

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPERS

At Lord, I call... 10 verses are taken: 4 "Stikhira of Repentance" in the tone of the week followed by 3 verses from the Triodion:

6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Tone 2

Verse 5

LET US HUMBLE THE FLESH BY AB - STI - NENCE AS WE FOLLOW THE

DIVINE PATH OF PURE FAST - ING. WITH PRAYERS AND TEARS LET US SEEK THE

LORD WHO SAVES US. LET US PUT AN END TO ANGER CRY - ING OUT:

SAVE US WHO HAVE SINNED A - GAINST THEE. SAVE US, O CHRIST OUR KING,

AS THOU DIDST SAVE THE MEN OF NI - NE - VAH, AND MAKE US

PARTAKERS OF THY HEAVENLY KINGDOM, O COM - PAS - SION - ATE ONE.

5. For Thy name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word, my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Verse 6

WHEN I THINK OF MY DEEDS, O LORD, I AM FILLED WITH DE - SPAIR

AND KNOW THAT I AM WORTHY OF EV - 'RY TOR - MENT. I HAVE DESPISED

THY COMMANDMENTS, O SAV - IOR. I HAVE SPENT MY LIFE AS A PRO - DI - GAL.

I PRAY TO THEE, O ON - LY MER - CI - FUL ONE CLEANSE ME BY RE - PENT -

ANCE ENLIGHTEN ME THROUGH PRAYERS AND FAST - ING, AND DESPISE ME NOT, O

MOST GRACIOUS BEN - E - FAC - TOR OF ALL.

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord

Verse 7

LET US BEGIN THE FAST WITH JOY. LET US PREPARE OURSELVES FOR

SPIR - IT - UAL EF - FORTS. LET US CLEANSE OUR SOUL AND CLEANSE OUR FLESH.

LET US ABSTAIN FROM EVERY PASSION AS WE AB - STAIN FROM FOOD.

LET US RE - JOICE IN VIRTUES OF THE SPIRIT AND FUL - FILL THEM IN LOVE.

THAT WE ALL MAY SEE THE PAS - SION OF CHRIST OUR GOD,

AND REJOICE IN SPIRIT AT THE HO - LY PAS - CHA.

The final 3 stichera are taken to the saint of the day from the Menaion followed by Glory, now and ever, and the Theotokion which is also from the Menaion.

O GLADSOME LIGHT
 GREAT PROKIMENON "TURN NOT AWAY THY FACE"
 VOUCHSAFE, O LORD
 LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

APOSTICHA

Tone 4

THY GRACE HAS SHOWN FORTH, O LORD, THE GRACE WHICH IL - LU - MINES OUR

SOUL. THIS IS THE AC - CEPT - A - BLE TIME THIS IS THE TIME OF

RE - PENT - ANCE. LET US LAY ASIDE THE WORKS OF DARKNESS AND PUT

ON THE AR - MOR OF LIGHT, THAT PASSING THROUGH THE FAST AS THROUGH A GREAT

SEA WE MAY REACH THE RESURRECTION ON THE THIRD DAY

OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE SAV - IOR OF OUR SOULS TWICE

VERSE: To Thee I lift up my eyes, O Thou who art enthroned in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he have mercy upon us.

CHOIR: Repeats "Thy grace has shown forth, O Lord...."

VERSE: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud.

Same Tone

THOU ART GLO - RI - FIED IN THE MEMORY OF THY SAINTS, O CHRIST GOD.

AT THEIR SUPPLICATIONS, SEND DOWN UPON US THY GREAT MER - CY.

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

THE ANGELIC HOSTS GLORIFY YOU, O MO - THER OF GOD, FOR YOU GAVE

BIRTH TO GOD, CO - E - TER - NAL WITH THE FATHER AND THE SPIR - IT

WHO CREATED OUT OF NOTHING THE AN - GEL - IC HOSTS. BESEECH HIM TO

DELIVER FROM COR - RUP - TION AND TO EN - LIGHT - EN THE SOULS

OF THOSE WHO RIGHTLY PRAISE YOU, O ALL PURE ONE.

ST. SIMEON'S PRAYER
 TRISAGION
 LENTEN TROPARIA

READER: Lord, have mercy. (40)

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim; without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the Name of the Lord, father, bless.

PRIEST: Christ, our God, the Existing One, is blessed always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen. O heavenly King, establish the Orthodox Christians, confirm the Faith, quiet the heathen, give peace to the world, place our departed fathers and brethren in the tabernacles of the Righteous, and receive us in repentance and confession for Thou art good, and the Lover of Mankind.

ST. EPHREM'S PRAYER (1 time)
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