

DAILY VESPERS

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Martyrs Sophia, and Faith, Hope, & Charity



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At the appointed time we begin:

Priest: Blessed is our God, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King! The Comforter, the Spirit of Truth Who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us! Cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!

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Lord have mercy (12) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. (Amen.)

Come, let us worship God our King! (*metania*)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! (*metania*)

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(*metania*)

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent, Who hast laid the beams of Thy chambers on the waters. Who makest the clouds Thy chariot, Who ridest on the wings of the wind, Who makest the winds Thy messengers; fire and flame Thy ministers. Thou didst set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken. Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At Thy rebuke they fled; at the sound of Thy thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which Thou didst appoint for them. Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. Thou makest springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst. By them the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From Thy lofty abode Thou waterest the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy work. Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread to strengthen man's heart. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the badgers. Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan which Thou didst form to sport in it. These all look to Thee, to give them their food in due season. When Thou givest to them, they gather it up; when Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good things. When Thou hidest Thy face, they are dismayed; when Thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever, may the Lord rejoice in His works, Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

Great Litany

Is chanted by the Priest

Lord, I Call

Tone 1

Lord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

6. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee.

The cross is uplifted; and the devils are driven away; * the thief openeth the gates of Eden; * death is slain, and, now, is shewn to be empty; * Christ is magnified; * wherefore, be glad, all ye earthborn; ** for the curse hath been lifted.

5. For thy name's sake have I patiently waited for thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for thy word: My soul hath hoped in the Lord

Come, all ye who love God; * and, beholding the precious cross uplifted, * let us magnify it together, and give glory * to the one deliverer and God, crying aloud: * 'O Thou that wast crucified on the wood of the cross, ** disdain us not that pray to Thee'.

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch: Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Moses of old, changing bitterness into sweetness, * delivered Israel, inscribing the image of the cross beforehand: * and all we, the faithful, * ever, mystically, making the sign thereof in our hearts in godly manner, ** are saved by its might.

3. For with the Lord, there is mercy; and, with Him, is plenteous redemption: And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

(Tone 4) The virgin maidens, * bound by the law of nature, * and, manifestly, strengthened by the love of the Creator, * with faith, loosed the bonds of deception; * and, becoming manly, * they broke the feeble enemy underfoot, * and have been, radiantly, adorned with the crown of victory; * and, rejoicing, ** they have made their abode in the heavenly bridal-chamber.

2. O praise the Lord, all ye nations: Praise Him, all ye people.

The most-laudable Faith, * and the glorious Charity, * and the divinely-wise Hope, * shewing themselves to be the namesakes * of the virtues most splendid, * as athletes, cast down the evil one, * who, with cunning, had deceived our first mother; * and, having become deified, they have received mansions in paradise, ** praying for us all.

1. For His merciful kindness is great towards us: And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Faith, Hope, and Charity, * the offspring of Sophia, * seeking, with faith, the beauty of the most-comely bridegroom, united themselves to Him, * having adorned themselves with divine wounds: * and they disdained the fire, * the multifarious torments, * and an ignominious death: * for whose sake, O Lord, ** free us from evils.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 1) The tree of life, which was planted in the place-of-the-skull, / whereon the pre-eternal King wrought salvation in the midst of the earth, / elevated today, halloweth the ends of the earth; / and the temple of the resurrection is renewed: / the angels rejoice in heaven; / and men make merry on earth, / crying, like David, and saying: / 'Exalt ye the Lord our God; and worship the footstool of His feet; for it is holy, // granting, to the world, great mercy'.

(Wisdom! Let us attend!)

Gladsome Light



Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father: O Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God, and Giver of Life, therefore all the world doth glorify Thee!

Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 5th tone: Save me, O God, by Thy name * and judge me by Thy strength!

verse: Hear my prayer, O God, hearken to the words of my mouth!

Vouchsafe, O Lord

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Evening Litany & Prayer at the Bowing of our Heads

Is chanted by the Priest

Aposticha

(Tone 2) With Thy divinely-created water, * and Thy blood, O Word, * the Church is adorned splendidly, * like unto a bride, ** hymning the glory of the cross.

Exalt ye the Lord our God: * And worship at His footstool; for He is holy.

Lifting high the spear and the cross, * the nails, and the other things, * wherewith the life-bearing body * of Christ was pierced, ** let us worship them.

God is our King before the ages * He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

When Moses defeated Amalek, * lifting up his arms * like the appearance of the cross, * he portrayed ** the most-pure suffering of Christ.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 1) Prefiguring Thy cross, O Christ, / in giving his blessing to his grandsons, / the patriarch Jacob crossed his hands over their heads; / and, raising it aloft today, O Saviour, we cry out: / 'Grant victory, over their adversaries, to all Orthodox Christians, // as Thou gavest the victory to Constantine'.

St. Symeon's Prayer

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

Trisagion (Thrice Holy)

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Choir: Amen.

Troparia

(Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people; and bless Thine inheritance; grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and, by virtue of Thy cross, preserve Thy habitation.

Litany of Fervent Supplication

Is chanted by the Priest

Dismissal

Wisdom! Blessed be *He Who Is*, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.**

Most holy Theotokos, save us! **More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!**

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God, and our only sure hope, glory to Thee! **Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (3) Father, bless!**

Priest: May Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, **by the Might of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross, whose honorable Exaltation we continue to celebrate this day;** of the glorious and all-laudable Apostles, of Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra in Lycia, of the **Martyr Sophia and her daughters Faith, Hope and Charity**, who we commemorate today, and of all those Saints who have shone forth in this North America land, and of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, have mercy on us and save us, for as much as He is good and loves mankind.

Choir: Amen.