

Outline of the Vespers Service

Great Vespers at a vigil	Great Vespers without a vigil	Daily Vespers on ordinary days	Small Vespers before a vigil	Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy¹
Blessing by priest: <i>Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life- giving Trinity...</i>	Blessing by priest: <i>Blessed is our God...</i>	Blessing by priest: <i>Blessed is our God...</i>	Blessing by priest: <i>Blessed is our God...</i>	Blessing by priest: <i>Blessed is the Kingdom...</i>
	<i>Heavenly King... and Trisagion prayers²</i>	<i>Heavenly King... and Trisagion prayers</i>	<i>Heavenly King... and Trisagion prayers</i>	
<i>Come, let us worship...</i>	<i>Come, let us worship...</i>	<i>Come, let us worship...</i>	<i>Come, let us worship...</i>	<i>Come, let us worship...</i>
Psalm 103	Psalm 103	Psalm 103	Psalm 103	Psalm 103
Great Litany	Great Litany	Great Litany		Great Litany
Reading from the Psalter ³	Reading from the Psalter ⁴	Reading from the Psalter ⁴		
Small Litany	Small Litany	Small Litany		
<i>Lord, I have cried... with Stichera</i>	<i>Lord, I have cried... with Stichera</i>	<i>Lord, I have cried... with Stichera</i>	<i>Lord, I have cried... with Stichera</i>	<i>Lord, I have cried... with Stichera</i>
Entrance	Entrance			Entrance with Gospel Book
<i>Tranquil Light...</i>	<i>Tranquil Light...</i>	<i>Tranquil Light...</i>	<i>Tranquil Light...</i>	<i>Tranquil Light...</i>
Prokeimenon	Prokeimenon	Prokeimenon	Prokeimenon	Prokeimenon
Old Testament Readings ⁴	Old Testament Readings ⁴			Old Testament Readings

¹ On the Eves of Christmas and Theophany except when they fall on Sunday or Monday; Annunciation except when it falls on Saturday or Sunday; Great and Holy Thursday, Celebration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

² These are omitted if immediately preceded by the Ninth Hour.

³ On certain days there is no reading from the Psalter, in which case the Small Litany is also omitted. At Great Vespers, if there is a reading from the Psalter, it is always *Blessed is the man...* (the first kathisma; sometimes only the first antiphon of the first kathisma).

⁴ On certain days only.

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Insistent Litany	Insistent Litany			Small Litany ⁶
<i>O Lord, keep us this evening...</i>	<i>O Lord, keep us this evening...</i>	<i>O Lord, keep us this evening...</i>	<i>O Lord, keep us this evening...</i>	
Litany of Supplication	Litany of Supplication	Litany of Supplication		
Lytia Stichera ⁵				
Lytia Litany ⁵				
Aposticha	Aposticha	Aposticha	Aposticha	
Song of Simeon	Song of Simeon	Song of Simeon	Song of Simeon	
Trisagion Prayers	Trisagion Prayers	Trisagion Prayers	Trisagion Prayers	
Troparia	Troparia	Troparia and Theotokion	Troparia	
Blessing of Bread			Insistent Litany	
Psalms 33				
Great Dismissal	Great Dismissal	Small Dismissal	Small Dismissal	

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⁶ After this we continue with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil or St John Chrysostom with: Trisagion, Prokeimenon, Epistle, etc.