

Meeting of the Lord

February 2

GREAT VESPERS

DEACON: Bless, Father.

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

“Come Let Us Worship...”

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord You are very great: / You are clothed with honor and majesty, / Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, / Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, / Who makes the clouds His chariot, / Who walks on the wings of the wind, / Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

You Who laid the foundations of the earth, / so that it should not be moved forever, / You covered it with the deep as with a garment; / the waters stood above the mountains.

At Your rebuke they fled; / at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. / They went up over the mountains; they went down into the valleys, / to the place which You founded for them.

You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, / that they may not return to cover the earth. / He sends the springs into the valleys, / which flow among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field; / the wild donkeys quench their thirst. / By them the birds of the heavens have their habitation; / they sing among the branches.

He waters the hills from His upper chambers; / the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, / and vegetation for the service of man, / that he may bring forth food from the earth, / and wine that makes glad the heart of man,

oil to make his face shine, / and bread which strengthens man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap, / the cedars of Lebanon which He planted, / where the birds make their nests; / the stork has her home in the fir trees.

The high hills are for the wild goats; / the cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.

He appointed the moon for the seasons; / the sun know its going down. / You made darkness, and it is night, / in which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

The young lions roar after their prey, / and seek their food from God. / When the sun arises, they gather together / and lie down in their dens.

Man goes out to his work / and to his labor until the evening. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.

The earth is full of Your possessions / – this great and wide sea, / in which are innumerable teeming things, / living things both small and great.

There the ships sail about and there is that Leviathan / which You have made to play there. / These all wait for You, / that You may give them their food in due season.

What You give them they gather in; / You open Your hand, they are filled with good. / You hide Your face, they are troubled; / You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; / and You renew the face of the earth. / May the glory of the Lord endure forever; / may the Lord rejoice in His works.

He looks on the earth, and it trembles; / He touches the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; / I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. / May my meditation be sweet to Him; / I will be glad in the Lord.

May sinners be consumed from the earth, / and the wicked be no more. / Bless the Lord, O my soul! / Praise the Lord!

The sun knows its going down. / You make darkness and it is night. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.

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

PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

O our God and our hope, glory to You!

The Great Litany

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our president, all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this city, every city and countryside, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance 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.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

Exclamation of the Fourth Prayer

PRIEST: For unto You 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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

O Lord, I Cry...” – Tone 5

Opening Psalm Verses - Psalm 141:1, 2 (LXX 140)

O Lord, I cry out unto You, hear me! Hear me, O Lord. O Lord, I cry out to You, hear me. Give ear to my voice when I cry out, when I cry out to You. Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

Set a guard, O Lord over my mouth; keep watch o'er the door of my lips.

Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies.

Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness, and let him reprove me; it shall be as excellent oil. Let not my head refuse it, for still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.

Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff and they hear my words for they are sweet. Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, as when one plows and breaks up the earth.

But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute.

Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape safely.

Psalm 142 (LXX 141)

I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path. In a way in which I walk they have secretly set a snare for me.

Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.

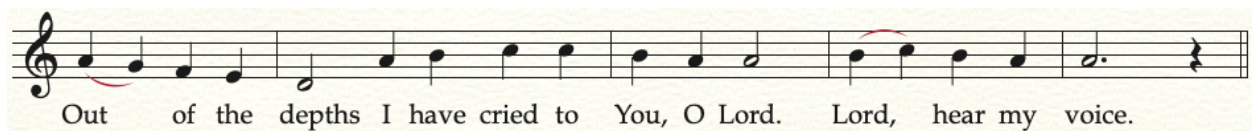
I cried out to You, O Lord. I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors for they are stronger than I."

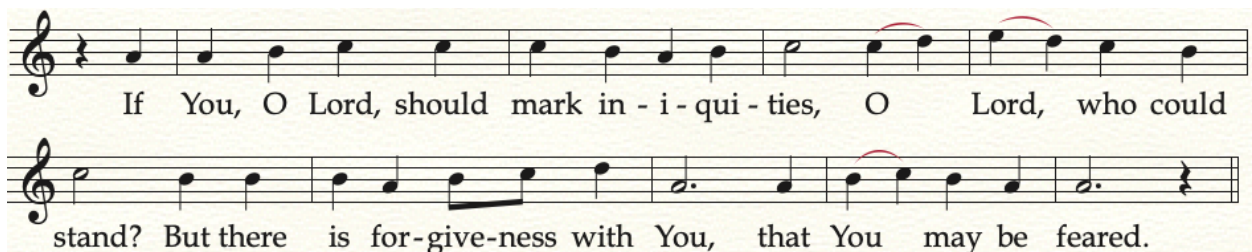
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name.

The righteous shall surround me, for You shall deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 130 (LXX 129)

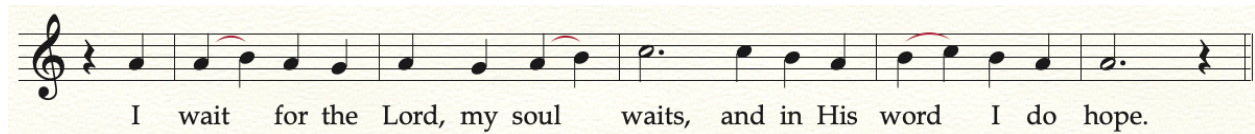


Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

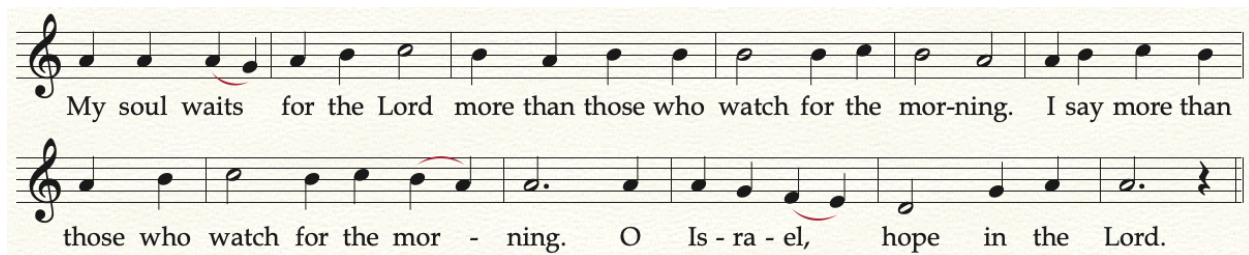


(Tone 1) – Meeting

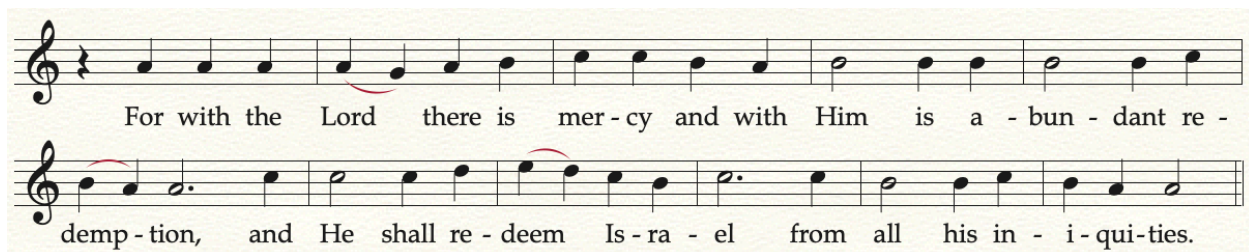
Simeon, tell us, Whom do you bear in your arms, that you rejoice so greatly in the temple? To Whom do you cry and shout: Now am I set free, for I have seen my Savior? This is He Who was born of a Virgin: this is He, the Word, God of God, Who for our sake, has taken flesh and has saved man. Let us worship Him.



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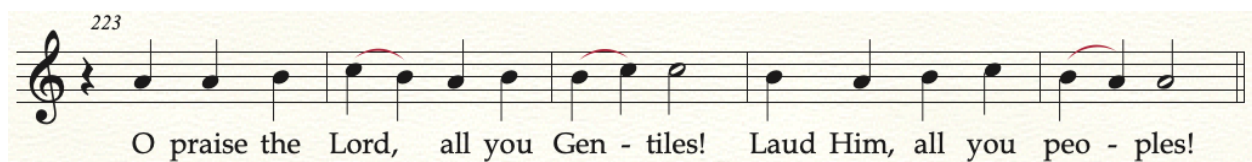


Receive, O Simeon, Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness granting the Law on Sinai, and Who has now become a babe subject to the Law. This is He Who spoke through the Law: this is He Whose voice was heard in the prophets, Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man. Let us worship Him.

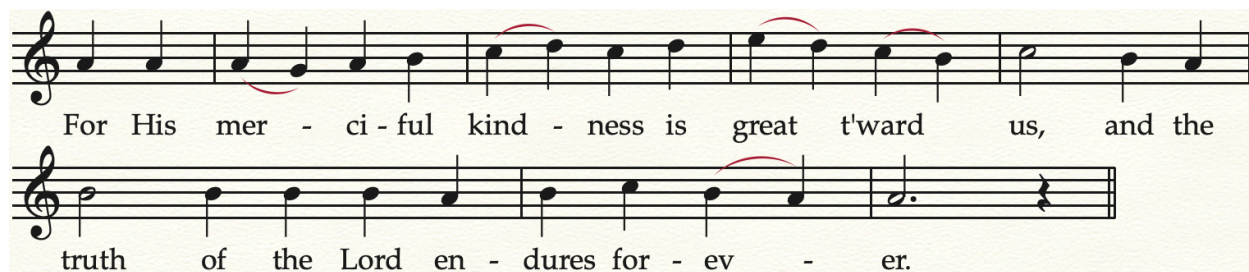


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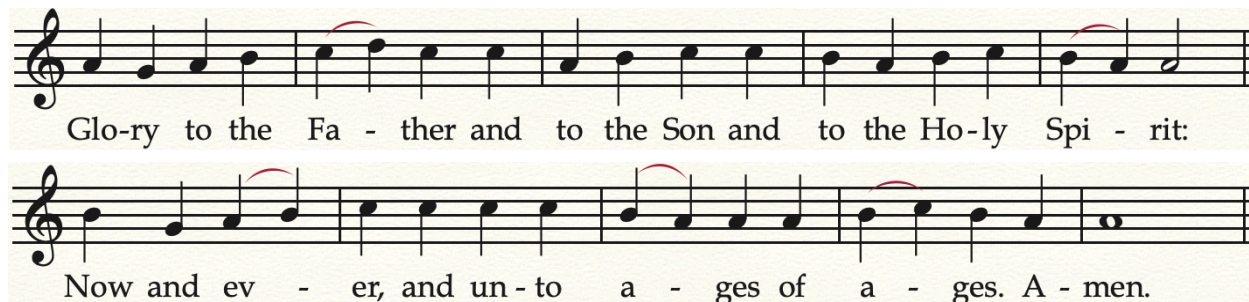
Psalm 117 (LXX 116)



Come, and with divine songs let us also go to meet Christ and let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw. This is He Whom David announced: this is He Whose words the prophets uttered, Who for our sakes has taken flesh and spoke to us in the Law. Let us worship Him.



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(Tone 6)

Let the gate of heaven be opened today: for He Who is without beginning, the Word of the Father, has made a beginning in time without forsaking His divinity, and as a babe forty days old He is of His own will brought by the Virgin His mother as an offering in the temple of the Law. The Elder received Him in his arms, crying as a servant to the Master: 'Let me depart: for mine eyes have seen Your salvation.' Glory to You, O Lord, Who have come into the world to save mankind.

The Prayer before the Entrance

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: In the evening and in the morning and at noonday we praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, O Master of all, Lord Who love mankind. Direct our prayer before You as incense, and incline not our hearts to words or thoughts of evil; but deliver us from all who seek after our souls. For unto You, Lord, O Lord, we lift up our eyes, and in You have we hoped. Put us not to shame, O our God.

For unto You 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.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Bless, father, the holy entrance.

PRIEST: Blessed is the entrance into Your holy place always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Wisdom. Let us attend.

“O Joyful Light” (Monk Martin)

O Joy-ful Light of the Ho-ly glo - ry, of the im-mor - tal heav-en - ly
ho - ly bless-ed Fa - ther, O Je - sus Christ! Now that we have come to the
set-ting of the sun and be - hold the light of eve - ning we praise
God: the Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi - rit. For it is right at all times to
wor-ship You with voi - ces of praise, O Son of God and
Giv - er of Life. There-fore all the world glo - ri - fies You.

Sunday Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 8

Psalm 134 (LXX 133)

Behold, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord.

Verse: You who stand in the temple of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God..

Monday Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 4

Psalm 4

The Lord will hear, when I cry to Him.

Verse: When I called upon You, O God of my righteousness, You heard me.

Tuesday Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 1

Psalm 23 (LXX 22)

Your mercy, O Lord, shall follow me all the days of my life.

Verse: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In a place of green pasture, there has He made me to dwell.

Wednesday Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 5

Psalm 54 (LXX 53)

O God, in Your name save me and in Your strength judge me.

Verse: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Thursday Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 6

Psalm 121 (LXX 120)

My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Verse: I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, from whence comes my help.

Friday Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 7

Psalm 59 (LXX 58)

You, O God, are my helper; Your mercy shall go before me.

Verse: Rescue me from my enemies, O God; and redeem me from those who rise up against me.

Old Testament Readings

Exodus 12:51, 13:1-2a, 3a, 10a, 11-12a, 14-16a, 22:29b;

Leviticus 12:2b, 3, 4a+c, 6a+c, 8a+c; Numbers 8:16a+c, 17b+c

And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the LORD brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies. Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel. And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place. You shall therefore keep this law. "And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, the males shall be the LORD's. So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' It shall be as a sign on your hand and immovable before your eyes. For thus spoke the Lord Almighty: The firstborn of your sons you shall give to me. If a woman has conceived, and bore a male child, on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. Then for thirty-three days she shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary until the days of her purification are fulfilled. When the days of her purification are fulfilled, she shall bring to the priest a lamb of the first year as a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, unto the priest. And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean. For they are wholly given to Me from among the children of Israel; instead of the firstborn of the Egyptians have I taken them and sanctified them for Myself, on the day that I

struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt from man to beast.’ Thus says the Most High God, the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 6:1-12

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: “Woe is me, for I am pierced to the heart! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.” Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ “Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed.” Then I said, “Lord, how long?” And He answered: “Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without a man, the land is utterly desolate, the LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

Isaiah 19:1, 3-5, 12, 16, 19-21

Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will tremble and totter at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt within them. The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. I will destroy their counsel and confound their plans, and they will consult the idols and the charmers, the mediums and the sorcerers. And the Egyptians I will give into the hand of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them,” says the Lord, the LORD of hosts. The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and dried up. Thus, says the Lord: Where are they? Where are your wise men? Let them tell you now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts has purposed against Egypt. In that day Egypt will be like women, and will tremble with fear before the hand which the LORD of hosts waves over them. In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border. It will be a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will defend and deliver them. Then the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day, and will worship with sacrifice and burnt offering; yes, they will make vows to the LORD and perform them.

The Litany of Fervent Supplication / The Ektenia

DEACON: Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians; for our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N.; for our brethren: the priests, deacons, and monastics and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church (*and for the servants of God. NN.*); and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, and for pardon and forgiveness of sins for (*the servants of God NN., and*) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who serve and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: [O Lord our God, receive this fervent supplication of Your servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Your mercy; and send down Your compassion on us and on all Your people, who await Your great and rich mercy.]

For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Evening Prayer

PEOPLE: Grant, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen. Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your statutes. Blessed are You, O holy One; enlighten me with Your statutes. Your mercy, O Lord, endures

forever. Despise not the works of Your hands. To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Evening Litany

DEACON: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

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

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For pardon and forgiveness of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For all things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

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

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For a Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, and peaceful, and for a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance 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.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

Exclamation of the Seventh Prayer

PRIEST: For You are a good God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: And to your spirit.

The Prayer with Heads Bowed

DEACON: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord, our God, Who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of mankind, look upon Your servants and Your inheritance; for to You, the fearful Judge, Who love mankind, have Your servants bowed their heads, and submissively inclined their necks, not awaiting help from men, but entreating Your mercy and looking confidently for Your salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every enemy, from all adverse powers of the devil, and from vain thoughts and evil imaginations.

Blessed and glorified be the might of Your kingdom: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Aposticha: Tone 7

Zion, adorn your bridal chamber and welcome Christ the King!
Salute Mary, the heavenly gate, fashioned as a throne of the cherubim!
She carries the King of glory! *

The Virgin is a cloud of light;
she has borne in the flesh the Son begotten before the morning star.
Simeon, taking Him in his arms, proclaimed to the peoples:
“This is the Lord of life and death, *
the Savior of the world!”

*Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace according to Your word:
for my eyes have seen Your salvation.*

The unwedded Mother has brought into the temple
the One Who shone forth before the ages from the Father.
In these latter times *

He was born from a virgin womb.
He gave the Law on Mount Sinai,
yet He makes Himself obedient to the commandment of the Law.
She has brought Him to the priest and righteous Elder, *
whose appointed lot it was to see Christ the Lord.
Simeon, receiving Him in his arms,
rejoiced greatly and cried aloud:
“This is God co-eternal with the Father, *
the Redeemer of our souls!”

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people, Israel.

The Theotokos Mary
carried in her arms
the One Who is borne aloft upon the chariot of the cherubim *
and praised in song by the seraphim.
The Giver of the Law, Who fulfills the commandment of the Law.
was made flesh of the unwedded one.
She gave Him into the arms of the priest and Elder. *
Holding the Life, he asked to be released from life, saying:
“Now, Master, let me depart to declare to Adam,
that I have seen the pre-eternal God,
the Savior of the world,
Who was made a babe without undergoing change!”

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

(Tone 8)

He Who is borne on high by the cherubim
and praised in hymns by the seraphim,
is brought today according to the Law into the holy temple *
and rests in the arms of the Elder as on a throne.
From Joseph He receives gifts fitting for God:
Two doves, symbolizing the spotless church and the newly-chosen
people of the Gentiles,
He also receives two young pigeons, *
for He is the originator of the two Covenants, both Old and New.
Simeon, now granted the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning himself,
blesses the Virgin and Theotokos Mary.
He foretells in figures the passion of her Son. *
From Him he begs release, crying aloud:
“Now let me depart, O Master,
as You have promised me,
for I have seen the pre-eternal Light, *
the Savior, Christ the Lord!”

Trisagion Prayers

PEOPLE: 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.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon
our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Your 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 is the kingdom...now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Troparion: Tone 1 (Byzantine) – sing 3x

Re - jice, O Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, full of grace! From you
shone the Sun of Right - eous - ness, Christ our God, en -
light - en - ing those who sat in dark - ness. Re - jice
and be glad, O right - eous El - der, you ac -
cep - ted in your arms the Re - deem - er of our souls, Who
grants us the res - ur - rec - tion.

The Dismissal

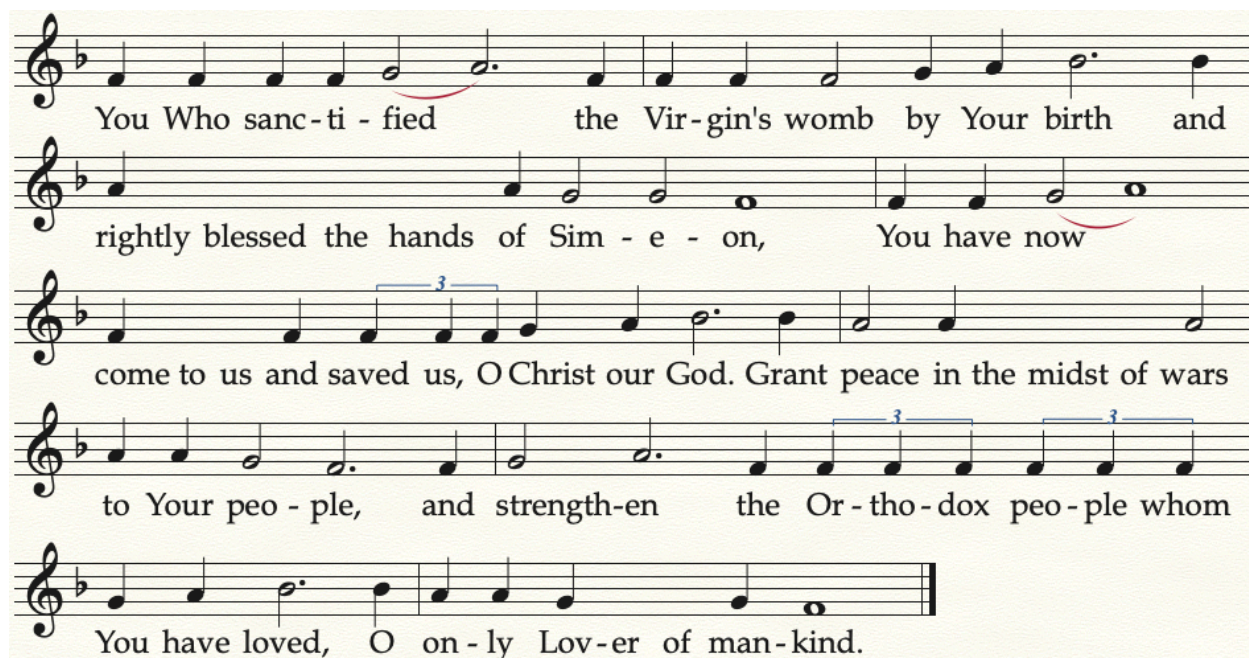
PRIEST: May Christ our true God, *Who consented to be carried in the arms of the righteous Simeon for our salvation...* through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless, holy Mother...

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Troparion: Tone 1 (Byzantine)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace. From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the resurrection.

Kontakion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)



Ikos

Let us run to the Theotokos, desiring to behold her Son brought to Simeon. The bodiless powers, looking at Him from on high, were filled with amazement, saying, "Now we see wondrous and marvelous things, past understanding and past telling. He Who created Adam is carried as a babe, He Who cannot be compassed is compassed by the arms of the Elder. He Who rests uncircumscribed in the bosom of His Father, is voluntarily circumscribed in flesh but not in divinity, O only Lover of mankind."



Meeting of the Lord

Magnifications – 9th Ode: Tone 3 *(Special Byzantine - Bp. Basil)*

¹ O pure Virgin Mother,
that which came to pass in you
is beyond the understanding
of angels and men.

³ Desiring to save Adam,
the Creator took up abode
in your pure and spotless womb,
O Virgin Mother of God.

⁵ O come, all people and behold
Christ the Master of all
Whom Simeon holds in his arms
in the temple today.

⁷ Simeon had lived for many years
when he beheld Christ
and cried aloud unto Him:
“Now let me depart in peace.”

⁹ O God Who are before all things,
by Your will became man
and are carried to the temple
as an infant forty days old.

¹¹ Illuminate my soul, O Lord,
and my senses as well,
that I might clearly see You
and proclaim that You are God.

¹³ O Lord, my Creator,
now let me depart in peace
for I have seen the Christ,
my Salvation and my Light.

¹⁵ O You Who are by nature One,
but in Persons Three,
keep watch o’er Your servants
who put their faith in You.

² Now Simeon the elder
receives in his arms
the Maker of the Law
and the Master of all.

⁴ All creation blesses you,
O pure Virgin,
and in faith glorifies you
as the Theotokos.

⁶ O Lord, You look upon the earth
and make it tremble;
how then can I who am old
carry You in my arms?

⁸ O Mary Theotokos,
you are the mystic tongs
who conceived in your pure womb
Christ Who is the living Coal.

¹⁰ The aged priest Simeon
received the Lord of all,
Who by His own holy will
came to earth from heaven.

¹² O pure Virgin Mother,
how do you bring Him
as an infant to the temple
and give Him to Simeon?

¹⁴ O You, Whom the angels on high
serve with fear and trembling,
now here below on earth are carried
in the arms of Simeon.

¹⁶ O Virgin Theotokos,
hope of all Christians,
protect, watch over and preserve
all who put their hope in you.