



GREAT VESPERS

Dormition of the Righteous Anna

- Tone 4

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Vespers Opening Psalm

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! Blessed are Thou, blessed art Thou, O Lord! How glorious are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all! Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee. Who hast created - who hast created all! Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

Great Litany is chanted

Kathisma

Blessed is the Man (Psalm 1)

Blessed is the man, who walks not in the council of the wicked. *Refrain:*
Alleluia! (3)
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish. *Refrain*

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling! *Refrain*

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him! *Refrain*

Arise, O Lord, save me O my God! *Refrain*

Salvation belongs to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people! *Refrain*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. *Refrain*

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God! (2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God! Glory to Thee! (1)

Little Litany is chanted

Lord, I Call

Tone 4

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!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison * that I may give thanks unto Thy name!*

We glorify Thy resurrection-on-the-third-day, O Christ God, by, always, honouring Thy life-creating cross: by it, Thou hast renewed the corrupted nature of man, O almighty One; by it, Thou hast renewed our entrance to heaven; for Thou art good, and the lover of man.

*v. (9) The righteous shall compass me about * Until Thou shalt deal bountifully with me*

Thou didst loose the tree's verdict of disobedience, O Saviour, by being, voluntarily, nailed to the tree of the cross; by descending to hell, O almighty God, Thou didst break the bonds of death; wherefore, we adore Thy resurrection-from-the-dead, singing, in joy: 'Glory to Thee, O all-powerful Lord'.

*v. (8) Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord. * Lord, hear my voice!*

Thou didst smash the gates of hell, O Lord; and, by Thy death, Thou didst demolish the kingdom of death: Thou didst deliver the race-of-men from corruption, granting, unto the world, life, incorruption, and great mercy.

*v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive * to the voice of my supplications!*

Come, O people; let us sing of the Saviour's resurrection-on-the-third-day; by it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell: by it, we have received life, and incorruption: save us by Thy resurrection, O life-creating and almighty Saviour; glory to Thee.

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? * But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

Angels and men sing of Thy resurrection-on-the-third-day, O Saviour; by it, the ends of the earth have been illumined; by it, we have been delivered from bondage-to-the-enemy: save us by Thy resurrection, O life-creating and almighty Saviour; glory to Thee.

*v. (5) For Thy name's sake I have patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited patiently for Thy word * my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

Thou hast shattered the gates of brass, and destroyed the chains of death, O Christ God; Thou hast raised the fallen human race: O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to Thee.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch * let Israel hope on the Lord!*

(Tone 4 – St. Anna) Thou faithfully observedst the law, / and workedst unceasingly for God the Creator; / He granted thee motherhood, O Anna; / thy child brought forth Christ in the flesh: / with the Virgin Mother, we honour thee, // and celebrate, today, thy holy dormition.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption * and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

O divinely-wise Anna, / thou gavest birth to the bearer of life; / thou presentedst thy pure child to a life with God; / together with the heavenly hosts, / thou rejoicest in the riches from on high: / wherefore, we commemorate thy falling asleep; // and, on this day, we honour the divine wisdom in faith.

*v. (2) O Praise the Lord, all ye nations! * Praise Him, all ye peoples!*

Having divine wisdom, / thou gavest birth to the door of heaven, / and achievedst heavenly glory forever; / we celebrate thy holy dormition, O Anna, / and ask thee to pray / that the turmoil of passions not destroy us, // and that we be spared from fear and desolation.

*v. (1) For His merciful kindness is great towards us * and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

(Tone 1 – St. Anna) Behold, a bright festival and a radiant day / bringing joy to the world, / the holy and praiseworthy falling asleep of Anna of great fame, / from whom was born the bearer of life: / the living ark who contained the uncontainable Word, / the release from despondency, the cause of joy, // who bestoweth great mercy upon all the faithful.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

(Tone 8) The blameless pair, from whose fruitless loins / sprang forth the holy branch, / the Theotokos, from whom, the salvation, that is Christ our God, / dawneth upon the world, / the holy couple, Joachim and Anna: / have, now, been translated to the heavenly dwellings / with their own daughter, the most-pure Virgin; / and they celebrate with the angels, / as they intercede for the world; / we, also, come together, / and devoutly sing their praises, saying: / 'Ye who have become the forebears of Christ, / through the child of God and most-pure Mary, // intercede on behalf of our souls'.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 4) The prophet David was a father-of-the-Lord through thee, O Virgin; he foretold, in songs, the One that worked wonders in thee: 'At Thy right hand, stood the queen'; Thy mother is the mediatrix of life, since God was freely born of her without a father: He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion; so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder, and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly powers; Christ, Who hath great and rich mercy, hath saved the world, O Theotokos.

Gladsome Light



Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, heavenly, holy, blessed: Jesus Christ! Having come to the setting of the sun, and beheld the light of evening, we praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God! At all times Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy of praise in songs as Son of God, and Giver of Life. Therefore, the world glorifies Thee!

Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 6th tone: The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty!

(refrain) **The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty**

The Lord is robed with strength and has gird Himself! *(refrain)*

For He hath made the world so sure, that it shall not be moved. *(refrain)*

Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, unto length of days! *(refrain)*

The Lord is King! **He is robed in majesty!**

Litany of Fervent Supplication is chanted

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

*Litany of Supplication is chanted
Prayer at the Bowing of Heads*

Aposticha

(Tone 4) By ascending the cross, O Lord, Thou hast annulled our ancestral curse; by descending to hell, Thou hast freed the eternal prisoners, granting incorruption to the human race: wherefore, in songs, we glorify Thy life-creating and saving resurrection.

*v. The Lord is King * He is robed in majesty!*

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful One, Thou didst shake all of creation: by being laid in the tomb, Thou hast raised them that dwelt in the tombs, granting life, and incorruption, to the human race; wherefore, in songs, we glorify Thy rising-on-the-third-day.

*v. For He hath established the world *so that it shall never be moved.*

The lawless people, O Christ, handed Thee over to Pilate condemned to be crucified, thus proving themselves ungrateful before their benefactor; but, voluntarily, Thou didst endure burial: rising, by Thine own power, on the third day, as God, granting us life everlasting, and great mercy.

*v. Holiness befitteth Thy house * O Lord, forever!*

With tears, the women reached Thy tomb, searching for Thee, but not finding Thee; they wept, with wailing, and lamented: 'Woe to us, our Saviour, King of all;

how wast Thou stolen? What place can hold Thy life-bearing body?'; an angel replied to them, 'Do not weep; but go; and proclaim that the Lord is risen, granting us joy, as the only compassionate One'.

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

(Tone 8) Come together, all creation; / let us praise the divinely-wise Anna on cymbals and with psalms; / through her womb, she gave birth to the divine mountain; / today, she is translated to the spiritual mountain and the mansions of paradise; / let us cry out to her: / 'Blessed is thy womb, which bare her that carried the light of the world in her womb: / and beauteous are thy breasts, which nourished, with milk, / her that, with milk, nurtured Christ, the nourishment of our life: / entreat Him that He may deliver us from all tribulation and assaults of the enemy, // and that He may save our souls'.

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)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3)

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



ur 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.

Troparion

(Tone 4) When the women-disciples-of-the-Lord learned, from the angel, the joyous message-of-Thy-resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse, and, elatedly, told the apostles: 'Death is overthrown; Christ God is risen, granting, unto the world, great mercy'.

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

(Tone 4) Divinely-wise Anna, / thou hast carried, in thy womb, the pure Mother of God, who gave birth to our life; / wherefore, thou art, now, carried, joyfully, to the inheritance of heaven, / to the abode of them that rejoice in glory, / where thou seekest forgiveness of sins / for them that faithfully honour thee, // O ever-blessed one.

**Dismissal
Glory to God!**

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