Reader’s ‘Great’ Vespers on Saturday, August 29th

12th Sunday After Pentecost –– Postfeast of the Dormition –– Holy Martyr Myron –– Tone 3

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Glory to Thee O God, glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life, come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One!

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

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. ***(Thrice)***

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Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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Lord have mercy. ***Twelve Times***

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O come, let us worship God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

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 for ever 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. But 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, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, 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, and 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.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  Glory to Thee, O God. ***Thrice****.*

Lord, have mercy. ***Forty Times***

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

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Arise O Lord, save me, O my God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Salvation belongs to the Lord: Thy blessing is upon Thy people. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee, O God. ***Three Times***

Lord, have mercy ***Three Times***

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

In the 3rd Tone: Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me.

Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord. \* Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; \* attend to the voice of my supplication, \* when I cry unto Thee. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth \* as incense before Thee, \* the lifting up of my hands \* as an evening sacrifice. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins.

With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head.

For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.

They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto hades.

For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity.

The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication.

I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knewest my paths.

In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.

I looked upon my right hand, and beheld, and there was none that did know me.

Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watcheth out for my soul.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion art Thou in the land of the living.

Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low.

Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison:  that I may confess Thy name.

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.

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

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

By Thy Cross, O Christ our Savior, \* the dominion of death hath been abolished, \* the devil’s deception hath been dispelled, \* while mankind, saved by faith, \*\* each evening offers hymns unto Thee.

For Thy name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

By Thy Resurrection, O Lord, \* the universe hath been filled with light \* and Paradise hath been opened again, \* while all creation, singing Thy praise, \*\* each evening offers hymns unto Thee.

Tone 4: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.

Having conceived Life, O Theotokos, \* thou didst repose in accordance with the law of nature \* and pass over from earth to the heavens \* at the behest of Him Who was incarnate \* of thy most pure and divine blood. \* Wherefore, the apostles of godly eloquence came from all the ends of the earth \* and stood before thee to bury thee, \* exclaiming to thee in hymnody: \* Rejoice, O animate throne of the King of all \* and precious ark of His holy place! \*\* Rejoice, O thou who alone hast given birth to the Savior of our souls!

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

When the apostles of the Savior, \* the habitations of the most pure Light, \* the beacons dispelling the night of polytheism, \* learned through the Spirit that thou, O blessed one, \* the divine cloud \* from whence the unwaning Light shone forth, \* wast to be translated from among the things of this earth \* to transcendent joy, \* they arrived on clouds, \* conducting thee to the life-bearing tomb \* with songs of parting, \* O Theotokos, our hope.

Tone 2: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

When the immolation wrought by the godless was consuming every land, O blessed one, then wast thou set afire by the fervor of the Spirit, and preached the Word Who, in His goodness, wrapped Himself in flesh taken from the divine Virgin Maiden. Wherefore, strengthened by the power of grace, thou didst endure fire, torments and cruel persecutions.

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

When the ignominious foe strove with enticements to sway thee from thine intention, then, adorned with courage, thou didst oppose him steadfastly, and endured the pangs which brought thee to a rest without pain, to the kingdom of heaven and everlasting delight, O right laudable martyr Myron.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As she was more exalted than the heavens, more glorious than the cherubim and higher in honor than all creation, and in her exceeding purity becameth the dwellingplace of the ever-existent Essence, she surrendereth her most holy soul into the hands of her Son today. By her are all things filled with joy; and He granteth us great mercy.

In the 3rd Tone: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen:

How can we, O all-honored one, \* not marvel at thine Offspring? \* who is both God and man. \* For without knowing a man, O all-immaculate One, \* without a father thou hast given birth to a Son in the flesh, \* who without a mother was begotten from the Father before all ages, \* yet in no way undergoing change, fusion or separation, \* but preserving fully the characteristics of both natures. \* Wherefore, O Sovereign Lady, and Virgin Mother, \* beseech Him to save the souls of those \*\* who with Orthodox faith confess thee to be the true Theotokos.

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: Having come to the setting of the sun, having beheld the evening light, we praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: God.  Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised with reverent voices, O Son of God, Giver of life.  Wherefore, the world doth glorify Thee.

Prokeimenon in the 6th Tone:The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty!

 The Lord is robed with strength, and has girded Himself

 For He has established the world so that it should never be moved

 Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore

 The Lord is King,/ He is robed in majesty!

Lord have mercy. ***Forty times***

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

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.  Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes.

O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the work of Thy hands.  To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.  Amen.

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In the 3rd Tone:

By Thy passion, O Christ, \* Thou didst darken the sun, \* and by the light of Thy Resurrection \* Thou hast made the whole universe radiant. \* We beseech Thee to accept our evening hymn, \*\* O Lover of mankind.

Verse: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty!

O Gracious Lord, Thy life-bearing Rising hath enlightened the world, \* and reclaimed Thine own fashioned after Thine image, \* which had become corrupt. \* And so, delivered from the curse of Adam, we cry aloud, \*\* ‘O All-powerful Lord, glory be to Thee!’

Verse: For he has established the world so that it shall never be moved!

Howbeit, as God Thou art unchangeable, \* yet by Thy suffering Thou hast undergone change in the flesh, \* and creation, unable to bear seeing Thee hanging upon a cross, \* was shaken with fear, \* groaning as it sang the praise of Thy longsuffering; \* and having descended into Hades, Thou didst arise on the third day, \*\* granting to the world life and great mercy.

Verse: Holiness befits thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

In order to ransom our race from death, O Christ, \* Thou didst suffer death; \* and arising on the third day from the dead \* Thou hast raised with Thyself those who acknowledged Thee as God, \* and Thou hast enlightened the world. \*\* O Lord, glory be to Thee!

In the 2nd Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen:

The all-immaculate Bride and Mother of Him in Whom the Father was wellpleased, who was foreordained by God to be the habitation of His uncommingled Union, doth commit her all-pure soul to God the Creator. Her do the hosts of the incorporeal ones bear aloft, and she passeth over to life, in that she is the Mother of the Life, the light of the Light unapproachable, the salvation of the faithful and the hope of our souls.

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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In the 3rd Tone:

Let the heavens be glad; let earthly things rejoice; \* for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm. \* trampling down death by death; \* becoming the first-born of the dead, \* delivering us from the belly of Hades, \*\* and granting the world great mercy.

In the 1st Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity, \* and in thy dormition thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. \* Thou hast been translated unto life, \* since thou art the Mother of Life. \*\* And by thine intercessions thou dost deliver our souls from death.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

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

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord bless!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, of the Holy Martyr Myron, Presbyter of Cyzicus, and of all the saints, O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.