

Matins of Great and Holy Monday

(Reader's service - for use when there is no priest)

Reader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things, 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. **(x3)**

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

O Most-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; O Lord, blot out our sins; O Master, pardon our iniquities; O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. **(x3)**

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

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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

Lord, have mercy. **(x12)**

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

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. **(x3)**

O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.
(x2)

The Six Psalms

Psalm 3

Reader: O Lord, why are they multiplied that afflict me? Many rise up against me. Many say unto my soul: There is no salvation for him in his God.

But Thou, O Lord, art my helper, my glory, and the lifter up of my head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain. I laid me down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves against me round about. Arise, O Lord, save me, O my God, for Thou hast smitten all who without cause are mine enemies; the teeth of sinners hast Thou broken. Salvation is of the Lord, and Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

I laid me down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

Psalm 37

Reader: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath. For Thine arrows are fastened in me, and Thou hast laid Thy hand heavily upon me. There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Thy wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins. For mine iniquities are risen higher than my head; as a heavy burden have they pressed heavily upon me.

My bruises are become noisome and corrupt in the face of my folly. I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; all the day long I went with downcast face. For my loins are filled with mockings, and there is no healing in my flesh. I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly, I have roared from the groaning of my heart.

O Lord, before Thee is all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee. My heart is troubled, my strength hath failed me; and the light of mine eyes, even this is not with me. My friends and my neighbors drew nigh over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off. And they that sought after my soul used violence; and they that sought evils for me spake vain things, and craftinesses all the day long did they meditate.

But as for me, like a deaf man I heard them not, and was as a speechless man that openeth not his mouth. And I became as a man that heareth not, and that hath in his mouth no reproofs. For in Thee have I hoped, O Lord; Thou wilt hearken unto me, O Lord my God.

For I said: Let never mine enemies rejoice over me; yea, when my feet were shaken, those men spake boastful words against me. For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity, and I will take heed concerning my sin.

But mine enemies live and are made stronger than I, and they that hated me unjustly are multiplied. They that render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness. Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me. Be attentive unto my help, O Lord of my salvation.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me. Be attentive unto my help, O Lord of my salvation.

Psalm 62

Reader: O God, my God, unto Thee I rise early at dawn. My soul hath thirsted for Thee; how often hath my flesh longed after Thee in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered. So in the sanctuary have I appeared before Thee to see Thy power and Thy glory.

For Thy mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise Thee. So shall I bless Thee in my life, and in Thy name will I lift up my hands. As with marrow and fatness let my soul be filled, and with lips of rejoicing shall my mouth praise Thee.

If I remembered Thee on my bed, at the dawn I meditated on Thee. For Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hath cleaved after Thee, Thy right hand hath been quick to help me.

But as for these, in vain have they sought after my soul; they shall go into the nethermost parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered unto the edge of the sword; portions for foxes shall they be. But the king shall be glad in God, everyone shall be praised that sweareth by Him; for the mouth of them is stopped that speak unjust things.

At the dawn I meditated on Thee. For Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hath cleaved after Thee, Thy right hand hath been quick to help me.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (*x3*)

Lord, have mercy. (*x3*)

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

Psalm 87

Reader: O Lord God of my salvation, by day have I cried and by night before Thee.
Let my prayer come before Thee, bow down Thine ear unto my supplication.
For filled with evils is my soul, and my life unto hades hath drawn nigh.

I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am become as a man
without help, free among the dead. Like the bodies of the slain that sleep in
the grave, whom Thou rememberest no more, and they are cut off from Thy
hand.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and in the shadow of death.
Against me is Thine anger made strong, and all Thy billows hast Thou
brought upon me. Thou hast removed my friends afar from me; they have
made me an abomination unto themselves. I have been delivered up, and
have not come forth; mine eyes are grown weak from poverty.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my
hands unto Thee. Nay, for the dead wilt Thou work wonders? Or shall
physicians raise them up that they may give thanks unto Thee? Nay, shall
any in the grave tell of Thy mercy, and of Thy truth in that destruction?
Nay, shall Thy wonders be known in that darkness, and Thy righteousness
in that land that is forgotten?

But as for me, unto Thee, O Lord, have I cried; and in the morning shall my
prayer come before Thee. Wherefore, O Lord, dost Thou cast off my soul and
turnest Thy face away from me? A poor man am I, and in troubles from my
youth; yea, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress.

Thy furies have passed upon me, and Thy terrors have sorely troubled me.
They came round about me like water, all the day long they compassed me
about together. Thou hast removed afar from me friend and neighbor, and
mine acquaintances because of my misery.

O Lord God of my salvation, by day have I cried and by night before Thee.
Let my prayer come before Thee, bow down Thine ear unto my supplication.

Psalm 102

Reader: 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 that He hath done for thee, Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thine infirmities, Who redeemeth thy life from corruption, Who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion, Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the eagle's.

The Lord performeth deeds of mercy, and executeth judgment for all them that are wronged. He hath made His ways known unto Moses, unto the sons of Israel the things that He hath willed. Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy; not unto the end will He be angered, neither unto eternity will He be wroth. Not according to our iniquities hath He dealt with us, neither according to our sins hath He rewarded us.

For according to the height of heaven from the earth, the Lord hath made His mercy to prevail over them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our iniquities from us. Like as a father hath compassion upon his sons, so hath the Lord had compassion upon them that fear Him; for He knoweth whereof we are made, He hath remembered that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth. For when the wind is passed over it, then it shall be gone, and no longer will it know the place thereof.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even unto eternity, upon them that fear Him. And His righteousness is upon sons of sons, upon them that keep His testament and remember His commandments to do them. The Lord in heaven hath prepared His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, all ye His angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words. Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts, His ministers that do His will. Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

In every place of His dominion, bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 142

Reader: O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth. He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled.

I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands. I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after thee like a waterless land.

Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me. In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies. And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

Reader: Hearken unto me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, and enter not into judgment with Thy servant. **(x2)**

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. **(x3)**

Lord. have mercy. **(x12)**

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

Alleluia

Reader: Alleluia, in the 8th Tone: Out of the night my soul rises early to Thee, O God, for Thy commandments are light upon the earth.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Learn righteousness, ye that dwell upon the earth.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Jealously shall grasp an untaught people.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Bring more evils upon them, O Lord; bring more evils upon those who are glorious upon the earth.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Behold the Bridegroom

People: (*Tone 8*) Behold, the Bridegroom comes at midnight, and blessed is the servant whom He shall find watching; and again, unworthy is the servant whom He shall find heedless. Beware, therefore, O my soul, do not be weighed down with sleep, lest you be given up to death, and lest you be shut out of the Kingdom! But rouse yourself, crying: "Holy, holy, holy, art Thou, O our God!" Through the Theotokos have mercy on us!

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

(Repeat 'Behold the Bridegroom...')

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

(Repeat 'Behold the Bridegroom...')

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (*x3*)

Kathisma Hymns

First Kathisma Hymn

People: *(Tone 1)* Today Christ's holy Passion draws upon the world as a saving light. For He comes of His goodness to suffer. He Who holds all things in His hand consents to be hung upon the Wood in order to save mankind.

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

Second Kathisma Hymn

People: *(Tone 1)* O invisible Judge, how hast Thou been seen in the flesh? How hast Thou been slain by lawless men, condemning our condemnation by Thy sufferings? Therefore, with one voice, O Word, we ascribe glory, dominion, and praise to Thy power.

Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Third Kathisma Hymn

People: *(Tone 8)* Today shines as the first-fruits of the passion of the Lord. Come, then, all who love the feast and join together in hymns. For the Creator comes to accept the Cross, the afflictions, the beatings, and the judgment by Pilate. A servant strikes Him on the head, but He endures all things that He may save mankind. Therefore, let us cry out to Him: "Grant remission of sins to those who venerate Thy holy Passion in faith, O Christ, our God, Who lovest mankind!"

The Gospel Reading

Reader: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Reader: *[Read Matthew 21:18-43. Tonsured readers or subdeacons may chant the Gospel; others should read using a normal speaking voice.]*

At that time, as Jesus returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Psalm 50

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness.

O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Reader: Lord. have mercy. (*x12*)

The Canon

Ode 1

People: (*Irmos, Tone 2*) Let us sing unto the Lord. By His divine command, He dried up the raging and impassable sea, and led the people of Israel through on foot, for gloriously has He been glorified.

Reader: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Oh, the inexpressible condescension of the Word of God! For Christ, Who is both God and man, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself and appeared to His disciples in the form of a servant. Gloriously has He been glorified

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

“With the wealth of My divine nature, I came in order to minister to Adam in his poverty. I fashioned his body and now willingly I put it on. Though in My divine nature I am not subject to passion, I lay down my life to ransom his.”

Lord. have mercy. (*x3*)

Kontakion

People: (*Tone 8*) Jacob lamented the loss of Joseph but his noble son was seated on a chariot and honored as a king. For when he refused to be enslaved by the pleasures of the Egyptian woman he was glorified by the Lord, Who beholds the hearts of men and bestows upon them an incorruptible crown.

Ikos

Reader: (*Tone 8*) Today let us now add our lamentation to the lamentation of Jacob, and let us now weep with him for Joseph, his wise and glorious son who was enslaved in body but kept his soul free from bondage, and became lord over all Egypt. For God grants unto His servants an incorruptible crown.

Ode 8

People: (*Irmos, Tone 2*) The relentless fire was fed by fuel in endless supply, yet it shrank before the flesh of the Holy Youths, as pure as their souls, and when the never-ending flame was quenched, the singing of an everlasting hymn began: “Praise the Lord, all works of the Lord, and exalt Him throughout all ages!”

Reader: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

“By this will all men know that ye are my disciples,” said the Savior to His friends as He went to His Passion, “if ye will keep my commandments. Be at peace among yourselves, and ye will be exalted! And, knowing that I am the Lord, ye will sing and exalt Me throughout all ages.”

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord. Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

“Let your order be contrary to that of the Gentiles, who hold power over their fellow-men, for such is not My portion, but rather self-appointed tyranny! He then who would be great among you, must be the servant of all, and knowing that I am the Lord, he will sing and exalt Me throughout all ages.”

We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.

Ode 9

People: (*Irmos, Tone 2*) Thou hast magnified the Theotokos who bore Thee, O Christ. From her Thou didst on a body like our own, O our Creator, which releases us from our errors. Blessing her, we in all generations magnify Thee.

Reader: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Thou didst warn Thy Apostles, O Wisdom of All: “Flee from all impure passion! Seek instead wisdom worthy of the Kingdom of God! Thus, ye will be glorified and shine more brightly than the sun.”

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

The Lord said to His Disciples: “As ye look at Me, do not be haughty, but be joined to the lowly! The cup which I drink, drink also, that ye may be glorified with Me in my Father’s Kingdom!”

Exapostilarion

People: *(Tone 8)* Thy bridal chamber I see adorned, O my Savior, and I have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light, enlighten the vesture of my soul, and save me!

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

(Repeat 'Thy bridal chamber...')

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

(Repeat 'Thy bridal chamber...')

The Praises

Reader: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. To Thee is due praise, O God. Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts. To Thee is due praise, O God. Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him all ye stars and light. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created. He established them forever, yea, for ever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye abysses. Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word. The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars. The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds. Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all the judges of the earth. Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people. This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him. Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints. Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him. For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation. The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands. To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples. To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron.

Reader: To do among them the judgment that is written, this glory shall be to all His saints.

Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

People: *(Tone 1)* As the Lord was going to His voluntary Passion, He said to the Apostles on the way: "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man shall be delivered up, as it is written of Him." Come, therefore, let us also go with Him, purified in mind! Let us be crucified with Him and die through Him to the pleasures of this life! Then we shall live with Him and hear Him say: "I go no more to the earthly Jerusalem to suffer, but to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God. I shall raise you up to the Jerusalem on high in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Reader: Praise him with the sound of the trumpet. Praise him with the psaltery and harp.

People: *(Repeat 'As the Lord was going to His voluntary Passion...')*

Reader: Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and flute.

People: *(Tone 5)* We have reached the saving Passion of Christ our God. Let us, the faithful, glorify His ineffable forbearance, that in His compassion He may raise us up who were dead in sin, for He is good and loves mankind!

Reader: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.

People: *(Repeat 'We have reached the saving Passion...')*

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

People: *(Tone 5)* Going to Thy Passion, O Lord, Thou didst take Thy Disciples aside and reassure them: "How have you forgotten the words that I once spoke? Is it not written: 'A prophet cannot be killed but in Jerusalem?' Now is the time of which I told you. Behold, I am betrayed into the hands of sinners to be mocked! They will nail Me to the Cross and deliver Me up to burial, regarding Me as a dead man, a thing of loathing. Yet take courage, for I will arise on the third day, giving to the faithful joy and life everlasting!"

The Lesser Doxology

Reader: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever, yea, forever and ever.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge in generation and generation. I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. O Lord, unto Thee have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.. Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes.

O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the works of Thy hands. To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Lord. have mercy. (*x12*)

Aposticha

People: *(Tone 5)* The mother of Zebedee's children, O Lord, could not understand the ineffable mystery of Thy dispensation. She asked the honor of a temporal kingdom for her sons; but instead, Thou didst promise Thy friends that they should drink the cup of death, a cup that Thou wouldst drink before them for the cleansing of sins. Therefore we cry out to Thee: "O Salvation of our souls, glory to Thee!"

Reader: We were filled in the morning with Thy mercy, O Lord and we rejoiced and were glad. In all our days, let us be glad for the days wherein Thou didst humble us, for the years wherein we saw evils. And look upon Thy servants, and upon Thy works, and do Thou guide their sons.

People: *(Tone 5)* Thou didst teach Thy Disciples, O Lord, to desire what is perfect, saying: "Be not like the Gentiles, who oppress the weak! It shall not be so with you, O my disciples. For of My own will I am poor. Let the first among you, therefore, be the servant of all! Let the ruler be like those who are ruled! Let him who is first be like the last! For I have come to serve Adam in his poverty, and to give My life as a ransom for the many who cry to Me: 'O Lord, glory to Thee!'"

Reader: And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and the works of our hand do Thou guide aright upon us, yea, the work of our hands do Thou guide aright.

People: *(Tone 8)* The fig tree was withered up because it was unfruitful. We should fear the same punishment, O brethren, and bring worthy fruits of repentance to Christ, Who brings to us great mercy.

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

People: *(Tone 8)* The serpent found a second Eve in the Egyptian woman, and plotted the fall of Joseph through words of flattery. But, leaving behind his garment, Joseph fled from sin. He was naked but unashamed, like Adam before the fall. Through his prayers, O Christ, have mercy on us!

Reader: It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High, to proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.
(twice)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(x3)*

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord. have mercy. *(x3)*

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

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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

Standing in the temple of thy glory, we seem to stand in heaven; O Theotokos, gate of heaven, open the door of thy mercy.

Lord. have mercy. *(x3)*

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

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

O Heavenly King, strengthen Orthodox Christians, establish the Faith, subdue the nations, give peace to the world, keep well this habitation; settle our departed fathers and brethren in the tabernacles of the righteous, and receive us in penitence and confession, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

Prayer of St. Ephraim

All: O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (***prostration***)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. (***prostration***)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother. For blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.
(***prostration***)

O God, cleanse Thou me a sinner. (***x12, with bow after each***)

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgression, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen. (***prostration***)

Dismissal

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. (***x3***)

O Lord, bless!

Reader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, through the prayers of Thy most pure mother; by the power of the honorable and life-giving Cross; and by the holy bodiless powers of heaven; of our Holy, Venerable and Godbearing Fathers; and of all Thy saints, have mercy on us.

People: Amen.