

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

NOONDAY PRAYER

The Lesser Feast of Maria Skobtsova,
Monastic and Martyr
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OPENING SENTENCE

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Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.
All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALM 126

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All When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
 Then they said among the nations, *
 “The Lord has done great things for them.”
 The Lord has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.
 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
 Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

LESSON: John 15:1-13

Officiant Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

All **Thanks be to God.**

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Officiant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Officiant Lord have mercy.

All **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 evil.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O Creator and Giver of Life, who crowned your martyr Maria Skobtsova with glory and gave her as an example of service to the suffering and poor even unto death: Teach us to love Christ in our neighbors, and thereby battle injustice and evil with the light of the Resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**