



ЦАРСКИ ЧАСОВИ НА СВЕТИ И ВЕЛИКИ ПЕТАК

ROYAL HOURS OF GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

The Royal Hours

First Hour

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

READER: Amen. Glory to Thee, O 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!
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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.

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. 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 for-give us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

READER: Amen. Lord, have mercy. **(Twelve times)**

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!

Psalm 5

Unto my words give ear, O Lord; hear my cry. Attend unto the voice of my supplication, O my King and my God; for unto Thee will I pray, O Lord. In the morning Thou shalt hear my voice. In the morning shall I stand before Thee, and Thou shalt look upon me; for not a God that willest iniquity art Thou. He that worketh evil shall not dwell near Thee, nor shall transgressors abide before Thine eyes. Thou hast hated all them that work iniquity; Thou shalt destroy all them that speak a lie. A man that is bloody and deceitful shall the Lord abhor. But as for me, in the multitude of Thy mercy shall I go into Thy house; I shall worship toward Thy holy temple in fear of Thee. O Lord, guide me in the way of Thy righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before Thee, for in their mouth there is no truth; their heart is vain. Their throat is an open sepulcher, with their tongues have they spoken deceitfully; judge them, O God. Let them fall down on account of their own devisings; according to the multitude of their ungodliness, cast them out, for they have embittered Thee, O Lord. And let all them be glad that hope in Thee; they shall ever rejoice, and Thou shalt dwell among them. And all shall glory in Thee that love Thy name, for Thou shalt bless the righteous. O Lord, as with a shield of Thy good pleasure hast Thou crowned us.

Psalm 2

Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the princes met together, against the Lord, and against his Christ. Let us break their bonds asunder: and let us cast away their yoke from us. He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh at them: and the Lord shall deride them. Then shall he speak to them in his anger, and trouble them in his rage. But I am appointed king by him over Sion his holy mountain, preaching his commandment. The Lord hath said to me: Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I will give thee the Gentiles for thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt rule them with a rod of iron, and shalt break them in pieces like a potter's vessel. And now, O ye kings, understand: receive instruction, you that judge the earth. Serve ye the Lord with fear: and rejoice unto him with trembling.

Embrace discipline, lest at any time the Lord be angry, and you perish from the just way. When his wrath shall be kindled in a short time, blessed are all they that trust in him.

PSALM 21

O God, my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me?
Far from my salvation are the words of my sins O my God, I shall cry by day, and thou wilt not hear: and by night, and it shall not be reputed as folly in me. But thou dwellest in the holy place, the praise of Israel. In thee have our fathers hoped: they have hoped, and thou hast delivered them. They cried to thee, and they were saved: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. But I am a worm, and no man: the reproach of men, and the outcast of the people. All they that saw me have laughed me to scorn: they have spoken with the lips, and wagged the head. He hoped in the Lord, let him deliver him: let him save him seeing he delighteth in him. For thou art he that hast drawn me out of the womb: my hope from the breasts of my mother. I was cast upon thee from the womb. From my mother's womb thou art my God, depart not from me. For tribulation is very near: for there is none to help me. Many calves have surrounded me: fat bulls have besieged me. They have opened their mouths against me, as a lion ravening and roaring. I am poured out like water; and all my bones are scattered. My heart is becoming like wax melting in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue hath cleaved to my jaws: and thou hast brought me down into the dust of death. For many dogs have encompassed me: the council of the malignant hath besieged me. They have dug my hands and feet. They have numbered all my bones. And they have looked and stared upon me. They parted my garments amongst them: and upon my vesture they cast lots. But thou, O Lord, remove not thy help to a distance from me: look towards my defense. Deliver, O God, my soul from the sword: my only one from the hand of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth; and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. I will declare thy name to my brethren: in the mid of the church will I praise thee. Ye that fear the Lord, praise him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him. Let all the seed of Israel fear him: because he hath not slighted nor despised the supplication of the poor man.

Neither hath he turned away his face from me: and when I cried to him he heard me. With thee is my praise in a great church: I will pay my vows in the sight of them that fear him. The poor shall eat and shall be filled: and they shall praise the Lord that seek him: their hearts shall live for ever and ever. All the ends of the earth shall remember, and shall be converted to the Lord: And all the kindreds of the Gentiles shall adore in his sight. For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he shall have dominion over the nations. All the fat ones of the earth have eaten and have adored: all they that go down to the earth shall fall before him. And to him my soul shall live: and my seed shall serve him. There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come: and the heavens shall shew forth his justice people that shall be born which the Lord hath made.

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

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia, glory to Thee, O God!

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

Troparion Tone 1

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

The tyrant has been destroyed by Thy crucifixion, O Christ. The might of the enemy has been trampled down. For neither an angel nor a man But Thou Thyself hast saved us. O Lord, glory to Thee!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

What shall we call you, O full of grace? Heaven, for from you shone forth the Sun of Righteousness; Paradise, for you have budded forth the flower of immortality; Virgin, for you have remained undefiled; Pure Mother, for you have held in your arms the Son, who is God of all. Beseech Him to save our souls.

(Tone 8)

Today the curtain of the temple is torn in two, to convict the transgressors, and even the sun hides his rays, seeing the Master crucified.

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VERSE: Why do the nations rage and the peoples utter folly?

Thou was led as a sheep to the slaughter, O Christ our King, And as an innocent lamb, Thou was nailed to the cross by transgressors, Because of our sins, O Lover of mankind!

VERSE: The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and His anointed.

Thou was led as a sheep to the slaughter, O Christ our King, And as an innocent lamb, Thou was nailed to the cross by transgressors, Because of our sins, O Lover of mankind!

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

While permitting transgressors to arrest Thee, Thou didst cry out to them, O Lord: Though you smite the shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep, my disciples, I am able to surround myself with more than thirty legions of angels, But I forebear, So that the secret and hidden things might be fulfilled, which were revealed to you by my prophets. O Lord, glory to Thee!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

While permitting transgressors to arrest Thee, Thou didst cry out to them, O Lord: Though you smite the shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep, my disciples, I am able to surround myself with more than thirty legions of angels, But I forebear, So that the secret and hidden things might be fulfilled, which were revealed to you by my prophets. O Lord, glory to Thee!

PROPHECY Zechariah 11:10-13

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Prokeimenon of the Prophecy in tone 4 His heart gathered iniquity to itself He went out and spoke to the multitude.

VERSE: Blessed is he who considers the poor and needy; the Lord delivers him in the day of trouble.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Reading: from the Prophecy of Zachariah the Prophet

PRIEST: Let us attend

READER: THESE sayings the Lord doth say: So I shall take my rod that was called Beauty, and cut it asunder to make void my covenant, which I made with people. And it was made void in that day: and so the poor of the flock that keep for me, understand that it is the word of the Lord. And I said to them: If it be good in your eyes, bring hither my wages: and if not, be quiet. And they weighed for my wages thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me: Cast it to the statuary, a handsome price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and I cast them into the house of the Lord to the statuary, according to what the Lord intimated.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians

PRIEST: Let us attend

READER: Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto you reader.

READER: And with your spirit (**alleluia is not sung**)

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 27:1-56

PRIEST: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

CHOIR: And to your spirit!

PRIEST: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

At that time when morning came all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel together against Jesus in order to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the procurator.

Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw he was condemned, repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And he flung the pieces of silver into the temple, and left. And he went away and hanged himself with a halter. And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood." And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potter's field, as a burial place for strangers. For this reason that field has been called, Haceldama, that is, the Field of Blood even to this very day. (Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him who was priced, upon whom the children of Israel set a price; and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.")

Now Jesus stood before the procurator; and the procurator asked him, saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "You say it." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many charges they are bringing against you?" But he did not answer him a single word, so that the procurator was baffled.

Now at festival time the procurator used to release to the crowd a prisoner, whomever they would. Now he held at that time a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate asked, "Whom do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called Christ?" For he knew they had delivered him up out of envy. Now, as he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent a messenger to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just man, for I have suffered many things in a dream today because of him."

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to destroy Jesus. But the procurator addressed them, and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate asked them, "What then am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" The procurator said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they kept crying out the more, saying, "Let him be crucified!"

Now Pilate, seeing he was doing no good, but rather that a riot was breaking out, took water and washed his hands in sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just man; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released to them Barabbas; but Jesus he had scourged and delivered to them to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the procurator took Jesus into the praetorium, and gathered together about him the whole cohort. And they stripped him and put on him a scarlet cloak; and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed into his right hand; and bending the knee before him they mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they spat on him, and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they took the cloak off him and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

Now as they went out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon and they forced him to take up his cross. And they came to the place called Golgotha, that is, the Place of the Skull. And they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he had tasted it, he would not drink. And after they had crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots, to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet, "They divided my garments among them, and upon my vesture they cast lots." And sitting down

they kept watch over him. And they put above his head the charge against him, written, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right hand and the other on his left. Now the passers-by were jeering at him, shaking their heads, and saying, "You who destroy the temple, and in three days build it up again, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" In like manner, the chief priests with the Scribes and the elders, mocking, said, "He saved others, himself he cannot save! If he is the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he wants him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers also, who were crucified with him, reproached him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. But about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabakhthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders on hearing this said, "This man is calling Elijah." And immediately one of them ran and, taking a sponge, soaked it in common wine, put it on a reed and offered it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah is coming to save him." But Jesus again cried out with a loud voice and gave up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and rocks were split, and tombs opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep arose; and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, they came into the holy city, and appeared to many. Now when the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, they were very much afraid, and they said, "Truly he was the Son of God!"

And many women were there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, serving him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: Order my steps in Thy word, and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me. Deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men, and so shall I keep Thy commandments. Show the light of Thy countenance upon Thy servant, and teach me Thy statutes. Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that I may sing of Thy glory and honor all the day long.

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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.

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. 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 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.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Come, let us all sing the praises of Him who was crucified for us, For Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree, Though Thou dost endure the cross, Thou art my Son and my God.

READER Lord, have mercy. **(40 times)**

Thou who at every season and every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, long-suffering, merciful, and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all men to salvation through the promise of

blessings to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulations, evil and distress. Surround us with Thy holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

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.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

PRIEST. God be bountiful unto us, and bless us and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

READER: Amen.

Prayer:

PRIEST: O Christ, the True light who enlightenest and sanctifiest every man who comes into the world, let the light of Thy countenance shine upon us, that in it we may behold the unapproachable light; and guide our footsteps aright to the keeping of Thy commandments; through the prayers of Thy most pure mother, and of all Thy Saints. Amen

READER: Amen.

Third Hour

READER: 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!

Psalm 34

READER: Judge thou, O Lord, them that wrong me: overthrow them that fight against me. Take hold of arms and shield: and rise up to help me Bring out the sword, and shut up the way against them that persecute me: say to my soul: I am thy salvation Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and be confounded that devise evil against me. Let them become as dust before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord straiten them. Let their way become dark and slippery; and let the angel of the Lord pursue them. For without cause they have hidden their net for me unto destruction: without cause they have upbraided my soul. Let the snare which he knoweth not come upon him: and let the net which he hath hidden catch him: and into that very snare let them fall. But my soul shall rejoice in the Lord; and shall be delighted in his salvation. All my bones shall say: Lord, who is like to thee? Who delivers the poor from the hand of them that are stronger than he; the needy and the poor from them that strip him. Unjust witnesses rising up have asked me things I knew not. They repaid me evil for good: to the depriving me of my soul. But as for me, when they were troublesome to me, I was clothed with haircloth. I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer shall be turned into my bosom. As a neighbor and as an own brother, so did I please: as one mourning and sorrowful so was I humbled.

But they rejoiced against me, and came together: Scourges were gathered together upon me, and I knew not. They were separated, and repented not: they tempted me, they scoffed at me with scorn: they gnashed upon me with their teeth. Lord, when wilt thou look upon me? Rescue thou my soul from their malice: my only one from the lions. I will give thanks to thee in a great church; I will praise thee in a strong

people. Let not them that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: who have hated me without cause, and wink with the eyes. For they spoke indeed peaceably to me; and speaking in the anger of the earth they devised guile. And they opened their mouth wide against me; they said: Well done, well done, our eyes have seen it. Thou hast seen, O Lord, be not thou silent: O Lord depart not from me. Arise, and be attentive to my judgment: to my cause, my God, and my Lord. Judge me, O Lord my God according to thy justice, and let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say in their hearts: It is well, it is well to our mind: neither let them say: We have swallowed him up. Let them blush: and be ashamed together, who rejoice at my evils. Let them be clothed with confusion and shame, who speak great things against me. Let them rejoice and be glad, who are well pleased with my justice, and let them say always: The Lord be magnified, who delights in the peace of his servant. And my tongue shall meditate thy justice, thy praise all the day long.

Psalm 108

God, be not thou silent in my praise: for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful man is opened against me. They have spoken against me with deceitful tongues, and they have compassed me about with words of hatred; and have fought against me without cause. Instead of making me a return of love, they detracted me; but I gave myself to prayer. And they repaid me evil for good: and hatred for my love. Set thou the sinner over him: and may the devil stand at his right hand. When he is judged, may he go out condemned; and, may his prayer be turned to sin. May his days be few; and his bishopric let another take. May his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be carried about vagabonds, and beg; let them be cast out of their dwellings. May the usurer search all his substance: and let strangers plunder his labors. May there be none to help him: nor none to pity his fatherless offspring. May his posterity be cut off; in one generation may his name be blotted out. May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered in the sight of the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. May they be before the Lord continually, and let the memory of them perish from the earth: because he remembered

not to show mercy, But persecuted the poor man and the beggar; and the broken in heart, to put him to death. And he loved cursing, and it shall come unto him: and he would not have blessing, and it shall be far from him. And he put on cursing, like a garment: and it went in like water into his entrails, and like oil in his bones. May it be unto him like a garment which covers him; and like a girdle with which he is girded continually. This is the work of them who detract me before the Lord: and who speak evils against my soul. But thou, O Lord, do with me for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is sweet. Do thou deliver me, for I am poor and needy, and my heart is troubled within me. I am taken away like the shadow when it declines, and I am shaken off as locusts. My knees are weakened through fasting: and my flesh is changed for oil. And I am become a reproach to them: They saw me and they shaked their heads. Help me, O Lord my God; save me according to thy mercy. And let them know that this is thy hand, and that thou, O Lord, hast done it. They will curse and thou wilt bless: let them that rise up against me be confounded: but thy servant shall rejoice. Let them that detract me be clothed with shame: and let them be covered with their confusion as with a double cloak. I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth: and in the midst of many I will praise him. Because he hath stood at the right hand of the poor, to save my soul from persecutors.

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified in Thy sentence and blameless in Thy judgment. Behold I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me

a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will return to Thee. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Thy deliverance. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thy altar.

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

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia, glory to Thee, O God!

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Alleluia, alleluia alleluia, glory to Thee, O God!

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

Troparion (Tone 6)

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

O Lord, the life of all, The Jews delivered Thee over to death. Thou didst lead them through the Red Sea by Moses' rod, Yet they handed Thee over to be crucified.

Thou didst feed them with honey from the rock, and they repaid Thee with gall and vinegar, But Thou didst willingly endure these things, to free us from bondage to the enemy. O Christ God, glory to Thee!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Theotokos, you are the true vine laden with the fruit of life. We pray to you, O Lady: intercede together with the Apostles and all the Saints that mercy may be granted to our souls.

(Tone 8)

Before Thy crucifixion, O Lord, for fear of the Jews, O Lord, Thy friend and companion Peter denied Thee. In bitter grief, he cried aloud: O compassionate Master. Turn not away in silence from my tears. I said that I would keep faith, but have failed Thee." Accept also our repentance and have mercy on us, O Lord!

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VERSE: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning.

As the soldiers were mocking Thee, The angels hid their faces, unable to bear the sight, For Thou who didst adorn the earth with flowers Was arrayed in a crown of thorns; Thou who hast wrapped the heavens with clouds Was clothed in a robe of mockery, Yet all these things fulfilled Thy saving plan, By which Thy compassion was revealed to us. O Christ of great mercy, glory to Thee!

VERSE: Hearken to the sound of my cry, My King and my God.

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(Tone 5)

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

When Thou was raised upon the cross, O Lord, Thou didst cry out to the Jews: For what deeds do you crucify me, O my people? Is it because I made your paralytics walk? Because I raised the dead as from sleep? Because I healed the woman with the issue of blood, and took pity on the woman of Canaan? For what deeds do you seek to kill me? You shall look upon Him whom you have pierced, upon your Messiah, O transgressors.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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PRIEST: Wisdom

READER Prokeimenon of the Prophecy Tone Four, I am ready for scourging, and my pain is ever with me.

Verse: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thy anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

READER: Reading: from the Prophecy of Isaiah **(50:4 to end)**

PRIEST: Let us attend

READER: The Lord hath given me a learned tongue, that I should know how to uphold by word him that is weary: he wakens in the morning, in the morning he wakens my ear, that I may hear him as a master. The Lord God hath opened my ear, and I do not resist: I have not gone back. I have given my body to the strikers, and my cheeks to them that plucked them: I have not turned away my face from them that rebuked me, and spit upon me. The Lord God is my helper, therefore am I not confounded: therefore have I set my face as a most hard rock, and I know that I shall not be confounded. He is near that justifies me, who will contend with me? Let us stand together, who is my adversary? Let

him come near to me. Behold the Lord God is my helper: who is he that shall condemn me? Lo, they shall all be destroyed as a garment, the moth shall eat them up. Who is there among you that fears the Lord that hears the voice of his servant that has walked in darkness and has no light? Let him hope in the name of the Lord, and lean upon his God. Behold all you that kindle a fire, encompassed with flames, walk in the light of your fire, and in the flames which you have kindled: this is done to you by my hand, you shall sleep in sorrows.

PRIEST: Wisdom

READER: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

PRIEST: Let us attend

READER: Brethren, while we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

PRIEST: Peace be unto you reader.

READER: And with your spirit (**alleluia is not sung**)

PRIEST: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

CHOIR: And to your spirit!

PRIEST: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the Evangelist 15:16-41

At that time the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard which is the praetorium, and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in purple, and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it upon him, and began to greet him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they kept striking him on the head with a reed, and spitting upon him; and bending their knees, they did homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took the purple off him and put on him his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

And they forced a certain passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, (coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus,) to take up his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha, which translated, is the Place of the Skull. And they gave him wine to drink mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. Then they crucified him, and divided his garments, casting lots for them to see what each should take. Now it was the third hour and they crucified him. And the inscription bearing the charge against him was, "The King of the Jews." And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right hand and the other on his left. And the Scripture was fulfilled, which says, "And he was reckoned among the wicked." And the passers-by were jeering at him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Aha, you who destroy the temple, and in three days build it up again; come down from the cross, and save yourself!" In like manner, the chief priests with the Scribes said in mockery to one another, "He saved others, himself he cannot save! Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." And those who were crucified with him reproached him.

And when the sixth hour came, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabakhthani?" which, translated, is "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the by-standers on hearing this said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." But someone ran, soaked a sponge in common wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah is coming to take him down." But Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and expired. And the

curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw how he had thus cried out and expired, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

And some women were also there, looking on from a distance, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joseph, and Salome. These used to accompany him and serve him when he was in Galilee, besides many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem.

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER Blessed be the Lord God, blessed be the Lord from day to day, and may the God of our salvation prosper us, for He is our God, the God of salvation.

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.

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. 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 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.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Come, let us all sing the. Praises of Him who was crucified for us,
For Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree, Though Thou dost endure the cross, Thou art my Son and my God.

READER Lord, have mercy. **(40 times)**

Thou who at every season and every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, long-suffering, merciful, and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all men to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulations, evil and distress. Surround us with Thy holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen. 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.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify you. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

PRIEST: God be bountiful unto us, and bless us and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

READER: Amen.

O God the Master, Father Almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son, and Thou, O Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power, have mercy upon me, a sinner and according to Thy divine judgments save me, Thine unworthy servant, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen

Sixth Hour

READER 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!

Psalm 53

O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me. O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and mighty men have sought after my soul and have not set God before themselves. For behold, God helps me, and the Lord is the protector of my soul. He will bring evils upon mine enemies. Utterly destroy them by Thy truth. Willingly shall I sacrifice unto Thee; I will confess Thy name, O Lord, for it is good. For out of every affliction hast Thou delivered me, and mine eye hath looked down upon mine enemies.

Psalm 139

Rescue me, O Lord, from the evil man; from the unjust man deliver me. Who have devised injustice in their heart; all the day long have they arrayed themselves for wars. They have whetted their tongue like that of a serpent; the venom of asps is under their lips. Keep me, O Lord, from the hand of the sinner; rescue me from unjust men who have devised to undermine my steps. The proud have hid a snare for me, and with cords have they spread a snare for my feet; stumbling-blocks near the paths have they set for me. I said unto the Lord: Thou art my God; give ear, O Lord, unto the voice of my supplication. Lord, O Lord, Thou strength of my salvation, Thou hast overshadowed my head in the day of battle. Because of my desire, O Lord, give me not up unto the sinner. They have taken counsel against me; forsake me not, lest they should be exalted. As for the head of those that encircle me, the mischief of their lips shall cover them. Coals shall fall upon them; in fire shalt Thou cast them down, and they shall not stand in afflictions. A babbling man shall not prosper on the earth; evils shall hunt an unjust man to his destruction. I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor

and the justice of the paupers. Surely the righteous shall confess Thy name, and the upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

Psalm 90

He that dwells in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him. For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunters and from every troubling word. With His shoulders will He overshadow thee, and under His wings shalt thou have hope. With a shield will His truth encompass thee; thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day, Nor for the thing that walks in darkness, nor for the mishap and demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but unto thee shall it not come nigh. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and thou shalt see the reward of sinners. For Thou, O Lord, art my hope. Thou made the Most High thy refuge; No evils shall come nigh thee, and no scourge shall draw nigh unto thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. On their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Upon the asp and basilisk shalt thou tread, and thou shalt trample upon the lion and dragon. For he hath set his hope on Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him because he hath known My name. He shall cry unto Me, and I will hearken unto him. I am with him in affliction, and I will rescue him and glorify him. With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will show him My salvation

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God!

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

Troparion (Tone 2)

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

Thou hast worked salvation in the midst of the earth, O Christ our God; By stretching out Thy most pure hands upon the cross. Gathering together all the nations, who cry: O Lord, glory to Thee!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

We have no boldness because of the multitude of our sins, but entreat Him who was born of you, O Virgin Theotokos, for the prayer of a mother has great power to win the favor of the Master. Do not despise the supplications of sinners, O all-pure one, for merciful and strong to save is He who willed to suffer for us.

(Tone 8)

Thus says the Lord to the Jews: My people, what have I done to you. Or how have I offended you? To your blind I gave sight, your lepers I cleansed, the paralytic I raised from his bed. My people, what have I done to you, and how have you repaid me? Instead of manna, gall; instead of water, vinegar; Instead of loving me, you nail me to the cross. I can bear no more. I shall call the Gentiles mine. They will glorify me with the Father and the Spirit, and I shall give them life eternal.

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VERSE: They gave me gall for food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

The choir of the Apostles cries out to you, O law-givers of Israel, scribes and Pharisees; behold the temple which you destroyed! Behold the Lamb whom you crucified! You delivered Him to the tomb, but by His own power he arose. Do not be deceived, O Jews. He it is that saved you in the sea and fed you in the wilderness. He is the life, the light, and the peace of the world.

VERSE: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

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(Tone 5)

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

Come, O Christ-bearing people! Let us see what the traitor Judas and the lawless priests have plotted against our Savior. Today they made the deathless word subject to death. They delivered Him to Pilate And crucified Him on Golgotha. Suffering these things our Savior cried aloud and said: "Father, forgive them this sin, that all nations may know my resurrection from the dead."

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PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Prokeimenon of the Prophecy in the fourth tone
O Lord, our Lord How wonderful is Thy name in all the earth.

VERSE: Thy majesty is exalted above the heavens.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

(Isaiah 52:13-54:1)

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: These sayings the Lord doth say: Behold my servant shall understand; he shall be exalted, and extolled, and shall be exceeding high. As many have been astonished at thee, so shall his visage be inglorious among men, and his form among the sons of men. He shall sprinkle many nations, kings shall shut their mouth at him: for they to whom it was not told of him, have seen: and they that heard not, have beheld. Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? And he shall grow up as a tender plant before him, and as a root out of a thirsty ground: there is no beauty in him, nor comeliness; and we have seen him, and there was no sightliness, that we should be desirous of him: Despised, and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity: and his look was as it were hidden and despised, whereupon we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our infirmities and carried our sorrows: and we have thought him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our iniquities, he was bruised for our sins: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, every one hath turned aside into his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was offered because it was his own will, and he opened not his mouth: he shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter, and shall be dumb as a lamb before his shearer, and he shall not open his mouth. He was taken away from distress, and from judgment: who shall declare his generation? Because he is cut off out of the land of the living: for the wickedness of my people have I struck him. And he shall give the ungodly for his burial, and the rich for his death: because he hath done no iniquity, neither was there deceit in his mouth. And the Lord was pleased to bruise him in infirmity: if he shall lay down his life for sin, he shall see a long-lived seed, and the will of the Lord shall be prosperous in his hand. Because his soul hath labored, he shall see and be filled: by

his knowledge shall this my just servant justify many, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I distribute to him very many, and he shall divide the spoils of the strong, because he hath delivered his soul unto death, and was reputed with the wicked: and he hath borne the sins of many, and hath prayed for the transgressors. Give praise, O thou barren, that bearest not: sing forth praise, and make a joyful noise, thou that didst not travail with child: for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that hath a husband, saith the Lord.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading of the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews:

PRIEST: Let us attend!

Hebrews 2:11-18

Brethren: For both he that sanctifies, and they who are sanctified, are all one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: I will declare thy Name to my brethren; in the midst of the church will I praise thee. And again: I will put my trust in him. And again: Behold I and my children, whom God hath given me. Therefore because the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner hath been partaker of the same: that through death, he might destroy him who had the empire of death, that is to say, the devil: And might deliver them, who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to servitude. For nowhere doth he take hold of the angels: but of the seed of Abraham he taketh hold. Wherefore it behooved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest before God, that he might be a propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that, wherein he himself hath suffered and been tempted, he is able to succor them also that are tempted.

PRIEST: Peace be unto you reader.

READER: And with your spirit. **(Alleluia is not sung)**

PRIEST: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be

unto all!

CHOIR: And to your spirit!

PRIEST: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

At that time there were also two other malefactors led to execution with Jesus. And when they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, and the bandits, one on his right hand and the other on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Now in dividing his garments, they cast lots. And the people stood looking on; and the rulers with them kept sneering at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ, the chosen one of God." And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him common wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" And there was also an inscription written over him in Greek and Latin and Hebrew letters, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of those bandits who were hanged was abusing him, saying, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us!" But the other in answer rebuked him and said, "Do you not fear God, seeing that you are under the same sentence? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what our deeds deserved; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Amen I say to you, this day you shall be with me in paradise."

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And the sun was obscured, and the curtain of the temple was torn in the middle. And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And having said this, he expired. Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Truly this was a just man!" And all the crowd that collected for the sight, when they saw what things had happened, began to return beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, and the women who had followed him from Galilee, were standing at a distance looking on.

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

READER: Let Thy tender mercies, O Lord, speedily go before us, for we have become exceedingly poor. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name: O Lord, deliver us and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake.

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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.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Come, let us all sing the praises of Him who was crucified for us, For Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree, Though Thou dost endure the cross, Thou art my Son and my God.

READER: Lord, have mercy. **(40 times)**

Thou who at every season and every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, long-suffering, merciful, and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all men to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls,

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In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

PRIEST God be bountiful unto us, and bless us and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

READER Amen.

PRIEST O God, the Lord of hosts, and Author of all creation, who in Thy boundless tender mercy hast sent down Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the human race, and through His holy cross hast torn up the handwriting of our sins and thereby triumphed over the princes and dominions of darkness: Do Thou, O Master, who lovest mankind, accept these prayers of thanksgiving and supplication even from us sinners, and deliver us from every deadly and dark transgression and from all the visible and invisible enemies that seek to do us harm. Nail our flesh with the fear of Thee, and let not our hearts incline to evil words or thoughts, but wound our souls with Thy love, that ever gazing upon Thee, guided by Thy light and beholding Thee, the eternal light that no man can approach, we may send up unceasing praises and thanks unto Thee, the Father without beginning, together with Thine only-begotten Son and Thy most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

READER Amen

Ninth Hour

READER: 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!

Psalm 68

Save me, O God, for the waters are come in unto my soul. I am stuck fast in the mire of the deep, and there is no sure standing. I am come into the deeps of the sea, and a tempest hath overwhelmed me. I am grown weary with crying, my throat is become hoarse; from my hoping in my God, mine eyes have failed me. They that hate me without a cause are multiplied more than the hairs of my head. Mine enemies are grown strong, they that persecute me unjustly; then did I restore that which I took not away. O God, Thou knows my foolishness, and my transgressions are not hid from Thee. Let not them that wait on Thee be ashamed for my sake, O Lord, Thou Lord of hosts. Nor let them that seek after Thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach, shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto the sons of my mother. For the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up, and the reproaches of them that reproach Thee are fallen on me. Yea, with fasting I covered my soul, and it was turned into a reproach for me. And I made sackcloth my clothing, and I became a proverb to them. And they prated against me, they that sit in the gates; and they made a song about me, they that drink wine. But as for me, with my prayer I cry unto Thee, O Lord; it is time for Thy good pleasure. O God, in the multitude of Thy mercy hearken unto me, in the truth of Thy salvation. Save me from the mire, that I be not stuck therein; let me be delivered from them that hate me and from the deeps of the waters. Let not the tempest of water overwhelm me, nor let the deep swallow me up, nor let the pit shut its mouth upon me. Harken unto me, O Lord, for Thy mercy is good; according to the multitude of Thy compassions, look upon me. Turn not Thy countenance away from Thy servant, for I am afflicted; quickly hearken unto me. Attend unto my soul and deliver it; because of mine enemies, rescue me. For Thou knows my reproach, my shame and my

humiliation. Before Thee are all that afflict me; my soul hath awaited reproach and misery. And I waited for one that would grieve with me, but there was no one; and for them that would comfort me, but I found none. And they gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. Let their table before them be for a snare, for a recompense and for a stumbling-block. Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and their back do Thou continually bow down. Pour out upon them Thy wrath, and let the fury of Thy wrath take hold upon them. Let their habitation be made desolate, and in their tents let there be none to dwell. For they persecuted him whom Thou hast smitten, and to the pain of my wounds have they added. Add iniquity to their iniquity, and let them not enter into Thy righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and with the righteous let them not be written. Poor and in sorrow am I; may Thy salvation, O God, be quick to help me. I will praise the name of my God with an ode, I will magnify Him with praise. And this shall please God more than a young calf that hath horns and hooves. Let beggars behold it and be glad; seek after God, and your soul shall live. For the Lord hath hearkened unto the poor and hath not despised them that are fettered for His sake. Let the heavens and the earth praise Him, the sea and all the creeping things therein. For God will save Sion, and the cities of Judea shall be built; and they shall dwell therein and inherit it. And the seed of Thy servants shall possess it, and they that love Thy name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 69

O God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

Psalm 85

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hearken unto me, for poor and needy am I. Preserve my soul, for I am holy; save Thy servant, O my God, that hopes in Thee. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto Thee will I cry all the day long; make glad the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. For Thou, O Lord, art good and gentle, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend unto the voice of my supplication. In the day of mine affliction have I cried unto Thee, for Thou hast heard me. There is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like unto Thy works. All the nations whom Thou hast made shall come and shall worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great and workest wonders; Thou alone art God. Guide me, O Lord, in Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth; let my heart rejoice that I may fear Thy name. I will confess Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Thy name for ever. For great is Thy mercy upon me, and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hades. O God, transgressors have risen up against me, and the assembly of the mighty hath sought after my soul, and they have not set Thee before them. But Thou, O Lord my God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and true. Look upon me and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thy handmaiden. Work in me a sign unto good, and let them that hate me behold and be put to shame; for Thou, O Lord, hast helped me and comforted me.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God!

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

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

Troparion (Tone 8)

When the thief beheld the Author of Life hanging upon the cross, he said: "If it were not God in the flesh crucified here with us, The sun would not have hidden his rays nor would the earth have quaked and trembled, But remember me in Thy kingdom, O long-suffering Lord!"

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Tone 7)

O loving Lord, who for our sakes was born of a virgin and hast endured crucifixion, trampling down death by death and as God revealing the Resurrection: Despise not the works of Thy hands, but show Thy love for mankind, O merciful one. Accept the prayers made on our behalf by her who gave Thee birth, and save Thy despairing people, O our Savior.

A strange wonder it was to see the Maker of heaven and earth suspended on the cross. The sun was darkened and the day was changed into night. The earth gave up the bodies of the dead from their graves. With them we worship Thee: save us, O Lord!

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**VERSE: They divide my garments among them,
and for my raiment they cast lots.**

(Tone 2)

When transgressors nailed the King of Glory to the cross, He cried out to them: "How have I caused you pain? Or in what have I angered you? Who before me delivered you from affliction? And how have you now rewarded me? By returning evil for good. For the pillar of fire you nail me to the cross. For the cloud you dig me a grave. Instead of manna you bring me gall. Instead of water you give me vinegar to drink. Henceforth I shall call the Gentiles, And they will glorify me with the Father and the Holy Spirit."

VERSE: They gave me gall for food, and in my thirst
they gave me vinegar to drink.

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(Tone 6)

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

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is hung on the tree. The King of the Angels is decked with a crown of thorns. He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in the purple of mockery. He who freed Adam in the Jordan is slapped on the face. The Bridegroom of the Church is affixed to the cross with nails. The Son of the virgin is pierced by a spear. We worship Thy Passion, O Christ. We worship Thy Passion, O Christ. We worship Thy Passion, O Christ. Show us also Thy glorious resurrection.

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PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER Prokeimenon of the Prophecy in the sixth tone
The fool says in his heart "There is no God."

VERSE: There is none that does good, no, not one.

(11:18 to end; 12:1-5, 9-10, 14-15)

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Reading: from the Prophecy of Jeremiah

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: But thou, O Lord, hast shown me, and I have known: then thou showed me their doings. And I was as a meek lamb, that is carried to be a victim: and I knew not that they had devised counsels against me, saying: Let us put wood on his bread, and cut him off from the land of the living, and let his name be remembered no more. But thou, O Lord of Sabaoth, who judges justly, and tries the reins and the hearts, let me see thy revenge on them: for to thee have I revealed my cause. Therefore thus saith the Lord to the men of Anathoth, who seek thy life, and say: Thou shalt not prophesy in the name of the Lord, and thou shalt not die in our hands. Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts: behold I will visit upon them: their young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine. And there shall be no remains of them: for I will bring in evil upon the men of Anathoth, the year of their visitation. Thou indeed, O Lord, art just, if I plead with thee, but yet I will speak what is just to thee: Why doth the way of the wicked prosper: why is it well with all them that transgress, and do wickedly? Thou hast planted them, and they have taken root; they prosper and bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins. And thou, O Lord, hast known me, thou hast seen me, and proved my heart with thee: gather them together as sheep for a sacrifice, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. How long shall the land mourn, and the herb of every field wither for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? The beasts and the birds are consumed: because they have said: He shall not see our last end. If thou hast been wearied with running with footmen, how canst thou contend with horses? And if thou hast been secure in a land of peace, what wilt thou do in the swelling of the Jordan? Is my inheritance to me as a speckled bird? Is it as a bird dyed throughout? Come ye, assemble yourselves, all

ye beasts of the earth, make haste to devour. Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot: they have changed my delightful portion into a desolate wilderness. They have laid it waste, and it hath mourned for me. With desolation is all the land made desolate. Thus saith the Lord against all my wicked neighbors that touch the inheritance that I have shared out to my people Israel: Behold I will pluck them out of their land, and I will pluck the house of Juda out of the midst of them. And when I shall have plucked them out, I will return, and have mercy on them: and I will bring them back, every man to his inheritance, and every man into his land.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading of the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews:

PRIEST: Let us attend! (**Hebrews (10:19-31)**)

READER: Brethren, Having therefore confidence in the entering into the holies by the blood of Christ; a new and living way which he hath dedicated for us through the veil, that is to say, his flesh. And a high priest over the house of God: Let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience' and our bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering (for he is faithful that hath promised). And let us consider one another, to provoke unto charity and to good works: Not forsaking our assembly, as some are accustomed- but comforting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after having the knowledge of the truth, there is now left no sacrifice for sins, but a certain dreadful expectation of judgment, and the rage of a fire which shall consume the adversaries. A man making void the Law of Moses, dies without any mercy under two or three witnesses: How much more, do you think he deserves worse punishments, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath esteemed the blood of the testament unclean, by which he was sanctified, and hath offered an affront to the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said: Vengeance belonged to me, and I will repay. And again: The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to

fall into the hands of the living God.

PRIEST: Peace be unto you reader.

READER: And with your spirit. **(Alleluia is not sung)**

PRIEST: That we may be accounted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

CHOIR: And to your spirit!

PRIEST: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

GOSPEL OF THE NINTH HOUR

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Evangelist 18:28-40; 19:1-37

At that time they led Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them and said, "What accusation bring you against this man?" They answered and said unto him, "If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto you." Then said Pilate unto them, "You take him and judge him according to your law." The Jews therefore said unto him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death": that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spoke, signifying what death he should die.

Then Pilate entered into the praetorium again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "Do you say this thing of yourself, or did others tell it you of me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you unto me: what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." Pilate therefore said unto him, "Are you a king then?" Jesus answered, "You said that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I

should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." Pilate said unto him, "What is truth? "And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and said unto them, "I find in him no fault at all. But you have a custom that I should release unto you one at the Passover: will you therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?" Then cried they all again, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a thief.

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe and said, "Hail King of the Jews!" and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again and said unto them, "Behold, I bring him forth to you, that you may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him they cried out saying "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said unto them, "Take him and crucify him, for I find no fault with him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid and went again into the judgment hall and said to Jesus, "Where do you come from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Speak you not to me? Do you not know I have the power to crucify you and have the power to release you?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against me, except it were given you from above: therefore he that delivered me to you has the greater sin.

And from thenceforth, Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying "If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend: whoever makes himself a king, speaks against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour and he said unto the Jews, "Behold, your King!" But they cried out "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said unto them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have

no king but Caesar.” Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified.

And they took Jesus and led him away. And he, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha where they crucified him and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. *And the writing was “Jesus of Nazareth The King of the Jews.” This title then read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, “Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I Am the King of the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and made of them four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven in one piece from the top. They therefore said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots for it, to see whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says, “They divided my garments among them; and for my vesture they cast lots.” These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing by, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this Jesus, knowing all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst.” Now there was standing there a vessel full of common wine; and having put a sponge soaked with the wine on a stalk of hyssop, they put it to his mouth. Then, when Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished!” And bowing his head, he gave up his spirit. The Jews therefore, since it was the Preparation Day (Friday) in order that the bodies might not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a solemn day), asked Pilate that their legs be broken, and that they be taken away. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other, who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw he was already dead, they did not break his legs; but one*

of the soldiers opened his side with a lance, and immediately there came out blood and water. And he who saw it has borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows he tells the truth, that you also may believe. For these things came to pass that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall you break." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look upon him whom they have pierced."

CHOIR: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

(After the Gospel, the priest returns the Gospels to the altar)

READER For Thy holy name's sake, do not abandon us forever; do not annul Thy covenant; do not take Thy mercy from us, for the sake of Abraham Thy beloved, and Isaac Thy servant, and Israel Thy holy one.

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.

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. 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 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.

READER Amen

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Come, let us all sing the praises of Him who was crucified for us,
For Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree, Though Thou dost

endure the cross, Thou art my Son and my God.

READER: Lord, have mercy. **(40 times)**

Thou who at every season and every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, long-suffering, merciful, and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all men to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulations, evil and distress. Surround us with Thy holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

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.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

PRIEST God be bountiful unto us, and bless us and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

READER Amen.

O Master and Lord, Jesus Christ our God, who art long-suffering towards our sins and hast brought us even unto this present hour, in which, hanging upon the life-giving cross, Thou hast opened unto the good thief the way into paradise, and destroyed death by death: be merciful to us, Thy humble and sinful and unworthy servants. For we have sinned and transgressed, and we are not worthy to lift up our eyes and look at the height of heaven, since we have forsaken the path of Thy righteousness and have walked according to the desires of our own hearts. But we pray Thee of Thy boundless goodness, spare us, O Lord, according to the abundance of Thy mercy, and save us for Thy holy name's sake, for our days are consumed in vanity. Deliver us from the hand of the adversary, forgive us our sins, and kill the passions of the

flesh, that putting off the old man, we may be clothed with the new, and may live for Thee, our Master and Protector; and that so, following Thine ordinances, we may attain to eternal rest, in the place where all the joyful dwell. For Thou, O Christ our God, art indeed the true joy and gladness of those that love Thee, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is without beginning, and Thy most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Typica

(The Beatitudes are read quickly, without singing.)

READER: In Thy Kingdom, remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

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

Remember me O Lord when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom

The heavenly choir sings Thy praises, crying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!

Verse: Draw near to Him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir sings Thy praises, crying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!

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

The choir of angels and archangels with all the host of heaven sings Thy praises, crying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Creed

I believe in One God the Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth, and of everything visible and invisible. And in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnated by the Holy Spirit, * and of the Virgin Mary, and became Man. Crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; And resurrected on the third day according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sat at the right hand of the Father; And he will return in glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom will have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, * the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke through the Prophets. In One, Holy, Ecumenic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I await the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the future age, Amen.

Loose, remit, and pardon, O God, our sins both voluntary and involuntary, in thought, word, or deed, in knowledge or in ignorance, committed by day or by night, of the mind or of the intention: forgive them all, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

READER: 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.

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. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

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For Mary said when she beheld Him upon the tree, Though Thou dost
endure the cross, Thou art my Son and my God.

READER: Lord, have mercy. **(40)**

O most Holy Trinity, Might one in essence, Kingdom undivided, the
Cause of all good, have mercy even on me, a sinner. Confirm and
instruct my heart and take away from me every defilement. Enlighten
my mind that I may ever glorify, praise, and adore Thee, saying: One is
holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READER: Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and
forevermore.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore.

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

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my
mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be
glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! I
sought the Lord and He answered me, and delivered me from all my
fears. Look to Him and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.
The poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all
his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear
Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is
the man who takes refuge in Him! O fear the Lord, you His saints, for
those who fear Him have no want! The young lions suffer want and
hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O sons,
listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there
who desires life, and covets many days, that he may enjoy good? Keep
your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from
evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are
toward the righteous, and His ears toward their cry. The face of the

Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the mother of our God!

PRIEST: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

READER: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word! True Theotokos, we magnify you!

PRIEST: Glory to Thee, O Christ, our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

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

Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy Father, bless.

PRIEST: May He who endured spitting, and scourging, the cross and death, for the salvation of the world, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for he is good and loves mankind.