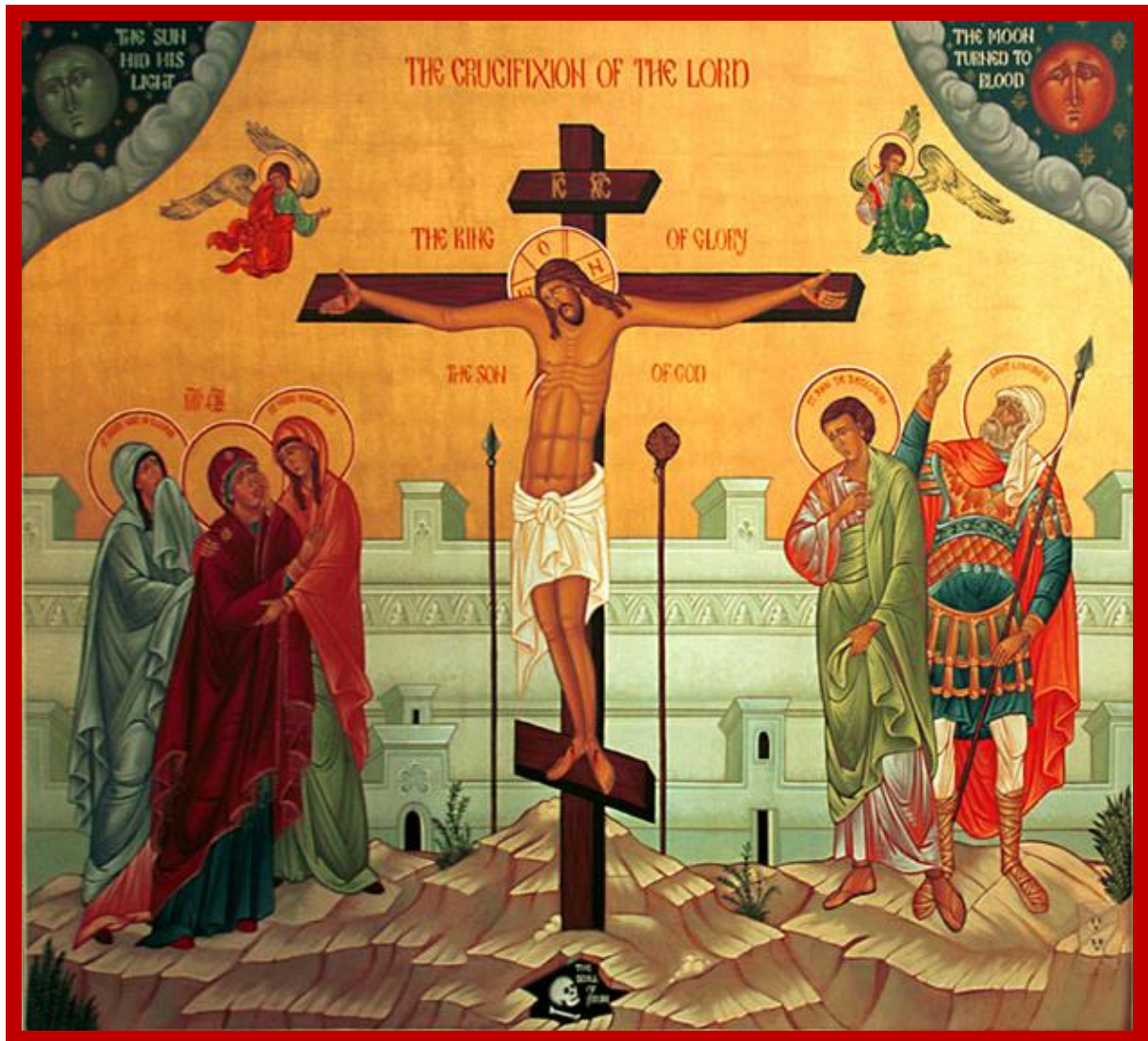


Matins of Holy Friday



12 Passion Gospels

For Use at Holy Ascension Orthodox Mission in Melbourne, Victoria.
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Instructions for Clergy & Altar Servers in Blue.

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12 Passion Gospels

(Served on Holy Thursday Evening in Anticipation)

This Service now usually takes place on the evening of Holy Thursday in anticipation (6pm). According to the Typicon Matins begins at the second hour of the night (8pm). Priest is vested in black (purple) Epitrachelion and Cuffs.

In front of Altar, as at Lenten Daily Matins.

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever,
and to the ages of ages.

Priest commences Great Censing.

Normal melodies for litanies. NOT Lenten.

People: Amen.

Reader: Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
present everywhere and filling all things,
Treasury of good things and Giver of life:
Come and dwell in us, cleanse us of all
impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have
mercy on us. (x 3)

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

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

Our Father in the Heavens, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your 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.

Priest: For Yours 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 to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x 12)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to 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 19

Reader: May the Lord hear you in the day of affliction; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you. May He send you help from His holy place, and may He support you from Zion. May He remember every sacrifice of yours, and may your whole burnt offering be honored. May He give you according to your heart, may He fulfill all your counsel. We will greatly rejoice in Your salvation, and in

the name of our God we will be magnified. Now I know the Lord has saved His anointed; He will hear him from His holy heaven; the salvation of His right hand is mighty. Some glory in chariots, some in horses, but in the name of the Lord our God we shall be magnified. Their feet were tied together; so they fell; but we rose up and were restored. O Lord, save Your King, and hear us in the day we call upon You.

Psalm 20

Reader: O Lord, the king shall be glad in Your power, and in Your salvation he will greatly rejoice. You gave him his soul's desire, and You did not deprive him of his lips' request. For You anticipated him with blessings of goodness; You placed a crown of precious stones on his head. He asked You for life, and You gave it to him, length of days to the ages of ages. Great is his glory in Your salvation; glory and majesty You shall place upon him. For You shall give him blessing to the ages of ages; You shall fill him with the joy of Your presence. For the king hopes in the Lord, and in the mercy of the Most High he will not be shaken. May Your hand be found on all Your enemies; may Your right hand find all who hate You. You shall make them like a fiery furnace in the time of Your presence; the Lord shall throw them into confusion in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them. You shall destroy their offspring from the earth and their seed from among the sons of men. For they vented all their evils against You; they reasoned through a counsel they could not establish. For You shall make them turn their back; among Your remnants, You shall make ready their countenance. Be exalted, O Lord, in Your power; we will sing and praise Your mighty deeds.

Reader:

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

Reader:

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x 3)

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

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Priest:

For Yours 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 to the ages of ages.

Reader:

Amen.

Reader:

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their enemies, and protect Your dominion by the power of Your Cross.

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

O Christ our God, of Your own will You were lifted up on the Cross, grant Your compassions upon the new community named after You; with Your power make us glad, granting us victory over our enemies; may we have as Your help the weapon of peace, the invincible trophy.

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

O all-praised Theotokos, fearful and shameless protection, do not ignore our prayers. O good one, strengthen the dominion of the Orthodox, save those whom you have called to govern, and grant them victory from Heaven, for you gave birth to God, O only blessed lady.

Priest censes on the spot in front of Altar.

Priest:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

People:

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: Again we pray for our great lord and father, His Holiness, Patriarch **N.**; for our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan **N.**, First Hierarchy of the Russian Church Abroad; for our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop **or** Bishop **N.**, **whose diocese it is**) and all our brethren in Christ.

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

Priest: Again we pray for all the brethren and for all Orthodox Christians.

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

Priest: For You are a merciful God and the Lover of mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father, Bless!

Priest in front of Altar makes Sign of the Cross in the air with the Censer and censens 3 x 3 x 3.

Priest: Glory to the holy, and consubstantial, and life-creating, and indivisible Trinity always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

All Lights are turned off at this point. The Priest is handed a taper to read the silent prayers during the Six Psalms. The Priest, bareheaded, stands before the Altar during the first 3 readings. Then he goes out through the North Door and stands before the closed Holy Doors for the last 3 readings.

The rubrics call for the Superior of the Community to read them. It is generally a good idea for the Sacristan or a Server to put a fresh charcoal in the Censer. All candles in the stands should be extinguished (and relit at the end of the reading).

The usual practice now is for the Reader to read the Six Psalms in the middle of the Church, using a candle.

Everybody should stand and listen to the reading of the Psalms as if Christ Himself is reading them. Everybody is supposed to be perfectly still during the reading and makes no reverences between the Psalms.

Reader: Glory to God in the highest and on Earth
peace, good will among men. (x 3)

O Lord, You will open my lips, and my
mouth will declare Your praise. (x 2)

Psalm 3

Reader: O Lord, why do those who afflict me multiply? Many are those who rise up against me. Many are those who say to my soul, "There is no salvation for him in his God." But You, O Lord, are my protector, my glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord, and save me, O my God, for You struck all those who were foolishly at enmity with me; You broke the teeth of sinners. Salvation is of the Lord, and Your blessing is upon Your people.

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

Psalm 37

Reader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, nor chasten me in Your anger. For Your arrows are fixed in me, and Your hand rests on me; there is no healing in my flesh because of Your wrath; there is no peace in my bones because of my sins. For my transgressions rise up

over my head; like a heavy burden they are heavy on me. My wounds grow foul and fester because of my folly. I suffer misery, and I am utterly bowed down; I go all the day long with a sad face. For my loins are filled with mockeries, and there is no healing in my flesh. I am afflicted and greatly humbled; I roar because of the groaning of my heart. O Lord, all my desire is before You, and my groaning is not hidden from You. My heart is troubled; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes, even this is not with me. My friends and neighbors draw near and stand against me, and my near of kin stand far off; and those who seek my soul use violence, and those who seek evil for me speak folly; and they meditate on deceit all the day long. But I like a deaf man do not hear, and I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. I am like a man who does not hear, and who has no reproofs in his mouth. For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. For I said, "Let not my enemies rejoice over me, for when my foot was shaken, they boasted against me." For I am ready for wounds, and my pain is continually with me. For I will declare my transgression, and I will be anxious about my sin. But my enemies live, and are become stronger than I; and those who hate me unjustly are multiplied; those who repaid me evil for good slandered me, because I pursue righteousness; and they threw away my love as though it were a stinking corpse. Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not depart from me; give heed to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not depart from me; give heed to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

Psalm 62

Reader: O God, my God, I rise early to be with You; my soul thirsts for You. How often my flesh thirsts for You in a desolate, impassable, and waterless land. So in the holy place I appear before You, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your mercy is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You in my life; I will lift up my hands in Your name. May my soul be filled, as if with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall sing praise to You with lips filled with rejoicing. If I remembered You on my bed, I meditated on You at daybreak; for You are my helper, and in the shelter of Your wings I will greatly rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand takes hold of me. But they seek for my soul in vain; they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth. They shall be given over to the edge of the sword; they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall be glad in God; all who swear by Him shall be praised, for the mouth that speaks unrighteous things is stopped.

I meditated on You at daybreak; for You are my helper, and in the shelter of Your wings I will greatly rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand takes hold of me.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. *(x 3 Without bows, with the Sign of the Cross only.)*

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

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

The Priest exits the Sanctuary via the North Door and, standing bareheaded before the Holy Doors, quietly continues reading the Morning Prayers.

Psalm 87

Reader: O Lord God of my salvation, I cry day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my supplication, O Lord. For my soul is filled with sorrows, and my soul draws near to Hades; I am counted among those who go down into the pit; I am like a helpless man, free among the dead, like slain men thrown down and sleeping in a grave, whom You remember no more, but they are removed from Your hand. They laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places and in the shadow of death. Your wrath rested upon me, and You brought all Your billows over me. You removed my acquaintances far from me; they made me an abomination among themselves; I was betrayed, and did not go forth. My eyes weakened from poverty; O Lord, I cry to You the whole day long; I spread out my hands to You. Will You work wonders for the dead? Or will physicians raise them up, and acknowledge You? Shall anyone in the grave describe Your mercy and Your truth in destruction? Shall Your wonders be known in darkness, and Your righteousness in a forgotten land? But I cry to You, O Lord, and in the morning my prayer shall come near to You. Why, O Lord, do You reject my soul, and turn away Your face from me? I am poor and in troubles from my youth; but having been exalted, I was humbled and brought into despair. Your fierce anger passed over me, and Your terrors greatly troubled me; they compassed me like water all the day long; they surrounded me at once.

You removed far from me neighbor and friend, and my acquaintances because of my misery.

O Lord God of my salvation, I cry day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my supplication, O Lord.

Psalm 102

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards: Who is merciful to all your transgressions, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from corruption, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, who satisfies your desire with good things; and your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord shows mercies and judgment to all who are wronged. He made known His ways to Moses, the things He willed to the sons of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not become angry to the end, nor will He be wrathful forever; He did not deal with us according to our sins, nor reward us according to our transgressions; for according to the height of Heaven from Earth, so the Lord reigns in mercy over those who fear Him; as far as the East is from the West, so He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him, for He knows how He formed us; He remembers we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, as a flower of the field, so he flourishes; for the wind passes through it, and it shall not remain; and it shall no longer know its place. But the mercy of the Lord is from age to age upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness upon children's children, to such as keep His covenant and remember His commandments, to do them. The Lord prepared His throne in Heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless

the Lord, all you His angels, mighty in strength, who do His word, so as to hear the voice of His words. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, His ministers who do His will; bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

In all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 142

Reader: O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplication in Your truth, answer me in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for no one living shall become righteous in Your sight. For the enemy persecuted my soul; he humbled my life to the ground, he caused me to dwell in dark places as one long dead, and my spirit was in anguish within me, my heart was troubled within me. I remembered the days of old, and I meditated on all Your works, I meditated on the works of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a waterless land. Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faints within me. Turn not Your face from me, lest I become like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning; for I put my hope in You; make me know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, for to You I flee for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. For Your name's sake, O Lord, give me life, in Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction. In Your mercy You shall destroy my enemies, You shall utterly destroy all who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

Reader:

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. *(x3 With the sign of the Cross and Bows from the waist.)*

Morning Prayers
(Inaudible Priestly Prayers)

Priest:

1. We thank You, Lord our God, Who has raised us up from our beds, and has put into our mouth the word of praise, that we may worship and call on Your holy name. And we entreat Your compassion, which You have always shown concerning our life: Send down Your help on them that stand before the presence of Your holy glory and await rich mercy from You. And grant them, who always serve You with fear and love, to praise Your inexpressible goodness.

For to You is due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

2. Out of the night our spirit wakes at dawn to You, our God, for Your commandments are a light upon the earth. Teach us to fulfill righteousness and holiness in Your fear; for we glorify You, our God who truly exists. Incline Your ear, and hear us and remember by name, Lord, all that are with us and pray with us, and save them by Your power. Bless Your people and sanctify Your inheritance. Give peace to Your world, to Your churches, to Your priests, and to all Your people.

For blessed and glorified is Your all-honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

3. Out of the night our spirit wakes at dawn to You, God, for Your commandments are a light. Teach us, God, Your righteousness, Your commandments and Your statutes; enlighten the eyes of our understanding, lest at any time we sleep to death in sins. Dispel all darkness from our hearts. Grant us the Sun of Righteousness, and preserve our life secure by the seal of Your Holy Spirit. Guide our steps into the way of peace. Grant us to behold the dawn and the day in rejoicing, that we may send up our morning prayers to You.

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

4. Sovereign God, holy and incomprehensible, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness; who has refreshed us by the sleep of the night; and has raised us up for the glorification and supplication of Your goodness. We entreat You, in Your mercy accept us even now bowing down in worship to You and giving thanks to You according to the measure of our strength, and grant us all our requests which are for our salvation. Show us to be sons of the light and of the day, and heirs of Your eternal good things. Remember, Lord, in the multitude of Your compassions, all Your people that are with us and pray with us, and all our brethren, on land, on the sea, in the air, and in every place of Your dominion, needing Your help and love for mankind, and grant Your great mercy; that always preserved in safety of soul and body, we may with boldness glorify Your wondrous and blessed name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

5. Treasury of good things, ever-flowing fountain, Holy Father, Miracle-Worker, Omnipotent and Almighty One, we all worship You and pray to You, calling upon Your mercy and compassion for the help and defence of our lowliness. Remember Your servants Lord; accept the morning prayers of us all as incense before You and let none of us be found guilty, but provide us all with Your compassions. Remember, Lord, them that keep vigil and chant to Your glory, and to the glory of Your only-begotten Son and our God, and of Your Holy Spirit. Be their helper and defender. Accept their petitions at Your all heavenly and noetical altar.

For You are our God, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

6. We give thanks to You, Lord God of our salvation, for You do all things for the benefit of our life, that we may always look to You, the Saviour and Benefactor of our souls; for You have given us rest in the part of the night that is past, and have raised us up from our beds, and have set us in the worship of Your venerable name. Therefore, we entreat You, Lord, grant us grace and strength, that we may be made worthy to hymn You with understanding, and to pray without ceasing, working out our own salvation in fear and trembling through the help of Your Christ. Remember, Lord, also them that cry

aloud to You by night; hear them and have mercy, and crush under their feet invisible and warring enemies.

For You are the King of Peace and the Saviour of our souls, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

7. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has raised us up from our beds, and gathered us together at the hour of prayer, grant us grace in the opening of our mouth, and accept our thanksgivings according to our power, and teach us Your statutes. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, if You, Lord, do not guide us by Your Holy Spirit. Therefore we entreat You: If we have sinned even until the present hour, in word, deed, or thought, voluntarily or involuntarily: loose, remit, pardon; for if You should mark iniquities, Lord, O Lord, who will stand? For with You there is redemption; You alone are holy, a mighty Helper, the Defender of our life; and our song is continually of You.

Blessed and most glorified be the dominion of Your kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

8. Lord our God, Who has banished from us the sleep of despondency and has called us together by a holy bidding, that in the night we may lift up our hands and give thanks to You for the judgments of Your righteousness: Accept our prayers, supplications, thanksgivings, and night worship; and grant us, God, faith unashamed, unwavering hope, a love unfeigned; bless our comings in and goings out, our deeds, works, words, thoughts; and grant to us to come to the beginning of the day praising, hymning, and blessing the goodness of Your unutterable beneficence.

For blessed is Your all-holy name, and glorified is Your Kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

9. Make to shine in our hearts, Master, Lover of mankind, the incorruptible light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of the preaching of Your Gospel; instill in us also fear of Your blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may pursue a spiritual way of life, both meditating and doing all that is well-pleasing to You.

For You are the sanctification and the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, together with Your unoriginate Father, and Your All-Holy and good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

10. Lord our God, Who has granted to man forgiveness through repentance, and has shown us, as an example of the knowledge and confession that leads to forgiveness, the repentance of the Prophet David: Master, notwithstanding the many and great sins into which we have fallen, have mercy on us according to Your great mercy, and according to the multitude of Your compassions blot out our transgressions; for we have sinned against You, Lord, Who knows the hidden and secret things of the heart of man, and Who alone has authority to remit sins; having renewed a right spirit within us, and having made known to us the joy of Your salvation, do not cast us away from Your presence; but, be pleased, as You are good and the Lover of mankind, to allow us even to our last breath to offer to You the sacrifice of righteousness and an oblation upon Your holy altars.

Through the mercies and compassions and love for mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

11. God, our God, Who by Your will has brought into being the intelligent and rational hosts, we entreat You: Accept our doxology which, together with all Your creatures, we offer according to our strength, and reward us with the abundant gifts of Your goodness; for every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth bends to You, and every breath and creature hymns Your unsearchable glory; for You alone are the true God and plenteous in mercy.

For all the hosts of heaven praise You, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

12. We praise You, we hymn You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, God of our fathers, for You have brought us through the shadow of night and have shown us again the light of day. But we entreat Your goodness: Blot out our sins and accept our prayer in Your great loving-kindness, for we flee to You, the merciful and omnipotent God. Make to shine in our hearts the true Son of Your righteousness, enlighten our mind and guard all our senses, that walking honestly as in the day in the way of Your commandments, we may attain to eternal life, for in You is the fountain of life; and may we be made worthy of enjoying Your unapproachable light.

For You are our God, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Deacon exits the North Door and stands in front of the Holy Doors in his usual place for the Great Litany. If there is no Deacon, the Priest remains in front of the Holy Doors. Otherwise, the Deacon and Priest make the Sign of the Cross thrice, bow to each other, then the Priest returns to the Sanctuary.

The Reader goes to the Priest to receive a blessing after completing the Six Psalms.

The Great Litany

Deacon (1): In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of them all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy temple, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our great lord and father, His Holiness, Patriarch **N.**; for our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan **N.**, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; for our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop **or** Bishop **N.**); for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this land, its authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He may deliver His people from enemies visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and country, and the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For seasonable weather, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by sea, land and air; for the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For to You is due all glory, honor and worship; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Alleluia
Tone 8

Deacon: In the 8th Tone: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. My spirit rises early in the morning to You, O God, for Your commands are a light upon the Earth. (Isaiah 26: 9)

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon: Learn righteousness, you who dwell on the Earth. (Isaiah 26: 9)

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon: Jealousy will seize an untaught people. (Is 26:11)

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon: Bring more evils on them, O Lord, bring more evils on the glorious of the Earth. (Is 26:15)

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

During the chanting of the following troparion by the choir, the clergy with phelonia on, venerate the Altar and proceed through the Holy Doors to the center of the church. Presiding clergy takes Gospel places it on an analogion and then censes the entire church.

Meanwhile candles are distributed to the faithful.

In Greek (parish) practice the 12 Passion Gospels are usually read from the Ambon in front of the Holy Doors.

Troparion
Tone 8 Special Melody

People:

When the glorious disciples were enlightened /
at the washing of their feet before the supper, /
then the impious Judas was stricken and darkened
with the love of money; /
and to lawless judges he delivered You, the Righteous
Judge. /
O lover of money, look upon him who for its sake hanged
himself; /
flee from the insatiable soul, which dared such things
against the Teacher. //
O Lord, You are good to all, glory to You.

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

People:

When the glorious disciples were enlightened /
at the washing of their feet before the supper, /
then the impious Judas was stricken and darkened
with the love of money; /
and to lawless judges he delivered You, the Righteous
Judge. /
O lover of money, look upon him who for its sake hanged
himself; /
flee from the insatiable soul, which dared such things
against the Teacher. //
O Lord, You are good to all, glory to You.

People: Now and ever, and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

People:

When the glorious disciples were enlightened /
at the washing of their feet before the supper, /
then the impious Judas was stricken and darkened
with the love of money; /
and to lawless judges he delivered You, the Righteous
Judge. /
O lover of money, look upon him who for its sake hanged
himself; /
flee from the insatiable soul, which dared such things
against the Teacher. //
O Lord, You are good to all, glory to You.

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the
Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For Yours is the dominion, and Yours 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 to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

1st Gospel

John 13: 31 - 18: 1

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St John the Theologian.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Priest reads 1st Gospel John 13: 31 - 18: 1

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

At this point a bell is rung once.

We chant the following Antiphons, doubling all the Troparia.

Antiphon 1 **Tone 8**

People:
The rulers of the people have assembled, /
against the Lord and His Christ. Psalm 2: 2

Tone 8

People:
A lawless charge is hurled against Me. /
Lord, Lord, forsake Me not.

Tone 8

People:
Let us offer our pure senses to Christ. /
as His friends let us sacrifice our lives for His sake. /
Let us not be weighed down by earthly cares like Judas, /
but let us cry in the hidden chambers of our heart, //
'Our Father in heaven, deliver us from evil.'

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

Theotokion
Tone 8

People:

As a Virgin you gave birth without knowing wedlock, /
and remained a Virgin, O unwedded Mother. /
O Mary Theotokos, //
pray to Christ our God to save us.

Antiphon 2
Tone 6

People:

Judas hastened to the lawless scribes and said, /
'What will you give me to betray Him to you?' /
Yet while they conspired against You /
You invisibly stood in their midst. //
Spare our souls, O You who knows the hearts of men.

Tone 6

People:

Let us serve God in acts of compassion. /
Like Mary at the supper. /
Let us not be possessed by avarice like Judas, //
so that we may always abide with Christ our God.

People:

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

Theotokion
Tone 6

People:

Never cease to pray to Him who loves mankind, /
Who was ineffably born of you, O Virgin. /
That He may save from dangers //
those who take refuge in you.

Antiphon 3
Tone 2

People:

Because of the raising of Lazarus, /
O Lord who loves mankind, /
the Hebrew children cried 'Hosanna' to You. //
But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand.

Tone 2

People:

At Your Supper, O Christ our God, /
You announced to Your Disciples, /
'One of you will betray Me.' //
But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand.

Tone 2

People:

When John asked You, O Lord, /
'Who is it that betrays You?' /
You revealed who it was by means of the morsel of
bread.//
But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand.

Tone 2

People:

For thirty pieces of silver, /
and a treacherous kiss, O Lord, /
the Jews sought to kill You. //
But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand.

Tone 2

People:

At the Washing of the Feet, O Christ God, /
You commanded Your Disciples, /
'Do as you have seen Me do.' //
But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand.

Tone 2

People:

'Keep watch and pray, /
lest you be tempted.' /
You said to Your Disciples, O our God. //
But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to understand.

(Matthew 26: 41)

People:

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

Theotokion

People:

O Theotokos, /
preserve your servants from dangers, /
for after God we all take refuge in you //
as an invincible wall and protector.

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For to You is due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

There is a small censing during the Sessional Hymn.

The faithful remain standing during the chanting of the Sessional Hymn.

Sessional Hymn **Tone 7**

People:

When You were feeding Your Disciples at the Supper,
You knew Judas' intention to betray You, /
and You accused him of this /
though recognising him to be beyond correction. /
For You desired all to know that You were willingly
betrayed, /
to snatch the world from the grasp of the Enemy. //
O Long-suffering Lord, glory to You!

2nd Gospel **John 18: 1 - 28**

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing
the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord
God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy
Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel
according to St John the Theologian.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Priest reads 2nd Gospel John 18: 1 - 28](#)

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

A bell is rung twice.

Antiphon 4
Tone 5

People:

Today Judas forsakes the Master /
and takes the devil as his friend. /
He is blinded by the passion of avarice. /
Darkened, he falls from the Light. /
He sold the Sun for thirty pieces of silver. /
How, then, is he able to see? /
But He who suffers for the world has risen as the Dawn for us. /
To Him let us cry aloud: //
O You who suffers for us and with us, glory to You!

Tone 5

People:

Today Judas counterfeits piety /
and deprives himself of the gift of grace. /
The disciple becomes a betrayer. /
In a gesture of friendship he conceals deceit. /
He foolishly prefers thirty pieces of silver to the Master's love, /
and becomes a guide for the lawless assembly. //
But let us glorify Christ, our salvation.

Tone 1

People:

As brothers in Christ let us acquire brotherly love. /
Let us not lack compassion for our neighbour, /
lest we, like the unmerciful servant, /
be condemned on account of money, //
or like Judas gain nothing from our regrets.

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

Theotokion
Tone 1

People:
Everywhere glorious things are spoken of you, /
O Mary Theotokos, unwedded and all-praised, //
for you conceived in the flesh the Maker of all.

Antiphon 5
Tone 6

People:
The disciple agrees upon the price of the Master. /
He sells the Lord for thirty pieces of silver. /
With a treacherous kiss he betrays Him //
to death at the hands of lawless men.

Tone 6

People:
Today the Creator of Heaven and Earth /
said to His Disciples: /
The hour has come and Judas rushes to betray Me. /
Let no one deny Me /
when he sees Me on the Cross between two robbers. /
For as man I suffer, //
but as the Lover of man I save those who believe in Me.

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

Theotokion
Tone 6

People:

O Virgin, who in the latter days /
wondrously conceived and bore your own Creator, //
save those who magnify you.

Antiphon 6
Tone 7

People:

Today Judas looks for a way to betray the Lord, /
the Savior of the world before the ages. /
Who satisfied the multitude with five loaves. /
Today the transgressor denies the Teacher. /
Though a disciple, he betrays the Master. //
He sells for silver Him who fed man with manna in the
wilderness.

Tone 7

People:

Today the Jews nail to the Cross /
the Lord who divided the sea with a rod and led them in
the wilderness. /
Today they pierce His side with a spear /
who smote Egypt with plagues for their sake. //
They give Him gall to drink, who rained down manna upon
them for food.

Tone 7

People:

When You came to Your voluntary Passion, O Lord, /
You cried to Your Disciples, /
'If you lack the strength to keep watch with Me for a single
hour, /
why did you promise to die for Me? /
See how Judas does not sleep, /
but hastens to betray Me to the transgressors? /
Arise and pray, lest anyone deny Me /
when he sees Me on the Cross.' //
O Long-suffering Lord, glory to You!

People:

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

Theotokion Tone 7

People:

Rejoice O Theotokos, /
you held in your womb Him whom the heavens cannot
hold. /
Rejoice O Virgin whom the Prophets proclaimed, /
from you Emmanuel has shone forth on us. //
Rejoice, O Mother of Christ our God!

Small Litany

Deacon:

Again and again, in peace let us pray to the
Lord.

People:

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon:

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and
protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is Your name and glorified is Your Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

There is a small censing during the Sessional Hymn.

The faithful remain standing during the chanting of the Sessional Hymn.

Sessional Hymn Tone 7

People:

What caused you to betray the Savior, O Judas? /

Did He expel you from the ranks of the apostles? /

Did He take from you the gift of healing? /

Did He send you from the table while taking supper with the others? /

Did He wash their feet and pass you by? /

How have you forgotten such good things! /

Your ingratitude is notorious, //

but His boundless long-suffering and great mercy are proclaimed to all.

3rd Gospel
Matthew 26: 57 - 75

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

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

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Priest reads 3rd Gospel Matthew 26: 57 - 75

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

A bell is rung thrice.

Antiphon 7
Tone 8

People:

While permitting transgressors to arrest You, /
You cried out to them, O Lord, /
'Though you smite the Shepherd and scatter the twelve
sheep, My Disciples, /
I am able to surround Myself with more than thirty legions
of Angels. /
But I endure, /
so that the secret and hidden things might be fulfilled. /
which were revealed to you by My prophets.' //
O Lord, glory to You!

Tone 8

People:

Denying You for the third time, /
Peter at once recalled Your words to him. /
But he offered You tears of repentance: //
O God have mercy on me and save me.

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

Theotokion
Tone 8

People:

Let us praise the holy Virgin, /
as the Gate of salvation and fair Paradise, /
as a Cloud for the Eternal Light. //
To her let us all say: Rejoice!

Antiphon 8
Tone 2

People:

O transgressors, /
what have you heard from our Savior? /
Did He not explain the Law and the teachings of the
Prophets? /
Why then did you plan to deliver to Pilate //
the Word, God of God, the Redeemer of our souls?

Tone 2

People:

“Let Him be crucified,” /
cried those who had always enjoyed His gracious gifts. /
Those who killed the righteous /
ask to receive a malefactor instead of their Benefactor. /
But You O Christ, endured their heedlessness in silence, //
desiring to suffer and to save us in Your love for mankind.

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

Theotokion
Tone 2

People:

We have no boldness /
because of the multitude of our sins, /
but entreat Him who was born of you, O Virgin Theotokos, /
for the prayer of a mother has power to win the favor of
the Master. /
Do not despise the supplications of sinners, O all-pure
one, //
for merciful and strong to save is He who willed to suffer
for us.

Antiphon 9
Tone 3

People:

They weighed out the thirty pieces of silver, /
the price of Him on whom a price had been set by the
sons of Israel. /

Keep watch and pray /
that you may not enter into temptation. /
The spirit indeed is willing, //
but the flesh is weak! Therefore keep watch!

Tone 3

People:

They gave Me gall for food. /
For My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink. /
But You O Lord, //
raise Me up that I may repay them.

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

Theotokion
Tone 3

People:

We the Gentiles praise you, /
O pure Theotokos, /
for you gave birth to Christ our God, //
who through you freed mankind from the curse.

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the
Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For You are our God, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

There is a small censuring during the Sessional Hymn.

The faithful remain standing during the chanting of the Sessional Hymn.

Sessional Hymn

Tone 8

People:

How could Judas, who was once Your disciple, /
plan to betray You! /

That treacherous and unrighteous man deceitfully ate with
You /

and went to the priests and said, /

‘What will you give me if I deliver to you /

Him who abolished the Law and profaned the Sabbath?’ //

O Long-suffering Lord, glory to You.

4th Gospel
John 18: 28 - 19: 16

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St John the Theologian.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Priest reads 4th Gospel John 18: 28 - 19: 16](#)

[At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:](#)

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

[A bell is rung four times.](#)

Antiphon 10
Tone 6

People:

He who clothes Himself with light as with a garment /
stood naked for trial. /
He was struck on the cheek by hands that He Himself had
formed. /
A people that transgressed the Law /
nailed the Lord of glory to the Cross. /
Then the curtain of the Temple was torn in two. /
Then the sun was darkened, /
unable to bear the sight of God outraged; /
before whom all things tremble. //
Let us worship Him.

Tone 6

People:

The disciple denied Him, /
but the Robber cried out, //
'Remember me O Lord, in Your Kingdom.' (Luke 23: 42)

People:

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

Theotokion
Tone 6

People:

O Lord, who for Your servant's sake /
accepted to take flesh from the Virgin, /
grant peace to the world, //
that with one voice we may glorify You who loves of
mankind.

Antiphon 11
Tone 6

People:

In exchange for the good things that You had done for them /
the Hebrew race condemned You to be crucified, O Christ, /
and gave You gall and vinegar to drink. /
But reward them according to their deeds, O Lord, //
for they did not understand Your condescension.

Tone 6

People:

Not content to deliver You up, O Christ, /
the Hebrew race wagged their heads, /
bringing You mockery and derision. /
But reward them according to their deeds, O Lord, //
for they plotted against You in vain.

People:

Neither the shaking of the Earth, nor the splitting of the rocks, /
neither the tearing of the Temple's curtain, nor the resurrection of the dead /
convinced the Hebrew race. /
But reward them according to their deeds, O Lord, //
for they plotted against You in vain.

People:

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

Theotokion
Tone 6

People:

We know that God took flesh from you, /
O Virgin Theotokos, /
the only pure and only blessed one. //
Therefore without ceasing we praise and magnify you.

Antiphon 12
Tone 8

People:

Thus says the Lord to the Jews, /
'My people, what have I done to you? /
Or how have I offended you? /
To your blind I gave sight, your lepers I cleansed, /
the paralytic I raised from his bed. /
My people, what have I done to you, /
and how have you repaid Me? /
Instead of manna, gall; instead of water, vinegar; /
instead of loving Me, you nail Me to the Cross. /
I can bear no more. /
I shall call the Gentiles Mine. /
They will glorify Me with the Father and the Spirit, /
and I shall give them life eternal.

Tone 8

People:

Today the curtain of the Temple tears itself /
to convict the transgressors, /
and even the sun hides his rays, //
seeing the Master crucified.

Tone 8

People:

The choir of the Apostles cries out to you, /
O lawgivers of Israel, scribes and Pharisees: /
Behold the Temple which you destroyed!
Behold the Lamb whom you have crucified! /
You delivered him to the tomb, but by His own power He
arose. /
Do not be deceived, O Jews. /
For it is He who saved you in the sea, and fed you in the
wilderness. /
He is the Life, the Light and the Peace of the world.'

People:

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

Theotokion Tone 8

People:

Rejoice, Gate of the King of Glory, /
through which the Most High alone has entered and again
left sealed, //
for the salvation of our souls. (Ezekiel 44: 1 – 3)

Small Litany

Deacon:

Again and again, in peace let us pray to the
Lord.

People:

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon:

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and
protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People:

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For blessed and glorified is the power of Your kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

There is a small censuring during the Sessional Hymn.

The faithful remain standing during the chanting of the Sessional Hymn.

Sessional Hymn

Tone 8

People:

O God, You stood before Caiaphas. /
O Judge, You were given over to Pilate. /
Then the heavenly powers shook with fear. /
Though sinless, You were numbered among the
transgressors, /
lifted up on the Wood between two robbers, /
in order to save mankind. //
O patient Lord, glory to You.

5th Gospel

Matthew 27: 3 - 32

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

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

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Priest reads 5th Gospel Matthew 27: 3 - 32](#)

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

A bell is rung five times.

Antiphon 13 **Tone 6**

People:

The crowd of the Jews, O Lord, /
asked Pilate to crucify You. /
And though they found no guilt in You, /
they freed Barabbas, who indeed was guilty. /
They condemned You the Righteous One, /
and made the charge of murder their inheritance. /
But given them their retribution, O Lord, //
for they plotted against You in vain.

Tone 6

People:

To Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God, /
who makes all things fear and tremble, /
whom all tongues praise, /
the priests gave gall and slapped. /
Yet He consented to suffer all things, /
desiring to save us from our transgressions by His blood, //
for He loves mankind.

People:

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

Theotokion Tone 6

People:

O Theotokos, /
who by a word beyond all words /
have borne your own Creator, //
entreat Him to save our souls.

Antiphon 14 Tone 8

People:

The Robber, whose hands were defiled with blood, /
You accepted as Your fellow traveler. /
with him number us also, O Lord, //
for You are good and love mankind.

Tone 8

People:

The Robber on the Cross uttered a small cry, /
but he found great faith. /
and became the first to enter Paradise /
when its gates were opened. //
O Lord who accepted his repentance, glory to You!

People:

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

Theotokion Tone 8

People:

Rejoice, for through an Angel you received the Joy of the
world! /
Rejoice, for you have borne your Creator and Lord! /
Rejoice, for you were found worthy to become the Mother
of Christ our God!

Antiphon 15 Tone 6

It is customary for the Priest to solemnly chant this Antiphon. A large Crucifix is brought out from the Sanctuary in procession around the church, while chanting this Antiphon. It is then placed in the middle of the church for the rest of the service. According to the practice of Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, and also in some parishes, the Crucifix is set up before the beginning of Matins.

Priest:

Today He who hung the Earth upon the
waters is hung upon the Tree, (x3)

The King of the Angels is decked with a
crown of thorns.

He who wraps the heavens in clouds is
wrapped in the purple of mockery.

He who freed Adam in the Jordan is
slapped on the face.

The Bridegroom of the Church is affixed to
the Cross with nails.

The Son of the Virgin is pierced by a spear.

We venerate Your Passion, O Christ. (x3)
Prostrations.

Show us also Your glorious Resurrection.

Tone 6

People:

Let us not keep the feast like the Jews, /
for our Passover, Christ God, has been slain for us. /
But let us cleanse ourselves of every defilement, /
and with sincerity let us entreat Him, //
'Arise, O Lord, and save us, for You love mankind.'

Tone 6

People:

Your Cross, O Lord, /
is life and resurrection for Your people. /
Trusting in it, we praise You our crucified God! /
Have mercy on us.

People:

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

Theotokion **Tone 6**

People:

When she who conceived You, O Christ, /
saw You hanging on the Cross, she cried out, /
'What strange mystery do I behold, O my Son? /
O Giver of life, how do You die, //
nailed on the Wood in the flesh?'

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is Your name and glorified is Your Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Sessional Hymn **Tone 4**

People:

By Your precious Blood /
You have redeemed us from the curse of the Law. /
By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by a spear, /
You have poured forth immortality for man. //
O our Savior, glory to You.

6th Gospel **Mark 15: 16 - 32**

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Priest reads 6th Gospel Mark 15: 16 - 32](#)

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

[A bell is rung six times.](#)

Beatitudes **Tone 4**

We chant the Beatitudes with 10 verses, in Tone 4.

People:

In Your Kingdom remember us, O Lord, /
when You come in Your 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!

Reader:

By the tree was Adam forced to depart from Paradise; but by the Tree of the Cross was the Robber made to live in Paradise. For the one by tasting, broke the commandment of the Creator; while the other, crucified with Him, confessed the hidden God, crying out: Remember me in Your kingdom!

People:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after
righteousness, /
for they shall be filled!

Reader:

The lawless ones bought the Maker of the Law from His disciple; they made Him to stand as a lawbreaker before Pilate's judgment seat, crying, 'Crucify,' Him who gave them manna in the desert. But, following the example of the righteous Robber, we cry with faith, 'O Saviour, remember us also in Your kingdom.'

People:

Blessed are the merciful, /
for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader:

That swarm of God-slayers, the lawless nation of the Jews, cried to Pilate in their insane madness, 'Crucify,' Christ the innocent One. Instead they asked for Barabbas. But with the words of the prudent Robber we cry, 'O Saviour, remember us also in Your kingdom.'

People:

Blessed are the pure in heart, /
for they shall see God!

Reader:

O Christ, Your life-bearing side, gushing up like a fount from Eden, waters Your Church, as a spiritual Paradise. Then dividing into four branches, like the Gospels, it waters the world, making creation glad and faithfully teaching the nations to venerate Your Kingdom.

People:

Blessed are the peacemakers, /
for they shall be called the sons of God!

Reader:

O Christ, for my sake You were crucified, to become for me a fount of forgiveness. You were pierced in the side, that for me You might gush forth streams of life. You were transfixed by nails, that through the depth of Your sufferings I may surely know the height of Your power, and cry to You, O Giver of life, 'O Saviour, glory to Your Cross and Passion!'

People:

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, /
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader:

O Christ, all creation trembled seeing You being crucified. The foundations of the Earth quaked in fear of Your power. The beacons of Heaven hid themselves and the veil of the Temple was torn. The mountains shook, and the rocks were split, and with us the faithful Robber cries to You, 'Remember us, O Savior.'

People:

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, /
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake!

Reader:

On the Cross You tore apart with the spear the record of our sins; and, numbered among the dead, You bound the tyrant of Hades. O Lord who loves mankind, by Your resurrection You have rescued all from the bonds of Hades and we have been illumined, and we cry to You: Remember us also in Your kingdom!

People:

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, /
for great is your reward in Heaven!

Reader:

O Lord, You were lifted up on the Cross and destroyed the power of death, and as God You wiped out the record against us. O Christ our God, the only Lover of mankind, grant to us also the repentance of the Robber as we worship You in faith and cry, 'O Saviour, remember us also, in Your kingdom.'

People:

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

Reader:

Let us the faithful pray with one accord that we may rightly glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, a Unity of divinity existing in three Persons, remaining unmerged, simple, indivisible and unapproachable, through whom we are delivered from the fire of punishment.

People:

Now and ever, /
and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

Tone 4

Reader:

O Christ the most-merciful Master, Your Mother who bore You in the flesh without seed, who was truly Virgin and remained incorrupt after child-birth, we bring to You as intercessor to grant forgiveness of sins to those who always cry, 'O Saviour, remember us also, in Your kingdom.'

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and

Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For all the powers of heaven praise You, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Prokeimenon Tone 4

Psalm 21: 19, 2

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone. They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

People: They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Reader: O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me?

People: They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Reader: They divide my garments among them.

People: And for my clothing they cast lots.

7th Gospel

Matthew 27: 33 - 54

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

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

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Priest reads 7th Gospel Matthew 27: 33 - 54

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

A bell is rung seven times.

In Monastic Practice, there is now a reading from our Venerable Father Ephraim the Syrian on the Passion of the Savior.

Psalm 50

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar.

8th Gospel
Luke 23: 32 - 49

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Priest reads 8th Gospel Luke 23: 32 - 49](#)

[At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:](#)

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

[A bell is rung eight times.](#)

Canon Tone 6

We begin the Canon by St Cosmas, of which the Acrostic is: "And on Sabbath eve."
The Irmos is repeated as the Katavasia. Instead of the biblical verses we say before each Troparion: Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Ode 5 Irmos

People:

Early will I seek You, O Word of God, /
who without change emptied Yourself and in Your
compassion for fallen man, /
who without suffering bowed down to suffering. //
Grant peace to me, O You who loves mankind.'

Reader:

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Reader:

O Christ, after their feet had been washed
and they had been cleansed by participation
in the divine Mystery, Your servants went
with You from Zion up to the great Mount of
Olives, singing Your praises, O Lover of
mankind.

Reader:

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

Reader:

‘O My friends, see that you are not troubled,’ You said, ‘Do not be afraid, for now the hour is near for Me to be taken and to be slain by the hands of the lawless ones. You will all be scattered, and will leave Me alone; but I shall gather You to proclaim Me, the Lover of mankind.

Katavasia

People:

Early will I seek You, O Word of God, /
who without change emptied Yourself and in Your
compassion for fallen man, /
who without suffering bowed down to suffering. //
Grant peace to me, O You who loves mankind.’

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For You are the King of Peace and the Saviour of our souls, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Kontakion

By St Romanus

Tone 8

People:

Come let us all sing the praises of Him who was crucified for us; /

for Mary said when she beheld Him upon the Tree: //

‘Though You have endured the Cross, You are My Son and God.’

Ikos

Reader:

Seeing her own Lamb led to the slaughter, Mary His Mother followed Him with the other women, and in her grief she cried: ‘Where are You going My Child? For what purpose are You running so quickly? Is there another wedding in Cana? And are You hurrying there to turn water into wine? Shall I go with You, My Child, or shall I wait for You? Give me some word, O Word; do not pass me by in silence. You have preserved me in virginity, and ...

People: ... You are My Son and God.’

Synaxarion

Reader:

On Holy and Great Friday we remember the holy, saving and awesome Passion of our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ: the spittings, the blows, the strikes, the insults, the mockings, the purple cloak, the reed, the sponge, the vinegar, the nails, the spear and above all the Cross and death, which He accepted willingly for our sake; but also the saving confession on the cross of the Noble Robber, crucified with Him.

Verses on the Crucifixion

People:

You are the living God, who was slain on a Tree; O naked corpse, You are the Word of the living God.

Verses of the Robber

The Robber opened the locked gates of Eden with the key, 'Remember me.'

Reader:

O Christ our God, in Your inexpressible compassion which has no bounds, have mercy on us. Amen.

Ode 8

Irmos

People:

The godly youths exposed a monument of godless wickedness, /
but the lawless Sanhedrin is enraged and takes vain counsel against Christ. /
They plan to kill Him who holds life in the palm of His hand, //
whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.

Reader:

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Reader:

‘Now shake sleep from your eyelids, My disciples,’ You said, O Christ, ‘But watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation; especially you, O Simon: for the trial is greater to the strong. Know Me, O Peter, whom all creation blesses and glorifies to the ages.’

Reader:

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Reader:

‘No profane word shall ever pass my lips, O Master,’ Peter cried, ‘I will gladly die with You, even if all deny You. Neither flesh nor blood, but Your Father revealed You to me; whom all creation blesses and glorifies to the ages.’

Reader: Let us bless the Lord: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Lord said, 'You have not comprehended the full depth of divine wisdom and knowledge. You have not understood the abyss of My judgments. Therefore do not boast for you are flesh and you will deny Me three times, whom all creation blesses and glorifies to all the ages.'

Reader: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: The Lord said, "O Simon Peter, you protest against the very thing you are about to do, as I say. A maid servant will suddenly approach and terrify you. Yet weeping bitterly you will find Me merciful, whom all creation blesses and glorifies to all ages."

People: We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord: Praising the Lord and supremely exalting Him to all ages.

Katavasia

People:

The godly youths exposed a monument of godless wickedness, /
but the lawless Sanhedrin is enraged and takes vain counsel against Christ. /
They plan to kill Him who holds life in the palm of His hand, //
whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.

There is a great censing.

The Magnification is not chanted, but instead the 9th Ode.

Ode 9

Irmos

People:

More honorable than the cherubim/
and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim;/
without corruption you gave birth to God the Word, //
the very Theotokos, we magnify you.

Reader:

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Reader:

O Christ, the destructive band of God-haters, and the synagogue of God-slayers came upon You as if You were someone unrighteous, and dragged You away, the Creator of all, whom we magnify.

Reader:

Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Reader: The impious men, ignoring the Law and studying the words of the Prophets in vain, unjustly dragged You away as a lamb to the slaughter, the Master of all, whom we magnify.

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Wounded by envious malice, the priests with the scribes handed over to the Gentiles to be put to death, the One who is Life and the Giver of life, whom we magnify.

Reader: Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: O King, they surrounded You like many dogs: they struck Your face with a blow, they questioned You, they bore false witness against You, and enduring all, You saved all.

Katavasia

People:

More honorable than the cherubim/
and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim;/
without corruption you gave birth to God the Word, //
the very Theotokos, we magnify you.

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: For all the Powers of Heaven praise You, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Exaposteilarion of the Triodion

Tone 3 Model Melody

Chanted slowly and solemnly.

People:

O Lord, on this very day
You made the Noble Robber
worthy of Paradise,
by the tree of Your Cross
also enlighten me and save me. (x3)

9th Gospel

John 19: 25 - 37

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing
the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord
God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy
Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel
according to St John the Theologian.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Priest reads 9th Gospel John 19: 25 - 37](#)

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to
You.

[A bell is rung nine times.](#)

Praises
Tone 3

Psalm 148

People:

Let every breath praise the Lord. /
Praise the Lord from the heavens; /
praise Him in the highest. //
To You is due praise, O God.

Praise Him, all you His angels; /
praise Him, all you His hosts. //
To You is due praise, O God.

Reader A: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all
you stars and light.

Reader B: Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and
you waters above the heavens. Let them
praise the Lord's name.

Reader A: For He spoke, and they were made; He
commanded, and they were created.

Reader B: He established them forever and to the ages
of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it
shall not pass away.

Reader A: Praise the Lord from the Earth, you dragons
and all the deeps.

Reader B: Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind,
which perform His word.

Reader A: Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and
all cedars.

Reader B: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Reader A: Kings of the Earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the Earth.

Reader B: Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

Reader A: His thanksgiving is in Earth and Heaven. And He shall exalt the strength of His people.

Reader B: A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Psalm 149

Reader A: Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Reader B: Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Reader A: Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

Reader B: For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

Reader A: The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

Reader B: The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

Reader A: To deal retribution to the nations, reprovng among the peoples.

Reader B: To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

Reader A: To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Psalm 150

Reader B: Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Reader A: Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Reader B: Praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness.

Reader A: Praise Him with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Praise Him with the harp and lyre.

Sticheron Tone 3

by Byzantius

People:

Israel, my firstborn son,
has committed two evil deeds. /
He abandoned Me, the Fountain of living water, /
and dug for himself a broken well. /
He crucified Me upon the Wood, /
and asked for Barabbas and released him. /
Heaven was amazed at this, /
and the sun hid his rays. /
But you, O Israel, were not ashamed, /
but delivered Me to death. /
Forgive them, O holy Father, //
for they know not what they do.

Reader B: Praise Him with timbrel and dance.

People: Praise Him with strings and flute.

Sticheron Tone 3

by Byzantius

People:

Israel, my firstborn son,
has committed two evil deeds. /
He abandoned Me, the Fountain of living water, /
and dug for himself a broken well. /
He crucified Me upon the Wood, /
and asked for Barabbas and released him. /
Heaven was amazed at this, /
and the sun hid his rays. /
But you, O Israel, were not ashamed, /
but delivered Me to death. /
Forgive them, O holy Father, //
for they know not what they do.

Reader: Praise Him with resounding cymbals;

People: Praise Him with triumphant cymbals.

Sticheron Tone 3

by Studite

People:

Every member of Your holy flesh endured dishonor for us./
Your head the thorns; Your face the spitting; /
Your cheeks the buffeting; Your mouth the taste of vinegar
mingled with gall; /
Your ears the impious blasphemies; Your back the
scourge; /
Your hand the reed; Your whole body the stretching upon
the Cross; /
Your joints the nails; Your side the spear. /
By Your sufferings You have set us free from suffering. /
In Your love for man You stooped down to raise us up. //
O almighty Savior, have mercy on us.

Reader: Let every breath

People: Praise the Lord.

Sticheron Tone 3

by Byzantius

People:

Seeing You crucified, O Christ, /
the whole creation trembled. /

The foundations of the Earth shook for fear of Your might, /
for by Your lifting up today the Hebrew race perished. /

The curtain of the Temple was torn in two. /

The tombs were opened and the dead arose from their
graves. /

The Centurion shuddered when he saw the wonder, /

Your Mother stood by and cried out with motherly
lamentation, /

'How shall I not weep, and beat my breast, /

seeing You naked and hanging upon the Cross as one
condemned?' //

O Lord, crucified and buried and risen from the dead, glory
to You!

Tone 6

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

Tone 6

People:

They have stripped Me of My garments, /
and clothed Me in a scarlet robe. /

They have set upon My head a crown of thorns /
and have given Me a reed in My right hand, //

that I might dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Tone 6

People: Now and ever, and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Tone 6

People:

I gave My back to scourgings. /
I did not turn My face from spittings. /
I stood before the judgement seat of Pilate //
and endured the Cross for the salvation of the world.

10th Gospel

Mark 15: 43 - 47

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Priest reads 10th Gospel Mark 15: 43 - 47](#)

[At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:](#)

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

[A bell is rung ten times.](#)

Reader: To You is due glory, O Lord our God, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Small Doxology

(Read not sung)

Priest: Glory to You who has shown us the Light!

Reader: Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will among men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory. Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and Holy Spirit. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For only You are holy; only You are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your Name to the ages of ages. Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. Lord, to You have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. For in You is the source of life, in Your Light we will see light. Continue Your mercy to those who know You. Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed are You, Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen. Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, just as we have hoped in You. Blessed are You, Lord, teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, Master, give me understanding of Your statutes. Blessed are You, Holy One, enlighten me by Your statutes. Lord, Your mercy endures forever; do not

disdain the works of Your hands. To You is due praise, to You is due a song, to You is due glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Litany of Supplication

Deacon: Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Pardon and remission of our sins and offences, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this. O Lord.

Deacon: A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defence before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Prayer at the Bowing of the Heads

Priest (quietly): O Holy Lord, who dwells on high and looks down on things that are lowly, and with Your all-seeing eye looks down on all creation: to You we have bowed the neck of our heart and body, entreating You: Stretch out Your invisible hand from Your holy dwelling place and bless us all. Pardon us if we have sinned voluntarily or involuntarily, for You are a good God and the Lover of mankind, granting us Your earthly and spiritual good things.

Priest: For You are a God of mercy, compassion and love for mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

11th Gospel
John 19: 38 - 42

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St John the Theologian.

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: [Priest reads 11th Gospel John 19: 38 - 42](#)

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

[A bell is rung eleven times.](#)

Aposticha

During the Aposticha, there is a great censing beginning from the Gospel/Cross at the centre of the church.

Tone 1

People:

All creation was changed by fear /
when it saw You hanging upon the Cross, O Christ. /
The sun was darkened, /
and the foundations of the Earth were shaken. /
All things suffered with the Creator of all. //
O Lord, who willingly endure this for us, glory to You!

Tone 2

People: They divide my garments among them, and
for my clothing they cast lots.

People:

An impious and transgressing people /
why do they imagine vain things? /
Why do they condemn to death the Life of all? /
O great wonder! /
The Creator of the world is betrayed into the hands of
lawless men. /
He who loves mankind is lifted up upon the Wood, /
that He might free those bound in Hell, who cry: //
O Long-suffering Lord, glory to You!

People: They gave Me gall for food and for My thirst
they gave Me vinegar to drink.

People:

Today the blameless Virgin /
saw You suspended upon the Cross, O Word. /
She mourned within herself and was sorely pierced in her
heart. /
She groaned in agony from the depth of her soul. /
Exhausted from tearing her hair and cheeks and beating
her breast, /
she cried out lamenting, /
'Woe is me, O my divine Child! /
Woe is me, O Light of the world! /
Why have You departed from my eyes, O Lamb of God?' /
Then the Bodiless Hosts were seized with trembling and
cried: //
'O incomprehensible Lord, glory to You!

People: God is our King before the ages He has
wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

People:

When she who bore You without seed /
saw You suspended upon the Tree, /
O Christ, the Creator and God of all, /
she cried bitterly, "Where is the beauty of Your form, O my
Son? /
I cannot bear to see You unjustly crucified. /
Hasten and arise, //
that I too may see Your resurrection from the dead on the
third day."

Tone 8

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

Tone 8

People:

When You ascended the Cross, O Lord, /
fear and trembling fell upon creation. /
Yet You forbid the Earth to swallow up those who crucified
You, /
but You commanded Hades to send up its captives /
for the regeneration of mortals. /
O Judge of the living and the dead, /
You have come to grant life, not death. //
O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Tone 6

People: Now and ever, and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Tone 6

People:

Now the unjust judges dip the pen of judgment. /
Jesus is tried and sentenced to the Cross. /
All creation suffers as it beholds the Lord on the Cross. //
O good Lord, who in Your human nature suffered for me,
glory to You!

12th Gospel

Matthew 27: 62 - 66

Deacon: And that He will make us worthy of hearing
the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord
God.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

Deacon: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy
Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

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

People: Glory to Your Passion, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Priest reads 12th Gospel Matthew 27: 62 - 66

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the people chant:

People: Glory to Your long-suffering, O Lord, glory to You.

A bell is rung twelve times.

The clergy and congregation venerate the Cross with deep bows.

The Gospel book is brought back into the Sanctuary via the Holy Doors and placed on the Altar, and the Holy Doors are closed. The priest takes off the phelonion.

Reader:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (x2)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x 3)

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (x 3)

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

Our Father in the Heavens, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your 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.

Priest:

For Yours 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 to the ages of ages.

People:

Amen.

Dismissal Hymn (Apolytikion) ***Tone 4***

People:

By Your precious Blood /
You have redeemed us from the curse of the Law. /
By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by a spear, /
You have poured forth immortality for man. //
O our Savior, glory to You. (Galatians 3: 13, 1 Peter 1: 18)

The Augmented Litany

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to
Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us
and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for our great lord and father,
His Holiness, Patriarch N.; for our lord the
Most Reverend Metropolitan N., First
Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; for
our lord the Most Reverend (Archbishop or
Bishop N., whose diocese it is) and all our
brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for this land, its authorities
and armed forces.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray to the Lord our God that He
may deliver His people from enemies visible
and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of
mind, brotherly love and piety.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy Orthodox patriarchs; for pious kings and right-believing queens; and for the founders of this holy temple (**or:** this holy Monastery); and for all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us, and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of the sins of the servants of God, the brethren of this holy temple (**or:** this holy monastery).

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who serve and those who chant, and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: For You are a merciful God and the Lover of mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!
The Deacon returns to the Sanctuary.

People: Father, Bless!

Priest: Blessed is He Who is, Christ our God, always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen. Establish, O God, the holy Orthodox Faith of Orthodox Christians, to the ages of ages.

Priest: All-Holy Theotokos save us!

People: More honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim; who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, we magnify you.

Priest: Glory to You, Christ our God and our hope, glory to You.

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

Lord, have mercy. (x3)
Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, who for the salvation of the world endured spitting, scourging, buffeting, the Cross, and death, through the intercessions of His all pure Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-praised apostles, of our holy and God-bearing fathers and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

People: Amen.

The First Hour is not said at this time as the Great Hours will be read on Holy Friday morning.

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