

Saint Mary Protectress Center

Reader Service

(service without a priest)

21st Sunday After Pentecost, Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, Tone 4

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 1)

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) By the tree was Adam forced to depart from paradise; but by the Tree of the Cross was the thief made to dwell in paradise. For the one by tasting, broke the commandment of the creator; while the other, crucified with Him, confessed the hidden God, crying out: Remember me in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: (9) O Lord Who wast lifted up upon the Cross, Who hast destroyed the power of death and as God hast destroyed the record of our sins, grant also the repentance of the thief unto us who faithfully serve Thee and cry out to thee, O Christ God Who alone lovest mankind: Remember us also in Thy kingdom!

Choir: Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Reader: (8) On the Cross Thou didst tear asunder with the spear the record of our sins; and, numbered among the dead, Thou didst bind the tyrant of hades, O Lord Who lovest mankind, Who by Thy resurrection hast delivered all from the bonds of hades. Thereby have we been illumined, and we cry to Thee: Remember us also in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: (7) O Thou Who alone art immortal, Who wast crucified and as almighty didst arise from the tomb on the third day, and hast raised up Adam, the first created: Vouchsafe that I also may turn to repentance with my whole heart, and may ever cry out to Thee with fervent faith: Remember me, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: (6) For our sake He Who is without passion became a man subject to the passions; and, nailed of His own will to the Cross, He hath raised us up with Himself. Wherefore, we glorify His Cross, passion, and resurrection, whereby we have been refashioned and whereby we also are saved, who cry out: Remember us also in Thy kingdom!

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

Reader: (5) O ye faithful, let us entreat Him who hath risen from the dead, hath made captive the dominion of hades, and wast seen by the myrrh-bearing women and said to them: "Rejoice!", that He deliver from corruption the souls of us who ever cry out to Him with the voice of the noble thief: Remember us also in Thy kingdom!

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) Initiated into the mysteries by Christ, the divine chief shepherds drove away from the pious the parties of Antichrist, who wished to trouble the Church of Christ, that it not be shaken.

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

Reader: (3) The Company of the fathers, drawing forth streams of teaching from the wellsprings of salvation, give the thirsting people of Christ to drink thereof, and wash away the turbid streams of filth.

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

Reader: (2) The Seventh Council of the Christ-loving, whose defenders were the imperial Irene and Constantine, was held in the splendid city of Nicaea against those who of a truth accused Christians and brought them to trial.

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

Reader: (1) Let all the ungodly depart who do not venerate the precious icon of the Theotokos and do not proclaim her to be the one who gave birth to Christ theandrically; and let them be sent into the fire, to burn without being consumed.

Introit
(Entry Hymn)

Choir: 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 4)

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, / and
having cast off the ancestral condemnation, / the women disciples of the Lord
spoke to the apostles exultantly: / Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, //
granting to the world great mercy.

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

(Troparion of the Fathers, Tone 8)

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, / Who hast established our holy
fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, / and through them didst guide us all to
the true Faith. // O Most merciful One, glory be to Thee.

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 Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: How magnified are Thy works O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Choir: How magnified are Thy works O Lord!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God,
Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

Choir: How magnified are Thy works O Lord!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Reader: In the Same Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.

Epistle Reading
(Galatians 2:16-20; Hebrews 13:7-16)

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

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. * But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. * For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. * For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. * I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in

me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Brethren: Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. * Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. * Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. * We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. * For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. * Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. * Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. * For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. * By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. * But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Alleluia
(Praise ye the Lord)

Reader: Alleluia in the 4th Tone: Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: In the 1st Tone: The God of gods, the Lord hath spoken, and He hath called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the setting thereof.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Reading
(Luke 7:11-16; John 17:1-13)

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

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

Reader: At that time, Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. * Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. * And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. * And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. * And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. * And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

The Lord said: Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: * As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. * And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. * I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. * And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. * I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. * Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. * For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. * I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. * And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. * And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. * While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. * And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

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 4)

My Saviour and Redeemer hath, as God, / raised up the earthborn from the grave
and from their fetters, / and He hath broken the gates of hades, / and, as Master, //
hath risen on the third day.

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

(Kontakion of the Fathers, Tone 6)

The Son Who shined forth from the Father ineffably was born, / twofold of nature,
of a woman. / Knowing Him, we deny not the image of His form; / but depicting it
piously, we revere it faithfully. / And for this cause, the Church, in that it holdeth
the true faith, // doth kiss the icon of Christ's incarnation.

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

(O Protection of Christians, 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 honour 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!

Save them O Christ God!
Save them O Christ God!
Save them O Christ God!

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.