

Vespers at St. Gregory's

Welcome to St. Gregory's! We are a Western Rite congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, under the authority of His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH (and hence part of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East).

The Order for Vespers begins on p. 16 of "The English Office Noted." The hymns are found in "The St. Ambrose Hymnal." Please stand for Vespers; you may be seated for the lessons. The cantor will sing the odd-numbered verses of the Psalms, the congregation will sing the even-numbered verses. If you wish to make your confession, please speak with Fr. Nicholas or Fr. Raphael after Vespers.

Saturday, February 6

First Vespers of the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Commemoration of St. Romuald, Abbot

Psalms for the 6th Day at Evening Prayer, p. 63

(After the 1st lesson) Office Hymn: 16

(After the hymn) R. And let thy mercy come down upon us.

The service continues with the Magnificat on p. 18 (EON).

Hymn after the collects: O Gladsome Light

The service continues with The General Thanksgiving on p. 26.

The Reading from the Martyrology for February 7

R. Thanks be to God.

Marian Anthem: 185

Saturday, February 13

First Vespers of the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Psalms for the 13th Day at Evening Prayer, p. 109

(After the 1st lesson) Office Hymn: 16

(After the hymn) R. And let thy mercy come down upon us.

The service continues with the Magnificat on p. 18 (EON).

Hymn after the collects: O Gladsome Light

The service continues with The General Thanksgiving on p. 26.

The Reading from the Martyrology for February 14

R. Thanks be to God.

Marian Anthem: 185

Saturday, February 20

First Vespers of the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Psalms for the 20th Day at Evening Prayer, p. 155

(After the 1st lesson) Office Hymn: 16

(After the hymn) R. And let thy mercy come down upon us.

The service continues with the Magnificat on p. 18 (EON).

Hymn after the collects: O Gladsome Light

The service continues with The General Thanksgiving on p. 26.

The Reading from the Martyrology for February 21

R. Thanks be to God.

Marian Anthem: 185

Saturday, February 27

First Vespers of Septuagesima

Commemoration of St. Oswald of Worcester, Bishop & Confessor

Psalms for the 27th Day at Evening Prayer, p. 194

(After the 1st lesson) Office Hymn: 16

(After the hymn) R. And let thy mercy come down upon us.

The service continues with the Magnificat on p. 18 (EON).

Hymn after the collects: O Gladsome Light

The service continues with The General Thanksgiving on p. 26.

The Reading from the Martyrology for February 28

R. Thanks be to God.

Marian Anthem: 185

O Gladsome Light

O glad-some light of the Ho-ly glo - ry of the Fa-ther im - mor -
tal, heav'n-ly ho - ly, bless-ed Je - sus Christ: In
that we now are come un-to the set - ting of the sun, and be
hold the light of ev' - ning, we hymn thee,
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spir - it God, for
meet it is that at all times thou should'st be mag-ni-
fied by voi-ces ho - ly, O Son of God,
who be - stow - est life, for which cause all the
world doth glo - ri - fy thee.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of nine lines of music. The first line begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values and rests. Phrasing is indicated by slurs and breath marks. The text is aligned under the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Phos hilaron, Greek, 3rd c.

Tune: Phos hilaron, Greek, arranged by Basil Kazan, d. 2001