

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICES ON SUNDAYS & FEASTS



TIMETABLE

<p>“ Late afternoon / evening before the feast: Vespers (approx. 4 to 5 p.m.) Compline (approx. 7 to 8 p.m.)</p>	<p>Procession Sun.—done after water blessing Feasts—done after the Hours</p>
<p>“ In the morning, before Mass:¹ Matins & Lauds (early morning) First Hour (approx. 6 a.m.) Third Hour (approx. 9 a.m.; sometimes Sixth Hour, too) Blessing of Water (Sundays)</p>	<p>“ Mornings Holy Mass or Divine Liturgy Ferias—noon; Lent days—3 p.m.</p> <p>“ Noon / afternoon: Sixth Hour (approx. noon) Ninth Hour (approx 3 p.m.)</p>

¹ For a time in the summer, Matins is usually done in the evenings after Compline.



Prayers Before the Divine Office

SAID SOFTLY

O Liberator of souls, Redeemer of the world, Jesus Christ, the Lord, the eternal and immortal King, I supplicate and entreat Thy limitless goodness that of Thy great mercy Thou wouldst free my soul from sin, by the psalms which I, an unworthy sinner, sing before Thee, and wouldst turn my heart from every evil way, from all wicked and unfaithful thoughts, wouldst release my soul from slavery to sin, drive carnal desires far away, free me from every snare of Satan and his evil ministers seen and unseen, who seek after my soul. Protect me from these and all other evils, O Lord almighty. Amen.

O Father of mercies, deeply and truly do I know how much more fitting it would be for me, the miserable and unworthy sinner, to cast myself prostrate before Thee, and with cries and tears to ask forgiveness for my sins, than to praise Thee with lips that are unclean. Yet, trusting in Thy most-tender goodness and great loving-kindness, and Thy power which Thou hast revealed to all mortal men, I desire from the bottom of my heart to give Thee praise, beseeching the bowels of Thy fatherly compassion not to despise me, who am an unclean worm, a dead dog, a corrupt carcass—O Lord my God!

VESPERS



The bells are rung in the festive manner; the Priest censes, then begins quietly:

✠ In the name... Our Father... Rejoice, Mary... (p. 1)

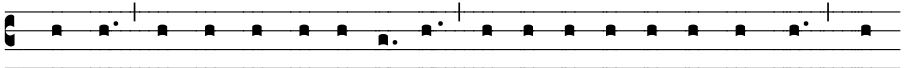
The Priest sings in a loud voice, signing his forehead:



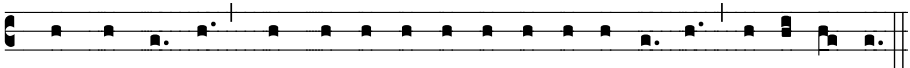
O God, ✠ be at-ten-tive un-to help-ing me. (Ps. 69:1) All sing:



O Lord, make haste to help me. ✠ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to



the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit, as it was in the be-gin-ning and



now and al-ways, and un-to the ag-es of ag- es. A-men. Al-le-lu- ya.

(From Septuagesima to Pascha, in lieu of 'alleluya' is sung, 'Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.')

APPOINTED PSALMS

Sunday evenings	Psalms 109-113, p. 33.
Monday evenings	Psalms 114-116, 119, & 120, p. 36.
Tuesday evenings	Psalms 121-125, p. 38.
Wednesday evenings	Psalms 126-130, p. 40.
Thursday evenings	Psalms 131-136, p. 42.
Friday evenings	Psalms 137-141, p. 46
Nativity Psalms	First Vespers, p. 49; Second, p. 52
Apostles' Feast	Second Vespers, p. 55

Saturday evenings Psalms 143-147, as follows:

PSALM 143

Blessed is the Lord my God : Who teacheth my hands for battle and my fingers for war.
My mercy and my refuge : my helper and my deliverer,
My defender is He, and in Him have I hoped : Who subjected my people under me.

O Lord, what is man, that Thou art made known unto him ∴ or the son of man, that Thou takest account of him?

Man is like unto vanity ∴ his days like a shadow pass away.

O Lord, bow down the heavens and come down ∴ touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

Flash forth lightning, and Thou shalt scatter them ∴ send forth Thine arrows, and Thou shalt trouble them.

Send forth Thy hand from on high ∴ rescue and deliver me from many waters, from the hand of the sons of aliens,

Whose mouth hath spoken vanity ∴ and their right hand is the right hand of unrighteousness.

O God, a new song shall I sing unto Thee ∴ with the psaltery of ten strings shall I chant unto Thee,

Who givest salvation unto kings, Who redeemest David Thy servant ∴ from the evil sword deliver me.

And rescue me from the hand of the sons of aliens ∴ whose mouth hath spoken vanity, and their right hand is the right hand of unrighteousness,

Whose sons are like new plants ∴ strongly planted in their youth, Their daughters prettified ∴ and lavishly adorned like unto a temple.

Their garners are full ∴ bursting forth with all manner of store.

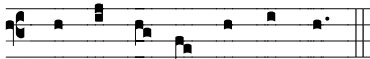
Their sheep are abundant in young, multiplying in their gateways ∴ - their oxen are fat.

There is no breach of wall ∴ nor any passage, nor any outcry in their streets.

They have called the people blessed which fareth thus ∴ but blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.

At each Glory Be, everyone turns east & makes a deep bow:

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son ∴ and to the Holy Spirit. *rise:*
As it was in the beginning, and now and always ∴ and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



Bles-sed is the Lord my God.

PSALM 144

I will exalt Thee, O my God, my king, and I will bless Thy name for ever ∴ yea, for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee ∴ and I will praise Thy name for ever, yea, for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and exceedingly to be praised ∴ and of His greatness

there is no end.

Generation and generation shall praise Thy works ∴ and Thy power shall they declare.

Of the majesty of the glory of Thy holiness shall they speak ∴ and they shall tell of Thy wonders.

And the power of Thine awesome deeds shall they relate ∴ and they shall tell of Thy majesty.

The memory of the multitude of Thy goodness shall they pour forth ∴ and in Thy righteousness shall they rejoice.

Compassionate and merciful is the Lord ∴ long-suffering and plenteous in mercy.

The Lord is good to all ∴ and His compassions are over all His works.

Let all Thy works, O Lord, give praise to Thee ∴ and let Thy righteous ones bless Thee.

Of the glory of Thy kingdom shall they speak ∴ and shall tell of Thy dominion,

To make Thy dominion known to the sons of men ∴ and the glory of the majesty of Thy kingdom.

Thy kingdom is the kingdom of all the ages ∴ and Thy sovereignty is in every generation and generation.

Faithful is the Lord in all His words ∴ and holy in all His works.

The Lord upholdeth all that are falling ∴ and setteth up all that are broken down.

The eyes of all look to Thee with hope ∴ and Thou gavest them their food in due season.

Thou openest Thy hand ∴ and fillest every living thing with Thy favour.

Righteous is the Lord in all His ways ∴ and holy in all His works.

The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon Him ∴ to all that call on Him in truth.

The will of them that fear Him shall He do ∴ and their supplication shall He hear, and He shall save them.

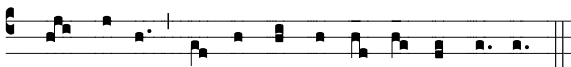
The Lord preserveth all that love Him ∴ but all the sinners shall He utterly destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord ∴ and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever, yea, for ever and ever.

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son ∴ and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, and now and always ∴ and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.



For ev-er, and un- to the ag- es of ag- es.

PSALM 145

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life: I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Trust ye not in princes: in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return unto his earth: in that day all his thoughts shall perish.

Blessed is he of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: Who hath made heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is therein,

Who keepeth truth unto eternity: Who executeth judgment for the wronged, Who giveth food unto the hungry.

The Lord looseth the fettered: the Lord maketh wise the blind.

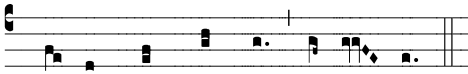
The Lord setteth aright the fallen: the Lord loveth the righteous.

The Lord preserveth the proselytes; He shall adopt for His own the orphan and widow: and the way of sinners shall He destroy.

The Lord shall be king unto eternity: thy God, O Sion, unto generation and generation.

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, and now and always: and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



I will praise my God in my life.

PSALM 146

Praise ye the Lord, for a psalm is a good thing: let praise be sweet unto our God.

The Lord buildeth up Jerusalem: He shall gather together the dispersed of Israël.

He healeth the broken in heart: and bindeth their fractures together.

He numbereth the multitude of the stars: and calleth them all by name.

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength: and of His understanding there is no measure.

The Lord lifteth up the meek: but humbleth sinners to the earth.

Begin your song to the Lord with thanksgiving: chant unto God with the harp,

To Him that covereth heaven with clouds: Who prepareth rain for the earth,

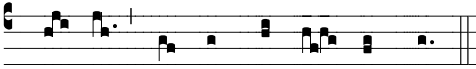
Who maketh grass to grow on the mountains: and green herb for the service of man,

Who giveth to the beasts their food ∷ and to the younglings of the
ravens which call upon Him.

He shall not delight in the strength of a horse ∷ nor in the legs of man is
He well pleased.

The Lord is well pleased in them that fear Him ∷ and in them that hope
in His mercy.

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son ∷ and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, and now and always ∷ and unto the ages of
ages. Amen.



Let praise be sweet un-to our God.

PSALM 147

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ∷ praise thy God, O Sion.

For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ∷ He hath blessed
thy sons within thee.

He bringeth peace upon thy borders ∷ and with the fatness of the wheat
He filleth thee.

He sendeth His saying unto the earth ∷ right swiftly runneth His word.

He giveth His snow like wool ∷ the mist He sprinkleth like ashes.

He hurleth His ice like morsels ∷ who shall stand before His cold?

He shall send forth His word and melt them ∷ His wind shall blow and
the waters shall flow.

He declareth His word unto Jacob ∷ His statutes and judgments to
Israël.

He hath not dealt so with every nation ∷ nor hath He shown His
judgments unto them.

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son ∷ and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, and now and always ∷ and unto the ages of
ages. Amen.



Praise the Lord, O Je- ru- sa- lem.

varies

CHAPTER



Priest: Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies
and the God of all comfort, Who comforteth us in all our tribulation. (2 Cor. 1:3,4)



✠ Thanks be to God!

*varies***RESPONSORY**

Chanters: I alone have compassed the circuit of heaven, and have walked in the waves of the sea. In every people and in every nation I have had the chief rule. | By My power I have trodden under My feet the hearts of all the high and low. ||
 ✠ I dwelt in the highest places, and My throne is in a pillar of cloud. | By My power ... | ✠ Glory be ... Holy Spirit. | By My power... (Ecclus. 24:8-11, 7)

HYMN OF ST. AMBROSE — *Varies***Choir 1:**

O Light, O blessèd Trinity,
 O first and royal Unity,
 The fiery sun now withdraweth;
 Pour forth Thy light within our
 hearts.

Choir 2: At morning, let our hymns
 praise Thee,
 At evening, let us pray to Thee,
 In our lowly exaltation,
 Let all the ages give Thee praise.

Choir 1: Now night-time draweth
 nigh to us;
 Grant us a calm and peaceful night,
 And in the morning gaze on us
 From heaven, O All-Merciful.

Choir 2: O Christ, release us from
 our bonds,
 From sinful habits wash us clean,
 Before all else, absolve our sins,
 Forgive the evils we have done.

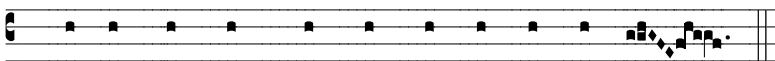
Choir 1: We pray Thee to give ear
 to us,
 We beseech Thee to rescue us;
 Christ Jesus, Who art almighty,
 Deliv'r us from the evil one.

Both choirs, with a deep bow:

✠ To God the Father, glory be,
 And glory to His only Son,
 With the Spirit, the Paraclete,
 Both now and for eternity. Amen.

VERSICLE

One of the servers sings:

varies

✠ Let our eve-ning prayer as-cend to Thee, O Lord.

Meanwhile we say softly: ✠ And may Thy mercy descend upon us.

CENSING

Server: Benedícite. **Priest:** Dóminus. May this incense be blessed by Him in Whose honour it shall be burnt. In the name of Father and Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CANTICLE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

called the Magnificat — Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord ∴ and my spirit hath rejoiced
 in God my Saviour.

For He hath looked upon the lowliness of His handmaiden ∴ for behold,
 from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For the Mighty One hath done great things to me ∴ and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him ∴ unto generation and generation.
He hath showed strength with His arm ∴ He hath scattered the proud in
the imagination of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat ∴ and exalted them of low
degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things ∴ and the rich He hath sent
empty away.

He hath holpen His servant Israël ∴ in remembrance of His mercy,
As He spake to our fathers ∴ to Abraham and his seed for ever.

On very great Feasts, the antiphon is repeated here.

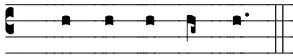
✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son ∴ and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, and now and always ∴ and unto the ages of ages.
Amen.

ANTIPHON OF THE DAY

varies ⇨ **Choir:** May my soul rejoice in the Lord God my Saviour.

KYRIELEYSON

(Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.)



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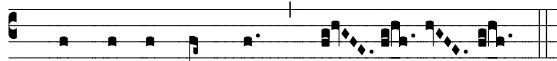
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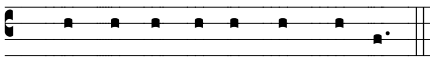


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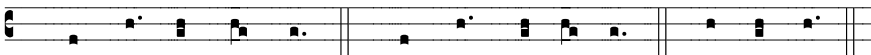
LORD'S PRAYER

The Priest sings:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation, (all:)



℞. But de-liv-er us from ev-il. Mt. 6:9-13; Lk. 11:2-4



℣. The Lord be with you. **℞.** And with thy spi-rit. **℣.** Let us pray.

varies**Priest:****COLLECT OF THE DAY, OR:**

Give ear, O Lord, unto Thy family rendering the offerings of evening unto Thy name, and deign to protect throughout the quietness of the night those whom Thou hast preserved throughout each moment of the day. ✠ Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages.

℟: Amen.**Priest:** ℣ **The Lord be with you.** ℟ **And with thy spirit.****Server:** ℣ **Let us bless the Lord.** ℟ **Thanks be to God.****BISHOP'S BLESSING**

Deacon: **O Prince of the Church, shepherd to the sheep, may it please thee to bless the people entrusted to thy care. (He turns to the people:) With meekness and with charity, bow down yourselves for a blessing. ℟: Thanks be to God. The Bishop sings the proper blessings over the people; each time we answer: ℟: Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY TRINITY**Choir:** Our hope art Thou, our salvation, our great glory, O most blessed Trinity!℣ **Let us bless the ✠ Father and the Son, with the Holy Spirit.**℟ **Let us praise Him and supremely exalt Him unto the ages.**

Priest: Let us pray. O almighty, everlasting God, Who hast given us Thy servants grace by confessing the true Faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the might of Thy majesty to worship the Unity: we beseech Thee that by our steadfastness in this Faith we may be defended for ever from all adversities. ✠ In which Trinity Thou livest and reignest, one God through all the ages of ages. ℟ **Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF OUR LADY

Choir: By thy Child a mother, in childbirth a Virgin: be glad and rejoice, O sacred Mother of the Lord!

℣ **Holy Theotókos, Ever-Virgin Mary.**℟ **Intercede for us with the Lord our God.** *Priest:*

Let us pray. O almighty, everlasting God, protect us Thy servants by the right hand of Thy might from all dangers: and by the intercession of the blessed Ever-Virgin Mary, cause us to rejoice in well-being, present and to come. ✠ Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. ℟ **Amen.**

SAINT OF THE DAY—As Appointed*varies* ⇨ **The Saint's antiphon, versicle, & collect are sung; or:**

Choir: Holy and wonderful is the true Light, bestowing light upon them that have persevered in the contest of their struggle. They shall receive from Christ an everlasting radiance, in which they exult unceasingly with joy.

℣ Wondrous is God in His Saints, the God of Israël.

℟ He will give power and strength unto His people. (Ps. 67:38)

Let us pray. O almighty, everlasting God, Who didst enkindle the flame of Thy love in the hearts of Thy holy (martyr(s) or confessor(s), etc.) N. (and N.), bestow upon our minds the same strength of faith and charity, that we may profit by the example of (him, her, them) in whose victories we rejoice. ✝ Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. **℟ Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS

Choir: By the prayers of all Thy Saints, bestow salvation of body and of soul, O Christ, to Thy servants.

℣ Let the righteous rejoice in the presence of God.

℟ Let them delight in gladness. (Ps. 67:3)

Let us pray. Behold our weaknesses, O Lord, and with all Thy Saints interceding, especially our most pure Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, the holy and chosen Archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel, Thy holy Baptist and Forerunner John, and Saints N. and N., ...

The Deacon sings the names of today's Saints, then the Priest continues:

Help us with Thy swift mercy. ✝ Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. **℟ Amen.**

COMM. OF ST. JOHN OF SAN FRANCISCO

Choir: Be joyful, O our mother, Jerusalem, for that thy King, the most high and most humble God, hath exalted unto the joy of the heavenly kingdom, in union with the Saints, the holy hierarch John the wonder-worker.

℣ Pray for us, blessed John.

℟ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O almighty and merciful God, inspirer of every good deed and lover of holiness, grant unto us Thy servants, who keep with piety the holy memory of Thy blessed confessor and hierarch John: that by the prayers of him whose righteous life we reverence, we may be united to the company of the heavenly citizens. ✝ Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. **℟ Amen.**

PROCESSION—From Trinity to Advent

Choir: O glorious Cross, O venerable Cross, O wood of great price and sign of wonderment, through which both the Devil is defeated and the world is redeemed by the blood of Christ, alleluya.

℣ We worship Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

℟ For by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst will to sanctify the banner of the life-creating Cross with the precious blood of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: grant, we beseech Thee, that they who rejoice in the glory of this holy Cross may also rejoice for Thy protection everywhere. ✝ Through the same Christ our Lord. **℟ Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF OUR LADY

Choir: O sweet Mother of our Redeemer, who as heaven's portal remainest open, and art Star of the Sea: assist the people that, falling, strive to rise again. Thou that gavest birth, as Nature stood in awe, to thy holy Begetter. Virgin before and afterwards, thou taking that 'ave' from the mouth of Gabriel, on us who sin have mercy. **Priest, in the chancel:**

✠ Holy Theotókos, Ever-Virgin Mary.

✠ Intercede for us with the Lord our God. Priest: Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O merciful God, bulwark of our frailty, that we who keep the remembrance of the holy Theotokos & Virgin Mary may, by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities. ✠ Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. **✠ Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Priest: ✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And with thy spirit.

Server: ✠ Let us bless the Lord. ✠ Thanks be to God.

FOR A BISHOP:

✠ Our help is in the name of the Lord. ✠ Who hath made heaven & the earth. ✠ Blessed be the name of the Lord. ✠ From henceforth and for evermore. ✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Let us pray. May the blessing of God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain for ever. **✠ Amen.**

Priest, softly: ✠ In the name... Our Father... Rejoice Mary... (p. 1)

Last Bow: The people bow deeply to the east, then to one another.

SERMON—IF ANY**VENERATION OF ICON**

Holding candles, we process to St. Mary's icon, singing:

Choir: Rejoice, O Queen of the heavens; rejoice, O Lady of the Angels; rejoice, O holy root, from which the Light hath dawned forth upon the world. Rejoice, O glorious woman, and beautiful above all women: Hail, thou that art exceedingly comely, and for ever pray for us to Christ.

✠ Holy Theotókos, Ever-Virgin Mary.

✠ Intercede for us with the Lord our God. Priest: Let us pray.

Grant us Thy servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, to rejoice in perpetual health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin, that we may be delivered from present sorrow, and have the fruition of eternal joy. ✠ Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. **✠ Amen. (All venerate & kiss the icon.)**

The three Lesser Vespers (of Our Lady, the Dead, & All Saints) are sung here.