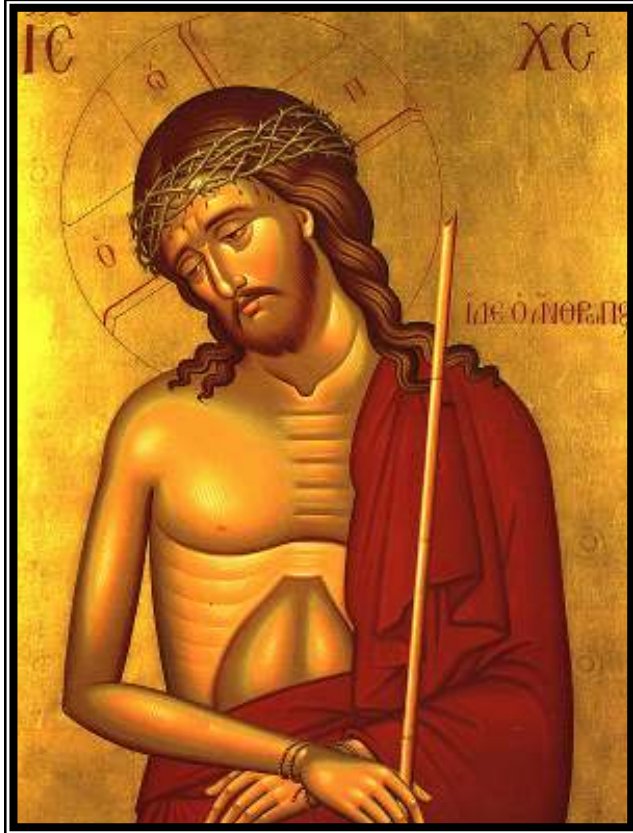


# The Second Service of the Bridegroom



Holy Monday Evening

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Chanter: Amen.

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

O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are ever present, and filling all things, the Treasure of all Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, and cleanse us from every blemish, and save our souls O Blessed One.

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

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

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, pardon our sins, Master, forgive our iniquities; O Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for Your 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 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 evil.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy spirit, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Reader: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (12 Times)

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

O come let us worship and bow down to our King and God.

O come let us worship and bow down to Christ, our King and God.

O come let us worship and bow down to Christ Himself, or King and God.

PSALM 19 (20)

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you; May he send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion, may He remember all your offerings and accept your burnt offerings. May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose.

We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all our petitions! Now I know that the Lord saves all his anointed; He will answer him from His Holy Heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord, our God. They have bowed down and fallen, but we have risen and stand upright. Save, Lord! May the King answer us when we call.

PSALM 20 (21)

The King shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. For You meet him with the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold upon his head. He asked life from You: and You gave it to him—length of days forever and ever. His glory is great in Your salvation; honor and majesty You have placed upon him. For You made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence. For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved. Your hand will find all Your enemies;

Your right hand will find those who hate You. You shall make them as a fiery oven, in the time of Your anger; the Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them. Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, and their descendants from among the sons of men. For they intended evil against You; they devised a plot which they are not able to perform. Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their faces. Be exalted, O Lord, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

Holy God, Holy MIghty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 Times)

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

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

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy spirit, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Reader: Amen.

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the Faithful against the adversaries, and protect Your nation by Your Cross.

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

O Christ our God, Who was of Your own will lifted up on the Cross, grant Your mercies to Your new commonwealth, named after You; and in Your power gladden our faithful Leaders, granting them victories against the adversaries. May they have Your alliance, as a weapon of peace, an invincible trophy.

Now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages. Amen

O awesome and ever-present protection, All-lauded Theotokos, of Your goodness overlook not our supplications; edify the community of the Orthodox; save those, whom You have called to govern, and grant them victory from Heaven, for you did give birth to God, the only blessed one.

*(The choir responds to every Petition with, "Lord, have mercy.")*

Deacon or Priest:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy;  
we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray for the devout and Orthodox Christians.

Again we pray for our Archbishop Gerasimos, and for all our  
Brotherhood in Christ.

Priest: For You are a Merciful and Loving God, and to You we as-  
cribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Chanter: Amen. In the Name of the Lord, Father, give the blessing.

Priest: Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving, and undivided  
Trinity always, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Reader: Amen.

### **The SIX PSALMS**

Reader: Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will to  
all people. (3 Times)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim Your  
praise. (2 Times)

### **PSALM 3**

Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who  
rise up against me. Many are they who say to me, "There is no help  
for him in God." But you, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the  
One who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He  
heard me from His Holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord  
sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have  
set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my  
God! For you have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have  
broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your  
blessing is upon your people.

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.

## PSALM 37

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your wrath, nor chasten me not in Your hot displeasure! For Your arrows pierce me deeply, and Your hand presses me down. There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger, nor any health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. My wounds are foul and festering because of my foolishness.

I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are full of inflammation, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of heart. Lord, all my desire is before You; and my signing is not hidden from You. My heart pants, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes it also has gone from me. My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, and my relatives stand afar off. Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, and plan deception all the day long. But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; and I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. Thus I am like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth there is no response.

For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me". For I am ready to fall, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. But my enemies are vigorous and they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully, have multiplied. Those also who render evil for good, they are my adversaries, because I follow what is good. Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me!  
Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

## PSALM 62 (63)

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power

and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.

Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember you on my bed I meditate on You in the night-watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him shall glory; but the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

I meditate on you in the night-watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. 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 to the Ages of Ages. Amen.

### **PSALM 87 (88)**

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You;

Incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to the grave. I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I am like a man who has no strength, adrift among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand. You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the depths. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and You have afflicted me with all your waves. You have put away all my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out; my eye wastes away because of affliction.

Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You. Will you work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise You? Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or your faithfulness in a place of destruction? Shall your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the forgotten land? But to You I have cried out, O Lord and in the morning my prayer comes before You. Lord why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me? I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth; I suffer your terrors; I am distraught. Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off. They came around me all day long like water; They engulfed me altogether. Loved one and friend You have put far from me, and my acquaintances into darkness.

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry.

### **PSALM 102 (103)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His Holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction. Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies. Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed, like the eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

For as the Heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field so he flourishes; For the wind passes over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is everlasting to everlasting

on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord has established His throne in Heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all You His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, in all places of His dominion!

### **PSALM 142 (143)**

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness; answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the works of Your hands I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land.

Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, O Lord from my enemies; in You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am your servant.

In your righteousness, O Lord, answer me. And enter not into judgment with your servant. (2 Times).

Your spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3 Times)

Our hope O Lord, glory to You.

*(The Choir responds to the Petitions with "Lord, have mercy").*

Deacon:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this Holy Temple, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Archbishop Gerasimos, the honorable Presbytery of the Diaconate in Christ, for all the Clergy and the Laity, let us pray to the Lord.

For the President of our Country, for those in Civil authority, for our Armed Forces, and for all the American Nation, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For those at sea, for those who travel by land or air, for the sick and the suffering, for captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your Grace.

Commemorating our most holy, pure most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos, and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ, our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For to You, all glory, honor and worship is befitting; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Choir: Amen.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> PLAGAL TONE

Chanter: 1. From the night-watch my spirit keep vigils for You, O God, for Your commandments are a light on the earth.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

2. Learn righteousness, you who dwell upon the earth.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

3. Zeal shall seize an untaught people, and now fire shall consume the adversaries.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

4. Bring more evils upon them, O Lord, bring more evils upon those who are glorious on earth.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### *4th Plagal Tone.*

Behold the Bridegroom comes in the midst of the night; and blessed is the servant, whom He shall find vigilant; and unworthy is he, whom He shall find heedless. Beware, therefore O my soul, not to be borne down with sleep, lest you be given up to death, and be shut out of the Kingdom. Wherefore rouse yourself, crying out: *“Holy, Holy, Holy are You, Our God,\* through the intercessions of the Forerunner save us.”* (3 times, at 3<sup>rd</sup> chanting, substitute with *“...through the Theotokos, have mercy on us.”*)

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

**Chanter:** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon or Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us O God, by Your Grace.

Commemorating our most holy, pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

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

**Priest:** For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the Kingdom and power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the Ages of Ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

*(The Faithful sit)*

### **THE KATHISMATA 4th Tone**

**Chanter:**

Brethren, let us love the Bridegroom, and prepare our lamps with care, shining in virtues and true faith; that, like the prudent virgins of the Lord, we may be ready to enter with Him into the wedding feast; for the Bridegroom, as God, bestows a gift to all, the incorruptible crown.

#### 4th Tone

The priest and scribes, O Saviour, calling together a lawless council against You, with great envy, moved Judas to betrayal. Wherefore, he went forth shamelessly and spoke against You to the lawless people; *“What will you give me,”* said he, *“that I may deliver Him into your hands?”* O Lord, save our souls from this condemnation.

#### 4th Plagal Tone

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and to the Ages of Ages Amen.

The impious Judas, with avarice in mind, plots against the Teacher, deliberating and meditating the betrayal; he falls from the light and receives the darkness; he agrees to the terms, and sells the priceless One. Wherefore he, most wretched of men, finds a noose and a horrible death, the reward for his deed. O Christ our God, deliver us from his lot, granting remission of sins to those, who compassionately observe Your Holy Passion.

*(The Faithful stand)*

**Deacon or Priest:** Let us supplicate the Lord our God, that we may be deemed worth to hear the Holy Gospel.

**Choir:** Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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

**Priest:** Peace be to all.

**Choir:** And to your spirit.

### **THE GOSPEL**

**Priest:** The Lesson is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
Let us be attentive.

**Choir:** Glory to You O Lord, glory to You.

**Priest:**

#### ***Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39***

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do

not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others. "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are. "Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.' You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred? You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gift on the altar is bound by that oath.' You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? Therefore, anyone who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. And anyone who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it. And anyone who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. "Woe to you,

teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like white-washed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started! “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? Therefore I am sending you prophets and sages and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come on this generation. “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**Choir:** Glory to you O Lord, glory to You.

(The Faithful sit)

### **PSALM 50 (51)**

**Reader:** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness; 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 away 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 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 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 bullocks on Your altar.

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

**Chanter:** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon or Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us O God, by Your Grace.

Commemorating our most holy, pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

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

**Priest:** For You are the King of Peace, and Saviour of our souls, and to You we ascribe glory; to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

### **THE KONTAKION**

*(Read, not chanted)*

Having realized, O my soul, the hour of the end, and remembering the cutting down of the fig tree, work therefore most diligently, O wretched soul, with the talent, which has been given to you, in vigilance and crying aloud: *“May we not remain outside the Bridal Chamber of Christ.”*

### **THE OIKOS**

*(Read, not chanted)*

Why are You heedless, O my miserable soul? Why do you inopportunistly imagine vain cares? Why do you occupy yourself with that, which flows away? The last hour is at hand, and we shall shortly be parted from earthly things. Therefore, gaining time, rouse yourself and cry out: *“I have sinned against You, my Saviour, do not cut me down like the unfruitful fig tree; but as the merciful Christ, have pity on me, for with feat I cry out: ‘May we not remain outside the Bridal Chamber of Christ.’”*

### **THE SYNAXARION**

On this Holy and Great Tuesday, we make remembrance of the Parable of the ten virgins from the Holy Gospel.

*Verse: This greatest of Tuesdays brings to mind the ten virgins, bearing the victory of the Just Master.*

Wherefore, O Bridegroom Christ, number us with the prudent virgins and including us in Your chosen flock, have mercy on us. Amen.

The Heirmos. 8th Ode 2nd Tone

#### **Chanter:**

The three holy children were not obedient to the decree of the tyrant; and even when cast into the furnace they confessed God singing: *“all the works of the Lord, bless the Lord.”*

## **The Troparia**

*Glory to You O God, glory to You.*

Let us cast off slothfulness, and with bright lamps let us meet Christ, the immortal Bridegroom, crying out: *“All the works of the Lord, bless the Lord.”*

*We glorify Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Lord.*

May the oil of fellowship in the vessels of our soul be sufficient, lest in going to make the purchase we miss the reward, that we may sing: *“All the works of the Lord, bless the Lord.”*

*Now and ever and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.*

All have received equal Grace from God; increase accordingly the talent given to you with the help of Christ, singing: *“All the works of the Lord, bless the Lord.”*

## **THE KATAVASIA**

We praise, we bless and worship the Lord.

The three holy children were not obedient to the decree of the tyrant; and even when cast into the furnace they confess God singing: *“All the works of the Lord, bless the Lord.”*

*(The Faithful stand)*

**Deacon or Priest:**

The Theotokos and Mother of the Light, honoring with hymns, we magnify.

**Chanter:**

*9th Ode. The Heirmos.*

We praise You, All-Holy virgin; you, who in your womb did contain the uncontainable God, bringing joy to the world.

## **THE TROPARIA**

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

You, O Lord, did say to the Disciples: *“Watch, for you do not now the hour the Lord will come to render to each his reward.”*

*Now and ever and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.*

In Your second fearful coming, O Master, overlook the multitude of my sins, and place me with the sheep on Your right.

### **THE KATAVASIA**

We praise you, All-Holy virgin; you, who in Your womb did contain the uncontainable God, bringing joy to the world.

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

**Chanter:** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon or Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us O God, by Your Grace.

Commemorating our most holy, pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

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

**Priest:** For all the Heavenly Powers praise You, and to You they ascribe glory; to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and to the Ages of Ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

### **THE EXAPOSTEILARION**

**Chanter:** I see Your Bridal Chamber adorned, O my Saviour, and I have no wedding garment, that I may enter therein; O Giver of Light, make radiant the vesture of my soul, and save me. *(3 times)*

## THE PRAISES 1st Tone

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the Heavens; praise Him in the heights. To You, O God, praise is befitting.

Praise Him, all His Angels; praise Him all His hosts. To You, O God, praise is befitting.

*(The Faithful sit)*

### IDIOMELA HYMNS

*Praise him for His sovereignty, praise Him according to the fullness of His Majesty.*

Into the splendor of Your Saints, how can I, the unworthy enter? For should I dare to come into the Bridal Chamber, my vesture will reproach me, not being a wedding garment; and bound, I shall be cast out by the angels. O Lord, cleanse the impurity of my soul, and save me.

### 2nd Tone

*Praise him with cymbals and chorus; praise Him with strings and pipe.*

Since I, O Bridegroom Christ, have permitted my soul to slumber in indolence, I do not possess the flaming lamp of virtues; and like the foolish virgins, I wander, when it is the time for work. O master, do not close for me Your heart of compassion; but awaken me, shaking off my darkening sleep, and bringing me in with the prudent Virgins to Your Bridal Chamber, where there is the clarity of song, from those who feast, and unceasingly cry out: *“O Lord, glory to You.”*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.*

O my soul, you have heard the condemnation of him, who hid his talent; likewise, do not hide away the word of God. Proclaim His wonders, so that, abounding in grace, You may enter into the joy of Your Lord.

*(The Faithful stand)*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Reader: To You, all glory is befitting, O Lord our god and to you we ascribe glory; to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will to all people. We praise You, we bless You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty, Lord, Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Lord God, the Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; You, Who takes away the sins of the world. Accept our prayer, You Who are seated on the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us. For You alone are Holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God, the Father. Amen. Each day I shall bless You, and praise Your Name, forever, and to the Ages of Ages.

Lord You have been our refuge from one generation to another. I said: "Lord have mercy on me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You." Lord, to You I have fled; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. For with You is the source of life, and in Your Light we shall see light. Extend Your mercy to those, who know You. Grant, O Lord, that we may be kept this day without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our Fathers, and Your Name is praised and glorious unto all Ages. Lord, let Your mercy come upon us, as we have hoped in You. Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Master, grant me understanding of Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Holy One, enlighten me with Your statutes. Your mercy O Lord, endures forever; overlook not the works of your own Hands. To You, all praise, worship and glory are befitting; to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the Ages of Ages. Amen.

**Deacon or Priest:** Let us complete our morning supplication to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord have mercy.

**Deacon or Priest:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us O God by Your Grace.

*(Respond to entreaties with "Grant this, O Lord.")*

That this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

For an Angel of peace, a faithful Guide, a Guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

For the forgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

For things that are good and profitable unto our souls, and for peace in the world, let us ask of the Lord.

That we may complete the remainder of our lives in peace and penitence, let us ask of the Lord.

That the end of our lives may be Christian, without pain, blameless and peaceful, and for a good account at the awesome Judgment-seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

Commemorating our most holy, pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

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

**Priest:** For You are a God of mercy, compassion and love, and to You we ascribe glory; to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Priest:** Peace be to all.

**Choir:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon or Priest:** Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

**Choir:** To You O Lord.

**Priest:** For it is Yours to show mercy and to save us, our God, and to You we ascribe glory; to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

*(The Faithful sit)*

## **THE APOSTICHA**

2nd Plagal Tone

**Chantor:**

Come, you faithful, let us eagerly work for the Master, for He distributes His wealth to His servants; accordingly then, let us increase the talent of grace. Let one, be graced with wisdom through good works; let another, celebrate a service of splendor, let another, faithful to the word communicate this to the uninstructed; and yet another, distribute wealth to the poor; for thus, we shall increase what is entrusted to us, and as faithful stewards of His Grace, we may be worthy of the Master's joy. Of this, deem us worthy, O loving Christ our God.

*In the morning we have been filled with Your mercy, O Lord; we rejoiced and were glad in all our days. Let us rejoice for all the days that You have humbled us; the years we have seen afflictions; Look upon Your servants and all Your works.*

When You come in glory with the Heavenly Hosts and sit upon the throne of Judgment, O good Shepherd, do not separate me. For You know the ways of those on the right, and that those on the left are perverted. Wherefore, though I be hardened in sin, do not condemn me to perish with the goats, but numbering me with the sheep on Your right, save me as a Loving God.

*May the splendor of the Lord our god be upon us; may He direct for us the works of our hands; even the work of our hands may He direct.*

The Bridegroom, surpassing all in comeliness, has called us to the spiritual wedding Feast. Through sharing in Your sufferings, remove the blotched raiment of my sins, and adorning me with a robe of glory of

Your comeliness, make me a radiant guest of Your Kingdom, as a Merciful God.

*Grave Tone*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and to the Ages of Ages Amen.*

Behold O my soul! The Master entrusts to you a talent. Receive the gift with fear; lend to Him who gave it; distribute to the poor, and gain the Lord as a Friend; that you may stand on His right, when He comes in glory, and hear His blessed voice: "Enter, O servant, into the joy of Your Lord!" In Your great Mercy, O Saviour, deem me, who have strayed, worthy of this joy.

*(The Faithful stand)*

**Priest:** It is good to confess to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. To proclaim Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth at night.

**Reader:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and to the Ages of Ages Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord pardon our sins; Master, forgive our iniquities; O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your 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; both now and ever 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 evil.

**Priest:** For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the Ages of Ages.

**Reader:** Amen.

### **THE KONTAKION**

*(Read, not chanted)*

Having realized, O my soul, the hour of the end, and remembering the cutting down of the fig tree, work therefore most diligently, O wretched soul, with the talent, which has been given to you, in vigilance crying out; *“May we remain not outside the Bridal chamber of Christ.”*

Lord have mercy (12 times)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and to the Ages of Ages Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and incomparably more gloriously than the Seraphim; who incorruptibly did bear God the Word, verily the Theotokos, you, we magnify.

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

**Priest:** Wisdom! The One, who is blessed, Christ our God, always, now and ever, and to the Ages of Ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

### **PRAYER**

**Priest:** O Heavenly King, strengthen our faithful Leaders; edify the Faith, pacify the Nations, grant peace to the world; protect this Holy Church and City; place our departed Parents and Brethren in the dwellings of the just; and in Your goodness and mercy receive us also in repentance and confession as a Good and Loving Lord.

## Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life, deliver me from the spirit of indolence, meddling, vain ambition and idle talk.

Grant to me Your servant, the spirit of prudence, humility, patience and love.

Yea, Lord and King; grant me, that I may see my own faults, and to not judge my brother, for You are blessed to the Ages of Ages. Amen.

### DISMISSAL

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

May Christ, our true God, the Lord, Who willingly came to the Passion for our salvation, through the intercessions of His most pure and Holy Mother; the power of the precious and Life-giving Cross; the protection of the honored Bodiless Powers in Heaven; the supplications of the honored, glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist; the Holy, glorious and All-laudable Apostles; the Holy glorious, and victorious Martyrs; our Saintly and God-bearing Fathers; the Holy, righteous divine ancestors Joachim and Anna; (*of Saint[s] whom today we commemorate*), and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, as a Good and Loving and Merciful God.

Through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.

**Chanter:** Amen.