

Tuesday, November 10
Evening Prayer
Orthodox Saints

Opening Sentence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Invitatory

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

O Gracious Light Phos hilaron

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Part II *Quoties exacerbaverunt*

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How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness *
and offended him in the desert!

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Again and again they tempted God *
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

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They did not remember his power *
in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

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How he wrought his signs in Egypt *
and his omens in the field of Zoan.

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He turned their rivers into blood, *
so that they could not drink of their streams.

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He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, *
and frogs, which destroyed them.

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He gave their crops to the caterpillar, *
the fruit of their toil to the locust.

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He killed their vines with hail *
and their sycamores with frost.

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He delivered their cattle to hailstones *
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.

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He poured out upon them his blazing anger: *
fury, indignation, and distress,
a troop of destroying angels.

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He gave full rein to his anger;
he did not spare their souls from death; *
but delivered their lives to the plague.

51

He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, *
the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.

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He led out his people like sheep *
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

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He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; *
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

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He brought them to his holy land, *
the mountain his right hand had won.

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He drove out the Canaanites before them
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; *
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

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But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, *
and did not keep his commandments.

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They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; *
they were undependable like a warped bow.

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They grieved him with their hill-altars *
they provoked his displeasure with their idols.

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When God heard this, he was angry *
and utterly rejected Israel.

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He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, *
the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.

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He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.

62

He gave his people to the sword *
and was angered against his inheritance.

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The fire consumed their young men; *
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.

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Their priests fell by the sword, *
and their widows made no lamentation.

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Then the LORD woke as though from sleep, *
like a warrior refreshed with wine.

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He struck his enemies on the backside *
and put them to perpetual shame.

67

He rejected the tent of Joseph *
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;

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He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.

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He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, *
like the earth which he founded for ever.

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He chose David his servant, *
and took him away from the sheepfolds.

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He brought him from following the ewes, *
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.

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So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart *
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 17 The Song of Simeon
Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

- Departure of St. Ibrahim the Anchorite
- Disciples from the 70: Herastos, Olympos, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus (Kuartos) and Tercias (I)
- Martyr Orestes the Physician (+304)
- PriestMartyr Milios, Bishop of Persia, and two of his disciples, Euores the Presbyter and Seboes (Eunoes) the Deacon (+341)
- Martyr Constantine, Prince of Gruzia (Georgia) (+842)
- Breaking on the Wheel of Holy GreatMartyr George (Gruzia) (+303)

On this day also we commemorate the departure of the Great Saint and worshipper St. Ibrahim, the Anchorite. He was from the City of Menuf, the son of exceedingly rich Christian parents.

When he grew up he longed for the monastic life. He went to Akhmim and from there he came to St. Pachomius, who put the garb of a monk on him. He exhausted his body with ascetic practices and worship. He stayed with him for 23 years then he wished to dwell by himself in some of the caves. St. Pachomius allowed him to do so. He made nets to catch fish. One of the laymen used to visit him and take the work of his hands, sell it and buy for him beans. He gave the rest of the money as alms on his behalf.

He led this life for 16 years, his food each evening was a handful of salted beans soaked in water. He covered himself with a piece of sackcloth because the apparel on his body was worn out. He went to the monastery every two or three years to partake of the Holy Communion.

At the beginning of his dwelling in his cave he had many fights with the evil spirits. They disturbed him

with strange voices and terrified him with fearful imagines. But he used to overcome them and drive them away.

When his departure drew near, he sent his brother layman who used to serve him to the monastery to bring him Abba Tadros, the Disciple of St. Pachomius. When Abba Tadros came to him he bowed down and asked him to remember him in his prayers. Then St. Ibrahim and St. Tadros rose up and prayed. He laid down with his face towards the east and gave up his soul.

When St. Tadros sent the news of his departure to the monastery, the monks came and carried him. Then they all prayed over him and were blessed by him and they laid him with the bodies of the saints.

The Holy Disciples from the 70: Herastos, Olympos, Rodion, Sosipater, Kuartos (Quartus) and Tercias lived during the I Century.

Saint Rodion, or Herodian, was a kinsman of the Apostle Paul (Rom 16:11), and left the bishop's cathedra [chair] at Patras so as to go to Rome with the Apostle Peter. The holy Disciple Olympos (or Olympian) -- about whom the holy Apostle Paul recollects (Rom 16:15), was also a companion of the Apostle Peter. Both of these Disciples from the 70 were beheaded on the very day and hour, when the Apostle Peter was crucified.

The holy Disciples Herastos, Sosipater, Quartus and Tercias were disciples of the holy Apostle Paul. The Apostle to the Gentiles speaks of them in the Epistle to the Romans: "Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen, do greet you..." (Rom 16:21); "And also do I, Tercias, who wrote down this epistle, greet you" (Rom 16:22); "And Herastos, the city treasurer, doth greet you, and brother Quartus" (Rom. 16: 23).

The Disciple Sosipater, a native of Achaeia, was bishop of Iconium where also he died. The Disciple Herastos was at first a deacon and treasurer of the Jerusalem Church, and later on bishop at Paneadis. The holy Disciple Quartus endured much suffering for his piety and converted many pagans to Christ, dying peacefully in the dignity of bishop in the city of Beirut. The holy Disciple Tercias, having written down the dictation of the Apostle Paul contained in the Epistle to the Romans, was the second bishop of Iconium, where also he died.

The Holy Martyr Orestes lived at the end of the III Century in the city of Tiana in Cappadocia during the time of the emperor Diocletian. He was an illustrious and capable soldier, and from childhood Saint Orestes was truly a good Christian.

By order of the emperor, the military-officer Maximinus was dispatched to Tiana for dealing with Christianity, which then had spread widely throughout Great Cappadocia. Orestes was among the first

brought to trial to Maximinus. He bravely and openly confessed his faith in our Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ. The prosecutor offered the saint riches, honours and renown for renouncing the One True God, but Saint Orestes was unyielding. By order of Maximinus, they took Orestes to a resplendent pagan temple and again demanded he worship idols. When he refused, 40 soldiers, taking turns one after the other, beat the holy martyr with lashes, with canes, with rawhide, and then they tormented him with fire. Saint Orestes cried out to the Lord: "Oh God, make with me a sign of blessing, let those hating me see it and be put to shame". And the Lord heard His true servant. The earth began to tremble, and the idols fell down and were smashed. Everyone rushed out of the temple, and when Saint Orestes came out, the very temple tumbled down.

Infuriated, Maximinus ordered the holy martyr to be locked up in prison for seven days giving him neither food nor drink, and on the eighth day to continue with the torture. They wedged nails into the heels of the martyr, and then tied him to a wild horse. Dragged over the stones, the holy martyr expired to the Lord in the year 304. His relics were thrown into the sea.

When many years had passed, in 1685, a certain monk of the Kievo-Pechersk Lavra (Dimitrii, afterwards the Sainted-Hierarch of Rostov, commemorated 28 October) was copying from an ancient manuscript the Life of Saint Orestes. He became tired and fell asleep. The holy martyr appeared to him in a dream vision and, having shown him the deep wound in his chest and the lacerated sinews of his arms and bruised knees, he bid him to add these into his life, since not all the torments which befell the saint were recorded in the ancient manuscript. The humble monk carried out the wish of the holy Martyr Orestes and he gave praise to God, Who is Wondrous in His Saints.

The PriestMartyr Milios, Bishop of Persia, and his two Disciples, lived during the IV Century. The holy Martyr Milios was banished from the city of Suza, where his bishop's cathedra was situated. By his pious and ascetic life he was vouchsafed gifts of prophecy and healing. The saint suffered in the year 341 with two of his students, Abrosim and Sinos [trans. note: this text variance of name from the header above is in the Russian original, perhaps reflecting alternate Graeco-Russian transcriptions of Persian names], in their native city of Suza. They returned there after long wanderings and brought many to Christ.

The Holy Martyr Constantine was a Gruzian prince from Upper Kartalinia. He was famed in his country for his generosity to the poor, and for the patronage of churches and clergy. During his time Gruzia was often subject to invasion from various enemies. In one of these battles with the barbarians, Constantine was taken captive and brought to Tiflis to the emir Buga, who at first locked him in prison, but later transferred him to the emperor Dzhepar, who demanded he renounce Christ, but Constantine firmly confessed his faith. They locked him away into a fetid prison cell. Because of his stoic strength of faith, on orders of the emperor he was beheaded with the sword in the year 842 at age 85. They hung up the

body of the saint in the city square, but Christians took it and brought it to Gruzia. The place of burial is unknown.

In honour of the holy Martyr Constantine, a feastday was established under the Catholikos John II (871-893), and later on a service was compiled by the Catholikos Anthony.

The Breaking on the Wheel of the Holy GreatMartyr George: Gruzia (Georgia) -- having been enlightened with the Christian faith by the holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina (+335, commemorated 14 January), a kinswoman of the holy GreatMartyr George the Victory-Bearer (+303, commemorated 23 April) -- has especial veneration to Saint George as its patron-saint. One of the names of Gruzia [Georgia] -- is in honour of George (this name is preserved now in many languages of the world). In his honour the holy GreatMartyr Nina established a feastday. It is celebrated at present in Georgia on 10 November, in remembrance of the Breaking on the Wheel of Saint George. During the year 1891 in the Caucasus, near the village of Kakha in the Zakatal'sk region, a new church in place of the old was built in honour of the holy GreatMartyr George the Victory-Bearer, and many of the heterodox Bogomils thronged to it.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 27

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Collect for Protection

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Qatar.

The Gulf Times

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

For Agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as

may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*