

The Memorial Office

[To be performed after the Prayer amid the Church, at the end of the Divine Liturgy, when a request is made by the relatives or friends of those who have fallen asleep in Christ.]

The Deacon shall call:

**Again in peace let us beseech the Lord:
Receive, save and have mercy.**

The Priest shall put incense in the censer and shall say:

Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Clerks shall sing:

[Midday Hymn for the Repose of Souls. Tone IV]

O thou God the Word who art, together with the Father, the creator of beings out of nothing; grant forgiveness to thy servants who have fallen asleep, when thou comest to judge those whom thou didst create with spotless hands.

O thou who wast sent from the Father and wast incarnate of the holy Virgin; grant forgiveness to thy servants who have fallen asleep, when thou comest to judge those whom thou didst create with spotless hands.

O thou who didst give up the ghost on the cross and loosed the power of death; grant forgiveness to thy servants who have fallen asleep, when thou comest to judge those whom thou didst create with spotless hands.

O thou who dost crown thy saints and distributest everlasting bounties; grant forgiveness to thy servants who have fallen asleep, when thou comest to judge those whom thou didst create with spotless hands.

[Hymn of the Magnificat. Tone IV]

Mother of the Light, unespoused Mary, thou blessed among women.

The Light without a shadow thou didst bear in thy womb, thou blessed among women.

Do not cease to intercede for us, thou blessed among women.

[Hymn of the Cross. Tone IV]

Upon the rock of the faith thou didst build, O Lord, thy holy Church; keep her in peace.

Thou who didst grant mercy in this habitation of angels and the house of expiation of men; give her thy unshaken peace.

In the temple of the glory of thy holiness, thy servants sing unto thee; give them thine abundant mercy.

The Clerks, in antiphon:

Psalm 130

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

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my prayers.

Shouldst thou, O Lord, examine mine iniquities, Lord, who can stand before thee? But there is forgiveness from thee.

I have waited for thy name's sake, O Lord, my soul has waited for thy word; my soul has put its hope in the Lord.

From morning watch until the evening, from morning watch did Israel hope in the Lord.

From the Lord is plenteous mercy; from him is redemption and he has redeemed Israel from all his afflictions.

The Deacons:

Alleluia; orthi.

The Priest:

Peace unto all.

The Clerks:

And with thy spirit.

The Deacon:

Hearken in fear.

The Priest:

To the holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The Clerks:

Glory to thee, O Lord our God.

The Deacon:

Proschoumen.

The Clerks:

God speaks.

The Priest

[Gospel for Tones IV and VIII] Matt. XI: 25-30

(Our Lord Jesus Christ:)

At that time Jesus answered and said: I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise

and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes. Yea, Father, so it seemed good in thy sight.

All things have been delivered unto me by my Father; and no one knows the Son, but the Father; and no one knows the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal him.

Come unto me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is pleasing and my burden is light.

[The following lessons of the Gospel shall be read instead of the above, according to the proper of the day.

For Tones III & VII: Mark IV. 26-34.

For Tones II & VI: Luke XII. 32-40.

For Tones I & V: John XII. 24-26.]

Then the Clerks shall sing one of the following stanzas from the hymn by the Lord Nersess made for those who have fallen asleep in Christ.

For Tones IV and VIII

Dispenser of the higher graces to the heavenly and the earthly,
Life and life-giver, O thou Spirit, creator with the Father and the
Son,

We ask of thee, O thou source of bounties, who givest drink to the
thirsty,

Have mercy on thy creatures who have fallen asleep in thee with
hope.

For Tones III and VII

O thou Life from Life and Light from Light who hast made us out of
the earth,

And hast renewed us again by the second birth of the font,

And hast saved us by thy grace from the first death,

In thy Father's mansions of light give rest unto those of us who have
fallen asleep.

For Tones II and VII

In gladness did the heavenly hosts come down from heaven onto
the earth,

When thou didst rise from the dead and didst shine forth as a light
to all creatures.

By thy holy and life-giving resurrection raise those who have fallen
asleep unto the deathless life;

Make them enter with full lamps into the nuptial chamber with the
wise holy virgins.

For Tones I and V

**We priests and people, entreat thee, O merciful and good Lord,
With those who have fallen asleep in faith, receive us who have the
same hope,**

**Into the heavenly city, Jerusalem, in which the just are assembled,
To sing and glorify always the three persons of the Trinity.**

The Clerks shall also sing the following according to the proper of the day:

For Sundays and for the Days of Resurrection.

All nations of mankind rejoiced when they heard of thy resurrection.

**With new feathers were they adorned at thy resurrection, O holy
Only-begotten.**

**Merciful Lord, have mercy on the souls of those of us who have
fallen asleep.**

Or this:

For Saints' Days and Thursdays.

**O thou, who art the creator and lover of mankind, forbearing and
compassionate,**

**And art praised by the seraphim as Lord and righteous judge
together with the holy apostles,**

O Lord, crown those of us who have fallen asleep.

**Merciful Lord, have mercy on the souls of those of us who have
fallen asleep.**

Or this:

For Mondays.

In the supernal Jerusalem, in the dwellings of the angels,

Where Enoch and Elijah live old in age like doves,

Worthily glorified in the garden of Eden,

**Merciful Lord, have mercy on the souls of those of us who have
fallen asleep.**

Then the Priest shall say:

**To the souls of those who are at rest, O Christ God, grant rest and
mercy, and to us, sinners, vouchsafe forgiveness of our transgres-
sions.**

The Deacon:

[The Bidding for the Repose of Souls]

Again in peace let us beseech the Lord.

**For the souls of those who are at rest, let us beseech Christ our
Saviour, that he may reckon them with the just and may save us by the
grace of his mercy.**

Almighty Lord our God, save us and have mercy.

The Priest shall say:

[*The Prayer for the Repose of Souls*]

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

O Christ, Son of God, forbearing and compassionate, have compassion, in thy love as our creator, upon the souls of thy servants who are at rest, especially upon the soul(s) of thy servant(s) (*N. or NN.*) for whom we are offering these prayers. Be mindful of them in the great day of the coming of thy kingdom. Make them worthy of mercy, of expiation and forgiveness of sins. Glorify them and reckon them with the company of thy saints at thy right hand.

For thou art Lord and creator of all, judge of the living and of the dead. And to thee is befitting glory, dominion and honour, now and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Deacon:

[*The Bidding of the Cross*]

By the holy cross let us beseech the Lord, that he may thereby deliver us from our sins and save us by the grace of his mercy.

Almighty Lord, our God, save and have mercy.

The Priest:

[*The Prayer of the Cross*]

Guard us, O Christ our God, under the shadow of thy holy and venerable cross in peace. Deliver us from the enemy visible and invisible. Make us worthy to give thee thanks and to glorify thee together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto ages of ages. Amen.

And he shall again say:

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

And they shall say or sing:

[*The Lord's Prayer*]

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. . .

The Deacon:

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall at all times be in my mouth.

The Priest:

[*The Dismissal*]

Be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Depart in peace and the Lord be with you all. Amen.

And they shall depart in peace.