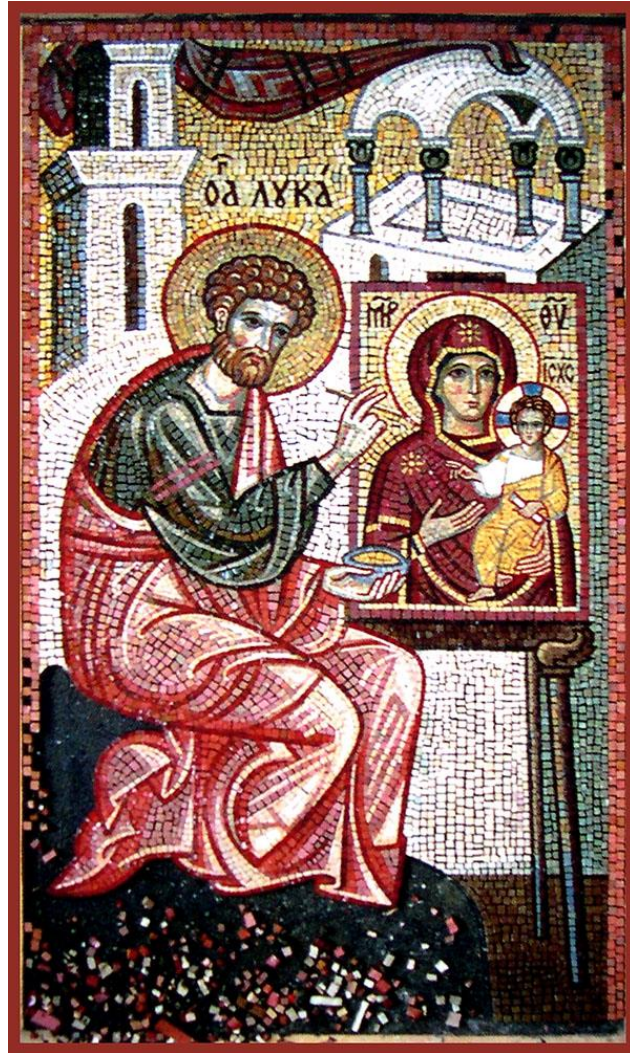


# SATURDAY VESPERS

*October 17, 2020*

*Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke*



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## Vespers Opening Psalm

*Psalm 104*

**B**less the Lord, O my soul! Blessed are Thou, blessed art Thou, O Lord! How glorious are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all! Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee. Who hast created - who hast created all! 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! Glory to Thee, O God! (3)

*Great Litany is chanted*

### Kathisma

*Blessed is the Man (Psalm 1)*

**B**lessed is the man, who walks not in the council of the wicked. *Refrain:*  
Alleluia! (3)  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish. *Refrain*

Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice in Him with trembling! *Refrain*

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him! *Refrain*

Arise, O Lord, save me O my God! *Refrain*

Salvation belongs to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people! *Refrain*

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

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God! (2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Thee, O God! Glory to Thee! (1)

*Little Litany is chanted*

### Lord, I Call

*Tone 2*

**L**ord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon Thee, hear me O Lord! Let my prayer arise, in Thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands, be an evening sacrifice, hear me O Lord!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison \* that I may give thanks unto Thy name!*

Come; let us worship the Word of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, and incarnate of the Virgin Mary: having endured the cross, He was buried, as He, Himself, desired: and, having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

*v. (9) The righteous shall compass me about \* Until Thou shalt deal bountifully with me*

Christ our Saviour nailed, to the cross, the bond-against-us; He voided it, and destroyed the dominion of death: we fall down before His resurrection-on-the-third-day.

*v. (8) Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord. \* Lord, hear my voice!*

With the archangels, let us praise the resurrection of Christ: He is our Saviour, our Redeemer; He is coming, with awesome glory, and mighty power, to judge the world, which He made.

*v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive \* to the voice of my supplications!*

The angel proclaimed Thee, the crucified and buried master; he told the women: 'Come; see the place where He lay: He is risen, as He said; for He is almighty'; we worship Thee, O only-immortal One: have mercy upon us, O Christ, the giver of life.

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? \* But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

*(Tone 8)* What shall I, now, call thy name, O apostle? \* heaven, for thou hast proclaimed the glory of God: \* lightning, for thou illuminest the world with light: \* a cloud, which rainest divine waters: \* a chalice of most-divine wisdom, \* pouring forth, upon us, wine, \* by which, hearts are gladdened: \*\* pray thou for the salvation of our souls.

*v. (5) For Thy name's sake I have patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited patiently for Thy word \* my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*

What shall I, now, call thy name, O chosen of God? \* golden ark of the covenant, \* which Christ laid down: \* river, which floweth forth, unto us, from paradise: \* lamp, shining forth a spiritual light: \* beacon, which enlighteneth all the Church: \* bread of life of the divine table: \* beaker of spiritual drink, \*\* pray thou for the salvation of our souls.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch \* let Israel hope on the Lord!*

What shall we, now, O beholder of God, call thy name? \* most-zealous servant of the mysteries of Christ: \* confessor of the tablets of grace \* of the inspired tent \* of the builder of wisdom: \* inscriber of a newer law, \* surpassing that of Sion, \* and which was preached by thee; \*\* pray thou for the salvation of our souls.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption \* and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

What shall we, now, call thy name, O glorious one? \* strong treasury of heavenly gifts, \* renowned physician of souls and bodies, \* fellow-in-striving with Paul, \* and his companion, the recorder of the Acts of the Apostles: \* the names are many, O Luke, \* that goodness hath won for thee; \*\* pray thou for the salvation of our souls.

*v. (2) O Praise the Lord, all ye nations! \* Praise Him, all ye peoples!*

What shall I, now, O godly-eloquent one, proclaim thee? \* disciple, for thou hast announced to us the glad tidings of Christ: \* physician, for thou healest ghostly passions: \* candlestick that shineth with the light of the intellect: \* base and foundation of the faith: \* for thou hast written down, for us, \* the all-honourable Gospel; \*\* pray thou for the salvation of our souls.

*v. (1) For His merciful kindness is great towards us \* and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

What shall I, now, call thy name, O wondrous one? \* trustworthy witness of the teachings of wisdom: \* writer of the apostles' acts of teaching: \* either an unshakeable pillar of piety: \* or an indestructible rampart of the Church: \* thy names are many, O Luke, \* and thy gifts, greater yet; \*\* pray thou for the salvation of our souls.

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

*(Tone 6) O a-po-**stle** of Christ, / and writer of divine **dog-**mas, / and foun-**da**-tion of the Church: / thou hast truly **healed** the hearts / of them in the turmoil of **ig-**norance, / who were in the depths of de-**struc** - tion, / by divine procla-**ma**-tion, / and hast **re**-scued them / from the tempest of **three** - fold waves, / as a follower of Paul, the chosen **ves**-sel, / and his dis-**ci**- ple; / where-fore, we **pray** to thee: / 'Most admir-**a**-ble Luke, / thou pride of **An**-ti-och, / pray to our **Sav**-iour and God / for them **that**, in faith, / ever **ce**-le-brate // thine **ho**-noura-ble **me**-mo-ry'.*

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*(Tone 2)* The shadow of the law passed away when grace came: as the bush burnt, yet was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a virgin; the righteous sun hath risen instead of a pillar of flame: instead of Moses, Christ, the salvation of our souls.

*(Wisdom! Let us attend!)*

### Gladsome Light



**Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father: O Jesus Christ! Now that we have come to the setting of the sun, and behold the light of evening, we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! For meet it is at all times to worship Thee with voices of praise, O Son of God, and Giver of Life, therefore all the world doth glorify Thee!**

### Evening Prokeimenon

Wisdom! Let us Attend! The Prokeimenon in the 6th tone: The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty!

*(refrain)* **The Lord is King, He is robed in majesty**

The Lord is robed with strength and has gird Himself! *(refrain)*

For He hath made the world so sure, that it shall not be moved. *(refrain)*

Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, unto length of days! *(refrain)*

The Lord is King! **He is robed in majesty!**

*Litany of Fervent Supplication is chanted*

### Vouchsafe, O Lord

**V**ouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me to understand Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy statutes! Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

*Evening Litany is chanted with the Prayer at the Bowing of Heads*

## Aposticha

*(Tone 2)* Thy resurrection, O Christ our Saviour, hath enlightened the whole universe, recalling Thy creation: glory to Thee, O almighty Lord.

*v. The Lord is King \* He is robed in majesty!*

By the tree, Thou didst destroy the curse of the tree, O Saviour; by Thy burial, Thou didst mortify the majesty of death; Thou hast enlightened our race by Thy resurrection: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee.

*v. For He hath established the world \*so that it shall never be moved.*

When Thou wast seen nailed to the cross, O Christ, Thou didst restore the beauty of Thy creatures: the soldiers shewed their inhumanity, when they pierced Thy side with a spear; the Hebrews, not knowing Thy power, asked that Thy tomb might be sealed; but, through the mercy of Thy compassions, Thou didst accept the tomb, and didst rise on the third day; O Lord, glory to Thee.

*v. Holiness befitteth Thy house \* O Lord, forevermore!*

O Christ, the giver of life, for the sake of the dead, Thou didst, voluntarily, endure death, descending into hell, as the mighty One, to save them that awaited Thy coming, granting them the life of paradise instead of hell; grant, also, to us, who glorify Thy resurrection-on-the-third-day, cleansing of our sins, and great mercy.

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

*(Tone 6)* All-wise apostle, / faithful labourer of the Saviour, / witness of the triumph of His passion, / thou hast completed the race; thou hast kept the faith, / harvesting the peoples from the darkness of error, / offering us, as a sweet-smelling oblation, to the heavenly King; / now, as thou standest before the Judge of all, / pray that He may rescue us from our sins, / and deliver us from eternal death, // when He cometh in glory on the day of judgment.

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Christ the Lord, my Maker and Redeemer, \* came forth from thy womb, all-hallowed Queen; \* and, clothing Himself in me, \* He delivered Adam from the curse of old; \* wherefore, with never-silent voices, \* we praise thee \* as true Mother of God and Virgin; \* and, with the salutation of the Angel, we cry unto thee: \* 'Hail, Lady, guardian and protection, \*\* and salvation of our souls'.

### St. Symeon's Prayer

**L**ord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel.

### Trisagion (Thrice Holy)


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

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

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

Lord have mercy. (3)

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

ur 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 the evil one.

### Troparia

*(Tone 2)* When Thou didst descend to death, O life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendour-of-Thy-Godhead; and, when, from the depths, Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers-of-heaven cried out: 'O giver-of-life, Christ our God, glory to Thee'.

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

*(Tone 5)* Let us praise, with sacred songs, the holy apostle Luke, / the recorder of the joyous Gospel-of-Christ, / and the scribe of the Acts-of-the-Apostles, / whose writings are a testimony of the Church-of-Christ, / who, as a physician, healeth the infirmities-of-mankind, / and the weaknesses-of-nature, / and the wounds-of-our-souls, // and prayeth, unfailingly, for our souls.

*Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

*(Tone 5)* Rejoice, impassable gate of the Lord: rejoice, wall and protection of them that run to thee; rejoice, unshakable refuge, thou that knewest not wedlock, who gavest birth, in the flesh, to thy Creator and God: cease not praying for them that praise, and worship, thy Son.

### Dismissal

Wisdom! Blessed be *He Who Is*, Christ our God, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen. Preserve O God, the Holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages.**

Most holy Theotokos, save us! **More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: without defilement thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!**

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our only sure hope, glory to Thee! **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy! (3) Father, bless!**

**M**ay He who He who arose from the dead, Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, **of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, whose memory we keep this day,** and of all the saints that have shown forth in this North American land, and of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

**Amen.**