

# The Sixth Hour with Priest Present

**PRIEST:** Blessed is our God....

**READER:** Amen. Glory to Thee, O our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from 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, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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.

**PRIEST:** For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Lord have mercy. *(12 times)*

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

O come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

### **Psalm 53**

O God, in Thy name save me, and in Thy strength do Thou judge me.

O God, hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and mighty men have sought after my soul and have not set God before themselves. For behold, God helpeth me, and the Lord is the protector of my soul. He will bring evils upon mine enemies. Utterly destroy them by Thy truth. Willingly shall I sacrifice unto Thee; I will confess Thy name, O Lord, for it is good. For out of every affliction hast Thou delivered me, and mine eye hath looked down upon mine enemies.

### **Psalm 54**

Give ear, O God, unto my prayer, and disdain not my supplication; attend unto me, and hear me. I was grieved in my meditation, and I was troubled at the voice of the enemy and at the oppression of the sinner; Because they have turned iniquity upon me; and with wrath were they angry against me. My heart is troubled within me, and the

terror of death is fallen upon me. Fear and trembling are come upon me, and darkness hath covered me. And I said: Who will give me wings like a dove? And I will fly, and be at rest. Lo, I have fled afar off and have dwelt in the wilderness. I waited for God that saveth me from faint-heartedness and from tempest. Plunge them into the depths, O Lord, and divide their tongues, for I have seen iniquity and gainsaying in the city. Day and night they go round about her upon her walls; iniquity and toil and unrighteousness are in the midst of her. And usury and deceit have not departed from her streets. For if mine enemy had reviled me, I might have endured it. And if he that hateth me had spoken boastful words against me, I might have hid myself from him. But thou it was, O man of like soul with me, my guide and my familiar friend, Thou who together with me didst sweeten my repasts; in the house of God I walked with thee in oneness of mind. Let death come upon such ones, and let them go down alive into hades. For wickedness is in their dwellings, and in the midst of them. As for me, unto God have I cried, and the Lord, hearkened unto me. Evening, morning and noonday will I tell of it and will declare it, and He will hear my voice. He will redeem my soul in peace from them that draw nigh unto me, for they among many were with me. God will hear, and He will humble them, He that is before the ages. For to them there is no requital, because they have not feared God; He hath stretched forth His hand in retribution. They have defiled His covenant; they were scattered by the wrath of His countenance, and their hearts have convened. Their words were smoother than oil, and yet they are darts. Cast thy care upon the Lord, and He will nourish thee; He will never permit the righteous to be shaken. But Thou, O God, shall bring those men down into the pit of destruction. Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but as for me, O Lord, I will hope in Thee.

### **Psalm 90**

He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him. For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunters and from every troubling

word. With His shoulders shall He overshadow thee, and under His wings shalt thou have hope. With a shield will His truth encompass thee; thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day. Nor for the thing that walketh in darkness, nor for the mishap and demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousands at thy right hand, but unto thee shall it not come nigh. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and thou shalt see the reward of sinners. For Thou, O Lord, art my hope. Thou madest the Most High thy refuge; No evils shall come nigh unto thee, and no scourge shall draw nigh unto thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. On their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Upon the asp and basilisk shalt thou tread, and thou shalt trample upon the lion and dragon. For he hath set his hope on Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him because he hath known my name. He shall cry unto me, and I will hearken unto him. I am with him in affliction, and I will rescue him and glorify him. With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will show him My salvation.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Thrice)*

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

*If there be two troparia, we say the first one here. If not, we continue:*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*And we say the second troparion, if any, or the only troparion. Then:*

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*\*\*\*\*DURING GREAT LENT use the following:*

O Thou who, on the sixth day and at the sixth hour, didst nail to the cross Adam's daring sin in Paradise, tear asunder also the handwriting of our sins, O Christ God, and save us.

**Priest:** Give heed to my prayer, O God, and disregard not my supplication.

O Thou who, on the sixth day and at the sixth hour, didst nail to the cross Adam's daring sin in Paradise, tear asunder also the handwriting of our sins, O Christ God, and save us.

**Priest:** I have cried unto God, and the Lord hath hearkened unto me.

O Thou who, on the sixth day and at the sixth hour, didst nail to the cross Adam's daring sin in Paradise, tear asunder also the handwriting of our sins, O Christ God, and save us.

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Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***Theotokion:***

Seeing that we have no boldness on account of our many sins, do thou beseech Him that was born of thee, O Virgin Theotokos for the supplication of a mother availeth much to win the Master's favor. Disdain not the prayers of sinners, O all-pure one, for merciful and mighty to save is He Who deigned also to suffer for our sake.

Let Thy compassions quickly go before us, O Lord, for we are become exceedingly poor. Help us, O God our Savior, for the sake of the glory of Thy name. O Lord, deliver us and be gracious unto our sins for Thy name's sake.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from 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, both 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**PRIEST:** For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**READER:** Amen.

*And we read the appointed Kontakion. If there be two kontakia, we read the one that was chanted after the 3rd Ode of the canons at Matins. Then:*

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**\*\*\*\*DURING GREAT LENT use the following:**

Thou hast wrought salvation in the midst of the earth, O Christ God, thou who didst stretch out Thine immaculate hands upon the Cross; thou hast gathered together all the nations that call out: O Lord, glory to Thee.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

We venerate Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking pardon of our offenses, O Christ God. For Thou wast pleased of thy good will to

ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver those whom Thou hadst fashioned from bondage to the enemy. Wherefore, in thanksgiving, we cry out to Thee: Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Savior, for Thou hast come to save the world.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (and Saturday and Sunday) use:*

A fountain of tenderness art thou, O Theotokos; make us worthy of compassion. Look upon the people who have sinned; show thy power as ever, for hoping in thee, we cry out to thee: "Rejoice!" as once did Gabriel, the chief captain of the bodiless powers.

*On Wednesday and Friday use:*

Exceedingly glorified art thou, O Theotokos Virgin, we hymn thee; by the Cross of thy Son, was hell overthrown, and death was slain, and we who were dead arose and were vouchsafed life, having received the ancient enjoyment of Paradise. Giving thanks, therefore, we glorify Christ our God as the Mighty One and the only One plenteous in Mercy.

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Lord, have mercy. *(40 times)*

**And the Prayer of the Hours:**

Thou Who at all times and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, Who art long-suffering, plenteous in mercy, most compassionate, Who lovest the righteous and hast mercy on sinners; Who callest all men to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Receive, O Lord, our prayers at this hour, and guide our life toward Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, make chaste our bodies, correct our thoughts, purify our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil, and pain. Compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guarded and guided by their array, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine

unapproachable glory: For blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages.  
Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

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

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond  
compare than the seraphim; who without defilement gavest birth to  
God the Word, the true Theotokos, we magnify thee

In the name of the Lord, Father bless.

**PRIEST:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ  
our God, have mercy on us.

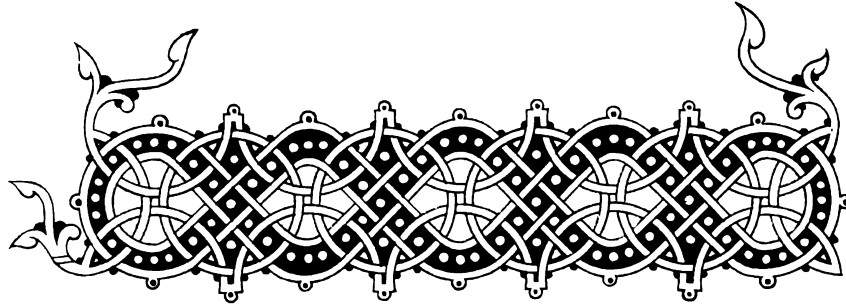
**READER:** Amen.

**Then the Prayer of St. Basil the Great:**

O God and Lord of Hosts, and Maker of all Creation, Who by the  
tender compassion of Thy mercy which transcendeth comprehension,  
didst send down Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for  
the salvation of our race, and by His precious Cross didst tear asunder  
the handwriting of our sins, and thereby didst triumph over the  
principalities and powers of darkness: Do Thou Thyself, O Master,  
Lover of mankind, accept also from us sinners these prayers of  
thanksgiving and entreaty, and deliver us from every destructive and  
dark transgression, and from all enemies, both visible and invisible,  
that seek to do us evil. Nail down our flesh with the fear of Thee, and  
incline not our hearts unto words or thoughts of evil, but pierce our  
souls with longing for Thee, so that ever looking to Thee, and being  
guided by Thy Light as we behold Thee, the unapproachable and  
everlasting Light, we may send up unceasing praise and thanksgiving  
unto Thee, the Unoriginate Father, with Thine Only-begotten Son, and



Thine All-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



## The 9th Hour

*Note: If the 9th hour is preceded immediately by the 6th hour, we begin with “O come, let us worship...” (next page).*

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**READER:** Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both 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*)

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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.

**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:** Amen. Lord have mercy. (*12 times.*)

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

O come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

### **Psalm 83**

How beloved are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts; my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. For the sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtledove a nest for herself where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; unto ages of ages

shall they praise Thee. Blessed is the man whose help is from Thee; he hath made ascents in his heart, in the vale of weeping, in the place which he hath appointed. Yea, for the lawgiver will give blessings; they shall go from strength to strength, the God of Gods shall be seen in Sion. O Lord of Hosts, hearken unto my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. O God, our defender, behold, and look upon the face of Thine anointed one. For better is one day in Thy court than thousands elsewhere. I have chosen rather to be an outcast in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of sinners. For the Lord loveth mercy and truth, God will give grace and glory; the Lord will not withhold good things from them that walk in innocence. O Lord God of Hosts, blessed is the man that hopeth in Thee.

### **Psalm 84**

Thou hast been gracious, O Lord, unto Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquities of Thy people, Thou hast covered all their sins. Thou hast made all Thy wrath to cease, Thou hast turned back from the wrath of Thine anger. Turn us back, O God of our salvation, and turn away Thine anger from us. Wilt Thou be wroth with us unto the ages? Or wilt Thou draw out Thy wrath from generation to generation? O God, Thou wilt turn and quicken us, and Thy people shall be glad in Thee. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and Thy salvation do Thou give unto us. I will hear what the Lord God will speak in me; for He will speak to His people and to His saints and to them that turn their heart unto Him. Surely nigh unto them that fear Him is His salvation, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth is sprung up out of the earth, and righteousness hath looked down from heaven. Yea, for the Lord will give goodness, and our land shall yield her fruit. Righteousness shall go before him and shall set his footsteps in the way.

## Psalm 85

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hearken unto me, for poor and needy am I. Preserve my soul, for I am holy; save Thy servant, O my God, that hopeth in Thee. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto Thee will I cry all the day long; make glad the soul of Thy servant, for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. For Thou, O Lord, art good and gentle, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend unto the voice of my supplication. In the day of mine affliction have I cried unto Thee, for Thou hast heard me. There is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like unto Thy works. All the nations whom Thou hast made shall worship before Thee, O Lord, and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great and workest wonders; Thou alone art God. Guide me, O Lord, in Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth; let my heart rejoice that I may fear Thy name. I will confess Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Thy name forever. For great is Thy mercy upon me, and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hades. O God, transgressors have risen up against me, and the assembly of the mighty hath sought after my soul, and they have not set Thee before them. But Thou, O Lord my God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy, and true. Look upon me and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thy handmaiden.

Work in me a sign unto good, and let them that hate me behold and be put to shame; for Thou, O Lord, hast helped me and comforted me.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. *(Thrice)*  
*If it be a lenten service with a kathisma appointed, the reader then sayeth Lord, have mercy, thrice; Glory..., Both now..., and the kathisma. After ending the kathisma in the usual manner, he continues:*

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*  
*(If there be two troparia, we say the first one here. If not, we continue):*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...  
*(And we say the second troparion, if any, or the only troparion).*

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**\*\*\*\*DURING GREAT LENT use the following:**

*But if it be a lenten service, the following troparion is sung by the priest (or reader, if there is no priest) in the 8th tone, immediately after "Lord, have mercy...", with the choir repeating the troparion after each stichos:*

**PRIEST:** O Thou Who at the ninth hour / for our sake  
didst taste of death in the flesh, / mortify our carnal  
mind, O Christ God, // and save us.

**Choir:** O Thou Who at the ninth hour...

**Stichos 1:** Let my supplication draw nigh before Thee, O  
Lord; according to Thine oracle give me  
understanding.

**Choir:** O Thou Who at the ninth hour...

**Stichos 2:** Let my petition come before Thee, O Lord;  
according to Thine oracle deliver me.

**Choir:** O Thou Who at the ninth hour...

**PRIEST:** Glory...

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**READER:** Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Theotokion:*

O Good One, Who for our sake wast born of a Virgin, and having endured crucifixion, cast down death by death, and as God revealed the resurrection: Disdain not that which Thou hast fashioned with Thine own hand; show forth Thy love for mankind, O Merciful One; accept the Theotokos who gave Thee birth and prayeth for us; and save Thy despairing people, O our Savior! Deliver us not up utterly, for Thy holy name's sake, and neither disannul Thou Thy covenant, and cause not Thy mercy to depart from us, for Abraham's sake, Thy beloved; and for Isaac's sake, Thy servant; and for Israel's, Thy holy one.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both 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*)

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**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:** Amen.

*And we read the appointed Kontakion.*

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**\*\*\*\*DURING GREAT LENT use the following kontakia:**

Seeing the author of life hanging on the Cross, the thief said: Were it not God incarnate Who is crucified with us, the sun would not have hid its rays, nor would the earth have quaked and trembled. But do Thou Who endurest all things remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom.

*Glory...* In the midst of two thieves, Thy Cross was found to be a balance of justice; for the one was borne down to hades by the weight of his blasphemy; the other was raised up from his sins by the knowledge of theology. O Christ God, glory be to Thee.

*Both now...* When she who bare the Lamb and Shepherd and Savior of the world beheld Him on the Cross, she said with tears: The world rejoiceth at receiving redemption, but my bowels burn as I see Thy crucifixion which Thou endurest for all, O my Son and my God.

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Lord, have mercy. *(40 Times)*

***And the Prayer of the Hours:***

Thou Who at all times and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, Who art long-

suffering, plenteous in mercy, most compassionate, Who lovest the righteous and hast mercy on sinners; Who callest all to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Receive, O Lord, our prayers at this hour, and guide our life toward Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, make chaste our bodies, correct our thoughts, purify our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil, and pain. Compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guarded and guided by their array, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory: For blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

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

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim; without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word, the true Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, father (master) bless.

**PRIEST:** O God, be bountiful unto us, and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

**READER:** Amen.

*If it is a lenten service, we then read the prayer of St. Ephraim once, with three prostrations.*

***Then the Prayer of the Ninth Hour, by St. Basil the Great:***  
O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who art long-suffering in the face of our transgressions, and Who hast brought us even



unto this present hour, wherein Thou didst hang upon the life-giving tree, and didst make a way into paradise for the wise thief, and by death didst destroy death: Be gracious unto us sinners and Thine unworthy servants; for we have sinned and committed iniquity, and are not worthy to lift up our eyes and behold the height of heaven, for we have abandoned the way of Thy righteousness, and have walked in the desires of our hearts. But we beseech Thy boundless goodness: Spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercy and save us for Thy holy name's sake; for our days were consumed in vanity. Rescue us from the hand of the adversary, and forgive us our sins, and mortify our carnal mind; that, putting aside the old man, we may be clad with the new, and live for Thee, our Master and Benefactor; and that thus by following in Thy commandments, we may attain to rest everlasting, wherein is the dwelling-place of all them that rejoice. For Thou art indeed the true joy and gladness of them that love Thee, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we send up glory, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thy Most-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.