

## **Petitions to be offered at a moleben for the duration of the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey**

*With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop George of Canberra, the following petitions and prayer will be used in the parishes of Saint Nicholas, Wallsend, and Saint Panteleimon, Gosford, after the Prayer before the Amvon at Divine Liturgy on Sunday 9 September and on every Sunday from 12 September until 5 November, the term of the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey. - 7 September 2017*

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Again we pray for our Great Lord and Father His Holiness Patriarch Kyrill, for our Lord the Very Most Reverend Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad, for our Lord the Right Reverend Bishop George; and for all our brethren in Christ;

Again we pray for this land, its authorities, and armed forces, for all the faithful and pious that dwell herein;

Again we pray that He will turn away from us all His anger that justly has seized hold of us, and that He will forgive us every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary, and that He will have mercy on us, His unworthy servants, let us all say with broken hearts: O Lord, hearken and have mercy;

That Thou wilt root out and extinguish every blasphemous impiety of the unbelieving world and quickly destroy its dominion, and give it into the hands of the right-believing people, we pray Thee, O All-powerful Lord, hearken and have mercy;

Again we pray that Thy people may keep this commandment: What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder; and that the churches of their homes may be granted indestructible might and an abundance of love unfeigned;

Again we pray for the preservation of the wedded bond of Thy servants in peace and oneness of mind, in piety and purity;

Again we pray that this region and city, and every city and country, may be preserved from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, and civil war; and that our good and manloving God may be merciful and favourable, that He may turn away all the wrath stirred up against us, and deliver us from His righteous threatening which hangeth over us, and have mercy on us;

Again we pray also that the Lord God may hearken unto the voice of the supplication of us sinners, and have mercy on us.

**Priest:** Hearken unto us, O God our Saviour, Thou hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that be far off at sea; and be merciful, be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us; for a merciful God art Thou, and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Deacon:** To the Holy and Right-believing Prince Peter and Princess Febronia let us pray!

**Priest:** O great favourites of God and all-wondrous wonderworkers, right-believing Prince Peter and Princess Febronia, *intercessors for the city of Murom*, preservers of honourable marriage and diligent advocates for all of us before the Lord! In the days of your earthly life ye showed forth a model of piety, Christian love and fidelity one to another, and thereby glorified lawful and blessed marriage. Wherefore, we have recourse unto you and pray with mighty zeal: Offer your holy supplications unto the Lord God for us sinners, and ask for us all things of goodly benefit to our souls and bodies: right faith, good hope, unfeigned love, unshakable piety, success in good works; and by your supplications grant even more unto those united by the bond of matrimony chastity, love for one another in the bond of peace, oneness of mind of souls and bodies, an unsullied marriage bed, an undisgraced sojourn, long-lived progeny, the favour of children, homes full of goodness, and the imperishable crown of everlasting glory in eternal life. Yea, O holy wonderworkers, disdain not our prayers which are offered unto you with compunction, but be ye our faithful helpers before the Lord, and vouchsafe that through your intercession we may receive eternal salvation and inherit the kingdom of heaven, that we may glorify the ineffable love for mankind of God Who is worshiped in Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – unto ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.