

# Great Vespers

St. Katherine Orthodox Church

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

Reader: Amen.

Come, let us worship and fall down before 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 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God,  
Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.  
Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who  
coverest Thyself with light as with a garment,  
Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a  
curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the  
waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His  
ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the  
winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His  
ministers a flame of fire.

Who establisheth the earth in the sureness  
thereof; it shall not be turned back forever and  
ever. The abyss like a garment is His mantle;  
upon the mountains shall the waters stand. At  
Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy  
thunder shall they be afraid.

The mountains rise up and the plains sink down,  
unto the place where Thou hast established  
them. Thou appointedst a bound that they shall  
not pass, neither return to cover the earth. He  
sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the  
mountains will the waters run. They shall give  
drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses  
will wait to quench their thirst. Beside them will  
the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of  
the rocks will they give voice.

He watereth the mountains from His chambers;  
the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy  
works. He causeth the grass to grow for the  
cattle, and green herb for the service of men, to  
bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine  
maketh glad the heart of man. To make his face  
cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's  
heart.

The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the  
cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted.  
There will the sparrows make their nests; the  
house of the heron is chief among them. The  
high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so  
is the rock for the hares.

He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun  
knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the  
darkness, and there was the night, wherein all  
the beasts of the forest will go abroad; young  
lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their  
food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are  
gathered together, and they lay them down in  
their dens. Man shall go forth unto his work, and  
to his labor until the evening. How magnified are  
Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made  
them all.

The earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this  
great and spacious sea, wherein are things  
creeping innumerable, small living creatures with  
the great. There go the ships; there this  
leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein.  
All things wait on Thee, to give them their food  
in due season; when Thou givest it them, they  
will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all  
things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou  
turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled.  
Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease;  
and unto their dust shall they return. Thou wilt  
send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created;  
and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the  
Lord will rejoice in His works. Who looketh on  
the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth  
the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto  
the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my  
God for as long as I have my being.

May my words be sweet unto Him; I will rejoice  
in the Lord. O that sinners would cease from the  
earth, and they that work iniquity, that they  
should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down. Thou  
appointedst the darkness, and there was the  
night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In  
wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
both now and ever, and unto ages of a - ges, A - men

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Glo - ry to Thee, O God O our God and our Hope, glo - ry to Thee!

## The Great Litany

Repeat the responses, alternating between them, for each petition.

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For this Holy House, and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God, enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For our father and Metropolitan N., (for our Archbishop N. or Bishop N.), for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For the President of the United States, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

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

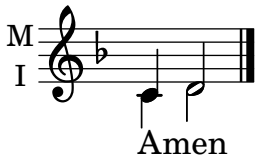
Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, 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 unto Christ our God.



Priest: For unto Thee 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.



## Psalm 140 - Lord I Have Cried

Chanted in the tone of the week. Insert Stanzas as prescribed.

A doxasticon may be prescribed after the last stanza and ``Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit''

Finish with the Theotokion prescribed after ``Both now and ever..'', which is generally the Theotokion of the Resurrection in the tone of the week.

# The Holy Entrance

When the clergy reach the center of the solea, the first part of the great censing begins. After the first part of the great censing is completed, this next dialogue occurs QUIETLY.)

Deacon: Bless, father, the Holy Entrance.

Priest: Blessed is the entrance to Thy Holy Place, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

After the choir has finished, the following is said ALOUD.)

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

## O Joyous Light Plagal of First Tone (Heirmologic)

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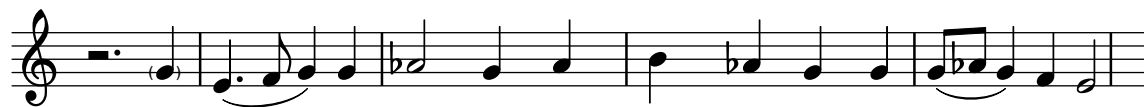
O Joy-ous Light of the ho-ly glo - ry of the im-mor-tal hea-ven-ly,  
ho - ly, bles - sed fa - ther, O Je - sus Christ:  
we that come to the set-ting of the sun, when we be-hold the eve-ning light  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, God.  
Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised  
with glad - some voi - ces, O Son of God,  
Gi - ver of Life; where-fore the world doth glo-ri - fy Thee.

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# Prokeimenon in the Tone of the Day

Tone 6 shown here is for Saturday Evening

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!



The Lord\_ is King, and hath clothed Himself with maj - es-ty

VERSE: *The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength.* **Repeat Above**

VERSE: *For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.* **Final Below**



The Lord\_ is King, and hath clothed Himself with maj - es-ty\_\_\_\_\_