

# Order for Lenten Daily Vespers on Fridays of Great Lent when the Presanctified Liturgy is not served

*Sections marked ✕ change from day to day. Wherever possible, a separate sheet containing these sections will be provided.*

**Priest:** Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

O heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art in all places, and fillest all things, Treasury of good things, and Giver of life, come, and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain; and save our souls, O good One.

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

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

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

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

**Priest:** For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. *(x 12)*

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

**Reader:** O come, let us worship God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before the Very Christ, our King and our God.

## PSALM 103

**Reader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back for ever and ever. The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand. At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid. The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them. Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run. They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst. Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice. He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man. To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart. The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted. There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them. The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the

hares. He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad. Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labour until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled. Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return. Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works. Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being. May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord. O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down, Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God. *(x 3)*

## THE LITANY OF PEACE

✠ “LORD I CALL ...”

*There is no Entrance. The Priest does not sing “Wisdom! Stand upright!” Properly, O Gladsome Light is chanted, rather than sung. We follow the usual Parish practice of singing O Gladsome Light, as usual.*

## O GLADSOME LIGHT

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the Immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed, Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God, the Giver of Life; therefore all the world doth glorify Thee.

## ✠ THE PROKEIMENA AND READINGS

**Priest:** Let us attend! Peace be to all!

**Choir:** And to thy spirit.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the — Tone.

*The Reader and Choir sing the **First Prokeimenon** in the usual way.*

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Book of Genesis.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*The Reader reads the appointed section from Genesis.*

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the — Tone.

*The Reader and Choir sing the **Second Prokeimenon** in the usual way.*

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Proverbs of Solomon.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*The Reader reads the appointed section from Proverbs.*

## **VOUCHSAFE, O LORD**

**Reader:** Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes. Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## **THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION**

### **THE PRAYER AT THE BOWING OF THE HEADS**

**Priest:** Peace be to all!

**Choir:** And to thy spirit.

**Priest:** Bow your heads unto the Lord.

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

*The Priest reads the Prayer at the Bowing of the Heads:*

**Priest:** ... now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

## **✠ APOSTICHA**

### **THE PRAYER OF SAINT SIMEON, THE GOD-RECEIVER**

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

## **TRISAGION PRAYERS**

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

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

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

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

**Priest:** For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## **✠ THE TROPARIA (APOLYTIKIA)**

### **THE AUGMENTED LITANY**

#### **THE PRAYER OF SAINT EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN**

**Priest:** O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust for power and idle talk. *(Prostration)*

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.  
*(Prostration)*

Yea, O my Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults, and not to judge my brother. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Prostration)*

**Reader:** O all-holy Trinity, consubstantial Might, Kingdom undivided, Source of all good: be gracious to me, a sinner; establish and give understanding to my heart; and take away from me every defilement. Enlighten my mind, that I may continually glorify, hymn and worship Thee and say:

One is holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore. *(Metania)*

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

### **PSALM 33**

**Reader:** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him! O fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life, and covets many days, that he may enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He kept all his bones; not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God.

**Priest:** Most holy Theotokos, save us.

**Reader:** More honourable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without defilement gavest birth to God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

### **THE LITTLE DISMISSAL**

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father, give the blessing.

*The Priest gives the blessing.*

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.