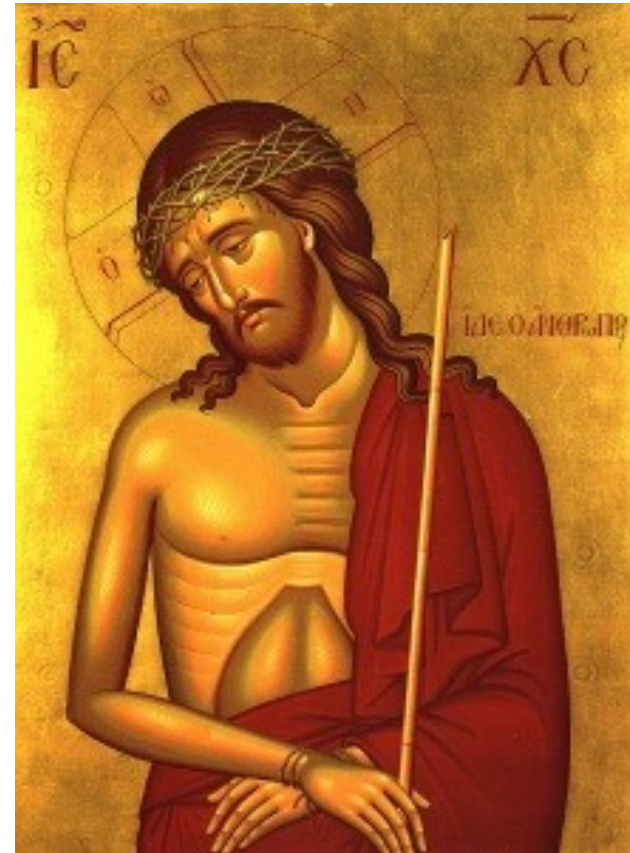


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METROPOLIS
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Great Compline



Great and Small Compline

There are four "Hours:" First, Third, Sixth, and Ninth, which conform to the hours of six and nine in the morning, of noon, and of three in the afternoon.

The evening and nighttime hours are an optimal time for man and God to communicate and be in relationship with one another. This is because darkness helps man remove himself from the earth and develop his path toward heaven.

The Lord Himself often prayed at night; for example, we read that Jesus "went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

Our daily evening prayer at home is the Service of Compline, called "Apodeipnon" which translates as "After-Dinner." After Vespers at the church, we return to our homes for the evening meal. Following supper, we read the Service of Compline before going to bed.

Our evening prayer, Compline, gradually became longer over time due to the inclusion of additional Psalms, hymns, and prayers. In the fourteenth century, however, the Church felt it proper to reduce the length of daily Compline. This Service of Small Compline is now read on most evenings of the year.

The older and more extensive Great Compline is still read on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings in church during the Great Fast. Small Compline, however, is read on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings.

Both Great and Small Compline provide us with prayers asking God to forgive the sins of the day and to keep us blameless throughout the night. The services also encourage us to inventory the events of the day that passed, and strengthen us in our resolve to repent from the many ways we fall short of the glory of God through sins and spiritual failures.

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will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

People: **G**lory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

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tions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: 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 evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

All: **G**lory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

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Wednesday Night

Mark 11:22-26; Matthew 7:7-8

Priest: **T**he Lord said: "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, either will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses. Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

All: **G**lory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

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Thursday Night

Matthew 7:7-11

Priest: **T**he Lord said: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread,

Great Compline During the Lenten Season

The Beautiful Gates are closed. The priest, vested in his exorasson, with a purple or dark epitrachelion, stands in front of the Holy Altar and says:

Priest: **B**lessed † is our God, always, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages.

All: **A**men.

Priest: **G**lory to You, our God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who are everywhere present and Who fill all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and dwell in us and cleanse us of all impurity; and save our souls, O good One.

Trisagion Prayers

All: **H**oly † 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 to the ages of ages. **A**men.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. **A**men.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: **F**or Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: **A**men.

Chanter: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

Amen.

A small metania is made after each verse below.

Come, let us worship and fall down before † God, our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before † Christ God, our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before † Christ Himself, our King and God.

If 1st week in Lent, Chanter reads Ps 69 on pg 22, and then Ps 4

Psalm 4

Reader: When I called on You, O God of my righteousness, You heard me; in my affliction You covered me. Have compassion on me, and hear my prayer. How long will you be slow of heart, you sons of men? Why do you love vanity, and seek after falsehood? Know also that the Lord has made His holy one wondrous; the Lord will hear me when I cry to Him. Be angry, and do not sin; feel compunction upon your beds for what you say in your hearts. Sacrifice a sacrifice of righteousness, and hope in the Lord. Many say: "Who will show us good things?" The light of Your countenance, Lord, has shined upon us; You have given gladness to my heart. From the fruit of their wheat, wine and oil they are multiplied. I shall lie down and sleep in peace in the same place. For You alone, Lord, have made me to dwell in hope.

Psalm 6

Reader: Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath. Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord, for my bones are greatly troubled; but You, Lord, how long? Turn to me again, Lord, deliver my soul; save me for the sake of Your mercy. For in death there is none that is mindful of You, and in Hades who will confess You? I toiled in my groaning; every night I wash my bed, I will water my couch with tears. My eye has become troubled through wrath, I have

mies then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth, distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

All: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

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Tuesday Night

Matthew 6:1-13

Priest: The Lord said: "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in Heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father Who is in the secret place; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repeti-

The Compline Gospel

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom! Rise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

All: And to your spirit.

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint N.

All: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Go to the appropriate Gospel Reading below:

Monday Night

Luke 21:8-26

Priest: The Lord said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My Name, saying: 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore, do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately." Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from Heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My Name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My Name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls. But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by ar-

grown old among all my enemies. Depart from me, all you that work vanity, for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord has heard my supplication, the Lord has received my prayer. Let my enemies be greatly put to shame and be troubled, let them be turned back, and speedily be greatly put to shame.

Psalm 12

Reader: How long, Lord, will You utterly forget me? How long will You turn Your face away from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, with grievings in my heart by day and by night? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Look upon me, hear me, Lord my God. Enlighten my eyes, lest at any time I sleep unto death. Lest at any time my enemy say: I have prevailed against him. Those that afflict me will rejoice if I am shaken; but as for me, I have hoped in Your mercy. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation; I will sing to the Lord, Who is my Benefactor, and I will chant to the name of the Lord most high.

(And Again) Look upon me, hear me, Lord my God. Enlighten my eyes, lest at any time I sleep unto death. Lest at any time my enemy say: I have prevailed against him.

Chanter: 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 You, O God. (3x)

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.

Psalm 24

Reader: I have lifted up my soul to You, Lord; I have trusted in You, my God; do not let me be put to shame to the ages. Do not let my enemies laugh me to scorn, and let none that wait on You be put to shame. Let those who are lawless without a cause be ashamed; make Your ways, Lord, known to me and teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and I have waited on You all the day long. Remember Your compassions, Lord, and Your mercies, for they are unto the ages. Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my ignorances. Remember me according to Your mercy, for the sake of Your goodness, Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He will set a law for those who sin in the way. He will guide the meek in judgment, He will teach the meek His ways. All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who seek after His covenant and His testimonies. For the sake of Your name, Lord, be gracious to my sin, for it is great. Who is the man that fears the Lord? He will set him a law in the way which He has chosen. His soul shall dwell among good things, and his seed shall inherit the earth. The Lord is the strength of those who fear Him, and His covenant shall be manifested to them. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for it is He Who will draw my feet out of the snare. Look on me, and have mercy on me; for I am one who is only-begotten and poor. The afflictions of my heart are multiplied; bring me out from my necessities. Behold my lowliness and my toil, and forgive all my sins. Look upon my enemies, for they are multiplied, and they have hated me with an unjust hatred. Keep my soul and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I have hoped in You. The innocent and the upright have cleaved to me, for I waited on You, Lord. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his afflictions.

Psalm 30

Reader: **I** have hoped in You, Lord, let me not be put to shame in the age to come; in Your righteousness deliver me, and rescue me. Bow down Your ear to me, make haste to rescue me. Be a God to defend me, and be a House of refuge to save me. For You are my strength and my refuge, and You will guide me and nourish me for Your name's sake. You will bring me out of this snare which they have hidden for me, for You are my Defender, Lord. I will commit my spirit into Your hands; You have redeemed me, Lord God of truth. You have hated those who cling to empty vanities. But I have hoped in the Lord, I will rejoice and be glad in Your mercy. For You have regarded my lowliness; You have saved my soul out of necessities. And You have not shut me up in the hands of enemies; You have set my feet in a spacious place. Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am afflicted; my eye is troubled with anger, as also are my soul and my

those who bear fruit and do good deeds in Your holy churches, granting them salvation and eternal life. Remember, Lord, us who are humble sinners and unworthy servants: enlighten us with Your commandments. Through the prayers of Your all-pure Mother, our Lady, Theotokos, and ever-virgin Mary, for You are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Amen.

Chanter: All those do you shelter, O good one, • those who in their faith flee unto you, • with your strong hand you protect; • we who sin have no one else who intercedes for us, • before God endlessly, • in ills and all dangers, • for us who are laden with our many sins and mistakes; • Mother, of our God in the Highest • therefore we fall down to you, humbly; • from all misfortunes, keep your servants safe.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the following is chanted:

Tone 1

Chanter: When the Virgin beheld You unjustly sacrificed, Christ, she cried out to You, “My sweet child, why do You suffer so unjustly? How have You been suspended upon a tree, You Who suspended the whole earth upon the waters. Most-merciful Benefactor, I beg You not to leave me alone, for I am Your Mother and Your servant.”

After all have passed, the Priest faces the icon of Christ and says:

Priest: Through the † prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy upon us and save us.

All: Amen.

Homily

Those living in the Monasteries and the Hermitages, having asked forgiveness from the Elder, retire to their cells where they recite the following prayer

: Lord, forgive those who hate and persecute us, be generous to those who do good to us and grant them every means of salvation and eternal life. Visit the sick and grant them health and strength. Guide those who are at sea, be the companion of those who travel upon the earth. Be the strength of our rulers. Grant remission of sins to those who serve us and show us mercy. Remember Lord our fathers and brothers who have fallen asleep before us, and grant them a place of repose where the light of Your countenance shines. Remember, Lord, our brothers in prison, and preserve them from harm. Remember, Lord,

belly. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with groanings. My strength has grown weak in poverty, and my bones are troubled. I have become a reproach among all my enemies, and greatly also for my neighbors, and a fear to my acquaintances. They that saw me outside fled from me; I am forgotten by the heart like a dead man. I have become like a broken vessel; for I have heard the reproach of many that dwell round about. When they assembled together against me they devised to take away my life. But as for me, I have hoped in You, Lord; I said: You are my God; in Your hands are my lots. Deliver me from the hands of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant, save me in Your mercy; Lord, do not let me be put to shame, for I have called upon You. Let the ungodly be put to shame and let them be brought down into Hades. Speechless be the deceitful lips which speak iniquity against the righteous man with arrogance and contempt. How great is the multitude of Your goodness, Lord, which You have hidden for those who fear You. You shall perfect those who hope in You before the sons of men. You shall hide them from the disturbance of men in the secrecy of Your presence. You shall shelter them from contrary tongues in the tabernacle. Blessed is the Lord, for He has made His mercy wondrous in a fortified city. But as for me, I said in my ecstasy: I am cast away from the presence of Your eyes. Therefore You have heard the voice of my supplication when I cried to You. Love the Lord, all you His saints, for the Lord requires truth; and He renders their due to those who act with exceeding pride. Be virtuous, and let your heart be strong, all you that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 90

Reader: He that dwells in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say to the Lord: You are my Helper and my Refuge; He is my God, and I will hope in Him. For He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunters and from every troubling word. With His shoulders He will overshadow you, and under His wings you shall have hope; His truth will encompass you with a shield. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day. Nor of

the thing that walks in darkness, nor of the mishap and demon of noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you. You shall behold only with your eyes, and you shall see the reward of sinners. For You, Lord, are my hope; I have made You the Most High my refuge. No evils shall come near you, and no scourge shall draw near to your dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up on their hands, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and basilisk, and you shall trample upon the lion and the dragon. For he has set his hope on Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him because he has known My name. He shall cry to Me, and I will hear him; I am with him in affliction, and I will rescue him and glorify him. I will satisfy him with length of days, and I will show him My salvation.

Chanter: **G**lory 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 You, O God. (3x)

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.

God is with Us

Plagal of the 2nd Tone

*The people chant loudly and melodiously the following refrain.
Chanters chant antiphonally.*

Chanter: **G**od is with us, know, O nations, and be vanquished.

Refrain after each verse:

All: **F**or God is with us. *(Following the chanters melody.)*

Chanter: **G**ive ear, even to the ends of the earth.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **Y**ou that prevail, will be vanquished.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **F**or though you should prevail again, yet again you shall be vanquished.

Priest: **F**or pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our Archbishop ISAIAH and all our brotherhood in Christ.

For our pious and divinely protected rulers.

For victory and protection of the Christ-loving soldiers.

For our fathers and brothers who are away from us.

For those who hate us and those who love us.

For those who serve us and are merciful to us.

For those who have asked us, unworthy though we be, to pray for them.

For the release of captives.

For those who travel by sea, land, and air.

For those who are bedridden with infirmities.

Let us also pray for an abundance of the fruits of the earth.

For all our fathers and brothers, and mothers and sisters who have gone to their rest before us, and the Orthodox here and everywhere who piously lie asleep.

Chnater: **M**ay their memory be eternal.

Priest: **L**et us also pray for ourselves.

All: **L**ord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The faithful come forward to reverence the icon of the Theotokos, receive the blessing of the priest and kiss his right hand as the appropriate Troparion is sung.

Troparion

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, the following is chanted:

Tone 2

of the honorable, glorious, prophet, forerunner, and baptist John; of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles; of the holy, glorious and, triumphant martyrs; of our holy and God-bearing fathers; of St. Spyridon the Wonderworker and patron saint of this holy temple; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of Saints (*Names*) whom we commemorate, and of all the saints:

Priest: **M**ake our petitions acceptable to You.

All: **A**men.



The people slowly plain chant "Amen" to each of the following petitions.



Priest: **G**rant the remission of our sins.

Guard us under the protection of Your wings.

Cast away from us every enemy and foe.

Preserve our lives in peace.

Lord, have mercy on us and upon Your world, and save our souls for You are good and love mankind.

People: **A**men.

Reader: **G**lory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy (*3x*).

Holy Father, give the blessing.

Facing west, the priest says the following petitions.

The people slowly plain chant "Lord, have mercy" to each of the following petitions.

Priest: **L**et us pray for peace in the world.



All: **L**ord, have mercy. (*after each petition until noted*)



††Refrain††.

Chanter: **A**nd whatever counsel you shall take, the Lord will bring it to nothing.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **A**nd whatever word you shall speak, it shall not abide in you.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **A**nd the fear of you we shall not fear, neither shall we be troubled.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **B**ut we will sanctify the Lord our God, and He shall be our fear.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **A**nd if I put my trust in Him, He shall be my sanctification.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **Y**es, I will put my trust in Him, and I shall be saved through Him.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **B**ehold, I and the children which God has given me.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **T**he people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **U**pon those who dwell in the land and shadow of death, a light shall shine.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **F**or unto us a Child is born, and unto us a Son is given.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **W**hose government is upon His shoulder.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **A**nd of His peace, there is no end.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **H**is name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **W**onderful Counselor.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **T**he mighty God, He that has authority, the Prince of Peace.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **T**he Father of the age to come.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **G**lory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **N**ow and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

††Refrain††.

Chanter: **G**od is with us, know, O nations, and be vanquished.

††Refrain††.

Troparia

Read

All: **H**aving passed the day, I thank You, Lord: grant me, I beseech You, that this evening and night may be without sin, Savior, and save me.

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

Having gone through the day, I glorify You, Master: grant me, I beseech You, that this evening and night may be without stumbling, Savior, and save me.

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

Having come to the end of the day, I praise You, Holy One: grant me, I beseech You, that this evening and night may be without temptation, Savior, and save me.

Amen.

Prayer of St. Joannicius

Reader 1: **M**ost-glorious, ever-virgin, blessed Theotokos, present our prayer to your Son and our God, and plead with Him, that through you He may save our souls.

Reader 2: **M**y hope is the † Father, my refuge is the Son, my protection is the Holy Spirit. Holy Trinity, glory to You.

Reader 1: **A**ll my hope I place in you, Mother of God: guard me under your protection.

The readers venerate their icons, receive a blessing and return to their seats.

The Compline Gospel

During the first week in Great Lent, the Priest dons his phelonion and reads from the Holy Gospel from the Beautiful Gates. On Wednesday night, if you have already read the Gospel in the Presanctified Divine Liturgy, do not repeat it here..

If there is a Gospel reading, please go to page 36.

The Peace

The priest facing west, says:

Priest: **P**eace be to all.

Chanters: **A**nd to your spirit.

Turning to the east, the priest says:

Priest: **L**et us bow our heads to the Lord.

Chanters: **T**o You, O Lord.

All prostrate as the Priest bows low and says the following prayer:

Priest: **M**ost-merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven; the supplications

leading me to salvation; and in the hour of my departure, encompass my struggling soul, and drive the dark visions of evil spirits far from it; in the fearsome day of judgment, deliver me from eternal punishment, and present me as an inheritor of the ineffable glory of your Son and our God.

May this be my lot, my Lady, most-holy Theotokos, through your intercession and help; by the grace and love for mankind of your only-begotten Son, the Lord and God, and our Savior Jesus Christ. Whom belongs all glory, honor, and worship, with His eternal Father, and His All-Holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ
(by Monk Antiochos of Pandektes Monastery)

This can be read by the Priest or the Reader in front of the icon of Christ on the Iconostasis.

Reader 2: And grant to us, Master, as we depart for sleep, rest for our body and soul; and protect us from the murky sleep of sin, and from all dark and nocturnal passions.

Calm the impulses of passion, and quench the fiery darts of the evil one, which are treacherously cast against us; check the turbulence of our flesh, and put to rest all our earthy and mundane thoughts.

And grant to us, O God, a watchful mind, prudent reasoning, a vigilant heart, tranquil sleep, and release from all satanic fantasies. Raise us up at the hour of prayer, strengthened in Your commandments, and holding the remembrance of Your judgments unshaken within us.

Grant to us Your benediction through the night, that we may praise, and bless, and glorify Your all-honored and most-sublime Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

More Verses
Plagal of the 2nd Tone

Chanter: The bodiless natures, the Cherubim, glorify and praise You with unceasing hymns.

The six-winged beings, the Seraphim, extol and exalt You with endless voice.

The whole company of the angelic host acclaims and praises You with thrice-holy songs.

For You are the Father, from before all things, Who also has Your co-beginningless Son.

With the equally-honored Spirit of Life, You show forth the unity of the Trinity.

You, all-holy Virgin, Mother of God, and you servants and witnesses of the Word.

All you choirs of prophets and martyred saints who are crowned with the gift of immortal life.

Intercede with fervor on our behalf, for we are in much suffering and great distress.

So that saved from the error of the evil one, we may sing the angelic hymn.

Intoned

Holy, holy, holy, thrice-holy Lord, have mercy on us, and save us. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God: the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; Crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; Rising on the third day according to the Scriptures, And ascending into the heavens, He is seated at the right hand of the Father; And coming again in glory to judge

the living and the dead, His Kingdom shall have no end; And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets; In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; I expect the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the age to come. Amen.

Now the choir/chanters, beginning with the left half and then the right half (if split), chant the following verses:.

Verses

Plagal of the 2nd Tone

Chanter: All Holy Lady, Theotokos, intercede for us who are sinners. (3x) *Great metania after the 3rd repetition.*

All you heavenly hosts of holy Angels and Archangels, intercede for us who are sinners. (2x) *Great metania after the 2nd repetition.*

Saint John, prophet and forerunner and baptist of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ, intercede for us who are sinners. (2x) *Great metania after the 2nd repetition.*

Holy, glorious apostles, prophets and martyrs, and all the Saints, intercede for us who are sinners. (2x) *Great metania after the 2nd repetition.*

Our venerable and God-bearing Fathers, Shepherds and ecumenical Teachers, intercede for us who are sinners. (2x) *Great metania after the 2nd repetition.*

Invincible and indissoluble and divine power of the precious and life-giving Cross, do not forsake us who are sinners. (2x) *Great metania after the 2nd repetition.*

God, cleanse us who are sinners. (3x)

And have mercy on us. *Great metania.*

Trisagion Prayers

All: 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12x)

Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Prayer to the Theotokos

(by Monk Paul of Evergetis Monastery)

This can be read by the Priest or Reader in front of the icon of the Virgin on the Iconostasis.

Reader 1: Spotless, undefiled, incorruptible, most-chaste, pure Virgin, Bride of God, Lady, who unites God the Word to man by your wondrous conception, and who joins the fallen nature of our race to heavenly things; the only hope of the hopeless, and the help of the persecuted; the ready help of those who flee to you, and the refuge of all Christians: do not reject me the sinner, the accursed one, who have rendered myself altogether useless by my shameful thoughts, words, and deeds, and who through indolence have become a slave to the pleasures of this life. But as Mother of the God Who loves mankind, show your love for me the sinner and the prodigal, and receive from me the prayers offered to you by unhallowed lips.

And, using your boldness as a Mother, entreat your Son, and our Lord and Master, to extend His goodness to me in His wondrous love for mankind, and, overlooking my numberless transgressions, turn me to repentance, showing me to be a zealous doer of His commandments.

And be ever near me as merciful, and compassionate, and gentle; in this present life an ardent protection and help, defending me from assaults of adversaries, and

The Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

All: Lord and Master of my life, deliver me from the spirit of laziness and meddling, the lust for power and gossip. † *(Great metania)*

Rather, grant the spirit of wisdom, humility, patience, and love to me Your servant. † *(Great metania)*

Yes, Lord and King, grant that I may see my own faults and not judge my brother; for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen. † *(Great metania)*

Priest: O God, be gracious unto me, a sinner. *(12x with a small metania each time.)*

All: O Lord and Master of my life, deliver me from the spirit of laziness and meddling, the lust for power and gossip. Rather, grant the spirit of wisdom, humility, patience, and love to me Your servant. Yes, Lord and King, grant I may see my own faults and not judge my brother; for You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen. † *(Great metania)*

If it is not the first week of Great Lent, then the Priest enters the sanctuary, closes the Beautiful Gates and curtain. Then he exits the sanctuary through the north door and goes to stand on the solea in front of the Beautiful Gates, facing east.

Readers for the Prayer to the Theotokos and to our Lord Jesus Christ come forward and stand before the icons of Christ and the Theotokos

Trisagion Prayers

All: 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

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

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

Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

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

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: Amen.

On Monday and Wednesday evenings, the following is read.

Troparia

All: Enlighten my eyes, Christ God, lest at any time I sleep unto death, lest my enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

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

God, be the Help of my soul, for I pass through the midst of many snares; deliver me out of them, good One, and save me, You Who love mankind.

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

Virgin Theotokos, beseech Him Who was born of you, seeing that we have no boldness on account of our many sins; for the supplications of a Mother avail much to win the Master's favor; most-venerable one, do not disdain the prayers of sinners; for He Who deigned to suffer for our sake is merciful, and mighty to save.

Go to "Lord have mercy..." on page. 15.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the following is chanted:

Troparia

Plagal of the 4th Tone

Chanter: You, Lord, see the sleepless watch of my invisible enemies and You, my Fashioner, know the weakness of my miserable flesh; wherefore I commit my spirit into Your hands. Shelter me with the wings of Your goodness, lest I sleep unto death; enlighten my spiritual eyes with the delight of Your divine words; and raise me up at the appointed time to glorify You, since You alone are good and love mankind.

Verse: Look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am one only -begotten and poor.

Chanter: How terrible is Your judgment, Lord! When the angels stand present, men are brought in, the books are opened, deeds are searched out, and thoughts are examined, what judgment will there be for me who was conceived in sins? Who will quench the flame for me? Who will lighten the darkness for me, unless You, Lord, have mercy on me, since You love mankind?

Verse: Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Chanter: God grant me tears, as You once granted them to the sinful woman, and deem me worthy of washing Your feet freed from the way of error, and offering You, as fragrant myrrh, a pure life obtained through repentance; thus may I also hear Your longed-for voice, saying: "Go in peace, Your faith has saved you."

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

Chanter: Theotokos, I shall be saved having hope in you which cannot be put to shame; all-blameless one, I shall not be afraid, possessing your protection; I will pursue my enemies and put them to flight, covered with your shelter as though with a shield; and imploring your all-powerful aid, I cry out to you: Lady, save me by your intercessions, and raise me from the darkness of sleep to glorify

Tone 2

Chanter: All-holy Lady Theotokos, • do not abandon me • for as long as I live; • do not entrust me to any human protection, • but defend me, • and save me

My numerous hopes are placed • before you, most-holy one; • Mother of our God, • guard me with care, within your sheltered arms.

Lord, have mercy. (40x)

Prayer

Priest exits and stands on the solea before the Beautiful Gates.

All: You Who at all times and at every hour are worshipped and glorified both in heaven and on earth, Christ God; Who are long suffering and generous in mercy and compassion; Who love the just and show mercy to those hardened in sin; Who call all people to salvation through the promise of good things to come: receive, O Lord, our supplications at this time, and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set our minds aright; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all calamity, wrath and distress. Surround us with Your holy Angels, so that guided and guarded by them we may attain to the unity of the faith, and the comprehension of Your ineffable glory; for You are blessed to the ages of ages.

Amen.

Chanter: 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.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. In virginity You gave birth to God the word, truly the Theotokos, we magnify You.

In the Name of the Lord, Father bless.

Priest: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us.

All: Amen.

Verse: **P**raise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

††Refrain††

Verse: **P**raise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

††Refrain††

Verse: **P**raise Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

††Refrain††

Verse: **P**raise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute.

††Refrain††

Verse: **P**raise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.

††Refrain††

Verse: **P**raise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

††Refrain††

*The people arise.
The following is read.*

Chanter: **G**lory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Lord, if we did not have Your saints as intercessors, and Your goodness to show compassion on us, how would we dare, Savior, to praise You, Whom the angels bless unceasingly? You Who know our hearts, spare our souls.

Chanter: **N**ow and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Great are the multitudes of my offenses, Theotokos; to you I have fled, pure one, and implore salvation. Visit my ailing soul, and intercede with your Son and our God that He may grant me forgiveness for the grievous deeds which I have committed, only-blessed one.

you, by the power of the Son of God Who was incarnate of you.

The Priest now stands on the solea in front of the Beautiful Gates, facing east.

Chanter: **L**ord, have mercy. (40x)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. In virginity You gave birth to God the word, truly the Theotokos, we magnify You.

In the Name of the Lord, Father bless.

Priest: **T**hrough the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: **A**men.

A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

Priest: **L**ord, Lord, Who delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, protect us also from every difficulty that lurks in the darkness. Accept as an evening sacrifice our outstretched hands. Make us worthy to spend the night blameless and protected from evil. Protect us against every disturbance and fear which the devil causes us. Grant us compunctionate souls and diligent minds, that we may comprehend Your awesome and righteous judgments. Pierce our flesh with fear of You, and destroy our earthly passions, so that in the stillness of the night we may be enlightened contemplating on Your commandments. Keep far from us all indecent dreams and harmful desires. Awaken us at the time of prayer, strengthened in faith and able to obey Your commands. Through the mercy and compassion of Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

All: **A**men.

A small metania is made after each verse below.

Chanter: Come, let us worship and fall down before † God, our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before † Christ God, our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before † Christ Himself, our King and God.

The Priest goes to stand at the Holy Altar.

Psalm 50

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy, and according to the multitude of Your compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against You only have I sinned, and have done evil in Your sight, that You may be justified in Your words, and be victorious when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, You have loved the truth; the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom You have made manifest to me. Sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that are humbled shall rejoice. Turn Your face away from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of Your salvation to me, and establish me with Your governing Spirit. I shall teach transgressors Your ways, and the impious shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguilt, O God, the God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Your righteousness. Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Your praise. For if You had desired sacrifice, I would have given it; with whole-burnt offerings You shall not be pleased. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not reject. Do good, Lord, in Your good pleasure to Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built. Then You shall be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with

Theotokos, or continue without a canon.

Trisagion Prayers

All: 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

Lord of the Powers

In Plagal Tone 2

*While the choir/chanters chant "Lord of the Powers" with the verses of Psalm 150, the priest does the Great Censing of the entire church. The **people kneel** during the Censing.*

*The choir/chanters, if the choir is split, antiphonally chant "Lord of the Powers," and a verse, then followed by "Lord of the Powers" and a verse by the left half. If your parish does not have two choirs, the chanters each take a verse and **everyone** sings "Lord of the Powers" together.*

Refrain: Lord of the Pow'rs, be with us; for we have no other help, no other help in times of distress but you, O Lord of the Pow'rs have mercy on us.

Receive our prayer, O You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You only are holy, You only are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Each day I will bless You, and praise Your name to the ages, and to the ages of ages.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I have said: Lord have mercy upon me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, in You I have taken refuge: teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

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

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Make us worthy, Lord, in this night to be kept from sin.

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

May Your mercy, Lord, be upon us, inasmuch as we trust in You.

Blessed are You, † Lord: teach me Your commandments.

Blessed are You, † Master: make me understand Your commandments.

Blessed are You, † Holy One: enlighten me with Your commandments.

Lord, Your mercy is to the ages; do not disdain the works of Your hands.

To You belongs praise, to You belongs song, to You belongs glory, to the †Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

In the first week of Great Lent, here we sing the proper quarter of the "Great Canon of Repentance" by Saint Andrew of Crete. Other than the first week, either sing the canon of the day or of the

oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then they shall offer young bulls upon Your altar.

Psalm 101

Reader: **H**ear my prayer, Lord; let my cry come to You! Do not hide Your face from me; in the day of my distress, incline Your ear to me. Answer me speedily in the day when I call! For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. My heart is smitten like grass, and withered; I forget to eat my bread. My bones cleave to my flesh because of my loud groaning. I am like a vulture of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places. I lie awake, I am like a lonely bird on the housetop. My enemies taunt me all the day, those who deride me use my name for a curse. For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle tears with my drink. Your face is indignant and angry, for You have taken me up and thrown me away. My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. But You, Lord, remain enthroned unto the ages; Your name endures to all generations. You will arise and have pity on Sion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. For Your servants hold her stones dear, and have pity on her dust. And the nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear Your glory. For the Lord will build up Sion, He will appear in His glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their supplication. Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord. For He looked down from His holy height, the Lord looked at the earth from heaven. To hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die. So that men may declare the name of the Lord in Sion, and His praise in Jerusalem. When peoples gather together therein, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord. He has broken my strength in mid-course. He has shortened my days. Do not take me hence in the midst of my days, You Whose years endure from generation to generation. From of old, Lord, You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like raiment, and they pass

away; but You are the same, and Your years have no end. The children of Your servants shall dwell secure; their posterity shall be established before You.

The Priest stands before the icon of Christ on the iconostasis, and says:

The Prayer of Manasses, King of Judah

Priest: **L**ord, Creator of all, God of our fathers, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and of their righteous descendants; Who made earth and all the heavens; Who encompassed the sea with the word of Your command; Who closed the depths and sealed them with Your awesome and glorious name; Whose presence all creation worships, and before Whose power they tremble because Your magnificent glory is beyond endurance, and Whose wrathful threat against sinners cannot be withstood: Your compassionate promise is ineffable and beyond measure, for You are the most-high Lord, Who offers atonement for the sins of mankind. In the abundance of Your goodness, Lord, You promised repentance and remission for those who have sinned against You. In the greatness of Your compassion You ordained that sinners should repent in order to be saved. You therefore, Lord, God of power, require repentance not of the righteous such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who did not sin against You, but from me a sinner, for I have committed more sins than the grains of sand by the sea. My sins are multiplied, Lord, they are multiplied, and I am not worthy to gaze upon the heights of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities. I am weighed down by many iron chains so that I cannot raise up my head. There is no release for me because I have incurred Your anger and have done what is evil in Your sight: I have not done Your will, I have disobeyed Your commandments, and I have committed abominations and multiplied my offenses.

The Priest and people NOW KNEEL for the remainder of the Prayer of Manasses.

In my heart I kneel and beseech You in Your kindness: I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned, and I know my transgressions. But I pray to You, release me, Lord,

You are my Helper and my Deliverer, Lord; do not delay.

Psalm 142

Reader: **L**ord, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplications in Your truth; hear me in Your righteousness. And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living shall be justified. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has humbled my life down to the earth. He has sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me has become despondent; within me my heart is troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Your works, I pondered on the creations of Your hands. I stretched forth my hands to You; my soul thirsts after You like a waterless land. Quickly hear me, Lord; my spirit has fainted away. Do not turn Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning; for I have put my hope in You. Cause me to know, Lord, the way in which I should walk; for have I lifted my soul up to You. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord; I have fled to You for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; You shall quicken me, Lord, for Your name's sake. You shall bring my soul out of affliction in Your righteousness, and You shall utterly destroy my enemies in Your mercy. And You shall cut off all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

The Small Doxology *(Plain Reading)*

All: **G**lory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord, King, heavenly God, † Father almighty; Lord, only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and Holy Spirit.

Lord, God, the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, O You Who take away the sins of the world.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. In virginity You gave birth to God the word, truly the Theotokos, we magnify You.

Chanter: In the Name of the Lord, Father bless.

Exiting, and standing on the solea before the Beautiful Gates, facing east, the Priest says:

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

Priest: Master God, Father Creator of all, Lord, only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power, have mercy upon me the sinner. In Your wisdom save me, Your unworthy servant, for You are blessed unto the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

A small metania is made after each verse below.

Chanter: Come, let us worship and fall down before † God, our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before † Christ God, our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before † Christ Himself, our King and God.

The Priest enters the sanctuary through the Beautiful Gates to stand before the Holy Altar, facing east.

Psalm 69

Reader: O God, be attentive to helping me; Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightaway in shame that say to me: Well done! Well done! Let those who seek after You be glad and rejoice in You, O God; and let those who love Your salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come to my aid.

release me, do not destroy me because of my sinfulness or heap up eternal evil against me, and do not condemn me to the depths of the earth. For You are God, the God of repentance, and in me You will show all Your kindness; although I am unworthy You will save me according to Your great mercy, and I will praise You through all the days of my life. For all the heavenly powers sing to You, and Yours is the glory unto the ages of ages.

All: Amen. *(The Priest and people now rise.)*

Priest enters the sanctuary and stands at the Holy Altar.

Trisagion Prayers

All: 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

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

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

The chanter leads the people in singing the following:

Have Mercy on Us
Plagal of the 2nd Tone
Chanter

Valaam Chant

Have mer - cy on us O Lord _____ have
mer - cy on us. For at a loss for a - ny
plea, we sin - ners of - fer to Thee as Mas - ter this
sup - pli - ca - tion have mer - cy on us.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. _____
O Lord have mer-cy on us. _____ for in Thee have we
trust-ed be not ve - ry an - gry with us, nei-ther re-mem-ber
our _____ in - iq - ui - ties, but as the com-pass - ion-ate one look
down up - on us e - ven now and de - li - ver us from

our _____ e - ne-mies. For Thou art _____ our God and we
are _____ Thy peo - ple _____ all be - ing the work of
Thy hands and we call up - on Thy name _____

The curtain and the Beautiful Gates are now opened.

Both now and ever and un - to a - ges of a - ges, A - men.
O - pen un - to us the door of Thy _____ lov - ing kind - ness O _____
Bless - ed The - o - to - kos, so that hop - ing in
thee we may not per - ish, but through thee may be de -
li - vered from ad - ver - si - ties for thou art the sal -
va - tion of Chris - tian peo - ple.

Chanter: Lord, have mercy. (40x)

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