Vespers Praise for Wednesday

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# The Fourth Canticle

#### Psalm 148

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| ¿ | Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: Alleluia.  Praise Him in the highest. |  |
|  | Praise ye Him, all His angels: Alleluia.  Praise ye Him, all His hosts. |  |
| ¿ | Praise ye Him, sun and moon: Alleluia.  Praise Him all ye stars of light. |  |
|  | Praise Him ye heavens of heavens: Alleluia.  And ye waters that be above the heavens. |  |
| ¿ | Let them praise the Name of the Lord: Alleluia.  For He spoke and they became. |  |
|  | For He commanded and they were created. Alleluia.  He has also established them forever and ever. |  |
| ¿ | He has made a decree, which shall not pass. Alleulia.  Praise the Lord from the earth. |  |
|  | Praise the Lord from the earth ye dragons and all deeps: Alleluia.  Fire and hail, snow and vapours, stormy wind, fulfilling His word. |  |
| ¿ | High mountains and all hills: Alleluia.  Fruitful trees and all cedars. |  |
|  | The beasts and all the cattle: Alleluia.  Creeping things and flying fowl. |  |
| ¿ | Kings of the earth and all people: Alleluia.  Princes and all judges of the earth. |  |
|  | Both young men and maidens: Alleluia.  Old men and children. |  |
| ¿ | Let them praise the Name of the Lord: Alleluia.  For His Name alone is excellent. |  |
|  | His glory is above the earth and heaven: Alleluia.  He also exalts the horn of His people. |  |
| ¿ | The praise of all His saints: Alleluia.  Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him. |  |

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#### Psalm 149

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|  | Sing unto the Lord a new song: Alleluia.  And His praise in the church of the saints. |  |
| ¿ | Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him: Alleluia.  Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. |  |
|  | Let them praise His Name in the chorus: Alleluia.  Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp. |  |
| ¿ | For the Lord takes pleasure in His people: Alleluia.  He will exalt the meek with salvation. |  |
|  | Let the saints be joyful in glory: Alleluia.  Let them sing aloud upon their beds. |  |
| ¿ | Let the high praises of God be in their mouth: Alleluia.  And a two-edged sword in their hand. |  |
|  | To execute vengeance upon the heathen: Alleluia.  And punishments upon the people. |  |
| ¿ | To bind their kings with chains: Alleluia.  And their nobles with fetters of iron. |  |
|  | To execute unto them the judgement written: Alleluia.  This honour have all His saints. |  |

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#### Psalm 150

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| ¿ | Praise God in all His saints: Alleluia. |  |
|  | Praise Him in the firmament of His power: Alleluia. |  |
| ¿ | Praise Him for His mighty acts: Alleluia. |  |
|  | Praise Him according to the multitudes of His greatness: Alleluia. |  |
| ¿ | Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: Alleluia. |  |
|  | Praise Him with psaltery and harp: Alleluia. |  |
| ¿ | Praise Him with timbrel and chorus: Alleluia. |  |
|  | Praise Him with strings and organs: Alleluia. |  |
| ¿ | Praise Him with pleasant-sounding cymbals: Alleluia. |  |
|  | Praise Him upon the cymbals of joy: Alleluia. |  |
| ¿ | Let everything that has breath praise the Name of the Lord our God: Alleluia. |  |
|  | Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: Alleluia. |  |
| ¿ | Now, and forever, and to the age of ages. Amen. Alleluia. |  |
|  | Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory be to our God: Alleluia. |  |
| ¿ | Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory be to our God: Alleluia. |  |

# The Thursday Psali Batos

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|  | Once more, my beloved,  Let us cast away  The evil lusts of our heart  That lead us toward sin. |  |
|  | Let us bless the Name of Salvation,  Of our Lord Jesus Christ,  Greatly and unceasingly,  Proclaiming and saying, |  |
| ¿ | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Begotten of the Father,  Before all the ages,  Have mercy upon us according to Thy great mercy. |  |
| ¿ | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Who was born of the Virgin,  In Bethlehem of Judea,  Save us and have mercy upon us. |  |
|  | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Who was baptised in the Jordan,  Purify our souls,  From the defilement of sin. |  |
|  | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Who fasted on our behalf,  Forty days and forty nights,  Save us and have mercy on us. |  |
| ¿ | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Who wast crucified on the cross,  Bruise Satan,  Under our feet. |  |
| ¿ | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Who was placed in the tomb,  Crush under us,  The sting of death. |  |
|  | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Who rose from the dead,  Ascended into the heavens,  Raise us with Thy power. |  |
|  | O My Lord Jesus Christ,  Who will come at His second Parousia,  Deal with us lovingly,  At Thy fearful judgment seat. |  |
| ¿ | For of Thine own will,  And the goodwill of Thy Father,  And the Holy Spirit,  Thou hast come and saved us.s |  |

### The Conclusion of the Batos Psali

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| ¿ | And whenever we sing hymns  Let us say tenderly,  "O our Lord, Jesus Christ,  Have mercy upon us." |  |
|  | Glory to the Father  And the Son and the Holy Spirit,  Now, and forever,  And to the age of ages. Amen. |  |

### The Thursday Theotokia

#### Part One

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|  | The bush that Moses,  Had seen in the wilderness,  Was filled with fire from within,  Yet its branches were not burnt, |  |
| ¿ | This is a figure of Mary,  The undefiled virgin,  Of Whom the Logos of the Father,  Came and was incarnate. |  |
|  | The fire of His Divinity,  Burnt not the womb of the Virgin,  And after giving birth,  She remained a virgin. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Two

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|  | Mary the Mother of God  Is the pride of all virgins,  For the first curse  Was abolished because of her. |  |
| ¿ | That curse which came upon our race,  Through the transgression,  In which the woman fell,  When she ate from the fruit of the tree. |  |
|  | Because of Eve the door  Of Paradise was shut;  Through Mary the Virgin  It was once more opened to us. |  |
| ¿ | We have become worthy  To eat of the Tree of Life,  Which is the Body of God,  And His true Blood. |  |
|  | Let us worship our Saviour,  The Good lover of mankind,  For He had compassion on us;  He came and saved us. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Three

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|  | What mind or what speech,  Or what hearing can grasp,  The unspeakable depth  Of Thy love for mankind, O God? |  |
| ¿ | The One, the only Logos,  Begotten before all the ages,  From the only Father  As the Divinity, without body. |  |
|  | He and only He  Was also born bodily,  Without change or alteration  From His only mother. |  |
| ¿ | And after she gave birth to Him,  Her virginity was not loosened,  By this it was revealed,  That she is the Theotokos. |  |
|  | O the depth of the richness,  And wisdom of God,  For the womb under judgment,  To bring forth children in anguish. |  |
| ¿ | Became a fountain of immortality,  Bringing forth Emmanuel to us,  Without human seed;  He destroyed the corruption of our race. |  |
|  | Let us cry out unto Him and say,  “Glory to Thee O Incomprehensible One,  The Good Lover of Mankind, Saviour of our souls,"  For He came and saved us. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Four

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|  | O the honour of the conception,  Of the virginal womb,  Of Theotokos without seed,  As the angel witnessed. |  |
| ¿ | When he appeared to Joseph,  He said in this wise,  “The One Who shall be born of her,  Is of the Holy Spirit.” |  |
|  | For the Logos of the Father,  Came and was incarnate of her,  Without change she gave birth to Him,  The angel added saying, |  |
| ¿ | “She will give birth to a Son,  His Name shall be called Emmanuel,  Which is interpreted,  God with us.” |  |
|  | "And also, you will call  His Name Jesus,  He will save His people,  From their iniquities." |  |
| ¿ | If now we are His people,  He will save us with strength,  He will forgive us our iniquities,  Let us know Him steadfastly. |  |
|  | For He is God in truth,  He became man without change,  To Him the glory is due,  Now and forever. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Five

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|  | Oh the divine,  And wondrous child-bearing,  Of the Theotokos,  Mary, the Ever-Virgin. |  |
| ¿ | Undefiled virginity  And true birth  Came together  In one place in her. |  |
|  | For marriage did not,  Precede the birth,  Nor did the birth,  Loosen her virginity. |  |
| ¿ | For He Who was begotten of God  Without pain from the Father,  Was born according to the flesh,  Without pain from the virgin. |  |
|  | One nature from two,  Divinity and humanity,  Thus the Magi worshiped Him,  Silently declaring His Divinity. |  |
| ¿ | They brought Him frankincense as God,  And gold as king,  And myrrh as a sign,  Of His life-giving death. |  |
|  | He accepted these for our sake of His own will,  The one, only good Lover of Mankind,  the Saviour of our souls,  He came and saved us. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Six

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|  | O what a great wonder,  A rib was taken,  From the side of Adam;  A woman was formed from it. |  |
| ¿ | She gave the form of humanity  Perfectly to God,  The Creator,  The Logos of the Father. |  |
|  | This is He Who was Incarnate of her,  Without alteration,  She gave birth to Him as man,  And His name was called Emmanuel. |  |
| ¿ | Let us also entreat her,  The Theotokos at all times,  That she intercede on our behalf,  Before her beloved Son. |  |
|  | For she is greatly honoured,  By all the saints, the Patriarchs  For she brought unto them,  He Whom they afore expected. |  |
| ¿ | Likewise the prophets,  Who prophesied concerning Him,  In various and many types,  That He would come and save us. |  |
|  | Together with the Apostles,  For She is the bearer,  Of Him Whom they preached,  To the whole world. |  |
| ¿ | And the struggling martyrs,  For He came out of her,  The true Struggler,  Our Lord Jesus Christ. |  |
|  | Wherefore, let us glorify, the greatness,  Of His vast riches,  And His boundless wisdom,  Beseeching His great mercy. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Seven

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|  | The Lord swore in truth to David,  And will not turn from it,  "Of the fruit of your loins,  I will set upon your throne." |  |
| ¿ | So when the righteous David,  Consented that from himself,  Christ be brought forth according to the flesh,  He sought earnestly, |  |
|  | To find a dwelling place,  For the Lord God, the Logos,  And this was fulfilled,  With great diligence. |  |
| ¿ | And forthwith he cried out,  In the Spirit, saying,  "We heard it at Ephratah,"  Which is Bethlehem. |  |
|  | The place which Emmanuel our God,  deemed worthy  To be born in according to the flesh,  For our salvation. |  |
| ¿ | Also according to the saying,  Of Micah the prophet,  “And you also, Bethlehem,  The land of Ephratah, |  |
|  | Are not the least,  Of the rulers of Judah,  For out of you shall come,  A ruler Who will shepherd my people Israel." |  |
| ¿ | O what a symphony,  Of these prophets,  Who prophesied in this one Spirit,  Concerning the coming of Christ! |  |
|  | This is He to Whom the glory is due,  With His good Father,  And the Holy Spirit,  Now and forever. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Eight

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|  | The One from the Trinity,  Co-essential with the Father,  Looked upon our weakness,  And our bitter bondage. |  |
| ¿ | He bowed the heaven of heavens,  And came to the womb of the Virgin,  He became man like us,  Save for sin only. |  |
|  | He was born in Bethlehem,  According to the prophetic sayings;  He redeemed and saved us,  For we are His people. |  |
| ¿ | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

#### Part Nine

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|  | I saw a sign appear in heaven,  Behold, a woman clothed with the sun,  And also the moon,  Was under her feet. |  |
| ¿ | And there were twelve stars,  As a Crown upon her head,  She was with child, travailing,  Crying out to be delivered. |  |
|  | This is Mary,  The new heaven on earth,  From whom the Sun of Righteousness,  Rises upon us. |  |
| ¿ | For the sun that is clothing her,  Is Our Lord Jesus Christ,  And the moon under her feet,  Is John the Baptist. |  |
|  | The twelve stars,  That are a crown upon her head,  Are the twelve apostles,  They encompass and honour her. |  |
| ¿ | Wherefore all ye nations,  Let us glorify the virgin,  For she bare God to us,  And her virginity is sealed. |  |
|  | He did not cease to be God,  He came and became the Son of Man,  But He is God in truth,  He came and saved us. |  |

### The Crown Batos

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| ¿ | Moses was worthy to behold  The glory of God  The unseen Who is before all the ages  On the mountain. |  |
|  | For he beheld the bush,  Filled with fire from within,  But its branches did not burn,  Neither were its leaves destroyed. |  |
| ¿ | Though the fire was aflame,  The bush did not burn,  For God was therein  Speaking with the prophet. |  |
|  | Saying “O Moses, O Moses,  O Moses the one I love,  I am the God of your fathers,  There is none but me. |  |
| ¿ | Put off your shoes,  From your feet,  For the place whereon you stand,  Is holy ground, O prophet.” |  |
|  | Consider the bush,  Filled with fire from within;  Its branches did not burn,  Neither were its leaves destroyed. |  |
| ¿ | This is a figure of Mary,  The undefiled virgin,  From Whom the Word of the Father,  Came and was incarnate. |  |
|  | Wherefore we praise with,  John the celibate, saying,  Holy is this bride,  Who is adorned for the Lamb. |  |
| ¿ | Hail to you, O Virgin,  The very and true queen.  Hail to the pride of our race,  Who has borne to us Em­manuel. |  |
|  | We ask you, remember us,  O our faithful advocate,  Before our Lord Jesus Christ,  That He may forgive us our sins. |  |

### The Ending of the Batos Theotokias

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|  | O our Lord, Jesus Christ,  Who carries the sin of the world,  Count us with Thy sheep,  Who shall stand upon Thy right. |  |
| ¿ | And in Thy Second Coming,  Awesome and full of glory,  May we never hear Thee say,  "I know ye not." |  |
|  | Rather, may we be worthy  To hear Thy tender voice,  Which is full of joy,  Proclaiming and saying, |  |
| ¿ | "Come ye unto me,  O blessed of My Father,  And inherit the life  That endures forever." |  |
|  | All the martyrs shall come,  Bearing their afflictions,  And the righteous shall come,  Bearing all their virtues. |  |
| ¿ | The Son of God shall also come,  In His Father's glory,  To reward everyone  According to his works. |  |
|  | O Christ, Logos of the Father,  The Only-Begotten God,  Grant us Thy peace  Which is full of joy. |  |
| ¿ | As Thou hast said unto  Thine holy Apostles,  Likewise say unto us,  "My peace I give to you. |  |
|  | "My peace, which I have taken  From My Good Father,  I leave unto you,  Now and forever." |  |
| ¿ | O angel of this evening,  Flying up high with this hymn,  Remember us before the Lord,  That He may forgive us our sins |  |
|  | The sick, O Lord, heal them;  Those who slept, repose them;  And all our brethren in distress,  Help us, O Lord, and all of them. |  |
| ¿ | May God bless us;  And let us bless His Holy Name;  And may His praise be  Always on our lips. |  |
|  | Blessed be the Father and the Son,  And the Holy Spirit,  The perfect Trinity:  We worship Him and glorify Him. |  |