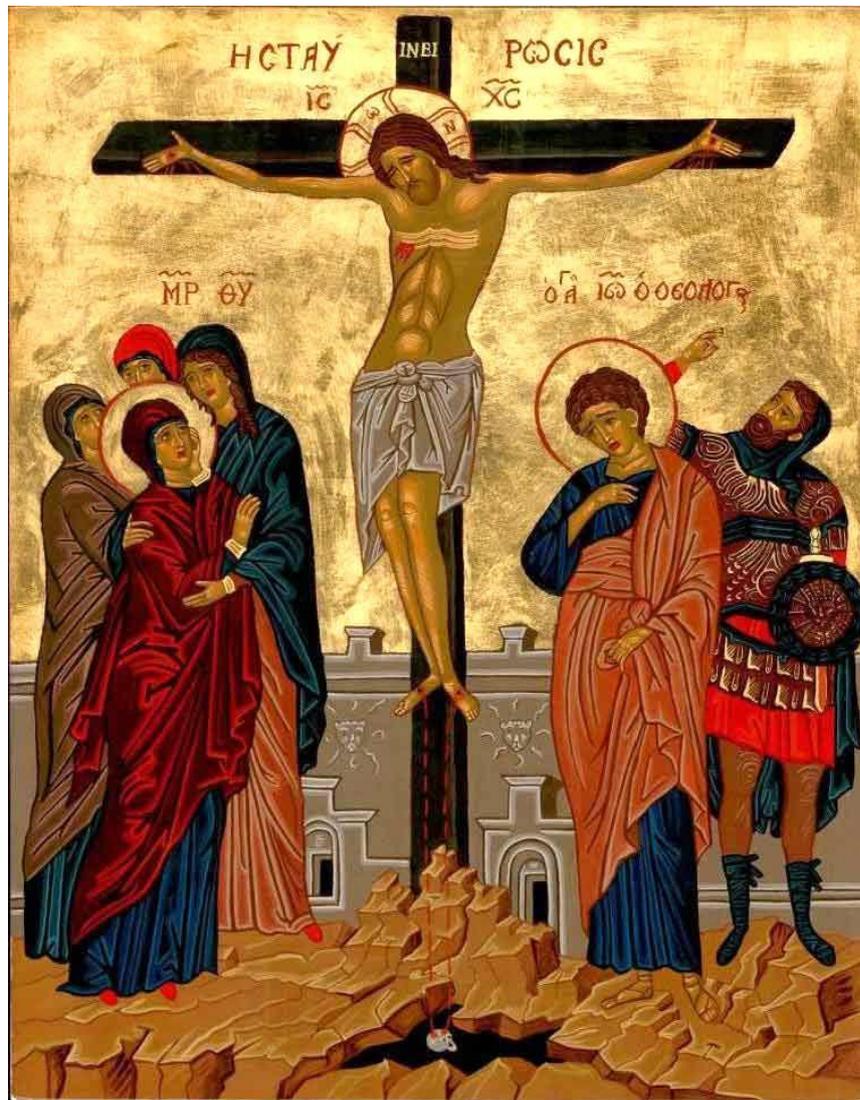


The Service of Royal Hours

Great and Holy Friday Morning



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The First Hour

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory be to You, O God, Glory be to You!

O Heavenly King, Comforter, and Spirit of Truth, You that are in all places and fill all things; the treasury of Blessings and the giver of Life; come to dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious One.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

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

Lord have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the 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 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, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Lord have mercy. (x12)

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

O Come let us worship and fall down before God our King!

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

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

Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God Who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into Your

house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You. But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your Name Be joyful in You. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favour You will surround him as with a shield.

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the Earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, “let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.” He Who sits in the Heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.”

“I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the Earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’” Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judge of the Earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Psalm 21

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of my groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season and am not silent. But You are Holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, “He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!” But You are He Who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother’s breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother’s womb You have been My God. Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help. Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! Deliver Me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion’s mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me. I will declare Your Name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised nor

abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.

My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the Earth shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive. A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory be to You, O God. (x3)

Lord have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Tone1

When You, O Christ, were crucified, the tyranny was abolished, and the power of the adversary was trampled; for it was neither an angel nor man, who saved us, but You, Yourself the Lord; glory to You.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

What name can we possibly give to you, O full of Grace? Heaven? that you gave rise to the Sun of righteousness! Paradise? that you brought forth the Flower of incorruption! Virgin? that you remained inviolate! Pure Mother? that you held in your holy embrace a Son, the God of all! Entreat Him, that He may save our souls.

Idiomela Tone 8

Today the veil of the Temple is rent in reproach of the lawless; and the Sun hides its rays, beholding the Master crucified.

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

Like a sheep You have been led to slaughter, O Christ King; and like a guileless Lamb, O King of all, You were nailed on the Cross by lawless men for our sins, O Lover of mankind.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Tolerating the lawless who seized You, O Lord, You cried out saying: "Even though you have struck down the Shepherd and dispersed the twelve sheep, My disciples, I could have brought more than twelve legions of angels to stand by. But I forbear, so that, which I have declared to you, through My Prophets, may be fulfilled; things unknown and hidden." Lord, glory to You.

The Prophecy

Reader: The Prokeimenon in Tone 4. When he goes out, he tells it. Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Zechariah. (Chapter 11:10-13)

Priest: wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. So, it was broken on that day. Thus, the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the Lord. Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So, they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter" - that princely price they set on me. So, I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.

The Epistle Reading

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: The reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Galatians.
(Chapter 6:14-18)

Priest: Wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Priest: Peace be to you reader.

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend and hear the Holy Gospel.

Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (Chapter 27:1-56)

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

Priest: Let us attend.

At that time, when morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it." Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. But the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." And they consulted together; and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore, that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who was priced, whom they of the

children of Israel priced, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marvelled greatly.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner, who they wished. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Who do you want me to release to you? Barabbas or Jesus Who is called Christ?" For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things in a dream because of Him." But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said: "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "What shall I do then with Jesus Who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" The governor said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person; You see to it." And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spat on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink. But when He tasted it, He would not drink.

Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Sitting down they kept watch over Him there. And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right hand and another on the left. And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "You Who destroy the temple, and build it in three days, save Yourself? If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Likewise, the chief priests also, mocking with the Scribes and elders said. "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God'." Even the robbers, who were crucified with Him, reviled Him with the same thing.

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

Then behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city, and appeared to many. So when the centurion, and those who were with him who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God." And many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

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

Priest: Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me. Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep Your precepts. Make Your face shine upon Your servant and teach me Your statutes. Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day.

The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

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

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

Our Father in Heaven hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Kontakion

Come, let us all praise Him, Who was crucified for us. For Mary beheld Him on the Wood and said: "Even though You endure the Cross, You are my Son and my God."

People: Lord have mercy. (x40)

Have mercy on us and save us o only begotten son.

People: At all times and at every hour, You are worshipped and glorified in heaven and on earth O Christ our God, long-suffering and most merciful and compassionate. You love the righteous and have mercy on sinners, calling all to salvation through the promise of good things to come. At this very hour receive our prayers, O Lord, and guide our life toward Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Surround us with Your holy Angels, so that, guided and guarded by Your heavenly Host, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may His face shine upon us and be merciful to us.

People: Amen.

Priest: O Christ, the true Light, which illumines and sanctifies every man who comes into the world, let the Light of Your Countenance leave its mark on us; that in it, we may behold the

ineffable Light; and direct our steps aright, to the keeping of Your commandments; through the intercessions of Your all-pure Mother, and of all Your Saints.

People: Amen.

The Third Hour

O Come let us worship and fall down before God our King!

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

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

Psalm 34

Plead my cause, O Lord, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler and stand up for my help. Also draw out the spear and stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation." Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonour Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt. Let them be like chaff before the wind and let the Angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the Angel of the Lord pursue them. For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, Which they have dug without cause for my life. Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly and let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; It shall rejoice in His salvation. All my bones shall say, "Lord, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?" Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me things

that I do not know. They reward me evil for good, To the sorrow of my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart. I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother. But in my adversity, they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know it; They tore at me and did not cease; With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth. Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue me from their destructions, My precious life from the lions. I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people. Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause. For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against the quiet ones in the land. They also opened their mouth wide against me, And said, “Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen it.”

This You have seen, O Lord; Do not keep silence. O Lord do not be far from me. Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord. Vindicate me, O Lord my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say in their hearts, “Ah, so we would have it!” Let them not say, “We have swallowed him up. ” Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour Who exalt themselves against me. Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favour my righteous cause; And let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.” And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.

Psalm 108

Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have

spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred and fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, But I give myself to prayer. Thus, they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Set a wicked man over him, and let an accuser stand at his right hand. When he is judged, let him be found guilty, and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children continually be vagabonds and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places. Let the creditor seize all that he has, and let strangers plunder his labour. Let there be none to extend mercy to him, nor let there be any to favour his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off, and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the Lord and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Let them be continually before the Lord, that He may cut off the memory of them from the Earth; Because he did not remember to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, so let it enter his body like water, and like oil into his bones. Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, and for a belt with which he girds himself continually. Let this be the Lord's reward to my accusers, and to those who speak evil against my person.

But You, O God the Lord, deal with me for Your Name's sake; Because Your mercy is good, deliver me. For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me. I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust. My knees are weak through

fasting, and my flesh is feeble from lack of fatness. I also have become a reproach to them; When they look at me, they shake their heads.

Help me, O Lord my God! Oh, save me according to Your mercy, That they may know that this is Your hand that You, Lord, have done it! Let them curse, but You bless; When they arise, let them be ashamed, but let Your servant rejoice. Let my accusers be clothed with shame and let them cover themselves with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the multitude. For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those who condemn him.

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart These, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory be to You, O God! (x3)

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

The Judeans, O Lord, condemned You, the Life of all, to death; the ones, who crossed the Red Sea through the power of the staff, nailed You to a Cross; and those, who You suckled with honey from the rock, brought You gall. But willingly You endured, to free us from the bondage of the enemy. O Christ our God, glory to You.

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

You are the true Vine, O Theotokos, who bore the Fruit of Life. We implore you, together with the Apostles, to intercede, for mercy to be shed on our souls.

Idiomela Tone 8

For fear of the Judeans, Your friend and companion, Peter, denied You, O Lord; and lamenting, he cried out, thus: "Do not let my tears pass by in silence; for I said, that I would keep faith, but did not. O Compassionate One." Wherefore, receive in like manner our repentance, and have mercy on us.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You.

At the foot of Your precious Cross, O Lord, when the soldiers were mocking You, the Hosts of Angels were struck with wonder; for You, Who adorned the earth with flowers, wore the crown of insults, and Who clothed the firmament in clouds, wore the robe of mockery. For through this dispensation Your compassion was made known, O Christ, the Great Mercy, glory to You.

Tone 5

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

When You were drawn to the Cross, O Lord, You cried out, thus: "For which of My works do you want to crucify Me, O Judeans? For healing your paralytics. For raising your dead from sleep. I healed the woman with an issue of blood and showed mercy to the Canaanite woman. For which act do you wish to slay Me, O Judeans?" But, you shall behold Him, the Christ, Whom you pierce, O law-transgressors.

The Prophecy

Reader: The Prokeimenon in Tone 4. For I am ready to fall, O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath.

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah. (Chapter 50:4-11)

Priest: Wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: The Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning; He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help Me; therefore, I will not be disgraced; therefore, I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near Who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. Surely the Lord God will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed, they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the Name of the Lord and rely upon his God. Look, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with sparks: walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks, you have kindled - This you shall have from My hand: you shall lie down in torment.

The Epistle Reading

Priest: Let us attend

Reader: The reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans.
(Chapter 5:6-10)

Priest: Wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: For when we were still without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Priest: Peace be to you reader.

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend and us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.
(Chapter 15:16-41)

People: Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. And they clothed Him with purple, and twisting a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him.

And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him. Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross. And they brought Him to the place Golgotha which is translated, Place of a Skull.

Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. And when they crucified Him they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take. Now it was the third hour and they crucified Him. And the inscription of His accusation was written above: "THE KING OF THE JEWS." With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

And those who passed by blasphemed Him wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You Who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save! Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross that we may see and believe." And those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out

with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Some of those who stood by when they heard that, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!"

Then someone ran, and filled a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and offered it to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down." And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed His last.

Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. So when the Centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He had cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory be to You.

Priest: The Lord God, is blessed; blessed be the Lord day after day; may the God Who saves, lead us on to our salvation.

The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

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

Lord have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the 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 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, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Kontakion

Come, let us all praise Him, Who was crucified for us. For Mary beheld Him on the Wood and said: "Even though You endure the Cross, You are my Son and my God."

People: Lord have mercy. (x40)

Have mercy on us and save us O only Begotten Son.

At all times, and at every hour, both in Heaven and Earth, is worshiped, and glorified, Christ, our God, long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and full of compassion, Who loves the righteous, and is

merciful to sinners, calling all to salvation, through the promise of the blessings to come, accept our supplications in this present hour, and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies, set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all affliction, evil and distress. Surround us with Your holy Angels, that guided and guarded by their interposition, we may attain the unity of faith, and the knowledge of Your ineffable glory. For You are blessed to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may His face shine upon us and be merciful to us.

People: Amen.

Priest: O God and Master, Father Almighty, Lord, Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit; one Godhead, one Power, have mercy on me, a sinner. And by the judgments known to You, save me, Your unworthy servant. For You are blessed to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Sixth Hour

O Come let us worship and fall down before God our King!

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

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

Psalm 53

Save me, O God, by Your Name, And vindicate me by Your strength. Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them. Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life. He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth. I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your Name, O Lord, for it is good. For He has delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

Psalm 139

Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war. They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips. Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble. The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me.

I said to the Lord: “You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord. O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle. Do not grant, O Lord,

the desires of the wicked; Do not further his wicked scheme, Lest they be exalted. As for the head of those who surround me, Let the evil of their lips cover them; Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, that they rise not up again. Let not a slanderer be established in the Earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him.”

I know that the Lord will maintain The cause of the afflicted, And justice for the poor. Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your Name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

Psalm 90

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” Surely, He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, Who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high,

because he has known My Name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory be to You, O God! (x3)

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

O Christ our God, You have worked salvation in the midst of the Earth; You stretched out Your pure hands on the Cross, gathering together all the nations, as they cry out: "O Lord, glory to You."

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Having no boldness for the multitude of our sins, O Virgin Theotokos, implore Him, Who was born of you; for the prayer of a mother avails much, in gaining the favour of the Master. Do not overlook the entreaties of sinners, O all-pure one; for He, Who condescended to suffer for us, is Merciful and able to save.

Idiomela Tone 8

Thus, said the Lord to the Judeans. "My people, what have I done to You, or in what way have I harmed You? To your blind I gave light; the lepers I cleansed; the bedridden man I raised. O My people, what have I done to You, and what did you give Me in return? Instead of manna, gall; instead of water, vinegar; instead of loving Me, you nailed Me to the Cross. I can no longer endure. I will call together the

Gentiles, and they will glorify Me with the Father, and the Spirit, and I shall grant them the everlasting life."

For in my food they gave me gall, and in my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink.

You Lawgivers of Israel, Judeans and Pharisees; the company of the Apostles cries out to You: "Behold the Temple, that you have destroyed; behold the Lamb, that you have crucified. You gave Him over to the Tomb, but of His own power He arose. Do not be deceived; for it is He, Who saved you in the sea, and fed you in the wilderness. He is the Life, and Light, and Peace of the world."

Tone 5

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

Come, O Christ bearing people; let us see what Judas the traitor has plotted with the lawless priests against our Saviour. Today, they condemned to death the Immortal Word. They delivered Him to Pilate and crucified Him on the Place of the Skull; and as our Saviour suffering these things, He cried out saying: "Father, forgive them this sin, that the Gentiles may know of My Resurrection from the dead."

The Prophecy

Reader: The Prokeimenon in Tone 4. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your Name in all the Earth, who have set Your glory above the Heavens!

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah. (Chapter 52:13-54:1)

Priest: Wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; So, shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked, But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the

labour of His soul and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

“Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not laboured with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman,” says the Lord.

The Epistle Reading

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: The reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews. (Chapter 2:11-18)

Priest: Wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: For both He Who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your Name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children who God has given Me."

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death, He might destroy him, who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed, He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be

made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Priest: Peace be to you reader.

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend and hear the Holy Gospel.

Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (Chapter 23:32-49)

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

Priest: Let us attend.

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him vinegar, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." And an inscription was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin and Hebrew: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing You are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom." And Jesus said, to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the Sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice He said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last. So, when the Centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly, this was a righteous Man." And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

People: Glory be to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Swiftly let Your tender mercies come upon us O Lord; for we are greatly impoverished. Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of Your Name. Lord, deliver us, and forgive us our sins, for Your Name's sake.

The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

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

Lord have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the 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 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, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Kontakion

Come, let us all praise Him, Who was crucified for us; For Mary beheld Him on the Wood, and said: "Even though You endure the Cross, You are my Son and my God."

People: Lord have mercy. (x40)

At all times, and at every hour, both in Heaven and Earth, is worshiped, and glorified, Christ, our God, long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and full of compassion, Who loves the righteous and is merciful to sinners, calling all to salvation, through the promise of blessings to come, accept our supplications in this present hour, and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all affliction, evil and distress. Surround us with Your holy Angels, that guided and guarded by their interposition, we may attain the unity of faith, and the knowledge of Your ineffable glory. For You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

People: Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may His face shine upon us and be merciful to us.

People: Amen.

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

Priest: O God, and Lord of Hosts, Author of all Creation, Who out of the depths of Your ineffable mercy sent down Your Only-begotten

Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of our race, and by His precious Cross tore up the record of our sins, and thereby triumphed over the principals and powers of darkness. Accept also, O loving Master, the fervent thanksgiving prayers of us sinners. Deliver us from every evil and dark transgression, and from all visible and invisible enemies, who seek to do us harm. Transfix our bodies in the fear of You, and incline not our hearts to evil words or thoughts, but pierce our souls with desire for You, that always looking up to You, we may be guided by Your Light; and beholding You, the Ineffable and Everlasting Light, we may offer unceasing praise and thanksgiving, to the Father Who has no beginning, together with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your All-Holy, and Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Ninth Hour

O Come let us worship and fall down before God our King!

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

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

Psalm 68

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, Where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me. I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God. Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, Being my enemies wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I still must restore it.

O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You. Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel. Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face. I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children; Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, That became my reproach. I also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them. Those who sit in the gate speak against me, And I am the song of the drunkards.

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear me in the truth of Your salvation. Deliver me out of the mire and let me not sink; Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up; And let not the pit shut its mouth on me. Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies. And do not hide Your face from Your servant, for I am in trouble; Hear me speedily. Draw near to my soul and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies. You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonour; My adversaries are all before You. Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none. They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let their table become a snare before them, And their well-being a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; And make their loins shake continually. Pour out Your indignation upon them, And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents. For they persecute the

ones You have struck and talk of the grief of those You have wounded. Add iniquity to their iniquity and let them not come into Your righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous. But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the Name of God with a song and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves. The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live. For the Lord hears the poor and does not despise His prisoners. Let Heaven and Earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion And build the cities of Judah, that they may dwell there and possess it. Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, and those who love His Name shall dwell in it.

Psalm 69

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, “Aha, aha!” Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, “Let God be magnified!” But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 85

Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; For I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You! Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long. Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And

abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your Name. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your Name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your Name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, the proud have risen against me, And a mob of violent men have sought my life and have not set You before them. But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth. Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant and save the son of Your maidservant. Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, Because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory be to You, O God! (x3)

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

When the thief beheld the Author of Life hanging on the Cross, he said: "If He, Who was crucified with us, was not God incarnate, the

Sun would not have hidden its rays, neither would the earth have quaked with trembling. But, all-forbearing Lord, remember me in Your Kingdom."

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

You, Who were born for us of a Virgin, and suffered crucifixion, O Gracious One, Who despoiled Death by death, and as God revealed Resurrection, overlook not, those, who You have created with Your own Hand; show forth Your love for mankind, O Merciful One; accept Your birth giver, the Theotokos, interceding for us; and save a despairing people, O our Saviour.

Idiomela Tone 7

It was wondrous to behold the Maker of Heaven and Earth hanging on the Cross; to see the Sun darkened, the day changing again into night, and the earth giving up bodies of the dead from their graves. With them, we worship You. Save us, O Lord.

Tone 2

They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

When the lawless nailed You, the Lord of glory, to the Cross, You cried out to them: "In what have I grieved you? Or, in what have I angered you? Who was it, before Me, that delivered you from affliction? And now, how have you repaid Me? Evil, instead of blessings; instead of the Pillar of fire, you nailed Me to the Cross; instead of the cloud, you dug for Me a grave; instead of water, you gave Me vinegar to drink. Henceforth I will call the Gentiles, and they will glorify Me, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit."

(The Congregation kneels, and the Reader takes their place in front of the Cross and recites the following hymn in a monotone voice.)

Tone 6

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

Priest: Today He is Hung on a Tree, Who suspended the earth over the waters. (x3)

A crown of thorns was placed on the head of the King of the angels.

He who wore a false purple robe, covered the heavens with clouds.

He was struck Who, in the Jordan, delivered Adam.

The Bridegroom of the Church was fastened with nails. The Son of the Virgin was pierced with a spear.

We worship Your Passion, O Christ. (x3)

Show us Your Glorious Resurrection.

The Prophecy

Reader: The Prokeimenon in Tone 6. The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. There is none who does good, No, not one.

Reader: The reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah. (Chapter 11:18-12:4, 9-11, 14-15)

Priest: Wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: Now the Lord gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings. But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more." But, O Lord of hosts, You Who judge righteously, testing the mind and the heart, let me see Your vengeance on them, for to You I have revealed my cause. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, 'Do not prophesy in the Name of the Lord, lest you die by our hand' - therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their punishment.' "

Righteous are You, O Lord, when I plead with You; Yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously? You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; They grow, yes, they bear fruit. You are near in their mouth but far from their mind. But You, O Lord, know me; You have seen me, and You have tested my heart toward You. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. How long will the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither? The beasts and birds are consumed, for the wickedness of those who dwell there, because they said, "He will not see our final end."

My heritage is to Me like a speckled vulture; The vultures all around are against her. Come, assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour! Many rulers have destroyed My vineyard, they have

trodden My portion underfoot; they have made My pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. They have made it desolate; desolate, it mourns to Me; The whole land is made desolate, because no one takes it to heart.

Thus says the Lord: "Against all My evil neighbours who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Israel to inherit - behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land."

The Epistle Reading

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: The reading from Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews.
(Chapter 10:19-31)

Priest: Wisdom Let us attend.

Reader: Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the House of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God under foot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him Who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Priest: Peace be to you reader.

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend and hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (Chapter 19:23-37).

People: Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now

the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore, the soldiers did these things. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the Disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then He said to the Disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour that Disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst." Now a vessel full of vinegar was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So, when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other, who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." And again, another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him, Who they pierced."

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory be to You.

Priest: Do not forsake us utterly, for Your Holy Name's sake, and do not annul Your covenant. Take not away Your mercies from us, for the sake of Abraham Your beloved, and Isaac Your servant, and Israel Your holy one.

The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

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

Lord have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the 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 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, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Kontakion

Come, let us all, praise Him, Who was crucified for us. For Mary beheld Him on the Wood and said: "Even though You endure the Cross, You are my Son and my God."

People: Lord have mercy. (x40)

Have mercy on us and save us o only begotten son

At all times, and at every hour, both in Heaven and Earth, is worshiped, and glorified, Christ, our God, long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and full of compassion, Who loves the righteous, and is merciful to sinners, calling all to salvation, through the promise of blessings to come, accept our supplications in this present hour, and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all affliction, evil and distress. Surround us with Your holy Angels, that guided and guarded by their interposition, we may attain the unity of faith, and the knowledge of Your ineffable glory. For You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

People: Amen.

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the Name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may His face shine upon us and be merciful to us.

People: Amen.

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

Priest: O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, forbearing with our faults, and having brought us even to the present hour, in which, hanging on the Life-giving Cross You prepared the way for the grateful thief to enter Paradise, and by Death destroyed death, have mercy on us, Your sinful and unworthy servants; for we have sinned and have transgressed, and are not worthy to lift up our eyes and look toward the heights of Heaven; for we have departed from the path of Your righteousness, and have followed the desires of our own hearts. But we implore You, in Your infinite goodness; spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your mercies, and save us, for the sake of Your Holy Name; for our days have been wasted, consumed in vanity. Wrest us from the hand of the adversary; forgive us our sins, and mortify our carnal thoughts; that casting off the old man, we may be clothed with the new, and so, live for You, our Master and Guardian; and thus, following Your ordinances, we may attain to eternal rest, in the abode of all those, who rejoice. For You are in truth, the true joy and exultation of those, who love You, O Christ our God, and to You we ascribe glory; together with the Father, Who is without beginning, and the All-Holy, and Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Beatitudes

In Your Kingdom, O Lord, remember us when You come into Your kingdom.

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

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

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth.

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

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

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

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

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

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

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

Remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when You come into Your kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when You come into Your kingdom.

Priest: The Heavenly hosts praise You and says: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory."

Reader: *Come to Him and be enlightened and your faces shall not be ashamed.*

Priest: The ranks of the holy Angels and Archangels, with all the Heavenly Powers praises You saying: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory."

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

Priest: The Heavenly hosts praise You and says: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and Earth are full of Your Glory."

Reader: **Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

The Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things, visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages, Light from Light; True God from True God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered, and was buried.

On the third day He rose in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

And in one holy, catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Priest: Pardon, remit and forgive, O Lord, our intentional and unintentional faults, by word or deed, wittingly or unwittingly committed; those by night, and those by day; those of the mind and those of the senses, and forgive us all; for You are Good and the Loving Lord.

People: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: **For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.**

People: Amen.

Kontakion

Come, let us all praise Him, Who was crucified for us. For Him, Mary beheld on the Tree, and said: "Even though You suffer crucifixion, You are my Son and my God."

People: Lord have mercy. (x12)

People: Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from this time forward, and forevermore. (x3)

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

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. O, magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. The poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him. O, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart; and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones; not one of them

is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. The Lord redeems the soul of His servants; and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

People: It is truly right to call you blessed, who gave birth to God, ever-blessed and most pure, Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

The Dismissal

Priest: Glory to You, O God, our hope, glory to You.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May He Who endured spitting and scourging, and buffetings, the Cross and death for our salvation, Christ our True God, through the prayers of Your most pure, blameless and holy Mother; of Saint (*patron saint(s)*) of this Church; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints; have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

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

People: Amen.



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