

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

Reader:

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

Ezekiel 43-5-11

So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house. And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them forever. Thou son of man, F the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

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

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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

Lord have mercy:

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Reader:

Psalm of David 68:1,16

Save me, O God; for the waters have come into my soul, according to the multitude of thy compassions look upon me.

Reader:

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

St. John 10:17-21

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man took it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

Bow down to the Holy Gospel.

Congregation: Glory be to God for ever.

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Reader:

Christ our Lord, master and king reveals his divinity and dominion. The God who prevails over all begemony and power in heavens and on earth. That is why he tells us: My Father and I humble myself to earn it. No one can force it (crucifixion) on me, but only through my own will that I humble myself and that I have the power to take it away. There developed a schism among the Jews because of these words that he told them. The hypocrites among them said he is crazy, do not listen to him. Others said; these are not the words of a possessed man. Crazy people can not open the eyes of someone born blind. Truly he is the light for the faithful hearts – except for the contrary Jews whom he blinded the vision of their hearts and their eyes – so that they may not see with their eyes and that they may not understand with their hearts – and return to him with true love, great hope, and total honesty and that he may forgive their sins so as to save them of their transgressions

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The Third Hour
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Reader:

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

Amos 4:4-13

Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liked you, O ye children of Israel, said the Lord God. And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, said the Lord. And also I have withheld the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, said the Lord. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, said the Lord. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, said the Lord. I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, said the Lord. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. For, lo, he that formed the mountains, and created the wind, and declared unto man what is his thought, that made the morning darkness, and treaded upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is his name.

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Reader:

Psalm of David 54:21,1

His words were smoother than oil, yet are they darts. Hearken, O God to my prayer; and disregard not any supplication.

Reader:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

St. Mark 14:3-11

And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

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Reader:

The woman poured the precious nard over the Lords feet and who wiped them with her hair because of her loyalty and great love. Thus she earned for herself good dividends and her name filled the earth. The disciples speard the word about her deed in all corners of the earth. Her name is honored by the faithful from generation to generation. Behold these spiritual gifts and the high esteem she gained. Let us be filled with zeal over her integrity and love of the Lord with all our hearts. Not like Juda who became infuriated by her good deed. This costed him his evil thoughts that led him to betray his master. And the silver he received as a price of the precious blood (of Jesus Christ) will sink with him in Hell.

May His name disappear in one generation and may he be denied descendants on earth.

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**The Sixth Hour
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Reader:

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

Amos 3:1-11

Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family, which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has taken nothing? Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? Shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it? Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealed his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy? Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppressed in the midst thereof. For they know not to do right, said the Lord, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. Therefore thus said the Lord God; an adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled

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Presbyter:

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Reader:

Psalm of David 139:1-2

Rescue me, O Lord, from the evil man; deliver me from the unjust man. Who have devised injustice in their hearts; all the day they prepared war.

Reader:

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

St. John 12:36-43

While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spoke Jesus, and departed, and did hide him from them. But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, Lord, who hath believed our report? And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spoke of him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

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Reader:

Isaiah the prophet – by the spirit – castigates the sons of Israel for their foolishness and rebukes them outright because of the vileness of their deeds and their sins. They rejected the miracles that Emmanuel made, rejected his words full of grace and leaned towards myths, vagaries and rejected the glory of His divinity. O great prophet (Isaiah) chastise these disobedient children and fruitless trees for they have emulated their fathers and followed on their heels: O Lord who believes our word? And your arm, O Lord, to whom announced? The voice of the Lord is his only begotten Son who appeared in the flesh to the sons of Israel. He showed in them His mercy and His justice and nevertheless they did not obey Him and did not believe in him. How could they believe: Isaiah prophesized about them and said: I blind their eyes, harden their hearts, deafen their ears and their brains altogether. Listen O Israel; no one else will save you from God's wrath but Jesus the Savior of the world, He who made the two into one by his incarnation. The light has come to His own and His own loved the darkness and the gentiles accepted his commandments and became His nation everywhere. They experienced His mercy and His immeasurable grace that He bestowed on them.

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

Ezekiel 20:27-33

Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, thus said the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savor, and poured out there their drink offerings. Then I said unto them, what is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day. Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus said the Lord God; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations? For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, said the Lord God, I will not be enquired of by you. And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. As I live, said the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

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Reader:

Psalm of David 10:29-38

O Lord my God, in thee have I trusted: save me from all them that persecute me, and believe me. Lest at any time the enemy seize my soul as a lion.

Reader:

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

St. John 10:29-38

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. My Father and I are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, for a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, made thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

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Reader:

O you foolish obstinate, corrupt and contrary people, listen to the Divine clement praise the faithful saying; what the Father has given me is more precious than all the things on earth, and no one can take them away from my Father's hand. The Father and I are one with the Holy Spirit without separation. When the Jews in their envy picked the rocks to stone him, He responded to them in modesty saying: I did among you good deeds from my Father. What do you stone me for when I seek your salvation. Know and be certain you foolish Jews that I am in My Father and My Father in Me.

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Reader:

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

Jeremiah 8:4-10

Moreover thou shall say unto them, thus said the Lord; shall they fall, and not arise? Shall he turn away, and not return? Why then are this people of Jerusalem sled back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and heard, but they spoke not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, what have I done? Every one turned to his course, as the horse rushed into the battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knew her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord. How do ye say, we are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them? Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealt falsely.

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Reader:

Psalm of David 61:7,2

In God is my salvation and my glory: he is the God of my help, and my hope is in God. For he is my God and my Savior, my helper, I shall not be moved very much.

Reader:

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

St. John 12:44-50

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that sees me sees him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejected me, and received not my words, hath one that judged him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father, which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

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Reader:

Our Savior the Son of the living God said: I am the light of the world. He who believes in me and accepts my words will not be in the darkness. He who denies me and does not want to listen to my words or to obey them, I will not judge him, but the words I said will. Because what I say is from the Father who sent Me. He gave me the commandment of what to say and what to tell.

We believe in you that you are the omnipotent Word of God the benevolent Father.

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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.

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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 if 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 alter 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