

**The First Hour
Of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha**

Presbyter:

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God.
The prophecies of the first hour of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha week may its blessings be with us
Amen.

Reader:

A reading from Jeremiah the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

Jeremiah 8:17-20, 9:6

For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, said the Lord. When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me. Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities? The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered? Who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes? Then would I weep for this my people day and night, even for the slain of the daughter of my people. Who would give me a most distant lodge in the wilderness that I might leave my people, and depart from them? For they all commit adultery, an assembly of treacherous men. And they have bent their tongue like a bow: falsehood and not faithfulness has prevailed upon the earth; for they have gone on from evil to evil, and have not known me said the Lord. Beware ye each of his neighbor and trust ye not in your brethren: for every one will surely supplant, and every friend will walk craftily. Everyone will mock his friend: they will not speak truth: their tongue has learned to speak falsehoods: they have committed iniquity; they ceased not, so as to return. There is usury upon usury, and deceit upon deceit: they would not know me, said the Lord.

Glory be to the Holy Trinity our God unto the ages of ages. Amen

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Lord have mercy upon us.

Alleluia, In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God Amen.

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Amen Make us, O Lord, worthy to say with all thanksgiving:

Our Father who art in the Heavens, 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 the evil one, through Christ Jesus our Lord, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Lord have mercy:

To you is the power, the glory,
the blessings, and the majesty forever. Amen;
O Emmanuel our God and our King

To you is the power, the glory,
the blessings, and the majesty forever. Amen;
O My Lord Jesus Christ my Good Savior.
The Lord is my strength, my praise,
and has become my salvation.

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Reader:

Psalm of David 101:1,8

Hear my prayer. O Lord, and let my cry come to thee. All the daylong mine enemies have reproached me; and they that praised me have sworn against me.

Reader:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. Amen

St. John 13:33-88, 14:1-25

Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another? Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither went thou? Jesus answered him, whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice. Let not your heart be troubled: ye 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 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas said unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou went; and how can we know the way? Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip said unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficed us. Jesus said unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how says thou then, Show us the Father? Believed thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelled in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it saw him not, neither known him: but ye know him; for he dwelt with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world saw me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and kept them, he it is that loved me: and he that loved me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas said unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loved me not kept not my sayings: and the word, which ye hear, is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

Bow down to the Holy Gospel.

Congregation: Glory be to God for ever.

St. John 14:26-31, 15:1-25

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gave, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I

have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that bore not fruit he took away: and every branch that bore fruit, he purged it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word, which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abided in me, and I in him, the same brought forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant known not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hated you. Remember the word that I said unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hated me hated my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both my Father and me. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, they hated me without a cause.

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St, John 15:26-27, 16:1-33

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeded from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killed you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asked me, whither went thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you. A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he said unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he said, A little while? We cannot tell what he said. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily,

verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembered no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man took from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loved you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now spoke thou plainly, and spoke no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knew all things, and needed not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou came forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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St, John 17:1-26

These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might 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 gave me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with Your own self with the glory, which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men, which thou gave me out of the world: to You they were, and thou gave them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gave me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them, which thou hast given me; for they are to you. And all mine are to You, and to You are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through to You own 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 that thou gave me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou should take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even 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 hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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Presbyter:

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Reader:

And when he said, our Lord Jesus Christ raised his eyes towards his Father and said: Father the hour is come. Glorify your Son in the world. I glorified you Father when I fulfilled your will. And what you gave me Father I gave to them because I selected them from the world. And they accepted my word and knew that I came from you. I ask you for their sake and for the sake of all those who believe in me through their word. I have chosen them from the world and I am coming to you and will leave them in the world. When I was with them, I taught them and delivered your words to them.

Father the world did not know you and I knew you. Those who are with me knew that you sent me that is why I taught them your name O Father. The love you lavished on me O Father, let it be always on them so that they may proclaim your grace among the nations for I shall be in them. Those are the commandments that our Savior gave to his disciples, whom he chose and sent to the world, to harvest for him a big crop. These are the galaxies whose light filled the earth.

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**The Third Hour
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Amen.

Reader:

A reading from Ezekiel the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

Ezekiel 36:16-23

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, these are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of his land. But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus said the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, said the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

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Amen Make us, O Lord, worthy to say with all thanksgiving:

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Reader:

Psalm of David 108:1,3

O God, pass not over my praise in silence; for the mouth of the sinner and the mouth of the crafty man have been opened against me: And they have compassed me with words of hatred and fought against me without a cause.

Reader:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Amen.

St. Matthew 26:30-35

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. Then said Jesus unto them, all ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto him, though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cockcrow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

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St. Mark 14:26-31

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, although all shall be offended, yet will not I. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cockcrow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. But he spoke the more vehemently, if I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

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St. Luke 22:31-39

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knew me. And he said unto them, when I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, and he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough. And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

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St. John 18:1-2

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

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Reader:

After they sang a hymn, they went out of Zion and went up Mount Olive. Our Savior started to tell His disciples openly; tonight all of you will have your doubts about me. All that was written in the Book and will precede you to Galilee. Peter said in front of his brother and sheep of the flock will be scattered. After this I shall resurrect and will precede you to Galilee. Peter said in front of his brothers; if they all deny you I shall not, The Lord said to him; Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times. And when the rooster crows you will realize what you have just did. If I was on the brink of death I shall not deny you my Lord and God said Peter and the rest of the disciples in endearment. This all happened so as to fulfill the prophecy of the prophet in the Psalms saying: O Lord does not ignore my prayer because the mouth of the sinners has spoken against me. Who is that sinner? Judas the son of sin and corruption who bought himself a bad lot with the silver of iniquity. He who sold his master to the Gentiles, rejected grace and gained sin.

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Ezekiel 22:23-28

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed them with intemperate mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, thus said the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken. sanctified in you before their eyes.

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Our Father who art in the Heavens, 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 the evil one, through Christ Jesus our Lord, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Reader:

Psalm of David 58:1,68:20

Deliver me from mine enemies, O God; and ransom me from those that rise up against me. And I waited for one to grieve with me, but there was none; and for one to comfort me, but I found one.

Reader:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Amen.

St. Matthew 26:36-46

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and said unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then said he unto them, my soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and found them asleep, and said unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and said unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Bow down before the Holy Gospel.

Congregation: Glory be to God for ever.

St. Mark 14:32-42

And they came to a place, which was named Gethsemane: and he said to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and said unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh, and found them sleeping, and said unto Peter, Simon, slept thou? Could not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, and spoke the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and said unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayed me is at hand.

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St. Luke 22:40-46

And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but to you, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

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St. John 18:3-9

Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spoke, Of them which thou gave me have I lost none.

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Congregation: Glory be to God for ever.

Presbyter: In the name of the Trinity;

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Presbyter: the Father and the Son;

Congregation: and the Holy Spirit;

Presbyter: Hail thee O Mary;

Congregation: the Pure dove;

Presbyter: who was born for us;

Congregation: God the Logos.

Presbyter:

The exposition of the sixth hour of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha week, may its blessings be with us. Amen.

Reader:

Our Savior came down Mount Olive and went to Gethsemane with the disciples. Then he told his disciples to wait there and took Peter together with the two brothers the sons of Zebedee. Then He started to pray for his sufferings. He said to them my soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with me. He went a little farther and fell on his face and prayed saying: O My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as you will. Then he came back to his disciples and found them asleep in great sadness. He woke Peter and said to his disciples; what could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation. The second time, he prayed again that if it is at all possible to let the cup pass from him. In the third time, he prayed again then he came to his disciples and said to them; Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise let us be going. See he who betrays me is at hand.

Woe to you Judas more than anyone else because your sins have multiplied as well as your parents' sins. You have rejected the blessings and loved damnation. It will be with you unto the ages of ages.

Presbyter: Christ our Savior;

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Presbyter: that through His Passion;

Congregation: He may save us.

Presbyter: Let us glorify Him;

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Presbyter: for He has done us mercy;

Congregation: according to His great mercy.

**The Ninth Hour
Of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha**

Presbyter:

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God.
The prophecies of the ninth hour of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha week may its blessings be with us Amen.

Reader:

A reading from Jeremiah the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

Jeremiah 9:7-11

Therefore thus said the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people? Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it spoke deceit: one spoke peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in heart he laid his wait. Shall I not visit them for these things? Said the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone. And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

Glory be to the Holy Trinity our God unto the ages of ages. Amen

Reader:

A reading from Ezekiel the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

Ezekiel 21:28-32

And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus said the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering: Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end. Shall I cause it to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou was created, in the land of thy nativity. And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy. Thou shall be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shall be no more remembered: for I the Lord have spoken it.

Glory be to the Holy Trinity our God unto the ages of ages. Amen

Presbyter:

Lord have mercy upon us.

Alleluia, In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God Amen.

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

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Our Father who art in the Heavens, 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 the evil one, through Christ Jesus our Lord, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Lord have mercy:

To you is the power, the glory,
the blessings, and the majesty forever. Amen;

O Emmanuel our God and our King

To you is the power, the glory,
the blessings, and the majesty forever. Amen;
O My Lord Jesus Christ my Good Savior.
The Lord is my strength, my praise,
and has become my salvation.

To you is the power, the glory,
the blessings, the majesty forever. Amen.

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Reader:

Psalm of David 27:3,4,34:4

Who speak peace with their neighbor, but evils are in their hearts. Give them according to their works, and according to the wickedness of their devices.

Reader:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Amen.

St. Matthew 26:48-58

And while he yet spoke, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, whomsoever I shall kiss, that it is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them, which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thought thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

Bow down before the Holy Gospel.

Congregation: Glory be to God for ever.

St. Mark 14:43-54

And immediately, while he yet spoke, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he went straightway to him, and said, Master, master; and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto them, are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And they all forsook him, and fled. And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked. And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

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St. Luke 22:47-55

And while he yet spoke, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas betrayed thou the Son of man with a kiss? When they, which were about him, saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

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St. John 18:10-14

Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup, which my Father has given me, shall, I not drink it? Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

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Presbyter:

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Reader:

And while he was speaking with his disciples concerning his suffering, one of the twelve – who is Judas – came accompanied with a great multitude armed with swords and clubs and soldiers from the chief priests and the scribes. His betrayer – the contrary full of transgression – had given them a sign saying, whomever I kiss, he is the one; seize him. He immediately went up to Jesus and said to him, Peace Lord, and kissed him. Jesus said to him: How could you have the audacity to deliver me with a kiss. And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus, stretched out his hand, drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, put your sword in its sheath; for all who take the sword by the sword will perish. I could, if I want to, bring in hosts of angels to fight for me. When the disciples saw that, they escaped and left him alone with the multitudes. Then they led him away to Caiaphas the high priest where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

Woe to you Judas, for you has met a punishment without parallel and doomed damnation on yourself. Your lot will be with the corrupt.

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**The Eleventh Hour
Of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha**

Presbyter:

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God.
The prophecies of the eleventh hour of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha week may its blessings be with us Amen.

Reader:

A reading from Isaiah the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

Isaiah 27:11-13,28:1-15

When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding; therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will show them no favor. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem. Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looked upon it saw, while it is yet in his hand he ate it up. In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, And for a spirit of judgment to him that sat in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men that rule this people, which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.

Glory be to the Holy Trinity our God unto the ages of ages. Amen

Presbyter:

Lord have mercy upon us.

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Our Father who art in the Heavens, 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 the evil one, through Christ Jesus our Lord, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

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Reader:

Psalm of David 21-2,4-5

Wherefore did the heath rage, and the nations imagine vain things? The kinds of the earth stood up, and the rulers gathered themselves together, against the Lord, and against his Christ; He that dwells in the heavens shall laugh them to scorn, and the Lord shall mock them. Then shall he speak to them in his anger, and trouble them in his fury.

Reader:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Amen.

St. Matthew 26:59-75

Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, 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 unto him, Answered thou nothing? What is it, which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also was with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou says. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, this fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech betrayed thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, before the cockcrow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Bow down before the Holy Gospel.

Congregation: Glory be to God for ever.

St. Mark 14:55-72

And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did

their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answered thou nothing? What is it, which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and said, what need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands. And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also was with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou says. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreed thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, before the cockcrow twice, thou shall deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

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St. Luke 22:56-65

But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou say. And immediately, while he yet spoke, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, before the cockcrow, thou shall deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, prophesy, who is it that smote thee? And many other things blasphemously spoke they against him.

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St. John 18:15-27

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spoke unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then said the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He said, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spoke openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why asked thou me? Ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers, which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answered thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smite on me? Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, said, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

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Presbyter: who was born for us;

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Presbyter:

The exposition of the eleventh hour of the eve of Friday of the Holy Pascha week, may its blessings be with us. Amen.

Reader:

Listen to David the king of Jerusalem, chide her dwellers saying, why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain. The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and his Christ. David knew by inspiration of the Holy Spirit what would happen to Jerusalem, which become a corrupt forum in the house of the high priest. They sough a false testimony against Jesus so that they may condemn him to death. Many testified against Him but only the testimony of two of them concurred. These testified that He said, "Destroy the temple and I will rebuild it in three days." The high priest asked him, why don't you reply. If you are the Son of God, tell the truth, you said it, replied Jesus. The high priest rent his robes and said, we don't need any testimony. He has uttered blasphemy and we heard it. During all this, Simon Peter was standing by the fire, warming himself up. A maid came up to him and said: You also were with Jesus the Galilean. He denied it. Then another maid saw him and said to him, You are also a Galilean. Peter replied: Not I. Then the third time, another said to him, I saw you with him in the garden. Peter said: I don't know what you are talking about. When the cockcrows, Peter became aware of what he did. He went outside and wept bitterly

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NIGHT TIME LITANIES

Presbyter:

We ask and entreat Thee, O Lord God the Father, and the Holy begotten Son, the Creator and the Disposer of all and the Holy Spirit the life giver, the Holy Trinity, before whom kneels down every creature in heaven and on earth. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

We pray for the sake of the heavenly peace, unity of all churches in the world, monasteries, all holy places, their dwellers and their keepers. O God, have pity on Your creation and save it from all evil. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who through Your power disposed the life of man before his creation and made all things with Your kingdom and adorned the skies with stars, the earth with vegetation, trees and vineyards, and the valleys with pastures and flowers. Now O our King, accept the prayers of Your servants who place themselves in Your hands saying: We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O great and Holy God who created man according to Your image and likeness and gave him a living and a reasoning soul, have mercy, O Lord, on Your creation which You have created and have compassion on it and bestow upon us Your mercy from the height of Your holiness and from Your mansion. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who saved Your servant Noah, the righteous, his children, their wives and the clean and unclean animals from the flood in order to renew the earth. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, the Creator and Provider of all, Your people from the flood of the sea of this passing world, and remove from them and from the animals, all harm; and give the birds their provisions, for You provided for the beasts and the young ravens their sustenance. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who was received as a guest by Your servant Abraham, sat at his table and blessed his offspring, O our King, accept the prayers of Your servants and Your priests standing before You. Have mercy on the world and save Your people from any hardship, dwell in them, and accompany them. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

We ask You, O Lord, to guard us from all evil and have pity on Your creation and all the people, for the eyes of all look up to You, You who gave them their food in due season. You are the sustainer of all flesh, the help of the helpless and the hope of the hopeless. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who looks to the humble with watchful eyes of protections who saved Joseph from his master's wife, set him over Egypt, and spared him the days of tribulation, that his brothers and father came, knelt down before him, and took from him wheat, for the sustenance of their children and their cattle, likewise we bow down and kneel before You and thank You, O our Creator, and provider for this condition and in every condition. We pray to You to save us from all tribulations. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O Lord, the Word of God, the Father, who works through the Law, the prophets and the Old Testament, and perfects them; save Your people from all tribulations and dispose their lives according to Your good will. Save us from famines and calamities. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who supported the people of Israel for forty years in the desert of Sinai, having no houses or storehouses, now O my Lord, protect Your people, support them and bless their homes and storehouses with Your heavenly blessings. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who accepted the prayer of Elijah the Tishbite when the sky rained and the earth gave fruit; and blessed the barrel of meal and the cruse of oil in the house of the widow, accept the prayers of Your people through the Intercessions of Your Holy Saints and pure Prophets. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O God, with eyes full of mercy, have compassion on the world and bless their crops and their storehouses, even the little that they have. Bring up the waters of the rivers according to their measures and give good temper to the winds. Bless the Nile of Egypt this year and every year. Fill the face of the earth with joy and sustain us the humans. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who accepted repentance of the Ninivites, when they fasted and received the confession of the right thief on the cross likewise make us worthy to please You and to gain Your compassion, crying and saying: Remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom. Accept the repentance of Your servants, their confessions their fasting, their prayers and their offerings, which are offered on Your Holy Altars; an accepted incense and have mercy on them. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You the Mighty Provider, Chastiser, healer and Physician of souls and bodies, who tested his servant Job, healed him from his calamity and recompensed him with more than what he had; have mercy on Your people and save them from all calamities, tribulations and misfortunes, O You the Upholder of those who trust in You. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O Christ our God, the Word of the Father, who sanctified His Holy disciples, washed their feet and made them leaders of the believers and guide of faith, who through them satisfied the yearning souls, and taught them to pray saying: Our Father who art in heavens lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O miracle and wonder maker, who fed the thousands with the five loaves, raised the dead and blessed the wedding of Cana of Galilee now, O Master, bless the bread, oil, plants, beehives, trades and all the works of Your servants. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O Lord, save Your people and protect them with the Life-giving sign of Your cross. Raise the state of the Christians the world over and soften the hearts of their rulers towards them. Fill their hearts with compassion towards our brothers, the poor, and the needy and take away from them all-evil. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O You, who entrusted us with Your Holy covenant, Your Body and Blood on the altar by the action of Your Holy Spirit on the bread and wine, and commanded us, saying: Do this in remembrance of Me. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O Christ our God, have mercy on Your people and the successor of Your Apostles. Give blessing to the fruit of the earth, and the gladness to the heart of man through abundance of fruits and blessings. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O Begotten of the Father, who was Incarnated from the Immaculate Virgin St. Mary in the fullness of time, who said unto Your Holy Apostles: Go and preach all nations, baptize them and teach them all things that I have commanded you. I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Be also with Your people who cry unto You saying: We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O forgiver of sins and bestower of good things, forgive sins of Your people and cleanse them from all uncleanness. Wash them from all deceit and keep them from bearing false witness and all envy and slander. Take away from their hearts all evil thought, unbelief, pride, and hardness of heart. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

You are the rampart of our salvation, O Birth-giver of God, the invincible fortress, bring to naught the council of the adversaries, and turn the afflictions of Your servants unto joy. Defend our cities, fight for the Orthodox kings and rulers and pray for the peace of the world and the churches. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O God of mercy and compassion, Lord of all consolations, be not wrathful with us. Rebuke us neither for our evil deeds nor for the multitude of our sins. Be not angry with us nor let Your anger endure forever. Hearken, O God of Jacob, and look down, O God our helper. Protect the world from death, scarcity, pestilence, earthquakes, horror and all the fearsome events. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

For the sake of our protection under Your mighty Holy hands, O God we ask You to keep for us the life of our venerable father, our Patriarch Abba (Shenouda III). Keep him in his see for many quiet and peaceful years. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O Christ our God, we ask of Your goodness and Your great mercy to keep for us the life of our fathers: the Metropolitans, the Bishops, the hierarchs, the rulers and the shepherds. Confirm the sheep of Your flock, give protection to the priests, purity to the deacons, strength to the elders, understand to the young, chastity to the virgins asceticism to the monks and nuns, purity to the married and protection for women. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

Again we ask for the safe return of the travelers, the support of the widows and orphans; abundance for the poor, those who are in debt, pay their debts and forgive them; and those who are in prisons and distress, give them release. Heal the sick and repose the departed. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

O God of our saintly Fathers, neglect not those whom You have created with Your Holy Hands. O You who did show forth His love to mankind, accept from Your Mother intercession on our behalf and save us. O You, the Savior of the humble, forsake us not, neither renounce us, unto the end, for the sake of Your Holy Name, and for the sake of Your beloved Abraham, Your servant Isaac and Your Saint Jacob; forswear not Your covenant with us, nor deprive us of Your mercy. We ask Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy on us.

Congregation:

Lord have mercy

Presbyter:

Have mercy on us O God, make firm Your mercy towards us; In Your kingdom show mercy on us.

Congregation:

(North Side)

Lord have mercy

Love have mercy

Lord have mercy

(South Side)

Lord have mercy

Love have mercy

Lord have mercy

(North Side)

Lord have mercy

Love have mercy

Lord have mercy

(South Side)

Lord have mercy

Love have mercy

Lord have mercy

(North Side)

O King of peace:

bestow Your peace upon us:

and forgive us our sins

Lord have mercy

Love have mercy

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Love have mercy

Lord have mercy

(South Side)

Disperse the enemies of the Church
Fortify her stronghold
That she May not be shaken forever

Lord have mercy
Love have mercy
Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy
Love have mercy
Lord have mercy

(North Side)

Emmanuel our God is now in our midst
With the glory of His father
And the Holy Spirit

Lord have mercy
Love have mercy
Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy
Love have mercy
Lord have mercy

(South Side)

May He bless us
And purify our hearths
And heal the sickness of our souls and bodies

Lord have mercy
Love have mercy
Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy
Love have mercy
Lord have mercy

(North Side)

We worship You,
O Christ together with Your Good Father
And the Holy Spirit
For You were crucified and saved us.

Congregation:

Amen Alleluia glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

We cry out saying, our Lord Jesus Christ who was crucified on the cross, trample down the Satan under our feet, save us and have mercy.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord bless us. Amen

Give the blessing, give the blessings, we prostrate, absolve us and give the blessing

Presbyter:

May Jesus Christ, our true God who through His own goodwill accepted sufferings and was crucified on the cross for our sake, bless us with all spiritual blessings, and support us, and complete for us the Holy week of Pascha and bring forth upon us the joy of His Holy Resurrection for many years and peaceful times. Through the never ending intercessions of the immaculate, holy and Lady Theotokos Mary, and all the choirs of angels and archangels, through the prayers of the Patriarchs, the Prophets, the Apostles, the martyrs, the righteous and holy-ones, the stavrophorai, the ascetics, the confessors and anachorites; and the blessings of the holy week of Pascha of our Good Savior; their holy blessing, their benediction, their power, their gift their love, and their help rest upon us all forever. Amen.

Congregation:

Amen.

Presbyter:

O King of peace: bestow Your peace upon us: make firm Your peace upon us, and forgive us our sins. For Thine is the power, the glory, the blessings and the majesty forever. Amen. Make us, O Lord worthy to say with all thanksgiving:

Congregation:

Our Father who art in the Heavens, 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 the evil one, through Christ Jesus our Lord, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Presbyter:

Depart in peace, the peace of the Lord may be with you all. Amen