

# The Service of the Typika

For use on Friday, December 25, 2020

The Nativity According to the Flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus 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.

## ***First Festal Antiphon***

**People:** I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Thy wonders known.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

They are sought out according to His will.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

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

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

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

## ***Second Festal Antiphon***

**People:** Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

His descendants will be mighty in the land, the generation of the upright will be blessed.

O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory and wealth are in His house and His righteousness endures forever.

O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

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

**People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
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*)

## ***Third Festal Antiphon and Troparion***

**Reader:** The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand.”

### ***Tone 4 (Nativity of Christ)***

**People:** Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom!  
For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore  
Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high.  
O Lord, glory to Thee!

**Reader:** “Until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool!”

**People:** Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom!  
For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore  
Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high.  
O Lord, glory to Thee!

**Reader:** The Lord will send Thee the scepter of power from Zion: “Rule in the midst of  
Thine enemies!”

**People:** Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom!  
For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore  
Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high.  
O Lord, glory to Thee!

**Reader:** With Thee is dominion on the day of Thy power, in the radiance of holiness.

**People:** Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

**Reader:** Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. The Lord has sworn, and will not change His mind: "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

**People:** Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

### ***As Many As Have Been Baptized***

**People:** As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia! (*x3*)  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!

### ***The Prokeimenon***

**Reader:** The prokeimenon in the eighth tone:

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

**People:** Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

**Reader:** Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!

**People:** Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

**Reader:** Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee;

**People:** Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

## ***The Epistle***

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

***[Read Galatians 4:4-7]***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Reader:** The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

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

**Reader:** Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

**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 2:1-12]***

***[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.

## ***Kontakion***

***Tone 3 (Nativity of Christ)***

**People:** Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; The wise men journey with the star, since for our sake the eternal God was born 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 mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make her boast; let the meek hear and be glad. Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought 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:** O my soul, magnify her, who is more honorable and who is more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

A mystery I behold which is strange and wondrous. The cave is heaven, and the Virgin is the throne of the cherubim; in the confines of the manger is laid the infinite Christ our God, Whom we praise and magnify.

## *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, Whose Nativity according to the flesh we commemorate this day, 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.