

**ALL-NIGHT VIGIL
FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE
OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**

GREAT VESPERS

Opening and Evening Psalm

*The priest censes the holy altar table in silence, as a
memory of the silence in which the Holy Spirit
brooded over the formless waters just before
creation (Genesis 1:2).*

(Deacon: Bless Master!)

Priest: Glory to the holy consubstantial, life-creating,
and undivided Trinity, now and ever and unto
ages of ages!

Choir: Amen! Come let us worship God our King ...

*(As the priest censes the entire church, the choir sings the
great Psalm of Creation -- Evening Psalm 104, "Bless
the Lord O my Soul.")*

The Great Litany

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

For the peace of the whole world, for the
welfare of the holy churches of God, and
for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For His Beatitude our Metropolitan _____ ;
for His Eminence (Grace) our Archbishop
(Bishop) _____ ; for the honorable
priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all
the clergy and the people, let us pray to
the Lord.

For this country, its president, and for all civil
authorities, and for the armed forces, let us
pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and country, and for
the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray
to the Lord.

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

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

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

All: To You O Lord.

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

All: Amen.

First Kathisma: “Blessed is the Man”

(Selected verses from Psalms 1-3. Refrain is Alleluia (3x).)

- Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked.
 - For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish.
 - Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling.
 - Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
 - Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God!
 - Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing be upon Your people.
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- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 - Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to You, O God!
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Little Litany

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: In the evening and in the morning and at noonday, we praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, O Lord of all: Direct our prayer before You as incense, and incline not our hearts to words or thoughts of wickedness; but deliver us from all who seek after our souls. For to You Lord, O Lord, do we lift up our eyes, and in You have we trusted. Put us not to shame, O our God. For Yours is the majesty, 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 unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Lord I Call (Tone 6)

(With a great censuring. As a reminder of the Fall of Adam and Eve, we proclaim Psalms 141, 142, 130, 117. The sung verses are meditations on the themes of the Feast.)

Choir: Lord, I call upon You, hear me. Hear me, O Lord. Lord, I call upon You hear me. Receive

the voice of my prayer. Lord, I call upon You.
Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise, in Your sight as incense.
And let the lifting up of my hands, be an
evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

Reader: Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD, keep
watch over the door of my lips! Incline not my
heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked
deeds in company with men who work
iniquity; and let me not eat of their chosen
ones!

Let a good man strike or rebuke me in
kindness, but let the oil of the wicked never
anoint my head; for my prayer is continually
against their wicked deeds.

When they are given over to those who shall
condemn them, then they shall learn that the
word of the LORD is true. As a rock which one
cleaves and shatters on the land, so shall their
bones be scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

But my eyes are toward thee, O LORD; in You
I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless! Keep
me from the trap which they have laid for me,

and from the snares of evildoers! Let the wicked together fall into their own nets, while I alone pass through.

[Psalm 142] I cry with my voice to the LORD, with my voice I make supplication to the LORD, I pour out my complaint before him, I tell all my trouble. When my spirit is faint within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk they have laid a trap for me.

I look to the right and watch, but there is none who knows me; no refuge remains to me, no man cares for my soul. I cry to You, O LORD; I say, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. Give heed to my cry; for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are too strong for me!

Reader: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name.

Choir: The grace of the Holy Spirit / today has assembled us. / Taking up Your Cross we sing: / "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! // Hosanna in the highest!"

Reader: The righteous await me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

Choir: *(Repeat: "The grace of the Holy Spirit ...")*

Reader: [Psalm 130] Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! Lord hear my voice.

Choir: Today the Word of God the Father, / the Coeternal Son, / Whose throne is heaven and Whose footstool is earth, / humbles Himself and comes from Bethany, / riding on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass. / The children of the Hebrews hold branches in their hands. / They praise Him crying out: / "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel!"

Reader: Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Choir: *(Repeat, "Today the Word of God the Father ...")*

Reader: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Choir: O new Israel, church of the Gentiles, / assemble today and sing with the Prophet Zechariah: / "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! / Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! / Behold, your King is coming to you! / He is meek,

bearing salvation. / He rides on the colt of an ass." / Celebrate with the children, holding palms in your hands: / "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel!"

Reader: For Your name's sake I wait for You, O Lord.
My soul has waited for Your word, my soul
has hoped on the Lord.

Choir: (*Repeat: "O new Israel ..."*)

Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the
morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

Choir: By your command, O Loving Lord, / You
raised Lazarus Your friend from death. / His
flesh had been given over to corruption. / He
was in the power of death four days. / By this,
You foretold Your holy Resurrection for us. /
Today, You mount an untamed colt as Your
chariot, / foretelling the conversion of the
Gentiles. / Your beloved Israel offers You a
hymn of praise / from the mouths of innocent
children, / as they see You enter the Holy City,
O Christ, // six days before the Feast of
Passover.

Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Choir: *(Repeat: "By Your command, O Loving Lord ...")*

Reader: [Psalm 117] Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Choir: Six days before the Feast of Passover / Jesus entered Bethany. / His disciples asked Him: / "Where should we prepare for You to eat the Passover?" / He answered: "When you have entered the city, / a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. / Follow him into the house which he enters, / and tell the master of the house: / 'The Teacher says to you: // Here I shall eat the Passover with my disciples.'" "

Reader: For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endured forever.

Choir: *(Repeat: "Six days before the Feast of Passover ...")*

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

Choir: The grace of the Holy Spirit / today has
assembled us. / Taking up Your Cross we sing:
/ “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the
Lord! // Hosanna in the highest!”

Reader: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: The grace of the Holy Spirit / today has
assembled us. / Taking up Your Cross we sing:
/ “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the
Lord! // Hosanna in the highest!”

Evening Entrance -- O Gladsome Light

(The clergy exits the north deacon’s door and stands before the Royal Doors. Although sin enters the world through Adam after creation, we rejoice in the “Gladsome Light” of Jesus Christ, who dispels the darkness and brings salvation. Also known as the Lamplighting Psalm, O Gladsome Light is the hymn which coincided with sunset. During this hymn the candles in church were lit to fight back the darkness.)

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the
immortal Father: Heavenly, holy, blessed O

Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For meet it is at all times to worship You, with voices of praise, O Son of God and Giver of Life! Therefore all the world glorifies You!

Prokeimenon of Sunday and Old Testament Readings of the Feast

Priest: Let us attend. Peace be unto all!

Priest: Wisdom. The prokeimenon in the 6th tone:
The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty.

- The Lord is robed. He is girded with strength.
- For He has established the world that it shall never be moved!
- Holiness befits Your House, O Lord, forever more!
- The Lord is King ...

All: ... He is robed in majesty.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from Genesis.

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: (*Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12*) Then Jacob called his sons, and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in days to come. ² Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob, and hearken to Israel your father. ⁸ Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. ⁹ Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as a lioness; who dares rouse him up? ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. ¹¹ Binding his foal to the vine and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washes his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes; ¹² his eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from Zephaniah.

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: (*Zephaniah 3:14-19*). ¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from Zechariah.

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: (*Zechariah 9:9-15*) ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your captives free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. ¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will brandish your sons, O Zion, over your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴ Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet, and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁵ The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; and they shall drink their blood

like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.

Vouchsafe, O Lord

Choir: Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we have set our hope on You. Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Master, make me to understand Your commandments. Blessed are You, O Holy One, enlighten me with Your precepts. Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not despise the works of Your hands. To You belongs, worship. To You belongs praise. To You belongs glory. To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Evening Litany

Priest: Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Grant it, O Lord.

Priest:

- An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.
- Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.
- All things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.
- That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.
- A Christian ending to our life: painless, blameless, and peaceful; and a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

- Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For you are a good God who loves mankind, and to you do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace, be unto all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of mankind, look upon Your servants and Your inheritance. For to You, the awesome judge, who yet loves mankind, have Your servants bowed their heads and submissively inclined their necks, awaiting not help from men, but asking Your

mercy, and looking confidently for Your salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every foe, from all adverse powers of the devil, from vain thoughts and from evil imaginations.

Blessed and most glorified be the majesty of Your Kingdom, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

**Litya, Aposticha, Prayer of St Simeon,
Trisagion Prayers, Blessing of Loaves**

(As the clergy move to the "porch" -- or, more commonly, to the west end of the Nave -- the choir sings the Litya verses.)

(Tone 1). The Holy Spirit taught the Apostles to speak in many strange languages. / He also inspired the innocent Hebrew children to sing: / "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel!"

The Word of God Who has no beginning: / the
Father's Coeternal Son, / today comes to the
city of Jerusalem, / enthroned on a dumb
beast, the foal of an ass. / The Cherubim are
afraid to gaze upon Him, / yet the children
honor Him with palms and branches. / The
Spirit inspires their song of praise: / "Hosanna
in the highest! Hosanna to David's Son, //
Who has come to save mankind from error!"

Six days before the Feast of Passover, / Your
voice resounded in the depths of hell, O Lord,
/ raising Lazarus who had been dead four
days. / Then the children of the Hebrews
danced and sang: // "Hosanna to our God!
Glory to You!"

(Tone 2). You have entered the Holy City, O Lord, /
riding on the colt of an ass, / hastening to
Your Passion, / that the Law and the Prophets
might be fulfilled. / The Hebrew children
greeted You with palms and branches, /
heralding Your victorious Resurrection. //
Blessed are You, O Savior! Have mercy on us!

Glory to You, O Christ, / enthroned on high! /
Today we lift up Your precious Cross, / as we
await Your coming in glory. / The daughter of
Zion is glad; / all nations on earth rejoice; / the
children wave branches; the disciples make a
carpet of clothes. / All the ends of the earth
learn to cry to You: // “Blessed are You, O
Savior! Have mercy on us!”

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

(Tone 3). Six days before the Feast of Passover / Jesus
came to Bethany. / He restored Lazarus to life,
/ announcing the coming resurrection. /
Martha and Mary met Him, crying: / “Lord, if
You had been here, our brother would not
have died!” / Jesus answered them, / “Have I
not already told you: / If anyone believes in
me, / even if he dies, he shall live? / Show me
the place where you buried him!” // Then the
Creator of all cried out to him: “Lazarus,
come forth!”

Priest: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Visit Your world in mercy and compassion. Exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Your rich mercies; through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross; through the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; through the supplications of the honorable, glorious, Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of our Fathers among the Saints, great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of our Fathers among the Saints, Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria, Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyrna, Iranaeus of Lyons and Cyprian of Carthage; of our Fathers among the Saints, Nicholas of Myra and Lycia, Wonderworker and patron of this holy house, Leo and Gregory of Rome, Ambrose of Milan, and the holy Confessor Patrick of Ireland; of the Holy Methodius and Cyril, teachers of the Slavs, of the holy Prince Vladimir, the blessed Princess Olga, Nina, Enlightener of Georgia,

and Nicholas, equal to the Apostles and
Enlightener of Japan; of our Fathers among the
saints, the hierarchs of all Rus, Peter, Alexis,
Kyprian Jonah and Philip, Innocent,
Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to
America, and Tikhon the Confessor; of our
Fathers among the Saints, Clement of Okhrid,
Sava of Serbia and Euthymius of Trnovo; of
the holy, glorious, and right-victorious
martyrs, the great martyr and healer,
Panteleimon, the great martyrs Demetrios,
George, Katherine and Barbara; of our
venerable and God-bearing Fathers, Anthony
and Theodosius and the other Wonderworkers
of the Caves in Kiev, Sergius of Radonezh,
Seraphim of Sarov, Makarios of Corinth,
Nektarios of Aegina, Nikodemos and Silouan
of the Holy Mountain, and Cosmas the
Aitolian; of our venerable Father Herman,
Elder and Wonderworker of Alaska and All-
America; of our Fathers among the saints
Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn, and John, the
Wonderworker and Bishop of San Francisco;
of our righteous Fathers Alexis of Minneapolis
and Wilkes-Barre, Confessor and Defender of
Orthodoxy, John and Alexander, Missionaries

to America and Hieromartyrs under the Bolshevik yoke; of the first martyrs in North America, our Father Juvenaly and Peter of Alaska; of Nicholas, Bishop of Zicha, and our Righteous Father John of Kronstadt; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the Saints, hear us sinners, who pray to You, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (12x).

Priest: Again we pray for his Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____, and for his Eminence (Grace), our Archbishop (Bishop) _____, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ; and for every Christian soul that is afflicted and weary and in well-doing, in need of God's mercies and help;

For the protection of this holy house, and for those who abide therein; for the peace and quietness of the whole world; for the welfare of God's holy churches; for the salvation and assistance of our fathers and brethren who, with diligence and in the fear of God, do labor and serve;

For those who are absent and abroad; for the healing of those who lie in sickness; for the repose, refreshment, blessed memory and remission of sins of all our devout fathers and mothers, brothers, sisters, and children, Orthodox believers departed this life before us who here, and in all the world, lie asleep in the Lord;

For the deliverance of captives; and for all our brethren who are taking part in these ministrations, and for all who minister and have ministered in this holy house, let us say.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (12x).

Priest: Again we pray that He will preserve this city and this holy house, and every city and land from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, invasion of enemies and from civil war; and that our good God, who loves mankind, will be graciously favorable and easy to be entreated, and will turn away from us all the wrath stirred up against us, and deliver us

from all His righteous chastisement which impends against us, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (3x).

Priest: Again we pray that the Lord God will hear the voice of petition of us sinners, and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (3x).

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, Hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who travel far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners and be merciful to us.

For You are a merciful God who loves mankind, and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and every and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and of all Your saints; make our prayer acceptable; grant us remission of our transgressions; hide us under the shadow of Your wings, drive far from us every foe and adversary; make our life peaceful, O Lord. Have mercy on us and on Your world, forasmuch as You are gracious and love mankind.

Choir: Amen.

(Tone 8). Rejoice and be glad, O City of Zion! / Exult and be joyful, O Church of God! / Your King is coming in righteousness. / He rides on a colt, the foal of an ass. / The children sing His praises: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed are You, O greatly merciful One! Have mercy on us!”

v. Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have fashioned perfect praise!

Today the Savior comes to Jerusalem, /
fulfilling the Scriptures. / He is greeted with
palms and a carpet of clothes. / All know it is
He: / the Lord, Whom the Cherubim praise. /
Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed are You, O
greatly merciful One! Have mercy on us!

*v. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your Name in all
the earth!*

O gracious Lord, Who ride upon the
Cherubim, / and are praised by the Seraphim,
/ now You ride like David on the foal of an
ass. / The children sing hymns worthy of
God, / while the priests and scribes
blaspheme against You. / By riding an
untamed colt, You have prefigured the
salvation of the Gentiles, / those wild beasts,
who will be brought from unbelief to faith. /
Glory to You, O merciful Christ, // our King
and the Lover of man!

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

(Tone 6). The grace of the Holy Spirit / today has assembled us. / Taking up Your Cross we sing: / “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! // Hosanna in the highest!”

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

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St Simeon’s Prayer (Luke 1:9-32)

Following creation, the fall, and the Incarnation and salvation of all through Jesus Christ, there comes our death and judgment before the dread seat of Christ. We sing this hymn in the voice of St Simeon, who beheld the Christ child according to God’s promise, and who then submitted to the final end of days.

Choir: Lord now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A light to

enlighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of
Your people Israel.

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

Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.

O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord,
cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our
transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord have mercy (3x). Glory ... now and ever
... Amen. Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and
the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of
ages.

Choir: Amen! (*The Choir sings the Troparia of the Feast.*)

(Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your
passion, / You confirmed the universal
resurrection, O Christ God. / Like the children

with palms of victory, / we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.” (*Twice*)

Glory ... now and ever ...

(Tone 4). When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by your Resurrection. / Now we praise You and sing: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, who blessed the five loaves in the wilderness and from them fed the five thousand: do You, the same Lord, bless these loaves, wheat, wine, and oil; and sanctify all the faithful who shall partake of them.

For it is You, O Christ our God, who blesses and sanctify all things; and to You we ascribe

glory, with Your Father, who has no beginning,
and You All-Holy, Good, and Life-creating
Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen! Blessed be the name of the Lord,
henceforth and forevermore (3x).

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon, through His
grace and love for mankind, always now and
ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

MATINS

*(The Holy Doors are closed. Lights are turned
off, and the Reader immediately begins Matins
with the morning psalms.)*

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

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall
show forth Your praise. (2x)

Morning Psalms: Psalms 3, 38, 63, 88, 103, 143

(Septuagint numbering 3, 37, 62, 87, 102, 142)

The Reader will chant only the first three.

[Psalm 3] O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God. But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cry aloud to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me. I am not afraid of ten thousands of men who have set themselves against me round about.

Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! For you smite all my enemies on the cheek, thou break the teeth of the wicked. Deliverance belongs to the LORD; your blessing be upon your people!

[Psalm 37(38)] O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor chasten me in your wrath! For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness, I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning. For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

Lord, all my longing is known to you, my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart throbs, my strength fails me; and the light of my eyes -- it also has gone from me. My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my kinsmen stand afar off. Those who seek my life lay their snares, those who seek my hurt speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all the day long. But I am like a deaf man, I do not hear, like a dumb man who does not open his mouth. Yea, I am like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.

But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O LORD my God, who will answer. For I pray, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!" For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity, I am sorry for my sin. Those who are my foes without cause are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully. Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow

after good.

Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

[Psalm 62(63)] O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, when I think of you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall glory; for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (3x)

(If included, the Great Litany is chanted here.)

God is the Lord (Tone 1)

Priest: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

Choir: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Priest: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I withstood them.

Choir: [repeats refrain]

Priest: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Choir: [repeats refrain]

Priest: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Choir: [repeats refrain]

Choir: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion ... (2x)

Glory ... now and ever ...

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God ... (1x).

Polyeleos -- "Many mercies!"

(Psalms 135-136)

- Praise the Name of the Lord. Give praise, O servants of the Lord.
- **First Refrain: Alleluia!**

- You that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.
- Praise the Lord for the Lord is good, sing to His Name for He is gracious.

- For I know that the Lord is great, and that the Lord is above all gods.
- Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the sea, and all deeps.
- Blessed be the Lord from Zion, He who dwells in Jerusalem.

- O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.
- **Second Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! For His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!**

- O give thanks to the God of gods, for His mercy endures forever.
- To Him who alone does great wonders, for His mercy endures forever.
- To Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His mercy endures forever.
- To Him who led His people through the wilderness, for His mercy endures forever.
- It is He who remembered us in our low estate, for His mercy endures forever.
- O give thanks to the God of heaven, for His mercy endures forever.

Magnification

(Sung first by the clergy. Then taken up by the choir.)

We magnify, we magnify You, O Christ the Giver of Life, and we cry to You “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!”

- Verses:** * O Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth.
- * Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Then 3x:)* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to You O God!

Little Litany

(The Deacon now intones the Little Litany)

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 unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

From my Youth

(The choir now sings the Song of Ascent)

From my youth, many passions have fought against me, but You help me and save me, O my Savior. You who hate Zion shall be put to shame by the Lord. You shall be withered up like grass by the fire.

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

Every soul is enlivened by the Holy Spirit, and is exalted in purity, illumined by the Holy Trinity in a sacred mystery.

The Prokeimenon, And the Gospel of the Feast

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend. The prokeimenon in the 4th Tone. Out of the mouths of babes and infants / You have fashioned perfect praise.

Choir: [Repeats prokeimenon.]

Priest: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth.

Choir: [Repeats prokeimenon.]

Priest: Out of the mouths of babes and infants.

Choir: You have fashioned perfect praise.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For Holy are You, O our God, who rests in the saints, and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord.

Choir: Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord.

Priest: Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Choir: Let everything that breathes, praise the Lord.

Priest: Let everything that breathes ...

Choir: ... praise the Lord.

Priest: And that we might be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy (3x).

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

Choir: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

(Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17) At that time, when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." ⁶

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; ¹⁶ and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?" ¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Choir: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

Psalm 51
Blessing of the Palms and Branches

As the Reader chants Psalm 51, the Priest blesses the whole church. He censes the palms & branches, and after the following prayer, blesses them with holy water.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Priest: O Lord our God, who sits upon the cherubim, You have reaffirmed Your power by sending Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His cross, burial, and resurrection. When He came into Jerusalem to suffer His voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and in the shadow of death took boughs of trees and branches of palms as signs of victory, thus foretelling His resurrection. You Yourself, O Master, keep and preserve us who, in imitation of them, carry palms and branches in our hands on this eve of the Feast. As we join the crowds and the children who sang “Hosanna” to You, may we, with hymns and spiritual songs, attain the life-giving resurrection on the third day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good,

and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Post-Gospel Stikhera

(Verses which follow the Gospel of the Feast.)

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

(Tone 2) Today Christ enters the Holy City / Riding on the foal of an ass // He destroys the wicked and barren folly of the Gentiles

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today Christ enters the Holy City / Riding on the foal of an ass // He destroys the wicked and barren folly of the Gentiles

(Tone 6.) Have mercy on me O God / have mercy on me, / and according to the multitude of Your tender mercies // blot out my transgressions.

The grace of the Holy Spirit / Has assembled us. / Taking up Your cross we sing / “Blessed is

He that comes in the name of the Lord //
Hosanna in the highest!"

The Canon of the Feast (Tone 4)

During the canon, all come forward to venerate the Icon of the Feast. Each is then anointed with the blessed oil, and receive the blessed bread and wine.

ODE 1. The springs of the deep appeared as dry land. /
The depths of the raging sea were uncovered. /
You rebuked the tempest and saved Your
chosen people / who sang to You a song of
victory.

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Out of the mouths of the spotless babes and infants, You have brought forth perfect praise. Destroy the enemy by Your Cross and Passion! Avenge the fall of old Adam! By the tree raise him up to his first splendor, that he may sing to You a song of victory.

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! The holy Church offers her praise to You, O Christ, Who dwell in Zion. Israel rejoices in You, her

Creator. The mountains, like the stony hearts of the Gentiles, exult before You, singing to You a song of victory.

Reader: *Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.*

Choir: (*Katavasia*) The springs of the deep appeared as dry land ...

ODE 3. The people of Israel drank from a hard and barren rock, / which became a flowing stream by Your command; / for this life-giving Rock is You, O Christ, / upon whom the Church is established, crying out: // "Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord."

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Lazarus had been dead four days, but hell trembled at Your command, and released him, for You, O Christ, are the Resurrection and the Life. Upon You the Church is established, crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!"

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Come, O faithful, sing to God worthy hymns in Zion!

The Messiah has come to Jerusalem in glory and dominion. Upon Him the Church is established, crying out: "Hosanna Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!"

Reader: *Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.*

Choir: (*Katavasia*) The people of Israel drank from a hard ...

Hypakoe (Tone 6)

First the multitude praised Christ our God with palms, / but then His ungrateful people clamored for His crucifixion. / As for us, let us honor Him as our Savior and sing with unchanging faith: //
"Blessed is He who comes to recall Adam!"

ODE 4. Christ our God is coming and will not tarry. / He comes from the dark and shady mountain, / from a maiden who has not known man. / This has been foretold by the prophets of old. //
Therefore we sing: "Hosanna in the highest!"

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Break forth in mighty gladness, O mountains and all hills! Let the trees of the forest clap their hands for joy! Praise Christ, all you nations! Glorify

Him, all you peoples, crying: "Glory, O Lord, to Your power!"

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! The King of glory has come. The Lord of the ages has entered. The hour of His majesty is upon us. His beauty in Zion is beyond compare. Come, O faithful, let us fall down before Him, crying: "Glory, O Lord, to your power!,

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! The Lord comes! He holds the earth in His grasp. He measures the heavens with the span of His hand. He has chosen Zion; in her He is well pleased to dwell, ruling the hearts of all who cry in faith: "Glory, O Lord, to your power!,

Reader: *Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.*

Choir: (*Katavasia*) Christ our God is coming and will not tarry ...

ODE 5. O herald of good tidings to Zion, / get you up into a high mountain! / Raise your voice, O watchman of Jerusalem, and loudly cry: / "Glorious things are spoken of you, O City of

God: // Peace be to Israel and salvation to the Gentiles!"

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! God Almighty, enthroned upon the cherubim, has given heed to the lowly. He has come in great glory and power. The whole earth is filled with His praise. Peace be to Israel, and salvation to the Gentiles!

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Jerusalem and holy Zion, mountain of our God, lift your eyes round about and see! Your children gather from afar. They worship Him Who reigns in you: Peace be to Israel, and salvation to the Gentiles!

Reader: *Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.*

Choir: (*Katavasia*) O herald of good tidings to Zion ...

ODE 6. The souls of the righteous sing for joy: / a new covenant is granted to the world today. // Let the peoples be renewed through sprinkling with blood divine.

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! O Israel, receive God's Kingdom! Behold, a great light is rising on those who dwell in the shadow of death. Let the peoples be renewed through sprinkling with blood divine!

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Release your ransomed prisoners, O Zion! Lead them up from the waterless pit of ignorance! Let the peoples be renewed through sprinkling with blood divine!

Reader: *Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.*

Choir: (*Katavasia*) The souls of the righteous ...

Kontakion (Tone 6)

Sitting on Your Throne in Heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, / accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: // "Blessed in He who comes to recall Adam!"

Ikos (Chanted by the Reader)

You have bound hell, slain death, and raised the world. Therefore the children carry palms and

praise You as victor, O Christ! Today, O immortal Lord, they cry to You: “Hosanna to David’s Son! No longer shall little children be slain for Mary’s Child. You are crucified for us all, both young and old. Your side is pierced with a spear, defeating the sword drawn against us. We cry aloud in great exultation:

Choir: Blessed is He who comes to recall Adam!

ODE 7. You have saved the children of Abraham from fire. / You have destroyed the Chaldeans who unjustly preyed upon the innocent. / Blessed are You, O most praised Lord, / the God of our fathers!

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! The people knelt before You with palms in their hands. They rejoiced with the disciples, crying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed are You, O most praised Lord, the God of our fathers!”

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! The innocent children sang a hymn worthy of You,

O King of Israel and King of angels: “Blessed are You, O most praised Lord, the God of our fathers!”

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Bearing palms and branches, the crowd hailed You, O Son of David, crying out: “Blessed is the King of the new age to come! Blessed are You, O most praised Lord, the God of our fathers!”

Reader: *Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.*

Choir: *(Katavasia)* You have saved ...

ODE 8. Rejoice, O Jerusalem! / Celebrate, O lovers of Zion! / The Lord of Hosts, who rules the ages, has come. / Let all the earth fall down before Him, crying: // “Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord!”

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Christ your King us here, O Zion. He has come to destroy the senselessness of idolatry, and to restrain the untamed willfulness of the Gentiles, teaching them to sing: “Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord!”

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Rejoice greatly, O Zion! Your Messiah, your God, will reign forever. He is meek. He brings salvation, as it is written. Our righteous Deliverer comes riding on a colt, destroying the proud arrogance of those who will not cry: "Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord!"

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! The band of lawless extortioners was driven out of the temple. They had made God's house of prayer into a den of thieves. They rejected the Redeemer, to whom we cry aloud: "Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord!"

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

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

Choir: (*Katavasia*) Rejoice O Jerusalem ...

ODE 9. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! / Celebrate the feast and come with

gladness! / Let us magnify Christ with palms
and branches, / singing: “Blessed is He that
comes in the name of the Lord!”

Reader: Glory to You, O God, glory to You! Why do
you nations rage? Why do you priests and
scribes imagine vanities, saying: “Who is this,
whom children praise with palms and
branches, crying: ‘Blessed is He that comes in
the name of the Lord!’”

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! This is our
God. There is none other like Him. He
established every righteous way, bestowing it
upon beloved Israel. After this, He appeared
on earth and walked with men. Blessed is He
that comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to You, O God, glory to You! You
rebels! Why have you placed stumbling blocks
before us? Your feet hasten to shed the
Master’s blood, but He will rise again, saving
all those who cry to Him: “Blessed is He that
comes in the name of the Lord!”

Reader: *Glory ... now and ever ... Amen.*

Choir: (*Katavasia*) God is the Lord ...

The Little Litany ...

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

Choir: Amen.

Holy is the Lord our God

Priest: Holy is the Lord is our God!

Choir: Holy is the Lord is our God!

Priest: For holy is the Lord is our God!

Choir: Holy is the Lord is our God!

Priest: Over all people is our God!

Choir: Holy is the Lord is our God!

Exapostilarion

(There is no special exapostilarion for the Feast.)

The Praises

(Tone 8)

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens!

Praise Him in the highest!!

To You O God, is due a song!

Praise Him, all you Angels of His!

Praise Him, all His hosts!!

To You, O god, is due a song!

*v.1 To execute upon the judgment written. This is glory for
all His faithful ones.*

(Tone 4)

A great multitude spread their garment on the road, O
Lord.

Others cut branches from the trees and carried them.

They cried: “Hosanna to the Son of David!!”

Blessed is He who comes, and will come again, in the
name of the Lord!”

*v.2 Praise God in His Sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty
firmament!*

Repeat (A great multitude...)

v.3 Praise Him for His mighty deeds! Praise Him according to His exceeding greatness!

When You were about to enter the Holy City, O Lord,
The crowd greeted You with palms and songs.
They saw the Master of All riding upon a colt, as though
upon the cherubim!
They cried: “Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He who comes, and will come again, in the
name of the Lord!”

*v.4 Praise Him with trumpet sound! Praise Him with lute
and harp!*

Repeat: “When You ...”

*v.5 Praise Him with timbrel and dance! Praise Him with
strings and pipe!*

(Tone 4)

Come forth, all you nations!

Come forth, you peoples!

Behold, the King of Heaven comes to Jerusalem,

Sitting on a humble colt as though upon a throne!
O unbelieving and adulterous generation;
Come see the One whom Isaiah foretold.
For our sake He has come in the flesh.
He takes the new Zion, chaste and pure as His bride.
He will crush the evil council like a vessel of clay.
See how the young and innocent children gather
Singing praises as at a marriage feast
Let us join them in the angel's hymn:
"Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He who comes, and will come again, in the
name of the Lord!"

*v. 6 Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with
loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes
praise the Lord!*

Before Your voluntary passion, O Lord
You foretold the universal resurrection to all:
In Bethany, by Your almighty power,
You raised Lazarus who was dead four days!
You gave sight to the blind, for You are the Giver of
Light!
You entered the Holy City with Your disciples,
Seated on the colt of an ass, fulfilling the Scriptures

The children of the Hebrews met You with olive
branches and palms.

We follow their example, crying to You in
thanksgiving://

“Blessed is he who comes, and will come again, in the
name of the Lord!”

Glory ... now and ever ...

(Tone 6)

Six days before the Feast of Passover

Jesus entered Bethany

His disciples asked Him:

“Where should we prepare for You to eat the
Passover?”

He answered, “When you have entered the city,

A man carrying a jar of water will meet you.

Follow him into the house which he enters,

And tell the master of the house

‘The Teacher says to you//

Here I shall eat the Passover with my disciples.’”

Great Doxology

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

Choir: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will to men.
We praise You, we bless You,
we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You for Your great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty;
O Lord, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
Who take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us.
You who take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You who sit at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy on us.
For You only are holy,
You only are the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the
glory of God the Father. Amen.
Every day will I bless You and praise Your
name forever and ever.
Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our
fathers,
and praised and glorified is Your name
forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we put
our hope in You.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your
statutes.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your
statutes.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your
statutes.

Lord, You have been our refuge from
generation to generation.

I said: Lord, be merciful to me! Heal my soul,
for I have sinned against You!

Lord, I flee to You. Teach me to do Your will,
for You are my God;

For with You is the fountain of life, in Your
light we shall see light.

Continue Your loving kindness to those who
know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have
mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have
mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have
mercy on us.

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have
mercy on us.

Choir: (**Troparion, Tone 1**): By raising Lazarus from
the dead before Your passion, / You confirmed
the universal resurrection, O Christ God. /
Like the children with palms of victory, / we
cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: /
“Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that
comes in the name of the Lord.”

Augmented Litany and Prayer of Inclination

*(The Deacon now exits through the Royal Doors
and chants the Augmented Litany)*

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

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan_____, His Grace/Eminence, our Bishop/Archbishop _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brethren in Christ.

Again we pray for this country, its president, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces.

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy Orthodox patriarchs; and for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy house; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, (especially, _____) who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation for the servants of

God, _____, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable house; for those who labor and sing; and for all the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.

Priest: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and to You we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

Priest: Peace be unto all

Choir: And to your Spirit

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord

Choir: To You, O Lord

Priest: O Holy Lord, who dwells on high and regards the humble of heart, and with Your all-seeing eye beholds all creation: to You have we bowed the neck of our soul and body and we

entreat You: Stretch forth Your invisible hand from Your holy dwelling-place and bless us all. And if in any way we have sinned, whether voluntary or involuntary, forgive, inasmuch as You are a good God, and the lover of mankind, vouchsafing to us Your earthly and heavenly good things.

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Dismissal

Priest: Wisdom!

Choir: Father bless!

Priest: Christ our God, the existing one, is blessed, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Preserve, O God, the Holy Orthodox faith and Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages!

Priest: Most Holy Theotokos save us!

Choir: More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos we magnify you!

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

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Father, bless!

Priest: May He who deigned to sit on the foal of an ass for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure mother, of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles, of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good, and loves mankind!

Choir: Amen!