

Ninth Hour

Troparion of the Ninth Hour, tone 8

Priest: O Thou who, at the ninth hour, for our sake didst taste of death in the flesh, mortify the presumption of our flesh, O Christ God, and save us.

Choir: O Thou who, at the ninth hour, / for our sake didst taste of death in the flesh, // mortify the presumption of our flesh, O Christ God, and save us.

A prostration is made as the choir concludes the prayer of the ninth hour each time.

Priest: Let my prayer come nigh before Thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to Thy word.

Choir: O Thou who, at the ninth hour...

Priest: Let my petition come before Thee, O Lord;; according to Thy word, deliver me.

Choir: O Thou who, at the ninth hour...

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

After the Lord's Prayer we sing:

When Alleluia is sung, we sing these troparia in tone 8.

When the thief saw the Author of life hanging on the Cross, / he said: If it were not God incarnate who is crucified with us, / then the sun would not hide its rays, nor would the earth quake and shake. // But Thou, O all-enduring One, remember me, O Lord, 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 to be the balance beam of righteousness: the one was brought down to hell by the heaviness of his blasphemy, while the other's offenses were made light unto the knowledge of theology. O Christ God, glory to Thee.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Contemplating Thee, the Lamb, Shepherd, and Savior of the world on the Cross, she that bare Thee said tearfully: While the world rejoiceth receiving redemption, my heart burneth beholding Thy crucifixion, which Thou dost endure for all, O my Son and my God.

Beatitudes (from the Typica Service)

In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom

Refrain: Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. *refrain*

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

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

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be sated. *refrain*

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. *refrain*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. *refrain*

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. *refrain*

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say every evil against you falsely for My sake. *refrain*

Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven. *refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. *refrain*

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

refrain

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.

Vespers, Lord, I Have Cried

tone 7 Lead forth my soul from prison, that I may confess thy name;

My soul's dignity I have enslaved to the passions;

I am become like the beasts,

and have no power to lift mine eyes to Thee, Most High.

But with my head bowed like the Publican,

I pray to Thee, O Christ, and cry aloud:

God be merciful to me and save me. (*twice*)

The righteous await me, till thou shalt reward me.

Repeat "My soul's dignity..."

to the Martyrs, tone 7

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee; O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

Glory be to Thee, O Christ our God,

boast of the apostles, joy of the martyrs,

whose preaching was the consubstantial Trinity.

Let thine ears give heed to the voice of my prayer

O holy martyrs, who have fought the good fight

and received your crowns,

pray to the Lord for mercy on our souls.

If thou observest transgressions, Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with thee is propitiation.

Despising every earthly thing, O holy martyrs,
and bravely preaching Christ in the arena,
ye received from Him the due reward of all your sufferings.
Since He is almighty God and ye have boldness in His presence, to
you we run for help;
we entreat you, pray to Him for the salvation of our souls.

For thy name's sake, I have waited upon thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon thy word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

O Martyrs worthy of all praise, sheep of Christ's spiritual flock,
ye are a living sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.
Earth did not cover you, but heaven hath received you.
Ye have become companions of the angels:
we entreat you, pray with them to God our Savior,
that peace be given to the world and salvation to our souls.

From the morning watch even to the night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

tone 4 for the Ven. Hilarion, Special Melody: "Thou hast given a sign..."

Having acquired a blameless life,
patience and meekness, and love unfeigned,
boundless abstinence, standing all-night,
divine compunction, faith, and true hope in compassion,
O father, thou didst live on earth like an angel in the flesh,
O blest Hilarion, intercessor for our souls.

For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel from all his transgression.

repeat Having acquired a blameless life

O praise the Lord all ye nations, praise him, all ye people.

An earthly angel and a heavenly man wast thou, O venerable one,
a wellspring of compunction, a stream of compassion,
an abyss of miracles, a surety for sinners,
a truly fruitful olive-tree of God,
anointing with the oil of thy labors,

the faces of those who praise thee with faith, O wondrous Hilarion.

For his mercy hath been confirmed upon us, and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

Illumined with divine understanding,
thy mind transcended the passions of the body,
and was elevated above earthly things,
bearing the image of God and depicting divine beauty within itself.
Through the activity of the Spirit, thou art recognized as wholly
godly,
O Hilarion our father, thou adornment of monastics.

Glory...For the Dead

Thou hast formed man in the beginning
according to Thine image and likeness,
and Thou hast made him dwell in Paradise
as ruler over Thy creation.
But through the envy of the devil
he was deceived and ate the fruit, transgressing Thy commands.
Therefore, O Lord thou hast condemned him
to return again unto the earth whence he was taken and to ask for
rest.

Now and ever...Dogmaticon (modified 2008)

No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing,
for the order of nature was overruled by God!
Thou wast revealed to be a mother above nature,
for thou didst remain a virgin beyond reason and understanding!
Thy conception was most glorious, O Theotokos!
The manner of thy giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin!
Knowing thee to be the Mother of God,
devoutly we pray to thee.
Beseech Him to save our souls.

Choir: Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let
the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Refrain: Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Lord, I have cried to Thee, hear me; hear the voice of my prayer, when I cry to thee.

Refrain: Let my prayer arise ...

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth and keep the door of my lips.

Refrain: Let my prayer arise ...

Incline not my heart to any evil thing, nor to practice wicked deeds.

Refrain: Let my prayer arise ...

Let my prayer arise in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Prayer of St. Ephraim (*Read once with three prostrations.*)

Priest: O Lord and Master of my life, the spirit of idleness, of despondency, of love of power, and of idle words, grant me not. *prostration*

But the spirit of continence, of humility, of patience, and of love, do Thou grant unto me, Thy servant. *prostration*

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to perceive mine own offenses, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art thou unto ages of ages. Amen. *prostration*

Hymn of the Entrance

Choir: Now the Powers of Heaven invisibly with us do serve. Lo, the King of glory enters. Lo, the mystical sacrifice is upborne, fulfilled.

The Entrance with the Presanctified Holy Gifts is made in silence, while the people make a prostration until the Gifts have been set on the altar.

Choir: Let us draw near in faith and love, and become communicants of life eternal. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.