

**The Divine Liturgy  
of the Presanctified Gifts**  
celebrated on  
Wednesday, February 28, 2007

*The reading from Genesis tells the story of the children of Adam and Eve---Cain, who killed his brother Abel, and Seth, their third child.*

*The reading from Proverbs counsels us about marital fidelity and to great caution in our financial dealings with each other.*

**The venerable martyr Eudoxia.** Having lived a profligate younger life, she was converted and baptized by bishop Theodotus. She was arrested and beheaded for the faith under the emperor Trajan. (2nd century)

## The Lamplighting Psalms

Psalm 140

Tone 1

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O  
Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I  
call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord!  
Let my pray'r as - cend to you like in - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands  
like an eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth  
and set a seal on the door of *my* lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil,  
nor make excuses for sins I *commit*.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.  
If a just man strikes or reproves me it *is* kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.  
Let my prayer be ever against *their* malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;  
then they understood that my words *were* kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,  
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the* grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned;  
in you I take refuge; spare *my* soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe;  
keep me from the snares of those who *do* evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set  
while I pursue my way *unharm*ed.

With all my voice I cry to the Lord,  
with all my voice I entreat *the* Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him;  
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints *with*in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.  
On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to *entrap* me.

Look on my right and see:  
there is no one who takes *my* part.

I have no means of escape,  
not one who cares for *my* soul.

I cry to you, O Lord.  
I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of *the* living."

Listen, then, to my cry  
for I am in the depths *of* distress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me  
for they are stronger *than* I.

Bring my soul out of this prison  
and then I shall praise *your* name.

Around me the just will assemble  
because of your goodness *to* me.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear *my* voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of *my* pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we *revere* you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman *for* daybreak.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

*Tone 1*

If we would fast in spir - it we must not tell lies with our tongue nor give  
cause for scan-dal or take of-fense. Rath-er, through repentance, let us bright-en the  
lamp of our soul. With tears, let us cry out to Christ: Re - mit our  
sins, for you love man - kind.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

*Tone 3*

Through the prayers of the di-vine a-pos-tles, let us right-ly keep the season

of the fast, O Lord. Grant us compunction that we may all be saved  
and glorify your good-ness and com-pas-sion.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

*Tone 3*

Great and fear-some is your com-ing, O Lord when you will  
sit in judgment and dis-pense jus-tice. Do not judge me, for I am  
al-read-y con-demned; but spare me through the prayers of your a-pos-tles  
who have been pleas-ing to you, O God.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

*Sticheron of Eudoxia*

*Tone 4 podoben: Dal jest znamenije*

By ascetici-sm and tem-per-ance, you first dominated the passions of the bod-y.  
Then, O bless-ed Eu-dox-i-a, by your strug-gles in mar-tyr-dom,

you o - ver - threw the snares of the en - e - my and tri - umphed o - ver him.

There - fore, you were crowned for your dou - ble vic - to - ry by Je - sus, the

Sav - ior of our souls and Lov - er of us all.

**Cantor:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. Amen.

**Theotokion**

*Tone 4*

Re - joice, O beam of ra - diance of the throne of the nev - er - set - ting Sun,

who shone forth the inef - fa - ble Sun! Re - joice, O mind shining with di - vine

splen - dor, flash of light - ning shining up - on the ends of the earth,

true lus - ter of gold, most beau - tiful and all - immacu - late La - dy,

who has caused the un - wan - ing Light to shine up - on the faith - ful.

## The Hymn of the Evening

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

O Joy - ful Light of the ho - ly glo - ry of the Fa - ther Im - mor - tal,  
the hea - ven - ly, ho - ly, bles - sed One, O Je - sus Christ: Now that we have  
reached the set - ting of the sun, and see the eve - ning light, we sing to God,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. It is fit - ting at all times to raise  
a song of praise in meas - ured mel - o - dy to you, O Son of God, the  
Giv - er of Life. There - fore, the un - i - verse sings your glo - ry -

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Celebrant:** Peace ✠ be to all!

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The verses of the Prokeimena are sung by the Deacon.*

**Prokeimenon 1 - Tone 6** (Psalm 31: 11, 1a)

Re-joyce in the Lord, re-joyce in the Lord, ex-ult, you just;  
re-joyce in the Lord, ex-ult, you just!

*Verse:* Happy are they whose offenses are forgiven.

*All repeat the Prokeimenon.*

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A Reading from the Book of Genesis

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Genesis 4: 16 - 26 ]

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

**Prokeimenon 2 - Tone 1** (Psalm 32: 22, 1a)

May your mer-cy, O Lord, be up-on us, may your mer-cy be up-on us  
who have placed our hope in you.

*Verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones.

*All repeat the Prokeimenon.*

*The faithful kneel.*



## The Blessing With Light

**Deacon:** Give the command!

**Celebrant:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

The light of Christ shines upon everyone.

*The faithful give no response to these words. All make three prostrations in silence.  
The faithful are seated. The lector, without introduction, begins:*

**Lector:** A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Proverbs 5: 15 - 6: 3]

**Celebrant:** Peace ❖ be to you, reader.

