

## Matins of Great and Holy Friday (Twelve Passion Gospels)

**Priest:** Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen. Glory to thee, O God, glory to thee.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**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.

**Reader:** Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father bless.

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

**Reader:** Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace, goodwill towards man (3x).

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

### **The Six Morning Psalms (*Three are taken*)**

#### **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 thou, O LORD, art 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 people who have set  
themselves against me round about.

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

## Psalm 38

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy anger, nor chasten me in thy wrath! For thy arrows have sunk into me, and thy hand has come down on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thy 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 thee, my sighing is not hidden from thee. 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 thee, O LORD, do I wait; it is thou, O LORD my God, who wilt 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!

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

### **Psalm 63**

O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise

thee. So I will bless thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.

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

My soul clings to thee; thy 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.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.

## 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, 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 Thy 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 thee O Lord.

**Priest:** For unto thee 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.



## The Alleluias

**Priest:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. In the night, my soul rises early for thee, O God, for Thy commandments are a light on the earth.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Priest:** Learn righteousness, all you inhabitants of the earth.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Priest:** Jealousy shall grasp an untaught people.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Priest:** Bring more evils on them, O Lord, bring more evils on those who are glorious on the earth.

**Choir:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## The Troparion

When the glorious disciples were enlightened at the washing of their feet before the supper, then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice, and to the lawless judges he betrays Thee, the Righteous Judge. Behold, O lover of money, this man because of money

hanged himself. Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master! O Lord who art good towards all men, glory to Thee!

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

When the glorious disciples were enlightened ...

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

When the glorious disciples were enlightened ...

### **Little Litany**

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

**Choir:** Lord have mercy.

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

**Choir:** Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** 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 Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** For to Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship, and to Thee 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.

### **First Gospel Reading**

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. John the Theologian.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

(*John 13:31-18:1*). The Lord said to His disciples, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; <sup>32</sup> if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." <sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward." <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock will not crow, till you have denied me three times.

**14:1** "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him,

"Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; <sup>14</sup> if you ask anything in my name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and

will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it

does take place, you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go hence.

**15:1** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his

love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> This I command you, to love one another. <sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But all this they will do to you on my account, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> He who hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not



done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> It is to fulfil the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' <sup>26</sup> But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; <sup>27</sup> and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.

**16:1** "I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup> And they will do this because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you of them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness

and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no more; again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> Some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> They said, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he means." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him; so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is in travail

she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. <sup>24</sup> Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> "I have said this to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name; and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from the Father. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure! <sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things, and need none to question you; by this we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, every man to his home, and will leave me alone; yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said this to

you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

**17:1** When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, <sup>2</sup> since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; <sup>5</sup> and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. <sup>6</sup> "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; <sup>8</sup> for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; <sup>10</sup> all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but they

are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth. <sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou

hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, the world has not known thee, but I have known thee; and these know that thou hast sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**18:1** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

### **Antiphon I (Tone 8)**

The rulers of the people have assembled//  
Against the Lord and His Christ

A lawless charge is hurled against me//  
Lord, O Lord, forsake me not.

Let us offer our pure senses to Christ  
As His friends let us sacrifice our lives for His sake.

let us not be weight down by earthly cares like  
Judas,  
but let us cry in the hidden chambers of our heart//  
“Our Father, who art in heaven, deliver us from  
evil.”

### **Antiphon II (Tone 6)**

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

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.

### **Antiphon III (Tone 2)**

Because of the raising of Lazarus  
O Lord who loves mankind  
The Hebrew children cried “Hosanna” to Thee//

But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to  
understand

At Thy supper, O Christ God,  
Thou announced to Thy disciples  
“One of you will betray me.”//

But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to  
understand

When John asked Thee, O Lord  
“Who is it that betrays Thee.”

Thou revealed who it was by means of the morsel  
of bread//

But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to  
understand

For thirty pieces of silver  
and a treacherous kiss, O Lord,  
the Jews sought to kill Thee//

But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to  
understand

At the washing of the feet, O Christ God  
Thou commanded Thy disciples  
“Do as you have seen me do.”//

But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to  
understand



“Keep watch and pray,  
lest you be tempted”  
Thou didst say to Thy disciples, O our God//  
But Judas the transgressor was unwilling to  
understand

### Second Gospel Reading

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. John the Theologian.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(John 18:1-28).* At that time: when Jesus had spoken  
these words, he went forth with his disciples across the  
Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and

his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup> They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfil the word which he had spoken, "Of those whom thou gavest me I lost not one." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?" <sup>12</sup> So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. <sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed

Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus,<sup>16</sup> while Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the maid who kept the door, and brought Peter in.<sup>17</sup> The maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are not you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not."<sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves; Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.<sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.<sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together; I have said nothing secretly."<sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said."<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"<sup>24</sup> Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?" He

denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed. <sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

### **Antiphon IV (Tone 5)**

Today Judas forsakes the Master  
and takes the devil as his friend  
He is blinded by the passion of avarice.  
Darkened he falls from 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 Thou who suffers for us and with us, Glory to  
Thee!

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)*

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

**Antiphon V (Tone 6)**

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

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 thieves.  
For as a man I suffer//  
And as the Lover of man I save those who believe  
in Me.

### **Antiphon VI (Tone 7)**

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.

Today His people 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

When Thou came to Thy voluntary Passion, O Lord  
Thou did cry to Thy 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 One glory to Thee!

### Third Gospel Reading

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. Matthew.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

(*Matthew 26:57-75*). At that time: those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes, and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup> Then they spat in his face, and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a



maid came up to him, and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup> And when he went out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup> And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

### **Antiphon VII (Tone 8)**

While permitting the transgressors to arrest Thee,  
Thou did cry 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 forebear

so that the secret and hidden things might be  
fulfilled  
which were revealed to you by My prophets."//  
O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Denying Thee for the third time  
Peter at once recalled Thy words to him,  
but he offered Thee tears of repentance//  
O God have mercy on me and save me!

### **Antiphon VIII (Tone 2)**

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?

"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 the benefactor  
but Thou, O Christ, did endure their heedlessness  
in silence//

Desiring to suffer and to save us in Thy love for  
mankind.

### **Antiphon IX (Tone 3)**

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 is indeed willing//  
but the flesh is weak therefore keep watch

They gave Me gall for food.

For My thirst they gave me vinegar to drink  
but do Thou, O Lord//

raise me up that I may requite them

### **Fourth Gospel Reading**

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. John the Theologian.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(John 18:28 – 19:16).* At that time, they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfil the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he was to die. <sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my

kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again, and told them, "I find no crime in him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

**19:1** Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; <sup>3</sup> they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews

answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; <sup>9</sup> he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. <sup>10</sup> Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar." <sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

## Antiphon X (Tone 6)

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.

The disciple denied Him  
but the thief cried out//  
“Remember me O Lord, in Thy Kingdom!”

## Antiphon XI (Tone 6)

In exchange for the good things that Thou had done  
for them  
A transgressing people condemned Thee to be  
crucified, O Christ

and gave Thee gall and vinegar to drink  
but reward them according to their deeds, O Lord//  
for they did not understand Thy condescension.

Not content to deliver Thee up, O Christ  
a transgressing people wagged their heads  
bringing Thee mockery and derision.  
But reward them according to their deeds, O Lord//  
for they plotted against Thee in vain

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 a transgressing people.  
But reward them according to their deeds, O Lord//  
for they plotted against Thee in vain

### **Antiphon XII (Tone 8)**

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”

Today the curtain of the Temple is torn in two  
to convict the transgressors  
and even the sun hides his rays//  
Seeing the Master crucified

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 crucified!  
You delivered Him to the tomb, but by His own  
power He arose  
Do not be deceived, O Jews.  
He it is that saved you in the sea and fed you in the  
wilderness//  
He is the Life, the Light and the Peace of the world.

## Fifth Gospel Reading

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. Matthew.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

(*Matthew 27:3-32*). At that time: when Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup> saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup> And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." <sup>7</sup> So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to

bury strangers in. <sup>8</sup> Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." <sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. <sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The

governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified."<sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified."<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."<sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"<sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.<sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him,<sup>29</sup> and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"<sup>30</sup> And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.<sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

### **Antiphon XIII (Tone 6)**

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

To Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God  
who makes all things fear and tremble  
who 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

## Antiphon XIV (Tone 8)

The thief whose hands were defiled with blood  
Thou did accept as Thy fellow traveler  
with him number us also O Lord//  
For Thou art good and lovest mankind

The thief on the cross uttered a small cry  
but he found great faith  
in a moment he was saved  
and became the first to enter Paradise  
when its gates were opened//  
O Lord, who did accept his repentance, glory to  
Thee

## Antiphon XV (Tone 6)

Today He who hung the earth upon the waters is  
hung on the Tree  
The King of angels is decked with a crown of  
thorns.  
He who wraps the heavens in clouds is wrapped in  
a 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 worship Thy Passion, O Christ  
We worship Thy Passion, O Christ  
We worship Thy Passion, O Christ//  
Show us also Thy glorious resurrection

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 Thou lovest  
mankind!

Thy Cross O Lord  
is life and resurrection for Thy people.  
Trusting in it, we praise Thee, our Crucified God!!!  
Have mercy on us.

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

When she who conceived Thee, O Christ  
Saw Thee hanging on the Cross, she cried out

What strange mystery do I behold, O my son?  
O Giver of Life, how dost Thou die//  
nailed on the wood in the flesh?

### Little Litany

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

**Choir:** Lord have mercy.

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

**Choir:** Lord have mercy.

**Priest:** 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 Thee, O Lord.

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



**Choir:** Amen.

## Sixth Gospel Reading

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. Mark.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(Mark 15:16-32).* At that time: the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked

him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup> And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>28</sup> <sup>29</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup> So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

## The Beatitudes

*In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou  
comest in Thy Kingdom.*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of  
Heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

**Reader:** Through a tree Adam lost his home in  
Paradise, but through the tree of the Cross the  
thief came there to dwell. By tasting of the  
fruit, the first broke the Creator's  
commandment, but He who was crucified with  
Thee confessed Thee, the hidden God.  
Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after  
righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

**Reader:** Lawless men bought the Creator of the law  
from a disciple and brought Him before the  
judgment seat of Pilate as a transgressor.  
Though He had given them manna in the  
wilderness, they cried out : Crucify Him! But

we, imitating the righteous thief, cry out in faith: Remember us also,, O Savior in Thy kingdom!

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

**Reader:** The swarm of those who would kill God, the lawless nation of the Jews, cried out in fury to Pilate: Crucify Him! Christ, the innocent one. And they sought instead the release of Barabbas. But with the wise thief we lift up our voices: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

**Reader:** Thy life-bearing side, O Christ, a fountain flows forth as from Eden, giving drink to Thy Church as to a living paradise. From there it divided to become the four rivers of the Gospels, watering the world, gladdening creation, and teaching the nations to worship Thy kingdom in faith.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.*

**Reader:** Thou was crucified for my sake, in order to pour forth forgiveness for me. Thy side was pierced so that streams of life might flow for me. Thy hands were transfixed by nails so that, convinced of the height of Thy power by the depth of Thy sufferings, I might cry out to Thee, O Christ, Thou giver of life. Glory to Thy cross and to Thy Passion, O Savior!

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**Reader:** When it beheld Thee crucified, O Christ, all creation trembled. The foundations of the earth shook for fear of Thy might. The lights of heaven hid themselves, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The mountains quaked, and the rocks were split, and with us the believing thief cried out to Thee, O Savior: remember me in Thy kingdom!

*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 Thou did destroy the legal bond against us, O Lord. Thou was reckoned with the dead and there did bind the tyrant, delivering all from the bonds of death by Thy resurrection. By it we have been illumined, O Lord who loves mankind, and we cry out to Thee: O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

*Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.*

**Reader:** Thou was lifted up upon the cross, O Lord. Thou did destroy the power of death, and as God Thou did cancel the legal bond against us. Grant the repentance of the thief also unto us who worship Thee in faith. O only lover of mankind, and who cry out to Thee, O Christ our God: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

**Reader:** Let us the faithful, all pray that with one voice we may worthily glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: One God existing in three

persons yet remaining unconfused, simple, undivided, and unapproachable: by Whom we escape the flames of punishment.

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

**Reader:** We offer to Thee as an intercessor, O Christ, Thy mother who bore Thee in the flesh without seed, the true virgin who after giving birth remained incorrupt. Through her intercessions, O most merciful Master, grant forgiveness of sins to us who cry unceasingly: Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

### **Prokeimenon**

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The prokeimenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

**Choir:** They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

**Reader:** My God, my God, look upon me. Why hast Thou forsaken me?

**Choir:** They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.

**Reader:** They divide my garments among them ...

**Choir:** ... and for my raiment they cast lots.

### Seventh Gospel Reading

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. Matthew.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(Matthew 27:33-54).* At that time: when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered Jesus wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And



when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. <sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And

Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. <sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; <sup>52</sup> the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

## Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight, so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment. Behold,

I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance. O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou

wilt not despise.

Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on thy altar.

### **Eighth Gospel Reading**

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. Luke.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(Luke 23:32-49).* At that time: two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus.

<sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place which is called The

Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." <sup>44</sup> It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> Now when the centurion

saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said, "Certainly this man was innocent!" <sup>48</sup> And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

## The Canon (Tone 6)

### Ode 5

**Irmos:** Early will I seek Thee, O Word of God, / who without change didst empty Thyself in Thy compassion for fallen man, / who without suffering didst bow down to suffering. // Grant peace to me, O Thou who lovest mankind.

**Reader:** Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee! With their feet washed, and themselves purified by their participation in the Divine Mystery. Thy servants, O Christ, now ascend from Zion to

the great Mount of Olives, praising Thee, who loves mankind.

**Reader:** Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee! Thou did say: “See that you are not alarmed, O friends. For the hour is now at hand for me to be seized and slain at the hands of lawless men. All of you will be scattered, forsaking me. But I shall gather you to proclaim me, who loves mankind.”

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

**Katavasia:** Early will I seek Thee ...

### **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

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 Thou dost endure the cross, Thou art my Son and my God.”

## Ikos

**Reader:** Beholding her own lamb led to the slaughter,  
Mary followed with the other women, in  
distress and crying out: “Where goest Thou,  
my child? Why dost Thou run so swift a  
course? Surely there is not another wedding in  
Cana to which Thou now dost hasten to  
change water into wine? Shall I come with  
Thee, my child, or shall I wait for Thee? Give  
me a word, O Thou who art the Word. Do not  
pass me by in silence, O Thou who didst keep  
me pure, for Thou art my Son and my God”

## Ode 8

**Irmos:** The godly youths exposed a monument of  
godless wickedness, / but the lawless assembly  
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 Thee, our God, glory to Thee! “O my  
disciples, now shake off sleep from you



eyelids,” said Christ. “Keep watch in prayer, that you may not fall into temptation: and I speak particularly to Simon, since the test is greatest for the strongest. O Peter, acknowledge me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.”

**Reader:** Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee! “O Master, a profane word shall never pass my lips,” cried Peter. “Even if all deny Thee, I shall die with Thee as a loyal friend. For not flesh and blood, but Thy Father has revealed to me Thee whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.”

**Reader:** Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord. “You have not sought out the depths of divine wisdom and knowledge,” said the Lord. “You have not comprehended the abyss of my judgments, O man. Do not boast, for you are flesh, and three times will you deny me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages.”

**Reader:** Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
“You will not deny your convictions as soon as

the question is put to you, O Simon Peter, and the sudden approach of a servant girl will terrify you," said the Lord. "But after weeping bitterly you will have great mercy from me, whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

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

**Katavasia:** The godly youths ...

## Ode 9

**Irmos:** 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.

**Reader:** Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee! A destructive band of God-forsaken, wicked murderers of God, the Synagogue, attacked Thee, O Christ, and dragged Thee away as an evil-doer. The Creator of all, whom we magnify.

**Reader:** Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!  
Impious men, ignorant of the law and hearing  
the voice of the prophets to no avail, dragged  
Thee away as a sheep to be unjustly  
slaughtered. The Master of all, whom we  
magnify.

**Reader:** Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee! The  
priests and scribes caused the life that had  
been betrayed to the Gentiles to be destroyed,  
striking in their jealous wickedness Him who  
by nature is the Giver of life, whom we  
magnify.

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of  
ages. Amen. Like a pack of dogs they  
surrounded Thee, O King, smiting Thee on the  
cheek with their hands. They questioned Thee  
and bore false witness against Thee, yet by  
enduring all things Thou hast saved all.

**Katavasia:** More honorable ...

## Exapostilarion (The Wise Thief)

The wise thief didst Thou make worthy of paradise in a single moment, O Lord: by the wood of Thy Cross, illumine me as well, and save me.

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

The wise thief ...

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

The wise thief ...

## Ninth Gospel Reading

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. John the Theologian.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(John 19:25-37)*. At that time: standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. <sup>28</sup> After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. <sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; <sup>33</sup> but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of

the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne witness -- his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth -- that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." <sup>37</sup> And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced."

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

### **The Praises (Psalm 148, 149, 150)**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host! Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind

fulfilling His command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. His praise in the assembly of the faithful! Let Israel be glad in his Maker, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with timbrel and lyre! For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to wreak vengeance on the nations and chastisement on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment

written! This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness. Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe. Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let Everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*(Tone 3)*

Every member of Thy holy flesh endured dishonor  
for us.

Thy head the thorns, Thy face the spitting,  
Thy cheeks the buffeting, Thy mouth the taste of  
vinegar mingled with gall.

Thine ears the impious blasphemies, Thy back the  
scourge,

Thy hand the reed, Thy whole body extended upon  
the Cross

Thy joints the nails, thy side the spear.



By Thy sufferings Thou hast set us free from  
suffering.  
In Thy love for man Thou did stoop down to raise  
us up//  
O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us.

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

(Tone 3)

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.

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

(Tone 6)

I gave my back to scourgings  
I did not turn my face from spittings  
I stood before the judgment seat of Pilate.  
And endured the Cross//  
For the salvation of the world.

*To Thee, O Lord our God, belongs glory, and to Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

## **Tenth Gospel Reading**

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. Mark.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(Mark 15:43-47).* At that time: Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.

<sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

**Reader:** To Thee, O Lord our God belongs glory, and to Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Lesser Doxology**

**Reader:** Glory to Thee who hast show us the light! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord, 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 takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou only, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee and praise Thy name forever. Yea, O Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Lord, to Thee have I fled for refuge, teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy mercy unto those who know Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our

fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy commandments. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Do not despise the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongs worship. To Thee belongs praise. To Thee belongs glory. To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Litany of Fervent Supplication**

**Priest:** Let us complete our morning prayer unto the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** That the whole day 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 Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** For Thou art a good God and the Lover of mankind, and to Thee we ascribe glory. To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Priest:** Peace, be unto all.

**Choir:** And to your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

**Choir:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** O Holy Lord, who dwells on high and regards the humble of heart, and who with Thine all-seeing eye beholds all creation: to Thee have we bowed the neck of our soul and body and we entreat Thee: Stretch forth Thine invisible hand from Thy holy dwelling-place and bless us all. And if in any way we have sinned, whether voluntary or involuntary, forgive, inasmuch as Thou art a good God, and the lover of mankind, vouchsafing to us Thy earthly and heavenly good things.

For Thine it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to Thee we ascribe glory: to the

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

### Eleventh Gospel Reading

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. John the Theologian.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(John 19:38-42).* After this Joseph of Arimathea, who  
was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews,  
asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus,  
and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away  
his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who had at first come to  
him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and  
aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. <sup>40</sup> They took the



body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

### Aposticha

*(Tone 1)*

All creation was changed by fear  
when it saw Thee 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 did willingly endure this for us, glory  
to Thee.

*They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment,  
they cast lots.*

*(Tone 2)*

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 upon the Wood

That He might free those bound in Hell who cry//

O long-suffering Lord glory to Thee!

*They gave me gall for food, and for my thirst they gave me  
vinegar to drink.*

*(Tone 2)*

Today the blameless Virgin

saw Thee 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 has Thou departed from mine eyes, O Lamb  
of God?"

Then the bodiless hosts were seized with trembling  
and cried//

O incomprehensible Lord glory to Thee.

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

**(Tone 2)**

When she who bore Thee without seed  
saw Thee suspended upon the Tree

O Christ, the Creator and God of all.

She cried bitterly "Where is the beauty of Thy form  
O my Son?"

I cannot bear to see Thee unjustly crucified

Hasten and arise//

That I may see Thy resurrection from the dead on  
the third day

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

**(Tone 8)**

When Thou did ascend the Cross, O Lord  
fear and trembling fell upon Creation.

Yet Thou did forbid the earth to swallow up those  
who crucified Thee  
and Thou did command Hell to send up its captives  
for the regeneration of the mortals  
O Judge of the living and the dead  
Thou has come to grant life not death//  
O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee

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

**(Tone 8)**

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 Thy human nature did suffer  
for me, glory to Thee.

## **Twelfth Gospel Reading**

**Priest:** That we may 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 St. Matthew.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*(Matthew 27:62-66).* On the next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.'<sup>64</sup> Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."<sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."<sup>66</sup> So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**Choir:** Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord!

**Reader:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most-high; to declare

Thy steadfast love in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

**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:** (*Troparion, Tone 4*). By Thy precious blood,  
Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the  
law. By being nailed to the cross, and pierced  
by a spear, Thou hast poured forth immortality  
for man, O our Savior. Glory to Thee!

### Augmented Litany

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy  
great goodness, we pray Thee, hear us and  
have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord have mercy. (3x)

Again we pray for His Beatitude, our  
Metropolitan (*name*); for our Bishop [or  
Archbishop] (*name*); 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; for the newly departed (*names*), and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, 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 (*names*), 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 those who sing; and for all the people here



present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

**Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee 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.

### **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 Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

**Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Lord have mercy (3x). Father, bless.

**Priest:** May He who endured spitting and scourging, the cross and death, for the salvation of the world, Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most-pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy upon us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind!

**Choir:** Amen! Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy!