

**The First Hour  
Of the day of Monday 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 Monday of the Holy Pascha week may its blessings be with us Amen.

**Reader:**

A reading from the book of Genesis of Moses the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

**Genesis 1:1-31, 2:1-3**

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters, which were under the firmament from the waters, which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. And God said; Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moved, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that crept upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crept upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moved upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that crept upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made and behold it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work, which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

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

**Reader:**

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

**Isaiah 5:1-9**

Now will I sing to my well beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt my vineyard and me. What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth-wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry. Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! In mine ears said the Lord of hosts, of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

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**Reader:**

A reading from the Wisdom of the son of Sirach the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

**Wisdom of the Son of Sirach 1:1-24**

All wisdom comes from the Lord, and is with him forever. Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom? Wisdom has been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. To whom has the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who has known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her, and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gift, and he has given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honor, and glory, and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord makes a merry heart, and gives joy, and gladness, and long life. Whosoever fears the Lord, it shall go well with him at the last, and he shall find favor in the day of his death. To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and it was created with the faithful in the womb. She has built an everlasting foundation with men, and she shall continue with their seed. To fear the Lord is fullness of wisdom, and fills men with her fruits. She fills all their house with things desirable, and the garners with her increase. The fear of the Lord is a crown of wisdom, making peace and perfect health to flourish. Wisdom rains down skill and knowledge of understanding, and exalts them to honor that hold her fast.

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**Reader:**

A homily of our holy Father Abba Shenouti may his blessings be with us. Amen.

Brethern, if we want to escape God's punishment and find mercy in his eyes, let us sit every evening alone by ourselves and search our souls for what we presented to our guardian angel to offer to the Lord. Again, as the night goes by and a new day dawns and light prevails, let us search ourselves to know what we presented to our companion angel to offer to the Lord. Let it be beyond doubt that everyone of us – male or female – young or old, who was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit has been assigned to a designated angel until the day of his death to report to him every day what his assigned individual has done by day or by night. Not that God is unaware of what we have done. Heavens forbid. As is written, the eyes of the Lord are watching all the time everywhere on those who commit evil and on those who do good. Rather the angels are servants installed by the creator of the universe for those who will inherit the salvation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.

**Presbyter:**

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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 71: 18-19**

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who alone does wonders. And blessed is his glorious name forever even forever and ever. Amen.

**Reader:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

**St. Mark 11:12-24**

And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard it. And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, my house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people were astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he went out of the city. And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance said unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree, which thou cursed, is withered away. And Jesus answering said unto them, has faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he said shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he said. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Bow down before the Holy Gospel.

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**Reader:**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and adorned them with his spirit. He covered darkness and unveiled the light, and distinguished between them with new names. He called the light day and the darkness night. He created all these in the same day with wisdom and prudence. On the second day God created the firmament and separated between waters and waters. God established the waters above the firmament and called them heaven. On the third day He gathered the waters and made the land appear over the waters, and on the fourth day God created the sun, the moon and the multitude of stars. On the fifth day God created the birds, the big whales, the farm animals and all kinds of grass, planets and fruit yielding trees.

On the sixth day God created Adam the first man and a companion for him from his own flesh, male and female as designated; and gave them dominion over all the creatures He created. God rested on the seventh day from all the work, which He had done. These are the designs of the Creator and the Initiator of all creation.

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**The Third Hour  
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**Reader:**

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

**Isaiah 5:20-30**

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoured the stubble, and the flame consumed the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken: Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it. And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

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**Reader:**

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

**Jeremiah 9:12-19**

Who is the wise man that may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perished and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passed through? And the Lord said, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: Therefore thus said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them. Thus said the Lord of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come: And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! We are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 121: 1-2**

I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet stood in your courts, O Jerusalem.

**Reader:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

**St. Mark 11:11-19**

And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve. And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard it. And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, my house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people were astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he went out of the city.

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**Reader:**

On the evening of Palm Sunday our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ went with his disciples outside the city. He felt hungry and said I want something to eat. He saw a fig tree afar and went to it seeking some of its fruits. He found it fruitless. He condemned the tree and it dried from its fruits. The disciples were taken by the incident and said to the Lord; the fig tree withered. Keep faith in your hearts and you shall be granted your requests. Do not be surprised that by one single word, the fig tree dried from its root up. Because, if you have faith in your hearts you can transfer the mountain from its location. Come all you ignorant and see what happened to the fig tree and present the Lord with good fruits to save yourselves from the evil. Repent all you indolent so that you may receive forgiveness. Clean your faces with many tears because tears wipe out sins. Light your lamps with virtues so that their light may shine upon you in the Day of Judgment. Share the suffering with your brother and remember how the Lord suffered for our salvation.

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**Reader:**

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

**Exodus 32: 7-15**

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, for mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swore by thine own self, and said unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. And the Lord repented of the evil, which he thought to do unto his people. And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

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**Reader:**

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

**Book of Solomon 1:1-9**

Love righteousness, ye that be judges of the earth: think of the Lord with a good heart, and in simplicity of heart seeks him. For he will be found of them that tempt him not; and shows himself unto such as do not distrust him. For forwards thoughts separate from God: and his power, when it is tried, reproveth the unwise. For into a malicious soul wisdom shall not enter; nor dwell in the body that is subject to sin. For the holy spirit of the discipline will flee deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding, and will not abide when unrighteousness come in. For wisdom is a loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his words; for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. For the Spirit of the Lord filled the world: and that which contained all things having knowledge of the voice. Therefore he that speaks unrighteous things cannot be hidden: neither shall vengeance, when it punishes, pass by him. For inquisition shall be made into the counsels of the ungodly: and the sound of his words shall come unto the Lord for the manifestation of his wicked deeds.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 121:4**

For thither the tribes went up, the tribes of the Lord, as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

**Reader:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

**St. John 2:13-17**

And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

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O Israel God's first children; what impudence did you commit and how insensitive are your priests. The place of forgiveness became a place of sin. The house of prayer and supplication became a den of thieves and a market place for cattle, sheep, and pigeon merchants and for currency exchangers.

What profit is that unclean and corrupt, and what injustice have you done. When the Son of God saw all this done in His Fathers House for they have turned it in to a den for thievery, bandits, the unjust and a house of trade – he toppled the seats of pigeon merchants and the tables of the currency exchangers and scattered their funds. As they watched him do that, His disciples knew that it was thus written about Him; the Zeal for thy house has consumed me. That is why he did that with impunity. Your reign is forever in heaven and on earth and your fear O Lord has shaken the mountains. But Israel has erred and thus was denied God’s help.

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A reading from the book of Genesis of Moses the prophet may his blessings be with us. Amen

**Genesis 2:15-24, 3:1-25**

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shall surely die. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field, which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, who told thee that thou was naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou should not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shall thou go, and dust shall thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shall bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shall not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shall eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shall thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim's, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

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

**Reader:**

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

**Isaiah 40:1-5**

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, said your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that cried in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

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

**Reader:**

A reading from the Proverbs of Solomon the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

**Proverbs 1:1-9**

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hears the instruction of thy father, and forsakes not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

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.

The Doxology of the ninth hour of Monday of the week of the Holy Pascha may its blessings be with us. 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.

To you is the power, the glory,  
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**Reader:**

**Psalms of David 64: 5,4**

Hearken to us, O God our Savior; the hope of all the ends of the earth, Blessed is he whom thou has chosen and adopted; he shall dwell in thy courts.

**Reader:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**St. Matthew 21:23-27**

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, we cannot tell. And he said unto them, neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

Bow down before the Holy Gospel.

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**Presbyter:**

The exposition of the ninth hour of Monday of the Holy Pascha week, may its blessing be with us; Amen.

**Reader:**

With your impeccable hands O Lord you created me and made me shine like crimson. You bestowed on me the comforts of paradise and the fruits of the trees. You awarded me the hegemony of your dominion over all creation under heaven and made all things below the animals and beasts. You did not deprive me of respect and subordinated everything to me. You gave me one commandment and I disobeyed you O my Lord and my God.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

When I saw that you were alone O Adam when everything else was paired I created from your bones someone modeled after you who looks like you and found it inappropriate to have you alone by yourself. I was concerned about you and gave you power over her and on all creation to be under your dominion. You obeyed her and disregarded my instruction. You rejected my words and my commandments.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

Remember me O Lord. From dust I am and like the herbs of the field you gave me the prowess of your power and diminished my humility.

One tree I commanded you not to touch; why did you disobey my commandment. You implicated the woman whom I did not command as I did with you. You obeyed her, rejected my words and then hid among the trees so that I do not see you.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

You desired divinity and wanted to be a creator like your Lord. From the fruits of the tree you distinguished between good and the evil to become a God. Adam where is the glory that was bestowed on you. You lost the cloths I dressed you with. With leaves of trees you covered your own nakedness. I created you and knew you before you were.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

From the beginning I informed you and instructed you with my commandments. Of all the trees in paradise I told you about this particular tree. Its fruits bear the bitterness of death and that if you ate from it, death you suffer. I did not keep you ignorant about it but I informed you before this happens. You lent the woman your ear and obeyed her. Therefore I shall bring the punishment upon you.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

O Adam from dust you are and to dust you shall return to chasten you for your transgressions. And you Eve why did you do this and disobey my commandments. It was not that an angel or a bird talked to you about it but a serpent, beast by its nature and you listened to his advice. Many shall be your sorrows and great will be your weeping. I will create animosity between you and the serpent and between your descendants and hers. He will watch their heels and your descendant will crush his head.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

The Savior then summoned the serpent and cursed her and her nature saying: Cursed are you among all the beasts. On your belly you shall travel and on the dust of the earth you shall feed because of the distrust you caused. The enemy dwelt in you and you became a shelter for the evil. And, because man listened to you, cursed shall be the whole earth with him.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

As for the man who is Adam, the first to dwell in paradise He told him; because you listened to your spouse I cursed the earth for your deeds. You will live heart saddened and the earth will grow for you thistles and spines. Then He told Eve; in pains and agony you shall give births and you shall return to your spouse and he will dominate you and you shall have no rest in your life.

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Then God said behold Adam became as one of us; discerns between the right and the evil. I shall not leave him in paradise lest he should reach for the tree of life and eat of it. He expelled Adam and his spouse from the paradise and assigned a cherub carrying a sword of fire to guard its gate.

I ask of you O Good one to have mercy upon me according to thy great mercy.

Where do I go from your spirit and where do I escape from your face. If I ascended to the heights of heaven or descended to the lowest places I find you there.

And Adam went to a lower place across from the gate of paradise to till the land and eat of its fruits where he was in the grasp of the Deceptor.

And Adam and Eve were condemned to the servitude of slavery – because he followed his whim – he and all his sons until the fullness of time.

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**The Eleventh Hour  
Of the day of Monday 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 Monday of the Holy Pascha week may its blessings be with us  
Amen.

**Reader:**

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

**Isaiah 50:1-3**

Thus said the Lord, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away. Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stank, because there is no water, and died for thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

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

**Reader:**

A reading from the Wisdom of the Son of Sirach the prophet, may his blessings be with us. Amen.

**Wisdom of the Son of Sirach 1:20-30**

The root of wisdom is to fear the Lord, and the branches thereof are long life. A furious man cannot be justified; for the sway of his fury shall be his destruction. A patient man will bear for a time, and afterward joy shall spring up unto him. He will hide his words for a time, and the lips of many shall declare his wisdom. The parables of knowledge are in the treasures of wisdom; but godliness is an abomination to a sinner. If thou desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and the Lord shall give her unto thee. For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction: and faith and meekness are his delight. Distrust not the fear of the Lord when thou art poor; and come not unto him with a double heart. Be not a hypocrite in the sight of men and take good heed what thou speak. Exalt not thyself, lest thou fall and bring dishonor upon thy soul and so the Lord discover thy secrets and cast thee down in the midst of the congregation, because though came not in truth to the fear of the Lord, but thy heart is full of deceit.

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

**Reader:**

A homily of our holy Father Abba Shenouti the Archimandrite may his blessings be with us. Amen.

Occasionally there are some deeds which we may think are good while in God's eyes they are bad. For example, the unqualified tolerance of sinners in holy places may lead them to be indifferent to sin. For example the Lord did not plant good trees and bad trees in paradise but only good trees. He did not plant fruitless trees or trees with bad fruits. Even man himself when he disobeyed the commandment He was not indifferent about man's iniquity but expelled him from paradise. From this we can see dear beloved that the houses of the Lord should not be filled with bad and good people – as is the case in the world where the saints and the sinners, the unjust and the impure mingle together. It is incumbent on us to remind those who come to the house of the Lord to behave appropriately. I know that the whole earth is God's, but if we make His house just like the rest of the earth what is going to distinguish the house of the Lord from the rest. If I as a servant of God commit the same bad deeds as the wicked then I do not deserve to be called a servant of God. For we often sin and are unable to judge ourselves with the same standard we judge others. You see no one can fill your place with dirt unless they notice your lack of interest in it. Just like the king's pages; they cannot let everyone in the king's house whether they honor the king's decree or whether they ignore them without the king's permission. If they deviate from this (rule) they receive punishment.

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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**Reader:****Psalm of David 12:3-4**

Look on me, hearken to me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep in death; lest at any time mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

**Reader:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

**St. John 8:51-59**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou says, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makes thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honored me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Bow down before the Holy Gospel.

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**Presbyter:**

The exposition of the eleventh hour of Monday of the Holy Pascha week, may its blessing be with us;  
Amen.

**Reader:**

O shining True Light that fills the earth, I mean Jesus the true light that shines for all nations – except the Jews for they stayed away from him and did not look at him. When he revealed himself to them and told them that those who believed in him shall live forever; the ignorant breakers of the law accuses him that with a satan he exorcises satans. They said unto him Abraham died and the prophet there after how is it possible that those who believe in you never die? He replied if I glorify myself then my glory is null. He glorified me. They retorted you think you are greater than our Patriarch Abraham and his descendants who all died? The Savior said; verily before Abraham was I. We God's new nations believe in him and observe his commandments and confess by word and in the depth of our hearts that the True Word the Omnipotent Righteous is Eternal with the Comforting Holy Spirit. Despite all what he did to teach them, the contrary inequitable ignorant rejected this great blessing and the many miracles he demonstrated among them. They did not realize that he was their Savior of the prophecies. They renounced him, rejected him and strayed away from God.

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## DAY TIME LITANIES

**Presbyter:**

Let us bend our knees

**Congregation:**

Have mercy on us  
O God the Father, O Pantokrator.

**Presbyter:**

Let us stand up then bend our knees

**Congregation:**

Have mercy on us  
O God the Savior

**Presbyter:**

Let us stand up again then bend our knees

**Congregation:**

Have mercy on us  
O God, and have mercy on us.

**Presbyter:**

Let us beseech God to have mercy and compassion on us, to hear us and support us, and to accept the supplications of His saints for us at all times and forgives our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us beseech God for the peace of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and God's salvation and comfort in all places, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us beseech God for our fathers and brothers who are sick with diverse diseases in his place and all places, that God may grant them and us the healing and good health, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for our fathers and brothers who are traveling and those who intend to travel in all places, may God aid their ways; those who are traveling by seas, rivers, lakes, byways or other means, may the Lord our God guide them, bring them back in safety, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for the winds of heaven, the fruits of the earth, all the trees and vineyards and all fruit bearing trees in the universe that Christ our God may bless them, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask that God may grant us mercy before the sovereign rulers, incline their hearts with goodness towards us at all times, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for our fathers and brothers who have slept and reposed in the faith of Christ from the beginning, our holy fathers, the Patriarchs, the Metropolitans, the Bishops, our fathers the Protopriests, and priests, our brothers the deacons, our fathers the monks, and our brothers the laymen, and for the repose of all departed Christians; that Christ our God may repose their souls, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for those who attend to the offerings and oblations, the wine, the oil, the incense, the coverings of the alter, the books of prayers, and the vessels of the alter, that Christ our God may reward them in heavenly Jerusalem, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for the catechumens, that the Lord our God may bless them, enlighten their hearts, confirm them in the Orthodox faith until the end, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for this Holy Church, and all Orthodox Churches, the desert monasteries, the elders dwelling therein, and for the peace of the whole world, that the Lord may protect us and them from all evil, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for the life of our venerable father, Patriarch (Abba Shenouda III) that the Lord God may keep him and confirm him in his see for many years and peaceful times, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for our Orthodox fathers: Metropolitans, Bishops in every place, the protopriests, the priests, the deacons and all the orders of the Church: that Christ our Lord may keep them, strengthen them, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for this gathering and all Orthodox gathering; that the Lord our God may bless and fulfill them, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for all the hierarchs of the Holy Church, and all the orders of the kleros; that the Lord our God may bless and support them, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for those who labor and toil in the Holy Church and with the Orthodox people; that the Lord our God may have mercy on them, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for all Christ-loving rulers who asked us to remember them in our prayers; that the Lord God may bless and remember them in His mercy and grant them favor before powerful rulers, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for the poor, the weak, the farmers and all those who are in adversities of any kind; that our Lord be merciful with us and them, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for those who are in the distress of prisons, dungeons, captivity, or exile and those who are afflicted by devils, that the Lord our God may loosen them from their burdens and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for all the souls assembled with us this day, in this place, seeking forgiveness for their souls; that the Lord's kindness may encompass us and them and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for those who asked us to remember them in our prayers; that the Lord our God may remember them according to His goodness at all times, and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for the rising of the waters of the rivers this year; that Christ our Lord may bless and raise them according to their measures, make glad the face of the earth, sustain us, deliver man and beasts and lift from us death, the rise of prices, plagues, capture by the Berber, the sword of the enemies,

and the rising of heretics; and grant peace and tranquility for our Holy Orthodox Church, and raise the state of his Orthodox Christians in the whole world now, and forever and forgive our sins.

**Congregation:**

Lord Have mercy

**Presbyter:**

Let us pray and ask for this Holy Week of Pascha of our Savior; that He may complete it for us in peace and bring us the joy of His Holy Resurrection in safety, and forgive our sins.

**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

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*(North Side)*

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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