

BRIDEGROOM MATINS OF GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

(Tuesday Evening)

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

READER: (SLOWLY)

Amen. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth; who art everywhere and fillest all things; Treasury of blessings and giver of life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

Most Holy Trinity: have mercy on us. Lord: cleanse us from our sins. Master: pardon our transgressions. Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3)

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. In the name of the Lord, bless, Father.

PRIEST: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life creating, and undivided Trinity always, now and ever, and to ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men. (3)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise. (2)

[And the reader reads the morning psalms (88, 103, 143)]

[Psalm 88]

O Lord, the God who saves me, day and night I cry out before you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of trouble and my life draws near the grave. I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength. I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care. You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. Your wrath lies heavily upon me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves. You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them. I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.

I call to you, O Lord, every day; I spread out my hands to you. Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do those who are dead rise up and praise you? Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction? Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion? But I cry to you for help, O Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you. Why, O Lord, do you reject me and hide your face from me? From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death; I have suffered your terrors and am in despair. Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me. All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me. You have taken my companions and loved ones from me; the darkness is my closest friend.

[Psalm 103]

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

[Psalm 143]

O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead. So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed. I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant. In your faithfulness, answer me, in your righteousness! Do not enter into judgment with your servant. In your faithfulness, answer me, in your righteousness! Do not enter into judgment with your servant. Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path!

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 you, O God! (3)

Znamenny Chant
A. Arkhangelsky

LORD, HAVE MER - CY.
TO YOU
LORD.
A-MEN.

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Metropolitan _____, for our Bishop _____, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For seasonable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by your grace.

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life to Christ our God.

Choir: To you, O Lord.

Priest: For to you are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

— The Alleluia —

Traditional

tone 8

AL-LE-LU - IA, AL-LE-LU-IA, AL-LE-LU - - - IA.

8

Deacon: (In the 8th tone) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 In the night my soul rises early for you, O God, for your commandments are a light on the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Deacon: Learn righteousness, you inhabitants of the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Deacon: Jealousy shall grasp an untaught people.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Deacon: Bring more evils on them, O Lord; bring more evils on those who are glorious on the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

— The Troparion of the Bridegroom —

[During the singing of the Troparion the Royal Doors are opened, the clergy come to the center of the church with the Holy Gospel and they take up lighted candles, after which the entire church is censed slowly.]

Kievan Chant
Traditional

Tone 8

BE -- HOLD -- THE BRIDEGROOM COMES AT MID -- NIGHT,

AND BLESS-ED IS THE SERVANT WHOM HE SHALL FIND WATCH

ING, AND A-GAIN, UNWORTHY IS THE SERVANT WHOM

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for soprano voice and the bottom staff is for basso continuo. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music is in common time. The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, accompanied by basso continuo chords. The lyrics "ING, AND A-GAIN, UNWORTHY IS THE SERVANT WHOM" are written below the staves.

HE SHALL FIND HEED LESS. BE-WARE,

This section continues the musical score with soprano and basso continuo parts. The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, accompanied by basso continuo chords. The lyrics "HE SHALL FIND HEED LESS. BE-WARE," are written below the staves.

THERE-FORE, O MY SOUL, DO NOT BE WEIGHED DOWN WITH

This section continues the musical score with soprano and basso continuo parts. The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, accompanied by basso continuo chords. The lyrics "THERE-FORE, O MY SOUL, DO NOT BE WEIGHED DOWN WITH" are written below the staves.

SLEEP, LEST YOU BE GIVEN UP TO DEATH AND LEST YOU BE

This section continues the musical score with soprano and basso continuo parts. The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, accompanied by basso continuo chords. The lyrics "SLEEP, LEST YOU BE GIVEN UP TO DEATH AND LEST YOU BE" are written below the staves.

SHUT OUT OF THE KING DOM. BUT ROUSE

This section concludes the musical score with soprano and basso continuo parts. The soprano part has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, accompanied by basso continuo chords. The lyrics "SHUT OUT OF THE KING DOM. BUT ROUSE" are written below the staves.

YOUR-SELF CRYING: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, ARE YOU
O OUR GOD!

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and a dynamic marking of p (piano). The lyrics "YOUR-SELF CRYING: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, ARE YOU" are written above the notes, with a bracket under "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY". The lyrics "O OUR GOD!" are written below the notes, with a bracket under "OUR GOD".

THROUGH THE THE-O-TO-KOS HAVE MER - - CY ON US!

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and a dynamic marking of p (piano). The lyrics "THROUGH THE THE-O-TO-KOS HAVE MER - - CY ON US!" are written above the notes, with a bracket under "THE-O-TO-KOS".

GLO-RY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HO-LY SPI - RIT.

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and a dynamic marking of p (piano). The lyrics "GLO-RY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HO-LY SPI - RIT." are written above the notes, with a bracket under "HO-LY SPI - RIT".

Repeat: Behold the Bridegroom...

NOW AND EVER, AND UN-TO AGES OF A - GES. A - MEN.

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features eighth-note patterns and a dynamic marking of p (piano). The lyrics "NOW AND EVER, AND UN-TO AGES OF A - GES. A - MEN." are written above the notes, with a bracket under "AGES".

Repeat: Behold the Bridegroom...

Tone 4 Kathisma Hymn (following Kathisma 9)

Let us love the Bridegroom, O brothers!
Let us keep our lamps aflame with virtues and true faith,
so that we, like the wise virgins of the Lord,
may be ready to enter with Him into the marriage feast!//
For the Bridegroom, as God, grants unto all an incorruptible crown.

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

Tone 4 Kathisma Hymn (following Kathisma 10)

In envy, the priests and scribes
cunningly gathered a council against You, O Savior,
moving Judas to betrayal.
He shamelessly went forth and spoke against You,
saying to a transgressing people:
“What will you give me if I deliver Him into your hands?” //
From his condemnation save our souls, O Lord!

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

Tone 8 Kathisma Hymn (following Kathisma 11)

Judas loves money with his mind;
the impious one moves against the Master,
He wills and plans the betrayal.
Receiving darkness, he falls from the light.
He agrees to the price and sells the Priceless One.
As payment for his deeds the wretch gains hanging and a terrible death.
From his lot deliver us, O Christ God,
granting remission of sins to those who celebrate Your immaculate Passion with
love!

— The Gospel —

Deacon: That we may be counted worthy of listening to the Holy Gospel let us pray to the Lord God.

A. Arkhangelsky

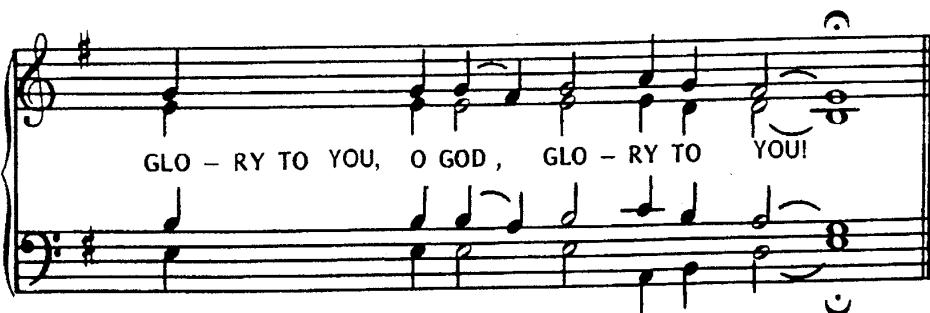
The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics "LORD, HAVE MERCY, LORD, HAVE MERCY, LORD, HAVE MER - CY." are written below the notes. The music features eighth-note patterns and some grace notes. The number "8" is at the end of the staff.

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us be attentive! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace to all!



Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint ____.



Matthew 22:15-23:39 (*Gospel, Matins*)

15

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.

16

And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.”

17

Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

18

But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?

19

Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius.

20

And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

21

They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

22

When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

23

The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

24 saying: “Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

25 Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother.

26 Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh.

27 Last of all the woman died also.

28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her.”

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”

33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42

saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.”

43

He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying:

44

‘The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’?

45

If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?”

46

And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

1

Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,

2

saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.

3

Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

4

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5

But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

6

They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,

7

greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’

8

But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.

9

Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

10

And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

11

But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12

And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

13

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

14

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

15

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

16

Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.'

17

Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

18

And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.'

19

Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

20

Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it.

21

He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it.

22

And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it.

23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

24

Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

26

Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

28

Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

30

and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

- 31 Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.
- 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt.
- 33 Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?
- 34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,
- 35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.
- 36 Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.
- 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!
- 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate;
- 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"'

(following the Gospel)

READER: [Psalm 51]

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Psalm 51 continued...

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

The Great Intercession

PRIEST: O God save your people and bless your inheritance. Visit your world in mercy and compassion. Exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the prayers of our all pure Lady, the Theotokos and ever virgin Mary; by the power of the precious and life creating Cross; through the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; through the supplications of the honorable; glorious prophet forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and all laudable apostles; of our fathers among the saints, hierarchs, and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; of our father among the saints- Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the Wonder-worker, of our venerable Father Herman of Alaska; of our father among the saints Innocent, the Enlightener of the Aleuts and the Apostle to America; of _____, whose memory we celebrate today; of the holy righteous forebears of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all your saints; we beseech you, O most merciful Lord, hear us sinners who entreat you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy. (12) [see next page for the music]

Reader: Psalm 51

Priest: O God, save Thy people...

The Litany

A. Arkhangelsky

LORD, HAVE MER-CY, LORD, HAVE MER-CY, LORD HAVE MER - CY.

LORD, HAVE MER-CY, LORD, HAVE MERCY, LORD, HAVE MERCY,

LORD, HAVE MERCY, LORD, HAVE MERCY, LORD, HAVE MER - CY,

LORD, HAVE MER-CY, LORD, HAVE MER-CY, LORD, HAVE MER - CY.

Priest: Through the mercy and compassion....

A - MEN.

Holy Tuesday The Kontakion

Tone 2

D. Yaichkov

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major. The top staff has a treble clef, the middle staff has a bass clef, and the bottom staff has a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section ends with an 'OIKOS ENDING'.

YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS THE LAST HOUR, O WRETCH-ED SOUL,
AND FEAR THE CUTTING OF THE FIG TREE. WORK DIL-I-GENTLY
THERE-FORE AT THE TA-LENT GIV-EN TO YOU KEEP WATCH AND PRAY:
OIKOS ENDING:
LET US NOT REMAIN OUT-SIDE THE BRIDAL CHAMB-BER OF CHRIST.

Ikos

*Why are you idle, my wretched soul?
What useless cares cause you to be lost in dreams?
Why busy yourself with things that pass away?
The last hour is at hand, and we shall be parted from all earthly things.
Therefore, while there is time, rouse yourself and cry:
“I have sinned before You, O my Savior!
Do not cut me off like the barren fig tree!
In Your compassion, O Christ, take pity on me who call out in fear:
‘Let us not remain outside the bridal chamber of Christ!”*

Tone 2

MONDAY TUESDAY KANON ODE 8

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, indicated by a treble clef and a sharp sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1:

THE THREE HO --- LY YOUTHS WOULD NOT O -BEY THE DE-CREE OF THE

Staff 2:

TY - - - RANT. WHEN CAST IN-TO THE FUR - NACE THEY SANG:

Staff 3:

BLESS THE LORD, O WORKS OF THE LORD!

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Let us cast aside all idleness,
and with shining lamps and hymns meet Christ, the Immortal Bridegroom, singing:
"Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

May we together have enough oil in the vessels of our souls,
so that, not wasting the time of rewards in buying more, we may sing:
"Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
now and ever and unto ages of ages! Amen.

May all who have received a talent from God,
now, with the help of Christ, increase according to the grace given by Him and sing:
"Bless the Lord, O works of the Lord!"

WE PRAISE, BLESS AND WORSHIP THE LORD, SINGING AND EXALTING HIM

THROUGH-OUT ALL A-----GES.

Holy Tuesday The Kanon — Ode 9

Tone 2

D. Yaichkov

IN YOUR WOMB YOU CONTAINED GOD WHO CAN - NOT BE CON - TAINED.

YOU CON - CEIVED THE JOY OF THE WORLD. WE PRAISE YOU, O MOST

HO - LY VIR - - GIN.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

*The Good One said to His Disciples:
"Watch, for you know not the hour
in which the Lord will come to repay each man!"*

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

*At Your dread second coming, O Master,
number me with the sheep at Your right hand,
overlooking my many transgressions!*

(Katavasia: "In your womb...")

The Little Litany

Znamenny Chant
A. Arkhangelsky

LORD, HAVE MER - CY.
TO YOU LORD.
A-MEN.

— The Exapostelarion —

Tone 8

Kievan Chant

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble and bass clefs, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "YOUR BRI - DAL CHAMBER I SEE ADORNED, O MY SAV - IOR," followed by a melodic flourish. The second staff continues with "AND I HAVE NO WEDDING GARMENT THAT I MAY EN - TER," also ending with a flourish. The third staff begins with "O GIV - ER OF LIGHT EN - LIGHT - - EN THE," and the fourth staff concludes with "VES - TURE OF MY. SOUL, AND SAVE ME." The music features various note values (eighth and sixteenth notes), rests, and dynamic markings like p (piano) and f (fortissimo). The score is labeled "Kievan Chant" at the top right.

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

Your bridal chamber....

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

Your bridal chamber....

[During the Exapostelarion the Royal doors are opened and the clergy and faithful bow to the ground.]

PRAISES

(Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all His hosts. Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light. Praise Him, you highest heavens, and the water above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for He spoke, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created. He established them for ever, yea, for ever and ever; He has set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word, The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars, The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds, Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all the judges of the earth, Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone. His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people. This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

(Psalm 149)

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints. Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him. For the Lord takes pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation. The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands, To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples, To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron, To do among them the judgement that is written. This glory shall be to all His saints.

(Psalm 150) (As with Lord I call stikhera, intersperse between praise stikhera)

- 5) *Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament!*
- 4) *Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*
- 3) *Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp!*
- 2) *Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!*

Tone 1

How shall I, the unworthy one,
appear in the splendor of Your saints?
For if I dare enter Your bridal chamber with them,
my garments will betray me:
they are unfit for a wedding.
The angels will cast me out in chains.
Cleanse the filth of my soul, O Lord, //
and save me in Your love for mankind!

V. *Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Ps. 150:5)*

Tone 2

O Christ the Bridegroom,
my soul has slumbered in laziness.
I have no lamp aflame with virtues.
Like the foolish virgins, I wander aimlessly when it is time for work.
But do not close Your compassionate heart to me, O Master!
Rouse me; shake off my heavy sleep!
Lead me with the wise virgins into the bridal chamber,
that I may hear the pure voice of those that feast and cry unceasingly://
“O Lord, glory to You!”

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

Tone 4

You have heard the condemnation, O soul,
of the man who hid his talent.
But do not hide the Word of God!
Proclaim His wonders,
that, increasing the gift of grace,//
you may enter into the joy of your Lord!

Morning Litany

...y Chant
A. Arkhangelsky

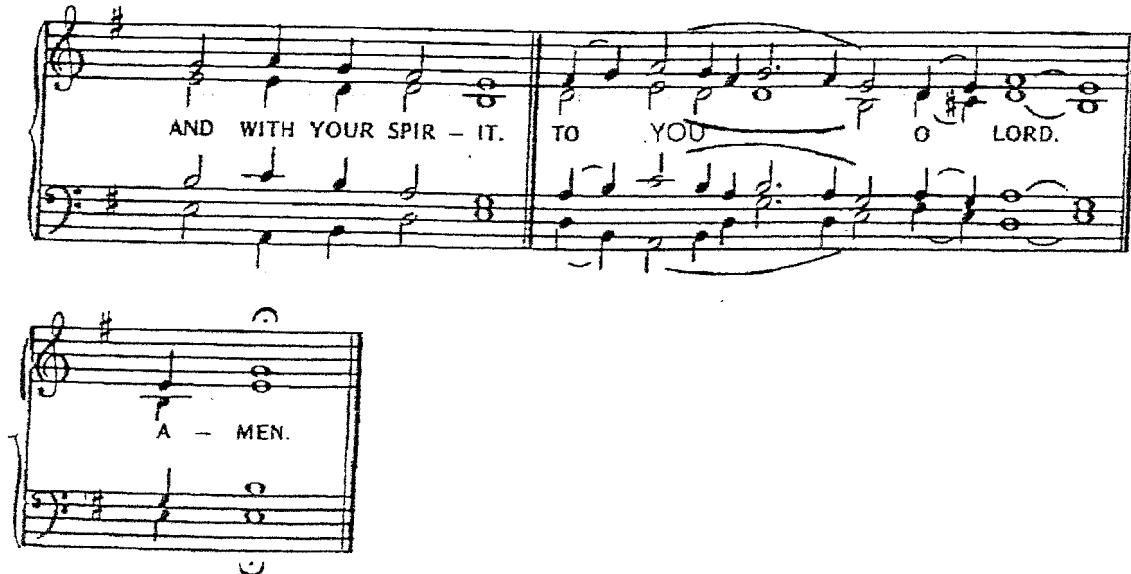
The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The top staff begins with a treble clef and ends with a bass clef. The lyrics are:

LORD, HAVE MER - CY. GRANT IT O LORD.

The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and ends with a treble clef. The lyrics are:

TO YOU O LORD. A - MEN.

Accents and slurs are used throughout the music to indicate performance style.



Aposticha

Tone 6

Come, O faithful,
let us work zealously for the Master,
for He distributes wealth to His servants!
Let each of us, according to his ability,
increase his talent of grace:
let one be adorned in wisdom through good works;
let another celebrate a service in splendor!
The one distributes his wealth to the poor;
the other communicates the Word to those untaught.
Thus we shall increase what has been entrusted to us,
and, as faithful stewards of grace,
we shall be accounted worthy of the Master's joy.
Make us worthy of this, O Christ our God, //
in Your love for mankind!

V. *Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as You have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let Your work be manifest to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children. (Ps. 89:16-18)*

When You shall come in glory, O Jesus,
with the Angelic Hosts,
and shall sit upon the throne for judgment,
do not drive me away, O Good Shepherd!
For You know the paths on Your right hand,
but those on Your left hand lead astray!
Do not destroy me with the goats,
though I am coarse with sin,
but number me with the sheep on Your right hand, //
and save me in Your love for mankind!

V. *Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish it.* (Ps. 89:19)

You are more beautiful than all men, O Bridegroom!
You have invited us
to the spiritual banquet of Your bridal chamber.
Strip me of the ugly garment of my sins,
as I participate in Your Passion!
Adorn me in the glorious robe of Your beauty //
that proclaims me a guest in Your Kingdom, O merciful Lord!

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

Tone 7

Behold, the Master has entrusted you with the talent, O my soul!
Receive the gift with fear!
Repay the One who gave by giving to the poor,
and gain the Lord as your friend,
so that when He comes in glory,
You may stand at His right hand and hear His blessed voice:
“Enter, my servant, into the joy of your Lord!”
Though I have gone astray, make me worthy of this, O Savior, //
through Your great mercy!

READER: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O most high; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your truth by night.

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

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

Most Holy Trinity: have mercy on us. Lord: cleanse us from our sins. Master: pardon our transgressions. Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy (3)

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. Standing in the temple of your glory, we think that we are in heaven, O Theotokos, gate of heaven. Open to us the gates of your mercy.

Lord have mercy. (40 times)

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 you gave birth to God the Word: True Theotokos, we magnify you! In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

PRIEST: Christ our God, the Existing One is blessed always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen. O Heavenly King, establish the Orthodox Christians, confirm the Faith, quiet the heathen, give peace to the world, place our departed parents and brethren in the tabernacles of the righteous, and accept us sorrowers and penitents, for you are good and the lover of mankind.

The Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian

PRIEST: O Lord and Master of my life! Take from the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. [prostration]

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant. [prostration]

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brothers and sisters, for you are blessed unto ages of ages. [prostration]

O God, cleanse me, a sinner! [12 times, with 12 metania]

[And the entire prayer of Saint Ephrem is repeated with a single prostration at the end.]

PRIEST: Glory to Thee O Christ our God, glory to Thee!

CHOIR: (see music)

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; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy! Father, bless

PRIEST: The Dismissal (May the Lord, who is going to his voluntary passion....)