

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

**Reader:**

A reading from Zechariah the prophet, may his blessing be with us. Amen.

**Zechariah 1:1-6**

In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, The Lord has been sore displeased with your fathers. Therefore say thou unto them, thus said the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, said the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, said the Lord of hosts. Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus said the Lord of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, said the Lord. Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take, hold of your fathers? And they returned and said, like as the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so has he dealt with us.

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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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 62:6-7**

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Alleluia.

**Reader:**

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

**St. Luke 13:23-30**

Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and has shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou has taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

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**Reader:**

On His way to Jerusalem with His disciples, some one asked our Savior; few are those who will be saved? Our Savior replied saying: Strive to enter through the strait gate lest you should come and knock on the door and say, O Lord open (the door) unto us; and he shall answer from inside and say unto you, I do not know you, where are you from. Go away all you wrongful, peccants to the place of weeping and the gnashing of teeth. Many of the Gentiles will come from the east and the west and will nestle into the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but you will be relegated outside dominated by your profanity. Repent and expiate, that your sins may be taken away.

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**Reader:**

A reading from Malachi the prophet, may his blessing be with us. Amen.

**Malachi 1:1-9**

The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. I have loved you, says the Lord. Yet ye say, wherein has thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? Says the Lord: yet I loved Jacob, And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. Whereas Edom says, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus says the Lord of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the Lord has indignation for ever. And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The Lord will be magnified from the border of Israel. A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if I were a master, where is my fear? Says the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests that despise my name. And ye say, wherein have we despised thy name? Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, the table of the Lord is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? Says the Lord of hosts. And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this has been by your means: will he regard your persons? Says the Lord of hosts.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 13:3&6**

Look on me, hearken to me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep in death; But I have hoped in thy mercy; my heart shall exult in thy salvation. Alleluia.

**Reader:**

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

**St. Luke 13:31-35**

The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk today, and tomorrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets, and stones them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen does gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

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**Reader:**

On this day some people came and told Him that king Herod (wants to kill him) saying: Teacher, get out of here and leave this area because this irreverent Herod wants to kill you. Jesus said to them: Go and tell this wicked fox that I will heel many today and tomorrow in the coming days. It is written that no prophet shall perish outside Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets and stones those that are sent to you; how often did I want to gather your children together and you would not. Behold your house will be desolate forever. For those who (are listening) hear me I say from now on you shall not see me until you all say in one voice, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord God.

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**Reader:**

A reading from Hosea the prophet, may his blessing be with us. Amen.

**Hosea 4:15-5:1-7**

Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, The Lord lived. For Israel sled back as a backsliding heifer: now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place. Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone. He has chosen the Chananites: they have grievously gone awhoring: they have loved dishonor through her insolence. The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices. Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. And the revolvers are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all. I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou commit whoredom, and Israel is defiled. They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the Lord. And the pride of Israel does testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord; but they shall not find him; he has withdrawn himself from them. They have dealt treacherously against the Lord: for they have begotten strange children: now shall the cankerworm devour them and their heritages.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 91:2-3**

Thou art my helper and my refuge: my God; I will hope in him. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunters, from every troublesome matter. Alleluia.

**Reader:**

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

**St. Luke 21:34-38**

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. And in the daytime he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the Mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

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**Reader:**

As an attending physician, Jesus was treating us free. He reminds us that excessive eating taxes the heart and saps the power from the body. In a parallel way engrossment in worldly concerns could bring on us vicious passions, cause us to stray away from the fear of God, the wicked (Satan) can overwhelm us, drive us away from the path of salvation, diminish our awareness of our soul's salvation, and subject us to the dominion of death just as the prey falls in the trap. Be alert and present fruits worth of righteousness and atonement so that you may stand in front of our Judge and Savior Jesus. He was teaching the public in the temple. By night, He rested on the Mount of Olive. By day, He went down to Jerusalem where people gathered early to listen to His teachings that are replete with righteousness. Those who heard him, hurried to drink from the spring of His sweet water. As the Book that testifies to His coming: He is the healthy nourishing food for those who believe in Him.

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**Hosea 10:12-11:1-2**

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children. So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off. When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 32:10-11**

The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations; he brings to naught also the reasoning of the peoples, and brings to naught the counsels of princes. But the counsel of the Lord endures forever, the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation. Alleluia.

**Reader:**

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

**St. Luke 11:37-52**

And as he spoke, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. And when the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that he had not first washed before dinner. And the Lord said unto him, now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you. But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are as graves, which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them. Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproached us also. And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! For ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe unto you! For ye build the sepulchers of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchers. Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

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**Reader:**

Listen to the clement, compassionate, the patient, who has great mercy when He catechizes us to be clean not only in our bodies but also in our hearts. The Pharisee who invited Jesus to dinner was puzzled at Him when He ate the bread without washing His hands; the Omniscient teacher said to him: You Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup but inside you are full of promiscuity, plunder, depredation and injustices. Give alms and just judgment and everything will be cleansed to you. Let us be kind to God's creation. Thus, we may purify ourselves, bodies, and souls of all the filth of sins.

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**Reader:**

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

**Amos 5:6-14**

Seek the Lord, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel. Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, Seek him that makes the seven stars and Orion, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night: that calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name: That strengthens the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress. They hate him that rebukes in the gate, and they abhor him that speaks uprightly. Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 122:4**

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. Alleluia.

**Reader:**

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

**St. Mark 13:32-14:1&2**

But of that day and that hour knows no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house comes, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. After two days was the feast of the Passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

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**Reader:**

When the time comes, do not be asleep when He makes His surprise visit. Be alert and guard yourselves from getting caught in the hidden traps. You alone, the Omniscient God, has the knowledge of everything before it's being: the epochs, the years, the times, and the past generation. Listen to our Savior – who with His divine mouth – proclaims: “But of that day and that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father knows it.” Keep awake at all times because you do not know when it shall be. Lest he makes a surprise visit and finds you asleep. Be careful and safeguard against hidden traps.

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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 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