

# THE STRUCTURE OF THE EVENING DIVINE LITURGY

For Great Feasts and Major Saints

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## Vespers

The priest opens with “Blessed is the Kingdom...”

“Come let us worship” and Psalm 103

Great Litany

“O Lord, I Have Cried” in the appointed tone, with stichera for the feast

Little Entrance with the Gospel Book

At the Little Entrance, the choir sings:

- Gladsome Light
- Troparion and Kontakion for the feast
- The church’s patronal troparion

Old Testament Readings for the feast

## Divine Liturgy

Trisagion Hymn

Epistle and Gospel readings for the feast

The rest of the Divine Liturgy, with the following changes:

- Hymn to the Theotokos (Megalynarion) for the feast
- The Communion Hymn (Koinonikon) for the feast
- Sing the Troparion for the feast again in place of “We have seen the true light”