

# **The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

celebrated on  
Monday, February 14, 2005  
Feast of St. Cyril, Apostle to the Slavs

*During the Great Fast, the Church calls us back to our baptismal covenant. Through the disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer (outlined for us in the 6th chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew), we re-focus our lives on loving the Lord our God with all our heart and mind and soul, and on loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

*The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is the service of Vespers, with the distribution of Holy Communion consecrated the previous Sunday at the Divine Liturgy.*

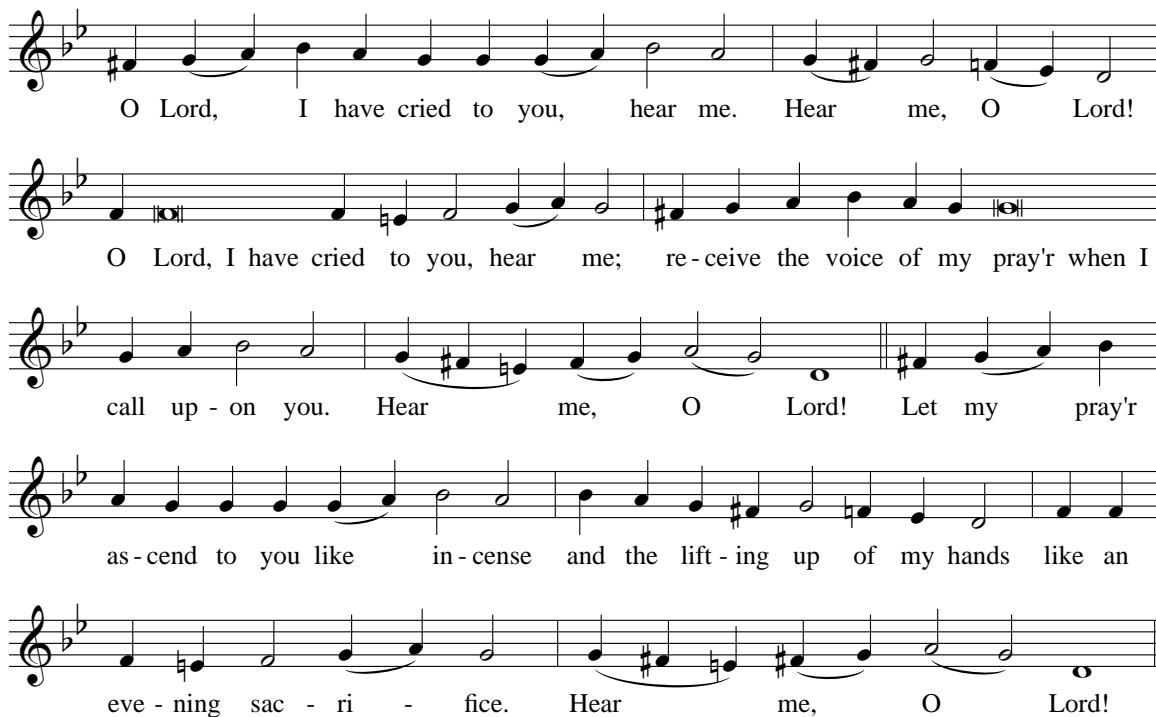
*This pamphlet contains the Lamp-lighting Psalms and the hymns taken with them, as translated by the Inter-Eparchial Commission on the Liturgy.*

*During the season of the Great Fast, the Church reads two books of the Old Testament through from beginning to end: the book of Genesis and the book of Proverbs. We hear from Genesis to give us the history of mankind's relation with God; we hear from Proverbs to gain insight into our daily life in God.*

## The Lamplighting Psalms

Psalm 140

Tone 3



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 unharmed.

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 within 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.

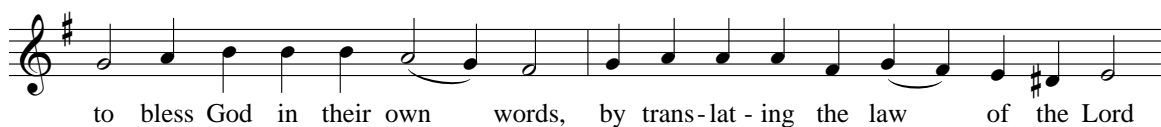
**Tone 3**

Let us keep a spir - it - ual Fast; let us break up ev - 'ry hy - po - cri - sy;  
let us flee the traps of sin; let us for-give the of-fens-ses of oth - ers,  
so that our sins might also be for giv - en. Thus we shall all be  
a - ble to sing: May our pray'r arise like in - cense be - fore you, O Lord.

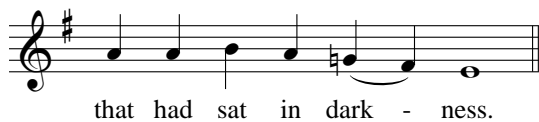
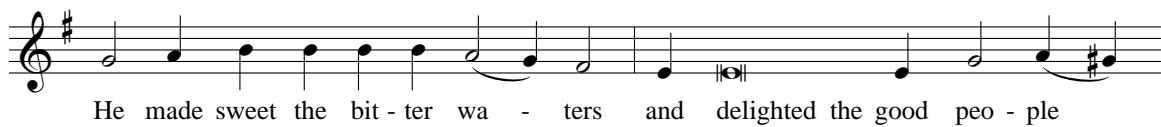
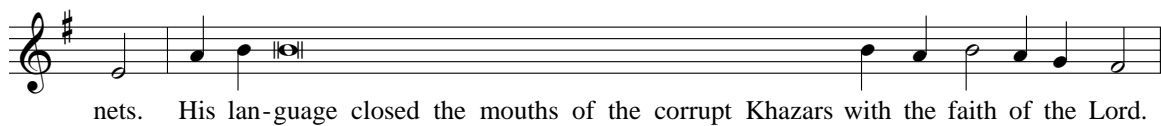
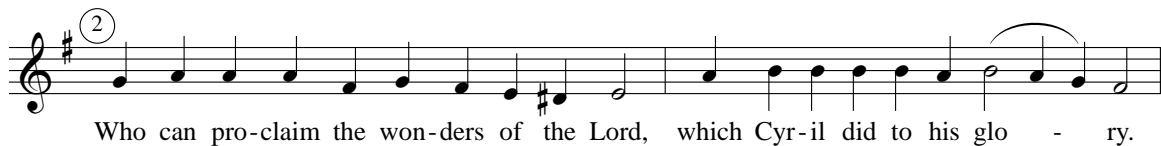
**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Tone 8**

O Cyr-il. glo-rious teach - er, with bril-liance you taught the Mo-ra - vi - ans



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



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

①

Dear teach-er Cyr-il, gen-tle preach-er, so ver-y wise with a lov-ing heart  
and mind. O man of words sweet as hon-ey, you flew o-ver the  
na-tions like an ea-gle. O sec-ond Paul and stu-dent of Pe-ter,  
in whose ci-ty you were willing to fall a-sleep, re-mem-ber us  
sin-ners to the Lord, and by your pray'rs, save us.

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

**Theotokion**

In his love for all of us, the King of Heaven appeared on earth and  
dwelt a-mong us, for he took flesh from a pure virgin and came forth  
from her. The on-ly Son has two natures but is not two per-sons.

We pro - claim the truth a - bout Christ our God, pro - fess - ing him  
 both perfect God and per - fect man. Be - seech him, O un - wed - ded Moth - er,  
 to have mer - cy on our souls.

### 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!

**Prokeimenon 1, Tone 1**

Who is the king of glo - ry? The Lord, the might - y, the val - iant,  
the Lord, the val - iant in war.

**Verse:** The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its people.

*All repeat the Prokeimenon.*

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

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

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Genesis 3: 21 - 4: 7]

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!



## Prokeimenon 2, Tone

Turn to me and have mer - cy, turn to me and have mer - - cy,  
for I am lone - ly and poor.

**Verse:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

*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.

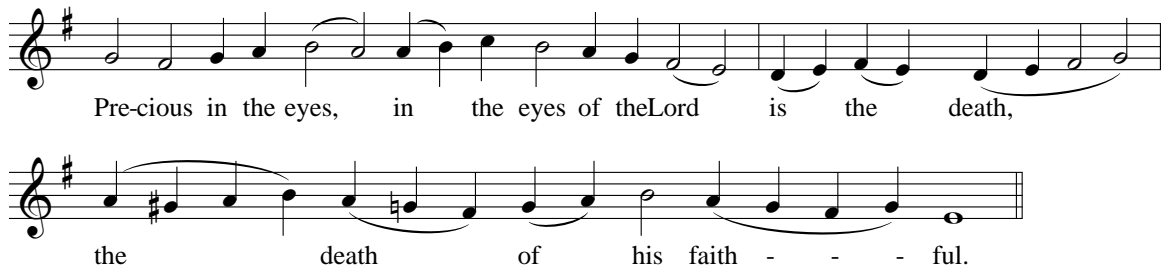
**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Proverbs 3: 34 - 4:22]

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

After "Let my prayer rise..."

**Prokeimenon for a Venerable Man - Tone 7** (Psalm 115:6,3):



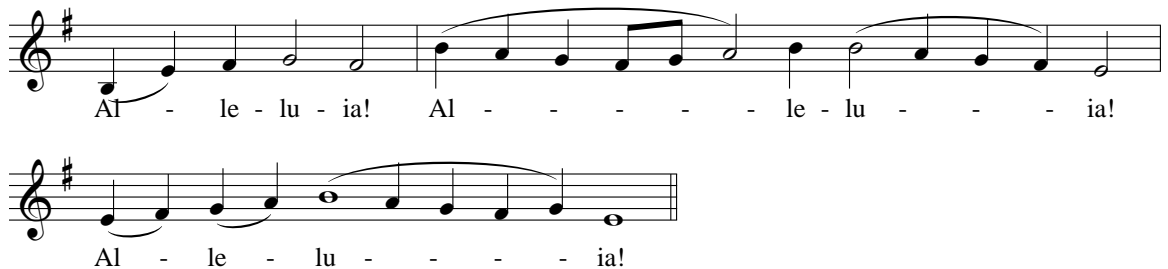
Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death,  
the death of his faith - - - ful.

**Verse:** What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

*All repeat the Prokeimenon.*

**Epistle:** [Hebrews 7: 26 - 8:2]

**Alleluia for a Venerable Man - Tone 6** (Psalm 111:1,2):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - - - ia!  
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Verse:** Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

*All repeat the Alleluia.*

**Verse:** His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

*All repeat the Alleluia.*

**Gospel:** [John 10: 9 - 16]

After the Communion Hymn "O taste and see..." (p. 37) the following is sung:

**Communion Hymn for a Venerable Man** (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver;  
*Refrain*  
e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!