

THE ORDER FOR SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN READER VESPERS
WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH

SUNDAY APRIL 11, 2021

St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8th c.). Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260). Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550). Monastic Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine (7th c.). Venerable Anthusa of Constantinople (801). Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Aegina (860). Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsokalyvia (Mt. Athos – 1730).

THE SERVICE TAKES PLACE IN FRONT OF OUR ICON CORNER

EVERYONE: O, God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me! (3x)

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Amen. 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. (3 times)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto 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. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

EVERYONE: 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 evil.

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Amen. Lord have mercy (12x)

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

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! Come, Let us worship and fall down before Him!

THE PSALM OF CREATION (Psalm 104/103 LXX)

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, thou art very great! Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who covers 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 makes the clouds thy chariot, who rides on the wings of the wind, who makes 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 fodder for the animals that serve man, 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 earth.

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! The sun knows its time for setting. Thou makest darkness and it is night. O Lord how manifold are thy works, 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! (3x)

THE GREAT LITANY is not said in the absence of a Priest or Deacon.

The reader continues:

READER: Lord have mercy (12x)

Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen. Followed by: "Lord, I call upon Thee..." (Tone 3)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 3

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!

Reader: (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy Name.*

We offer Thee our evening hymn, O Christ, with incense and spiritual songs.// O Savior, have mercy on us!

Reader: (9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

Save me, O Lord my God: Thou art the Salvation of all! The storm of my passions troubles me; the yoke of my sins weighs me down. Stretch out Thy hand to help me; lead me to the light of repentance,// for Thou alone art the compassionate Lover of man!

Reader: (8) *Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

O Lord, gather my scattered mind, and cleanse my barren heart! Grant me repentance – as Thou gavest to Peter, groans – as Thou gavest the Publican, and tears – as to the Harlot, so that I may cry to Thee with a loud voice:// "Save me, O God, as Thou alone art tender-hearted and the Lover of man!"

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

Often, when I am singing hymns, I find myself committing sins. With my tongue I am singing praises, but with my soul, I am pondering evil things.// But correct both through repentance, O Christ God, and save me!

Reader: (6) *If Thou, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee. {Tone 3}*

In this season of abstinence, O believers, let us exert every effort, that we may attain great glory, escaping the fire of hell,// by the mercy of God, the great King!

Reader: (5) *For Thy name's sake I have waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Having passed the middle point of this holy Fast, let us clearly show forth the beginning of divine glory! Let us fervently hasten to the achievement of good behavior,// that we may receive the eternal joy!

Reader: (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord!*
{Tone 7}

Having passed beyond the middle point of this holy Fast,
let us strive to its end, rejoicing with steadfastness!
Let us anoint ourselves with the oil of charity,
that we may be worthy to adore the noble Passion of Christ our God, //
and attain His most honored and holy Resurrection!

Reader: (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.* {Tone 8}

Thy memorial, O Bishop Basil, is celebrated with brilliant praise,
and the assemblies of the Orthodox faithful rejoice.
Thou wast a righteous one, and ever embodied and honored the pure beauty of chastity // and the
virtues of meekness and peace.

Reader: (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Patiently imitating the divine Paul in thy banishment, O Hierarch Basil,
thou didst end thy life in poverty and sorrows, yet thou didst go from place to place, richly comforted.
Now having received from God thine abode in a place of eternal gladness // thou dost dwell in the
land of delight and peace.

Reader: (1) *For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

As a hierarch received by God, thou dost gaze on the unfading spiritual abode,
for thou wast granted to behold the things of heaven.
Thou wast clothed in the robes of Truth and girded with righteousness, O most blessed one, // face to
face beholding the splendid beauty of the wise ones!

Reader: *Glory, Now and ever, The Dogmatic is in the 8th Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit Now and Ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Save me, O all-pure Maiden, who ineffably didst give birth to Christ our Savior; for I have acquired
thee alone as intercessor, and invincible rampart, my protection and joy, and the divine consolation of
my soul. Therefore deliver me from the worm which does not sleep and from the everlasting fire, // O
Mother of Christ our God.

CHOIR: 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 behold the light of evening, we praise
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 glorifies Thee.

THE GREAT PROKEIMENON

READER: The Great Prokeimenon is in the 8th tone: Turn not away Thy face from Thy child, for I am afflicted: / hear me speedily, draw near unto my soul, and deliver it!

CHOIR: *Turn not away Thy face from Thy child, for I am afflicted: /hear me speedily, draw near unto my soul, and deliver it!*

READER: . Let Thy salvation, O God, uphold me!

CHOIR: *Turn not away Thy face from Thy child, for I am afflicted: /hear me speedily, draw near unto my soul, and deliver it!*

READER: Let the poor see and be glad!

CHOIR: *Turn not away Thy face from Thy child, for I am afflicted: /hear me speedily, draw near unto my soul, and deliver it!*

READER: Seek God, and thy soul shall

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CHOIR: *Hear me speedily, draw near unto my soul, and deliver it!*

READER: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name for ever.

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 commandments.

Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy precepts.

Thy mercy endures forever, O Lord! Do not despise the works of Thy hands!

To Thee belongs worship, to Thee belongs praise, to Thee belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION is not said in the absence of a Priest or Deacon. The reader continues:

READER: Lord have mercy (12x)

Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen.

Aposticha - Resurrection Tone 7

The Savior Who planted the vineyard and called the laborers is near indeed. Come, therefore, O workers in the Fast: let us receive our wages, for the Giver is rich and merciful!// Even if we have labored little we receive great mercy.

V. *To Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou Who art enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps 122:1-2)*

{Tone 6} When Adam fell among the robbers of thought, he was robbed of his mind; his soul was wounded, and he was cast out naked and without any aid. The priest who came before the Law did not listen to him. The Levite who came after the Law had no compassion on him: only Thou, O God, Who camest not from Samaria but from the Theotokos!// O Lord, glory to Thee!

V. *Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps. 122:3-4)*

{Tone 6} Thy martyrs, O Lord, did not deny Thee, nor did they forsake Thy commandments.// By their intercessions, have mercy on us!

Glory, Now and Ever, the Theotokion is in the 6th Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Like the Archangel, O believers, let us praise the heavenly Bridal Chamber and the well-sealed Gate! "Rejoice, O Lady, through whom sprang forth for us the Savior, Christ, the Life-giver and God of all! Undefined hope of Christians, destroy with thine own hands// the tyrants, our godless enemies!

After which is sung The Prayer of St. Simeon: 'Lord, now lettest...'

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 lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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

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

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

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

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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 evil.

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

CHOIR: Amen.

The Lenten Troparia (Tone 8)

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 borne the Savior of our souls.

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

O Baptiser of Christ, remember us all,
that we may be delivered from our iniquities; //
for to thee is given grace to intercede for us!

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!
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!

READER: Lord Have Mercy. (12x)

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim! Without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos, we magnify you. In the Name of the Lord, Lord Bless.

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER Amen. O, Heavenly King, establish the Orthodox Christians, confirm the Faith, quiet the heathens, give peace to the world, place our departed fathers and brethren in the tabernacles of the Righteous, and accept us sorrowers and penitents, for Thou art good and the Lover of Mankind.

READER: (THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN)

O Lord and Master of my life: take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk.
(Prostration)

But give rather the 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 Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.
(Prostration)

READER: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond than the Seraphim, without defilement, You gave birth to God the Word, True Theotokos, we magnify You.

CHOIR: 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. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Lord Bless!

READER: Through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, through the Prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, by the Power of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross, through the protection of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven, through the prayers of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, through the prayers of the holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles, through the Prayers of all the North American Saints, through the prayers of _____ the patron of this Holy Temple, through the prayers of St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium whom we commemorate today, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen.

(The faithful now come up and venerate the Precious Cross and Icons in our Icon Corner.)

READER: Through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.