

# Matins of Great and Holy Tuesday

(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 4)* Let us love the Bridegroom, O brothers! Let us keep our lamps aflame with virtues and true faith, so that we, like the wise virgins of the Lord, may be ready to enter with Him into the marriage feast! For the Bridegroom, as God, grants unto all an incorruptible crown.

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

## ***Second Kathisma Hymn***

**People:** *(Tone 4)* In envy, the priests and scribes cunningly gathered a council against Thee, O Savior, moving Judas to betrayal. He shamelessly went forth and spoke against Thee, saying to a transgressing people: "What will ye give me if I deliver Him into your hands?" From his condemnation save our souls, O Lord!

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

## ***Third Kathisma Hymn***

**People:** *(Tone 8)* Judas loves money with his mind; the impious one moves against the Master, He wills and plans the betrayal. Receiving darkness, he falls from the light. He agrees to the price and sells the Priceless One. As payment for his deeds the wretch gains hanging and a terrible death. From his lot deliver us, O Christ God, granting remission of sins to those who celebrate Thine immaculate Passion with love!

## ***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 22:15 - 23:39. Tonsured readers or subdeacons may chant the Gospel; others should read using a normal speaking voice.]*



**Reader:** At that time, all the Pharisees took counsel against Jesus, on how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**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*

### *Kontakion*

**People:** (*Tone 2*) You know that this is the last hour, O wretched soul, and fear the cutting of the fig tree. Work diligently, therefore, with the talent given to you. Keep watch and pray: "Let us not remain outside the bridal chamber of Christ!"

## ***Ikos***

**Reader:** (***Tone 2***) Why art thou idle, my wretched soul? What useless cares cause thee to be lost in dreams? Why busy thyself with things that pass away? The last hour is at hand, and we shall be parted from all earthly things. Therefore, while there is time, rouse thyself and cry: "I have sinned before Thee, O my Savior! Do not cut me off like the barren fig tree! In Thy compassion, O Christ, take pity on me who call out in fear: 'Let us not remain outside the bridal chamber of Christ!'"

## ***Ode 8***

**People:** (***Irmos, Tone 2***) The three Holy Youths would not obey the decree of the Tyrant. When cast into the furnace they sang: "Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"

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

Let us cast aside all idleness, and with shining lamps and hymns meet Christ, the Immortal Bridegroom, singing: "Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

May we together have enough oil in the vessels of our souls, so that, not wasting the time of rewards in buying more, we may sing: "Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"

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

May all who have received a talent from God, now, with the help of Christ, increase according to the grace given by Him and sing: "Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"

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

## ***Ode 9***

**People:** (***Irmos, Tone 2***) In your womb you contained God Who cannot be contained. You conceived the joy of the world. We praise you, O most holy Virgin.

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

The Good One said to His Disciples: "Watch, for ye know not the hour in which the Lord will come to repay each man!"

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

At Thy dread second coming, O Master, number me with the sheep at Thy right hand, overlooking my many transgressions!

## ***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.

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)* How shall I, the unworthy one, appear in the splendor of Thy saints? For if I dare enter Thy bridal chamber with them, my garments will betray me: they are unfit for a wedding. The Angels will cast me out in chains. Cleanse the filth of my soul, O Lord, and save me in Thy love for mankind!

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

**People:** *(Repeat 'How shall I, the unworthy one...')*

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

**People:** *(Tone 2)* O Christ the Bridegroom, my soul has slumbered in laziness. I have no lamp aflame with virtues. Like the foolish virgins, I wander aimlessly when it is time for work. But do not close Thy compassionate heart to me, O Master! Rouse me; shake off my heavy sleep! Lead me with the wise virgins into the bridal chamber, that I may hear the pure voice of those that feast and cry unceasingly: O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

**People:** *(Repeat 'O Christ the Bridegroom...')*

**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 4*) Thou hast heard the condemnation, O soul, of the man who hid his talent. But do not hide the Word of God! Proclaim His wonders, that, increasing the gift of grace, thou mayest enter into the joy of thy Lord!

## *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 6)* Come, O faithful, let us work zealously for the Master, for He distributes wealth to His servants! Let each of us, according to his ability, increase his talent of grace: let one be adorned in wisdom through good works; let another celebrate a service in splendor! The one distributes his wealth to the poor; the other communicates the Word to those untaught. Thus we shall increase what has been entrusted to us, and, as faithful stewards of grace, we shall be accounted worthy of the Master's joy. Make us worthy of this, O Christ our God, in Thy love for mankind!

**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 6)* When Thou shalt come in glory, O Jesus, with the Angelic Hosts, and shalt sit upon the throne for judgment, do not drive me away, O Good Shepherd! For Thou knowest the paths on Thy right hand, but those on Thy left hand lead astray! Do not destroy me with the goats, though I am coarse with sin, but number me with the sheep on Thy right hand, and save me in Thy love for mankind!

**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 6)* Thou art more beautiful than all men, O Bridegroom! Thou hast invited us to the spiritual banquet of Thy bridal chamber. Strip me of the ugly garment of my sins, as I participate in Thy Passion! Adorn me in the glorious robe of Thy beauty that proclaims me a guest in Thy Kingdom, O merciful Lord!

**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)* Behold, the Master has entrusted thee with the talent, O my soul! Receive the gift with fear! Repay the One who gave by giving to the poor, and gain the Lord as thy friend, so that when He comes in glory, Thou mayest stand at His right hand and hear His blessed voice: "Enter, my servant, into the joy of thy Lord!" Though I have gone astray, make me worthy of this, O Savior, through Thy great mercy!

**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.