

The Ninth Hour

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art everywhere present and fillest all things, the Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come, and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
(Thrice)

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

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

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

Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *(Twelve times)*

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

O Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

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

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

PSALM 83¹

How beloved are Thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts; my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. For the sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtledove a nest for herself where she may lay her young, Even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; unto ages of ages shall they praise Thee. Blessed is the man whose help is from Thee; he hath made ascents in his heart, in the vale of weeping, in the place which he hath appointed. Yea, for the lawgiver will give blessings; they shall go from strength to strength, the God of gods shall be seen in Sion. O Lord of hosts, hearken unto my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. O God, our defender, behold, and look upon the face of Thine anointed one. For better is one day in Thy courts than thousands elsewhere. I have chosen rather to be an outcast in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of sinners. For the Lord loveth mercy and truth, God will give grace and glory; the Lord will not withhold good things from them that walk in innocence. O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that hopeth in Thee.

PSALM 84

Thou hast been gracious, O Lord, unto Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquities of Thy people, Thou hast covered all their sins. Thou hast made all Thy wrath to cease, Thou hast turned back from the wrath of Thine anger. Turn us back, O God of our salvation, and turn away Thine anger from us. Wilt Thou be

¹ All 9th Hour Psalms from The Psalter According to the Seventy

wroth with us unto the ages? Or wilt Thou draw out Thy wrath from generation to generation? O God, Thou wilt turn and quicken us, and Thy people shall be glad in Thee. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and Thy salvation do Thou give unto us. I will hear what the Lord God will speak in me; for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints and to them that turn their heart unto Him. Surely nigh unto them that fear Him is His salvation, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth is sprung up out of the earth, and righteousness hath looked down from heaven. Yea, for the Lord will give goodness, and our land shall yield her fruit. Righteousness shall go before Him and shall set His footsteps in the way.

PSALM 85

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hearken unto me, for poor and needy am I. Preserve my soul, for I am holy; save Thy servant, O my God, that hopeth in Thee. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto Thee will I cry all the day long; make glad the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. For Thou, O Lord, art good and gentle, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend unto the voice of my supplication. In the day of mine affliction have I cried unto Thee, for Thou hast heard me. There is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like unto Thy works. All the nations whom Thou hast made shall come and shall worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great and workest wonders; Thou alone art God. Guide me, O Lord, in Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth; let my heart rejoice that I may fear Thy name. I will confess Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Thy name forever. For great is Thy mercy upon me, and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost Hades. O God, transgressors have risen up against me, and the assembly of the mighty hath sought after my soul, and they have not set Thee before them. But Thou, O Lord my God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and true. Look upon me and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of

Thy handmaiden. Work in me a sign unto good, and let them that hate me behold and be put to shame; for Thou, O Lord, hast helped me and comforted me. . . Work in me a sign unto good, and let them that hate me behold and be put to shame; for Thou, O Lord, hast helped me and comforted me.

At the conclusion of the reading from the Psalter, the reader says:

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God

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

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

TROPARION OF THE DAY

Special Troparion are sung on feast days and special saints days, or one of the following, according to the day of the week.

MONDAY (Tone 4) - To the Holy Angels

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we, though unworthy, beseech you that by your petitions ye would encompass us with the shadow of your immaterial glory, preserving us who kneel and cry ceaselessly. Deliver us from oppressions since ye are the princes of the ranks of dominions on high.

TUESDAY (Tone 2) - To the Forerunner, John the Baptist

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy on behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in

Hades the God who appeared in the flesh, who taketh away the sins of the world and granteth us great mercy.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (Tone 1) – For the Cross

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and preserve Thy habitation by Thy Cross.

THURSDAY (Tone 3) - To the Apostles, Peter and Paul

O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

SATURDAY (Tone 2) – For all the Saints

O ye Apostles, martyrs, prophets, hierarchs, saints and righteous, who have fought the good fight and kept the faith, we beseech you, since ye have achieved favor with the Savior, plead with Him for our sake, for He is good, to save our souls.

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

Theotokion and Psalm Verses of the Hour

Thou who for our sake wast born of a virgin and didst suffer crucifixion, O good One, and didst despoil death through death and as God didst reveal resurrection: Despise not those whom Thou hast created with Thine own hand; show forth Thy love for mankind, O merciful One; accept the intercession of Thy mother, the Theotokos, for us, and save Thy despairing people, O our Savior.

Deliver us not up utterly, for Thy holy name's sake, neither disannul Thou Thy covenant, and cause not Thy mercy to depart from us, for Abraham's sake, Thy beloved, and for Isaac's sake, Thy servant, and for Israel's Thy holy one.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
(*Thrice*)

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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

Amen.²

The Kontakion of the day

Special Kontakion are sung on feast days and special saints days, or one of the following, according to the day of the week.

MONDAY (Tone 2) - To the Holy Angels

O heads of the hosts of God, servants of the divine glory, guides of human beings, and leaders of the incorporeals, intercede for that which benefits us, and seek for us the Great Mercy; for ye are the heads of the incorporeal hosts.

TUESDAY (Tone 2) - To the Forerunner, John the Baptist

O prophet of God and forerunner of grace, we have found thy head in the earth as an all-pure rose. Wherefore, we seek

² For instructions regarding 9th Hour followed by Vespers, see Liturgikon at this point in service.

from it healing at all times; for as of old thou ceapest not in the world to preach repentance.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (Tone 4) – For the Cross

Do Thou, who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by Thy name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries. Having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

THURSDAY (Tone 2) - To the Apostles, Peter and Paul

Verily, O Lord, Thou hast translated to bliss and the enjoyment of Thy blessings, the two trustworthy preachers, theologians, and heads of Thy disciples; for Thou didst accept their struggles and death as better than any sacrifice, O Thou who alone knowest the secrets of our hearts.

SATURDAY

Unto Thee, O Lord the Author of creation, the universe doth offer the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By whose prayers, through the Theotokos, do Thou preserve in peace profound Thy Church, O most merciful One.

Lord, have mercy. (forty times)

Thou Who at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and compassion, Who lovest the just and showest mercy to sinners; Who callest all men to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Do Thou, the same Lord, receive also our supplications at this present hour, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; deliver us from all calamity, wrath, and distress. Compass us round about with Thy holy angels; that, guided and guarded by their hosts, we

may attain unto the unity of the Faith, and to the comprehension of Thine ineffable glory. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

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

In the Name of the Lord, bless. Amen

The Final Prayer

(Prayer of Saint Basil the Great) O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, who art long-suffering toward our sins and who hast led us even to the present hour, in which, as Thou didst hang upon the life-giving tree Thou didst make a way into paradise for the penitent thief and by death didst destroy death: Be gracious unto us sinners and Thine unworthy servants; for we have sinned and have dealt iniquitously, and we are not worthy to lift up our eyes and look upon the heights of heaven, inasmuch as we have departed from the path of Thy righteousness and have walked after the desires of our own hearts. But we implore of Thy boundless goodness: Spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercy, and save us, for Thy holy name's sake; for our days have passed away in vanity. Wrest us out of the hand of the adversary, and forgive our sins, and mortify our carnal imagination, that, putting off the old man, we may be clothed upon with the new man and may live unto Thee, our Master and our Benefactor, and that, so following after Thy commandments, we may attain unto rest eternal, where is the abode of all those who rejoice. For Thou art, in verity, the true Joy and Exultation of those who love Thee, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Little Dismissal

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee.

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

Lord have mercy. (Thrice)

Lord bless.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

Amen.