

The Gospel Reading

Priest: That we may be accounted worthy of listening to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (*Lenten melody*)

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. _____

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend! (*Monday - Matthew 21:18-43*)
(*Tuesday - Matthew 22:15-46, 23:1-39*)
(*Wednesday - John 12-17-50*)

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Psalm 51

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgement. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward being: therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones with which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, You God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken

and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Priest: O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Visit Your world in mercy and compassion. Exalt the estate of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Your rich mercies, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross; through the protection of the honourable bodiless Powers of heaven; through the supplication of the honourable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of our Fathers among the Saints, hierarchs and ecumenical teachers; Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; of our Father among the Saints Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the Wonderworker; of our venerable Father Herman of Alaska; of our Father among the Saints Innocent, the Enlightener of the Aleuts and the Apostle to America; of _____ (*name of the Patron Saint of the Church and of the Saint(s) of the day*), whose memory we celebrate today; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all Your Saints: we beseech You, O most merciful Lord, hear us sinners who entreat You, and have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy. *12x (Triple Lenten melody 4x)*

Priest: Through the mercy and compassion and love for mankind of Your only-begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.