

A. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SIXTH HOUR

Come, let us adore the King, our God.
Come, let us adore Christ, the King and our God.
Come, let us adore and bow down to the only Lord Jesus
Christ, the King and our God.

SIT

PSALM 51 The Deceitful Tongue

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Why do you glory in evil,
you champion of infamy?
All the day you plot harm;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, you practiced deceiver!

You love evil rather than good,
falsehood rather than honest speech.

You love all that means ruin,
you of the deceitful tongue!

God Himself shall demolish you;
forever He shall break you;
He shall pluck you from your tent,
and uproot you from the land of the living.

The just shall look on with awe;
then they shall laugh at him:

“This is the man who made not God the source of his strength,
but put his trust in his great wealth, and his strength in harmful plots.”

But I, like a green olive tree in the house of God,
trust in the kindness of God forever and ever.

I will thank You always for what You have done,
and proclaim the goodness of Your name before Your faithful ones.

PSALM 108

Prayer Against a Slandering Enemy

O God, whom I praise, be not silent,
for they have opened wicked and treacherous mouths against me.
They have spoken to me with lying tongues,
and with words of hatred they have encompassed me
and attacked me without cause.

In return for my love they slandered me,
but I prayed.

They repaid me evil for good
and hatred for my love.

Raise up a wicked man against him,
and let the accuser stand at his right hand.
When he is judged, let him go forth condemned,
and may his plea be in vain.

May his days be few,
may another take his office.

May his children be fatherless,
and his wife be a widow.

May his children be roaming vagrants and beggars;
may they be cast out of the ruins of their homes.

May the usurer ensnare all his belongings,
and strangers plunder the fruit of his labors.

May there be no one to do him a kindness,
nor anyone to pity his orphans.
May his posterity meet with destruction;
in the next generation may their name be blotted out.
May the guilt of his fathers be remembered by the Lord;
let not his mother's sin be blotted out;
May they be continually before the Lord,
till he banish the memory of these parents from the earth,
Because he remembered not to show kindness,
but persecuted the wretched and poor and the brokenhearted,
to do them to death.
He loved cursing; may it come upon him;
he took no delight in blessing; may it be far from him.
And may he be clothed with cursing as with a robe;
may it penetrate into his entrails like water and like oil into his bones;
May it be for him like a garment which covers him,
like a girdle which is always about him.
May this be the recompense from the Lord upon my accusers
and upon those who speak evil against me.
But do You, O God, my Lord,
deal kindly with me for Your name's sake;
In Your generous kindness rescue me;
for I am wretched and poor, and my heart is pierced within me.
Like a lengthening shadow I pass away;
I am swept away like the locust.
My knees totter from my fasting,
and my flesh is wasted of its substance.
And I am become a mockery to them;
when they see me, they shake their heads.
Help me, O Lord, my God;
save me, in Your kindness,
And let them know that this is Your hand,
that You, O Lord have done this.
Let them curse, but do You bless;
may my adversaries be put to shame, but let Your servant rejoice.
Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace
and let them wear their shame like a mantle.
I will speak my thanks earnestly to the Lord,
and in the midst of the throng I will praise Him,
For He stood at the right hand of the poor man,
to save him from those who would condemn him.

PSALM 90
Security Under God's Protection

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
abides in the shadow of God of Heaven.
He will say to the Lord: "My Wall, my Refuge,
my God in Whom I will trust!"

He it is who will save you from the hunter's snare,
and from the deadly pestilence.

With His pinions He will overshadow you
and beneath His wings you shall rest secure.

As a shield, His truth shall cover you:
you shall not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
Nor the thing that lurks about in darkness,
nor the pestilence or demon of the noon.

Though a thousand may be falling at your side, and ten thousand at your right,
no harm will come to you.

But you, with your eyes, shall observe,
and see the retribution of the wicked.

Because you have said: "O Lord, You are my hope!"
and you have taken the Most High as your refuge,
No evil shall come close to you,
nor shall any scourge approach your dwelling.

For He will command the angels
to watch over all your ways.
In their hands they shall carry you
lest you stumble with your foot against a stone.

Upon the asp and viper you shall tread;
the lion and the dragon you shall trample.

Because he trusted in Me, I will save him;
I will protect him, for he knew My name;

He will call on Me, and I will answer him,
I am with him at the time of distress; I will deliver him and give him glory,
With length of days I will feed him,
and My salvation I will let him see.

STAND

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to You, O God! *(3 times with a bow)*

TROPARIA - Tone 2

TROPARION



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



You have ac - com-plished our sal - va - tion up - on earth, O Christ our God,



and stretch - ing out Your pure hands up - on the Cross, You gath-ered



all na - tions who cry out to You: Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

BOHORODICEN



Now and e - ver and for - e - ver. A - men.



Be - cause of our man - y sins, we have no one to con - fide in



but you, O Vir - gin Moth - er. In - ter - cede for us with



your Son, for a mo - ther's prayer can ob - tain a fa - vor from the

Mas - ter. Do not turn a - way from the plead - ing of sin - ners, O
 Most Pure One; for your Son willed to suf - fer for us.
 He is mer - ci - ful and a - ble to save us.

STICHERA - Tone 8 Samohlasen

The Lord said to the Jews: O My peo-ple, what have I done to you,
 and when have I harmed you? Your blind I have giv - en sight,
 your le - pers I have cleansed, and the man on his pal - let I have raised.
 O My peo-ple, what have I done for you, and what do you do in re - turn?
 In - stead of man - na, you give Me gall; and in place of wa - ter, you give
 vin - e - gar; and in - stead of lov - ing Me, you nailed Me to the cross.

I can en-dure no more! I will call the Gen-tiles, and they will
 glor-i-fy Me with the Fa-ther and the Spir-it. And I will grant
 them e-ver-last-ing life.

VERSE:

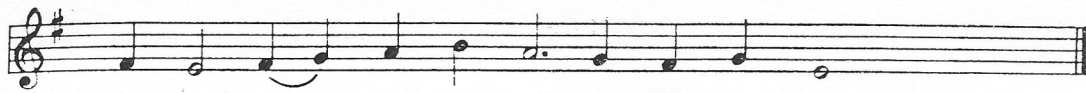
They gave Me gall for my food; and for my thirst, vin-e-gar.
 You Jews and Phar-i-sees who bind I-sra-el with laws,
 tru-ly, My dis-ci-ples cry out to you: Be-hold the Tem-ple which
 you de-stroyed! Be-hold the Lamb Whom you cru-ci-fied! You de-liv-
 ered Him to the grave, but He a-rose by His own pow-er. Do not err,
 O Jews; for it is He Who saved you in the sea, and nour-ished

you in the wild - er - ness. He is the Life and Light and Peace of
the World.

And in Tone 5:

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it,
now and e - ver and for - e - ver. A - men.

Come, all peo-ple who have put on Christ. Let us see what be-trayal Ju - das planned,
when he con - spired with law - less priests a-against our Sa - vior. To - day, they
have con-demned the Death - less Word to death. They have de - liv - ered Him
to Pi - late to be nailed on the Cross. And our suf - f'ring Sa - vior
cried out say - ing: Fa - ther, for - give them this sin, and let the Gen -



tiles know My re - sur - rec - tion from the dead.

PROKIMENON - Tone 4

Priest: Let us be attentive! Peace + be with all! Wisdom! Be attentive!



O Lord, our Lord, how glo - ri - ous is Your name o - ver all the earth.

VERSE:



Your magnificence is greater than the hea - vens. *(Repeat Prokimenon)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Reader: (Isaiah 52: 13 through 54: 1) *Page 291 (292)*

EPISTLE

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews.

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Reader: (Hebrews 2: 11-18) *Page 200*

The priest vests in the Phelonion, opens the Royal Doors, and incenses the Holy Gospel upon the altar, and then the people.

STAND

GOSPEL

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Priest: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Response before the reading:



Priest: Let us be attentive!

(Luke 23: 32-49) Page 136

Response after the reading:



The priest returns the Holy Gospel to the altar, closes the Royal Doors, divests the Phelonion, and returns to his place at the ambon.

The following prayer is recited by the Reader.

Reader: Swiftly let Your mercy come upon us, O Lord; for we are greatly impoverished. Help us, O God our Savior; for Your Name's glory. Lord, deliver us and forgive us our sins for Your Name's sake.

Response:

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; O Lord, cleanse us of our sins; O Master, forgive our transgressions; O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

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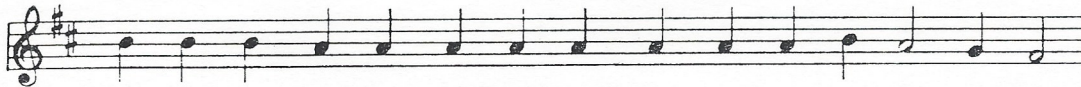
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and for-
ever.

KONTAKION - Tone 8



O come, and let us all praise Him cru - ci - fied for our sake,



just as did Mar - y when she be - held Him on the Cross, and said:



E - ven though You have suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion, You are still



my Son, and still my God.

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Priest: O Christ our God, in all times and places You are
worshiped and glorified both in heaven and on earth.
You are long-suffering and generous in Your mercy and
compassion. You love the Just and show mercy to the
sinner, calling all men to repentance through the promise
of blessings to come. Deem, O Lord, at this very hour,
to receive our supplications and to direct our lives in the path
of Your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our
bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; deliver
us from all affliction, trouble, and distress; surround us with
Your holy Angels so that, guided and guarded in their camp,
we may attain oneness of faith and the knowledge of Your
unspeakable glory. For You are blessed forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, You, a virgin, gave birth to God, the Word. You, truly the Mother of God, we magnify.

Give the blessing, Father, in the name of the Lord.

Priest: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may He cause His countenance to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

R. Amen.

**PRAYER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT
To God the Father**

Priest: O God, Lord of Hosts, and Maker of all things created, through Your inexpressible compassion and mercy, You sent down Your only-begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the redemption of mankind. By His precious cross He cancelled the debt of our sins, and triumphed over the Origin and Powers of darkness. Now accept these prayers of thanksgiving and petition from us sinners, and deliver us from every harmful fall into darkness of sin and from all enemies, visible and invisible, who seek to destroy us. Pierce our flesh with the fear of You, and do not let our hearts fall into deceitfulness; but guided by Your light, let us behold You, Light Ineffable and Eternal, that we may offer ceaseless praise and thanksgiving unto the Eternal Father, and Your Only-begotten Son, and Your all-holy, gracious, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R. Amen.