The Service

of

Great Vespers

Tone 2
When thou didst descend to death o Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God: Glory to Thee!

Tone 3
Let the Heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His Arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy..

Tone 4
When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral course and elatedly told the apostles; death is overthrown! Christ our God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 5
Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, Born for our salvation from the virgin; For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, To endure death, And to raise the dead// By His glorious Resurrection!

Tone 6
The Angelic Powers were at thy tomb The guards became as dead men**.**
Mary stood by thy grave, Seeking thy most pure body Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin Granting Life O Lord who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

Tone 7
By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8
Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst endure the three-day burial To free us from our sufferings! O Lord, Our Life and Resurrection, Glory to Thee!

GREAT VESPERS SERVICE

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

READER: Amen. Glory to thee our God, glory to thee!

TRISAGION

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessing, 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.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors 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 Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

READER: 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 104:1-8

READER: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.
He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire. You who laid the foundations of the earth, So that it should not be moved forever,
You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.
They went up over the mountains. They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them. You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth. He sends the springs into the valleys; They flow among the hills.
They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst. By them the birds of the heavens have their home; They sing among the branches.
He waters the hills from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works. He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the service of man, That he may bring forth food from the earth, And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make his face shine, And bread which strengthens man's heart. The trees of the LORD are full of sap,
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted, Where the birds make their nests; The stork has her home in the fir trees. The high hills are for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.
He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down. You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about. The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God. When the sun rises, they gather together And lie down in their dens.
Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions
This great and wide sea, In which are innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great. There the ships sail about;

DISMISSAL

PRIEST: Wisdom!

CHOIR: Father, bless.

PRIEST: Christ our God, the Existing, is blessed always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen. Confirm, 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. ("I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to 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 defilement 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.

Sunday Troparion
Tone 1
When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy resurrection O Christ! Glory to thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. For you have born the Savior of our souls.

Troparion

(for Resurrectional Troparion see pages 19 & 20)

Troparion for the Tone and Day

On a feast day when the Litya is being served, after the singing of the troparion of the feast, the wheat, wine, oil and bread are blessed:

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, who blessed the five loaves in the wilderness, and therefrom didst feed the five thousand: do Thou the same Lord, bless these loaves, wheat, wine, and oil, and multiply them in this city, and in all Thy world; and sanctify the faithful who shall partake of them. For it is Thou, O Christ our God, who blesses and sanctifies all things, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thy Father, who is without beginning, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

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

PSALM 34

READER: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him! O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

There is that Leviathan Which You have made to play there.
These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season. What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good. You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works. He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD. May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

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)

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 the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: For this city, for every city and country, 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 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 unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever

Choir sings Aposticha Hymn

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

(Choir sings Aposticha Hymn if required)

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

Choir sings Aposticha Hymn

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.

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. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

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 debts as we forgive our debtors 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 Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

CHOIR**:** Rejoice O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, full of grace, the

the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners and be merciful unto us.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (3x)

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.

PRIEST: Peace be unto all

CHOIR: And to your spirit

PRIEST: Let us bow our heads to the Lord

CHOIR: To Thee O Lord

PRIEST: O most merciful Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady Theotokos and ever virgin Mary; and of all the saints: make our prayer acceptable; grant us remission of our transgressions: hide us under the shadow of Thy wings; drive far from us every foe and adversary; make our life peaceful, O Lord. Have mercy upon us and upon the world; and save our souls: for as much as Thou art gracious and the lover of all mankind.

CHOIR: Amen.

THE APOSTICHA

Choir sings Aposticha Hymn

Verses: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Choir sings Aposticha Hymn

Verse: For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved!

Choir sings Aposticha Hymn

Verse: Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

FIRST KATHISMA—BLESSED IS THE MAN

CHOIR: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of wicked will perish. Alleluia...

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling! Alleluia...

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him! Alleluia...

Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! Alleluia...

Salvation belongs to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people! Alleluia...

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

THE 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 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 Thine is the majesty, and 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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

LORD I CALL—PSALM 140 (sung in the tone of the week/day)

CHOIR:

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!

READER: Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord
keep watch over the door of my lips!
Incline not my heart to any evil,
to busy 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 evil doers!
Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
while I escape.

and of all the saints. We pray Thee, O most merciful Lord, hearken to us sinners who entreat Thee, and have mercy on us.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (12x)

PRIEST: Again we pray for the holy Orthodox patriarchs, for our Metropolitan _____, for our Bishop _____, and for all our brethren in Christ; and for every Christian soul that is afflicted and weary in well-doing, in need of God's mercies and help; For the protection of this holy house, and for those who abide therein; for the peace and quietness of the whole world; for the welfare of God's holy churches; for the salvation and assistance of our fathers and brethren who, with diligence and in the fear of God, do labor and serve;

For those who are absent and abroad; for the healing of those who life in sickness; for the repose, refreshment, blessed memory and remission of sins of all our devout fathers and brethren, Orthodox believers, departed this life before us, who here and in all the world, lie asleep in the Lord; for the deliverance of captives; And for our brethren who are taking part in these ministrations; and for all who minister and have ministered in this holy house, let us say:

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (12x)

PRIEST: Again we pray that He will preserve this city and this holy house, and ever city and land from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of enemies, and from civil war; And that our God, who loves mankind, will be graciously favorable and easy to be entreated, and will turn away from us all the wrath stirred up against us, and deliver us from all His righteous chastisement which impendS against us, and have mercy on us.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (12x)

PRIEST: Again we pray that the Lord God will hearken unto the voice of petition of us sinners and show mercy upon us.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (3x)

PRIEST: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of

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.

(On the eve of certain feast days, the Litya takes place at this point in Vespers. Stichera for the Litya are sung as the priest and servers leave the sanctuary and go to the rear of the church where the table has been prepared with the loaves, wheat, wine and oil. Litya stichera are found elsewhere for the feast day.)

PRAYERS FOR THE LITYA

PRIEST: Save, O God, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance; visit Thy world with mercy and compassions; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Thine abundant mercies: through the intercessions of our immaculate Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary; through the power of the life-creating Cross; through the mediations of the honorable, heavenly Bodiless hosts; of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-praised Apostles; [if there be commemorated one of the Twelve Apostles or Evangelists, of the holy Apostle and Evangelist N. and the Other holy, glorious, and all-praised apostles];

of our Fathers among the saints and great ecumenical teachers and hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; our father among the saints Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the Wonderworker; the holy Equals-of-the-Apostles Methodius and Cyril, Teachers of the Slavs; of our fathers among the saints, the Wonderworkers of All Russia: Michael, Peter, Alexis, Jonah, Philip;

of the holy, glorious and victorious martyrs: of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of _____ (of the church); of St. _____, whom we commemorate today;

Of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna;

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 130

(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 supplication.

(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 in 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.

PRIEST/DEACON:: Wisdom, Stand upright!

O GLADSOME LIGHT

CHOIR: 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.

PROKEIMENON

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all! Wisdom. The evening prokeimenon 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.*

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

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.

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,

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.

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 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.

DAILY PROKEIMENA

Saturday Evening – Tone 6
THE LORD IS KING HE IS ROBED IN MAJESTY
The Lord is robed, He is girded with strength
For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved!
Holiness befits thy house, O Lord, forevermore!
The Lord is King!

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.

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.

Great Lent
For Cheesefare, Second and Fourth Sundays Tone 8
TURN NOT AWAY THY FACE FROM THY SERVANT, FOR I AM AFFLICTED / HEAR ME SPEEDILY, ATTEND TO MY SOUL AND DELIVER IT!
Verse: Thy Salvation, O God, hath set me up.
Verse: The poor see and rejoice.
Verse: Seek the Lord, and your soul shall live.

For the First, Third and Fifth Sundays. Tone 8
THOU HAST GIVEN AN INHERITANCE, O LORD / TO THEM THAT FEAR THY NAME.
Verse: From the ends of the earth I cried unto Thee.
Verse: I shall be protected under the cover of Thy wings.
Verse: I will praise Thy name forever.

Easter and Pentecost Tone 7
WHO IS SO GREAT A GOD AS OUR GOD? / THOU ART GOD WHO DOES WONDERS.
Verse: Thou hast declared Thy power unto the nations.
Verse: And I said: Now have I made a beginning; these are the charges of the right hand of the Most high.
Verse: I have remembered the works of the Lord, as I have remembered Thy marvels from the beginning.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS *(if prescribed)*

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: *Announces the reading.*

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: *Reads the scripture lesson(s).*

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

PRIEST: Let us say with all our souls and with all our mind, let us say.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy

PRIEST: O Lord almighty, the God of our father, we pray Thee, hearten and have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

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)

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)

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)