

NINTH HOUR

Come, us adore 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.

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PSALM 58

Against Bloodthirsty Enemies

Rescue me from my enemies, O my God;
from my adversaries defend me.
Rescue me from evildoers;
from bloodthirsty men save me.

For behold, they lie in wait for my life;
mighty men come together against me.
Not for any offense or sin of mine, O Lord;
for no guilt of mine they hurry to take up arms.

Rouse Yourself to see it, and aid me,
for You are the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel.
Arise; punish all the nations;
have no pity on any worthless traitors.

Each evening they return, they snarl like dogs
and prowl about the city.
Though they bay with their mouths, and blasphemies are on their lips —
“Who is there to listen?” —

You, O Lord, laugh at them;
You deride all the nations.
O my Strength! for You I watch;
for You, O God, are my stronghold, my gracious God!

May God come to my aid;
may He show me the fall of my foes.
O God, slay them, lest they beguile my people;
shake them by Your power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield!

By the sin of their mouths and the word of their lips
let them be caught in their arrogance, for the lies they have told under oath.
Consume them in wrath;
consume, till they are no more;
That men may know that God is the ruler of Jacob,
yes, to the ends of the earth.

Each evening they return, they snarl like dogs
and prowl about the city;
They wander about as scavengers;
if they are not filled, they howl.

But I will sing of Your strength and revel at dawn in Your kindness;
You have been my stronghold, my refuge in the day of distress.
O my Strength, Your praise will I sing;
for You, O God, are my stronghold, my gracious God!

PSALM 139

Prayer for Deliverance
from the Snares of the Wicked

Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
preserve me from violent men,
From those who devise evil in their hearts,
and stir up wars every day.

They make their tongues sharp as those of serpents;
the venom of asps is under their lips.
Save me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
preserve me from violent men

Who plan to trip up my feet —
the proud who have hidden a trap for me;
They have spread cords for a net;
by the wayside they have laid snares for me.

I say to the Lord, You are my God;
hearken, O Lord, to my voice in supplication.
O God, my Lord, my strength and my salvation;
You are my helmet in the day of battle!

Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;
further not their plans.
Those who surround me lift up their heads;
may the mischief which they threaten overwhelm them.

May He rain burning coals upon them;
may He cast them into the depths, never to rise.
A man of wicked tongue shall not abide in the land;
evil shall abruptly entrap the violent man.

I know that the Lord renders justice to the afflicted,
judgment to the poor.
Surely the just shall give thanks to Your name;
the upright shall dwell in Your presence.

PSALM 86

Prayer for Complete Restoration

You have favored, O Lord, Your land;
You have restored the well-being of Jacob.
You have forgiven the guilt of Your people;
You have covered all their sins.

You have withdrawn all Your wrath;
You have revoked Your burning anger.
Restore us, O God our Savior,
and abandon Your displeasure against us.

Will You be ever angry with us,
prolonging Your anger to all generations?
Will You not instead give us life;
and shall not Your people rejoice in You?

Show us, O Lord, Your kindness,
and grant us Your salvation.
I will hear what God proclaims;
the Lord — for He proclaims peace.

To His people, and to His faithful ones,
and to those who put in Him their hope.
Near indeed is His salvation to those who fear Him,
glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The Lord Himself will give His benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before Him,
and salvation, along the way of His steps.

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 8

TROPARION



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



At the sight of the Source of Life sus-pend-ed on the Cross, one of the



thieves cried out: If this man who hangs with us were not in - car -



nate God, the sun would nev-er hide its light, nor would the earth so quake

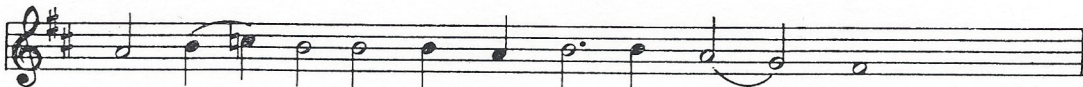


and trem - ble! O Lord, who suf - fers all these things, re - mem - ber

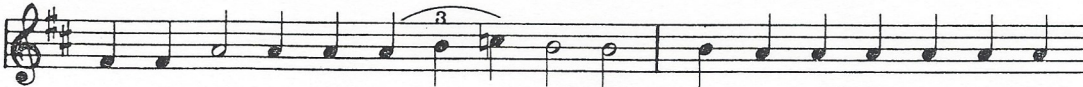


me when you come in - to Your king - dom!

BOHORODICEN



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



For our sake you were born of the Vir - gin and suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion,

O Gra - cious Lord. You de - stroyed Death by death, and, as God, you re - vealed
the mys - t'ry of re - sur - rec - tion. Do not de - spise those whom You cre -
a - ted with Your own hands; but show forth Your ten - der mer - cy, O Mer -
ci - ful One, by ac - cept - ing Your Mo - ther's prayers for us.
O Sav - ior, save your sad and re - pent - ant peo - ple!

STICHERA - Tone 7 Samohlasen

How ter - ri - fy - ing to be - hold how the Ma - ker of heav'n and
earth was hung on the cross; how the sun was dark - ened and the day
was changed to night, how the earth gave up the bod - ies of the dead
from their graves. There - fore, with them, we wor - ship You and beg



that You will save us.

And in Tone 2:

VERSE:



They di - vid - ed my gar - ments a - mong them - selves, and for My vest -



ure they cast lots.



When the law - less ones, O Lord, of Glo - ry, nailed You to the Cross, You cried



out to them: How have I caused you sor - row? How have I an - gered you?



And who, ex - cept Me, saved you from dis - tress? And now with what do you



re - pay Me? In - stead of good - ness, you do e - vil. For the



pil - lar of fire you nail Me to the Cross. For the clouds you dig a



grave for Me. In - stead of wa - ter, you give vin - e - gar to drink.

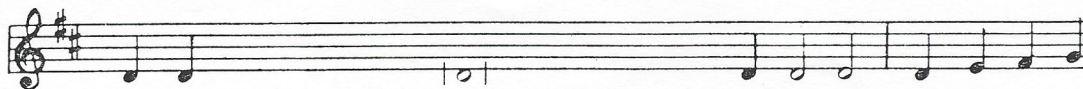


Now I will call the Gen - tiles, and they shall glor - i - fy Me



and the Fa - ther and the Ho - ly Spir - - it.

And in Tone 6:



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.



He sus - pend - ed the earth o - ver the wa - ters; to - day, He is sus -



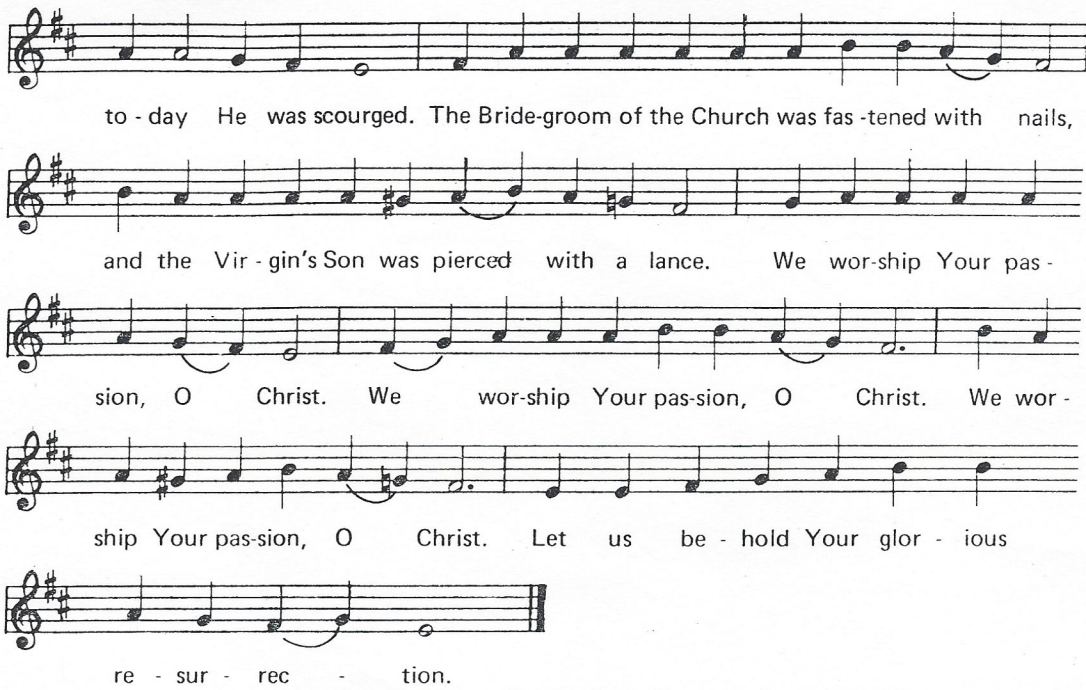
pend - ed on a tree. He cov - ered the hea - vens with clouds;



to - day, the King of an - gels is crowned with thorns, He is cov - ered with a



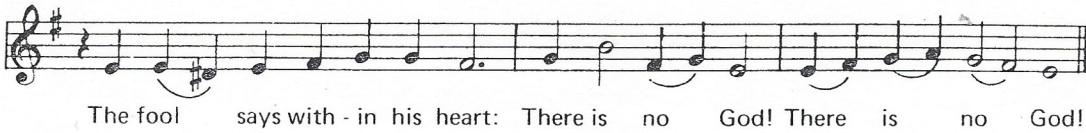
pur - ple robe of mock - er - y. In the Jor - dan He freed A - dam, but



to - day He was scourged. The Bride-groom of the Church was fas - tened with nails,
 and the Vir - gin's Son was pierced with a lance. We wor-ship Your pas -
 sion, O Christ. We wor-ship Your pas-sion, O Christ. We wor -
 ship Your pas-sion, O Christ. Let us be - hold Your glor - ious
 re - sur - rec - tion.

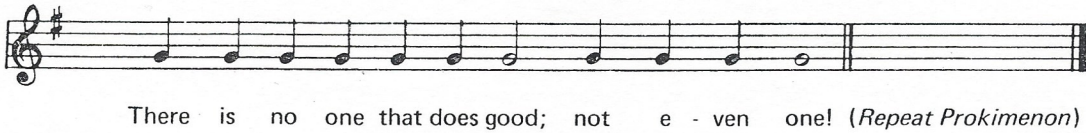
PROKIMENON - Tone 6

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



The fool says with - in his heart: There is no God! There is no God!

VERSE:



There is no one that does good; not e - ven one! (*Repeat Prokimenon*)

SIT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah.

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Reader: (Jeremiah 11: 18-23, 12: 1-5, 9-11, 14-15) *Page 291*

EPISTLE

Priest: Wisdom!

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

Priest: Let us be attentive!

Reader: (Hebrews 10: 19-31) *Page 200*

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

GOSPEL

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

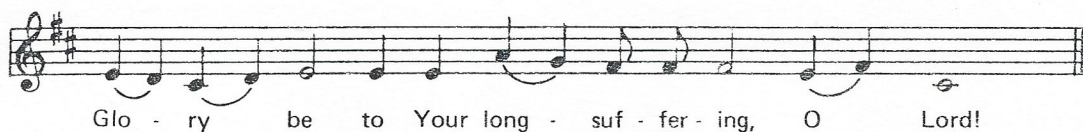
Response before the reading:



Priest: Let us be attentive!

(John 19: 23-37) *Page 137*

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: For the sake of Your name, do not abandon us, and do not forget Your covenant. For the sake of Abraham, Your beloved; and for the sake of Isaac, Your servant; and for the sake of Israel, Your holy one, take not Your mercies from us.

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.

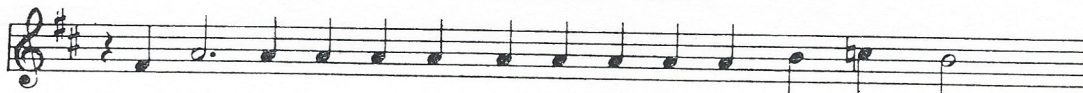
Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. 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 Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

KONTAKION - Tone 8



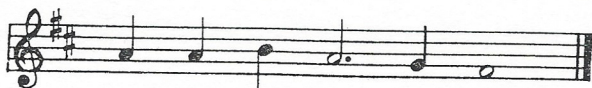
O come, and let us all praise Him cru - ci - fied for our sake,



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 Son**

Priest: O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, You patiently endured our sins. You led us to this hour at which You were suspended on the life-giving wood. You opened a way to paradise for the repentant thief, and by death You conquered Death. Forgive the trespasses of Your unworthy servants. We have sinned and transgressed Your law, and we are not worthy of even lifting our eyes to heaven, for we have abandoned the path of Your holiness and pursued the desires of our own hearts. But now we implore Your boundless goodness. Spare us, O Lord, in the greatness of Your mercy; save us for the sake of Your most holy Name,

for we have spent our days in vanity. Forgive us our sins.
Subdue in us the cravings of our flesh, so that having
put off the old man, we may put on the new, living only for
You, O Lord and Benefactor. By obeying Your command-
ments, may we reach that eternal repose where all the
blessed dwell. For You are the true joy and delight for those
who love You, O Christ our God, and give glory to You, and
to Your eternal Father, and to Your all-holy, gracious, and
life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

R. Amen.