vessels and doing the sacred service with unclean hearts and dirty hands, saying prayers and singing of psalms, and the neglectful calling on God in the church of God, by thinking of all evil things, and by reflection on corrupted teaching and false opinions, by unjust condemnation, agreeing with evil and unjust advice, by lusting and dirty pleasures, in idle tales, by excessive, unclean and agitations.

I have sinned in lies, in delusions, in manifold oaths, in constant slander, quarrels and spreading dissension, being mocked by others, in idle mockery, in disputes, in flattery, in craftiness, in vain and futile whispering, joy of all evil, wicked language with complaining and blaming, in playing jokes, in facetiousness, by oversleeping, by speaking evil, in reproaching, by profanity, by insult, hypocrisy, vigil in with those against God, in corporal lusts, prodigal thoughts, in unclean satisfactions and consent of the devil, against the criminal commandments of God, in the neglect of my offering in love, shed for God and neighbor, seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, touching in lustful and unclean desires, and in all thoughts, words, will and pernicious deeds.

Inasmuch in these and other iniquities of all, as much as if the human infirmity against his Lord and Creator, or in thoughts, words, or deeds, or pleasures, or one can sin in lust, I have sinned and am guilty before the face of God more than all persons know, and I repent all these and other innumerable sins, which I committed voluntarily and involuntarily, in knowledge and in ignorance, by myself and through others, or by tempting my brother, and which I was not able to remember and recognize the many others, but as much as I am able to remember, that I will utter, about all these uttered and not remembered and also for the many not uttered, I repent and feel sorry, and am myself guilty as I stand before my Lord God.

And for this I humbly pray to the All-holy and All-blessed Virgin Theotokos, and to all the heavenly powers, and to all the saints pleasing to God and to you, reverend father, the priest, I confess all this before all those present, that on the day of judgment they will be my witnesses against the devil, the enemy and the enemy of the human race, as I confess all this.

And that they may pray to my Lord God for me a sinner, and I ask you, reverend father, for you have the authority granted you by Christ God, in which to forgive those who confess, to remit and retain sins, that they forgive me from all these sins which were said before you and to cleanse me of everything, and I ask, that you impose a penance on me for the cleansing of all my trespasses.

For I am truly sorry for all my trespasses, I have the will to repent, and will continue as much as it is possible to guard against through the help of God.

Forgive me, Holy Father, and absolve; and pray for me a sinner. Amen. (Napominanie sviashch. [A Reminder to Priests], part 1, pp. 279-282). - Refer to p. 979.