

The Order of Vespers

changeable parts of the service

Great Vespers
Blessing by priest: "Blessed is our God..."
Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul"
Litany of Peace
Readings from the Psalter Small Litany
Lamp-lighting Psalms (140, 141, 129 and 116), with stichera
<i>Entrance into the holy place</i> The Hymn of the Evening: "O joyful light"
Prokeimenon <i>If it is the eve of a feast:</i> Lessons from the Old Testament
Litany of Fervent Supplication
Hymn of Glorification: "Make us worthy, O Lord" (sung)
Litany of Supplication
<i>If it is a vigil:</i> Litija procession, with stichera Litany of the Litija
Aposticha
Song of Simeon: "Now you may dismiss your servant" (sung) Trisagion, etc., and the Lord's Prayer Troparia
<i>If it is a vigil:</i> Blessing of bread Psalm 33
Blessing by priest Dismissal

Daily Vespers
Blessing by priest: "Blessed is our God..."
Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul"
Litany of Peace
Readings from the Psalter Small Litany
Lamp-lighting Psalms (140, 141, 129 and 116), with stichera
<i>(no entrance into the holy place)</i> The Hymn of the Evening: "O joyful light"
Prokeimenon
Hymn of Glorification: "Make us worthy, O Lord" (chanted)
Litany of Supplication
Aposticha
Song of Simeon: "Now you may dismiss your servant" (chanted) Trisagion, etc., and the Lord's Prayer Troparia
Litany of Fervent Supplication
Blessing by priest Dismissal