

A Comparison of Matins and the Funeral Service

Daily Matins
Royal Office (usually omitted)
Blessing by priest: "Glory to the holy, consubstantial..."
Psalms 3, 37, 62, 87, 102, 142
Litany of Peace (Great Litany)
"The Lord is God", with verses Troparia of the day
First reading from the Psalter Small Litany and Sessional hymn
Second reading from the Psalter Small Litany and Sessional hymn
Optional: Third reading from the Psalter Small litany Sessional hymn
Psalm 50
Deacon's prayer
THE CANON: (as appointed in the Typikon) Odes 1 and 3 Small litany Sessional hymn (or kontakion)
Odes 4, 5, and 6 Small litany Kontakion and Ikos
Odes 7 and 8 Canticle of the Theotokos, with refrains Ode 9 "It is truly proper" Small litany
Psalm 148-150, with stichera (on some days)
The Great Doxology (sung) or Lesser Doxology (chanted)
Litany
Aposticha (if the Great Doxology was not sung)
Litany
Blessing by priest Dismissal

The Burial Service
Entrance into the Church: Gospel, "Holy God"
Blessing by priest: "Blessed is our God"
Psalm 90
Great Litany for the Deceased
"Alleluia", with verses Troparia for the Departed, in Tone 8
First reading from Psalm 118, with refrains Small Litany
Second reading from Psalm 118, with refrains Small Litany
Hymns (Evlogitaria) for the Departed Small Litany Sessional Hymns in Tone 5: "O Savior, give rest to your servant"
Psalm 50
THE CANON: (In Tone 6) Odes 1 and 3 Small litany Sessional Hymns in Tone 6: "All is vanity, indeed"
Odes 4, 5, and 6 Small litany Kontakion and Ikos
Odes 7 and 8
Ode 9
Small Litany for the Deceased
Hymns of St. John Damascene Beatitudes
Prokeimenon Apostolic Reading Alleluia Gospel
Litany for the Deceased
Hymns of Farewell
Trisagion prayers, troparia, litany, and prayer
Prayer of Absolution Dismissal
Gospel reading