

THE BYZANTINE ROSARY

**St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic
Church**

Adult Education Series

While the Rosary is associated with the Roman Church, there are Byzantine forms of the Rosary. One such set of prayers is presented here. This is purely for private devotional purposes.

Introductory Prayers

IN THE NAME of the Father + and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Glory to you, + our God, glory to you.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
everywhere present and filling all things;
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life: come
and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and
save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Holy God, + Holy and Mighty, Holy and
Immortal, have mercy on us. (*3 times*)

Glory to the Father + and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit: now, and ever and forever. Amen.

Most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord,
cleanse us from our sins. Master, forgive our
transgressions. O Most Holy Once, come to us
and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*3 times*)

Glory to the Father + and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit: now, and ever and forever. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
Your name; Your kingdom come; Your 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 evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. *All: Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. *(12 x)*

Glory to the Father + and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now, and ever and forever. Amen.

Come, let us adore+ our King and God.

Come, let us adore + our Christ, our King and God.

Come, let us adore and worship + our King and our God.

If time permits, follow the Introductory Prayers with Psalm 50 (Have Mercy on us....) and the

Creed (I believe....).

Prologue to the Decades

HAIL, God Bearer Virgin, Mother now rejoice.
Holy 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
Christ the Savior, the Deliverer of our souls.
(3x)

Glory to the Father + and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; now and ever and ever forever,
Amen.

Open unto us the doors of mercy, O blessed
Theotokos, that we who place our trust in you,
may not perish; but that through you we may
be delivered from misfortune. For you are the
salvation of all Christians.

The Decade Pattern

After the decade meditation, the following

prayers are said:

1. Our Father
2. Hail, God Bearer Virgin... (10 x)
3. Glory...both now... Open unto us the doors of mercy...

The Decade Meditations

The Nativity Cycle (*Morning, or Mondays and Thursdays*)

Let us remember the Birth of the Theotokos.
Let us pray for mothers, fathers, and children.

Let us remember the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Theotokos. Let us pray for those who have lost their way and fallen away from the Church.

Let us remember the Annunciation of the Blessed Theotokos. Let us pray for the soothing of sorrows and the consolation of those who grieve.

Let us remember the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin to the Righteous Elizabeth. Let us pray for the reunion of the separated.

Let us remember the Birth of Christ. Let us pray for the rebirth of souls; for new life in Christ.

The Passion Cycle (*Midday, or Tuesdays and Fridays*)

Let us remember the Meeting of the Lord, and the words of Saint Simeon to the Theotokos: "A sword shall pierce through Your own soul also." Let us pray that the Theotokos will meet our souls at the hour of our death, arrange that we receive the Holy Mysteries with our last breath, and lead our souls through the terrible torments.

Let us remember the Flight of the Theotokos with the Infant-God into Egypt. Let us pray that the Theotokos will help us avoid

temptation in this life and deliver us from misfortunes.

Let us remember the Three-day loss of the Boy Jesus in Jerusalem, and the sorrow of the Theotokos as she sought him. Let us pray, begging the Theotokos for the constant repetition of the Jesus Prayer.

Let us remember the Miracle performed in Cana of Galilee, when the Lord turned water into wine at the word of the Theotokos: "They have no wine." Let us ask the Theotokos - who is quick to hear - for help in our affairs and deliverance from need.

Let us remember the Theotokos standing by the Cross of the Lord, when grief pierced through her heart like a sword. Let us pray to the Theotokos for the strengthening of our souls and the banishment of despondency.

The Resurrection Cycle (*Evening, or Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays*)

Let us remember the Resurrection of Christ, and ask the Theotokos in prayer to resurrect our souls and give us a new courage for spiritual feats.

Let us remember the Ascension of Christ, at which the Theotokos was present. Let us pray and ask the Queen of Heaven to raise up our souls from earthly and worldly diversions, and direct them to striving for higher things.

Let us remember the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Theotokos. Let us pray: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me."

Let us remember the Dormition of the Blessed Theotokos, and ask for a peaceful and serene end.

Let us remember the glory of the Theotokos,

with which the Lord crowned her after she was taken up from earth to heaven. Let us pray to the Queen of Heaven not to abandon the faithful who are on earth, but to defend them from every evil, covering them with her protecting veil.

The Dismissal

More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who a virgin gave birth to God the Word, you truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

Glory to the Father + and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now, and ever and forever. Amen.
(Throughout Pascha, substitute Christ is risen...)

.Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ + our God, have mercy on us

and save us. Amen.

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