Reader’s Vespers on Monday, February 1st, 2021

Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymios the Great –– (January 20th/February 2nd)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Glory to Thee O God, glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. ***(Thrice)***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. ***(Thrice)***

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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Lord have mercy. ***Twelve Times***

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O come, let us worship God our King.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back for ever and ever.  The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand.  At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid.  The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them.  Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth.  He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run.  They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst.  Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice.  He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.  He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man.  To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart.  The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted.  There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them.  The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares.  He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.  Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad.  Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled.  Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return.  Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.  Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works.  Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being.  May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord.  O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knoweth his going down, Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night.  How magnified are Thy works, O Lord!  In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  Glory to Thee, O God. ***Thrice****.*

Lord, have mercy. ***Forty Times***

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

In the 1st Tone: Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me.

Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord. \* Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; \* attend to the voice of my supplication, \* when I cry unto Thee. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth \* as incense before Thee, \* the lifting up of my hands \* as an evening sacrifice. \* Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Set, O Lord, a watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.

Incline not my heart unto words of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins.

With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.

The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head.

For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.

They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto hades.

For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity.

The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until I pass by.

With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication.

I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.

When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knewest my paths.

In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.

I looked upon my right hand, and beheld, and there was none that did know me.

Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watcheth out for my soul.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion art Thou in the land of the living.

Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low.

Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison:  that I may confess Thy name.

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

An angel was sent from heaven

to foretell your birth, O father Euthymios

Like John, you came from the womb of a barren woman

and proved to be his seal and follower.

You were homeless and spurned possessions,

thus you shared his way of life.

Like the Baptist, you sustained yourself in the mountains, //

where you shone forth with boundless miracles!

For Thy name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Although, you sprouted forth as fruit from barrenness,

you became fruitful, O blessèd father Euthymios;

for from your pure and spiritual seed,

the wild and barren desert was filled with monastics.

Therefore intercede with the Lord, //

that He grant peace and great mercy to our souls!

From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord.

You excelled in your life, O father Euthymios,

and your faith was truly Orthodox.

#### Through activity you reached the highest vision

and became a dwelling of wisdom.

You worshipped Christ in two natures as one of the Trinity. //

Pray to Him on our behalf!

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

You were sanctified from your mother’s womb

when the eye of Him who sees all things

perceived your purpose and desire

which ever leads towards higher things.

He declared you to be a gift of God,

and namesake of good courage, O most-blessèd father

He loosed the sorrow of your parents.

You advanced from infancy pleasing God, our Benefactor. //

Beseech Him that He may save and enlighten our souls!

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

Christ found you to be a clear mirror of divine revelations.

He enlightened you with the radiant splendor of His light.

He filled you with divine gifts, O father Euthymios.

You were revealed to be a source flowing with healings,

and a feeder of the hungry,

who waters with rain the desire of those who thirst.

You looked upon souls as pledges, O wise father,

and by your teaching helped them to God. //

Entreat Him that He may save and enlighten our souls!

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

Your angelic life shone with vision and activity

as a standard and excellent model of virtue

for those who desire to worship God in perfection!

Your divinely-wise teaching, O Euthymios,

taught all to worship the Trinity,

that Christ is known to be One in two natures

and that the councils were equal in number to Christ’s four Gospels. //

Entreat Him that He may save and enlighten our souls!

In the 3rd Tone: Glory …:

O holy father Euthymios,

you were consecrated to God from your mother’s womb as another

Samuel,

Indeed, you were fittingly called by your name,

for you are of good courage to all believers,

a foundation and pillar of the monastic way,

and sanctified temple of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for us who honor you, //

that we may be granted great mercy!

Now and ever... :

How can we not wonder at your mystical childbearing,

O exalted mother?

For, without receiving the touch of man,

you gave birth to a son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin!

The son born of the Father before eternity,

was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady!

He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,

but preserved the fullness of each nature.

O lady and virgin and mother, entreat him to save the souls,

of those who confess you in the orthodox manner //

to be the Theotokos.

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: Having come to the setting of the sun, having beheld the evening light, we praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: God.  Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised with reverent voices, O Son of God, Giver of life.  Wherefore, the world doth glorify Thee.

The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone:

The Lord hears me when I call to Him

Verse: When I called the God of my righteousness heard me.

The Lord hears me/ when I call to Him

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.  Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.  Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes.  Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes.

O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the work of Thy hands.  To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.  Amen.

Lord, have mercy. ***Twelve Times***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

In the 5th Tone:

Rejoice, O ven’rable father Euthymios,

for you are the cause of good courage for the Church!

By your birth all the assaults of heretics were repelled by the

providence of God!

Therefore He named you Euthymios, which means “good courage.”

#### You filled the ranks of heavenly beings

with joy by the brilliance of your life!

Now as you make your dwelling with them, filled with light,

and enjoy the most blessèd and divine radiance, //

entreat Christ that He may grant great mercy to our souls.

Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints!

Made firm by the staff of the Cross,

you dried up the sea of iniquity, O Euthymios.

You were watered by the stream of divine sweetness and the rivers of

Paradise.

You revealed springs of salvation in the desert!

and were watered like a palm tree with streams of the divine Spirit.

You hastened to the heights of heaven, O ven’rable father,

thus showing yourself as a fiery pillar of Light-bearing radiance. //

Therefore, entreat Christ that He may grant great mercy to our souls!

Verse: Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord; who greatly delights in His

commandments!

O most-blessèd father Euthymios,

you have passed over indeed with joy and gladness of soul,

to the wonderful tabernacle, the house of God.

There, you listen to the beautiful voices,

the sweet hymns and ineffable delight of those who keep the feast.

You share in their beauty, O Euthymios.

This alone you desired as you crucified your flesh

and you reached it, adorned with the righteousness of God. //

Entreat Christ that He may grant the world great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

You gave your eyes no sleep, O righteous father Euthymios,

nor your eyelids slumber,

until you freed your soul and body of passions.

You prepared yourself to be the dwelling of the Holy Spirit,

for you became the companion of the consubstantial Trinity,

for Christ who alone shows us the Father, came to live in you. //

#### Pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

In the 3rd Tone: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most-precious Virgin!

You are the gate, the temple,

the palace, and the throne of the King!

From you my Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

appeared to those asleep in darkness!

He is the Sun of Righteousness

who desired to enlighten his image, whom he had created!

Since you possess motherly boldness before him, O all-praised Lady, //

pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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Tone 4:

Rejoice, O barren wilderness!

Be glad, O sterile desert that has never known the travail of birth!

The man of desires has multiplied your sons,

and has planted them in faith and piety.

He has watered them with the Holy Spirit:

they grow in self-denial and perfect virtue. //

Through his intercessions, O Christ our God, preserve Your people in

peace!

Lord have mercy. ***Forty times***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord bless!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, of our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymios the Great, and all the saints, Lord, Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.