

Lenten Dismissal at Great Compline

(Carpatho-Russian Use)

Carpatho-Russian Chant

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Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and

ever, and unto ag - es of ag - es. A - men. Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,

If Metropolitan Primate
is present, we add:

Lord, have mer - cy. [Most Bless - ed] Fa - ther, bless. Mas - ter, bless.

On Monday through Thursday evenings, the priest recites a prayer on bended knee, while the faithful likewise are on their knees, or prostrate themselves, according to local custom.

On Friday evening, the priest and people stand for the usual dismissal.

A - - - men. A - - - men.

If a hierarch is present, instead of the double 'Amen', we sing:

A - - - men. Eis pol - la e - ti, Des - po - ta.

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Small Rite of Forgiveness

(Formal)

Priest: Bless, holy fathers and brethren, and forgive me a sinner all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and thought, and by all my senses.

People: May God forgive and have mercy on thee, holy father. *And prostrating, they say:* Bless me, holy father, and forgive all wherein I have sinned this day in deed, word, and thought, and by all my senses, and pray for me, a sinner.

Priest: May God, through His grace, forgive and have mercy on us all.

Or, as is common in parish churches:

Small Rite of Forgiveness

(Informal)

Priest: Bless me, brothers and sisters, and forgive me a sinner.

People: May God forgive and have mercy on thee, holy father. *And prostrating, they say:* Pray for us, holy father, and forgive our sins.

Priest: May God, through His grace, forgive and have mercy on us all.

Concluding Litany

Priest: Let us pray for the peace of the world.

Response #1, slowly:

Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in a slow, solemn style. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy." The word "mer" is followed by a long dash, indicating a sustained note.

As the choir responds, the priest continues:

Remember, O Lord, first of all Thy Holy Church; strengthen and increase it; keep it in peace and preserve it in fullness, safe from all destructive divisions and heresies.

When the priest concludes this petition, the choir sings response #2, and so on, overlapping between the two.

Response #2, slowly:

Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation is identical to Response #1, consisting of two staves in D major. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy." The word "mer" is followed by a long dash, indicating a sustained note.

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Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on our Metropolitan N., our Bishop [or Archbishop] N., and all Orthodox bishops, priests, and deacons; monks and nuns; and all those whom Thou hast called to serve in Thy Holy Church. *R̕ #1*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on this holy community: the Parish Council, those who sing, those who teach, those who learn, and all who serve our parish, and on all our brothers and sisters. *R̕ #2*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on the elderly; give them strength to bear what Thou dost place upon them for their salvation. *R̕ #1*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on all parents; give them the grace to keep their families in truth, in love, and in every virtue, for their salvation and to the glory of Thy Name. *R̕ #2*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on the young, particularly the students in our schools and seminaries; keep them from every evil and harm. *R̕ #1*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on all working people; give them fruitful labors for the good of their families; let them work not merely for personal gain, for the benefit of others. *R̕ #2*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on the sick and the suffering; may their afflictions of the flesh avail for the salvation of their souls, in witness to Christ for the redemption of the world. *R̕ #1*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on those in need of Thy saving mercy and strength, guidance, and direction. *R̕ #2*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on all who are persecuted for the Orthodox Faith, and for righteousness' sake. *R̕ #1*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection and life everlasting, especially our spiritual fathers and our relatives. *R̕ #2*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on this country, on the President of the[se] United States and all civil authorities, on our armed forces and all our people; let Thy will be done through them for the good of all. *R̕ #1*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on those persons and intentions for which we have been asked to pray. *R̕ #2*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on all whom we have not remembered; for Thou knowest each person, his calling, temptations, and needs. *R̕ #1*

Remember, O Lord, and have mercy on the whole world, and all people. *R̕ #2*

Remember, O Lord, us sinners who offer these petitions, and have mercy on us.

Triple Response:

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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