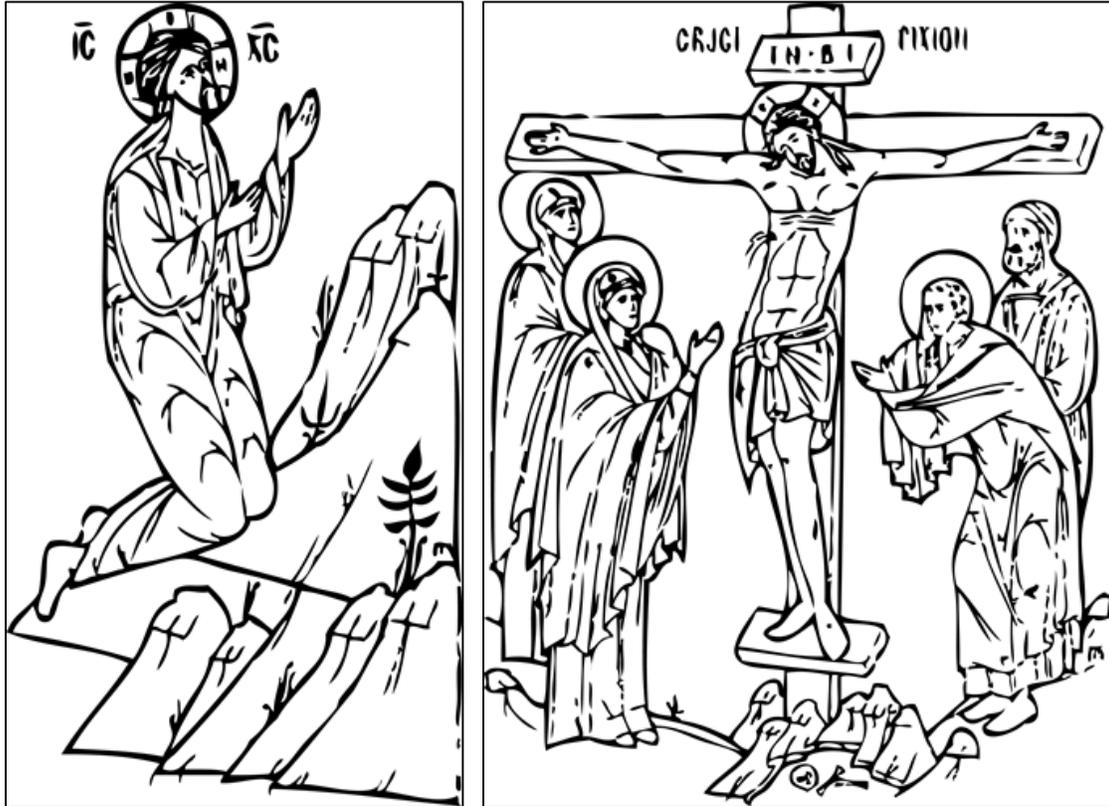


Matins of Great and Holy Friday
Passion Gospels
(Served Thursday Evening)



MATINS OF GREAT AND HOLY (GOOD) FRIDAY
(Celebrated in anticipation on Great and Holy Thursday night)

Deacon: Bless Master.

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

Choir: Amen.

{During the Trisagion Prayers the Priest censes the Sanctuary, Iconostasis and People. Stand.}

Reader1: Glory to Thee, O God, glory to Thee.

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

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto 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 Thine are 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.

Reader1: Amen. In the name of the Lord, Master (Father) bless.

Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity; always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader1: Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (3x)

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. (2x)

{As the first half of the Hexapsalm is read, the chief celebrant recites the first half of the Morning Prayers of Light in front of the Altar Table. Sitting permitted.}

Hexapsalm

Psalm 3

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God. But Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answers me from His holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I awake again, for the Lord sustains me. I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! For Thou dost smite all my enemies on the cheek, Thou dost break the teeth of the wicked. Deliverance belongs to the Lord; Thy blessing be upon Thy people! I lie down and sleep; I awake again, for the Lord sustains me.

Psalm 37/38

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thy anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath! For Thy arrows have sunk into me, and Thy hand has come down on me. There is no soundness in my flesh because of Thy indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin; for my iniquities have gone over my head, they weigh like a burden too heavy for me. My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness, I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning, for my loins are filled with burning and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. Lord, all my longing is known to Thee, my sighing is not hidden from Thee. My heart throbs, my strength fails me; and the light of my eyes -- it also has gone from me. My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my kinsmen stand afar off. Those who seek my life lay their snares, those who seek my hurt speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all the day long. But I am like a deaf man, I do not hear, like a dumb man who does not open his mouth. Yea, I am like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes. But for Thee, O Lord, do I wait; it is Thou, O Lord my God, Who wilt answer. For I pray, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!" For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity, I am sorry for my sin. Those who are my foes without cause are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully. Those who render me evil for good are my adversaries because I follow after good. Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Psalm 62/63

O God, Thou art my God, I seek Thee, my soul thirsts for Thee; my flesh faints for Thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon

Thee in the sanctuary, beholding Thy power and glory. Because Thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise Thee. So I will bless Thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Thy name. My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises Thee with joyful lips, when I think of Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the watches of the night; for Thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of Thy wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to Thee; Thy right hand upholds me. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by Him shall glory; for the mouths of liars will be stopped. I meditate on Thee in the watches of the night; for Thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of Thy wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to Thee; Thy right hand upholds me.

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

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

Reader1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Reader2: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

{As the second half of the Hexapsalm is read, the chief celebrant recites the second half of the Morning Prayers of Light in front of the Royal Doors.}

Psalm 87/88

O Lord God of my salvation, I call for help by day; I cry out in the night before Thee. Let my prayer come before Thee, incline Thy ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol (*SHAY-ōl*). I am reckoned among those who go down to the Pit; I am a man who has no strength, like one forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom Thou dost remember no more, for they are cut off from Thy hand. Thou hast put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep. Thy wrath lies heavy upon me, and Thou dost overwhelm me with all Thy waves. Thou hast caused my companions to shun me; Thou hast made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon Thee, O Lord; I spread out my hands to Thee. Dost Thou work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise Thee? Is Thy steadfast love declared in the grave, or Thy faithfulness in Abaddon? Are Thy wonders known in the darkness, or Thy saving help in the land of forgetfulness? But I, O Lord, cry to Thee; in the morning my prayer comes before Thee. O Lord, why dost Thou cast me off? Why dost Thou hide Thy face from me? Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer Thy terrors; I am helpless. Thy wrath has swept over me; Thy dread assaults destroy me. They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in upon me together.

Thou hast caused lover and friend to shun me; my companions are in darkness. O Lord God of my salvation, I call for help by day; I cry out in the night before Thee. Let my prayer come before Thee, incline Thy 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 iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the Pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the Heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove 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; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. The Lord has established His throne in the Heavens, and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you His Angels, you mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word! Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers that do His will! Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Psalm 142/143

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications! In Thy faithfulness, answer me; in Thy righteousness, enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for no man living is righteous before Thee. For the Enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou hast done; I muse on what Thy hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of Thy steadfast love, for in Thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to Thee I lift up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to Thee for refuge! Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God! Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path! For Thy name's

sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble!
And in Thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries,
for I am Thy servant.

In Thy faithfulness, answer me; in Thy righteousness, enter not into judgment
with Thy servant. (2x) Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path!

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

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

Great Litany {Stand}

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the
Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Churches of
God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the
fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For His Beatitude our Metropolitan *N*, and for His [Grace/Eminence] our
[Arch-] Bishop *N*, for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all
the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the President of this country, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed
Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell
therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for
peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto Thee are due glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

God is the Lord/Alleluia

Deacon: Alleluia in the 8th Tone: In the night my soul rises early for Thee, O God; for Thy commandments are a light on the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon: Learn righteousness you inhabitants of the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon: Jealousy shall grasp an untaught people.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon: Bring more evils upon them, O Lord, bring more evils upon the glorious ones of the earth.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

{As the Choir sings the Troparion, the clergy proceed to the center of the church where the base for the Cross and an analogion are set up, the chief celebrant places the Gospel Book on the analogion, then – lead by a Deacon – he performs the Great Censing, starting at the Gospel Book.}

When the glorious Disciples were enlightened
at the washing of their feet before the supper,
then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice,
and to the lawless judges he betrays Thee, the Righteous Judge.
Behold, O lover of money, this man who because of money hanged himself!

Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master!//
O Lord, Who art good towards all men, glory to Thee!

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

When the glorious Disciples were enlightened...

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

When the glorious Disciples were enlightened...

Little Litany

Deacon: 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The 1st Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[John 13:31-18:1]* At that time – the Lord said to His Disciples: “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him” 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 art Thou 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 Thee now? I will lay down my life for Thy 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. Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where Thou art going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will

keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's Who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

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 art Thou 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 Thou art speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that Thou dost know all things, and have no need that anyone should question Thee. By this we believe that Thou hast come 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.”

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee, as Thou hast given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I have glorified Thee on the earth. I have finished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Thyself, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou hast given Me out of the world. They were Thine, Thou didst give them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they have known that all things which Thou hast given Me are from Thee. For I have given to them the words which Thou hast given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine. And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no

longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thy name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name. Those whom Thou didst give Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to Thee, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Thy truth. Thy word is truth. As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, are in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. And the glory which Thou didst give Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and have loved them as Thou hast loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom Thou didst give Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which Thou hast given Me; for Thou hast loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known Thee, but I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me. And I have declared to them Thy name, and will declare it, that the love with which Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I 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 Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

{During the singing of the Antiphon, one of the Priests, lead by a Deacon, performs the Lesser Censing, beginning at the Gospel Book. This is repeated after the 2nd – 4th Gospels. After each Censing, sitting is permitted until the next Gospel is introduced.}

Antiphon 1 – Tone 8

Choir: The rulers of the people have assembled//
against the Lord and His Christ.
A lawless charge is hurled against Me.//
Lord, O Lord, forsake Me not.
Let us offer our pure senses to Christ.
As His friends let us sacrifice our lives for His sake;
let us not be weighed down by earthly cares like Judas,

but let us cry in the hidden chambers of our heart://
“Our Father Who art in Heaven, deliver us from evil.”

Reader1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: As a virgin you gave birth without knowing wedlock and remained a virgin, O unwedded Mother, O Mary, Theotokos,//
pray to Christ our God to save us.

Little Litany

Deacon: 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Kathisma Hymn - Tone 7

When Thou wast feeding Thy Disciples at the supper,
Thou didst know Judas' intention to betray Thee,
and Thou didst accuse Him of this
though recognizing him to be beyond correction.
For Thou didst desire all to know that Thou wast willingly betrayed,
to snatch the world from the grasp of the Enemy. //
O Long-suffering Lord, glory to Thee!

The 2nd Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[John 18:1-28]* At that time – 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?” They 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 Thou didst give 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 teachings. 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 Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Antiphon 4 - Tone 5

Choir: Today Judas forsakes the Master,
and takes the Devil as his friend.
He is blinded by the passion of avarice.
Darkened, he falls from the light.
He sold the Sun for thirty pieces of silver.
How then is he able to see?
But He Who suffers for the world has risen as the dawn for us.
To Him let us cry aloud://
"O Thou Who sufferest for us and with us, glory to Thee."

Today Judas counterfeits piety
and deprives himself of the gift of grace.
The disciple becomes a betrayer.
In a gesture of friendship he conceals deceit.
He foolishly prefers thirty pieces of silver to the Master's love
and becomes a guide for the lawless assembly.//
But let us glorify Christ, our salvation.

(Tone 1) As brothers in Christ, let us acquire brotherly love.
Let us not lack sympathy for our neighbor.
Lest we, like the unmerciful servant,
be condemned on account of money,//
or like Judas gain nothing from our regrets.

Reader2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: **(Tone 1)** Everywhere glorious things are spoken of you,
O Mary Theotokos, unwedded and all-praised//
for you conceived in the flesh the Maker of all.

Little Litany

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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For sanctified and glorified is Thine all-honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Kathisma Hymn - Tone 7

What caused you to betray the Savior, O Judas?
Did He expel you from the ranks of the Apostles?
Did He take from you the gift of healing?
Did He send you from the table while taking supper with the others?
Did He wash their feet and pass you by?
How have you forgotten such good things?
Your ingratitude is notorious, //
But His boundless long-suffering and great mercy are proclaimed to all.

The 3rd Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Matt.26:57-75] At that time – the soldiers who had seized 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 adjure You 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 deserves death.” Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, “Prophecy 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 Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Antiphon 7 - Tone 8

Choir: While permitting transgressors to arrest Thee,
Thou didst cry out to them, O Lord:
"Though you smite the Shepherd and scatter the twelve sheep, My Disciples,
I am able to surround Myself with more than thirty legions of Angels.
But I forebear
so that the secret and hidden things might be fulfilled
which were revealed to you by My Prophets." //
O Lord, glory to Thee!
Denying Thee for the third time,

Peter at once recalled Thy words to Him,
But he offered Thee tears of repentance: ///
"O God, have mercy on me and save me!"

Reader1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Let us praise the Holy Virgin,
as the gate of salvation and fair paradise,
as a cloud for the eternal light. //
To her let us all say, "Rejoice!"

Little Litany

Deacon: 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou art our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Kathisma Hymn - Tone 8

How could Judas, who was once Thy disciple,
plan to betray Thee.
That treacherous and unrighteous man deceitfully ate with Thee
and went to the priests and said:
"What will you give me if I deliver to you
Him Who abolished the law and profaned the Sabbath?" //
O Long-suffering Lord, glory to Thee.

The 4th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[John 18:28-19:16]* At that time – 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 to be crucified.

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Antiphon 10 - Tone 5

Choir: He Who clothes Himself with light as with a garment
stood naked for trial.
He was struck on the cheek by hands that He Himself had formed.
A people that transgressed the law
nailed the Lord of Glory to the Cross.
Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
Then the sun was darkened,
unable to bear the sight of God outraged,
before Whom all things tremble. //
Let us worship Him.

The disciple denied Him,
But the Thief cried out: //
"Remember me, O Lord in Thy Kingdom!"

Reader2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: O Lord, Who for Thy servants' sake
didst will to take flesh from the Virgin,
grant peace to the world, //
that with one voice we may glorify Thee, Who lovest mankind.

Little Litany

Deacon: 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: Blessed and glorified is the majesty of Thy Kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Kathisma Hymn - Tone 8

O God, Thou didst stand before Caiaphas.

O Judge, Thou wast given over to Pilate.

Then the heavenly Powers shook with fear.

Though sinless, Thou wast numbered among the transgressors,
lifted up on the Wood between two thieves

in order to save mankind. //

O patient Lord, glory to Thee.

The 5th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Matt.27:3-32] At that time – 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? See to it yourself!" 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?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say." And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered 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 wondered 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 purple 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 Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

{During the following Antiphons, the clergy and servers prepare for the Procession with the Cross, which usually takes place during Antiphon 15, and is followed by a triple censing of the Cross on each side and the rest of a Lesser Censing; those who can should kneel until the Priest has finished censing.}

Antiphon 13 - Tone 6

Choir: The crowd of the Jews, O Lord,
asked Pilate to crucify Thee,
and though they found no guilt in Thee,
they freed Barabbas, who indeed was guilty.
They condemned Thee, the Righteous One,
and made the charge of murder their inheritance.
But give them their retribution, O Lord, //
for they plotted against Thee in vain.
To Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God,
Who makes all things fear and tremble,
Whom all tongues praise,
the priests gave gall and slapped.
Yet He consented to suffer all things,
desiring to save us from our transgressions by His Blood, //
for He loves mankind."

Reader1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: O Theotokos,
Who by a word beyond all words
have borne your own Creator, //
entreat Him to save our souls.

Antiphon 15 - Tone 6

*{*Sung three times in Carpatho-Rusyn and Byzantine Chants}*

Choir: Today He Who hung the earth upon the waters is hung on the tree.*
The King of the Angels is decked with a crown of thorns.
He Who wraps the Heavens in clouds is wrapped in the purple of mockery.
He Who freed Adam in the Jordan is slapped on the face.
The Bridegroom of the Church is affixed to the Cross with nails.
The Son of the Virgin is pierced by a spear.
We worship Thy Passion, O Christ.

We worship Thy Passion, O Christ.
We worship Thy Passion, O Christ. //
Show us also Thy glorious Resurrection.

Let us not keep the Feast like the Jews.
For our Passover, Christ God, has been slain for us.
But let us cleanse ourselves of every defilement
and with sincerity let us entreat Him: //

“Arise, O Lord, and save us, for Thou lovest mankind.”
Thy Cross, O Lord,
is life and resurrection for Thy people.
Trusting in it, we praise Thee, our crucified God! //
Have mercy on us.

Reader2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: When she who conceived Thee, O Christ,
saw Thee hanging on the Cross, she cried out:
"What strange mystery do I behold, O my Son?
O Giver of Life, how dost Thou die, //
nailed on the Wood in the flesh?"

Little Litany

Deacon: 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is Thy name and glorified is Thy Kingdom: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Kathisma Hymn - Tone 4

By Thy precious Blood
Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law.
By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by a spear
Thou hast poured forth immortality for men. ///

O our Savior, glory to Thee!

The 6th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[Mark 15:16-32]* At that time – the soldiers led Jesus away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole battalion 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.”

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The Beatitudes {Sitting permitted.}

- Choir:** Remember us O Lord; when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
- Reader1:** Through a tree Adam lost his home in paradise, but through the Tree of the Cross the Thief came there to dwell. By tasting of the fruit, the first broke the Creator's commandment, but he who was crucified with Thee confessed Thee, the hidden God. Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom!
- Choir:** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.
- Reader2:** Lawless men bought the Creator of the Law from a disciple and brought Him before the judgment seat of Pilate as a transgressor. Though He had given them manna in the wilderness, they cried out - "Crucify Him!" - But we, imitating the righteous Thief, cry out in faith: "Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom!"
- Choir:** Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
- Reader1:** The swarm of those who would kill God, the lawless nation of the Jews, cried out in fury to Pilate: "Crucify Him!" - Christ, the Innocent One. And they sought instead the release of Barabbas. But with the Wise Thief we lift up our voices: "Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom!"
- Choir:** Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
- Reader2:** From Thy life-bearing side, O Christ, a fountain flows forth as from Eden; giving drink to Thy Church as to a living paradise. From there it divided to become the four rivers of the Gospels; watering the world, gladdening creation, and teaching the nations to worship Thy Kingdom in faith.
- Choir:** Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called sons of God.
- Reader1:** Thou wast crucified for my sake, in order to pour forth forgiveness for me. Thy side was pierced so that streams of life might flow for me. Thy hands were transfixed by nails so that, convinced of the height of Thy power by the depth of Thy sufferings, I might cry out to Thee, O Christ, Thou Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Cross and to Thy Passion, O Savior!"
- Choir:** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Reader2:** When it beheld Thee crucified, O Christ, all creation trembled. The foundations of the earth shook for fear of Thy might. The lights of Heaven hid themselves, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The mountains

quaked, and the rocks were split, and with us the believing Thief cried out to Thee, O Savior: "Remember me in Thy Kingdom!"

Choir: Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you; and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Reader1: On the Cross Thou didst destroy the legal bond against us, O Lord. Thou wast reckoned with the dead and there didst bind the Tyrant; delivering all from the bonds of death by Thy Resurrection. By it we have been illumined, O Lord Who loves mankind, and we cry out to Thee: "Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom!"

Choir: Rejoice and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in Heaven.

Reader2: Thou wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Lord. Thou didst destroy the power of Death; and as God Thou didst cancel the legal bond against us. Grant the repentance of the Thief also to us who worship Thee in faith, O only Lover of mankind; and who cry out to Thee, O Christ our God: "Remember us also, O Savior in Thy Kingdom!"

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Reader1: Let us, the faithful, all pray that with one voice we may worthily glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: One God existing in three Persons yet remaining unconfused, simple, undivided, and unapproachable; by Whom we escape the flames of punishment.

Choir: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader2: We offer to Thee as an intercessor, O Christ, Thy Mother who bore Thee in the flesh without seed; the true Virgin who after giving birth remained incorrupt. Through her intercessions, O most-merciful Master, grant forgiveness of sins to us who cry unceasingly: "Remember us also, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom!"

Little Litany

Deacon: 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For all the Powers praise Thee and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4

Reader1: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: They divide My garments among them; and for My raiment they cast lots.

Choir: They divide My garments among them; and for My raiment they cast lots.

Reader1: My God, My God, look upon Me; why hast Thou forsaken Me?

Choir: They divide My garments among them; and for My raiment they cast lots.

Reader1: They divide My garments among them;

Choir: and for My raiment they cast lots.

The 7th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[Matt.27:33-54]* At that time - 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 there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why hast Thou 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 Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Psalm 50/51 {Sitting permitted.}

Reader2: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy steadfast love; according to Thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified in Thy sentence and blameless in Thy judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will return to Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Thy deliverance. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou

hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thy altar.

The 8th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[Luke 23:32-49]* At that time - there were also two others, criminals, led with Jesus 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 Thou comest in Thy 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 Thy 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.

*(*The time at which the Passover lambs were slain in the temple on the Day of Preparation of the Passover)*

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Tri-Ode Canon - Tone 6 {Sitting is permitted, except during the Censing.}

Ode 5

Choir: [Irmos] Early will I seek Thee, O Word of God;
Who without change didst empty Thyself in Thy compassion for fallen Man;
Who without suffering didst bow down to suffering.
Grant peace to me, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

Reader1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader2: With their feet washed, and themselves purified by their participation in the Divine Mystery, Thy servants, O Christ, now ascend from Zion to the great Mount of Olives, praising Thee Who lovest mankind.

Reader1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader2: Thou didst say, "See that you are not alarmed, O friends; for the hour is now at hand for Me to be seized and slain at the hands of lawless men. All of you will be scattered, forsaking Me. But I shall gather you to proclaim Me, Who lovest mankind."

Kontakion - Tone 8

Choir: Come let us all sing the praises of Him Who was crucified for us;
for Mary said when she beheld Him upon the Tree://
"Thought Thou dost endure the Cross, Thou art my Son and My God."

Ikos

Reader1: Beholding her own Lamb led to the slaughter, Mary followed with the other women, in distress and crying out, "Where dost Thou go, my Child? Why dost Thou run so swift a course? Surely there is not another wedding in Cana to which Thou must now hasten to change water into wine? Shall I come with

Thee, my Child, or shall I wait for Thee? Give me a word, Thou who didst keep me pure:

Choir: For Thou art my Son and my God.

Ode 8

Choir: [Irmos] The godly Youths exposed a monument of godless wickedness, but the lawless assembly is enraged and takes vain counsel against Christ. They plan to kill Him Who holds life in the palm of His hand; Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages!

Reader2: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader1: "O My disciples, now shake off sleep from your eyelids," said Christ. "Keep watch, I pray, that you may not fall into temptation; and I speak particularly to Simon, since the test is greatest for the strongest. O Peter, acknowledge Me, Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

Reader2: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader1: "O Master, a profane word shall never pass my lips," cried Peter. "Even if all deny Thee, I shall die with Thee as a loyal friend. For not flesh and blood, but Thy Father hast revealed to me, Thee Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

Reader2: Let us bless the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

Reader1: "You have not sought out the depth of divine wisdom and knowledge," said the Lord. "You have not comprehended the abyss of My judgments, O man. Do not boast, for you are flesh, and three times will you deny Me, Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

Reader2: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader1: "You will deny your convictions as soon as the question is put to you, O Simon Peter, and the sudden approach of a servant girl will terrify you," said the Lord. "But after weeping bitterly you will have mercy from Me, Whom all creation blesses and glorifies throughout all ages."

Choir: We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.

Ode 9

{The customary great censing takes place without its introit.}

Choir: [Irmos] More honorable than the Cherubim,
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim;

without defilement you gave birth to God the Word,
True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Reader1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader2: A destructive band of God-forsaken, wicked murderers of God, the Synagogue, attacked Thee, O Christ, and dragged Thee away as an evildoer – the Creator of all, Whom we magnify.

Reader1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader2: Impious men, ignorant of the Law and hearing the voice of the Prophets to no avail, dragged Thee away as a sheep to be unjustly slaughtered – the Master of all, Whom we magnify.

Reader1: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

Reader2: The priests and scribes caused the Life that had been betrayed to the Gentiles to be destroyed; striking in their jealous wickedness Him Who by nature is the Giver of Life, Whom we magnify.

Reader1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader2: Like a pack of dogs they surrounded Thee, O King, smiting Thee on the cheek with their hands. They questioned Thee and bore false witness against Thee; yet by enduring all things Thou hast saved all.

Choir: [Katavasia] More honorable than the Cherubim,
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim;
without defilement you gave birth to God the Word,
True Theotokos, we magnify you.

Little Litany

Deacon: 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 Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For all the Powers of Heaven praise Thee, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Exaposteilarion {Kneel}

Choir: To the Wise Thief, in one moment Thou didst graciously grant Paradise. To the Thief Thou hast opened Paradise. Illumine me, O Lord, by the Tree of the Cross, and save me.

Reader2: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Choir: The Wise Thief, Thou didst make worthy of Paradise; in a single moment, O Lord; by the wood of Thy Cross illumine me as well and save me.

Reader2: *Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Choir: The Wise Thief, Thou didst make worthy of Paradise; in a single moment, O Lord; by the wood of Thy Cross illumine me as well and save me.

The 9th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[John 19:25-37]* At that time – 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 have pierced."

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

The Praises {Sitting permitted.}

Reader2: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the Heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His Angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest Heavens; and you waters above the Heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord! For He commanded and they were created; He established them for ever and ever; He fixed their bounds which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and frost; stormy wind fulfilling His command! Mountains and all hills; fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together; old men and children! Let them praise the name of the Lord; for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and Heaven. He has raised up a horn for His people; praise for all His Saints; for the people of Israel who are near to Him, praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; His praise in the assembly of the faithful! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise His name with dancing; making melody to Him with timbrel and lyre! For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands; to wreak vengeance on the nations and chastisement on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This is glory for all His faithful ones. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

Reader1: *In the 3rd Tone: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

Choir: Israel, my first-born son,
has committed two evil deeds.
He abandoned Me, the Fountain of Living Water,
and dug for himself a broken well.
He crucified Me upon the Wood.
And asked for Barabbas and released him.
Heaven was amazed at this,
and the sun hid his rays;
but you, O Israel, were not ashamed
but delivered Me to death.
Forgive them, O Holy Father,///
for they know not what they do.

Reader1: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Choir: They have stripped Me of My garments
and clothed Me in a scarlet robe.
They have set upon My head a crown of thorns
and have given Me a reed in My right hand//
that I might dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Reader1: *Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Choir: I gave My back to scourgings.
I did not turn My face from the shame of spittings.
I stood before the judgment seat of Pilate
and endured the Cross//
for the salvation of the world.

The 10th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[Mark 15:43-47]* At that time – 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 wondered if He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He were already dead. 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 Joses observed where He was laid.

Choir: Glory to Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Reader1: **(Conclusion of *The Praises*)** To Thee O Lord our God, belongs glory, and to Thee we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lesser Doxology {Stand}

Reader2: Glory to Thee, Who hast shone us the light! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory: O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and Thou, O Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy; Thou alone art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever. Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: O Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. Lord, have I fled to Thee; teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For with Thee is the Fountain of Life, in Thy light shall we see light. Continue Thy mercy unto those who know Thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever, amen. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, 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 commandments. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts. Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever; do not despise the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongs worship, to Thee belongs praise, to Thee belongs glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Morning Litany

Deacon: Let us complete our morning prayer unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: An angel of peace, a faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints; let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou art the God of mercies and compassion and of love for mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O holy Lord, Who dwells on high and looks upon the humble, and Who with Thine all-seeing eye looks down upon all creation, unto Thee have we bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we pray Thee, O Holy of Holies, stretch forth Thine invisible hand from Thy holy dwelling place and bless us all. And if we have sinned, either willingly or unwillingly, pardon us, inasmuch as Thou art a good God and lovest mankind, granting unto us Thy earthly and heavenly good things. For Thine it is to have mercy on us and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The 11th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John the Theologian.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: *[John 19:38-42]* At that time – 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 Nikodemos, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. 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 Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

Aposticha – Tone 1

{A final Great Censing is done in preparation for the last Gospel reading; after which sitting is permitted.}

Choir: All creation was changed by fear
when it saw Thee hanging upon the cross, O Christ.
The sun was darkened,
And the foundations of the earth were shaken.
All things suffered with the Creator of all. ///
O Lord, Who didst willingly endured this for us, glory to Thee.

Reader1: *In the 2nd Tone: They divide My garments among them; and for My raiment they cast lots.*

Choir: **(Tone 2)** An impious and transgressing people
why do they imagine vain things?
Why do they condemn to death the Life of all?
O great wonder!
The Creator of the world is betrayed into the hands of lawless men.
He Who loves mankind is lifted up upon the wood,
That He might free those bound in Hell, who cry: //
"O Long-suffering Lord, glory to Thee!"

Reader1: *They gave Me gall for food and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.*

Choir: Today the blameless Virgin
saw Thee suspended upon the Cross, O Word.
She mourned within herself and was sorely pierced in her heart.
She groaned in agony from the depth of her soul.
Exhausted from tearing her hair and cheeks and beating her breast,
she cried out lamenting:
"Woe is me, O my divine Child!
Woe is me, O Light of the world!
Why hast Thou departed from mine eyes, O Lamb of God?"
Then the Bodiless Hosts were seized with trembling and cried: ///
"O incomprehensible Lord, glory to Thee!"

Reader1: *God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.*

Choir: When she who bore Thee without seed,
saw Thee suspended upon the Tree,
O Christ, the Creator and God of all,
She cried bitterly: "Where is the beauty of Thy form, O my Son?"
I cannot bear to see Thee unjustly crucified.
Hasten and arise //
that I too may see Thy Resurrection from the dead on the third day.

Reader1: *In the 8th Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Choir: **(Tone 8)** When Thou didst ascend the Cross, O Lord,
fear and trembling fell upon creation,
yet Thou didst forbid the earth to swallow up those who crucified Thee.

And Thou didst command Hell to send up its captives
for the regeneration of mortals.
O Judge of the living and the dead
Thou hast come to grant life, not death. //
O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee!"

Reader1: *In the same Tone: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Choir: Now the unjust judges dip the pen of judgment.
Jesus is tried and sentenced to the Cross.
All creation suffers as it beholds the Lord on the Cross. //
"O Good Lord, Who in Thy human nature didst suffer for me, glory to Thee!"

The 12th Gospel {Stand}

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thy Passion, O Lord.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: [Matt.27:62-66] At that time – 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 Thy long-suffering, O Lord.

{The clergy take the Gospel Book and process back to the Sanctuary.}

Reader2: It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High; to declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy Truth by night.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

All: 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 are 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.

Reader2: Amen.

Troparion - Tone 4

Choir: By Thy precious blood,
Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law.
By being nailed to the Cross and pierced by a spear,
Thou hast poured forth immortality for man.//
O our Savior, glory to Thee!

Augmented Litany

Deacon: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for His Beatitude our Metropolitan ____, and for His Grace/Eminence our (Arch)Bishop ____; for priests, deacons, and all other clergy and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces everywhere.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable Orthodox Patriarchs; for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy house; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox Christians departed this life before us, especially ___ (all those we have in mind this day), who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God ___ (all those whom they have in mind this day), and for the pardon and remission of their sins

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable house, for those who labor and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God Who lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!

Choir: Master (Father), bless.

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed; always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Preserve, O God, the holy Orthodox Faith and Orthodox Christians; unto ages of ages.

Priest: Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

Choir: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim; without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; True Theotokos we magnify you.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (3x). Master (Father), bless.

Priest: May He Who endured spitting, scourging, the Cross and death, for the salvation of the world, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His all-pure Mother, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; of the holy, glorious and

all-laudable Apostles; of the Wise Thief; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

Choir: Amen.