

Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Let their eyes grow dim so that they cannot see.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

STAND

Priest: Let us stand and listen to a reading of the holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Response:

Glo - ry be to Your pas - sion, O Lord.

Priest: Let us be attentive!

- Gospel reading:*
- Matthew 27: 1-3
 - Luke 23: 39-43
 - Matthew 27: 39-54
 - John 19: 31-37
 - Matthew 27: 55-61

Response after the Gospel:

Glo - ry be to Your long - suf - fer - ing, O Lord.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

At the altar, the priest intones:

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

R. Lord, have mercy. (3)

We also pray for our holy ecumenical Pontiff N., the Pope of Rome, and for our most reverend Archbishop and Metropolitan N., for our God-loving Bishop N., for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brethren in Christ.

R. Lord, have mercy. (3)

We also pray for our civil authorities and for all in the service of our country.

R. Lord, have mercy. (3)

We also pray for the people here present who await Your great and abundant mercy, for those who showed us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

R. Lord, have mercy. (3)

For You are a merciful and gracious God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

HYMN OF GLORIFICATION

O Lord, keep us this night /
without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our
Fathers / and praised and glorified be
Your Name forever. Amen.

Lord, Your mercy be upon us / as we
have placed our hope in You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; / teach us
Your commandments.

Blessed are You, O Master; / make us
understand Your commandments.

Blessed are You, O Holy One, /
enlighten us with Your commandments.

Lord, Your mercy endures forever; /
despise not the work of Your hands.

To You is due praise, / to You is due a
hymn.

Glory belongs to You, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, / now and ever and forever,
Amen.

SECOND LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

At the altar, the priest intones:

Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God by Your grace.

R. Lord, have mercy.

That this evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

R. Grant it, O Lord. *(and after each following petition)*

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us beseech the Lord.

For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.

For what is good and beneficial to our souls, and for peace in the world, let us beseech the Lord.

That we may spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.

For a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before the fearsome judgment-seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

Remembering our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ, our God.

R. To You, O Lord.

For You are a gracious God, and You love mankind, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

STAND

Priest: Peace † be with all!

STAND

R. And with your spirit!

Priest: Bow your heads to the Lord.

R. To You, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, You lowered the heavens when You came down for the salvation of the human race. Now look down on Your servants and on Your inheritance; for they have bowed their heads to You, the Judge, both awesome and loving. They do not await the help that is from man, but look for Your mercy and are ready to receive Your salvation. Guard them at all times, this evening and tonight, against all enemies, against the devil's assaults, against vain thoughts and evil dreams. May the might of Your kingdom be blessed and exalted, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen.

(STAND for the "Hymns at the Praises")

HYMNS AT THE PRAISES

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When the Ar-i-ma---the--an lift-ed You, lifeless from the cross, O Lord of Life,



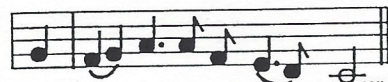
he anointed You, O Christ, with myrrh and wrapped You in a shroud; and he was



moved by heart-felt love to kiss Your body not sub-ject to de-cay; but he was



re-strained by fear, and rejoicing he cried out to You: "Glory to Your con-des-cen-



sion, O Lov-er of man--kind!"

Same Tone



The Lord is King; He is clothed in ma-----jes--ty. O Sa--vior of All, when You



placed Yourself for all man-kind in a new tomb, the Abyss, which ever mocked



was terrified when it saw You; the bonds were shat--tered, The gates were bro--ken;

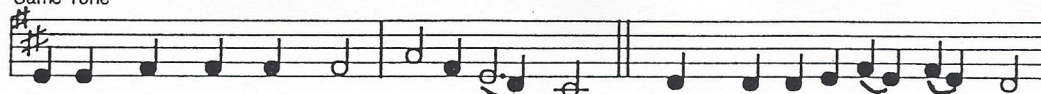


and the graves opened and the dead a-rose. Adam joy-ful-ly called out to You:



"Glory to Your con-de-scen-sion O Lov-er of Man--kind!"

Same Tone



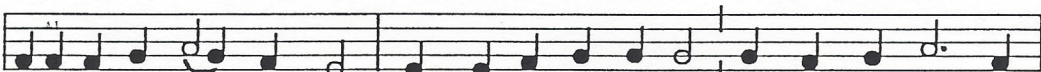
He has made the world firm; not to be moved. When You by di-vine na---ture,



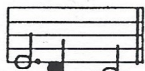
in-describable and in-fin-ite, were willingly en-closed in the tomb, You ended



the mysteries of death O Christ, and annihilated the king---dom of Ha---des,



favoring this Sab-bath Day with your di-vine blessing, and with Your glo-----ry



and light.

Same Tone



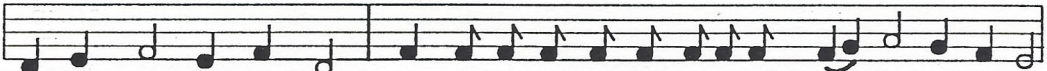
Holiness befits Your house, O Lord for length of days. When the heavenly



pow-ers saw You, O Christ, slandered by law-less men, they were amazed at



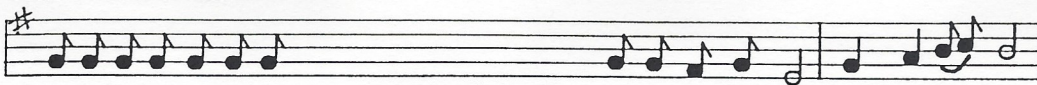
Your long-suf-fer-ing, which human words can----not ex---press. And when they



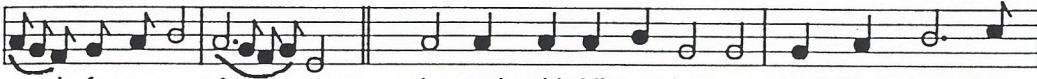
saw the stone of Your tomb, they still rejoiced at our salvation and cried out to You:



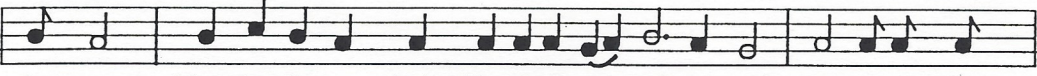
"Glory to Your con-de--scen-sion, O Lov--er of man--kind!"



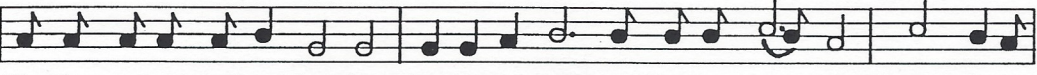
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir--it, now and e--ver,



and for-ev-er. A-----men. Jo-seph with Ni--co-dem-us, took You down from



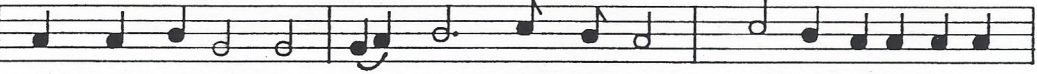
the cross. Your bo-dy was clothed in glory as with a robe. But seeing You



life-less, naked and un--bur-ied, began to weep and lament, say--ing: "Great is my



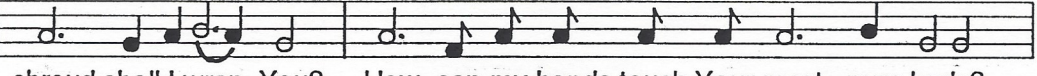
sorrow, Je-sus, O Je--sus!" The sun, seeing You, hanging upon the cross, was



was clothed in dark-ness. The earth quaked in fear. And the curtain of the



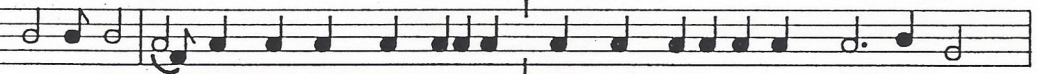
temple was torn in two. How, O my God, shall I bu-ry You? With what type of



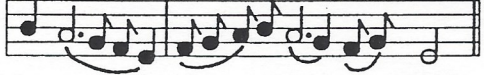
shroud shall I wrap You? How can my hands touch Your most pure body?



O Gracious Lord, what songs shall I sing at Your de-par---ture? I ex-alt Your



suf-fer-ing. I praise in song your burial, and Your resurrection, call-ing out:



"O Lord, glo---ry be to You!" 22.

CANTICLE OF ST. SIMEON



Now You shall dis-miss Your ser-vant, O Lord, ac-cord-ing
to Your word, in peace; be-cause my eyes have seen Your
sal-va-tion which You pre-pared be-fore the face of all peo-ples,
a light to the re-vel-a-tion of the Gen-tiles,
and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple, I-sra-el.

The Cantor and people recite the following prayers:

—Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

—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)

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

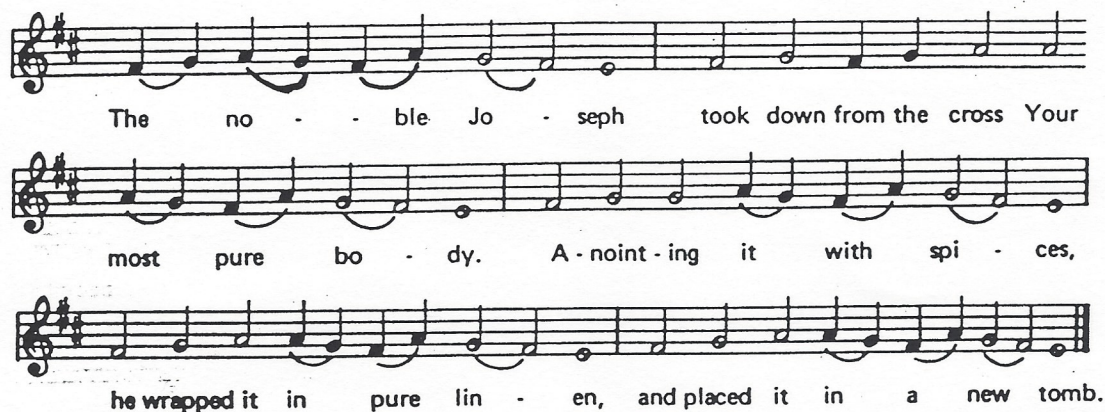
—Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

R. Amen.

Then according to local custom, the procession with the burial shroud takes place while the people sing repeatedly the following Troparion:

TROPARION - English version (*Slavonic on next page*)



The no - - ble Jo - seph took down from the cross Your
most pure bo - dy. A - noint - ing it with spi - ces,
he wrapped it in pure lin - en, and placed it in a new tomb.

TROPARION - Slavonic version



Bla - ho - o - braz - nyj I - o - sif so dre - va snem pre - či
sto - je T'i - lo Tvo - je, pla - šča - ni - ce - ju či - sto - ju
ob - viv, i vo - ňa - mi vo hro - b'i no - v'i po - kryv po - lo - ži.

ТРОПАР

Благо-образний Іосіф, со древа снемъ пречистое тіло твое, плащаницею чистою обвивь, и вонами во гробі нові покривь положи.

The procession ends at the grave where the priest places the burial shroud, incenses it, and venerates it while the people sing:

KONTAKION - English version



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



now and e-ver, and for-e-ver. A-men. The An-gel stand-



ing by the grave ex-claimed to the myrrh-bear-ing wo-men:

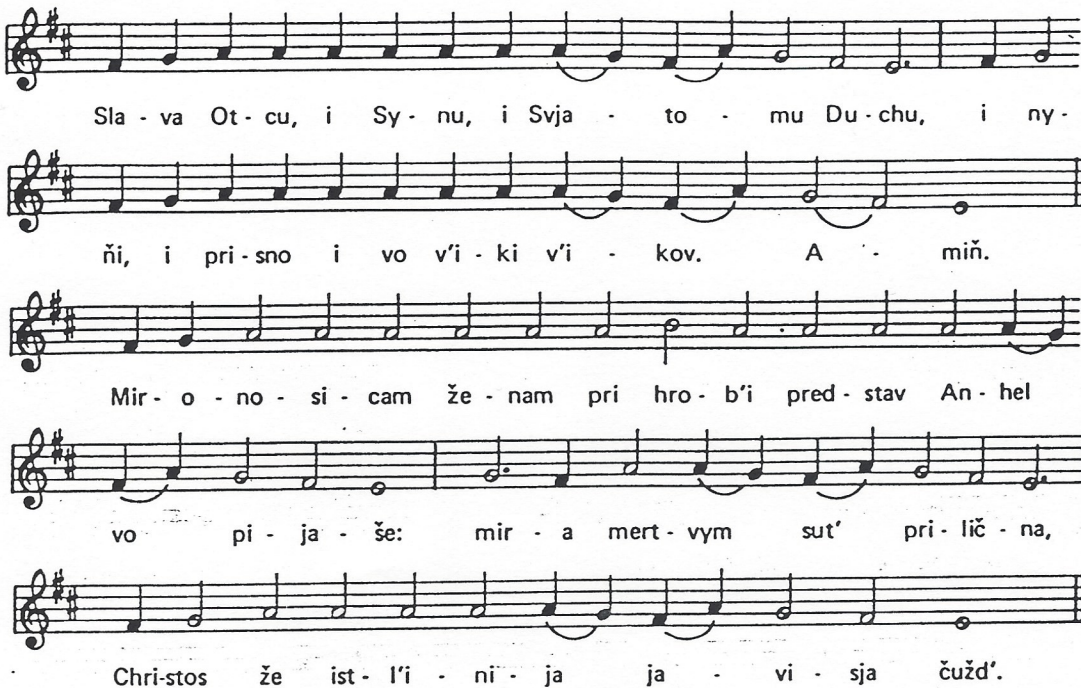


"Spi-ces are meant for the dead, but Christ re-veals Him-self



as not-sub-ject to de-cay.

KONTAKION - Slavonic version



Sla - va Ot - cu, i Sy - nu, i Svja - to - mu Du - chu, i ny -
ňi, i pri - sno i vo v' i - ki v' i - kov. A - miñ.
Mir - o - no - si - cam že - nam pri hro - b' i pred - stav An - hel
vo pi - ja - še: mir - a mert - vym sut' pri - lič - na,
Chri - stos že ist - l' i - ni - ja ja - vi - sja čužd'.

A homily or sermon is usually given at this time.

STAND

DISMISSAL

STAND

Priest: Wisdom!

R. Give the blessing!

Priest: Blessed and glorified are You, O Christ our God, always, now and ever, and forever.

R. Amen. Make firm, O God, the Catholic faith forever and ever. Amen.

Priest: O all-holy Mother of God, save us.

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

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

R. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen. Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Give the blessing!

Priest: May Christ, our true God, Who endured dreadful sufferings, the life-giving cross, and voluntary burial for our sake and for our salvation, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of His most holy Mother, and of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers, and of all the Saints, for He is gracious and loves mankind.

R. Amen.

The faithful approach to venerate the burial shroud.