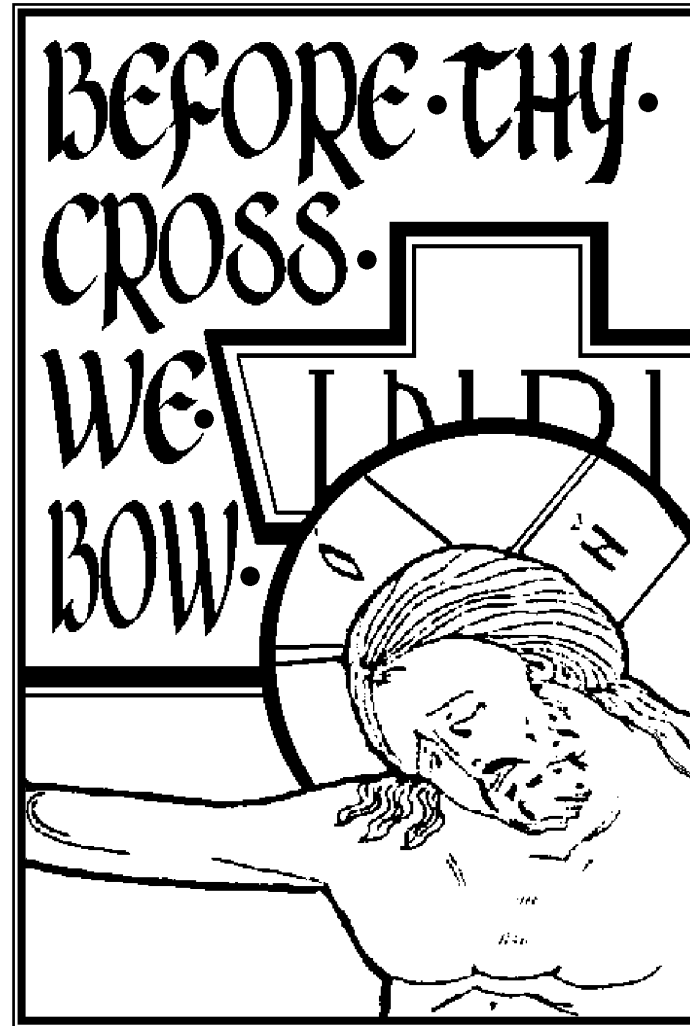


The Crucifixion of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



Holy Thursday 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)

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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!

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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 land of forgetfulness? 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 stride 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.

4th PLAGAL TONE

Chanter: 1. My spirit seeks You early in the nightwatches, 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. Envy 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 vainglorious on earth.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

When Your glorious Disciples were enlightened at the washing of the feet before the Supper, then the impious Judas was hardened by the disease of greed, and delivered You, the Righteous Judge, to lawless judges. Behold, O lover of money, the one who hanged himself for the sake of money. Flee from this insatiable desire, which dared such a thing against the Teacher. O Lord, Who deals righteously with all, glory to You. *(3 Times)*

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

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

THE FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

John 14:1-31, 15:1-27, 16:1-33, 17:1-26, 18:1

So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I

command you, that you love one another. "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

"These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will

remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE 1ST ANTIPHON

Chanter:

The rulers of the people take counsel together against the Lord, and against His Anointed One.

A lawless accusation is laid against me Lord; O Lord, do not forsake me.

Let us present our senses pure to Christ, and as His friends, let us offer our souls to Him. Let us not, like Judas choke ourselves with the concerns of this world, but from our innermost depths let us cry out: "Our

Father, in Heaven, deliver us from evil.”

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

O Mary Theotokos, as a Virgin you gave birth, and yet remained a Virgin; O unwedded Mother, entreat Christ our God to save us.

THE 2ND ANTIPHON

Judas hastened to the lawless Scribes saying: “What will you give me, and I will deliver Him to you?” And invisibly You stood in the midst of those, conspiring as to the price that would be agreed for You. Spare our souls; You, Who knows the hearts of humans.

Let us serve God with compassion, as did Mary at the supper; and let us not, like Judas, foster avarice, that we may forever be with Christ, our God.

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

Cease not, O Virgin, to implore Him, Whom you inexplicably bore; that He may save from dangers those, who flee unto you; for He is ever merciful.

THE 3RD ANTIPHON

By reason of raising Lazarus, O Merciful Lord, the Hebrew children cried: “Hosanna to You;” but the lawless Judas was unwilling to understand.

At Your Supper, O Christ our God, You were foretelling Your Disciples: “One of you shall betray Me;” but the lawless Judas was unwilling to understand.

When John asked You, Lord, who is Your betrayer, You revealed him by the bread; but the lawless Judas was unwilling to understand.

For thirty pieces of silver, and a deceitful kiss, the Jews sought to slay You, Lord; but the lawless Judas was unwilling to understand.

At the washing of the feet, You, O Christ our God, exhorted Your Disciples: “Do the same as you have seen;” but the lawless Judas was unwilling to understand.

“Be vigilant and pray, that you not be tempted;” You, our God, were saying to Your Disciples; but the lawless Judas was unwilling to understand.

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

O Theotokos, safeguard your servants from dangers; for, after God, it is to you that we take refuge, as an impregnable wall and protection.

THE KATHISMA

While feeding Your Disciples at the Supper, and knowing the scheme of Your betrayal, You accused Judas, recognizing that he was incorrigible. You wanted to make it known to all, that You willingly surrendered, in order to grasp the world from the enemy. O Long-suffering Lord, glory to You.

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

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

THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

John 18:1-28

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" Answered

Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said." And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?" Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!" One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed. Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE 4TH ANTIPHON

Chanter:

Today Judas forsakes the Master and takes to himself the Devil; he is blinded by the passion of avarice, and in his darkness falls from the light. For, how is he able to see, who sold the Bearer of Light for thirty pieces of silver? But He who suffered for the world has become the dawn for us. To Him let us cry out; "Glory to You, Who suffers for, and with mankind."

Today Judas simulates godliness, and estranges himself from grace. While a Disciple, he becomes a traitor, and under a guise of friendship he conceals deceit. He, in his folly prefers thirty pieces of silver to the love of the Master, and becomes a guide to the lawless council. But we, who have Christ as our salvation, let us glorify Him.

As brothers in Christ, let us acquire brotherly love. Let us not lack compassion for our neighbors, that we may not be condemned like the unmerciful servant on account of money, or repent like Judas to no avail.

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

Glorious things have been spoken of you everywhere; for you have borne in the flesh the maker of all, O Mary Theotokos, All-praised, unwedded Bride.

THE 5TH ANTIPHON

The Disciple of the Teacher contracted the price, and sold the Lord for thirty pieces of silver. With a deceitful kiss, he surrenders Him to death at the hands of the lawless.

Today the Creator of Heaven and earth said to His Disciples: "The hour is near, and Judas, who betrayed Me, is at hand. Let no one deny Me, seeing Me on the Cross between two thieves; for as Man I suffer, and as a Lover of mankind, I save those who believe in Me."

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

O Virgin, who in the last days ineffably conceived and bore your own

Creator, save those, who magnify you.

THE 6TH ANTIPHON

Today, Judas is vigilant as to how he can deliver up the Lord, the Saviour of the world before all Ages, Who with five loaves satisfied the multitude. Today, the transgressor denies the Teacher; becoming a Disciple, he betrays the Master. He sold for silver, the One, who satisfied his people with manna.

Today, the Judeans nailed to the Cross the Lord, Who had divided the sea with a rod, leading them through the wilderness. Today, they pierced His side with a spear, Who, for their sakes smote Egypt with plagues; they gave Him gall to drink, Who had rained manna upon them for food.

O Lord, when You willingly came to Your Passion, You declared to Your Disciples; "If you could not watch with Me for one hour, how could you promise to die for me? Look at Judas, how he sleeps not, but hastens to betray Me to the enemy? Arise, pray, lest any of you deny Me, when you see Me on the Cross." O long suffering One, 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.

Hail! O Theotokos! For you contained in your womb, the One, Whom the Heavens cannot contain. Hail! O Virgin! The proclamation of Prophets, through whom Emmanuel is made manifest to us. Hail! O Mother of Christ, our God.

THE KATHISMA

In what manner were you worked on, O Judas, to betray the Saviour? Did He separate you from the company of the Apostles? Did He deprive you of the grace of healing? Did He at the washing of the feet of the others, overlook yours? Oh! How forgetful you are of the many blessings! You are condemned for your ingratitude, while His bountiful forbearance and great mercy are proclaimed.

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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.

THE THIRD GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

Matthew 26:57-75

And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end. Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' " And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death." Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophesy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?" Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to

him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE 7TH ANTIPHON

Chanter:

While permitting the lawless men to seize You, O Lord, you thus declared: "Though you strike down the Shepherd, and scatter the twelve sheep, My Disciples, yet I could have summoned more than twelve legions of Angels by My side; but I forbear, so that the unknown and secret things, which I revealed to you through My prophets, may be fulfilled." O Lord, Glory to You.

Peter having denied You three times, straightway recalled the words You said to him, but he brought to You tears of repentance, saying: "God have mercy on me, and save me."

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

Let us all praise the Holy Virgin, as the gateway to salvation; as a Paradise of delight; as a cloud of everlasting light, and saying, "Hail!"

THE 8TH ANTIPHON

Say you lawless men; what have you heard from our Saviour? Did He not set forth the teaching of the Law and the Prophets? How then, could you take counsel to hand over to Pilate the Word of God, Who came forth from God, the Redeemer of our souls?

"Let Him be crucified!" cried they, who had always benefitted by Your gifts of Grace. The slayers of the righteous, requested to receive a malefactor, instead of the Benefactor; but You, O Christ, were silent, enduring their impudence, that You might suffer, and save us, as a Loving Lord.

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

Since we have no boldness because of our many sins, O Virgin, Theotokos, implore the One, Who was born of you; for the prayer of a Mother avails much, for the favor of the Master. All-Holy Lady,

overlook not the entreaties of us sinners; for He is merciful and able to save; and Who also condescended to suffer for us.

THE 9TH ANTIPHON

They set the thirty pieces of silver, as the price of the Priceless One, on Whom they, of the children of Israel had set a price. Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation! The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak; Therefore, watch!

They gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink; but You, O Lord, raise me up again, and I shall repay them.

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

We, of the Gentiles, praise you, O pure Theotokos, for you gave birth to Christ, our God, Who, through you, freed mankind from the curse.

THE KATHISMA

How could Judas, who was once Your Disciple, meditate Your betrayal? The traitor and evil-doer deceitfully supped with You; and going to the priests, he said: "What will you offer me, and I will deliver to you, Him, Who set aside the Law and profaned the Sabbath?" O Long-suffering Lord, glory to You.

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

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

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

THE FOURTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

John 18:28-40, 19:1-16

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die. Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus,

"Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE 10TH ANTIPHON

Chanter:

He who clothed Himself with light as with a garment, stood naked at the judgment; and received blows on His cheeks from the hands which He had fashioned. When the lawless people nailed the Lord of glory to the Cross, then the veil of the temple was rent, and the sun went dark, unable to endure the spectacle of God blasphemed, before Whom all the universe trembles. Him let us worship.

The Disciple denied Him; the thief exclaimed; "Remember me, O Lord, in Your Kingdom."

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

Grant peace to the world, O Merciful Lord; You, Who for Your servants' sake, condescended to take on flesh from the Virgin. Therefore with one voice we praise You, as a Loving Lord.

THE 11TH ANTIPHON

In return for the benefits which You, O Christ, bestowed to the Hebrew race, they condemned You to be crucified, giving You vinegar mixed with gall to drink. Render unto them, O Lord according to their works,

for they comprehended not Your condescension.

With Your betrayal ,O Christ, the Hebrew race was not content, but wagged their heads, sneering and mocking. Render unto them, O Lord, according to their deeds, for they devised vain things against You.

Neither the earth as it quaked, nor the rocks as they split; neither the veil of the Temple, nor the raising from the dead convinced the Hebrews. But You, O Lord, reward them according to their deeds; for they devised vain things against You.

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

We have known God receiving flesh from you, O Virgin Theotokos, the only pure, the only blessed; therefore, praising you, we unceasingly magnify.

THE 12TH ANTIPHON

Thus says the Lord to the Judeans: "O My people, what have I done to You, or wherein have I wearied You? To your blind I gave light; your lepers I cleansed; your paralytic I raised up. O My people; what have I done for you, and how have you recompensed Me? Instead of manna, gall; instead of water, vinegar; instead of loving Me, you nailed Me to the Cross. No longer will I endure; I will call to Me the Nations, and they will glorify Me, together with the Father and the Spirit; and I will grant to them eternal Life."

Today the veil of the Temple is rent in two, as a reproof to the lawless; and the sun hides its own rays, beholding the Master on the Cross.

The company of the Apostles calls out to you, "O Law-givers of Israel, Judeans, and Pharisees; behold the Temple, which you have destroyed; behold the Lamb, which you have crucified. You have delivered Him to the tomb, but by His own power He has arisen. Deceive not yourselves, O Judeans, for in the sea He saved, and in the desert He fed. He is the Life, and Light, and Peace of the world".

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

Hail! Gateway of the King of Glory, through which, only the Most High has passed, and again left sealed, for the salvation of our souls.

THE KATHISMA

When You, O God, stood before Caiaphas, and though being the Judge, You were given over to Pilate, the Heavenly Powers were shaken with fear. Then lifted up on the Wood between two robbers, You the sinless One, were numbered with the transgressors, in order to save mankind. O Most forbearing Lord, glory to You.

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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.

THE FIFTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

Matthew 27:3-32

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 silver pieces 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 value 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?" So Jesus said to him, "It is as you say." And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He an-

swered 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 marveled greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom 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 judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today 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 then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" Then the governor said, "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.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE 13TH ANTIPHON

Chanter:

The assembly of the Judeans demanded of Pilate that You, O Lord, be crucified; and finding no cause against You, they released the prisoner, Barabbas, and condemned You, the Righteous One, incurring for themselves the accusation of blood-guiltiness. Render unto them, O Lord, according to their works; for they devised vain things against You.

The Priests struck with their hands, and gave gall to drink, to Him, before Whom, all things are awestricken and tremble, and every tongue praises. As a Lover of mankind, He condescended to suffer all things,

wanting to save us from our sins by His own Blood.

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

O Theotokos! By word, you ineffably bore the Word, the Creator Himself. Implore Him, that He may save our souls.

THE 14TH ANTIPHON

O Lord, having taken as Your fellow-traveler the thief, whose hands were defiled with blood, we ask you to number us with him, as a Good and Loving Lord.

The thief upon the cross spoke in a low tone, but found great faith. In an instant he was saved, and being the first to open the Gates of Paradise, he entered, O Lord, Who accepted his repentance, 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.

Hail to you, who through an Angel did receive the joy of the world. Hail to you, who gave birth to your Creator and your Lord. Hail to you, who were found worthy to become the Mother of Christ, our God.

THE 15TH ANTIPHON

Today is hung upon the Cross, He Who suspended the Earth amid the waters. (3 Times). A crown of thorns crowns Him, Who is the King of Angels. He, Who wrapped the Heavens in clouds, is clothed with the purple of mockery. He, Who freed Adam in the Jordan, received buffetings. He was transfixed with nails, Who is the Bridegroom of the Church. He was pierced with a lance, Who is the Son of the Virgin.

We worship Your Passion, O Christ, (3 Times). Show us also, Your glorious Resurrection.

(The above Hymn is repeated by the Chanter).

Chanter:

Christ, our God, Who is our Passover, is sacrificed for us; therefore let us not keep the Feast as the Judeans, but let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement, and sincerely beseech Him: "Arise, O Lord, and in Your mercy, save us."

Your Cross, O Lord, is life and resurrection to Your people; and trusting in it, we praise You, our crucified Lord. Have mercy upon us.

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

Seeing You hanging on the Cross, O Christ, Your Mother cried aloud: "What strange mystery do I see, my Son? How do you, the Giver of Life, with Your flesh transfixed, die upon the Wood?"

THE KATHISMA

You ransomed us from the curse of the Law by Your precious Blood; You have shed forth immortality upon mankind by being nailed to the Cross and pierced with a spear. O Saviour of us all, glory to You.

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

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

THE SIXTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

Mark 15:16-32

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 they twisted 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." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE BEATITUDES

Chanter:

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

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

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

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Because of a tree, Adam was estranged from Paradise; because of the wood of the Cross, the thief abode in Paradise; for the former, in tasting, disobeyed the commandment of the Creator; but the latter, who was crucified with You, confessed, admitting to You, the concealed God. O Saviour; remember also us, in Your Kingdom.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

The law-transgressors verily did buy the Ordainer of the law from a Disciple. And they brought Him before Pilate as a law-breaker,

shouting “Crucify the One, who gave them manna in the wilderness!”
But we, emulating the righteous thief, cry out in faith: “Remember
also us, O Saviour, in Your Kingdom.”

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

The assembly of the Judeans, that lawless swarm of God-slayers,
shouted madly to Pilate, saying, crucify Christ the innocent and asking
that Barabbas rather be released. But we express the words of the
grateful thief: “Remember also us, O Saviour, in Your Kingdom.”

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

Your life-bearing side, O Christ, overflows like a spring from Eden, wa-
tering Your Church, and making it a living paradise; then dividing the
glad tidings into four Gospels, as headwaters, it irrigates the world,
gladdening creation, and teaching the Gentiles to adore Your Kingdom
in faith.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of
God.

You were crucified O Christ, for my sake to become the Source of my
forgiveness. and Your side was pierced, that you might cause streams
of life to flow for me. You were fastened with nails, that I may sense
the depth of Your Passion and the height of Your power, and cry out to
You: “O Life-giving Christ, glory to Your Cross and Passion, O Saviour.”

Blessed are they, which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake; for
theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

All creation, O Christ, beholding Your Crucifixion, trembled. The foun-
dations of the earth were shaken for dread of Your might; the lights of
the firmament went into hiding; the veil of the Temple was rent; the
mountains quaked; and the rocks burst asunder, as the believing thief
cries out with us, unto You: “O Saviour, remember us.”

Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say
all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.

O Lord, on the Cross You tore the writ of ordinances against us; and
numbered among the dead, You bound up the tyrant there, delivering
all from the bonds of death by Your Resurrection, through which we
have been illuminated. O Merciful Lord, we cry out to You:

“Remember also us, O Saviour, in Your Kingdom.”

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

O Christ our God Who was lifted up on the Cross, and as God, loosed the power of death, and eradicated the writ of ordinances against us, grant also to us, O Lord, who worship You in faith, the repentance of the thief, as we cry out to You: “Remember also us, O Saviour, in Your Kingdom.”

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

Come, all you believers, let us worthily, with one mind pray, glorifying the one Godhead in three Persons; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; permanent, without confusion, simple, indivisible, and unapproachable, through Whom, we were redeemed from the fire of punishment.

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

We offer You for intercession, O Christ, Your Mother, the true Virgin, who, without seed bore You in the flesh, and remained without corruption after her birth-giving, that You might grant forgiveness of transgressions to those, who cry out: “Remember also us, O Saviour, in Your Kingdom.”

Priest and Chanter: *(The Prokeimenon)*

They divided my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. (3 Times)

(The following verse is chanted before 3rd time).

“My God, my God, look upon me; why have You forsaken me?”

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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.

THE SEVENTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

Matthew 27:33-54

And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had 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 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?" 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 sour wine 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 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!"

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

PSALM 50 (51)

Reader:

Have mercy on 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 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 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: Let us supplicate the Lord our God, that we may be deemed worthy to hear the Holy Gospel.

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

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

THE EIGHTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

Luke 23: 32-49

At that time 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 sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." And an inscription also 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.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE 5TH ODE

Chanter:

I approach You early in the morning, O Word of God, Who, through Your compassion for fallen man, emptied Yourself without change, and submitted to the Passion in impassivity. O Merciful Lord, grant me peace.

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

With washed feet, and they themselves purified by participation in the Divine Mystery, Your servants, O Christ, now come together from Zion to the great mount of Olives, and praise You, O Merciful Lord.

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

You did say: "See, My friends, that you not be troubled; for now, the hour is near for Me to be given up and slain by the hands of lawless men. All you shall be scattered, forsaking Me; but those, whom I shall gather will preach a Loving God."

THE KONTAKION

Reader:

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

THE OIKOS

The Virgin Mother, seeing her own Lamb led to the slaughter, followed wailing with the other women, and cried: "Where are you going my Child? Why do You travel along so fast? Would there perhaps be another wedding in Cana, and you hurry there, to turn for them water into wine? Can I not come with You my Child? Or tarry with You? Speak to me a word; You, Who are the Word. Pass me not by in silence, You, Who kept me pure. For You are my Son and my God."

THE SYNAXARION

(The Synaxarion is first read from the "Menaion Book," after which, we read the Synaxarion of Great Friday from the "Triodion," as follows);

On Great Friday we observe the Holy saving, and awesome Passion of our Lord, and God, and Saviour Jesus Christ; the spittings, the scourgings, the buffetings, the scorn, the mocking, the purple robe, the reed, the sponge, the vinegar, the nails, the spear, and above all, the Cross and Death, which He willingly suffered for us.

We also observe the confession unto salvation of the penitent thief, who was crucified with Him.

You are a living God, even though You were lifeless on the Wood. O naked corpse, You are the Word of the living God.

The thief opened the locked gates of Eden with the key, "Remember me."

Through Your marvelous and infinite compassion for us, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

THE 8TH ODE

Chanter:

The divine children exposed a monument of impious wickedness. And the arrogant and lawless Sanhedrin in vain took counsel against Christ, discussing how to slay Him, Who holds life in the palm of His Hand, and Whom all creation blesses, glorifying to all ages.

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

"Shake off sleep now from your eyelids, O My Disciples", said Christ. "With prayer watch, lest you be overwhelmed by temptation; especially you, Simon, for the trial is greatest to the strong. O Peter, know Me, Whom all creation blesses, glorifying to all Ages."

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

"O Master" cried Peter, "a profane word shall never fall from my lips. Even if all deny You, I will gladly die with You. For not flesh and blood, but Your Father has revealed You to me; You, Whom all creation blesses, glorifying to all Ages."

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

All the depth of divine wisdom and knowledge, you have not sought out; and the bed rock of My judgment you, O man, have not compre-

hended,” said the Lord. “Boast not, for you are flesh, and thrice you shall deny Me, Whom all creation blesses, glorifying to all, Ages.”

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

“You protest, O Simon Peter, against the very thing you are to do, as I foretold. A maid-servant, suddenly approaching will terrify you,” said the Lord. “Yet, weeping bitterly, you shall find Me merciful, Whom all creation blesses, glorifying to all Ages.”

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

The divine children exposed a monument of impious wickedness. And the arrogant and lawless Sanhedrin in vain took counsel against Christ, discussing how to slay Him, Who holds life in the palm of His Hand, and Whom all creation blesses, glorifying to all Ages.

Deacon: The Theotokos and Mother of Light, honoring in hymns, we magnify.

THE 9TH ODE

More honorable than the Cherubim, and incomparably more glorious than the Seraphim, who without defilement bore God, the Word, verily the Theotokos, you, we magnify.

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

A wicked, worthless company of knavish, abominable and God-slaying came upon You, O Christ, and dragged You away, as an evil-doer, the Creator of all, Whom we magnify.

Glory to You O God, glory to You.

The impious men, ignoring the Law, and vainly studying the Prophets to no purpose, unjustly dragged away as a lamb to the slaughter, You the Master of all, Whom we magnify.

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

The priests, with the scribes, delivered to the Gentiles to put to death the Life; and they smote, with their most envious malice, Him, Who is by nature the Giver of Life; Him we magnify.

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

Like many dogs they came round about You, O King, and smote You on the cheek with their hands. They questioned You, and brought forth false witnesses; but You endured all things, and have saved all.

THE KATAVASIA

More honorable than the Cherubim, and incomparably more glorious than the Seraphim, who without defilement bore God, the Word, verily the Theotokos, you, we magnify.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: 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: You, O Lord, Who on the same day made the thief worthy of Paradise, illuminate me also by the wood of the Cross, and save me. (3 Times)

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

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

THE NINTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

John 19:25-37

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 sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, 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 whom they pierced."

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE AINOI (THE PRAISES)

Chanter:

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.

Praise Him for His sovereignty; praise Him according to the fullness of His majesty.

“Israel, My first-born son, committed two evil deeds; He forsook Me, the source of the Living water, and hewed out for himself a broken well; and he crucified Me on the Wood, and asked for the release of Barabbas. The Heavens were aghast at this, and the sun hid its rays. But you, O Israel, were not ashamed and delivered Me to death. Forgive them, O Holy Father, for they know not, what they have done”.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp.

Every member of Your Holy Body endured dishonor for us. Your Head, the thorns; Your Face, the spittings; Your Cheeks, the smittings; Your Mouth, the taste of vinegar mixed with gall; Your Ears, the impious blasphemies; Your Back, the lash; Your Hand, the reed; Your whole Body stretched out on the Cross; Your Joints the nails; and Your Side, the spear, O Almighty Saviour, Who in Your mercy condescended to suffer for us, and set us free from suffering, having raised us up have mercy on us.

Praise Him with well-sounding cymbals; praise Him with cymbals of joy; let every breath praise the Lord.

All creation trembled, O Christ, seeing You crucified. From fear of Your power, the foundations of the earth were shaken. For You, being raised today, the Hebrew race was lost, the veil of the Temple was rent in two, the tombs were opened, and the dead rose up from their graves. The centurion shuddered when he saw the miracle, and Your mother stood near, and cried with a mother’s lamentation: “How can I but not mourn, and strike my innermost being, seeing You naked, as a condemned man hanging on the wood?” O Lord Who was crucified, and buried, and did rise from the dead, glory to You.

2ND PLAGAL TONE

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

“They stripped Me of My garments, and put on Me a scarlet robe; they

set upon My Head a crown of thorns, and gave a reed into My right Hand, that I may shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessels".

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

"I gave My back to scourgings, and turned not away My face from spittings; I stood before the judgment-seat of Pilate, and endured the Cross, for the salvation of the world".

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

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

THE TENTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

Mark 15:43-47

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus observed where He was laid.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE DOXOLOGY

Reader:

To You, 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 worship You, we glorify You, we thank 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 to the Age, and to the Age of the Age.

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 in You is the fountain of Life, and in your Light we shall see light.

Extend Your mercy to those, who confess You.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our Fathers, and Your Name is praised and glorified to all Ages. Amen.

Lord, let Your mercy come upon us, for 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 by Your statutes.

Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; overlook not the works of Your own Hands.

To You, 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: Let us complete our morning supplication to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

(The Choir responds to the 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 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 merciful, loving and compassionate 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.
Priest: Peace be to all.
Choir: And to your spirit.
Deacon: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.
Choir: To You O Lord.

PRAYER

Priest: (Inaudibly)

O Holy Lord, Who dwells on High and beholds things below, and with Your all-encompassing Eye overseeing all Creation, we bow our soul and body, and pray to You, Holy of the Holies; stretch forth Your unseen Hand from Your Holy dwelling -place and bless us all; and if we have sinned voluntarily, or involuntarily, as a Good and Merciful God forgive, granting us Your earthly and Heavenly blessings.

Priest: For it is Yours, O God, 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.

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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

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

THE ELEVENTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest or Deacon:

John 19:38-42

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

THE APOSTICHA

Chanter:

All creation was changed by fear when it saw You, O Christ, hanging on the Cross; the sun was darkened, and the foundations of the earth were shaken. All things suffered together with the Creator of all things. O Lord, Who for us endured willingly, glory to You.

They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture they cast lots.

An impious and lawless people, why do they contemplate in vain?
Why do they condemn to death the Life of all? O wondrous marvel!
The Creator of the world is betrayed into the hands of the lawless; and He, Who is merciful, is lifted up on the Cross, that He might bring freedom to those, bound in Hades, who cry out: "O Long-suffering Lord, glory to You."

They gave Me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave Me vinegar to drink.

Today the blameless Virgin saw You, O Word of God, hanging on the Cross, deeply mourning within herself, and bitterly pierced in the

heart, she groaned in agony from the depth of her soul. Exhausted by beating on her breast, with hair disheveled, she cried out wailing: “Woe to me! My Divine Son! Woe to me! Light of the world! Why O Lamb of God, have You faded from my eyes?” Wherefore, the legions of the Heavenly Hosts were seized with trembling, crying out: “O incomprehensible Lord, glory to You.”

But God our King, before all ages wrought salvation amidst the earth. Seeing You hanging on the Cross O Christ, the God, and Creator of all, Whom as a Virgin she bore, she cried out bitterly: “O my son, where has the beauty of Your form vanished? I cannot bear to see you unjustly crucified; hasten therefore and rise up, that I too may behold Your Resurrection from the dead on the third day.”

4TH PLAGAL TONE

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

O Lord, when You were lifted up on the Cross, fear and trembling fell over creation. You did not permit the earth to engulf those, who crucified You, but You permitted Hades to send up its captives for the rebirth of mortals. O Judge of the living and dead, You came to grant life, and not death. Most merciful Lord, glory to You.

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

Already the sentencing pen is dipped by the unjust judges, and Jesus is arraigned and condemned to the Cross. All creation suffers, seeing the Lord on the Cross. But You, Who in the natural Body did suffer for me, gracious Lord, glory to You.

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

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

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

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

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.

THE TWELFTH GOSPEL LESSON

Priest:

Matthew 27:62-66

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

Choir: Glory to Your forbearance, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: It is a good thing to confess unto the Lord, and to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. To proclaim Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your Truth by 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, 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.

Choir: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

Chanter: You ransomed us from the curse of the Law, by Your Precious Blood; You shed forth immortality upon mankind, being nailed to the Cross and pierced with a spear. O Saviour of us all, glory to You.

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

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

Again, we pray for all the devout and Orthodox Christians. Again we pray for our Archbishop (Name), Bishop (Name). Again we pray for our Brethren, the Priests, Monks, Deacons, Anchorites, and for all our Brotherhood in Christ. Again, we pray for grace, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and the remission of sins of the servants of God and for all the pious and Orthodox Christians of this City and Community.

Priest: For You are a Merciful and Loving 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.

Priest: Edify, O Lord, God, the pure and Holy faith of all pious and Orthodox Christians, with this Holy Church and City, unto all Ages.

Choir: Amen.

Reader:

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

Choir: Amen.

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

May Christ, our true God, Who endured spittings, and scourgings, and buffetings, and the Cross and Death 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 and righteous divine ancestors Joachim and Anna; (of Saint(s) of the day, whom 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.

Choir: Amen.

