

Saint Mary Protectress Center

Reader Service

(service without a priest)

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints of North America, Tone 2

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) We offer Thee the cry of the thief, and we pray: Remember us in Thy kingdom, O Saviour!

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

Reader: (9) For the forgiveness of transgressions we offer unto Thee the Cross which Thou didst accept for our sake, O Thou who lovest mankind.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Reader: (8) We bow down in worship, O Master, before Thy burial and rising, whereby Thou hast delivered the world from corruption, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

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

Reader: (7) By Thy death hath death been slain, O Lord, and by Thy resurrection hast Thou saved the world, O Saviour.

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

Reader: (6) Risen from the tomb, Thou didst meet the myrrh-bearing women; and Thou didst tell Thy disciples to announce Thine arising.

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

Reader: (5) Those who slept in darkness, beholding Thee, the Light, in the nethermost parts of hades, O Christ, were raised from the dead.

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) Let us praise in sacred hymns our father Herman of Alaska, who hath bestowed his blessing upon the New World and hath left us his holy relics as a source of healing for many who honour his memory.

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

Reader: (3) We entreat you to intercede for your people, hieromartyr Juvenaly and youth Peter, whose struggle for the Faith included the shedding of your blood. Teach us to confess with boldness the Orthodox Faith and to have no fear of the enemy.

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

Reader: (2) We praise John the Wonderworker of San Francisco, boast of the Saints, who didst bring forth to the faithful the glory of the wonder-workers John of Kronstadt and Herman of Alaska: O thou who didst bring forth the knowledge of these great saints and didst pave the way for their glorification in the Holy Church, we beseech thee, O great wonder-worker, help us in these last times!

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

Reader: (1) Grant us the help of thy prayers, O all-holy Lady, for our enemies have overwhelmed us. But through thee, O all-pure One, can we be delivered. Intercede with thy Son that we may be saved.

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 2)

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, / then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. / And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, / all the Hosts of the heavens cried out: // O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

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

(Troparion of the Saints, Tone 8)

As a beautiful fruit of the sowing of Thy salvation, / the lands of North America offer Thee, O Lord, all the saints that have shone in them. / 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.

(Resurrectional Theotokion, Tone 8)

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: / 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 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

Reader: With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

Reader: In the 7th tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

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

Epistle Reading
(Romans 5:1-10; Hebrews 11:33-12:2)

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

Brethren: Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: * By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. * And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; * And patience, experience; and experience, hope: * And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. * For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. * For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. * But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. * Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. * For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Brethren: All the saints who 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.

Alleliua
(Praise ye the Lord)

Reader: Alleluia in the 2nd Tone: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: In the 1st Tone: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye righteous.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Reading
(Matthew 6:22-33; Matthew 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: The Lord said to His disciples: The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.* But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!* No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and

despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. * Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? * Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? * Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? * And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: * And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. * Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? * Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? * (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. * But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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 children 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, Vespéral 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: (Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 2)

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O omnipotent Savior, / and Hades was terrified on beholding the wonder; / and the dead arose, / and creation at the sight thereof rejoiceth with Thee. / And Adam also is joyful, // and the world, O my Savior, praiseth Thee for ever.

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

(Troparion of the Saints, Tone 3)

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America / now standeth before us in the Church and invisibly prayeth to God for us. / With them the angels glorify Him, / and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Preëternal God.

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

(Theotokion, Tone 6)

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!

Patronal Hymns

(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.

(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.