

THE NINTH HOUR

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen!

Priest: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Trisagion Prayers

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, 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. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, 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 the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord have mercy. (12x)

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

Come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

Psalm 83 (84)

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 (85)

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 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 (86)

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 have 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.

(read don't sing the following)

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God. (3x)
Lord have mercy. (3x)

If it is not Great Lent or an Alleluia season, the reader says

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

and the Troparion of the Day (The following Troparion is chanted on Saturdays. On Feasts use menaion)

O ye apostles, martyrs, and prophets, hierarchs, venerable and righteous ones, who have finished well the contest and guarded the faith, earnestly plead, we pray, since you have boldness before the Savior, Who is good, that He may save our souls.

Theotokion and Psalm Verses

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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 Saviour.

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.

Trisagion PrayersHoly God, Holy Mighty.....

The Kontakion of the Day or the following on 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.

But if it is a weekday in Great Lent or an Alleluia season, say:

When the thief beheld the Author of life hanging upon the cross, he said: If Thou wert not God, Who art here crucified with us, then had the sun not veiled its rays, neither would the earth have shaken with trembling. But do Thou, Who sufferest for all men, remember me, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.

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

In the midst, between two thieves, was Thy cross found, the balance-beam of righteousness; for while the one was led down to hades by the heaviness of his blaspheming, the other was lightened of his sins, unto the knowledge of things divine, O Christ God, glory to Thee.

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

When She who bare Thee beheld upon the cross Thee, the Lamb and Shepherd and Saviour of the world, she weeping said: The world rejoiceth, in that it hath received redemption, but my inward parts are inflamed as I behold Thy crucifixion, which Thou sufferest for all men, O my Son and my God.

Reader: Lord have mercy. (40x)

Prayer of the Hours

Thou Who at every season and every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, Who art longsuffering, merciful and compassionate; Who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; Who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds, deliver us from all tribulation, evil, and distress. Surround us with Thy holy Angels that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. (3x)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement, Thou gavest birth to God the Word; true Theotokos, we magnify Thee.

In the Name of the Lord, give the blessing Father.

Priest: God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of Thy countenance, and have mercy upon us.

Reader: Amen.

(If it is a weekday in Great Lent, The Prayer of St. Ephraim is said here, followed by the Trisagion prayers and Lord have mercy 12x)

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Master and Lord, Jesus Christ our God, Who art long-suffering towards our faults and hast brought us even unto this present hour, in which, hanging upon the Life-Giving Cross, Thou hast opened unto the good thief the way into Paradise, and destroyed death by death: be merciful to us, Thy humble and sinful and unworthy servants. For we have sinned and transgressed, and we are not worthy to lift up our eyes and look at the height of Heaven, since we have forsaken the path of Thy righteousness and have walked according to the desires of our own hearts. But we pray Thee of Thy boundless goodness, to spare us, O Lord, according to the

abundance of Thy mercy, and save us for Thy Holy Name's sake, for our days have been consumed in vanity. Pluck us from the hand of the adversary, forgive us our sins, and kill our fleshly lusts, that putting off the old man, we may put on the new, and may live for Thee, our Master and Protector; and that so, following Thine ordinances, we may attain to eternal rest, in the place where all the joyful dwell. For Thou, O Christ our God, art indeed the true Joy and Gladness of those that love Thee, and to Thee we ascribe glory, together with the Father Who is without beginning, and Thy Most-Holy, Good, and Life-Giving Spirit, now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

If it is a weekday in Great Lent, three prostrations are made and then the Typika begins immediately with the Beatitudes. But if it is not Great Lent and Vespers will follow immediately, it now begins with O Come Let us Worship... Otherwise end the Ninth Hour with the Little Dismissal:

Dismissal

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, Glory to Thee.

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

Lord have Mercy (3x)

Father Bless!

(Priest gives the dismissal of the day)