

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

**Reader:**

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

**Exodus 17:1-7**

And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the Lord, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, why chide ye with me? Wherefore do ye tempt the Lord? And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, what shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me. And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us, or not?

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

**Proverbs 3:5-14**

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loved he corrected; even as a father the son in whom he delighted. Happy is the man that found wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

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**Reader:**

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

I tell you this and confirm it. Do not imagine that after cutting the wheat from the chaff that the sinners will have relief. I say to you that according to the testimony of the Books. As for the angels and archangels they will remain silent. So also will the saints be. And the judgment for God will be decisive and final in the day where they pick out the evil doers from among the righteous; the time when the sinners are thrown in to the hearth of burning fire. Does God need a counselor or a companion to advise him like us? What can God forget that someone else may remember? Or can ask (God) about anything else other than these words. That it may be said in one voice: Your rules are just O Lord who rewards everyone according to his deeds. It is not us who would remind God of these things. It is rather He, the Father of all mercies, who remembers.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 50:4, 32:10**

That thou mightiest be justified in thy sayings, and mightiest overcome when thou art judged. The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations; he brings to nought also the reasoning of the peoples.

**Reader:**

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

**St. John 11:46-57**

But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, what do we? For this man does many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spoke he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. And the Jews' Passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spoke among themselves, as they stood in the temple, what think ye that he will not come to the feast? Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should show it, that they might take him.

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As the Pharisees gathered together and said one unto the others; what can we do. This man is doing many miracles and supernatural things. If we leave him alone all the people will believe in him; then the Romans will replace us. One of them, who is Caiaphas, the chief priest of the Jews said: "It is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish." And from then on they conspired to kill Jesus. Jesus went to a hamlet in the wilderness and stayed there with his disciples. And it was about the time of the feast of the Jews, the Jews who sought to kill Him. Verily it was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah: "Wail on a nation full of evil. A brood of evildoers. Children who are corrupt. For the ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master, but Israel does not know what I am his creator. Therefore, they shall be with their children in Hell – their home – forever.

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**The Third Hour**  
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**Exodus 13:17-22**

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

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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 22:7-18**

Whoso teaches a fool is as one that glued a potsherd together, and as he that woke one from a sound sleep. He that told a tale to a fool spoke to one in a slumber: when he has told his tale, he will say, what is the matter? Weep for the dead, for he has lost the light: and weep for the fool, for he wanted to understand: make little weeping for the dead, for he is at rest: but the life of the fool is worse than death. Seven days do men mourn for him that is dead; but for a fool and an ungodly man all the days of his life. Talk not much with a fool, and go not to him that has no understand: beware of him, lest thou have trouble, and thou shall never be defiled with his fooleries: depart from him, and thou shall find rest and never be disquieted with madness. What is heavier than lead? And what is the name of thereof, but a fool? Sand, and salt, and a mass of iron are easier to bear, than a man without understanding. As timber girt bound together in a building cannot be loosed with shaking: so the heart that is established by advised counsel shall fear at no time. A heart settled upon a thought of understanding is as a fair plaistering on the wall of a gallery. Pales set on an high place will never stand against the wind: so a cheerful heart in the imagination of a fool cannot stand against any fear.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 40:6,1**

And if he came to see me, his heart spoke vainly; he gathered iniquity to himself. Blessed is the man who thinks on the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in an evil day.

**Reader**

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

**St. Luke 22:1-6**

Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

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When the Feast of the unleavened bread, which is the Passover of the Jews, was near, the scribes and the chief priests sought a way to kill Jesus, but they did not know what to do because they feared the public. But Satan found himself a place in the heart of his cohort Judas Iscariot who was counted among the disciples but was a Satan as the Lord described him. He went to the chief priests and the Sadducees to make a deal to deliver Jesus to them. The evil natured disciple discussed with his evil friends how to deliver to them the Savior of the World. They were more than pleased and paid him silver so that he may deliver him to them in absences of people.

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**Exodus 14:13-31, 15:1**

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore cried thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten me honor upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fought for them against the Egyptians. And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses. Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spoke, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

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**Wisdom of the Son of Sirach 23:7-14**

Hear, O ye children, the discipline of the mouth: he that keeps it shall never be taken in his lips. The sinner shall be left in his foolishness: both the evil speaker and the proud shall fall thereby. Accustom not your mouth to swearing; neither use yourself to the naming of the Holy One. For as a servant that is continually beaten shall not be without a blue mark: so he that swore and named God continually shall not be faultless. A man that used much swearing shall be filled with iniquity and the plague shall never depart from his house: if he shall offend, his sin be upon him: and if he acknowledged not his sin, he swear in vain, he shall not be innocent, but his house shall be full of calamities. There is a word that is clothed about with death: God grant that it be not found in the heritage of Jacob; for all such things shall

be far from the godly, and they shall not wallow in their sins. Use not your mouth to intemperate swearing, for therein is the word of sin. Remember your father and your mother, when you sit among great men. Be not forgetful before them and do thou by your custom become a fool, and wish that thou had not been born, and curse the day of your nativity.

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 82:2,5**

For behold, thine enemies have made a noise; and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. For they have taken counsel together with one consent: they have made a confederacy against thee.

**Reader:**

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

**St. John 12:1-8**

Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then said one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

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Christ our Lord came to Bethany six days before Passover. They regaled him at the residence of Mary and Martha her sister. Among those present was Lazarus whom he resurrected from the dead. Martha his sister was serving them, and Lazarus her brother was sitting with him. Mary then brought one pound of an expensive nard and she anointed his feet and wiped them with her hair. Judas Iscariot was filled with evil envy and asked cunningly; his heart full of bitterness, deceit and hypocrisy: "Would it not have been better if this oil would have been sold for 300 Denarii and given to the poor?" It was not his love and concern for the poor that prompted him to say this, but because he was a thief and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. The Savior responded saying: "DO not trouble the woman for she has done that for my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." Let us come close to the Lord, run our tears down his feet and ask him for his forgiveness according to his abundant mercy.

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

**Genesis 24:1-9**

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shall not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shall go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou came? And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. The Lord God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spoke unto me, and that swore unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shall take a wife unto my son from thence. And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shall be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

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**Reader:**

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

**Numbers 20:1-13**

Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people chode with Moses, and spoke, saying, would God that we had died when our brethren died before the Lord! And why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that our cattle and we should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them. And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shall bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shall give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the Lord spoke unto Moses and Aaron, because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land, which I have given them. This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.

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**Reader:**

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

**Proverbs 1:10-33**

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privately for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privately for their own lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which took away the life of the owners thereof. Wisdom cried without; she uttered her voice in the streets: She cried in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttered her words, saying, How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkened unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

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Lord have mercy:

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

**Psalm of David 40:5,7,6**

Mine enemies have spoken evil against me, against me they devised my hurt. And if he came to see me, his heart spoke vainly; he gathered iniquity to himself.

**Reader:**

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

**St. Matthew 26:3-16**

Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people. Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, to what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Bow down before the Holy Gospel.

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The exposition of the ninth hour of Wednesday of the Holy Pascha week, may its blessings be with us. Amen.

**Reader:**

The mystery of your incarnation you have concealed in our body, O Christ our God. For Abraham the great patriarch the father of all nations fathomed in great faith that God the Word shall be incarnated from his seed. When he saw that his days on earth were decreasing and that God had blessed him, he summoned his honest and loyal head servant and said to him: Put your hand under my thigh because I will ask you to swear by the Lord of heavens that you will not betrath for my son Isaac a wife from this land on which I dwell. But go to the land of my fathers and take for him a wife from there, from my tribe and from my father's race. Take the matter very seriously. The servant asked prudently: Master what if the woman refused to come with me to this land? Would you rather see me come back with your son Isaac and serve him until I can bring her back? Abraham said: BE careful not to do that. If she doesn't come with you then you are innocent. The servant put his hand and swore to him to keep his promise. At the fullness of time God fulfilled this covenant that he pledged to our father Abraham; and Christ by whom all nations are blessed came from his descendants.

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

**Reader:**

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

**Isaiah 28:16-29**

Therefore thus said the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. From the time that it went forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth. Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and break the clods of his ground? When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cumin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and rie in their place? For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him. For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cumin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cumin with a rod. Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen. This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

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

**Reader:**

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

Brethern, I remind you the admonition concerning the sinner, and those who reject the law and the commandments of life. Because our Lord warned them saying: Stay away from me and into eternal fire. What comfort do they expect? There is the valley of tears that can bring no comfort. Who can intercede for the sinners in that day when all the angels; Cherubim and Seraphim keep quiet and neither the righteous nor the saints can mediate for mankind. The whole creation will be silent and the whole world will be under the Divine judgment. This is the time of harvest. This is the time to pull the net ashore to sort the good fish from the bad ones. This is the day when the sinners will be told go dwell in Hell forever.

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

**Presbyter:**

Lord have mercy upon us.

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

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**Reader:**

**Psalm of David 6:2-3, 68:17**

Pity me, O Lord; for I am weak: heal me, O Lord; for my bones are vexed. My soul also is grievously vexed. And turn not away thy face from thy servant; for I am afflicted: hear me speedily.

**Reader:**

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

**St. John 12:27-36**

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, an angel spoke to him. Jesus answered and said, this voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I were lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, we have heard out of the law that Christ abided forever: and how said thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walked in darkness known not whither he went. 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 himself from them.

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

**Reader:**

Let us contemplate the plans of God the Word who has the power over death and the life of every one of us is from Him. However, because he was incarnated in our human form, he agonized over what had to be done and showed troubles and weakness. The Savior said: Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? Father save me from this hour? No for this purpose I have come to this hour. Yes truly he came to the world so that he may suffer for our salvation. To lift from hell the first man that he created and to return the first man to his original home he and his descendents, according to his great mercies. Let us please with him earnestly and ask of him persistently to partake in the glory of his kingdom and to enforce our faith in this Holy name till the last breath.

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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 forgive 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

Lord have mercy

*(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:

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**Presbyter:**

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