

VESPERS

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers,
O 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 dwell in us,
and cleanse us of all impurity, and save
our souls, O Good One.

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

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. (Thrice)

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.

For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. Three Times

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 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.

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my
God, Thou hast been magnified
exceedingly. Confession and majesty
hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself
with light as with a garment, Who
stretchest out the heaven as it were a
curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in
the waters, Who appointeth the clouds
for His ascent, Who walketh upon the
wings of the winds, Who maketh His
angels spirits, and His ministers a flame
of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the
sureness thereof; it shall not be turned
back for ever and ever. The abyss like a
garment is His mantle; upon the
mountains shall the waters stand. At Thy
rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy
thunder shall they be afraid. The
mountains rise up and the plains sink
down, unto the place where Thou hast
established them. Thou appointedst a
bound that they shall not pass, neither
return to cover the earth. He sendeth
forth springs in the valleys; between the
mountains will the waters run. They shall
give drink to all the beasts of the field;
the wild asses will wait to quench their
thirst. Beside them will the birds of the
heaven lodge, from the midst of the
rocks will they give voice. He watereth
the mountains from His chambers; the
earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of

Thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man. To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart. The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted. There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them. The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares. He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad. Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled. Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return. Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works. Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who

toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being. May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord. O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down, Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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. Thrice.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who for the sake of Your eternal mercy and lovingkindness became man, and suffered crucifixion and death for the salvation of all; Who rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, and sit on the right hand of the Father, where You hear the prayers of all who call upon You humbly and with their whole heart: incline Your ear to us, and hearken to the prayer which Your unworthy servants offer as a spiritual sacrifice for all Your people.

Remember first of all Your Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, which You have purchased with Your precious blood. Strengthen it, multiply it, keep it in peace, and do not allow the gates of hell to stand against it. Heal the schisms of the churches, stop the raging of the heathen, root out and cleanse all heresies, destroying them by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon our president, and all in civil authority, and save them, together with the armed forces of our country. Give them peace and continual victory over injustice and evil in all places. May they keep Your holy Church secure, that all Your people may live calm and ordered lives in Your sight, in true faith and prayer, with godly deeds.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the whole order of Your Church's clergy. Save them whom You have established to feed Your flock, and by their prayers have mercy on us sinners, and save us.

Have mercy, O Lord, on our spiritual fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children, and save them, and by their holy prayers forgive us our transgressions.

Have mercy, O Lord, on our parents, and save them together with our brothers and sisters, our children, our relatives and our friends. Grant them Your blessing both here and in the life to come.

Have mercy, O Lord, on the old and the young, the needy, the orphans and widows, and all who are in sickness and sorrow, distress and affliction, oppression and captivity, in prison and confinement. Save them, together with Your servants who are

under persecution for Your sake and for the sake of the Christian faith. Remember them, visit them, strengthen and comfort them, and by Your power grant them speedy relief, freedom and deliverance.

Have mercy, O Lord, on all who travel, and save all those who are sent on duty: our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children, all our loved ones and all Christians

Have mercy, O Lord, on our enemies: save all those who envy us, wish us evil or deal unjustly with us. May they not perish because of us sinners.

Enlighten, O Lord, with the truth of Your holy wisdom all who have gone astray from the Christian faith, led by destructive heresies, and unite them once more to your Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

(ADD SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE LIVING.)

COMMEMORATION OF DEPARTED

Remember, O Lord, those who have departed this life: all who served You in the priesthood and ministry of the Church and in the monastic order, and grant them rest with Your saints in Your eternal kingdom.

Remember, O Lord, the souls of Your servants now fallen asleep: our parents, family and friends. Forgive them all their sins, committed knowingly or unknowingly; grant them Your kingdom, a portion in Your eternal blessing and the enjoyment of Your unending life.

Remember, O Lord, all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and of eternal life: our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children, all our loved ones and Christians throughout the world. Place them with Your saints before the light of Your countenance and have mercy on us, for You are good and love mankind.

(ADD SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE DEPARTED.)

Lord I CALL.

Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me. * Harken unto me, O Lord. * Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; * attend to the voice of my supplication, * when I cry unto Thee. * Harken unto me, O Lord.
Let my prayer be set forth * as incense before Thee, * the lifting up of my hands * as an evening sacrifice. * Harken unto me, O Lord.

PSALM 141:3-10

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies.
Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness. And let him reprove me; it shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.
Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff, and they hear my words, for they are sweet.
Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, as when one plows and breaks up the earth.
But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute.
Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape safely.

PSALM 142

I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.
When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk they have secretly set a snare for me.
Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul. I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me."

(AT THIS POINT, WE BEGIN TO INTERSPERSE VERSES FROM THE HYMNOGRAPHY APPOINTED FOR THE DAY.)

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning - I say, more than those who watch for the morning.

PSALM 117

Oh praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud
Him, all you peoples!
For His merciful kindness is great toward
us, and the truth of the Lord endures
forever. Praise the Lord!

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

O GLADSOME LIGHT.

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the
immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,
O Jesus Christ: Having come to the
setting of the sun, having beheld the
evening light, we praise God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit. At all times
You are worthy of praise and song: O
Son of God and Giver of life. Therefore,
all the world glorifies You.

THE DAILY PROKEIMENON

On **Saturday evening**, the Sixth Tone:

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

The Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself.

For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

On **Sunday evening**, the Eighth Tone:

Behold now, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

Stichos: Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

On **Monday evening**, the Fourth Tone:

The Lord will hearken unto me when I cry unto Him.

When I called upon Thee, O God of my righteousness, Thou didst hearken unto me.

On **Tuesday evening**, the First Tone:

Thy mercy, O Lord, shall pursue me all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want. In a place of green pasture, there hath He made me to dwell.

On **Wednesday evening**, the Fifth Tone:

O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me.

O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth.

On **Thursday evening**, the Sixth Tone:

My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth.

I have lifted up mine eyes to the Mountains, from whence cometh my help.

On **Friday evening**, the Seventh Tone:

O God, my helper art Thou, and Thy mercy shall go before me.

Rescue me from mine enemies, O God, and from them that rise up against me redeem me.

VOUCHSAFE, O LORD

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening 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 work 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.

APOSTICHA.

PSALM 123 WEEKDAY

Unto Thee have I lifted up mine eyes,
unto Thee that dwellest in heaven.
Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto
the hands of their masters, as the eyes of
the handmaid look unto the hands of her
mistress, so do our eyes look unto the
Lord our God, * until He take pity on us.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy
on us, for greatly are we filled with
abasement. Greatly hath our soul been
filled therewith; let reproach come upon
them that prosper, * and abasement on
the proud.

PSALM 93 SATURDAY

The Lord is King, * He is clothed with
majesty.
For He established the world * which
shall not be shaken.
Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, *
unto length of days.

PRAYER OF ST. SYMEON:

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

TRIASAGION PRAYERS

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have mercy on us. (Thrice)

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to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever,
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temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory of the Father, Son and the
Holy Spirit now and ever and unto the
ages of ages. Amen.

TROPARIA

EACH EVENING THE THEOTOKOS

(Tone 4)
Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
You are most blessed among all women.
And blessed is the fruit of your womb.
For you have borne the Savior of our
souls!

SUNDAY EVENING ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

(TONE 4)
O Commander of the heavenly hosts,
We who are unworthy beseech you
ceaselessly
That you would encompass us with the
shelter of your prayer
And cover us beneath the wings of your
immaterial glory.
We fall down before you crying out:
"Protect us from all harm, O Prince of the
powers on High!"

MONDAY EVENING FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

(TONE 2)
The memory of the righteous is worthy of
praise,
But you, O Forerunner, are well pleased
by the Lord's own witness.
You were revealed as greater than the
prophets,
For you baptized in the waters him whom
they foretold.
Therefore, having fought and suffered for
the Truth,
You proclaimed to those in the tombs the
Gospel of the incarnate God,
Who takes away the sins of the world
and grants us great mercy.

TUESDAY EVENING HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

(TONE 1)
O Lord, save Your people,
And bless Your inheritance.
Grant victories to all Christians
Over their adversaries.
And by virtue of Your Cross,
Preserve Your habitation.

WEDNESDAY EVENING HOLY APOSTLES AND ST. NICHOLAS

(TONE 3)
O holy Apostles,
Intercede with our merciful God
To grant our souls forgiveness of our
sins!

THURSDAY EVENING HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

(TONE 1)
O Lord, save Your people,
And bless Your inheritance.
Grant victories to all Christians
Over their adversaries.
And by virtue of Your Cross,
Preserve Your habitation.

FRIDAY EVENING THE THEOTOKOS, ALL SAINTS, THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

(TONE 2)
Apostles, martyrs and prophets,
Holy hierarchs, saints and righteous,
Having fought the good fight and kept
the Faith,
You have boldness toward the Savior.
Intercede for us with Him for He is good,
and pray that He
may save our souls.

THE DISMISSAL

Establish, O God, the holy Orthodox
Faith of True Christians unto the ages of
ages.

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.

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

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