

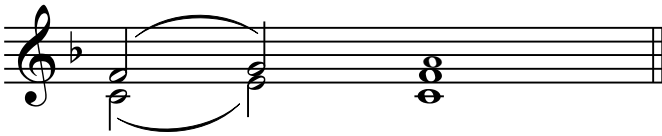
Great Vespers

For Saturday evening

When the service is to begin, the Priest (vested in epitrichil) and the Deacon (vested in stichar and orar) go before the Royal Doors. They make 3 reverences. The faithful STAND.

Deacon: Master, bless.

Priest: Blessed is our God, + now and ever and forever.

All: 
A - - - men.

During the Paschal season, "Glory... O Heavenly King..." is replaced with "Christ is Risen..." x3.

Priest: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

All: O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who are in all places and fill all things,
treasury of blessings and Giver of Life,
come and dwell within us, and cleanse us from every blemish,
and save our souls, O Blessed One.

Priest: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us!

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us!

Priest: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

All: O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us, O Lord, cleanse us of our sins, O Master, forgive our transgressions, O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. *(3 times)*

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, 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.

**Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and forever.**

All: 
A - men.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. *(6 times)*

All: Lord, have mercy. *(6 times)*

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

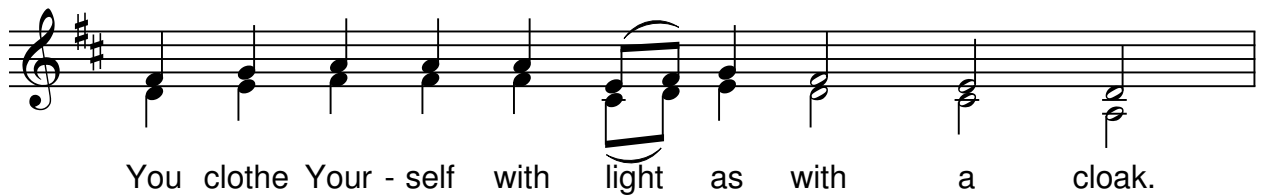
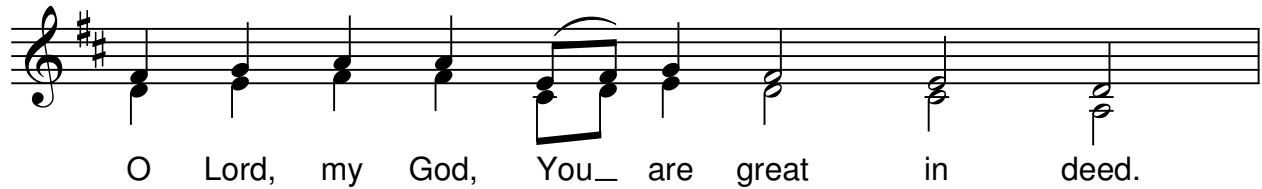
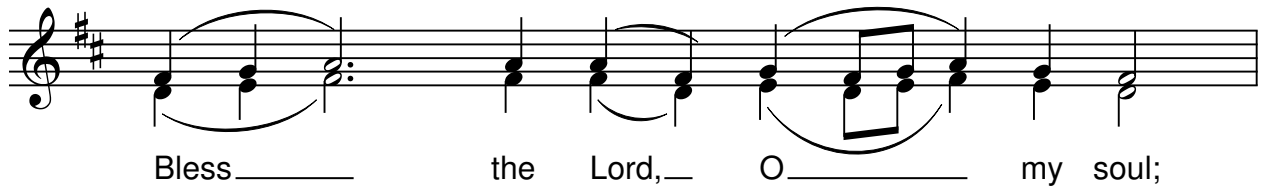
Priest: Come, let us adore God our King. *(reverence)*

All: Come, let us adore Christ, our King and our God. *(reverence)*

**Priest: Come, let us adore and bow down to Christ Himself, our
King and our God.** *(reverence)*

The Deacon remains standing in the center of the amvon, while the Priest goes before the icon of Christ and recites the Prayers of Light, in the rear of this book. If a Priest serves alone, he should go before the icon of Christ and say as many of the Prayers of Light as the singing of Psalm 103 (104) will permit.

Psalm 103 (104)



You walk up - on the wings___ of the wind.

You___ make Your an - gels spi - - - - rits;

Your___ ser - vants a fla - ming fire._____

You___ laid the foun - da - tions of _____ the earth,

that it should not be re - moved for - e - - - - ver.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to _____ the Son

and___ to the Ho - ly Spi - - - - rit.

Now ___ and e - - ver and for - e - ver. A - men.

(3 times)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry ___ to You, O God!

The Great Litany of Peace *(SIT)*

Priest/Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All:
1

Lord ___ have mer - cy.

Priest/Deacon: For the peace that comes from heaven above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All:
2

Lord ___ have mer - cy.

Priest/Deacon: For peace throughout the world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God and for the union of them all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#1).

Priest/Deacon: For this holy church and for those who enter it with faith, devoutness and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#2).

Priest/Deacon: For our Ecumenical Patriarch (name), the Archbishop of Constantinople, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#1).

Priest/Deacon: For our God-loving Bishop..., for our esteemed priesthood, for the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#2).

Priest/Deacon: For the honorable government of our country and all civil authorities and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#1).

Priest/Deacon: For this city and for every city, village and country, and for those who with faith dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#2).

Priest/Deacon: For healthful seasons, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#1).

Priest/Deacon: For those who travel by land, by sea, by air, for the sick, the suffering, for those who are held in captivity, and for their safety and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#2).

(Special petitions may be intoned here.)

Priest/Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath and want, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy (#1).

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

All: Lord, have mercy (#2).

Priest/Deacon: Commemorating our ever-holy, ever-pure, ever-blessed and glorious Lady, the Birth-giver of God and ever-Virgin Mary, together with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

All:

Musical notation for the phrase "To You, O Lord." It consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (quarter). The lyrics "To You, O Lord." are written below the notes.

Priest:

For to You are due all glory, honor, and adoration, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All:

Musical notation for the phrase "A - - - men." It consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (quarter). The lyrics "A - - - men." are written below the notes.

(The Priest enters the Altar and goes to the High Place if he has not already done so. The Deacon joins the Priest at the High Place.)

The First Kathisma (abbreviated) (SIT)

Bles - sed is the man, al - le - lu - - - ia,
who fol - lows not the coun - cils of the wick - ed.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia - al - le - lu - - - ia.
For the Lord knows the way of the just,
and the way of the wick - ed will per - ish.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia - al - le - lu - - - ia.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the phrase 'Alleluia'. The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to G major.

"O Lord, I Have Cried..." with Stichera from the Tone of the week and for the Saint/Feast. (STAND) The Priest remains at the High Place, while the Deacon prepares incense. After asking the blessing, the Deacon makes the Great Censing of the altar, the icon screen, and of the faithful.

*The Deacon takes the censer. Preceded by the acolytes with candles and followed by the celebrating clergy, they make the entrance during the singing of the Stichera after "Now and ever and forever. Amen." When Deacon and Officiant arrive at the Royal Doors, the following is recited **quietly**:*

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Officiant: O Gracious King, You love mankind and bless all things. With contrite heart and humble spirit we pray to You, O Christ our true God, to bless our coming and our going. For Your coming and dwelling among us, and Your ascension are blessed, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Deacon: Master, bless the holy entrance!

Officiant: Blessed is the entrance of Your saints, now and ever and forever.

Deacon: Amen.

At the conclusion of the Stichera, the Deacon intones:

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

(While the congregation sings "Joyful Light", the Deacon makes the Great Incensation.)

Joyful Light

Joy - ful Light of the Ho - ly Glo - ry,

that shines from the im - mor - tal heav - en - ly Fa - ther,

the Ho - ly the Bles - - sed, O Je - sus Christ.

Now that we come to sun - - set;

now that we see the eve - ning light,

we sing the praise of Fa - ther and Son,

and Ho - ly Spi - rit, one God. Wor - thy are You

to be praised at all - - - times

with voi - ces meet for ho - ly song,

O Son of God, the Gi - ver of life,

for which cause all the world

does give You glo - - - ry.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!
Priest: Peace be unto all!
Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokimen - Saturday - Tone 6

The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty.

V. The Lord is robed with strength and has girded Himself. (*Psalm 93:1-2*)
 V. For He has established the world which shall not be moved.
 V. Holiness becomes Your house, O Lord, for length of days.
 (*On special Feast days, Old Testament lesson is read here.*)

The Triple Litany

Deacon: Let us all say with our whole soul and with all our mind, let us say.

All:

Lord have mercy.

Deacon: O Lord Almighty, God of our Fathers, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

All:

Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.

All:

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Furthermore we pray for our Ecumenical Patriarch..., the Archbishop of Constantinople, for our Our God-loving Bishop..., for our spiritual fathers and all other clergy and for all our brethren in Christ; for their welfare, peace, health, salvation, and for the remission of their sins and that the Lord our God may prompt and help them in all things.

All: 
 Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Lord_____ have mer-cy.

(Special petitions may be intoned here.)

Deacon: Furthermore we pray for those who give offerings and do good works in this holy and venerable Church, for those who labor in its service, for those who sing, and for all the people here present who await Your great and abundant mercy, for those who have shown us kindness and for all Orthodox Christians.

All: 
 Lord_ have mercy. Lord_ have mercy. Lord_____ have mer-cy.

Deacon: O Lord our God, accept this fervent prayer from Your servants and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Your mercy, and bestow Your compassion upon us and upon all Your people who await the abundant mercies that come from You.

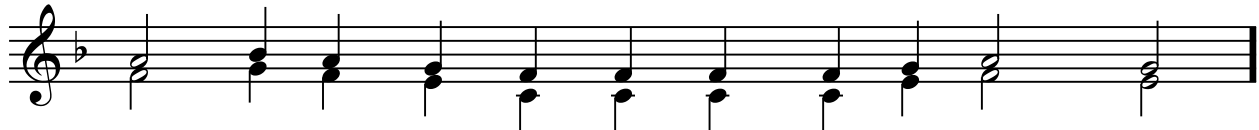
Priest: For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind and we give glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, always now and ever and forever.

All: 
 A - men.

The Evening Prayer



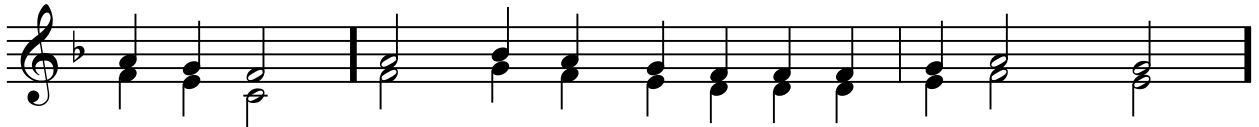
Grant us this evening O Lord to be pro-tec - ted from sin.



Bless - ed are You O Lord God of our Fa - thers



and praised and glo - ri - fied is Your Name for - e -



ver. A-men. Let Your mer - cy be up - on us, O Lord,



e - ven as we have put our ___ hope in You.



Bless - ed are You, ___ O Lord, teach us Your com -



mand - - ments. Bless - ed are You, O Mas - ter,



al - low us to un - der - stand Your com - mand - - ments.

Bless - ed are You, O Ho - ly One, en - light - en us
 with Your com - mand - ments. Your mer - cy, O Lord, en - dures
 for - e - ver. Do not de - spise the works of Your hands.
 To You be - longs praise, to You be - longs song,
 to You glo - ry be - longs, to the Fa - ther and Son and
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, now and e - ver and for - e - ver. A - men.

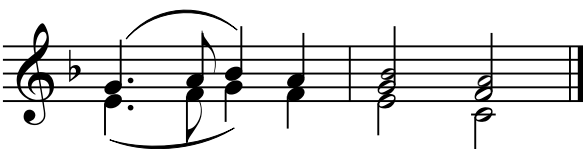
Litany of Supplication

Deacon: Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

All:

Lord _____ have mer - cy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

All: 
Lord_____ have mer - cy.

Deacon: For an evening that in all things will be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

All: 
Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: For an Angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us beseech the Lord.

All: 
Grant it, O Lord.

Deacon: For the pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us beseech the Lord.

All: Grant it, O Lord. (#1)

Deacon: For all that is good and profitable to our souls and for the peace of the world, let us beseech the Lord.

All: Grant it, O Lord. (#2)

Deacon: That we may pass the remainder of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.

All: Grant it, O Lord. (#1)

Deacon: For a Christian ending of our life without pain or shame, peaceful, and for a good account at the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

All: Grant it, O Lord. (#2)

Deacon: Commemorating our ever holy, ever pure, ever blessed and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God and ever Virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

All:

To You, O Lord.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of four measures: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The notes are accompanied by chords: G4 (G2-G4), A4 (A2-A4), B4 (B2-B4), and C5 (C2-C4).

Priest: For You are gracious God and You love mankind, and we give glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All:

A - - - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major. It consists of three measures: a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note B4. The notes are accompanied by chords: G4 (G2-G4), A4 (A2-A4), and B4 (B2-B4). The first two notes are tied together with a slur.

Priest: Peace be unto all!

All:

And with your spi - - - rit.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major. It consists of six measures: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The notes are accompanied by chords: G4 (G2-G4), A4 (A2-A4), B4 (B2-B4), C5 (C2-C4), B4 (B2-B4), and A4 (A2-A4). The last three notes are tied together with a slur.

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

All:

To__ You,_____ O_____ Lord.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a sequence of chords: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The notes are grouped into four measures: the first measure has G4 and A4; the second has B4 and C5; the third has B4 and A4; and the fourth has G4, F4, E4, and D4. A slur covers the first three measures, and another slur covers the last three measures.

Priest: O Lord our God, You lowered the heavens and came down for the salvation of the human race. Now look upon Your servants and upon Your inheritance; for they have bowed their heads to You, the Judge both awesome and loving. They do not await human help, but look for Your mercy and are ever ready to receive Your salvation. Guard them at all times, this evening and tonight, against all enemies, against the devil's assaults, against vain thoughts and evil dreams. May the might of Your kingdom be blessed and exalted, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All:

A - - - - - men.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a sequence of chords: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. A single slur covers all ten notes.

The Litiya

If the Litiya (Artoklasia) is to be served, on the eves of major feasts or a special commemoration, it is inserted at this point in the service. The full text of the Litiya is found in the rear of this book.

The Aposticha is sung in from the Tone of the week and for the Feast/Saint.

(SIT)

(The Priest and Deacon go to the High Place for the singing of the Aposticha. At the "Glory...Now and Ever", the faithful stand and the Priest and Deacon go to the Altar for the St. Simeon's Prayer. They remain there until the conclusion of the service.)

St. Simeon's Prayer (STAND)

Luke 2:29-32

Now _____ let Your ser - - - vant
de - part in peace O _____ Mas - ter,
ac - - - cor - - - ding_ to Your Word.
For my eyes_ have _____ seen
Your _____ sal - va - - - - - - - tion,
which_ You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple.
The Light of re - ve - la - tion for the Gen - tiles,
and_ the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Priest: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us!

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us!

Priest: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us!

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

All: O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; O Lord, cleanse us of our sins; O Master, forgive our transgressions; O Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for Your Name's sake.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. *(three times)*


All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

All: Our Father Who art in heaven, 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.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All:



A - - - men.


Troparia *for the feast and saint of the day and the Birthgiver hymn are sung.*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!

All: Father, bless!

Priest: Christ our God, the Existing, is blessed, now and ever and forever.

All: 
A - - men.

Preserve, O God, the Holy Orthodox Faith and Orthodox Christians now and ever and forever.

(The Priest and Deacon come through the Royal Doors and face the Icon of the Virgin Mary)

Priest: O most holy Birthgiver of God, save us.

All: More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who as a Virgin gave birth to God the Word, true Birthgiver of God, we magnify you!

(During the Paschal Season: 'O Shine, O Shine, O New Jerusalem, for the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, sing with joy and rejoice. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.')

Facing the Icon of Christ, the Priest says:

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God, our Hope, glory to You!

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Lord, have mercy (x3). Father, bless us!

Facing the faithful, the Priest says:

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, through the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the intercession of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, the venerable and divinely enlightened Fathers, and of ..., whom we commemorate this day, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is gracious and He loves mankind.

All: 
A - - men. 20