

Holy Friday Matins
Service of the 12 Passion Gospels

Priest: Blessed is our God.....

Reader: Usual beginning (Horologion p. 46)

Matins continues as usual through the Great Ektenia. After the Great Ektenia:

Priest: Alleluia in the 8th Tone. Out of the night...

Choir: Alleluia 3x (Slowly and solemnly)

Priest: Learn righteousness.....

Choir: Alleluia 3x

Priest: Zeal shall lay ahold...

Choir: Alleluia 3x

Priest: Add more evils....

Choir: Alleluia 3x

Choir: Troparion: The glorious disciples... 2x

Glory...Both now....

The glorious disciples....

Note: Please sing the troparion slowly, as the priest must cense the entire church during the singing.

Priest: Small ektenia.

The First Gospel (English)

Priest: And that He will vouchsafe....

Choir: Lord have mercy. 3x

Priest: Wisdom, Aright! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Priest: The reading of the Holy Gospel....

Choir: Glory to Thy **Passion**, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend.

Priest: Reads Gospel.

Choir: Glory to Thy **Longsuffering**, O Lord, glory to Thee. (The bell is rung once.)

Note: The reading of all twelve gospels follows the above scheme, except the bell is rung according to the number of the gospel reading, i.e., after the second gospel, twice, after the third, three times, etc.

Choir: Antiphons I,II,III, Triodion p. 571

Priest: Small ektenia.

Choir: (or Reader:) Sessional Hymn, Triodion p. 573 (Slowly - priest must cense the church during this sessional hymn)

The Second Gospel (Slavonic)

As above.

Choir: Antiphons IV,V,VI, Triodion p. 575

Priest: Small ektenia.

Choir: (or Reader:) Sessional Hymn, Triodion p. 577 (Slowly - priest must cense the

church during this sessional hymn)

The Third Gospel (English)

As above.

Choir: Antiphons VII,VIII,IX, Triodion p. 578

Priest: Small ektenia.

Choir: (or Reader:) Sessional Hymn, Triodion p. 580 (Slowly - priest must cense the church during this sessional hymn)

The Fourth Gospel (Slavonic)

As above.

Choir: Antiphons X,XI,XII, Triodion p. 582

Priest: Small ektenia.

Choir: (or Reader:) Sessional Hymn, Triodion p. 584 (Slowly - priest must cense the church during this sessional hymn)

The Fifth Gospel (English)

As above.

Choir: Antiphons XIII, XIV, XV, Triodion p. 586

Priest: Small ektenia.

Choir: (or Reader:) Sessional Hymn, Triodion p. 588 (Slowly - priest must cense the church during this sessional hymn)

The Sixth Gospel (Slavonic)

As above.

Choir: Beatitudes, with nine troparia read by the priest.

Priest: Small ektenia.

Reader: Prokimenon, Triodion p. 591

The Seventh Gospel (English)

As above.

Reader: Psalm 50

The Eighth Gospel (Slavonic)

As above.

Canon

As written p. 593 Triodion.

Priest will read troparia.

Katavasia: Repeat Irmos.

After ode 5
Small ektenia

After the Canon
Small ektenia
Exapostilarion 3x (Choir or Reader)

The Ninth Gospel (English)
As above.

Praises, Tone 3 (Let every breath praise the Lord...)
3 Stichera
All from Triodion p. 596 - don't repeat any.
Glory...
Triodion p. 597 ("They stripped me...")
Both now...
Triodion p. 597 ("I gave my back...")

The Tenth Gospel (Slavonic)
As above.

Priest: Glory to Thee Who has shown us the light.
Reader: Reads Doxology (Horologion p. 78 bottom)
Priest: Let us complete our morning prayer...

The Eleventh Gospel (English)
As above.

Aposticha (not too fast - priest must cense entire church during the Aposticha)
Triodion p. 598

The Twelfth Gospel (Slavonic)
*As above. **But - don't blow out your candles after this reading.***

Reader: It is good to give praise... (Horologion p. 83) **1x**
Reader: The rest from p. 83 Horologion through "Our Father..."
Priest: For Thine is the kingdom....
Choir: Amen. Troparion "Thou hast redeemed us..."
Priest: Ektenia: Have mercy on us.... through the dismissal.

And the faithful return to their homes with their candles still lit, and make the sign of the cross with the lit candle on the underside of their front door frames, thus marking theirs as a pious Orthodox Christian home.

Note: The First Hour is NOT read at this time.