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Deacon's Corner

In this issue of The Life of a Young Deacon, we will discuss one of the key spiritual exercises the Church uses during the period of the Holy Great Fast – prostrations.

The prostration is a spiritual act of repentance that is carried out on the Weekdays of the Holy Great Fast, Nineveh's Fast and Wednesday and Friday Fasts the year round, as well as other fasting periods, but not on Sundays. It involves the believer bowing himself in humility and submission before the Lord, recognising one's own sins and mistakes and asking the Lord for forgiveness.

The prostration has been described as a spiritual U-turn, where the believer realises that his life is heading in the wrong direction and makes an effort to turn this around and direct his focus back towards Heaven through the Lord's support and guidance.

During this blessed Fasting period, let us increase our spiritual efforts with prayer and fasting, coupled with almsgiving and prostrations in repentance and humility, asking the Lord's forgiveness.

The Holy Great Fast (Lent)

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we focused on the hymns and rites of the Sundays of the Holy Great Fast (Lent). This issue covers the Weekdays of the Fast in which the Church extends the periods of abstinence and couples this with spiritual exercises such as prostrations and extra readings from the Old Testament prophecies. The Fasting and abstinence should not be only from food, but more importantly it should be a spiritual practice to abstain from what is Earthly so that the heart is purified for what is Eternal.

Abba Dorotheus comments about fasting saying:

"However, in fasting one must not only obey this rule about food, but refrain from every other sin in order that, while the stomach is fasting, the tongue may also fast, refraining from slander, lies, idle talk, disparaging one's brethren, anger and every other sin committed by the tongue."

One also fast with the eyes, that is not look at vain things, not give freedom to the eyes, not look shamelessly and without fear at anyone. The hands and the feet should be kept from any evil action."

Thus the whole person fasts, not just from certain foods, but from all forms of evil.

On March 19th (Baramhat 10th) the Church celebrates for one day the Glorious Feast of the Honourable Cross on which our Lord was crucified to save us from our sins – please refer to Volume 1, Issue 3 of this Newsletter for the hymns and rites of the Feast of the Cross.

May we prepare ourselves in these coming weeks to accompany our Lord and Saviour to Golgotha and celebrate His Glorious Resurrection with Him.

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Hymns for The Holy Great Fast Weekdays – Matins

Verses of Cymbals

Κυριε ἐλέησον :

[*Kirie eleyson**.]

Lord have mercy.*

[* said in its long tune]

Ἐθρηνόως ἐρόκ : νεμ Πεκιώτ ἀγάθος : νεμ

Πιπνεύμα Εθώρ : χε ακί ακσωτ ἐμον. Ναι
ΝΑΝ.

[*Ethrenhoas erok : nem Pekyoat enAghathos : nem
Piepnevma Ethowab : je aki aksoati emmon. Nai nan.*]

That we may praise You, with Your Good Father, and the Holy Spirit, for You have come and saved us. Have mercy upon us.

The Prostrations

Πἱπρεςβύτερος :

Κλινομεν τα γονατα.

[*Piepresviteros : Eklinomen ta ghonata.*]

Priest:

We bend our knees.

Πιλάօօ :

Ναι ναν Φ† Φιωτ Πιπαντοκρατωρ.

[*Pila-os : Nai nan Efnouti Efyoat Pipantokratoar.*]

Congregation:

Have mercy upon us O God, the Father, the Pantocrator (Almighty).

Πἱπρεςβύτερος :

Διαστωμεν κλινομεν τα γονατα.

[*Piepresviteros : Anastoamen eklinomen ta ghonata.*]

Priest:

We stand up and bend our knees.

Πιλάօօ :

Ναι ναν Φ† Πενσωτηρ.

[*Pila-os : Nai nan Efnouti Pensoateer.*]

Congregation:

Have mercy upon us O God, our Saviour.

Πἱπρεςβύτερος :

Κε ἀναστωμεν κλινομεν τα γονατα.

[*Piepresviteros : Ke anastoamen eklinomen ta ghonata.*]

Priest:

Again, we stand up and bend our knees.

Πιλάօօ :

Ναι ναν Φ† ουοχ ναι ναν.

[*Pila-os : Nai nan Efnouti owoh nai nan.*]

Congregation:

Have mercy upon us O God, and have mercy upon us.

PLEASE NOTE: These prostrations are carried out three times before the Litany of the Gospel during Matins and in between the Litanies which are prayed before the Litany of the Gospel in Matins during weekdays of The Holy Great Fast and the three days of Nineveh's Fast. They are also repeated once during the Holy Liturgy before the Ministers' Absolution during weekdays of The Holy Great Fast (refer to page 4 of this Newsletter).

Hymns for The Holy Great Fast Weekdays – Matins

The Doxology

¶**ИИСТИА НЕМ ПІШЛНД : НОВОУ ПЕ ПСВІТ
ННЕНПУРХН : ПІТОУВО НЕМ ТІМЕӨМНІ : НОВОУ ПЕ
ШАТРДНАФ МФІ.**

[Tineestia nem pieshleel : enthoa-ou pe epsoati ennenepsikee : pitouvo nem timethmeei : enthoa-ou pe shavranaf emEfnouti.]

Fasting and prayer, are the salvation for our souls, purity and righteousness, they are what please God.

+ ¶**ИИСТИА ОНЕТАСЧЛІ : МАЙСІС СІЖЕН
ПІТОУ : ШАНТЕЧІ МПІ НОМОС НАН : ЕВОЛ
ГІТЕН ПОС ФІ.**

[Tineestia thee-etasoali : emMoisees hijen pitoa-ou : shaentefechi empiNomos nan : evol hiten Epchois Efnouti.]

+ Fasting has raised Moses, up to the mountain, until he received the Law for us, from the Lord our God.

¶**ИИСТИА ОНЕТАСЧЛІ : НЕЛІАС ЕПШАІ ЕТФЕ :
ОУОГ АСНОДЕН НДАНІНЛ : ЕВОЛДЕН ФЛАККОС
ННІМОВІ.**

[Tineestia thee-etasoali : enElias e-epshoai e-etfe : owoh asnohem enDanieel : evolkhen eflakkos ennimowi.]

Fasting has raised Elijah, up to heaven, and has saved Daniel, from the den of lions.

The Doxology (continued)

+ **Д ПЕНОС ИС ПХС : ЕРННСТЕЧІН ЕХРНІ ЕХВН
НХМЕ НЕХОУ НЕМ ХМЕ НЕЖАРХ : ША
НТЕЧСОТТЕН ЗЕН НЕННОВІ.**

[A Penchois leesous Pikhristos : erneestevin e-ehreei egoan : enehme eneho-ou nem ehme enegoarh : sha entefsotten khen nennovi.]

+ Our Lord Jesus Christ, has fasted for us, forty days and forty nights, to save us from our sins.

**ДНОН ХВН МАРЕНЕРННСТЕЧІН : ЗЕН ОУТОУВО
НЕМ ОУМЕӨМНІ : ОУОГ НТЕЧЕРПРОСЕЧЕЕ :
ЕНХВ ЕВОЛ ЕНХА ММОС.**

[Anon hoan mareneneestevin : khen outouvo nem oumethmeei : owoh enetenerereprosevkeste : enoash evol engoa emmos.]

And we also let us fast, with purity and righteousness, and let us also pray, proclaiming and saying.

**ХЕ ПЕНОАТ ЕТЗЕН НІФНОУІ : МАРЕЧТОУВО НЖЕ
ПЕКРАН : МАРЕСІ НЖЕ ТЕКМЕТӨУРО : ЖЕ ФОК ПЕ
ПІШОУ ША НІЕНЕГ.**

[Je Penyoat ethken nifeewoi : mareftouvo enje pekran : maresi enje tekmetouro : je foak pe pi-oa-ou sha ni-eneh.]

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name, may Your kingdom come, for Yours is the glory forever.”

Hymns for The Holy Great Fast Weekdays – Holy Liturgy

The Offertory

Ալլահլույա. Եւս էթօռն յա պամաներքածարք
նու Փի : նաշրեն ոց և Փի փուտազի
ապօռնու նու տամետալու. Մինածանց նակ
և Յօն Փի Պանուի Ֆեն օրկրարա. Ջրիմւերի
Ոս նԱլարիա : նու տեզմետրեմրադա տիրը.
Ալլահլույա.

[Alleluia. Ei-e-i ekhoun sha pima-enershao-oushi
ente Efnouti : nahren epho emEfnouti fee-etafti
emepounof ente tametalou. Tina-ou-oanh nak evol
Efnouti Panouti khen oukithara. Ari-efmevi Epchois
enDavid : nem tefmetremravsh teers. Alleluia.]

Alleluia. I shall go in unto the Altar of God,
before the face of God, who gives gladness to
my youth. I will confess to You O God my God
with a harp. Remember O Lord David and all
his meekness. Alleluia.

After The Thanksgiving Prayer

Համար : Կ Ե Տ Ո Պ Ն Ե Վ Մ Ա Դ Ի Ս Ո Ւ .

[Soatis amen : ke toa epnevmati sou.]

Saved Amen, and with your spirit.

Նեվսենի Ֆեն նիտաօւ Շօն. ՋՈՍ մեն ննութան
նու Սիան : էշուե նիմա նայապի տիրօն նու
լակաբ. Ջվաճի էթենի նշան շնիոնի
ՇՎՏԱԻԽՈՐԴ : ԺԲԱԿԻ նու Փի.

[Nefsendi klhen nitoa-ou ethowab. A Epchois mei
ennipilee ente Sioan : ehote nima enshoapi teerou ente
Yakoab. Afsaji ethveeti enhan ehveewi evtayout :
tivaki ente Efnouti.]

His foundation is in the holy mountains. The
Lord loves the gates of Zion, more than all the
dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are
spoken of you, O city of God.

After The Thanksgiving Prayer (continued)

Սիան ժամանակօս : չե օրքամ նու օրքամ
ագայապի նջիու : օրօշ նուօվ Պետծօսի :
ագիւսենի նասօս յա և նեշ. Ամեն. Ալլահլույա.
[Sioan timav nagos : je ouroami nem ouroami afshoapi
enkheets : owoh enthof Petechosi : afhisenti emmos
sha eneh. Ameen. Alleelouia.]

And of Zion it will be said, "This one and that
one were born in her, and the Most High
Himself shall establish her." Amen. Alleluia.

PLEASE NOTE: After this hymn the
prostrations are carried out once before the
Ministers' Absolution (refer to page 2 of this
Newsletter).

The Hymn of the Censer

Կո տե ժամանակաթարօս : էտվա Ֆա
պիշենի նշարա էտշմարադա.

[Entho te tishouri ennoub enkatharos : etfai kha pijebs
enekroam etezmaroa-out.]

You are the golden censer, carrying the
blessed and live coal.

Դենօրացաւ նամօկ ա Պիքս : նու Պեկատ
նմէտաթօս : նու Պիպնեմա Շօն : չե ակի
ակսաւ նասօն. Նաւ նան.

[Tenou-oasht emmok oa Pikhristos : nem Pekyoat
enAghathos : nem Piepnevma Ethowab : je aki aksoati
emmos. Nai nan.]

We worship You O Christ, with Your Good
Father, and the Holy Spirit, for You have
come and saved us. Have mercy upon us.

Hymns for The Holy Great Fast Weekdays – Holy Liturgy

The Acts Response

Ψαρε Φ† ωλι ḥμαν ḥnñinobi ḥntε πιλαὸς :
`εβολχιτεν πιᾶλιλ : nem piestoi ḥntε
πισθοινοτψι.

[Share Efbouti oali emmav ennинови ente pila-os : evolhiten piechlil : nem piestoi ente piestoinoufi.]

Wherein God takes away, the sins of the people, through the burnt offerings, and the aroma of incense.

Κ̄μαρωὸντ ἀληθῶας : nem Πεκιωτ ḥM̄tathos :
: nem Πιπνευμα Ḫεω : je akī aksoati emmos.
Nai nan.

[Ekezmaroa-out aleethoas : nem Pekyoat enAghathos : nem Piepnevma Ethowab : je aki aksoati emmos. Nai nan.]

Blessed are You in truth, with Your Good Father, and the Holy Spirit, for You have come and saved us. Have mercy upon us.

The Gospel Response

ᢂγιρηνη ḥntε Φ† : φητόσι ḫnouc niven :
εσεἀρεχ ḫen netenheet : ḫen Π̄χc Īhc Πενοc.

[Tihireenee ente Efbouti : fee-etechosi enous niven : ese-areh khen netenheet : khen Pikhristos leesous Penchois.]

The peace of God, that is above every thought, descends in your hearts, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel Response (continued)

Διέρνοβι διέρνοβι : Πλαōc Īhc χω nni `εβολ :
χε ḥmmon βωκ ḥnātērnovi : outhe emmon chois enatkoia
nātχω `εβολ.

[Ai-ernovi ai-ernovi : Pachois leesous koa neei evol : je emmon voak enaternovi : outhe emmon chois enatkoia evol.]

"I have sinned I have sinned, my Lord Jesus forgive me, for there is no servant without sin, nor a master without forgiveness."

Σε Πενιωτ ετδεν nifhōzī : māreftouvo nje pekran :
maresi nje tekmetouro : je foak pe pi-oa-ou sha ni-eneh.

[Je Penyoat etkhen nifeewi : mareftouvo enje pekran : maresi enje tekmetouro : je foak pe pi-oa-ou sha ni-eneh.]

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name, may Your kingdom come, for Yours is the glory forever.

Σε ḥcmārōwōt nje Φιωτ nem Πψηρi : nem
Πιπνευμα Ḫεω : ᢂtrias etjek evol :
τεnōrōwāt ḥmoc τεn̄tōwāt nāc.

[Je efezmaroa-out enje Efyoat nem Epsheeri : nem Piepnevma Ethowab : Tietrias etjeev evol : tenou-oasht emmos tenti-oa-ou nas.]

Blessed is the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the perfect Trinity, we worship Him and glorify Him.

Hymns for The Holy Great Fast Weekdays – Holy Liturgy

Distribution Hymn

Πιμαιρωμι ὑΔσαθος : Παο̄ς Ιη̄ς ττχο̄ ἐροκ :
ἀπεργιτ σαχαບΗ ሂመօክ : nem niba-emp
ኩሬቃይሮብ.

[Pimairoami enAghathos : Pachois leesous titiho erok : emperhit cagachee emmok : nem niva-emp enrefernovi.]

O Good Lover of mankind, my Master Jesus, I entreat You not to put me on Your left, with the goats the sinners.

Ουλε οι ሂጋርጋስ እዚ : ς ε ታውሃን ሂመօክ ገን :
ማሻዕናክ ይዚ ወጪ : ቅዘተርሱትዎት ሂጋሩዋዣ
ኩናናዢ.

[Oute on empergos neei : je tisoa-oun emmok an : mashenak evol haroi : fee-etsevtoat empiekroam eneneh.]

Also do not say to me, "I do not know you, go away from Me, you who is prepared for the everlasting fire."

የሆዣ ታሪ ዕን ማረከምና : ς ገን
ሸጥሬይሮብ : በዚ ተረጋግሽና ተሸጋግሽ ይታወሻ :
ሰዕጥሃዊ ይዚ ሂጋሩመ.

[Ti-emi ghar khen oumethmeei : je anok ourefernovi : owoh na-ehveeowi teerou ethoa-ou : se-ou-oanh evol empekemtho.]

I know indeed, that I am a sinner, and that all my evil deeds, are manifested before You.

Distribution Hymn (continued)

ቃቃው ከተመዴ ከተ ዓጥዔልወነዴ : εዮአሽ ይዚ ይዚ
የቃቃው ሂመօክ : ς ε ቅቃ ዘዴ እዚ ይዚ : ς ገን
ሸጥሬይሮብ.

[Tigoa enetezmee ente piteloanees : eyoash evol eygoa emmos : je Efnouti koa neei evol : je anok ourefernovi.]

I speak with the tax collector's voice, proclaiming and saying, "O God forgive me, I am the sinner."

ዲኤርኖብ ገኤርኖብ : Παο̄ς Ιη̄ς ዘዴ እዚ ይዚ :
ሂመዴ ይዚ ከተ ስኤርኖብ : ሸጥሬይሮብ ሂመዴ ይዚ
ኩናናዢ ይዚ.

[Ai-ernovi ai-ernovi : Pachois leesous koa neei evol : je emmon voak enaternovi : outhe emmon chois enatkoas evol.]

"I have sinned I have sinned, my Lord Jesus forgive me, for there is no servant without sin, nor a master without forgiveness."

ወዴ እዚ በዚ ከበሙተልኖብ :
እጋንታደሮመተልኖብ : ሂጋጥ ቅመው ሂሳብ
ኩዣ : ዕን ተጋግሽ ከተ ምሁንተ.

[Moi neei Epchois enoumetanoia : e-epjinta-ermetanoin : empate efmoi ma-eshtam enroi : khen nipilee ente Amenti.]

O Lord grant me repentance, that I may repent, before death closes my mouth, at the doors of Hades.

Hymns for The Holy Great Fast Weekdays – Holy Liturgy

Distribution Hymn (continued)

Ουος ον ἑταῖρος : θά ναι τηρού
ἐταιάριτον : Πικρίτης μηνί Ιης : ήθος
εθναῖραπ ἐροι.

[Owoh on entatilohos : kha nai teerou etay-aytou :
Piekritees emeeli leesous : enthof ethnatihap eroi.]

Also give me an answer, for all what I have done, O just Judge Jesus, who will judge me.

Ουρεψηνχητ πε Πασωτηρ : εψηψηνχητ θά
πεψλάδος : χως Αγάθος ουος μαριωμι : ναι
ναν κατα πεκνιψή ηναι.

[Ourefshenheet pe Pasoateer : efeshenheet kha peflaos : hoas Aghathos owoh emmairoami : nai nan kata peknishti ennai.]

Compassionate is my Saviour, who has compassion upon His people, as a Good One and Lover of mankind, have mercy upon us according to Your great mercy.

Conclusion Hymn

Σωματος κε Εματος μονογενης Θεου : μετ
ἀλαβοντες αγιτω : ευχαριστησωμεν.

[Soamatos ke Ematos monogeneses Theou : met alavontes avtoa : evkharisteesoamen.]

For the Body and Blood of the only-begotten God, of which we have partaken, we thank Him.

Δοζα Πατρι κε Τιω κε Ματιω Πνευματι.

[Thoxa Patri ke Eyoa ke Agioa Epnevmati.]

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

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ἀλαβοντες αγιτω : ευχαριστησωμεν.

[Soamatos ke Ematos monogeneses Theou : met alavontes avtoa : evkharisteesoamen.]

For the Body and Blood of the only-begotten God, of which we have partaken, we thank Him.

Κε ηνη κε ἀι κε ισ τους ἐώνας των ἐώνων
ἀμην.

[Ke nin ke a-i ke is tous e-oanas toan e-oanoan ameen.]

Both now and always, and unto the age of ages. Amen.

Hymns for The Holy Great Fast Weekdays – Holy Liturgy

Conclusion Hymn (continued)

**Φαὶ πε Πισωμά νεῳ Πισνοψ ἡτε πιμονοζενης
ἡΠορτ : ναι ἐτανβὶ ἐβολ ἡθητο.**

Արենցը շատ հոգու է : Արենցաւ նեմ
ուժաւութեած նեմ ուժաւաւ հետ ունի նեմ ուժօրու
հետ ուժաւութիւն ունաւ է ի վեց ասու :

[Fai pe Pisoama nem Piesnof ente pimonogenees enNouti : nai etanchi evol enkheetou. MarenShepehmot entoff : marenhoas nem niangelos nem nitaghma ente epchisi nem epkhoros ente niethmeei enoash evol engoa emmos :]

This is the Body and Blood of the only-begotten God, of which we have partaken. Let us give thanks, and praise with the angels and the high orders and the choir of the righteous proclaiming and saying,

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Conclusion Hymn

χε φηέταψερνηστευτιν ἐχρι ἐχων ἔχε
ἡεχούν νευ ὑμε ἡεχωρε : ψωπ ἐροκ ἡτηστια
χω ηη ἐβολ ἡναάλονομια : χιτεν νεστωβε, νευ
νεσπρεσβια ἡτε ταος ἡηνβ Παρια.

[je fee-eta-verneestevin e-ehreei egoan enehme enehmo-
ou nem ehme enegoarh : shop erok entineestia koa
neei evol enna-anomia : hiten nestoabh nem
nesepresvia ente tachois enneeb Maria.]

"O You who fasted for us forty days and forty nights, accept our fasting and forgive us our iniquities, through the prayers and intercessions of our lady Saint Mary."

Σωτὴρ μονος ουσιας ναι ναη. Κυριε ἐλεημον
Κυριε ἐλεημον Κυριε εὐλογημον ἀμην : σμον
ἐροι : σμον ἐροι : ισ τιμετανοια : χω νηι ἐβολ
χω ὑπίσμον.

[Soati emmon owoh nai nan. Kirie eleyson Kirie eleyson Kirie evlogeeson amen : ezmou eroi : ezmou eroi : is timetanoia : koa neei evol goa empiezmou.]

Save us and have mercy on us. Lord have
mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord bless. Amen.
Bless me. Bless me. Behold, the repentance.
Forgive me. Say the blessing.

