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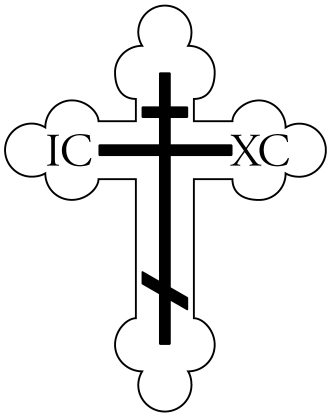

DAILY VESPERS

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The office that follows is that of Daily Vespers (that is non-festal Vespers) normally served Sunday through Friday evenings outside of Lent.

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

READER: Amen.

Glory to thee our God, Glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere and fills 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.

Most Holy Trinity have mercy on us. Lord cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our iniquities 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 our trespassers; 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. Lord have mercy. (12x)

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

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

PSALM 103
(May be sung antiphonally or read by the READER)

Bless the Lord o my soul! O Lord my God
Thou art very great!
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty,

Who covers Thyself with light as with a
garment,

the Father but by me.@ (Jn 14:6) As we pray for our brothers and sisters on earth and their salvation, we ask the Theotokos to pray for our salvation before the Throne of her Son. It is only by a personal relationship with Christ, that you can be saved.

CHOIR: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without corruption you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos, we magnify you.

PRIEST: Glory to Thee O Christ our God, 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. Amen. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Father bless.

PRIEST: (Pronounces the dismissal of the day.)

CHOIR: Amen. ***(We now sing the appropriate hymn/tropar and venerate the icon)***

PRIEST: Again we pray for those who bear fruit 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.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: For Thou art a good 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, is blessed always, now and ever and unto the 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.

Important note: This does not mean that the Theotokos, (Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ) saves us. We can only be saved by Jesus Christ. It is only by Jesus Christ that you can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (AI am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to

Who has stretched out the heavens like a tent.

Who has laid the beams of Thy chambers on the waters,
Who makes the clouds Thy chariot, who rides on the wings of the wind.

Who makes His angels spirits,
And Thy ministers a fiery flame.

Thou didst set the earth on its foundations
So that it should never be moved.

Thou did cover it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.

At Thy rebuke they fled;
At the sound of Thy thunder they took to flight!

The mountains rose,
The valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst appoint for them.

Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass,
So that they might not again cover the earth.

Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys;
They flow between the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild asses quench their thirst.

By them the birds of the air have their habitation;
They sing among the branches.

From Thy lofty abode Thou waterest the mountains;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy work.

Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle;
Fodder for the animals that serve man.

That he may bring forth food from the earth;
And wine to gladden the heart of man.

Oil to make his face shine,
And bread to strengthen the heart of man.

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted.

In them the birds build their nests,
The stork has her home in the fir tree.

The mountains are for the wild goats,
The rocks are a refuge for the badgers.

Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons,
The sun knows its time for setting.

PRIEST: Again we pray for our Metropolitan _____, for our (Arch) Bishop _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy. (3x)
PRIEST: Again we pray for the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (3x)

PRIEST: Again we pray for the blessed and ever memorable founders of this holy house; for all our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, for the servants of God _____, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

PRIEST: Again we pray for the members of this community, that our hearts and minds may be opened to the knowledge of Thy Truth and to the service of Thy Holy Church; we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Most Holy Trinity have mercy on us. Lord cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our iniquities 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 we forgive our trespassers; 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.

THE TROPARION is sung from separate sheet

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

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)

Thou makest darkness, and it is night,
When all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

The young lions roar for their prey,
Seeking their food from God.

When the sun rises, they get them away
And lie down in their dens.

Man goes forth to His work,
And to His labor until evening.

O Lord how manifold are Thy works!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all!
The earth is full of Thy creatures.

Yonder is the sea great and wide,
Which teems with things innumerable,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships and leviathan which Thou didst form to sport in it.
These all look to thee to give them their food in due season.

When Thou givest to them, they gather it up;
When Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good things.

When Thou hidest Thy face, they are dismayed;
When Thou takest away Thy spirit, they die and return to their dust.

When Thou sendest forth Thy spirit,
They are created and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever!
May the Lord rejoice in His works!

Who looks on the earth and it trembles!
Who touches the mountains and they smoke!

I will sing praises to my God
While I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord!
Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the Lord,
O my soul!

The sun knows its time for setting,
Thou makest darkness and it is night.

O Lord how manifold are Thy works!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

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

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

Sing next Aposticha Hymn

Verse: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have had more than enough of contempt: too long has our soul been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud.

Sing Aposticha Hymn

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

(Sing Aposticha Hymn if required)

Verse: now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Prayer of St Simeon

READER: Lord, now lettest Thou, Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to the glory of Thy people Israel.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS

READER: 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.

PRIEST: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord our God, who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of the human race, look down upon Thy servants and upon Thine inheritance. For to Thee, the awesome judge who loves mankind, have Thy servants bowed their heads and submissively bent their necks; not expecting help from men, but hoping in Thy mercy and looking for Thy salvation. Protect them at all times, especially in this present evening and in the coming night, from every enemy, from every adverse work of the devil, from vain thoughts and from evil memories.

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

CHOIR: Amen.

THE APOSTICHA

(sung in the tone of the week/day)

Sing Aposticha Hymn

Verse: To Thee, O Lord, I lift up my eyes, Thou who art enthroned in the heavens. Behold as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to Thee, O Lord, till He have mercy on us.

THE GREAT LITANY

PRIEST: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

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

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: 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.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

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

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: For our Metropolitan _____, for our (Arch)Bishop _____, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for those who serve in the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

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

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

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

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: 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.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, 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

CHOIR: Grant it, O Lord.

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

CHOIR: Grant it, O Lord.

PRIEST: A Christian ending to our life: painless, blameless, and peaceful; and for a good defense before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR: Grant it, O Lord.

PRIEST: Commemorating our 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 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.

PRIEST: Peace be unto all!

CHOIR: And to your spirit.

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

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

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

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

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

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

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

CHOIR: Grant it, O Lord.

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

CHOIR: Grant it, O Lord.

PRIEST: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR: Grant it, O Lord.

PRIEST: All things that are good and profitable to our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: 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.

CHOIR: Amen.

According to the rubrics at this time the appointed Kathisma is chanted and then the little Litany.

LORD I CALL . . .

(sung in the tone of the week/day)

Lord I call upon Thee, hear me.
Hear me, O Lord.
Lord I call upon Thee, hear me.
Receive the voice of my prayer;
when I call upon Thee, Hear me, O Lord.
Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
Hear me, O Lord.

AT LORD I CALL

PSALM 140

(Reader Chants the following Psalms at "Lord I Call...")

SET A GUARD OVER MY MOUTH, O LORD
KEEP WATCH OVER THE DOOR OF MY LIPS.

INCLINE NOT MY HEART TO ANY EVIL, TO BUSY MY HEART WITH WICKED DEEDS IN COMPANY WITH MEN

WHO WORK INIQUITY;
AND LET ME NOT PARTAKE OF THEIR DELIGHTS!

LET A GOOD MAN STRIKE OR REBUKE ME IN KINDNESS, BUT LET THE OIL OF THE WICKED NEVER ANOINT MY HEAD
FOR MY PRAYER IS CONTINUALLY AGAINST THEIR EVIL DEEDS.

WHEN THEY ARE GIVEN OVER TO THOSE WHO CONDEMN THEM,
THEY SHALL LEARN THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD IS TRUE.

AS A ROCK WHICH ONE CLEAVES AND SHATTERS ON THE LAND
SO SHALL THEIR BONES BE STREWN AT THE MOUTH OF SHEOL,
BUT MY EYES ARE EVER TOWARD THEE, O LORD GOD;
IN THEE I SEEK REFUGE; LEAVE ME NOT DEFENSELESS!

KEEP ME FROM THE TRAP WHICH THEY HAVE LAID FOR ME,
AND FROM THE SNARES OF EVILDOERS!

LET THE WICKED FALL INTO THEIR OWN NETS,
WHILE I ESCAPE.

Wednesday Evening - Tone 5

SAVE ME O GOD BY THY NAME / AND JUDGE ME BY THY STRENGTH!

Verse: Hear my prayer, O God, give ear to the words of my mouth.

Thursday Evening - Tone 6

MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD / WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH!

Verse: I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where my help will come.

Friday Evening - Tone 7

THOU O GOD ARE MY HELPER / AND THY MERCY SHALL GO BEFORE ME!

Verse: Deliver me from my enemies, O God, and protect me from those who rise up against me.

(Immediately following the prokeimenon, the READER chants:)

READER: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even 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: Despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son

The Prokeimenon of the Day

PRIEST: Wisdom! The evening prokeimenon is in the ___ tone. *(Priest chants the prokeimenon.)*

CHOIR: *Sings the proper prokeimenon.*

PRIEST: *Chants the verse of the prokeimenon.*

CHOIR: *Sings the prokeimenon again.*

PRIEST: *Chants the first part of the prokeimenon.*

CHOIR: *Sings the rest of the same prokeimenon.*

Daily Prokeimena

Sunday Evening - Tone 8
BEHOLD NOW BLESS THE LORD / ALL YOU SERVANTS OF THE LORD!
Verse: You who stand in the temple of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Monday Evening - Tone 4
THE LORD HEARS ME / WHEN I CALL TO HIM!
Verse: When I called, the God of my righteousness heard me!

Tuesday Evening - Tone 1
THY MERCY O LORD / SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE!
Verse: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

PSALM 141

I CRY WITH MY VOICE TO THE LORD,
WITH MY VOICE I MAKE SUPPLICATION TO THE LORD,
I POUR OUT MY COMPLAINT BEFORE HIM,
I TELL MY TROUBLE BEFORE HIM.

WHEN MY SPIRIT IS FAINT,
THOU KNOWEST MY WAY!

IN THE PATH WHERE I WALK
THEY HAVE HIDDEN A TRAP FOR ME.

I LOOK TO THE RIGHT AND WATCH,
BUT THERE IS NONE WHO TAKES NOTICE OF ME;
NO REFUGE REMAINS FOR ME,
NO MAN CARES FOR ME.

I CRY TO THEE, O LORD;
I SAY THOU ART MY REFUGE AND, MY PORTION IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.

GIVE HEED TO MY CRY;
FOR I AM BROUGHT VERY LOW!
DELIVER ME FROM MY PERSECUTORS;
FOR THEY ARE TOO STRONG FOR ME!

(*The following verses are chanted between the stikhera of "Lord I Call" which are sung. The READER inserts the following verses as needed.)*

(10) BRING MY SOUL OUT OF PRISON
THAT I MAY GIVE THANKS TO THY
NAME.

(9) THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SURROUND ME,
FOR THOU WILL DEAL BOUNTIFULLY
WITH ME.

PSALM 129

(8) OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO THEE,
O LORD.
LORD HEAR MY VOICE.

(7) LET THINE EARS BE ATTENTIVE
TO THE VOICE OF MY SUPPLICA-
TION.

(6) IF THOU, O LORD, SHOULD MARK
INIQUITIES, LORD, WHO COULD
STAND?
BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH
THEE.

(5) FOR THY NAME'S SAKE I HAVE
WAITED FOR THEE, O LORD,
MY SOUL WAITS FOR THY WORD; MY
SOUL HAS HOPED ON THE LORD.

(4) FROM THE MORNING WATCH UNTIL
NIGHT, FROM THE MORNING WATCH,
LET ISRAEL HOPE ON THE LORD.

(3) FOR WITH THE LORD THERE IS
MERCY, AND WITH HIM IS PLENTEOUS

REDEMPTION,
AND HE WILL DELIVER ISRAEL FROM
ALL HIS INIQUITIES.

PSALM 116

(2) PRAISE THE LORD ALL NATIONS.
PRAISE HIM ALL PEOPLES.

(1) FOR HIS MERCY IS CONFIRMED ON
US,
AND THE TRUTH OF THE LORD
ENDURES FOREVER.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT;

NOW AND EVER AND UNTO AGES OF
AGES. AMEN.

*****O GLADSOME LIGHT . . .*****

O gladsome light of the Holy glory
of the immortal Father:
Heavenly, Holy, Blessed Jesus Christ.
Now that we have come
to the setting of the sun
and see the light of evening
we praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
For meet it is at all times
to worship Thee with voices of praise.
O Son of God and giver of Life: therefore
all the world doth glorify Thee.