

THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

Great Vespers is served every Saturday evening and on any other evening when the Menaion or Pentecostarion appoints Old or New Testament lessons at Vespers. Daily Vespers is served outside of Lent when there are no Old or New Testament lessons at Vespers in the Menaion or Pentecostarion. This document can be used for both services, noting the rubrical instructions throughout.

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

<<Senior layman: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.>>

Reader: Amen.¹ Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

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. (*thrice*)

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. (*thrice*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: 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.

<<Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.>>

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*12x*)

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

Come, let us worship God our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

Obikhod

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL. BLESS - ED ART THOU, O LORD.

O LORD MY GOD, THOU ART VE - RY GREAT, BLESS - ED ART

THOU, O LORD. THE WA - TERS STOOD A - BOVE THE MOUN - TAINS.

O LORD, HOW MAN - I - FOLD ARE THY WORKS. BE - TWEEN THE

MOUN - TAINS WILL THE WA - TERS RUN, O LORD,

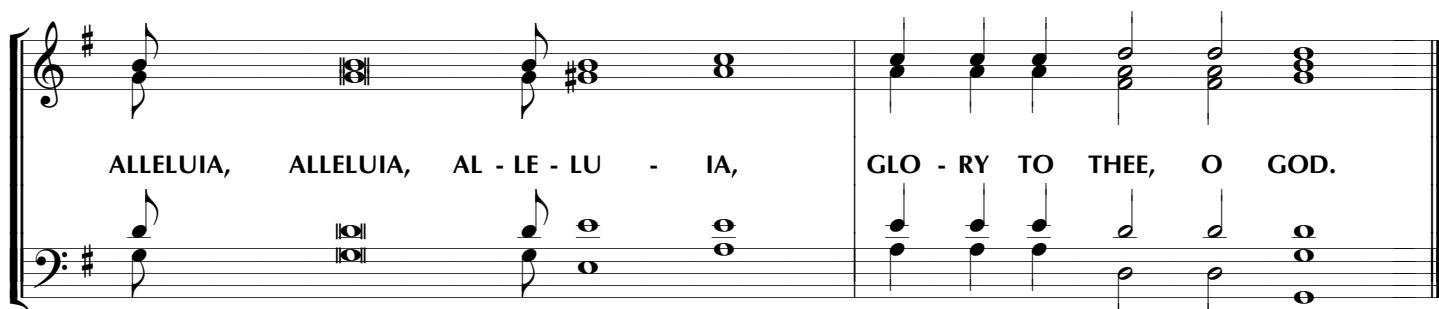
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WHO HAS CRE - A - TED ALL. GLORY TO THE FATHER AND TO

THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO AGES OF

AGES. A - MEN. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GLORY TO THEE, O GOD.



<<Lord, have mercy. 12x Glory... both now...>><<proceed to Blessed is the Man>>

When the reader has finished the psalm, the deacon (or priest) begins the Great Litany:

Deacon (Priest): In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

℟. Lord, have mercy. [*1*] *(after each petition)*

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [1]

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [2]

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [1]

For our Metropolitan *N.*, for our Bishop [*or* Archbishop] *N.*, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [2]

For this country, its President, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [1]

For this city,² for every city and countryside, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [2]

For seasonable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [1]

For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [2]

That we may be delivered from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord. ℟ [1]

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace. ℟ [2]

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

℟ To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

℟ Amen.

Blessed is the Man

#1C

Tikhonovsky Chant
based on Znamenny Chant

Bles - sed is the man, Al - le - lu - - - ia,

who_ walks not in the coun - sel of the wick - - - - ed.

REFRAIN:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

For_ the_ Lord knows the way_ of_ the_ right - eous,

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Blessed is the man

but the way of the un-god - ly will per - - - ish.

Refrain: Alleluia

6

Serve the Lord with fear and re-joice in Him with trem - bling.

Refrain: Alleluia

7

Bles - sed are all who take re - fuge in Him.

Refrain: Alleluia

8

A - rise, O Lord! [and] save me, O my God!

Refrain: Alleluia

9

Sal - va - tion be - longs to the Lord Thy bles-sing

10

be u - pon Thy — peo - - - - - ple.

Refrain: Alleluia

Detailed description: This system contains measures 10 and 11. Measure 10 features a treble staff with a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, and then a half note G4. The bass staff has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Measure 11 continues the melody in the treble staff with notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, and E4. The lyrics 'be u - pon Thy — peo - - - - - ple.' are aligned with the notes. A 'Refrain: Alleluia' instruction is at the end of the system.

11

Glo - ry to the Fa - - ther, and to the Son, —

Detailed description: This system contains measures 11 and 12. Measure 11 continues the melody from the previous system. Measure 12 features a treble staff melody starting on D4, moving to C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, and E3. The bass staff continues the eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics 'Glo - ry to the Fa - - ther, and to the Son, —' are aligned with the notes.

12

and to the Ho - ly Spi - - - - - rit.

Refrain: Alleluia

Detailed description: This system contains measures 12 and 13. Measure 12 continues the melody from the previous system. Measure 13 features a treble staff melody starting on D4, moving to C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, and E3. The bass staff continues the eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics 'and to the Ho - ly Spi - - - - - rit.' are aligned with the notes. A 'Refrain: Alleluia' instruction is at the end of the system.

13

Now — and — e - ver and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Refrain: Alleluia

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13 and 14. Measure 13 continues the melody from the previous system. Measure 14 features a treble staff melody starting on D4, moving to C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, and E3. The bass staff continues the eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics 'Now — and — e - ver and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.' are aligned with the notes. A 'Refrain: Alleluia' instruction is at the end of the system.

14

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia.

Repeat X3

Detailed description: This system contains measures 14 and 15. Measure 14 continues the melody from the previous system. Measure 15 features a treble staff melody starting on D4, moving to C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, and E3. The bass staff continues the eighth-note accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia.' are aligned with the notes. A 'Repeat X3' instruction is at the end of the system.

<<Lord, have mercy. 3x Glory... now and ever...>><<proceed to Lord I Call>>

At the conclusion of the kathisma, the deacon (or priest) says the Little Litany:

Deacon (Priest): Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

℟ Lord, have mercy. [1]

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

℟ Lord, have mercy. [2]

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

℟ To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thine is the might, and 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.

And the choir begins Lord, I Call... *in the appropriate tone (the tone of the first sticheron):*

Lord I Call upon Thee -- Tone 8

Kievan Chant
(Tone 8)

Lord, I call u - pon Thee, hear me,

hear me, O Lord.

Lord, I call up - on Thee, hear me,

4

re - ceive the voice of my prayer.

5

When I call u - pon Thee,

6

hear me O Lord.

7

Let my prayer a - rise

8

in Thy sight as in - - - - cense,

9

and let the lift - ing up of my hands,

10

be an eve - ning sa - - - cri - fice.

11

Hear me, O Lord.

The READER continues:

- * Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips!
- * Incline not my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds
- * in company with men who work iniquity; and I will not join their chosen ones!
- * Let a good man strike or rebuke me in mercy, but let the oil of the wicked never anoint my head;
- * for my prayer is continually against their evil deeds. When they are given over to those who shall condemn them, then my words will be heard.
- * As a rock which one cleaves and shatters on the land, so shall their bones be strewn near hell.
- * But my eyes are toward thee, O Lord; Lord, in thee I seek refuge. Do not take away my soul.
- * Keep me from the trap which they have laid for me, and from the snares of evildoers!
- * Let the sinners together fall into their own nets, let me alone pass through.
- * I cry with my voice to the Lord, with my voice I make supplication to the Lord,
- * I pour out my complaint before him, I tell my trouble before him.
- * When my spirit is faint, thou knowest my way!
- * In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- * I look to the right and watch, but there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me, no man cares for me.
- * I cry to thee, O Lord; I say, thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
- * Give heed to my cry; for I am brought very low!
- * Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are too strong for me!

Reader: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name.

1.

12

We of - fer to Thee, O Christ,

This system contains measures 12 and 13. It features a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'We of - fer to Thee, O Christ,' are written below the staff. Measure 12 ends with a repeat sign. Measure 13 begins with a new phrase and ends with a repeat sign.

13

our eve - ning song and reas'n - a - ble ser - - - vice.

This system contains measures 14 and 15. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics 'our eve - ning song and reas'n - a - ble ser - - - vice.' are written below the staff. Measure 14 ends with a repeat sign. Measure 15 begins with a new phrase and ends with a repeat sign.

14

For Thou didst will to have mer - cy on us,

This system contains measures 16 and 17. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics 'For Thou didst will to have mer - cy on us,' are written below the staff. Measure 16 ends with a repeat sign. Measure 17 begins with a new phrase and ends with a repeat sign.

15

by Thy re - sur - rec - - - - tion.

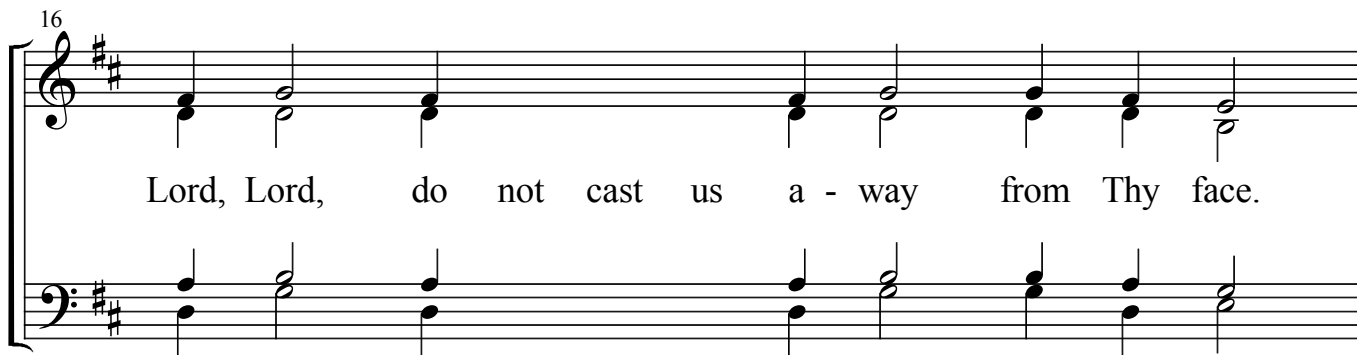
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This system contains measures 18 and 19. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics 'by Thy re - sur - rec - - - - tion.' are written below the staff. Measure 18 ends with a repeat sign. Measure 19 begins with a new phrase and ends with a repeat sign. The page number '15' is written at the bottom of the system.

Reader: The righteous await me, until Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

2.

16



Lord, Lord, do not cast us a - way from Thy face.

17



For Thou didst will to have mer - cy on us,

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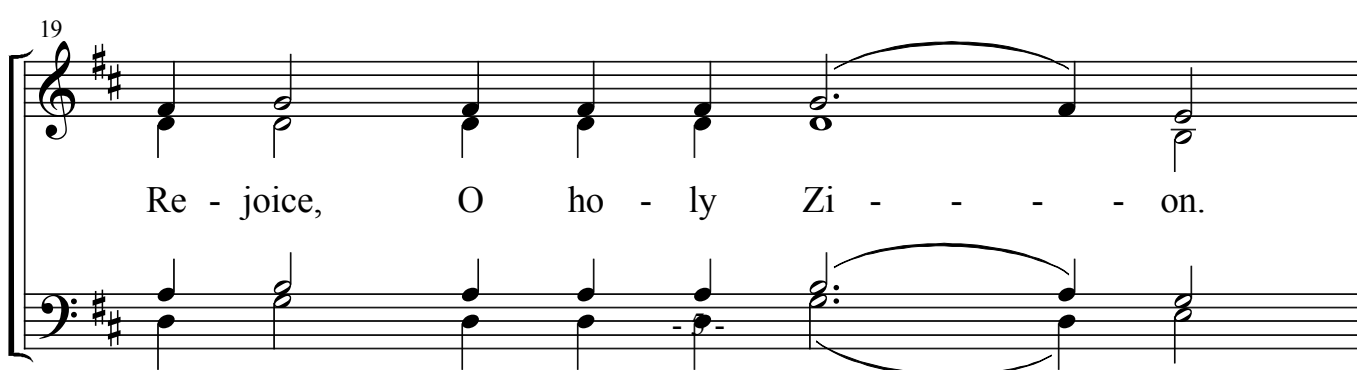


by the re - sur - rec - - - - tion.

Reader: Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

3.

19



Re - joice, O ho - ly Zi - - - - on.

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Mo - ther of the chur - ches, the a - bode of God.

21

For Thou wast the first to re - ceive re - mi - ssion of sins.

22

By the re - sur - rec - - - - tion.

Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

4.

23

The Word of God the Fa - - - - ther,

24

be - got - ten be - fore the a - - - ges,

25

in the la - tter times willed to be in - car - nate of the Vir - gin,

26

and en - dured cru - ci - fix - ion un - to death.

27

He has save_____ mor - - - tal man

28

by His re - sur - rec - - - - tion.

V. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Tone 4 *(for the Feast)* *(Thou hast given a sign)*

Today, like the radiant sun, O Savior, Word of the Father,
Thou didst shine forth in splendor on Mount Tabor,
revealeing to Thy friends that Thou, O Christ,
art He, Who, in Thy compassion, didst assume human nature.
Therefore, we glorify Thy loving dispensation, / /
O Almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls.

V. (5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Today the Angels in heaven rejoice with men,
celebrating Thy glorious radiance, O Christ,
and Thine appearance on Mount Tabor,
where Thou didst stand, O Christ, in the presence of Moses and Elijah,
and Peter, James, and John, who praised Thee, Who lovest mankind, / /
O Almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls.

V. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Let the whole assembly of those in the world and above the world
be moved to praise Christ our God,
Who has dominion over both the living and the dead,
for when He was transfigured on Mount Tabor,
He stood in the presence of the preachers of both the Law and Grace, //
as He was well pleased to do, the Savior of our souls!

*V. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and
He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Tone 1 *(for St. Lawrence) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

Thou didst serve the Word blamelessly, O venerable one;
thou wast offered to the Lord as a sacrifice of sweet savor,
consumed by material fire.
Thou hast been counted worthy of the joy of heaven, //
where thou dost ever pray for those who honor thee, O Lawrence.

V. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Thou didst give thyself as a treasure for the Lord
and didst submit to His words, O godly blessed one.
Thou didst distribute wealth to the poor, O wise martyr, //
wisely and wondrously enduring torments.

V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Let us praise with splendor Lawrence, the beauty of the martyrs,
the glorious and wondrous warrior,
the fountain of miracles, the helper of the oppressed, //
the star of great radiance, the holy martyr!

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

Tone 4 *(for the Feast, by Cosmas the Monk)*

Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord,
the mountain became as heaven,
and like a tabernacle the cloud spread itself out,
when Thou wast transfigured, and the Father bore witness to Thee.
Peter was present with James and John,
since they were to be with Thee at the time of Thy betrayal,
that, having seen Thy won'drous works,
they might not be afraid of Thy sufferings.//
Grant us to venerate Thy sufferings in peace, through Thy mercy!

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

Dogmatikon:

41

The King of hea - ven, be - cause of His love for man,

42

ap - peared on earth and dwelt with men.

43

He took flesh from the pure Vir - - - gin;

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44

and af - ter as - sum - ing it, He came forth from her.

45

The Son is One; in two na - tures, yet one Per - - - son.

46

Pro-claim - ing Him as per - fect God and per - fect man,

47

we con - fess Christ our God.

48

En-treat Him, O un-wedd-ed Mo-ther to have mer - cy on our souls.

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Priest: If it is Great Vespers, there is an entrance, and the deacon, standing before the open Holy Doors, exclaims Wisdom. Stand upright. If it is Daily Vespers, there is no entrance, and the choir proceeds immediately to Gladsome Light.

O Gladsome Light

#1F

'Tikhonovsky Chant'
based on Znamenny Chant
Tone 5

O Glad - some Light of the Ho - ly Glo - - - -

- - ry of the Im - mor - tal Fa - - - - - ther,

Hea - ven - ly, Ho - ly, Bles - sed: Je - - - sus Christ!

Now that we have - - - come to the set - ting of the sun

and be - hold the light of eve - - - ning, we praise - - - God: ,

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6

O Gladsome Light

Fa - - - - ther, Son, and the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

7

For meet it is at all _____ times to wor-ship Thee with____

8

voi - - - ces _____ of _____ praise, _____ O _____ Son _____

9

_____ of God and Gi - ver of Life; there - fore all _____ the _____

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world _____ doth _____ glo _____ ri - fy Thee!

With Priest: The deacon exclaims Let us attend. *And the priest:* Peace be unto all. *And the deacon:* Wisdom. The prokimenon in the ____ tone.

Prokeimenon for Saturday Evening

6th Tone
Znamenny Chant

The Lord is King, He is robed with
maj - es - ty.

Prokimenon of the Day

Saturday Evening: sixth tone

The Lord is King: * he is robed in majesty.

℣. 1. The Lord is robed, He is girded with strength.

℣. 2. For he has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

℣. 3. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore.



If it is Great Vespers, when appointed, Scripture Lessons are now read. The deacon says Wisdom. *And the reader:* The reading from _____. *And the deacon:* Let us attend.



<<Lord, have mercy. 12x Glory... now and ever...>><<proceed to Vouchsafe>>

The deacon begins the Augmented Litany:

Deacon (Priest): Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say:

℟ Lord, have mercy. [1]

O Lord almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

℟ Lord, have mercy. [2]

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

℟ Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*) [1]

Again we pray for our Metropolitan *N.*, for our Bishop [*or* Archbishop] *N.*, and for all our brethren in Christ. ℟ [2]

Again we pray for this country, its President [*or title of the highest civil authority*], for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces. ℟ [1]

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy Orthodox Patriarchs; and for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church (*or* holy monastery); [*for NN.,*] and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord. ℟ [2]

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God, [*NN., and for*] the brethren of this holy temple, and for the pardon and remission of their sins. ℟ [1]

Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who labor and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy. ℟ [2]

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God and lovest 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 ages of ages.

℟ Amen.

Reader: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy commandments. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

<<Lord, have mercy. 12x Glory... both now...>><<proceed to the Aposticha>>

The deacon (or priest) continues with the Evening Litany:

Deacon (or Priest): Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

℟. Lord, have mercy. [1]

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

℟. Lord, have mercy. [2]

That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

℟. Grant this, O Lord. *(after each petition)* [1]

An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord. ℟. [2]

Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord. ℟. [1]

All things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord. ℟. [2]

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord. ℟. [1]

A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, and peaceful, and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask. ℟. [2]

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

℟. To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou art a good God and lovest 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 ages of ages.

℟ Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

℟ And to thy spirit.

Deacon (or Priest): Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

℟ To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, Who didst bow the heavens and come down...

Blessed and glorified be the might of Thy Kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

℟ Amen.

APOSTICHA

☞ *We sing (or read) the first APOSTICHA hymn.* ☞

The READER says the festal verses after each hymn.

℣ *On most Sundays, these verses are used:*

℣. The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

℣. For he hath made the world so sure that it shall not be moved.

℣. Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, unto length of days.

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

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

The Apostikha -- Tone 8

Kievan Chant
(Tone 8)

Des - cend - ing from hea - ven to as - cend the cross,

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

the e - ter - nal life has come for death,

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a fermata over the word 'come' in the melody. The lyrics are written below the staves.

to raise those who are fal - - - - len;

The third line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a fermata over the word 'fal' in the melody. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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to en - ligh - ten those in dark - - - ness.

5

O Je - sus, our Sa - vior and Il - lu - min - a - tor, glo - ry to Thee.

Reader: The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty.

6

We glo - ri - fy Christ, Who rose from the dead.

7

He ac - cept - ted the hu - man bo - dy and soul,

8

and freed both from suf - fer - ing.

9

His most pure soul des - cend - ed to hell, which he spoiled.

10

His ho - ly bo - dy did not see cor - rup - tion in the tomb.

11

He is the re - deem - - er of our souls.

Reader: For He has established the world, $\underset{-3-}{so}$ that it shall never be moved.

12

In psalms and songs we glo-ri-fy Thy re-sur-rec-tion from the dead, O Christ.

13

By it, Thou hast freed us from the tor - tures of hell,

14

and as God hast grant-ed e - ter - nal life and great mer - cy.

Reader: Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forever more.

15

O Mas - ter of all, in-com-pre-hens-i-ble cre-a-tor of hea - ven and earth.

16

By Thy suf-fer-ing on the cross Thou has gained pas-sion-less-ness for me.

17

Ac-cep-ting bur - i - al and a - ris - ing in glo - - - ry,


18

Thou didst re-sur-rect A-dam with Thy-self by Thine al-migh - ty hand.

19

Glo - ry to Thy ris - ing on the third_____ day.

20



By it Thou hast grant-ed us e - ter - nal life and clean - sing of sins,

This musical system contains measures 20 and 21. It is written for a piano accompaniment in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with the left hand providing harmonic support. Measure 20 features a melodic line starting on G4, moving through A4, B4, and C5, with some chords in the left hand. Measure 21 continues the melody, ending with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass note in the left hand.

21



as the on - ly com - pas - sion - ate One.

This musical system contains measures 22 and 23. It continues the piano accompaniment from the previous system. The melody in measure 22 starts on D5 and moves down to C5. Measure 23 concludes the phrase with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass note in the left hand. The system ends with a double bar line.

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

Tone 4 *(for the Feast, by Cosmas the Monk)*

Before Thy Crucifixion, O Lord,
Thou didst take Thy Disciples to a high mountain
and wast transfigured before them,
illuminating them with bright rays of Thy pow'r.
From love of man and in Thy sovereign might,
it was Thy desire to show them the splendor of Thy Resurrection.
In peace count us also worthy of this splendor, O God, //
in Thy mercy and Thy love for man!

St. Simeon's Prayer

St. Romanos Monastery

Lord now let - test Thou Thy ser - vant de - part in peace,

2
ac - cor - ding to Thy word.

3
For mine eyes have seen Thy sal - va - tion,

4
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple.

5
A light to light - en the Gen - tiles,

6
and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple is - ra - el.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*thrice*)

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

The PEOPLE say:

O UR 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

<<Senior layman: "Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us." R Amen.>><< proceed to the troparia for the day>>

Priest: 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.

R Amen.

And the choir sings the appointed Troparia.

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 8

Common Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

You des-cend - ed from on high, O Mer - ci - ful One! You

Tenor
Bass

ac-cept-ed the three-day bur - i - al to free us from our suf - fer - ings!//

O Lord, our Life and Re - sur - rec - tion, glo - ry to You!

HOLY MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON LAWRENCE OF ROME (258)

Troparion - Tone 4

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Victorious martyr of Christ our God, by the sign of the Cross

Tenor
Bass

you gave sight to the blind; you distributed the riches of the Church

to the poor; you were tried by fire and no evil was found in you.

As you endured the burn - ing, may your prayers extinguish the

flames of our man - y sins, blessed Archdeacon* Law - rence!

* "Deacon" in the original text. Although the title of "Archdeacon" was not used in his time, the above text conforms with the title by which he is commonly known today.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Troparion - Tone 7

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

You were trans-fig-ured on the mountain, O Christ God,

revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could

bear it. Let Your ev - er - lasting Light also shine upon us

sin - ners, through the prayers of the The - o - to - kos.

O Giv - er of Light, glo - ry to You!

Deacon (or Priest): Wisdom.

℟ Father, bless.

Priest: Blessed be He Who Is, Christ our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

℟ Amen. Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

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

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

℟ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

The priest pronounces the appropriate Dismissal, after which the choir responds:

℟ Amen.

<<Preserve, O God, the Holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox Christians unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim; who without stain bearest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

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

Lord, have mercy. 3x Bless, O Lord.

The SENIOR LAYMAN says: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

The PEOPLE respond: Amen.>>

THE END OF VESPERS



Many Years - OCA Diocese of the South

If there is no Bishop present

Common Chant

His Beatitude the Most Bless - ed Ti - - - khon,

Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Can - a - da,

His Eminence the Most Reverend Al - ex - an - - - der,

Archbishop of Dal-las and the South, This God protected land, all civil-authorities, and all

Or - tho - dox Christ - ians, Preserve O Lord, for ma - ny years.