

# The Service of the Typika

For use on Sunday, December 20, 2020

Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ

**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, now and ever, and unto 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, now and ever, and unto 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, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O come let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

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

## ***The First Antiphon [Psalm 102 (103)]***

**People:** 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!  
The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul! Blessed art Thou, O Lord!

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

## ***The Second Antiphon [Psalm 145 (146)]***

**People:** 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.  
The Lord will reign forever; Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

## ***Only-Begotten Son***

**People:** Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
Only-begotten Son and Immortal Word of God.  
Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate  
of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary;  
Who without change didst become man and was crucified.  
O Christ our God, trampling down death by death;  
who art one of the Holy Trinity,  
Glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit:  
Save us!

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

## *The Beatitudes*

**People:** 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 peace makers, 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!

## *Troparia*

### *Tone 4 (Forefeast)*

**People:** Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn thyself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

### *Tone 2 (Holy Fathers)*

**People:** Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

## *The Trisagion Hymn*

**People:** Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (**x3**)  
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 Prokeimenon***

**Reader:** The prokeimenon in the fourth tone, a Song of the Fathers:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

**People:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

**Reader:** For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

**People:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

**Reader:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers,

**People:** And praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

## ***The Epistle***

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

***[Read Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40]***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us.

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** For Thou hast saved us from them that oppose us, and hast put to shame them that hate us.

**People:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## ***The Gospel***

**Reader:** The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

**Reader:** ***[Read Matthew 1:1-25]***

***[NOTE: Ordained clergy and tonsured readers and subdeacons may chant the Gospel; others should read using a normal speaking voice.]***

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

## *Prayer to the Lord of Hosts*

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

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. **(Bow)**

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. **(Bow)**

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. **(Bow)**

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Come unto Him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

The choir of holy Angels and Archangels, with all the Powers of heaven, sing Thy praises and do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

## *The Creed*

**People:** 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 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 worshipped 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.

## ***Prayer of Forgiveness***

**Reader:** O God, remit, pardon and forgive our sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether by words or deeds, whether in knowledge or ignorance, whether by day or night, whether in mind or thought; forgive us all these, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

**People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

## ***Kontakia***

### ***Tone 1 (Holy Fathers)***

**People:** Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare thyself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

### ***Tone 3 (Forefeast)***

**People:** Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word. Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! Glorify with the angels and the shepherds the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

## ***One is Holy / Blessed be the Name of the Lord***

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

All-holy Trinity, Mighty one in essence, Kingdom undivided, origin of all good things, be graciously inclined also to me, a sinner. Establish me; give understanding to my heart, and purge away all my vileness. Enlighten my mind, that I may glorify, sing praises, and adore Thee, and say:

**People:** One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. *(x3)*

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

## *Psalm 33*

**Reader:** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my  
**(Or, if** mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make her boast; let the meek hear and be  
**sung,** glad. Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought  
**People)** the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my afflictions. They  
drew near to Him and were enlightened, and your faces shall not be  
ashamed. This poor one cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from  
all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them  
that fear Him, and shall deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the man who hopeth in Him. Fear the Lord, all ye His saints, for  
there is no lack for them that fear Him. The rich have become poor and  
hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

## *Hymn to the Theotokos*

**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.

## *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 Christ, bless!

**Reader:** O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most  
pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and all the saints, have  
mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

**People:** Amen.