

Vespers Outlines

Daily Vespers

Priest: Blessed is our God...
Rdr.: Usual Beginning, Psalm 103
Priest & Choir: Great Litany
Rdr. & Choir: Kathisma
Priest & Choir: Little Litany
Rdr. & Choir: Lord, I have cried
Choir: Gladsome Light
Priest & Choir: Prokeimenon
Rdr.: Vouchsafe, O Lord
Priest & Choir: Evening Litany
Rdr. & Choir: Aposticha
Rdr: St. Symeon's Prayer & Trisagion
Choir: Troparia & Dismissal Hymn (Theotokion)
Priest & Choir: Augmented Litany
Priest & Choir: Dismissal

Great Vespers

Priest: Blessed is our God...
Rdr.: Usual Beginning, Psalm 103
Deacon & Choir: Great Litany
Choir: 1st Kathisma (Blessed is the man)
Deacon & Choir: Little Litany
Rdr. & Choir: Lord, I have cried
Choir: Gladsome Light (Entrance)
Deacon & Choir: Prokeimenon
Rdr.: Old Testament Readings
Deacon & Choir: Augmented Litany
Rdr.: Vouchsafe, O Lord
Deacon & Choir: Evening Litany
Rdr. & Choir: Aposticha
Choir: St. Symeon's Prayer
Rdr.: Trisagion
Choir: Troparia & Dismissal Hymn (Theotokion)
Priest & Choir: Dismissal

Reader's Vespers

Same order as Daily Vespers, but all priest's exclamations are replaced with "Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us" and all litanies are replaced with varying numbers of "Lord, have mercy" and the doxology (Glory to the Father...).

Little Vespers

Same order as Daily Vespers, but with no Great, Little, or Evening Litanies, and shorter Augmented Litany. There are less stichera to sing, and some prayers are read instead of sung.

Great Vespers as part of Vigil

Priest: Glory to the consubstantial...
Clergy: Come, let us worship..
Choir: Psalm 103
Deacon & Choir: Great Litany
Choir: 1st Kathisma (Blessed is the man)
Deacon & Choir: Little Litany
Rdr. & Choir: Lord, I have cried
Choir: Gladsome Light (Entrance)
Deacon & Choir: Prokeimenon
Deacon & Choir: Augmented Litany
Rdr.: Vouchsafe, O Lord
Deacon & Choir: Evening Litany
Clergy & Choir: Litya
Rdr. & Choir: Aposticha
Choir: St. Symeon's Prayer
Rdr.: Trisagion
Priest & Choir: Blessing of the Loaves
Choir: Rejoice, O Virgin (or Festal Troparion)
Choir: Blessed be the Name of the Lord
Choir: Psalm 33
Priest: Blessing
Matins follows