

17 JANUARY
+ God-bearing Father Anthony of Egypt C4

VESPERS

Lord I have cried

Tone 8

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

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Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.

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² Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

As you burnt with divine love and were radiant in the Spirit, your soul rose to desire truly infinite love. You despised flesh and blood, and lived apart from the world, yet you were united to it in great silence and abstinence. Therefore, O Anthony, you were satisfied as you desired, and illuminate our souls like a star radiant with blessings.

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;
my soul has waited for your word,
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

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S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord
from morning watch until night,
from morning watch.

O Anthony, you were radiant with divine light through the grace of the Holy Spirit. You shattered the flying weapons of demons and exposed their evil snares through your divine teaching. You were a radiant light for monks as the first to adorn the desert, a prayerful and skilful physician of the sick and the first clear example of the ascetic life.

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord
and abundant redemption with *him*.
He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

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S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;
every people, acclaim him!
Christ filled you with divine gifts of grace. When he discovered in you a pure mirror of his heavenly and dazzling revelations, he radiated the brilliance of his own light on you. Therefore you became an overflowing spring of healing, food for the hungry and heavenly rain for the thirsty. Because you had the gift of reading hearts, you wisely improved them for God through your word. Plead with him to enlighten and rescue our souls.

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.
O Anthony, pure in heart and soul, *you were* an earthly angel, a heavenly man, a teacher of chastity and a clear example of

abstinence. Now, O blessed saint, you live with your Master. As you offer him continual praise, together with the angels, all the holy monastics and martyrs, liberate from sin and danger those who always keep your holy memory.

Glory: Tone 6

You determined to master the disturbing passions and keep the image unharmed through the ascetic life. Therefore you rose into the perfect likeness, for by bravely restricting nature, you hurried to subject what is lower to what is above. You made the body a servant of the spirit. Therefore you were revealed as the chief of those living the monastic life, a citizen of the desert, a master teaching those who hurry to you and a perfect example of virtue. O Anthony, now the image has been broken. You see with purity the Holy Trinity in heaven as you boldly pray for those who honour you in faith and love.

Both now:

Most holy Virgin, who will not bless you? Who will not sing about your most pure childbearing? O pure *Lady*, the uniquely-fathered Son shone timelessly from the Father, but was ineffably incarnate from you. He was God by nature, but became man for our sake. He was not divided into two persons, but known as one in two natures. O honoured and all-blessed Lady, plead with him to have mercy on our souls.

Entrance

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,
when we come to the setting of the sun
and see the light of evening,
we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you
with voices of praise,
O Son of God *and* Giver of life.

Therefore the world glorifies you.

Prokeimenon

Of the Day

Prophecy 1

From the Wisdom of Solomon (3:1-9)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment will touch them. ² In the sight of the foolish they seemed to die and their departure is taken for misery, ³ and their going from us to be utter destruction, but they are in peace. ⁴ For although they may be punished in the sight of men, yet their hope is full of immortality. ⁵ Having been a little disciplined, they will be greatly rewarded, for God tested them and found them worthy for himself. ⁶ Like gold in the furnace he has tried them and received them as a burnt offering. ⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. ⁸ They will judge the nations, have dominion over the people, and their Lord will reign for ever. ⁹ Those who put their trust in him will understand the truth. Those who are faithful in love will live with him, for grace and mercy *belongs* to his saints and he visits his chosen.

Prophecy 2

From the Wisdom of Solomon (5:15-6:3)

The just live for evermore and their reward is with the Lord, and their care is with the most High. ¹⁶ Therefore they will receive a glorious kingdom and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand, for he will shelter them with his right hand, and protect them with his arm. ¹⁷ He will take his fervour to himself for complete armour, and make the creature his weapon for revenge on his enemies. ¹⁸ He will put on justice as a breastplate, and judgment as a helmet. ¹⁹ He will

take holiness for an invincible shield.²⁰ He will sharpen his severe wrath for a sword; the world will fight with him against the foolish.²¹ Then rightly-aimed thunderbolts will go out; from the clouds, as though from a well-drawn bow, they will fly to the mark.²² Hailstones full of wrath will be fired as though from a stone bow, the water of the sea will rage against them and the rivers will cruelly drown them.²³ Truly a mighty wind will rise against them, and like a storm will blow them away. Therefore lawlessness will lay waste the whole earth, and ill-dealing will overthrow the thrones of the mighty.¹ Hear therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, you who are judges of the ends of the earth.² Give ear, you who rule many people and glory in the throng of nations.³ For might is given to you from the Lord, and sovereignty from the Most High.

Prophecy 3

From the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15)

Although the just may die early, yet he will be at rest.⁸ For old age is not honoured for length of time, nor is it measured by the number of years.⁹ But wisdom is gray hair for men, and a blameless life is old age.¹⁰ He pleased God and was loved by him, so that while living among sinners he was taken up.¹¹ He was indeed taken away speedily, in case wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul.¹² For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is honest, and roving desire undermines the simple mind.¹³ Being made perfect in a short time, he lasted for a long time.¹⁴ For his soul pleased the Lord, therefore he hurried to take him away from the wicked.¹⁵ The people saw this, but did not understand it, neither did they place in their minds, that his grace and mercy is with his saints, and that he watches over his chosen.

Ektení

Prayer

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Plirotiká

Prayer

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit
D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Liti

Tone 5

O holy father, you paid attention to the teaching of the Lord's Gospel. You renounced the world, its riches and its glory: you counted them as nothing. Therefore you called out to everyone, "Love God and you will find eternal grace. Put nothing above his love so that when he comes in glory, you may find rest with all the saints." O Christ, guard and save our souls through his prayers.

Apósticha

Tone 5

Hail, O leader of ascetics and their unconquered champion! For when you had cut down passions to the root and opposed the trails of devils, you bravely exposed their weakness and soul-destroying error. You made plain the invincible power and might of the Saviour's cross. You were clothed with it and defeated all those

who rejected the divine appearance of Christ in the flesh. Implore him to grant our souls great mercy.

S1: The death of his saints is precious in the Lord's sight. *Ps 115*
You were an overshadowing cloud which was strengthened as a shining pillar of virtues and which led those who were in the desert from earth to heaven. Therefore you saw the face of God. You destroyed the sea of the passions with the staff of the cross. O blessed *saint* of God, after you had defeated the reasoning of Amalek, you easily found the way to heaven and to an incorruptible inheritance. You rejoice and stand with the angels beside the throne of Christ. Implore him to grant our souls great mercy.

S2: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;

there is great desire in his commandments. *Ps 111*
Hail, O Anthony, for you live above with the angelic choirs. O blessed saint, you truly learnt their virtue. You lived on earth, and appeared like a clear, undefiled image and a mirror which received the brilliant lights of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, when you were enlightened, you saw what was to come and foretold everything taught by the divine revelation of the light of Christ. Implore him to grant our souls great mercy.

Glory: Tone 8

We honour you, O Anthony our father, the instructor of a crowd of monks. We have indeed learnt to walk correctly in your footsteps. You are blessed, because after you had laboured for Christ, you denounced the power of the enemy. You talk with the angels and are a companion of Paul of Thebes. Together with them, implore the Lord to grant mercy to our souls.

Both now: Tone 8

O unwedded Virgin, Mother of the most high God, you ineffably conceived God in the flesh. O blameless *Lady* receive the cries of your servants. Grant cleansing of offences to everyone. Receive our prayers and pray that our souls may be saved.

Song of Simeon

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace
according to your word,
² for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before all peoples,
³ a light of revelation for *the* nations
and *the* glory of your people Israel.

Triságion Prayers

Apolytíkiá

Tone 4

O father Anthony, you equalled Ilias in your zeal. You imitated the life of John the Baptist, founded a city in the desert, and established the Church on the firm foundation of your prayers. Pray to Christ God to save our souls.

O Theotokos, the mystery hidden from eternity and unknown to the angels, is revealed to those on earth through you. God was incarnate from you in a union without confusion and of his own will freely endured the cross for us. He raised the first-formed man and has saved our souls from death.

Dismissal

ORTHROS

God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. *Ps 117*

S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me,

but I opposed them in the Lord's name.
S3: This *is* the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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Small Litany

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Kathisma 1

Tone 8

O holy father, you bound your soul with the love of Christ, renounced earthly things and resided in the deserts and mountains. O glorious saint, when you had tasted the tree of knowledge, you shone like an angel, for you were an initiate of divine matters. Therefore, O blessed and chosen father of monks, you rose above the darkness of your flesh and banished the gloom of devils. Intercede with Christ our God to grant forgiveness of sins to those who celebrate your holy memory with love.

Glory: Both now:

O Theotokos, you conceived the Wisdom and Word in your womb without being burnt and ineffably brought the one who supports everything into being. You nourished the one who feeds the world at your breast. Therefore, all-holy Virgin, I ask you, "Let me be saved when I stand before my Creator's face. O pure Lady and Virgin, grant me your help then, for you are undefiled and can accomplish whatever you wish."

Kathisma 2

Tone 5

Let us honour the ascetic of the Lord with hymns. He truly mortified all the attacks of the passions with abstinence and steadfast endurance. He completely shamed the adversary and all his pride. Now he prays to the Lord for our souls to find mercy.

Glory: Both now:

Hail, O impassable Gate of the Lord, for you were foretold by the just and chosen! The prophet Daniel saw you as a mountain without quarries. The psalmist David, together with Moses and the others, saw you as a vessel, bush, branch, throne, gate, cloud and overshadowed mountain.

Polyeleos

Kathisma 3

Tone 5

O father, you renounced the noise of this life, took up your cross and totally devoted yourself to your Lord. Because you were divorced from the flesh and the world, you became the companion of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, O God-bearing Anthony, you raised the people to zeal, emptied the cities and populated the desert. Plead with Christ our God to grant forgiveness of their sins to those who lovingly celebrate your holy memory.

Glory: Tone 4

You shone with the Light which no one could approach and illuminate the desert like a brilliant star. O Anthony, you teach those who come to you with a believing soul.

Both now:

O pure Theotokos, O renewer of Adam, you received the word of the angel at the coming of the Holy Spirit who sits on the throne with the Father and is one in being.

Small Litany

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Anaváthmi Ps 128 Tone 4

- 1: Many passions have fought against me from my youth,
but help me and save me, O my Saviour. *X2*
2: Those who hate Zion will be shamed by the Lord;
they will be withered like grass by the fire. *X2*
Glory:
3: Every soul lives through the Holy Spirit, is exalted in purity
and illuminated by the Triune Unity in a sacred mystery.
Both now:
4: The streams of grace pour out through the Holy Spirit;
they water all creation and produce life.

Prokeímenon Ps 115 Tone 4

- R: The death of his saints is precious in the sight of the Lord.
S: What shall we give back to the Lord
for everything that he has given us?

Gospel Dialogue

- P/D: Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy*
P: For you, O God, are holy *and* rest in the Holy Place. We send up glory to you, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*.
R: Let everything with breath praise the Lord. *X3*
Praise God in his saints;
praise him in the firmament of his power. Ps 50
P/D: And that we may be counted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God. *Lord have mercy X3*
P/D: Wisdom. Stand up. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.
P: Peace be with you all. *And with your spirit*
P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
P/D: Let us attend
R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (11: 27-30)
The Lord said to his disciples: I tell you, it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Caper'na-um, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you." ²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;" ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy
and wipe out my offence through your great compassion.

- ⁴ Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ⁵ For I know my lawlessness
and my sin is always before me.
- ⁶ I have sinned against you alone
and done this evil before you
- ^{6b} so that you might be justified in your words
and overcome when you are judged.
- ⁷ For see, I was conceived in lawlessness
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.
- ⁸ For see, you have loved truth
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.
- ⁹ You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.
- ¹⁰ You will make me hear about joy and gladness;
the humbled bones will rejoice.
- ¹¹ Turn your face from my sins
and wipe out all my lawlessness.
- ¹² O God, create a pure heart within me
and renew an upright spirit within me.
- ¹³ Do not banish me from your presence
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹⁴ Restore the joy of your salvation to me
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.
- ¹⁵ I will teach the lawless your ways
and the ungodly will return to you.
- ¹⁶ O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;
O God of my salvation,
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.
- ¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁸ For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.
- ¹⁹ Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.
- ²⁰ O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.
- ²¹ Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 6

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our lawless deeds
through the intercession of holy Anthony.

Both now:

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our lawless deeds
through the intercession of the Theotokos.

Have mercy: Tone 6

O venerable father, the sound of your teaching has gone out into all
the earth. Therefore you have found the reward for your labours in
the heavens. You destroyed hosts of demons and reached the ranks
of angels whose life you blamelessly followed. Since you have
boldness before Christ God, request peace for our souls.

Intercession

P/D: O God, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Visit your world with mercy and compassion; exalt the horn of
Orthodox Christians and send down on them your rich mercy,
through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin
Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving cross, through
the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven, through
the prayers of the honourable, glorious, prophet, Forerunner and
Baptist John, of the holy, glorious, all-praised apostles, of the holy,
all-praised and victorious martyrs, of our holy and God-bearing
fathers, of the holy and just forebears of God, Ioachim and Anna, of
our holy father Anthony and of all the saints. We ask you, only
merciful Lord, "Listen to us sinners as we pray to you, and have
mercy on us."

Lord have mercy. X12

Through the mercy, compassion and love for the human race of
your uniquely-fathered Son, with whom you are blessed, together
with the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to
the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Kontákion

Tone 2

You rejected the cares of this world and fulfilled your life in
humility as you justly imitated the Forerunner. O Anthony, father
of fathers, together with him, we honour you.

Íkos

When you had heard the voice of Christ, you walked in the paths of
his commandments. O God-bearing Anthony, when you stripped
off the things of life, you threw aside every care for gaining
possessions, for servants, and for your sister's love. When you
communed with God in the desert, you received the grace of
knowledge. O Anthony, father of fathers, send me this grace as I
honour you with songs.

Synaxáron

Today we remember our renowned father Anthony the Great who
lived in the Fourth Century. After he had heard the words of the
Saviour, "Sell all you have and give to the poor," he sold his
property, made arrangements for his sister and began to live in a
hut. Then he moved to a cave where he was eventually given
victory over the demons. After this he moved to an abandoned
desert fort where he lived for twenty years before moving further
into the desert. His example was a model for future monks and his
advice was sought by the crowds. On the Seventeenth he received
heaven as his homeland.

Together with him we remember:

Emperor Theodosios the Great C4

Hermit and Confessor Achilles of Egypt C5

Monk Anthony of Berroia C11

Abbot Anthony of Dymsk C13

New Martyr George of Yiannina C19

O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. *Amen.*

Katavasias

1: The sun's rays once shone on dry land in the midst of the deep,
for the water on both sides became as firm as a wall while the
people crossed over the sea on foot. They offered this song
acceptable to God, "Let us sing to the Lord, for he has been greatly
glorified."

3: O Lord, *you are* the firm foundation of those who put their trust
in you. Strengthen the Church which you have purchased with your
precious blood.

4: O Christ, your virtue has covered the heavens, for after you came
from your undefiled Mother, the ark of your sanctification, you
appeared in the Temple of your glory as a Child in arms and the
whole world was filled with your praise.

5: Isaiah symbolically saw God on a throne. He was lifted high and
carried in triumph by angels in glory. He cried, "Woe is me, for I
have seen the incarnate God beforehand. He is the Lord of the light
which knows no evening and the King of peace."

6: When the Elder with his eyes saw the Salvation which had come
to the Gentiles, he cried aloud to you, "O Christ, *you* come from
God and are my God."

7: O Word of God, you dropped dew on the children as they spoke
about divine matters in the midst of the fire. You took up your

home in the pure Virgin. We praise you as we sing with devotion, “Blessed are you, O God of our fathers!”

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord. The youths who fought for godliness stood together in the unbearable fire, yet were not harmed by it. They sang a divine hymn, “Bless the Lord, all you his works, and exalt him above all for ever!”

Ode 9

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.
You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. **R**
² For he has regarded his servant’s humility;
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. **R**
³ For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me
and his name is holy.
His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear him. **R**
⁴ He has accomplished strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. **R**
⁵ He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones
and exalted the humble.
He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*
and dismissed the rich with nothing. **R**
⁶ He has helped his servant Israel
in remembering his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his seed for ever. **R**

9: Those of us who are faithful see the outline in the shadow of the Law and in the Scriptures, “Every male child which opens the womb will be holy for God.” Therefore we also glorify the First-begotten Word, and Son of the Father who has no beginning, the First-born Son of the unwedded Mother.

Small Litany

P: For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Exaposteilária

Tone 3

From your childhood you took a new way which had not been trodden by men, and followed it firmly to the end. You were subject to the new law of Christ and have become the first master of the desert and the leader of monks.

O Anthony, you were a light for lights, a master and guide of monks and the glory of the inhabited earth. As a brave teacher and most excellent leader, you were fearless before the attacks of devils, for you had obtained Christ, the Destroyer of error who cannot be defeated.

O God-bearing Anthony, you shared the angelic life in the body and lived as though bodiless. Therefore you appeared to the world as an eternal beacon and revealed yourself to everyone as the glory of monks, the beauty of ascetics and the fame of the fathers.

O virgin Theotokos, O Lady, good hope of the world, we ask your invincible aid for those bound in affliction and tossed by the waves of life. Restrain the waves of passion and lead us into the safe harbour of God’s will.

Praises

Tone 8

Let everything with breath
praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his powers.
To you, O God, is due a song.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;
praise him with strings and flute.
Most holy father Anthony, you took up the yoke of Christ and demolished the insurrections of Satan though the cross. O blessed pride of ascetics, you made the desert into cities through your life. Therefore pray continually to Christ to grant us great mercy.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;
praise him with joyful cymbals.
Let everything with breath praise the Lord.
Most holy father Anthony, you shut yourself in the tomb for the sake of the true life. O long-suffering *saint*, you were fearless before the attacks of the enemy and destroyed their loud knocking and blows with prayer. Therefore, O foremost example of the desert, we all now honour and bless you.

S2: The death of his saints is precious in the Lord’s sight. Ps 115
O Anthony, let us all honour you as the ascetic of Christ when we assemble in faith. For you rejoiced to walk the trackless deserts where you became a steadfast guide. Therefore, O blessed pride of monastics, we all cry out to you, “Continually pray to the Redeemer to save us.”

S1: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;
there is great desire in his commandments. Ps 111
O Anthony, father of fathers, you were moved in your soul with a desire and love for Christ. You turned away from the tumult of life and lived in the deserts. In solitude you were in communion with the *Lord* who lives above; your mind was united to him and filled with light. Through him illuminate the souls of all those who sing your praise.

Glory: Tone 8

O divine saint, you were taken up to heaven as though in a chariot. You reached the holy city through abstinence; you came to the heavenly Jerusalem above through living in the desert. O blessed saint, your hard struggle was worthily rewarded with honours. Now you rejoice with the leaders of the angelic hosts as an heir of the eternal delights and an inhabitant of the kingdom. Therefore, O God-bearing Anthony, intercede with the Saviour of all to grant peace to the world and salvation to our souls.

Both now:

O Lady, receive the prayers of your servants and rescue us from every danger and anguish.

Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!
glory to God in the highest!
Peace on earth and goodwill to men!
² We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,
³ O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and you, O Holy Spirit!
⁴ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us,
for you take away the sin of the world.

- ⁵ Receive our prayer,
for you sit on the right of the Father,
and have mercy on us.
- ⁶ For only you are holy, only you are Lord,
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- ⁷ I will bless you every day
and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144
- ⁸ O Lord, allow us this day
to be guarded from sin.
- ⁹ Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!
Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3
- ¹⁰ O Lord, let your mercy be on us,
for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.
- ¹⁶ Blessed are you, O Lord!
Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118
- ¹² O Lord, you have been our refuge
from generation to generation. Ps 89
- I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40
- ¹⁴ O Lord, I have fled to you;
teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142
- ¹⁵ For with you is the source of life
and in your light we will see light. Ps 35
- ¹⁶ Stretch out your mercy
to those who know you. Ps 35

Triságion

Apolytíkion

Tone 4

O father Anthony, you equalled Elias in your zeal. You imitated the life of John the Baptist, founded a city in the desert, and established the Church on the firm foundation of your prayers. Pray to Christ God to save our souls.

LITURGY

Antiphon 1 Ps 91 Tone 5

S1: It is good to thank the Lord
and make melody to your name, O Most High.

R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us!

- S2: To announce your mercy in the morning
and your truth by night,
- S3: For the Lord our God is upright
and there is no injustice in him.
- S4: Glory: Both now:

Antiphon 2 Ps 94 Tone 2

S1: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,
and shout with joy to God our Saviour.

R: Save us, O Son of God. You are wonderful in your saints.
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

- S2: Let us enter his presence with gratitude
and shout with gladness to him in psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and an exalted king over all the earth.
- S3: For the ends of the earth are in his hand
and the summits of the mountains are his.
For the sea is his and he made it;
his hands have formed the dry land.

Monogenes

Antíphon 3 Ps 115 & 111 Tone 4

S1: The death of his saints is precious in the Lord's sight. Ps 115

R: O father Anthony, you equalled Elias in your zeal. You imitated the life of John the Baptist, founded a city in the desert, and established the Church on the firm foundation of your prayers. Pray to Christ God to save our souls.

S2: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;
there is great desire in his commandments. Ps 111

Entrance Ps 94

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God.
You are wonderful in your saints.
We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

Apolytíkia

Tone 4

O father Anthony, you equalled Ilias in your zeal. You imitated the life of John the Baptist, founded a city in the desert, and established the Church on the firm foundation of your prayers. Pray to Christ God to save our souls.

Of the Church

Kontákion

Tone 1

O Christ God, you sanctified the Virgin's womb by your birth and blessed Simeon's hands; now you have come and saved us. Grant peace to your people in time of war and strengthen the rulers whom you have loved, for you are the only Lover of the human race.

Prokeímenon Ps 115 Tone 7

R: The death of his saints is precious in the sight of the Lord.
S: What shall we give back to the Lord
for everything which he has given us?

Apóstolos

Obey your leaders.

From the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews (13:17-21)
Brothers, obey your leaders and submit to them, for they watch on behalf of your souls, as those who will give account, that they may do this with joy, and not with groaning, for that would be unprofitable for you. ¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honourably in all things. ¹⁹ I strongly urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you sooner. ²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus, ²¹ make you complete in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Ps 131 Tone 1

S1: O Lord, your priests will be clothed with justice
and your holy ones will rejoice.

S2: For the Lord has chosen Zion

Gospel

The Sermon on the Plain

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (6:17-23)
At that time Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great crowd of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; ¹⁸ and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. ²⁰ And he raised his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! ²³ Rejoice in

that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.”

Communion Ps 111

The just will be in everlasting remembrance. Alleluia!