

# Saint Mary Protectress Center

## Reader Service

(service without a priest)

### 1st Sunday after Pentecost, Feast of All Saints, Tone 8

**Reader:** + Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3x)

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

+ Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord have mercy. (12x)

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

+ O come, let us worship God our King.

+ O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

+ O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

**Antiphon 1**  
(from Psalm 102)

**Choir:** (Tone 1)

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Blessed art Thou, O Lord!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And all that is within me,  
bless His holy Name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And forget not all His benefits!

Who forgives all your iniquities,  
who heals all your diseases!

The Lord is compassionate and merciful,  
long-suffering and of great goodness.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Blessed art Thou, O Lord!

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. (3x)

**Antiphon 2**  
(From Psalm 145)

**Choir:** (Tone 1)

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

Put not your trust in princes, in sons of men  
in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs  
he returns to his earth:  
on that very day his plans perish.

The Lord will reign forever;  
Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

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

Only-Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God.  
Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate  
of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary;  
Who without change didst become man and was crucified.  
O Christ our God, trampling down death by death;  
who art one of the Holy Trinity,  
Glorified with the + Father and the Holy Spirit:  
Save us!

**Reader:** Lord have mercy. (3x)

### **Antiphon 3** **The Beatitudes**

**Choir:** (Tone I)

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,  
When Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Reader:** (12)

**Choir:** Blessed are they that mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

**Reader:** (11)

**Choir:** Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

**Reader:** (10)

**Choir:** Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
for they shall be filled.

**Reader:** (9)

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

**Reader:** (8) Remember us, O Christ, Thou Saviour of the world, as Thou didst remember the thief upon the Cross; and account us all worthy of Thy heavenly kingdom, O Thou Who alone art compassionate.

**Choir:** Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

**Reader:** (7) Nailed of Thine own will to the Tree, O our Saviour, Thou didst deliver Adam from the curse which came through the tree, and hast rewarded that which is in Thine image with a dwelling in paradise, in that Thou art compassionate.

**Choir:** Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called the sons of God.

**Reader:** (6) Hearken, O Adam, and rejoice with Eve; for he who of old stripped you both naked, and by deception hath taken all of us captive, hath been set at naught by the Cross of Christ.

**Choir:** Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Reader:** (5) Today is Christ risen from the tomb, granting incorruption unto all the faithful; and He reneweth the joy of the myrrh-bearing women after His suffering and resurrection.

**Choir:** Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

**Reader:** (4) O Master, having found Thee to be a precious, choice, and firmly set corner-stone in Sion, the Saints, like select stones, did build themselves thereupon, as though upon an unshakeable foundation.

**Choir:** Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in the heavens.

**Reader:** (3) When Thy side was pierced, the drops of blood fell together with the deifying water and refashioned the world. And the divine host of all the Saints addressed Thee as Benefactor.

**Choir:** + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**Reader:** (2) We praise most reverently the God-inspired cloud of witnesses, who by grace were made luminous, and shine more resplendently in the royal purple of their blood and in the crimson of their steadfast contest.

**Choir:** Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**Reader:** (1) We all know thee to be the all-true Mother of God, through whom the nature of women, having been given strength, contested for Christ, O all-spotless one, and was filled with every virtue in a godly manner.

### **Introit** (Entry Hymn)

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ,  
Who didst rise from the dead, O Son of God,  
Save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Troparia** (Thematic Hymns)

**Choir:** (Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 8)  
From on high didst Thou descend, O compassionate One;  
to burial of three days hast Thou submitted

that Thou mightest free us from our passions. //  
O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

**(St Mary Protectress Troparion, Tone 4)**

Today we Orthodox people joyfully celebrate  
thy glorious coming among us, O Mother of God,  
and gazing upon thy most pure image, we say with compunction:  
Shelter us with thy most precious protection,  
and deliver us from all evil,  
and pray to thy Son, Christ our God, //  
that He save our souls.

**Choir:** + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**(Troparion of the Saints, Tone 4)**

Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs throughout all the world,  
as in purple and fine linen,  
Thy Church, through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God:  
Send down Thy compassions upon Thy people; //  
grant peace to Thy flock and to our souls great mercy.

**Choir:** both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**(Resurrectional Theotokion, Tone 4)** The mystery hidden from before the ages  
and unknown even to the angels,  
through thee, O Theotokos, hath been revealed to those on earth:  
God incarnate in unconfused union,  
Who willingly accepted the Cross for our sake  
and thereby raising up the first-formed man, //  
hath saved our souls from death.

**Trisagion**  
(Thrice-Holy Hymn)

**Choir:** + Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

+ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**Prokeimenon**  
(that which precedes)

**Reader:** The Prokimenon in the 8th Tone:

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. (Ps. 75:10)

**Choir:** Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

**Reader:** In Judea is God known, His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

**Choir:** Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

**Reader:** In the 4th Tone:

Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:35)

**Choir:** Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

**Epistle Reading**  
(Hebrews 11:33-12:2)

**Reader:** The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

Brethren: All the Saints through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, \* Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. \* Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: \* And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: \* They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; \* (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. \* And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: \* God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. \* Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the

race that is set before us, \* Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Alleluia**  
(Praise ye the Lord)

**Reader:** Alleluia in the 4th Tone.

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them. (Ps. 33:17)

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. (Ps. 33:19)

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel Reading**  
(Matthew 10:32, 33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

**Reader:** The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Choir:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

**Reader:** The Lord said to His disciples: Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. \* But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. \* He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. \* And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. \* Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? \* And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. \* And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive

an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. \* But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

**Choir:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

**Choir:** (Tone 6, Vesper Sticheron)

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith:

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

**Reader:** Come unto Him, and be enlightened & your faces shall not be ashamed.

**Choir:** The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith:

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

**Reader:** + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Choir:** The choir of Holy angels and archangels,

With all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

**Reader:** Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

### **The Nicene Creed**

**Choir:** + I believe / in one God, the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, / the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; / Light of Light, true God of true God; / begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens, / and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; / And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered and

was buried; and arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; / And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. / And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; / Who with the + Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / And the life of the age to come. Amen.

**Reader:** Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for Thou art good & the Lover of mankind.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Choir:** + Our Father, Who art in the heavens,  
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

**Reader:** O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### **Kontakia** (Thematic Hymns)

**Choir:** (Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 8)

To Thee, O Lord, the planter of creation / the world doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. / By their intercessions, preserve Thy Church, Thy commonwealth, in profound peace, // through the Theotokos, O Greatly-merciful One.

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

(St Mary Protectress Kontakion, Tone 3)

Today the Virgin doth stand before us in church,  
and with the choirs of saints invisibly prayeth for us to God.  
Angels worship with hierarchs,

apostles rejoice with prophets, //  
for the Theotokos prayeth for us to the Eternal God.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**(Tone 6)** Steadfast Protectress of Christians  
constant advocate before the Creator:  
Despise not the entreating cries of us sinners  
but in your goodness come speedily to those who call on you in faith.  
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,  
for you always protect those who honor you.

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. **(12x)**

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

**Choir:** One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ,  
to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessed by the name of the Lord, henceforth and forever more. **(3x)**

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

### **Psalm 33**

**Choir:** 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 my tribulations.  
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 tribulations.

The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth 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 be deprived of any good thing.

### **Hymn to the Theotokos**

**Choir:** It is truly meet to bless thee, the Theotokos, ever-blessed and most blameless, and Mother of Our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

O Lord, Bless.

**Reader:** Thou that didst rise from the dead, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother our Protectress, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

**Choir:** Amen

### **Memory Eternal**

(For those who have fallen asleep in the Lord)

**Choir:**

Memory eternal!

Memory eternal!

Memory eternal!

His/Her/Their soul(s) shall dwell with the blessed!

**Many Years**  
(For those with birthdays and namedays)

**Choir:**

God grant you many years!

God grant you many years!

God grant you many, many years!

**Glory to God for all things!**  
**Glory to Jesus Christ!**  
**Glory forever!**