

Horologion - Midnight Office

For Saturday

Menaion - September 14

The Elevation of the Holy Cross

MIDNIGHT OFFICE

PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever,
and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
present in all places and filling all things,
treasury of good things and giver of life: come;
take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every
stain, and save our souls, O Good one. [HC]

READER

Trisagion Prayers.

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

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

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transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for your name's sake.

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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. [GOA]

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 forever and to the
ages of ages.

READER

Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

Come, let us worship and bow down
before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalms 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according
to Your great mercy; and according to the
abundance of Your compassion, blot out my
transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my
lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For
I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always
before me. Against You only have I sinned
and done evil in Your sight; that You may be
justified in Your words, and overcome when
You are judged. For behold, I was conceived
in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore
me. Behold, You love truth; You showed
me the unknown and secret things of Your
wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop,
and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and
I will be made whiter than snow. You shall

make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

If the Lity was not sung at Vespers, sing the following:

Idiomela. For the Feast.

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Mode 1.

Today the holy words of David have indeed received fulfillment, / for behold, in the sight of all the world / we venerate the footstool of Your undefiled feet / and putting our hope in the shadow of Your wings / we cry aloud to You, all-compassionate Lord: / May the light of Your countenance be marked as a sign upon us / and exalt the horn of Your

Orthodox people / by the exaltation of Your precious Cross, // Christ of many mercies! [OCA]

Mode 1.

The Tree of true life was planted in the place of the skull / and upon it, eternal King, You have worked salvation in the midst of the earth! / Exalted today, it sanctifies the ends of the world, / angels in heaven greatly rejoice / and men upon earth make glad, / crying aloud with David and saying: / Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool, // for He is holy and grants the world great mercy! [OCA]

Mode 1.

Prefiguring Your Cross, O Christ, / the patriarch Jacob blessing his descendants, / laid his hands crosswise upon their heads. / And today as we exult Your Cross, Savior, we cry: / Give victory to the Orthodox Christians as You did to Constantine. [OCA]

Mode 2.

Divine treasure hidden in the earth, / the Cross of the Giver of life appeared in the heavens to the godly king, / and its inscription spiritually signified his victory over the enemy. / Rejoicing with faith and love, / inspired by God he made haste to raise on high the Cross / which he had seen in his vision; / and with great zeal he brought it forth from the bosom of the earth // for the deliverance of the world and the salvation of our souls! [OCA]

Mode 2.

The crossing of his hands by the patriarch Jacob / at the blessing of his children / foreshadowed the mighty token of Your Cross. / Having it as our safeguard which cannot be overthrown, / we drive out with

invincible strength the hosts of demons;/and casting down the arrogance of Belial,/we put to flight the all-destroying power of hateful Amalek./And now that it is lifted on high,/we the faithful offer it to Your goodness for the cleansing of our sins,/crying aloud with full voices:/Lord, made flesh of the Virgin, have mercy on us;/good One, take pity on Your creation,//which You have fashioned in Your wisdom! [OCA]

Mode 2.

You are my mighty shelter, O tri-partite Cross of Christ. Sanctify me by your power, so that with faith and love I may adore and glorify you. [SD]

Mode 4.

Let us make glad today and sing in honor of the feast,/and cry out openly with joyful faces and tongues:/O Christ, You have accepted condemnation for us,/being spat upon, scourged, and robed in purple,/You have gone up upon the Cross./Seeing You, the sun and moon hid their light,/the earth quaked in fear,/and the veil of the temple was torn in two./Grant us Yourself Your precious Cross as guardian and protector/the driver away of demons,/that embracing it we may cry aloud:/Save us, Cross, by your might!/Make us holy in your splendor, precious Cross,/and strengthen us through your exaltation://For you have been given to us as the light and salvation of our souls! [OCA]

Mode 4.

Cross, sign radiant with light among the stars,/in prophecy you revealed a trophy of victory to the godly king;/and when his mother Helen found you,/she displayed

you in the sight of the world./And today the choirs of faithful shout aloud as they raise you on high:/Enlighten us with your brightness, life-giving and all-venerable Cross:/make us holy by your might/and lifted on high before your warriors,//strengthen us through your exaltation! [OCA]

Glory. Both now.

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Idiomelon. Mode 4.

Portraying in advance the action of the precious Cross, Moses routed the adversary Amalek in the wilderness of Sinai, O Christ. For when he spread out his arms, in the form of the Cross, the people became strong. And now the outcome of those events has been fulfilled in us. Today the Cross is exalted, and the demons are banished. Today the entire creation is liberated from corruption. For through the Cross, all the gifts of grace have shone forth to us. Therefore, rejoicing, we all bow down before You and say, "How magnified are Your works, O Lord. Glory to You!" [SD]

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READER

Amen.

Apolytikion.

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Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth. [GOA]

Lord, have mercy. (40)

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

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

May He who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For all pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our (episcopal rank) (name).

For our nation.

For the armed forces.

For our departed fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers.

For those who have mercy on us and serve us.

For those who hate us and those who love us.

For those who have asked us the unworthy to pray for them.

For the release of captives.

For those who are traveling.

For those who are ill.

Let us pray also for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.

And for all our family and friends who have fallen asleep before us, the Orthodox here and everywhere piously laid to sleep.

Let us also say for ourselves: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us [and save us].

(Amen.)