

SERVICE OF MATINS

PRIEST

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

READER

Amen.

PRIEST

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.

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.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

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

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions * upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. * Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, * granting them the victories against their adversaries. * And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, * peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O awesome and unshamable Protection, O good and praiseworthy Theotokos, do not despise our petitions; make firm the community of the Orthodox; save those whom you have called to rule; grant them victory from heaven, for you gave birth to God and are truly blessed.

PRIEST

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for (episcopal rank) (name).

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHANTER

Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

Glory to the holy and consubstantial, and life giving, and undivided Trinity, always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

READER

The Six Psalms.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. (3)

O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. (2)

Psalm 3.

O Lord, why do those who afflict me multiply? Many are those who rise up against me. Many are those who say to my soul, "There is no salvation for him in his God." But You, O Lord, are my protector, my glory and the One who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord, and save me, O my God, for You struck all those who were foolishly at enmity with me; You broke the teeth of sinners. Salvation is of the Lord, and Your blessing is upon Your people.

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

Psalm 37 (38).

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, nor chasten me in Your anger. For Your arrows are fixed in me, and Your hand rests on me; there is no healing in my flesh because of Your wrath; there is no peace in my bones because of my sins. For my transgressions rise up over my head; like a heavy burden they are heavy on me. My wounds grow foul and

fester because of my folly. I suffer misery, and I am utterly bowed down; I go all the day long with a sad face. For my loins are filled with mockeries, and there is no healing in my flesh. I am afflicted and greatly humbled; I roar because of the groaning of my heart. O Lord, all my desire is before You, and my groaning is not hidden from You. My heart is troubled; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes, even this is not with me. My friends and neighbors draw near and stand against me, and my near of kin stand far off; and those who seek my soul use violence, and those who seek evil for me speak folly; and they meditate on deceit all the day long. But I like a deaf man do not hear, and I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. I am like a man who does not hear, and who has no reproofs in his mouth. For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. For I said, "Let not my enemies rejoice over me, for when my foot was shaken, they boasted against me." For I am ready for wounds, and my pain is continually with me. For I will declare my transgression, and I will be anxious about my sin. But my enemies live, and are become stronger than I; and those who hate me unjustly are multiplied; those who repaid me evil for good slandered me, because I pursue righteousness; and they threw away my love as though it were a stinking corpse. Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not depart from me; give heed to help me, O Lord of my salvation. Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not depart from me. Give heed to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

Psalm 62 (63).

O God, my God, I rise early to be with You; my soul thirsts for You. How often my flesh thirsts for You in a desolate, impassable, and waterless land. So in the holy place I appear before You, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your mercy is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You in my life; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

May my soul be filled, as if with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall sing praise to You with lips filled with rejoicing. If I remembered You on my bed, I meditated on You at daybreak; for You are my helper, and in the shelter of Your wings I will greatly rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand takes hold of me. But they seek for my soul in vain; they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth. They shall be given over to the edge of the sword; they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall be glad in God; all who swear by Him shall be praised, for the mouth that speaks unrighteous things is stopped.

I meditated on You at daybreak. For You are my helper, and in the shelter of Your wings I will greatly rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand takes hold of me.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

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Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

Psalm 87 (88).

O Lord God of my salvation, I cry day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my supplication, O Lord. For my soul is filled with sorrows, and my soul draws near to Hades; I am counted among those who go down into the pit; I am like a helpless man, free among the dead, like slain men thrown down and sleeping in a grave, whom You remember no more, but they are removed from Your hand. They laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places and in the shadow of

death. Your wrath rested upon me, and You brought all Your billows over me. You removed my acquaintances far from me; they made me an abomination among themselves; I was betrayed, and did not go forth. My eyes weakened from poverty; O Lord, I cry to You the whole day long; I spread out my hands to You. Will You work wonders for the dead? Or will physicians raise them up, and acknowledge You? Shall anyone in the grave describe Your mercy and Your truth in destruction? Shall Your wonders be known in darkness, and Your righteousness in a forgotten land? But I cry to You, O Lord, and in the morning my prayer shall come near to You. Why, O Lord, do You reject my soul, and turn away Your face from me? I am poor and in troubles from my youth; but having been exalted, I was humbled and brought into despair. Your fierce anger passed over me, and Your terrors greatly troubled me; they compassed me like water all the day long; they surrounded me at once. You removed far from me neighbor and friend, and my acquaintances because of my misery.

O Lord God of my salvation, I cry day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my supplication, O Lord.

Psalm 102 (103).

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards: who is merciful to all your transgressions, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from corruption, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, who satisfies your desire with good things; and your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord shows mercies and judgment to all who are wronged. He made known His ways to Moses, the things He willed to the sons of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not become angry to the end, nor will He be wrathful forever; He did not deal with us according to

our sins, nor reward us according to our transgressions; for according to the height of heaven from earth, so the Lord reigns in mercy over those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him, for He knows how He formed us; He remembers we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, as a flower of the field, so he flourishes; for the wind passes through it, and it shall not remain; and it shall no longer know its place. But the mercy of the Lord is from age to age upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness upon children's children, to such as keep His covenant and remember His commandments, to do them. The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, all you His angels, mighty in strength, who do His word, so as to hear the voice of His words. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, His ministers who do His will; bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

In all places of His dominion; Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 142 (143).

O Lord, hear my prayer; give ear to my supplication in Your truth; answer me in Your righteousness; do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for no one living shall become righteous in Your sight. For the enemy persecuted my soul; he humbled my life to the ground; he caused me to dwell in dark places as one long dead, and my spirit was in anguish within me; my heart was troubled within me. I remembered the days of old, and I meditated on all Your works; I meditated on the works of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a waterless land. Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faints within me; turn not Your face from me, lest I become like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning, for I

hope in You; make me know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, for to You I flee for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. For Your name's sake, O Lord, give me life; in Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction. In Your mercy You shall destroy my enemies; You shall utterly destroy all who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

Answer me in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

Answer me in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

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(intoned)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. Our hope, O Lord, glory to You.

PRIEST/DEACON

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our (episcopal rank) (name), for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.
(Amen.)

CHOIR

Third Mode

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse 1: *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.*

Verse 2: *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

Verse 3: *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

Apolytikia

Third Mode

Your confession.

All the world has you, its mighty champion, * fortifying us in times of danger, * and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. * So, as you humbled Lyaios's arrogance * by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, * thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, * to Christ our God pray fervently, * beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Of Saint Nestor.

Fourth Mode

Come Quickly

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * receive as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. *

For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, y his prayers, save our souls, since Thou are merciful.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

For the Consecration

Fourth Mode

O Lord, establish this church forever as you have shown by the harmony of the heavens above and the beauty of the holy Tabernacle of your Glory below. Accept our prayers which are continuously addressed to You in this church. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos who is the life and resurrection of all.

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours 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.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma I

For St. Nestor

Plagal of the First Mode

Come Quickly

Today your memorial delights the Church of Christ. * We gather together for the feast, O glorious Saint * Great-martyr Demetrios. * Songfully we extol you, for of this you are worthy, * O godly-minded soldier and destroyer of enemies. * Therefore by your entreaties, from temptations deliver us.

Glory. Both Now

For Consecration.

Fourth Mode

Come Quickly

By God himself was the Tabernacle laid out; * and God-inspired Prophet Moses set it up on earth; * and with sacrifices Solomon dedicate the temple. * And we who by faith have taken refuge in the new * Jerusalem imitating David no raise * a divine hymn extolling Christ, who was crucified for us, * imploring and entreating Him * for forgiveness of all our sins.

Kathisma II.

For St. Nestor

First Mode

Let us worship the Word

With unwavering faith did the Champion of Christ * bravely cast down the insolence of the tyrannous. * Like an athlete he competed against the evil one. * In reward for enduring the tortures he received * the gift of miracle-working * from God the Judge of the contests, to Whom he prays that He have mercy on us.

Glory. Both Now.

For Consecration

Plagal of the Fourth Mode

By conceiving the wisdom

You have fashioned the heavens to be Your throne, * O Creator of wisdom ineffable. * O God, You have called the earth the footstool of Your feet. * And no you have chosen this church building, which You were * well pleased to have built in Your name to Your glory, * for Your habitation and dwelling, O Savior, * to hear the petitions of those who piously enter it; * where in faith we cry to You: * Lord and Master, Christ our God, * we entreat You, send down forgiveness of sins * to us Your servants who worship Your glory with faith.

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Antiphon I

Fourth Mode

Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2)

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2)

Glory.

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life, and through cleansing is lifted and brightened, in a hidden, sacred manner, by the trinal Monad.

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered.

Prokeimenon.

Psalms 67, 15.

God is wondrous in His saints. (2)

Verse: To the saints on His earth, in them the Lord magnified all His will.

God is wondrous in His saints.

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

Second Mode

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. (21:12-19)

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord. Glory to You.

PRIEST (from the gate)

The Lord said to his disciples, "Beware of men who will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord. Glory to You.

READER

Psalm 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.

CHOIR

Second Mode

Glory to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

At the intercession of the holy Martyr, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences.

Now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amin.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences.

Idiomelon.

Second Mode

Verse: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.

To the supermundane tabernacles, Christ God took your spirit blameless, O wise Martyr Demetrios. For you became a champion of the Trinity, courageously competing in the stadium like a mighty man of steel. By a lance you were pierced in your immaculate side, O all-venerable one; and thereby imitating the Lord who was stretched upon a cross for the salvation of the entire world, you received the power of performing miracles, and thus abundantly provide healings to people. Therefore as we celebrate your repose today, we worthily glorify the Lord who glorified you.

DEACON

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; of the holy and glorious Great Martyr Demetrios, the Myrrh-streamer the protector of this holy Church, the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, of the Holy Martyr Nestor of Thesalonica, whose memory we celebrate; and of all your Saints. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. (12)

PRIEST

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Kontakion for St. Nestor

Second Mode

Well didst thou contest; hence, thou hast now inherited immortal renown, wise Nestor, and thou art become Christ the Master's excellent soldier by the holy and fervent prayers of the Martyr Demetrius. Thus, with him, cease not to pray for all of us.

Kontakion for St. Demetrios

Second Mode

Automelon

In the pools of your blood, O Demetrios, with royal purple God has robed His holy Church. He gave you dominion invincible, thereby preserving your city invulnerable; for you are her bulwark and patron saint.

Kontakion for the Consecration.

Fourth Mode

You appeared today

Lord, Your Church appears to us * to be like heaven * full of light, and guides with light * all who believe in You, O Christ. * And we who stand in it cry to You: * Savior, establish forever this holy house.

Oikos for the Consecration

After the Logos had dwelt among us in the flesh, John, that Son-of-Thunder, wrote, "We beheld the glory, which the Son had from the Father, in grace and truth. To all of us, who received Him by faith, He gave power to become n cof God. And now, born again, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, but raised by the Holy Spirit, we have erected a house of prayer, and we say, "Savior, establish forever this holy house."

Synaxarion.

On the twenty-seventh of this month we commemorate the Holy Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica.

On this day we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Capitolina and Eroteis, her handmaid, of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

On this day we commemorate our Father among the Saints Cyriacus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyrs Vincent and Sabina and Christeta his sisters, who were martyred under Diocletian at Avila in Spain.

On this day we commemorate our righteous Father Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves, who reposed in the year 1114.

On this day we commemorate the recovery of the holy relics of the blessed Andrew, Prince of Smolensk.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen

Katavasia of Theotokos

Fourth Mode

Ode i.

My mouth shall I open wide, * and it will thus be with Spirit filled. * A word shall I then pour out * unto the Mother and Queen. * I will joyously * attend the celebration * and sing to her merrily, * lauding her miracles.

Ode iii.

Establish your servants who extol you, * O Mother of God, for they have formed * a spiritual choir for you * the living and abundant fount; * and crowns of glory graciously * in your divine glory grant to them.

Ode iv.

When the Prophet Habakkuk heard the divine * and incomprehensible counsel of * Your Incarnation from the Virgin, O Most High, * considering, he cried aloud: * Glory to Your power, O Lord my God.

Ode v.

Amazed was the universe * by your divine magnificence. * For while never consummating wedlock, * you held, O Virgin, the God of all in your womb, * and gave birth unto a timeless Son * Who awards salvation to * all who chant hymns of praise to you.

Ode vi.

Let us possessed of a godly mind, * observing this divine and all-venerable feast in honor of * the Theotokos, come clap our hands, * while glorifying God who was truly born of her.

Ode vii.

Godly-minded three * did not adore created things * in the Creator's stead, * but bravely trampling upon * the threat of the furnace fire

chanted joyfully: * "O supremely praised * and most exalted Lord and God * of the fathers, You are blessed."

Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Pious Servants stood within the furnace. * The Son of the Theotokos went and rescued them. * He who was prefigured then, * manifestly active now, * is gathering together the entire universe * to sing the hymn: * "O praise and supremely * exalt the Lord, O all you His works, unto the ages."

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

Megalynarion

Fourth Mode

Verse: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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.

Verse: For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

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.

Verse: For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.

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.

Verse: He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

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.

Verse: He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.

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.

Verse: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.

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.

Ode ix.

Fourth Mode

All you born on earth, * with festival lamps in hand, in spirit leap for joy; * heavenly intelligences * of incorporeal Angels, celebrate * and honor thus the sacred wonders of the Mother of God, * crying loudly: * O rejoice, all-blessed one, * ever-virgin and pure, who gave birth to God.

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Exapostilaria

For St. Nestor

Second tone.

O Women, Harken.

Lyaeus' mad audacity * and senselessness did You destroy, * O Nestor, Christ's wise prizewinner, * helped by the Cross's great power * and the prayers of Demerios, * that Martyr truly glorious; * for having slain the passions first, * you were thereafter known plainly * as a victorious Martyr.

For St. Demetrios

Second Tone.

On the Mountain

Martyr of Christ, Demetrios, * as you once by divine grace * destroyed the pride and arrogance * of Lyaios and also the insolence of his stallion * when you had firmly strengthened * brave Nestor in the stadium * by the power of the Cross, so strengthen me * also by your supplications, O Champion, * ever against the demons and the soul-destroying passions.

For the Consecration.

Second Tone.

O Women, hearken

O Friend of man, renew Your right * and Holy Spirit in the hearts * of those who in faith perform now * the Consecration services * for the dedication of this Your all-holy House, O Lord. * Herein accept as sacrifice * the prayers of us Your servants * who worship You as our Savior.

CHANTER

Lauds

Fourth Mode

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God.

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God.

For the Consecration

Fourth Mode

You have given

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His Holy Ones.

On this day the sacred and divine and vern'erable, brightly-lit * sanctuary that bears the name * o Christ's Resurrection was * gaily consecrated. * Therein the divine sepulcher gives life to all the world; * for it is there like a spring that never dies. * It gushes forth the gifts of grace, it is a fountain of miracles, * and to all who approach in faith * it gives healings and remedies.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Brightly has the radiance above us flashed forth and thrown its lights* on all things and illumined us. * SO let us now faithfully * praise the resurrection* of Christ our Creator, * and let us celebrate with Hymns * the life-bestowing and holy festival, * the sacred consecration of the temple, and shout aloud in Psalms, * so that we might experience * Christ our Saviour as merciful.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness.

We who wish to see the holy scepter, namely the Cross for Christ, * to be raised in the midst of the earth * should thoroughly purify * heart and soul beforehand, * have our minds illumined; 8 and thus made bright by the divine * power of God, let us sing in praise of Christ, * Who sanctifies His servants by the holy wood of His precious Cross, * when we faithfully honor it 8 and we ardently sing His praise.

For St. Demetrios

Plagal of the First Mode

Rejoice

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre.

Clearly the hosts of Martyrs indeed * have concentrated every virtue within themselves. * And henceforth they have deservedly obtained the holy delight * of the uncorrupted blessed life in God. * And you, O Demetrios, are among them preeminent. * You are admired for your likeness to Christ himself; * you can rightly boast of identity through the spear. * Therefore persistently entreat that we who now honor you * be from calamities rescued and from disasters of any kind, * through your supplications * unto God who ever grants His great mercy to the world.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute.

Come now to us, O Martyr of Christ, * as we entreat you to regard us with sympathy. * Deliver us who are sorely distressed by tyrannous threats * and the awful fury of the heretics, * by whom we were stripped of all, and as captives are now pursued, * changing from one place to another continually, * ever wandering over mountains and in the caves. *

Holy one, praised throughout the world, take pity and give us rest. * End the distress, and extinguish the tyrant's anger regarding us, * by fervent entreaties * unto God who ever grants His great mercy to the world.

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Martyr, you are for us like a wall * that is undaunted by the enemy's batt'ring rams. * For you bring to naught the inroads of the barbarian hordes. * You suppress the symptoms of all sicknesses. * A footing immovable, a foundation unshakable, * founder and patron of your City have you become, * O Demetrios, and her champion and guardian. * Therefore, as she is currently in grave danger, holy one, * and she is sorely exhausted, ever preserve her, all-blessed one, * through your intercessions, * supplicating Christ who grants His great mercy to the world.

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

For St. Demetrios

Fourth Mode

Idiomelon

Let us honor the man who by lances inherited the grace from the Savior's side that was pierced by the lance, and from which the Savior pours out for us streams of life and incorruption; Demetrios, who was most wise in his teachings, and with the Martyrs wears a wreath of victory. He finished the course of his contest through blood, and through miracles he became illustrious throughout the world. He was zealous for the Master, and a compassionate lover of the poor; many a time the defender of the people of Thessalonika in many a dread danger. As we

celebrate his yearly memorial, we glorify Christ God, who through him works healings for all.

Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

For Consecration

Plagal of the First mode

Idiomelon

O Word of God, Who rests in the bosom of the Father, send down Your Holy Spirit in this Sanctuary, which was erected in Your name.

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind.(SD)

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

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.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Apolytikion

For the Consecration

Fourth Mode

O Lord, establish this church forever as you have shown by the harmony of the heavens above and the beauty of the holy Tabernacle of your Glory below. Accept our prayers which are continuously addressed to You in this church. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos who is the life and resurrection of all.

The Procession and the Service of the Consecration follows