

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
ORTHODOX CHURCH

Ashland, OR



THE DIVINE LITURGY

& SELECTED HYMNS
FROM GREAT VESPERS

WELCOME

We welcome you to the Orthodox Church. Please feel at ease and free to participate in the singing. As a visitor you are welcome to come forward at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and venerate the Cross offered by the priest. Additionally you may receive the blessed bread (Antidoron) that is offered at that time. If you have questions or would like further information, the priest or one of the members of the parish will be pleased to help.

A WORD TO OUR VISITORS ON HOLY COMMUNION

The Orthodox Church does not practice open Communion. Therefore, only members of Canonical Orthodox Churches exercising jurisdiction in America may approach the Chalice for Holy Communion. The Orthodox do not regard Holy Communion solely as an act of personal piety, but also as an expression of union with the Orthodox Church's faith, doctrine, and discipline. Orthodox visitors wishing to receive Holy Communion should make their intention known to the priest in advance — ask any member of the parish for help in relaying your intention to the priest. Orthodox Christians should prepare themselves to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion through recent Confession, prayers of preparation for Holy Communion, and fasting (at minimum, from midnight before receiving).

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.”

I Corinthians 11:27



The Divine Liturgy of Our Father Among the Saints, John Chrysostom

PRIEST: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE GREAT LITANY

PRIEST: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For this holy house and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For our Most Blessed Metropolitan ____, for our Right Reverend Bishop ____, for the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For the President of the United States, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For this city, for every city and country, and for those who in faith dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For favorable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick and suffering, for captives, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, 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.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: *(silently) O Lord our God, whose might is incomparable, whose glory is incomprehensible, whose mercy is infinite, and whose love of man is ineffable, do thou Thyself, O Master, in Thy tenderheartedness look down on us and upon this holy house, and grant us and those who pray with us Thy rich mercies and compassion.*

(aloud) 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Ps. 102 (LXX)—Select Verses

(on Weekdays & Feastdays, other Antiphons may be substituted)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for the oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word.

Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

THE LITTLE LITANY

PRIEST: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, 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.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: *(silently)* O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; preserve the fullness of Thy Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house; glorify them in return by Thy divine power, and forsake us not who hope in Thee.

(aloud) For Thine is the strength, and Thine are 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Ps. 145 (LXX)—Select Verses

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

**Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have being.**

**Put not your trust in princes, in sons of men in whom there is
no salvation.**

**When his breath departs he returns to his earth; on that very day
his plans perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the
Lord his God.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.

Who keeps His faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free, the Lord opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the
righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners, He upholds the widow and the
fatherless, but the way of the wicked He will bring to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, thy God O Zion, to all generations.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages Amen.

**Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation
willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary,
Who without change became man and was crucified,**

Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death: save us.

THE LITTLE LITANY

PRIEST: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, 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.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: *(silently)* O Thou who hast bestowed on us these common and accordant prayers, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfill even now the requests of Thy servants as is expedient for them, granting us in this present age the knowledge of Thy truth, and in that to come, life eternal.

(aloud) For Thou art a good God who lovest man 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Beatitudes—Matt. 5:3–11

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 they that 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.

THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

PRIEST: *(silently)* O Master, Lord our God, who hast appointed in heaven ranks and
hosts of angels and archangels for the service of Thy glory, make there to be with our
entrance an entrance of holy angels, serving with us and glorifying Thy goodness.
*For to Thee belong 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 entrance of Thy saints, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
(aloud) Wisdom. Let us attend.

PEOPLE: **O Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ,
O Son of God, ____.**

1. (Sunday verse) who didst rise from the dead.
2. (Weekday verse) who art wondrous in Thy Saints.
3. (Feasts of the Theotokos) through the prayers of the Theotokos.
Save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

The appointed troparia and kontakia of the day are sung.
(see facing and following page for Sunday troparia and kontakia
in respective tone of the week).

SUNDAY TROPARIA

TONE 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

TONE 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee.

TONE 3

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad. For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted the world great mercy.

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

TONE 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee.

TONE 7

By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death. To the thief, Thou didst open paradise. For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

TONE 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One. Thou didst endure the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our Life and resurrection: glory to Thee.

SUNDAY KONTAKIA

TONE 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master. Eve rejoices for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of resurrection to all, O Christ.

TONE 2

Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy resurrection from the tomb. The dead arose. Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee. And the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

TONE 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices. With the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day.

TONE 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator; and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us.

TONE 6

When Christ God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life and the God of all.

TONE 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith. Enter, you faithful, into the resurrection.

TONE 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One.

At the conclusion of the entrance hymns the following Theotokion
is often sung.

**Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant
advocate before the Creator, O despise not the cry of
us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to
help us who call on thee in faith, hasten to hear our
petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,
for thou dost ever protect those who honor thee.**

THE TRISAGION

PRIEST: *(silently)* O Holy God, who retest in Thy Saints, who art hymned by the Seraphim with thrice-holy voice, and art glorified by the Cherubim, and worshiped by all the heavenly Powers, who from non-being hast brought all things into being, who hast created man after Thine image and likeness, and hast adorned him with Thine every gift, who givest to him that asketh wisdom and understanding, who despiseth not him that sinneth, but hast set forth repentance unto salvation, who hast vouchsafed us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, even in this hour to stand before the glory of Thy holy Altar, and to offer Thee due worship and glorification, Thyself, O Master, accept even from the mouths of us sinners the thrice-holy hymn, and visit us in Thy loving-kindness. Pardon us every offense, voluntary and involuntary, sanctify our souls and bodies, and grant us to serve Thee in holiness all the days of our life, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos, and of all the Saints, who from everlasting have been well-pleasing to Thee.

(aloud) For holy art Thou, O our God, 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Holy God. Holy Mighty. Holy Immortal.

Have mercy on us. (3 times)

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

Holy Immortal. Have mercy on us.

Holy God. Holy Mighty. Holy Immortal.

Have mercy on us.

THE EPISTLE READING

PRIEST: Let us attend. Peace be to all.

READER: And to Thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

READER: The Prokeimenon in the ___tone:

(See facing page for Sunday Prokeimenon in respective Tone of the week).

PRIEST: Wisdom.

READER: The reading from ____.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

READER: (reads the Epistle)

PRIEST: Peace be to Thee that readest.

READER: And to Thy spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The reader chants the appointed verses and the people respond:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

PRIEST: *(silently) Make shine in our hearts, O Master who lovest man, the incorruptible light of Thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind to the comprehension of the preaching of Thy Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Thy blessed commandments that, trampling down all carnal desires, we may pursue a spiritual way of life, both considering and doing all things well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thy Father, who is without beginning, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

(aloud) Wisdom. Attend. Let us hear the holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: **And to Thy spirit.**

PRIEST: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to ____.

PEOPLE: **Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.**

TONE 1

1. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.
2. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the just.

Alleluia Verses

1. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.
2. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with his Christ, with David and his seed forever.

TONE 2

1. The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.
2. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Alleluia Verses

1. The Lord answer you in the day of trouble. The name of the God of Jacob protect you.
2. Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call.

TONE 3

1. Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
2. Clap your hands, all peoples, Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Alleluia Verses

1. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame.
2. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me.

TONE 4

1. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
2. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great.

Alleluia Verses

1. Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.
2. You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

TONE 5

1. Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
2. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Alleluia Verses

1. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.
2. Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

TONE 6

1. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
2. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not deaf to me.

Alleluia Verses

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.
2. He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust.

TONE 7

1. The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.
2. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God. Offer young rams to the Lord.

Alleluia Verses

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High.
2. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth every night.

TONE 8

1. Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God.
2. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Alleluia Verses

1. Come let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior.
2. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.



PRIEST: Let us attend. (Reads the Gospel)

PEOPLE: **Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.**

THE LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

PRIEST: Let us all say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** (3 times)

PRIEST: Again we pray for our Most Blessed Metropolitan____ for our
Right Reverend Bishop____, and for all our brethren in Christ.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** (3 times)

(The Priest says The Prayer of Fervent Supplication silently)

O Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication from Thy servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Thy mercies, and send down Thy compassion upon us and upon all Thy people, who await from Thee a great and rich mercy.

PRIEST: Again we pray for the President of the United States, for all
civil authorities, and for the armed forces.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** (3 times)

PRIEST: Again we pray for our brethren, the priests, the hieromonks,
the hierodeacons, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** (3 times)

PRIEST: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable most holy
Orthodox Patriarchs, the founders of this holy church and for all
our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox gone to rest before us,
who lie here and everywhere.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** (3 times)

PRIEST: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation,
visitation, pardon and forgiveness of the sins of the servants of God,
and of our brethren of this holy temple.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** (3 times)

PRIEST: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and revered temple, for those who labor and those who sing, and for all the people present, who await of Thee great and rich mercy.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.** (3 times)

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God who lovest man, 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

At this time, the Litany for the Departed may be recited; if not, we proceed directly to the Litany for the Catechumens.

THE LITANY FOR THE CATECHUMENS

PRIEST: Pray ye unto the Lord, ye catechumens.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Ye faithful, pray for the catechumens.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: That the Lord may have mercy on them.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: That He may instruct them in the Word of truth.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: That He may reveal to them the Gospel of righteousness.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: That He may unite them unto His Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Save them, have mercy on them, help them, and keep them,
O God, by Thy grace.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Bow your heads unto the Lord, ye catechumens.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: *(silently)* O Lord, our God, who dwellest on high and lookest upon the humble, who has sent forth as the salvation of the race of men Thine only-begotten Son, and God, our Lord Jesus Christ, look upon Thy servants the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before Thee. Vouchsafe unto them in due time the laver of

regeneration, the forgiveness of sins, and the robe of incorruption. Unite them to Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and number them with Thine elect flock.
(aloud) That with us they also may glorify Thine all-honorable and magnificent Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: As many as are catechumens, depart. Catechumens depart.
As many as are catechumens, depart. Let no catechumen remain.
As many as are the faithful, again and again in peace, let us pray unto the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: *(silently) We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord of Powers, who hast vouchsafed unto us even now to stand before Thy holy Altar, and to fall down before Thy compassion for our sins and for the ignorance of the people. Accept, O God, our supplications, make us worthy to offer unto Thee supplications and prayers and bloodless sacrifices for all Thy people. And enable us whom thou hast placed in this Thy service, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, blamelessly and without faltering, with the witness of a clean conscience, to call upon Thee at all times and in every place; that hearing us, Thou mayest be gracious unto us in the multitude of Thy goodness.*

(aloud) Wisdom. For to Thee belong 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

Extra petitions are added if a deacon is serving.

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: *(silently) Again and oftentimes we fall down before Thee and pray Thee, O Good One who lovest man, that Thou, regarding our supplication, mayest cleanse our souls and bodies from all pollution of flesh and spirit and mayest grant us to stand guiltless and uncondemned before Thy holy altar. Grant also, O God, to those that pray with us progress in life and faith and spiritual understanding. Grant*

them always to adore Thee with fear and love, and to partake guiltless and uncondemned of Thy holy Mysteries and to be made worthy of Thy heavenly kingdom.

(aloud) Wisdom. That being kept always under Thy might we may send up glory unto Thee, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE CHERUBIC HYMN

**Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim,
and who sing the thrice-holy hymn
to the life creating Trinity,
now lay aside all earthly cares.**

THE GREAT ENTRANCE

The Priest commemorates the Metropolitan and the Bishop,
the civil authorities, the faithful, and concludes, saying:

You and all Orthodox Christians, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

The people quietly respond: The Lord God remember thy priesthood in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen. That we may receive the King of all, who comes invisibly upborne by the angelic host. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Placing the Gifts on the Altar the priest says the following

The noble Joseph, taking down Thine immaculate Body from the Tree, wrapped it in clean linen with spices, and mourning, placed it in a new tomb. In the grave bodily, but in Hell with the soul as God, in Paradise with the thief, and on the throne wast Thou, O Christ, with the Father and the Spirit, filling all things, Thyself uncircumscribed.

As life-bearing, as more beautiful than Paradise, and truly brighter than any kingly chamber is shown forth Thy grave, O Christ, the fountain of our resurrection.

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The noble Joseph...

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Do good, O Lord, in Thy goodwill unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built. Then Thou shalt be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, oblations, and burnt-offerings; then shall they lay bullocks upon Thine altar.

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

PRIEST: Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For the precious Gifts now offered, let us pray unto the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For this holy house, and for those who with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest says The Prayer of the Prosthesis silently

O Lord God Almighty, who alone art holy, who dost accept the sacrifice of praise from those that call upon Thee with their whole heart, accept also the prayer of us sinners, and bring it to Thy holy Altar, and enable us to offer unto Thee both gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the ignorance of the people, vouchsafe that we may find grace before Thee, that our sacrifice may be acceptable unto Thee, and that the good Spirit of Thy grace may abide in us and upon these Gifts set forth and upon all Thy people.

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Grant it, O Lord.**

PRIEST: An angel of peace, a faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

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PRIEST: Pardon and forgiveness of our sins and offenses, let us ask of the Lord.

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PEOPLE: **Grant it, O Lord.**

PRIEST: A Christian ending to our life, painless, unashamed, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Grant it, O Lord.**

PRIEST: Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, 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.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: Through the compassions of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: **And to Thy spirit.**

PRIEST: Let us love one another, that with one accord we may confess.

PEOPLE: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Trinity, One in essence and Undivided.**

PRIEST: The doors, the doors! In wisdom, let us attend.

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible,

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man,

And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried,

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
And He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father,
And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead;
whose Kingdom shall have no end,
And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds
from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
In one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE ANAPHORA

PRIEST: Let us stand aright. Let us stand with fear. Let us attend, that
we may offer the holy Oblation in peace.

PEOPLE: **A mercy of peace. A sacrifice of praise.**

PRIEST: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the
Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PEOPLE: **And with Thy spirit.**

PRIEST: Let us lift up our hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is meet and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit: the Trinity one in essence and undivided.**

PRIEST: *(silently) It is meet and right to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to praise Thee,
to give thanks unto Thee, and to worship Thee in every place of Thy dominion,
for Thou art God inexpressible, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever-
existing, eternally the same, Thou and Thine only-begotten Son and Thy Holy
Spirit. Thou didst bring us from non-existence into being, and when we had fallen
away, didst raise us up again, and didst not cease to do all things until Thou hadst
brought us up to heaven, and hadst bestowed upon us Thy kingdom which is to
come. For all these things we give thanks to Thee, and to Thine only-begotten Son,
and to Thy Holy Spirit, for all things of which we know and of which we know not,
for the benefits both revealed and unrevealed which have been done for us. And
we give thanks unto Thee for this service which Thou hast vouchsafed to accept
from our hands, even though there stand beside Thee thousands of Archangels and
ten thousands of Angels, Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, borne
aloft on their wings.*

(aloud) Singing the hymn of victory, shouting, crying and saying:

PEOPLE: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRIEST: *(silently) With these blessed Powers, we also, O Master, Lover of man, cry and say, Holy art Thou and all-holy, Thou and Thine only-begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit; Holy art Thou and all-holy, and magnificent is Thy glory who has so loved the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son that all that believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life, Who when He had come and had fulfilled all the dispensation for us, in the night in which He was given up, or rather gave Himself up, for the life of the world, took bread in His holy and immaculate and blameless hands, and when He had given thanks, and blessed it, and hallowed it, and broken it, He gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying:*

(aloud) Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, for the forgiveness of sins.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: *(silently) And likewise, the cup after supper, saying:*

(aloud) Drink ye all of this; this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: *(silently) Remembering this saving commandment and all those things which came to pass for us: the cross, the grave, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming again.*

(aloud) Thine own of Thine own we offer unto Thee on behalf of all and for all.

PEOPLE: **We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord. And we pray unto Thee, O our God.**

PRIEST: *(silently) Again we offer unto Thee this rational and bloodless worship, and call upon Thee and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee: send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts set forth.*

O Lord, who at the third hour didst send down Thine all-holy Spirit upon Thine Apostles, take not the same from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray unto Thee. (three times with the following verses)

vs. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me.

vs. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

He blesses the Holy Bread with sign of the Cross saying:

And make this bread the precious Body of Thy Christ. Amen.

He blesses the Holy Cup saying:

And that which is in this cup the precious Blood of Thy Christ. Amen.

He blesses the Holy Gifts saying:

Changing them by Thy Holy Spirit. Amen. Amen. Amen.

He makes a low bow before the altar and continues silently,

That to those who shall partake thereof they may be unto cleansing of soul, unto forgiveness of sins, unto communion of Thy Holy Spirit, unto fulfillment of the kingdom of heaven, unto boldness towards Thee, not unto judgment nor unto condemnation.

Again we offer unto Thee this rational worship for those who in faith have gone before to their rest, Forefathers, Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Preachers, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Ascetics, and for every righteous spirit in faith made perfect.

(aloud) Especially our all-holy immaculate, most blessed, glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

(Replaced by other Hymns during Lenten Sundays and certain Feast Days).

PEOPLE: It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify thee.

PRIEST: *(silently) For the holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, the holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles; Saint____, whose memory we celebrate today, and all Thy Saints, through whose supplications do Thou look down upon us, O God. And remember all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal, (he remembers by name whom he will of those who have fallen asleep); and give them rest where the light of Thy face watches over them. Again we call upon Thee, remember O Lord, the whole episcopate of the Orthodox rightly dividing the word of Thy truth, all the presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and every priestly order. Again we offer unto Thee this rational worship for the whole world, for the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, for those who continue in purity and in a sober way of life, for all civil authorities and the armed forces. Grant them, O Lord, peaceful times, that we also in their tranquility, may lead a calm and quiet life in all piety and sobriety.*

(aloud) Among the first, remember, O Lord, our Most Blessed ____, Archbishop / Metropolitan of ____, our Right Reverend ____, Bishop of ____, whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy churches in peace, safety, honor, health, and length of days, rightly dividing the word of truth.

PEOPLE: **And all mankind.**

PRIEST: *(silently) Remember, O Lord, the city in which we dwell, and every city and country; and those who in faith dwell therein. Remember, O Lord, those who travel by land, by sea, and by air, the sick, the suffering, captives, and their salvation. Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit and do good works in Thy holy churches and who remember the needy, and upon us all send forth Thy mercies.*
(And he remembers by name whom he will of the living).

(aloud) And grant us with one mouth and one heart to glorify and hymn Thine all-honorable and magnificent name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: And the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

PEOPLE: **And with Thy spirit.**

THE LITANY BEFORE THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST: Having remembered all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For the precious Gifts set forth and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: That our God, the Lover of man, accepting them upon His holy, most heavenly, and ideal altar for an odor of spiritual sweetness, might send down upon us in return the divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest prays silently:

Unto Thee we commend all our life and hope, O Master, Lover of man, and we ask Thee and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee, vouchsafe unto us to partake of Thy heavenly and dread Mysteries of this sacred and spiritual table with a clean conscience unto forgiveness of sins, unto pardon of offenses, unto communion

of the Holy Spirit, unto inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, unto boldness towards Thee, and not unto judgment nor unto condemnation.

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

PEOPLE: **Grant it, O Lord.**

PRIEST: An angel of peace, a faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

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PRIEST: Pardon and forgiveness of our sins and offenses, let us ask of the Lord.

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PRIEST: All things good and useful for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Grant it, O Lord.**

PRIEST: That we may end the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Grant it, O Lord.**

PRIEST: A Christian ending to our life, painless, unashamed, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Grant it, O Lord.**

PRIEST: Having asked for the unity of the faith and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: And vouchsafe, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call on Thee, the heavenly God and Father, and to say:

THE LORDS PRAYER

**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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: **And to Thy spirit.**

PRIEST: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: *(silently) We give thanks unto Thee, O King invisible, who by Thy measureless power hast fashioned all things, and in the multitude of Thy mercies hast brought all things from non-existence into being, do Thou Thyself, O Master, look down from heaven upon those who have bowed their heads unto Thee, for they have not bowed down unto flesh and blood but unto Thee, the fearsome God. Therefore, O Master, do Thou Thyself distribute these things here set forth unto us all for good, according to the individual need of each. Travel with those that journey by land, by sea, and by air. Heal the sick, O Thou Physician of our souls and bodies.*

(aloud) Through the grace and compassion and love of man of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: *(silently) Attend, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Thy holy dwelling place and from the glorious throne of Thy kingdom, and come to sanctify us, O Thou who sittest with the Father above, and that art invisibly present here with us. And vouchsafe by Thy strong right hand to impart to us Thine immaculate body and precious blood, and through us, to all Thy people.
O God, cleanse Thou me, a sinner, and have mercy on me. (3 times)*

(aloud) Let us attend. Holy Things are for the holy.

PEOPLE: **One is holy. One is the Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

PEOPLE: (Sunday Communion Hymn) **Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

(During this time, the clergy receive Communion in the sanctuary; the choir and reader sing preparatory prayers and hymns.)

PRIEST: With fear of God, with faith and love, draw near.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.**

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is truly Thine own most pure body, and this is truly Thine own precious blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word or deed, committed in knowledge or ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

May the communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body. Amen.

The priest comes forward and communicates those Orthodox Christians who are prepared to receive the Mystery, saying to each person:

The Precious and Holy Body and Blood, of our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is given to the servant(handmaid) of God _____, for the remission of their sins and unto life everlasting.

During the communion of the people, the following hymn is sung:

**Receive the Body of Christ;
taste the fountain of immortality.**

(The final verse concludes with:)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Priest quietly prays,

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Thy Cross O Christ, and we praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection for Thou art our God and we know no other than Thee, we call on Thy name. Come all ye faithful, let us venerate Christ's holy Resurrection. For behold through the Cross joy hath come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising his Resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He hath destroyed death by death.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord hath shone on Thee, Exalt now and be glad O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son.

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha! O Wisdom, Word, and Power of God. Grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee, in the never ending day of Thy kingdom.

Wash away, O Lord, the sins of all those remembered here, by Thy precious Blood, through the prayers of all Thy Saints.

(aloud) O God, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

PEOPLE: We have seen the true Light. We have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true Faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, who has saved us.

PRIEST: *(silently) Blessed is our God.*

(aloud) Always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Thy glory, for Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life-creating Mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness, that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRIEST: Attend. Having partaken of the divine, holy, immaculate, immortal, heavenly, and dread Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Having asked that the whole day be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

PEOPLE: **To Thee, O Lord.**

PRIEST: *(silently) We give thanks to Thee, O man-loving Master, Benefactor of our souls, for that Thou hast vouchsafed unto us this day Thy heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Make our way straight. Establish us all in Thy fear. Guard our life. Make firm our steps, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and of all Thy Saints.*

(aloud) For Thou art our sanctification 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.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Let us depart in peace.

PEOPLE: **In the name of the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE AMBO

PRIEST: Blessing those that bless Thee, O Lord, and sanctifying those that trust in Thee, save Thy people and bless thine inheritance, preserve the fullness of Thy Church, sanctify those that love the beauty of Thy house. Glorify them in return by Thy divine power, and forsake us not that hope in Thee. Give peace to Thy world, to Thy churches, to the priests, to all civil authorities, and to all Thy people. For every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights, and unto Thee do we send up glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PEOPLE: **Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore.**
(3 times)

Ps. 33 (LXX)

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.

This 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, blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want.

The rich have become poor and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

PRIEST: The blessing of the Lord and His mercy be upon you, through His grace and love of man always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

PEOPLE: 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. (3 times)

Father, bless.

(The priest says the appointed dismissal)

PEOPLE: Amen.

SELECT HYMNS OF
GREAT VESPERS



Select Hymns of Great Vespers

(as served apart from Vigil)

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

READER: Amen. Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee . . .
O Heavenly King . . . Trisagion . . . O Most Holy Trinity . . .
Our Father . . . Lord have mercy (12 times).
Come let us worship . . .

Psalm 103—LXX

(sung in various arrangements)

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great;
thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out
the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the
clouds his chariot:

who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed
for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood
above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the
place which thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not
again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their
thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which
sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with
the fruit of thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God
while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be
no more.

Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD. (KJV)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (3 times)

GREAT LITANY

(see *Divine Liturgy*, p. 1)

“Blessed is the Man”

(select verses from Psalms 1–3 in various arrangements)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked

Refrain: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the
wicked will perish.

Refrain

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling!

Refrain

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Refrain

Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God!

Refrain

Salvation belong to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people!

Refrain

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

Refrain

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (3 times)

LITTLE LITANY

“Lord, I call upon Thee”

Psalm 140—LXX

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord. Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me. Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee. Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord!

(the following psalm verses are inserted between assigned troparia)

(10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!

The righteous await me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

(8) Out of the depth I cry to Thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

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

For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy work, my soul has hoped on the Lord.

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

For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

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

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Entrance

“O Gladsome Light”

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father: heavenly holy, blessed Jesus Christ!

Having come to the setting of the sun, and beheld the light of evening, we praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: God!

At all times Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, of praise in songs as Son of God, Giver of Life. Therefore the world glorifies Thee.

THE EVENING PROKEIMENON:

Saturday Evening (Tone 6)

The Lord is king! He is robed in majesty.

vs. The Lord hath clothed Himself with power and hath girded Himself!

vs. For He has established the world, which shall not be moved!

vs. Holiness belongeth to Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days!

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

“Vouchsafe, O Lord”

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

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even 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. O 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.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

(On the eve of certain Feast Days, a “Litya” may be inserted at this point)

Aposticha

Appointed Troparia of the day and / or Feast.

Prayer of St. Simeon

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Trisagion... Our Father...

DISMISSAL TROPARIA

Of the Day and/or Feast and/or Saint.

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