

Service of Supplication
After the Terrorist Attack on our Country

*THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE AS SERVED AT THE HOLY VIRGIN CATHEDRAL IN SAN FRANCISCO
AFTER THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 (N.S.)*

Priest Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader Amen.

Clergy Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

choir O Heavenly King, / Comforter, Spirit of Truth / Who art everywhere present and fillest all things. / Treasury of good things and Giver of life: / Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impu-ri-ty, // and save our souls, O Good One.

Reader Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *Thrice* 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. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *Thrice*

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

Our Father, who art in the heavens, 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, but deliver us from the evil one.

***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 ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

Reader O come let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Psalm 142

O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth. He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands. I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land. Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning, for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy name's sake, O Lord, shalt thou quicken me. In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies. And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

Great Litany with three additional petitions:

Priest In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir Lord have mercy.

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

For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Orthodox Episcopate of the persecuted Russian Church; for our Most Reverend Metropolitan _____, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; for our Most Reverend (Arch)Bishop _____; for the venerable hood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

For the suffering Russian Land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

That He may deliver His people from the bitter torment of the godless authority, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love, and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

For this land, its authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

For this community, every city and country, and the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For travelers by sea, land, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Three Additional Petitions:

That the voice of those praying in this holy temple may be heard and that all attacks directed at this country and this city may be repelled, let us pray to the Lord.

That those who have committed acts of terrorism, who have no mercy on innocent people, including children and women, will be scattered in disarray and that a hand from on High will be sent to subdue them let us pray to the Lord.

That He may uproot within us hatred, strife and the other passions which destroy brotherly love, and sow in our hearts love unfeigned, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and all our life unto Christ our God.

choir To Thee, O Lord.

Priest For unto Thee is due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

choir Amen.

Then the deacon (or priest, if there be no deacon) saith:

In the *First Tone* (the tone of the troparion to be chanted): God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Stichos 1: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.

chanters: God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Stichos 2: Surrounding me they compassed me, and by the name of the Lord I warded them off.

chanters: God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Stichos 3: I shall not die, but live, and I shall tell of the works of the Lord.

chanters: God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Stichos 4: The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Chanters: God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Then the troparion, twice.

Troparion Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance;/
granting victory unto Orthodox Christians/ over their
adversaries,/ and preserving Thy Cross// and preserving Thy
people by Thy Cross. *(Twice)*

Glory... Both now...

Troparion to the Kursk Icon of the Theotokos: Tone 4

Having acquired thee as an unassailable rampart and a font of miracles, we, thy servants, set at naught armies of adversaries, O most pure Theotokos. Wherefore, do we entreat thee: grant peace to our native land and great mercy to our souls!

Prokeimenon of the Epistle, tone 4:

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered.

Stichos: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish.

Epistle: Book of Acts, Begin 29 (12: 1-11)

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. {2} And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. {3} And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) {4} And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. {5} Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. {6} And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. {7} And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. {8} And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. {9} And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. {10} When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. {11} And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Alleluia tone 5:

Rise up, why sleepest Thou, O Lord.

Stichos: For Thy sake we are slain all the day long.

Gospel Luke, Begin 55 from the midpoint (11: 5-13)

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; {6} For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? {7} And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. {8} I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. {9} And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. {10} For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. {11} If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? {12} Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? {13} If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

The Augmented Ectenia with five added petitions:

Deacon Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

choir Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

Again we pray for the Orthodox Episcopate of the persecuted Russian Church; for our Most Reverend Metropolitan , First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; for our Most Reverend Bishop ; and all our brethren in Christ.

Again we pray for the suffering Russian Land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation.

Again we pray that He may deliver His people from the bitter torment of the godless authority, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love, and piety.

Again we pray for this land, its authorities and armed forces.

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy temple, and for all our fathers and brethren gone to rest before us, and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest.

Five Additional Petitions:

Again we pray that this country, this city and every city be preserved from destruction, fire, the sword, the terrorist attacks and war: that our good and man-befriending God be merciful and deliver us from all attacks and invasions and have mercy on us.

We do not trust in human powers, neither will weapons save us, O Lord, but we only ask of Thy all mighty help, and dare to hope in Thy might, and it is Thy name that we faithfully invoke, O All mighty Lord, mercifully hearken and have mercy.

Again we pray that all those injured and maimed by the recent attacks of barbarians be healed, O Lord, and that Thou wilt attend to the tears and sorrows of their close ones and all of us, and that everyone be strengthened and comforted, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Look down from the heavens and see, and do not turn away our plea, neither denounce us to the end, but quickly come to the aid of Thy servants, cleanse the land of Thy people of the evilness of those who oppose Thee, do we pray with a spirit of humility to Thee our God, Who is mighty in power and wondrous in counsel, O Good One, hearken and have mercy.

Again we pray that Thee grant this land and its authorities profound and inviolable peace, that Thou movest their hearts to do good things for Thy Church and all Thy people, that in serenity we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all goodness and honesty, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

***Priest* Hearken unto us, O God our Savior, Thou hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those that be far off at the sea; and be merciful, O Master, be merciful toward our sins, and have mercy upon us. For a merciful God art Thou, Who loveth mankind, and we send up glory unto Thee — to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit — now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

Choir Amen.

Deacon Again and again, on bended knee let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy!

AND THE PRIEST RECITETH THIS PRAYER ALOUD:

O Lord, our God, who can even come close to Thee; who is greater than our God; mighty in mercy and kind in strength, Who comforts and saves all of us, and so now, Lord Master, hear us who pray to Thee: enlighten the authorities of this country in this difficult hour, protect it's people, send an angel to strengthen us, take away any destruction and protect us and from fire, sword, attacks, barbarian actions and any deed of the enemy: accept all our petitions which are unto salvation. Send down, O Lord, Thy invisible hand, to protect Thy servants in all things. We, sinful and unworthy ones, pray to Thee and beg of Thee, do not leave us without Thy mercy and do not remember all our wrongdoings and sins. Help us, O our God, our Saviour, for the glory of Thy name. Visit all those injured and maimed by the mindless barbarians with Thy mercy and send them from heaven Thy healing might, touch their bodies, put out the fire of their pain,

subdue the passions and any of their suffering. And confirm us in faith, strengthen in us hope in Thy mercy, by the power of Thy holy and life-giving Cross and through the prayers of the our All-pure Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Amen

Deacon Wisdom!

Priest O most holy Theotokos, save us.

choir More honorable than the Cherubim,/ and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,/ who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word,/ the very Theotokos,// thee do we magnify.

Priest Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

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

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
Father (*MASTER*) bless.

AND THE PRIEST INTONETH THE DISMISSAL