

Matins propers, March 25, 2016 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY when, in the city of Nazareth, the angel of the Lord announced to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High." Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And thus the fullness of time was accomplished, and he who before time was the only-begotten Son of God was made flesh for our sake and for our salvation, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human.

For parishes which desire to celebrate Matins for Great and Holy Friday, but do not wish to incorporate all the hymns of Annunciation Matins as described in the Typikon, the Inter-Eparchial Liturgical Commission recommends the following order of service.

*Matins of Great and Holy Friday is celebrated up to and including the seventh Passion Gospel.
Then:*

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 95:2,1): *(Note that the deacon or priest chants the verse.)*



Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.


Deacon: That we may be deemed worthy of hearing the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord, our God.

Response:



Deacon: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all!

Response: 
And to your spir - it, to your spir - - - it.

Priest: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to the holy apostle and evangelist (*Name*).

Response:


Glo - ry to you, glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you.

The Matins Gospel of the Annunciation (Luke 1:39-49,56) is now read. The priest always reads the Gospel, even when a deacon is present.

Response:


Glo - ry to you, glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you.

The service of Matins for Great and Holy Friday continues immediately with the eighth Passion Gospel.

The final dismissal of Matins is as follows:

Celebrant: May Christ our true God, who for the salvation of the world suffering being spat upon, then suffered scourges, wounds, crucifixion, and death, have mercy on us and save us, through the prayers of his most pure Mother, whose Annunciation we gloriously celebrate today...