

Saint Mary Protectress Center

Reader Service

(service without a priest)

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints of Russia, Tone I

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)

Blessed are they that mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Reader: (11)

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Reader: (10) Through food did the enemy lead Adam forth from paradise; but by the Cross hath Christ led back to it the thief who cried: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: (9) With Adam and the thief I worship Thy sufferings and glorify Thy Resurrection; and I cry out with a splendid voice: Remember me, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Reader: (8) O Sinless One, of Thine own will Thou wast crucified and placed in the Tomb, yet Thou didst arise as God, raising up with Thyself Adam who crieth out: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: (7) Raising up the temple of Thy body by Thy resurrection on the third day, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Adam and his descendants who cry: Remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: (6) Very early, the myrrh-bearing women arrived, weeping, at Thy tomb, O Christ God; and they found an angel sitting there, clad in white garments, who said: What seek ye? Christ is risen! Lament no longer!

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

Reader: (5) When Thine apostles went to the mountain whither Thou hadst commanded them to go, and saw Thee, O Saviour, they worshipped Thee; and Thou didst send them unto the nations, to teach and baptise them.

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) We have not inherited our land through the sword, but through Thy right hand, and Thine upraised arm, and the light of Thy countenance; and by the tears of Thy saints, their struggles and sweat, their blood and teaching, is our homeland firmly established.

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

Reader: (3) When we turned away from Thee and did not do Thy commandments, then didst Thou thrust us aside and cast us down; and we have become the least among all the nations. But take pity on us, O God our Saviour, through the entreaties of the saints.

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

Reader: (2) O all-blessed Trinity, return us from exile; heal our sickness and our sorrow; and lift our spirit from slothfulness and the sleep of sin, that we may be worthy of our fathers and brethren who by their struggles glorified Thy name in our land.

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

Reader: (1) Gather in the dispersed, return those who have been cut off, bring back again them that have fallen away from the Orthodox Faith, comfort the weeping and sorrowful, and heal the dissolution of our tormented land, O thou who art full of grace, entreating God in our behalf with the saints who are our compatriots.

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: (Tone 1, Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
'Glory to Thy resurrection O Christ!
Glory to Thy kingdom.
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!'

(Tone 4, Patronal, St Mary Protectress)

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.

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

(Tone 8, All Saints of Russia)

As a beautiful fruit of the sowing of Thy salvation, / the land of Russia doth offer to
Thee, O Lord, all the Saints that have shone in her. / By their prayers keep the
Church and the world in profound peace, // through the Theotokos, O Most-
merciful One.

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

(Tone 8, Theotokion)

O Good One, Who for our sake wast born of the Virgin / and, having endured
crucifixion, cast down death by death, / and as God revealed the resurrection: /
d disdain not that which Thou hast fashioned with Thine own hand. / Show forth Thy
love for mankind, O Merciful One; / accept the Theotokos who gave Thee birth
and prayeth for us; // and save Thy despairing people, O our Savior!

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 1st Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
according as we have hoped in Thee. (Ps. 32:22)

Choir: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous;
praise is meet for the upright. (Ps. 32:1)

Choir: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

Reader: In the 7th Tone:
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps. 115:6)

Choir: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Epistle Reading
(Romans 2:10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2)

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

Brethren: Glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew
first, and also to the Gentile: * For there is no respect of persons with God. * For
as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as
have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; * (For not the hearers of the law
are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. * For when the

Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: * Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) * In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

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 1st Tone. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! (Ps. 17:48)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: In the same tone: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous. (Ps. 31:11)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Reading
(Matthew 4:18-23; 4:25-5:12)

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

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

Reader: At that time, Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. * And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. * And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. * And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. * And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. * And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

At that time, there followed Jesus great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan. * And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: * And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, * Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. * Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. * Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. * Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. * Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. * Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. * Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the sons of God. * Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. * Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. * Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

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

Choir: (Tone 6, Vesperal 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: (Tone 4)

+ 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: (Tone I, Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst arise from the tomb in glory,
and Thou didst raise the world together with Thyself.
And mortal nature praiseth Thee as God,
and death hath vanished.
And Adam danceth, O Master,
and Eve, now freed from fetters, rejoiceth as she crieth out:
Thou art He, O Christ,
that grantest unto all resurrection.

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

(Tone 3, All Saints of Russia)

Today the choir of the saints who pleased God in the land of Russia / doth stand before us in Church and invisibly doth pray for us to God. / With them the angels glorify Him, / and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; //

and they all pray together for us to the Pre-eternal God.

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

(Tone 6, Protection of Christians)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, / O mediation unto the creator unfailing, / disdain not the suppliant voices of sinners, / but be thou quick, O good one, to help us who in faith cry unto thee; / hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, // thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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!