Great and Holy Tuesday

Vespers
Served Tuesday afternoon or evening

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.¹

If the Hours and the Typica preceded Vespers, continue with Come let us worship ... and Ps 103 (see below). *If the Hours & Typica were not said*, proceed with the usual beginning, as shown here:

Glory to thee, our God, glory to thee.
O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us; and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

All-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. (thrice) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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.

[Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.²]

Amen.

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

¹ If a priest is present, he says the opening exclamation Blessed is our God....
² If a priest is present, he says the exclamation For thine is the Kingdom....
Come, let us worship God our King.
Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.
Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ himself, our King and our God.

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art greatly magnified; thou art clothed with praise and majesty: covering thyself with light as with a garment, spreading out the heaven as a curtain; who covers his upper chambers with waters, who makes the clouds his chariot, who walks on the wings of the winds, who makes his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire; who established the earth on its sure foundation: it shall not be moved for ever and ever. The abyss, like a garment, is his cloak; the waters shall stand upon the mountains. At thy rebuke they shall flee; at the voice of thy thunder they shall be afraid. The mountains rise up and the plains sink down unto the place where thou hast founded them. Thou hast set a bound which they shall not pass, neither shall they return to cover the earth. Thou sendest forth springs in the valleys; the waters shall flow between the mountains. They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field: the wild asses shall wait to quench their thirst. By them shall the birds of heaven dwell, they shall sing from amidst the rocks. He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He makes grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, to bring forth bread out of the earth, and wine makes glad the heart of man; to make his face cheerful with oil, and bread strengthens man’s heart. The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon which thou hast planted. There the sparrows will build their nests, and the house of the heron is chief among them. The high mountains are for the deer, and the rock is a refuge for the hares. He made the moon for seasons: the sun knows its going down. Thou didst appoint darkness, and it was night; wherein all the beasts of the forest will prowl: young lions roaring for their prey to seek their food from God. The sun arose, and they were gathered together and shall lie down in their dens. Man shall go forth to his work and to his labor until the evening. How magnified are thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is filled with thy creation: so is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, living things, both small and great. There go the ships; there this dragon whom thou hast formed to play therein. All things wait upon thee to give them their food in due season. When thou givest to them, they will gather it; when thou openest thy hand, they shall all be filled with good. But when thou turnest away thy face, they shall be troubled: thou wilt take away their spirit, and they shall die and return to their dust. Thou shalt send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let the glory of the Lord endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works; who looks on the earth and makes it to tremble; who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord while I live; I will sing praise to my God.
while I have being. May my words be sweet unto him, and I will rejoice in the Lord. O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

A N D A G A I N : 
The sun knows its going down. Thou didst appoint darkness, and it was night. How magnified are thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast thou made them 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. (thrice)

[Lord, have mercy. (Twelve times) Glory... now and ever... ³]

Read KATHISMA 18 (Ps. 119-133)

P S A L M 1 4 0

In the first tone:
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!

The following verses are read, until the stichera begin:
Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth, and a strong door about my lips. 
Incline not my heart to words of evil, to make excuses for sins; 
With men that work iniquity, and I shall never join with their elect. 
A righteous man shall chasten me with mercy and reprove me, but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head. 
Since my prayer is even still for their good favor, their judges have been swallowed up near the rock. 
They shall hear my words, for they were sweet: as a clod of earth has been crushed upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered near hell. 
For mine eyes are toward thee, O Lord, Lord, I have hoped in thee; take not my soul away. 
Keep me from the snare which they have set for me, and from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity. 
The sinners shall fall into their own net: I am alone until I pass by.

³ If a priest is present, he says the GREAT LITANY.
Psalm 141
I have cried to the Lord with my voice; with my voice have I made supplication to the Lord.
I will pour out my supplication before him, I will declare before him my affliction.
When my spirit was failing me, still thou knewest my paths.
In this way wherein I was walking, they hid a snare for me.
I looked on my right hand and beheld, that there was none that recognized me.
Refuge failed me, and there is none that looks out for my soul.
I cried to thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope, my portion art thou in the land of the living.
Attend to my supplication, for I am brought very low; deliver me from them that persecute me,
for they have grown stronger than I.
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may confess thy name.
The righteous shall await me, until thou shalt reward me.

Psalm 129
Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

(6) If thou, Lord, wilt mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? * For with thee is forgiveness.
Tone 1
How shall I, the unworthy one, appear in the splendor of thy saints? For if I dare enter thy bridal chamber with them, my garments will betray me: they are unfit for a wedding. The Angels will cast me out in chains. Cleanse the filth of my soul, O Lord, and save me in thy love for mankind.

(5) For thy Name’s sake have I waited for thee, O Lord: my soul has waited for thy word, * my soul has hoped in the Lord.
How shall I, the unworthy one ... (repeat the same as above)

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch * let Israel hope in the Lord.
Tone 2
O Christ the Bridegroom, my soul has slumbered in laziness. I have no lamp aflame with virtues. Like the foolish virgins, I wander aimlessly when it is time for work. But do not close thy compassionate heart to me, O Master; rouse me; shake off my heavy sleep. Lead me with the wise virgins into the bridal chamber, that I may hear the pure voice of those that feast and cry unceasingly: O Lord, glory to thee!

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
O Christ the Bridegroom ... (repeat the same as above)
(2) Praise the Lord, all ye nations: * praise him all ye peoples.
Tone 6
Come, O faithful, let us work zealously for the Master, for he distributes wealth to his servants. Let each of us, according to his ability, increase his talent of grace: let one be adorned in wisdom through good works; let another celebrate a service in splendor. The one distributes his wealth to the poor; the other communicates the Word to those untaught. Thus we shall increase what has been entrusted to us, and, as faithful stewards of grace, we shall be accounted worthy of the Master’s joy. Make us worthy of this, O Christ our God, in thy love for mankind.

(1) For his mercy has prevailed over us, * and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.
Come, O faithful, let us work zealously… (repeat the same as above)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Tone 4
Thou hast heard the condemnation, O soul, of the man who hid his talent. But do not hide the Word of God, proclaim his wonders, that, increasing the gift of grace, thou mayest enter into the joy of thy Lord!

The evening thanksgiving hymn
O gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal Father – heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun and beheld the light of evening, we praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. 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.

The prokeimenon in the sixth tone:
Arise, O Lord, and go to thy resting place, * thou and the ark of thy might.
Verse: Remember, O Lord, in David’s favor, all the hardships he endured.

The reading from Exodus
(Exod. 2:5-10)
The daughter of Pharaoh came down to the river to bathe; and her maids walked by the river’s side, and having seen the ark in the ooze, she sent her maid, and took it up. And having opened it, she sees the babe weeping in the ark: and the daughter of Pharaoh had compassion on it, and said, This is one of the Hebrew’s children. And his sister said to the
daughter of Pharaoh, “Wilt thou that I call to thee a nurse of the Hebrews, and shall she
suckle the child for thee?” And the daughter of Pharaoh said, “Go”: and the young woman
went, and called the mother of the child. And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, “Take
care of this child, and suckled it for me, and I will give thee the wages; and the woman took
the child, and suckled it.” And when the boy was grown, she brought him to the daughter
of Pharaoh, and he became her son; and she called his name, Moses, saying, I took him out
of the water.

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone:
Behold, how good and pleasant it is * when brothers dwell in unity.

Verse: It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, the
beard of Aaron.

The reading from Job
(Job 1:13-22)

And it came to pass on a certain day, that Job’s sons and his daughters were drinking
wine in the house of their elder brother. And, behold, there came a messenger to Job,
and said to him, “The yokes of oxen were ploughing, and the she-asses were feeding near
them; and the spoilers came and took them for a prey, and slew the servants with the sword;
and I having escaped alone am come to tell thee.” While he was yet speaking, there came
another messenger, and said to Job, “Fire has fallen from heaven, and burnt up the sheep,
and devoured the shepherds like wise; and I having escaped alone am come to tell thee.”
While he was yet speaking, there came another messenger, and said to Job, “The horsemen
formed three companies against us, and surrounded the camels, and took them for a prey,
and slew the servants with the sword; and I only escaped, and am come to tell thee.” While
he is yet speaking, another messenger comes, saying to Job, “While thy sons and thy
daughters were eating and drinking with their elder brother, suddenly a great wind came
on from the desert, and caught the four corners of the house, and the house fell upon thy
children, and they are dead; and I have escaped alone, and am come to tell thee.” So Job
arose, and rent his garments, and shaved the hair of his head, and fell on the earth, and
worshipped, and said, “I myself came forth naked from my mother’s womb, and naked
shall I return thither; the Lord gave, the Lord has taken away: as it seemed good to the
Lord, so has it come to pass; blessed be the name of the Lord.” In all these events that befell
him Job sinned not at all before the Lord, and did not impute folly to God.
The reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

(Matt. 24:36-26:2)

Glory to Thee, our Lord, glory to Thee!

The Lord said to his disciples: “Of the coming of the Son of Man, no man knows the day and hour, not even the angels of heaven, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with the drunken, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the hypocrites; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

“For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at
once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the exchangers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’

“When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will
answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Glory to Thee, our Lord, glory to Thee!

VESPER: CONCLUDING RITES

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is thy Name forever. Amen.
Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, 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: despise not the works of thy hands. To thee is due praise, to thee is due song, to thee is due 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. (Twelve times) Glory... now and ever...]

APOSTICHA

Tone 6

When Thou shalt come in glory, O Jesus, with the angelic hosts, and shalt sit upon the throne for judgment, do not drive me away, O Good Shepherd. For thou knowest the paths on thy right hand, but those on thy left hand lead astray. Do not destroy me with the goats, though I am coarse with sin, but number me with the sheep on thy right hand, and save me in thy love for mankind.

Verse: Unto thee have I lifted up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in heaven. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, as the eyes of a handmaid look unto the hands of her mistress, so our eyes look unto the Lord our God, * until he have compassion on us.
When Thou shalt come in glory, O Jesus... (repeat the same as above)

If a priest is present, he says the Litany of Supplication and the Prayer of Inclination.
**Verse:** Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we are exceedingly filled with contempt, our soul has been exceedingly filled: a reproach to them that prosper, * and contempt unto the proud.

Thou art more beautiful than all men, O Bridegroom. Thou hast invited us to the spiritual banquet of thy bridal chamber. Strip me of the ugly garment of my sins, as I participate in thy Passion. Adorn me in the glorious robe of thy beauty that proclaims me a guest in thy Kingdom, O merciful Lord.

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

*Tone 7*

Behold, the Master has entrusted thee with the talent, O my soul: receive the gift with fear. Repay the One who gave by giving to the poor, and gain the Lord as thy friend, so that when he comes in glory, thou mayest stand at his right hand and hear his blessed voice: “Enter, my servant, into the joy of thy Lord!” Though I have gone astray, make me worthy of this, O Savior, through thy great mercy.

**The Canticle of Saint Simeon**

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.

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

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

All-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. *(thrice)* Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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.
Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

And we sing these LENTEN TROPARIA in the 4th tone:
Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, for thou hast born the Savior of our souls. (prostration)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
O Baptizer of Christ, remember us all, that we may be delivered from our iniquities, for to thee is given grace to intercede for us. (prostration)

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Intercede for us, O holy apostles and all the saints, that we may be delivered from perils and sorrows, for we have acquired you as fervent intercessors before the Savior. (prostration)

Beneath thy compassion we take refuge, O Theotokos. Do not despise our supplications in adversity, but deliver us from perils, O only pure and only blessed one.

Lord, have mercy. (40 times)
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious, beyond compare, than the seraphim: without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word; true Theotokos, we magnify thee.

O heavenly King, strengthen the Orthodox Christians, confirm the Faith, calm the nations, give peace to the world, preserve well this holy church (or: this household, or: this city), grant repose in the mansions of the righteous to our fathers and brethren who have departed this life and accept us in repentance and confession, for thou art Good and the Lover of mankind.

PRAYER OF ST EPHREM
O Lord and Master of my life, give me not a spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (prostration) But give rather a spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to thy servant. (prostration) Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother: for blessed art thou unto ages of ages. Amen. (prostration)
And we make twelve bows from the waist, quietly saying O God, cleanse me a sinner each time. And again, the whole prayer O Lord and Master … with only one prostration at the end.

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

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

All-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. (thrice) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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. [Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.] Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve times) O All-holy Trinity, thou O consubstantial Power, undivided Kingship, the Cause of all good things, show thy mercy on me, a sinner, confirm my heart and fill it with understanding, and take away all my defilement. Enlighten my mind, that I may ever glorify, sing, and worship thee, and say: One is holy, one is Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord from henceforth and forevermore. (Thrice) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PSALM 33

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and
let us exalt his Name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all mine afflictions. Come unto him and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his afflictions. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear him, and shall deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that hopes in him. O fear the Lord, all ye his saints, for there is no want to them that fear him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry, but they that seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desires life, who loves to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy their memory from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their afflictions. The Lord is near to them that are of a contrite heart, and will save the humble in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keeps all their bones; not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate righteousness will go wrong. The Lord will redeem the souls of his servants, and none of them shall go wrong that hope in him.

DISMISSAL\(^5\)

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee. (prostration)

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. (Thrice) O Lord, bless!
O thou who art going to thy voluntary Passion for our salvation, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, through the prayers of thy most pure Mother and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for thou art good and lovest mankind.

\(^5\) If a priest is present, the dismissal is said according to the form established in Hieratikon (vol. 1).