

## **MASTER, BLESS!**

### **Hymns from the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy**

Recorded by Archangel Voices  
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- 1) From the Rising of the Sun ~ Johann von Gardner

*From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Name of the Lord is to be praised! Blessed be the Name of the Lord henceforth and forevermore!*

- 2) It Is Truly Fitting ~ Russian "Greek" Chant, arr. Alexander Nikolsky

*It is truly fitting to call you blessed, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify you!*

- 3) Ton dhespotin ~ Melody from Constantinople, arr. J. von Gardner

*Ton dhespotin ke arkhiera imon, Kyrie, filate! Eis polla eti, dhespota!*

*(for translation see No. 6)*

- 4) The Prophets Proclaimed You ~ Ivan Moody

*The prophets proclaimed you from on high, O Virgin: the Jar, the Staff, the Tables of the Law, the Ark, the Candlestick, the Mount Uncloven, the Golden Censer, the Tabernacle, the Gate Impassable, the Palace and Ladder, and the Throne of Kings!*

- 5) Let Your Soul Rejoice ~ Ivan Moody

*Let your soul rejoice in the Lord, for He has clothed you with the robe of salvation!*

*Let your soul rejoice in the Lord!*

*He has covered you with the garment of gladness.*

*Let your soul rejoice in the Lord!*

*And as a bride adorns herself with jewels, so has He adorned you with comeliness.*

*Let your soul rejoice in the Lord!*

- 6) Lord, Preserve Our Master (Trio) ~ Melody from Constantinople, arr. J. von Gardner

*Lord, preserve our master and bishop! Grant him many years! Many years to you, O master!*

- 7) Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Ps. 102 [103]) ~ Vladimir Morosan

*Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

*Refrain: Blessed art Thou, O Lord!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name! R.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits! R.*

*Who forgives all your iniquity; Who heals all your diseases; R.*

*Who redeems your life from the Pit; Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; R.*

*Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. R.*

*The Lord works vindication and justice for the oppressed. R.*

*He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the People of Israel. R.*

*The Lord is compassionate and merciful, longsuffering and of great goodness. R.*

*He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. R.*

*The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. R.*

*Bless the Lord, O you His Angels, you mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word! R.*

*Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers that do His will! R.*

*Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion! R.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name! R.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Blessed art Thou, O Lord!*

8) Praise the Lord, O My Soul (Ps. 145) ~ Old Russian Melody, arr. V. Morosan

*Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God while I have being.*

*Put not your trust in princes, in sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.*

*When his breath departs, he returns to his earth; on that very day his plans perish.*

*But the Lord will reign forever and ever; your God, O Zion to all generations!*

9) Only Begotten Son ~ Bulgarian Chant, arr. Alexander Kastalsky

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who didst will for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, and without change didst become Man, and wast crucified, O Christ, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!*

10) In Your Kingdom (Matthew 5:3-12) ~ V. Morosan

*In Your Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your Kingdom.*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Refrain: Remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your Kingdom.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. R.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. R.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. R.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. R.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. R.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. R.*

*Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. R.*

*Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. R.*

*Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.*

11) Come, Let Us Worship ~ Russian "Greek" Chant, arr. V. Morosan

*Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ! O Son of God, who didst rise from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"*

*O Son of God, through the prayers of the Theotokos, save us who sing unto Thee: "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"*

12) Eis polla (Trio and Chorus) ~ Priest Georgi Izvekov

*Eis polla eti, dhespota!*

*(for translation see No. 33)*

13) O Lord, Save and Holy God ~ Maia Aprahamian

*O Lord, save the pious! And hear us!*

*Amen. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal have mercy on us.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.*

14) Cherubic Hymn ~ Melody of the Sofroniev Hermitage, arr. Pavel Chesnokov

*Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim; and sing the thrice holy hymn unto the life-creating Trinity; now lay aside all earthly care.*

*Amen. That we may receive the King of all, who cometh invisibly upborne in triumph by the ranks of angels. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Eis polla eti, dhespota!*

The Office of Ordination

15) O Holy Martyrs ~ Common Russian Chant

*O holy martyrs, who fought the good fight and have received your crowns; entreat the Lord that He will have mercy on our souls.*

*Glory to You, O Christ God, the Apostles' boast, the martyrs' joy, whose preaching was the consubstantial Trinity.*

*Rejoice, O Isaiah! A virgin is with child and shall bear a Son, Emmanuel. He is both God and Man, and Orient is His name. Magnifying Him, we call the Virgin blessed.*

16) Lord, Have Mercy ~ Znamenny Chant; Alexei Lvov

*Lord, have mercy.*

17) Axios; He Is Worthy ~ J. von Gardner

*Axios, axios, axios.*

*He is worthy, he is worthy, he is worthy.*

18) A Mercy of Peace ~ Znamenny Chant,

arr. M. Kovalevsky

*A mercy of peace! A sacrifice of praise!*

*And with your spirit.*

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*It is meet and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the Trinity, one in essence and undivided.*

*Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

19) We Praise Thee ~ Znamenny Chant, arr. M. Kovalevsky

*We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord. And we pray unto Thee, O our God.*

20) The Hymn to the Theotokos ~ Roman Hurko

*It is truly right to call you blessed, who gave birth to God, ever-blessed and most pure, and Mother of our God. Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word; truly the Mother of God, we magnify you.*

21) The Lord's Prayer ~ Nikolai Kedrov, Sr.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One. Amen.*

22) One Is Holy; Praise the Lord from the Heavens ~ Alexander Ruggieri

*One is holy, one is the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

23) Praise the Lord from the Heavens ~ Nikolai Rimsky Korsakov

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

24) Praise the Lord from the Heavens (Ps. 148) ~ V. Morosan/A. Schoepp

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!*

*Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His host!*  
R.

*Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!* R.

*Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!* R.

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; He made a decree that shall not pass away.* R.

*Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all the deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling His command!* R.

*Mountains and all the hills, fruit trees and all cedars. Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.* R.

*Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth. Young men and maidens together, old men and children.* R.

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted!* R.

*His glory is above earth and heaven, and He has exalted the horn of His people, praise of all His saints, the people of Israel near to Him.*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

25) Come, Bless the Lord (Ps. 133[134]) ~ Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

*Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord, in the*

*courts of the house of our God! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!*

26) Behold, How Good (Ps. 132 [133]) ~ J. von Gardner

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity! Fine as oil on the head, that ran down upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down to the hem of his garments! It is like the dew of Hermon, descending on the mountains of Zion, where the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forever more.*

27) Virgin Mother of God, Rejoice ~ Sergei Rachmaninoff

*Virgin Mother of God, rejoice, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls.*

28) Receive Me Today ~ Frederick T. Karam

*Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of Thy mystical supper, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief will I confess Thee: "Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom."*

29) Receive the Body of Christ ~ Evstafy Azeyev

*Receive the Body of Christ! Taste the fountain of immortality! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Eis polla eti, dhespota!*

30) We Have Seen the True Light; Let Our Mouths Be Filled ~ Bulgarian Melody, arr. V Morosan after Petar Dinev

*We have seen the True Light! We have received the heavenly Spirit! We have found the True Faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, Who has saved us!*

*Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Your glory; for You have made us worthy to partake of Your holy, divine, immortal and life-creating Mysteries! Keep us in Your holiness that all the day we may meditate upon Your righteousness! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

31) I Will Bless the Lord at All Times (Ps. 33 [34]) ~  
Carpatho-Rusyn Folk Melody, arr. V. Morosan

*I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise be ever  
on my lips. My soul will glory in the Lord; let the  
lowly hear and be glad.*

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His  
name together. I sought the Lord and He answered  
me, and delivered me from all my fears. R.*

*Look to Him and be radiant, and your faces shall  
never be ashamed! This poor man cried, and the  
Lord heard Him and saved him out of all his  
troubles. R.*

*The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who  
fear Him and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that  
the Lord is good; blessed are those who trust in Him!  
R.*

*Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints; those who fear  
Him have no want! The rich have suffered want and  
hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good  
thing. R.*

32) Preserve, O Lord ~ Alexandre Gretchaninoff

*Preserve, O Lord, the most holy Orthodox  
patriarchs, the most reverend metropolitans,  
archbishops, and bishops, the civil authorities, and  
the armed forces, the members of this holy  
community, and all Orthodox Christians, for many  
years!*

33) Many Years to You, O Master (Trio) ~ Dmitry  
Bortniansky

*Many years to you, O Master!*