

Wednesday, October 14
Evening Prayer
Orthodox Saints

Opening Sentence

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. *Psalms 96:9*

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.

Psalm 12 *Salvum me fac*

1

Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; *
the faithful have vanished from among us.

2

Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; *
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

3

Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, *
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

4

Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; *
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"

5

"Because the needy are oppressed,
and the poor cry out in misery, *
I will rise up," says the LORD,
"and give them the help they long for."

6

The words of the LORD are pure words, *
like silver refined from ore
and purified seven times in the fire.

7

O LORD, watch over us *
and save us from this generation for ever.

8

The wicked prowl on every side, *
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

Psalm 13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

1

How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?

2

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,

and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3

Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5

But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6

I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

Psalm 14 *Dixit insipiens*

1

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

2

The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

3

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?

5

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.

7

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *

when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

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 10:24-33 (NRSV)

24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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. Simeon II, the 51st Pope of Alexandria
 - Martyrdom of St. John the Soldier
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Departure of St. Simeon II, the 51st Pope of Alexandria

On this day in the year 822 A.D. the holy father Abba Simeon II, the 51st Pope of Alexandria departed. This saint was the son of one of the elders of Alexandria, his parents were Orthodox Christians. He grew in the faith from his childhood, learned the doctrines of the church and chose for himself the monastic life.

He went to the Desert of Scete and became a monk in the monastery of Abba Jacob. He dwelt with him for many years during which he weakened his body by his strenuous ascetic life, and his worshipping. When Abba Marcus II, became a Patriarch, he requested from Abba Jacob that St. Simeon join him because of his good reputation and sound management. He stayed with Abba Marcus until his departure.

Again when Abba Jacob, his spiritual father, became Patriarch, he kept Abba Simeon with him and he benefited from his company. When Abba Jacob departed, the bishops, priests and elders agreed with spiritual unity to appoint this father Patriarch for what they had seen of him during his stay with the previous patriarchs from piety and orthodox faith. They seized him and ordained him a Patriarch against his will. He lived a holy life which pleased the Lord.

The Lord willed for him to depart in peace only five and a half months after being Patriarch.

Martyrdom of St. John the Soldier

On this day also we commemorate the martyrdom of St. John the soldier from the City of Ashrobah.

May the blessing of his prayers be with us. Glory be to God forever. Amen.

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 23

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Mexico.

La Crónica de Hoy (in Spanish)

Mexico: A Country Study

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

The International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

For Cities

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Who Influence Public Opinion

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Future of the Human Race

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our

reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21