

✠ The Order of Vespers

Vespers begins with "*Blessed is our God*". If before Vespers (with the exception of the All-night Vigil) the *Ninth Hour* was not read, we say the beginning prayers (from "*Heavenly King*" to "*Our Father*").

SMALL VESPERS	DAILY VESPERS	GREAT VESPERS
<i>Come, let us worship</i>	<i>Come, let us worship</i>	<i>Come, let us worship</i>
Psalm 103	Psalm 103	Psalm 103
	Great Litany	Great Litany
	Reading of the Kathisma	<i>Blessed is the man</i>
<i>Lord, I have cried + stykhyry</i>	<i>Lord, I have cried + stykhyry</i>	<i>Lord, I have cried + stykhyry</i>
	Entrance, whenever specified	Entrance
<i>Gladsome Light</i>	<i>Gladsome Light</i>	<i>Gladsome Light</i>
Prokimenon	Prokimenon	Prokimenon
	O.T. Readings (at Great Lent)	[Readings]
		Litany: <i>Let us all say</i>
<i>Vouchsafe, O Lord</i>	<i>Vouchsafe, O Lord</i>	<i>Vouchsafe, O Lord</i>
	Litany: <i>Let us complete</i>	Litany: <i>Let us complete</i>
		[Litia]
Aposticha	Aposticha	Aposticha
<i>Now, let Thy servant depart</i>	<i>Now, let Thy servant depart</i>	<i>Now, let Thy servant depart</i>
Trisagion — Our Father	Trisagion — Our Father	Trisagion — Our Father
Tropar	Tropar*	Tropar
Litany: Have mercy on us	Litany: Have mercy on us	[Blessing of the loaves]
Dismissal	Dismissal*	Dismissal

* During **Great Lent** — special ending: Tropar: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos: Baptizer of Christ: Intercede for us, O Holy Apostles: Beneath Thy Compassion. Lord, have mercy (40 times). Glory: Both now: More Honourable: In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing: Christ our God: O Heavenly King, establish: Prayer of St. Ephrem. Then, on **Sundays**: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God: and Dismissal. On the **other days**: Trisagion — Our Father: Lord, have mercy (12 times): All-Holy Trinity: Blessed be the name of the Lord: Glory: Both now: I will bless the Lord (Ps. 33): Wisdom: It is truly worthy: Most Holy Theotokos, save us: More Honourable: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God: Dismissal.

✠ **Glory to GOD** for all things. Amen. ✠