

# VESPERS FOR THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

*Leader:* Blessed is our God at all times, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

*R.* Amen.

*Leader:* Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Consoler, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life: Come and dwell in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One! Have mercy on us.

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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, forgive us our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, look upon us and heal our infirmities for Your Name's sake.

Lord have mercy! Lord have mercy! Lord have mercy! 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.

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

*R:* Amen.

Lord have mercy! *(12 times)*

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

*Leader:*

Come, let us worship God, our King and bow down before Him! *(Metany)*

Come, let us worship Christ God, our King, and bow down before Him! *(Metany)*

Come, let us worship Christ Himself, our King and our God, and bow down before Him! *(Metany)*

## PSALM 103

BLESS THE LORD, O my soul! You are very great, O Lord, my God!

Clothed in pomp and brilliance, arrayed with light as with a cloak.

Stretching out the sky as a tent-cloth, covering Your lofty halls with water.

You make the clouds Your conveyance, You surge on the wings of the wind.

You make spirits Your messengers and flaming fires Your attendants.

You settle the earth on its firm foundation; it shall stand unmoved from age to age.  
The abyss covers it like a garment; waters stand over the mountains.  
At Your rebuke, they will take to flight, at the peal of Your thunder they will fear.  
They hurdle the hills and run down the dales to the place You have chosen for them.  
You have set up a boundary not to be passed: they shall never return to cover the earth.  
Down in the gullies, You make springs to rise: waters shall go down between the mountains.  
They shall give drink to the beasts of the field; wild asses will seek them to quench their thirst.  
The birds of the sky will abide by them: from among the rocks they will raise their song.  
From Your lofty halls You refresh the mountains; the earth shall be fed with the fruit of Your works.  
You make green pastures for the cattle and food-plants for the service of man,  
So that bread may be brought forth from the earth and wine that gladdens the heart of man.  
So that oil may put a gleam upon his face and that bread may strengthen the heart of man.  
The trees of the plains will be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.  
The sparrows will build their nests in them and the herons will call them their home.  
To the deer belong high mountains, to rodents, the shelter of the rocks.  
You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows the time of its setting.  
You establish darkness and it is night wherein the forest creatures prowl around.  
Young lions roar for their prey and call out to God for their meat.  
As the sun rises, they will come together and lay themselves down in their dens.  
Man will go out to his labor and work until eventide. How great are Your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom You have wrought them all: the earth is filled with Your creatures.  
Even the wide and open sea itself: within it there are countless creeping things, living beings small and large.  
Upon it there are ships a-sailing and that great beast You made to have fun.  
All of them look up to You to give them their food in due time.  
You provide and they gather up; You open Your hand and they are full.  
You hide Your face and they cringe, You suspend their breath and they die and return to their dust.  
You send forth Your breath and they live: You renew the face of the earth!  
May the Lord's glory endure for ever, may the Lord rejoice in His works.  
He looks upon the earth and makes it quake, He touches the mountains and they smoke.  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, I will praise my God as long as I last.  
Would that my thoughts be pleasing to Him and I will rejoice in the Lord.  
May the sinners vanish from the earth and may the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
The sun knows the time of its setting: You establish darkness and it is night.  
How great are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom You have wrought them all.

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

Allilulia, Allilulia, Allilulia! Glory to You, O God! (*3 times with metanias*)

O our Hope, Lord, glory to You!

## THE GREAT LITANY OF PEACE

*Leader:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* For peace from on high and the salvation of our souls,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* For peace in the whole world, the good estate of the holy Churches of God and the union of all, let us pray  
to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

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

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* For our Father and Bishop Nicholas, the honorable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the  
clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* For our civil authorities, for the government and the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

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

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* For those who travel by sea, land or air, for the sick, the suffering, for the captives and their release, let us  
pray to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us,

O God, by Your grace.

*R.* Lord have mercy!

*Leader:* Remembering our all-holy, spotless, most highly blessed and glorious Lady the Theotokos and ever-virgin  
Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ God.

*R.* To You, O Lord!

*Leader, lifting up his voice:* For all glory, honor and worship are Your due, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages.

*R.* Amen.

*Leader:* At nightfall, dawn and noon, we sing to You, we bless You, we give thanks to You and we beseech You, O  
Master of All, O Lord and Lover of Mankind: guide our prayers aright as an offering of incense before You: let not  
our hearts be led to words or thoughts of wickedness, but save us from all those who pursue our souls. For all glory,  
honor and worship are Your due, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

# PHOS HILARON

## TONE 2



O Joy-ful Light of the Ho-ly Glo - ry of the Fa-ther Im - mor - tal:



Hea - ven-ly, Ho-ly, Bless - ed Je - sus Christ! Since we have come



to the set - ting of the sun and have\_ seen the eve - ning light,



we praise\_ God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the\_ Ho - ly Spi - rit.



It is pro-per for You to bepraised at all\_ times by fit - ting me - lo-dies.



O Son of God! Giv - er of Life! There-fore the world glo-ri-fies\_ You! \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HYMN OF SIMEON THE JUST

Now You shall dismiss Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word in peace:  
because my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,  
a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people, Israel.

*Conclude by singing the appropriate Troparion for the day*

*Leader:* Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

*R.* Amen.