

Lent Themed Hymns Competition - 2021

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*This year, The Diocese is offering the **option of Competition in English (and on ZOOM the night before)**. It is up to the clergy/servants of each church to decide how they wish to participate as well as to **inform Andrew Labeeb**.

*The Competition, at the moment, is planned as an *in-person* event at St. George in Norristown **on 04/17/2021**, but is **subject to change at any time** to a virtual event via ZOOM as The Diocese monitors and guides through the COVID-19 pandemic.

*It is important that you **scroll down** to the specifications and clarifications section for each group to be aware of the time stamps in the recordings provided. Please **reach out to Andrew Labeeb** with any questions regarding the Hymns Selections.

Coptic/Greek Chart

| Group | Hymn 1 (Lent) (Weekday) | Hymn 2 (Lent) (Weekend) | Hymn 3 (Holy Week) | Hymn 4 (Resurrection) | Memorization |
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| First <i>*4-7 years old on day of competition</i> | ϢΩΜΑΤΟϢ ΚΕ ϢΜΑΤΟϢ ΜΟΝΟϢΕΝΗϢ | Blessed Are Those Who Have Mercy *0:00-0:25* | ΠΟΤΡΟ ΝΤΕ †ΖΙΡΗΝΗ: | ΛΟΙΠΟΝ ΑΥΧΑΛ | Psalm 133 “Behold, bless the Lord...” |
| Second <i>*8-11 years old on day of competition</i> | †ΖΙΡΗΝΗ ΝΤΕ Φ†: | ΧΕ ΠΕΝΙΩΤ ΕΤΘΕΝ ΝΙΦΗΟΤΙ: | ΩΦΗΕΤ ΘΕΝ ΠΙΕΖΟΟΥ | †ΟΥ ΛΙΘΟΥϢ | Prayer of Repentance “My Lord, God and Savior...” |
| Third <i>*12-15 years old on day of competition</i> | †ΝΗϢΤΙΑ ΝΕΜ ΠΙΩΛΗΛ: | ΑΡΙΠΑΜΕΤΙ Ξ ΠΑΒΟΙϢ: | ΣΟΛΣΟΘΑ | ΠΑΒΟΙϢ ΙΗϢΟΥϢ ΠΙΧΡΙϢΤΟϢ: | Prayer Before Communion “O Lord, I am not worthy...” |
| Fourth <i>*16-19 years old on day of competition</i> | ΑΛΛΗΛΟΥΙΑ ΑΛ ΑΛ ΑΛ. | ΟΥΝΙΩ† ΜΥϢΤΗΡΙΟΝ: | †ΕΠΙϢΤΟΛΗ | ΧΕΡΕ †ΕΥΑΝΑϢΤΑϢΙϢ: | Prayer Before Meals “Blessed are you, O Lord...” |
| Choir <i>*No lower/upper age limit</i> | †ΝΗϢΤΙΑ ΝΕΜ ΠΙΩΛΗΛ: | ΟΥΝΙΩ† ΜΥϢΤΗΡΙΟΝ: | †ΕΠΙϢΤΟΛΗ | ΠΑΒΟΙϢ ΙΗϢΟΥϢ ΠΙΧΡΙϢΤΟϢ: | NO MEMORIZATION |

English Chart

| Group | Hymn 1 (Lent) (Weekday) | Hymn 2 (Lent) (Weekend) | Hymn 3 (Holy Week) | Hymn 4 (Resurrection) | Memorization |
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| First <i>*4-7 years old on day of competition</i> | Conclusion Hymn | Blessed Are Those Who Have Mercy *0:00-0:25* | The Hymn of Joy *0:49-1:15* | Gospel Response *0:00-0:34* | Psalm 133 “Behold, bless the Lord...” |
| Second <i>*8-11 years old on day of competition</i> | The Peace of God *0:00-0-0:41* | Gospel Response | 6th Hour Litany Refrain | When the Stone was Sealed | Prayer of Repentance “My Lord, God and Savior...” |
| Third <i>*12-15 years old on day of competition</i> | Weekday Doxology | Response to the Acts | Golgotha | My Lord Jesus Christ | Prayer Before Communion “O Lord, I am not worthy...” |
| Fourth <i>*16-19 years old on day of competition</i> | Psalm 150 *0:18-3:51* | A Great Mystery *0:00-2:12* | The Pauline Epistle | Response to the Acts | Prayer Before Meals “Blessed are you, O Lord...” |
| Choir <i>*No lower/upper age limit</i> | Weekday Doxology | A Great Mystery *0:00-2:12* | The Pauline Epistle | My Lord Jesus Christ | NO MEMORIZATION |

Specifications & Clarifications:

First Group:

- ❑ **Memorization:** Behold, bless the Lord, All you servants of the Lord, Who by night stand in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the Lord. The Lord who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion! (Psalm 134) (Psalm 133 in the Agbeya).

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| Coptic/Greek Chart | σωματος κε εματος μονογενης <u>*0:00-0:18 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</u> | <u>Blessed Are Those Who Have Mercy</u> <u>*0:00-0:25*</u> | Ποτρο ἡτε †ειρηνη: <u>*2:01-2:35 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</u> | λοιπον αρχαυ <u>*0:07-0:44 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</u> |
| English Chart | <u>Conclusion Hymn</u> | <u>Blessed Are Those Who Have Mercy</u> <u>*0:00-0:25*</u> | <u>The Hymn of Joy</u> <u>*0:49-1:15*</u> | <u>Gospel Response</u> <u>*0:00-0:34*</u> |

Second Group:

- ❑ **Memorization:** My Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, the treasury of mercy and spring of salvation, I come to You confessing my sins. I confess that with boldness I dared to defile Your holy sanctuary with my many sins. Now, I seek Your mercy and love, for Your mercies are boundless. You never turn back a sinner who comes to You. I have no strength left. Do not turn away from me; do not rebuke me in Your anger nor chasten me in Your displeasure. I am worn out; have compassion upon me, O Lord. Do not judge me according to Your justice, but according to Your mercy. Remember Your creation; do not put me on trial, because none of Your servants can justify their deeds. Dress me in a new attire that befits Your glory. Forgive my sins and I shall sing, “Blessed is he whose sins are forgiven.” When I confess my sins and reveal my iniquities, You cleanse me. Amen. (Prayer of Repentance).

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| Coptic/Greek Chart | <p>ⲫⲉⲣⲏⲏⲏ ⲛⲧⲉ ⲫⲧⲓ:</p> <p>*0:00-0:44 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</p> | <p>Χε πενλωτ ετθεν νιφοντι:</p> <p>THE PROVIDED RECORDING</p> | <p>Ωφηετθεν πιεθουτ</p> <p>*0:00-1:16 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</p> | <p>Ⲉⲟⲩ ⲗⲓⲑⲟⲩⲥ</p> <p>THE PROVIDED RECORDING</p> |
| English Chart | <p>The Peace of God *0:00-0:41*</p> | <p>Gospel Response</p> | <p>6th Hour Litany Refrain</p> | <p>When the Stone was Sealed</p> |

Third Group:

- ❑ **Memorization:** O Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under the roof of my house, for I am sinful, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. Say unto my soul, “Your sins are forgiven.” I am barren and in need of Your righteousness, Your compassion, Your mercy, and Your love. You humbled Yourself and descended from the heavens and unutterable glory to our lowly state and accepted to be born in a manger. O holy Savior, do not reject my humble and miserable soul, which is waiting for Your glorified coming, but accept to come into my soul to cleanse it. As You did not refuse to enter into the leper’s house to heal him, please, O Lord, enter into my soul and heal me. Do not forbid me from receiving Your holy Body and Your precious Blood. As You did not forbid the woman, who was a sinner, from kissing Your feet. May my communion with You banish every defilement and mortify my evil desires. Help me obey Your life-giving commandments, and heal my soul and body from all sins, that I may accept Your gifts. May Your grace dwell in me and may Your spirit abide in me and make me united with You, that I may live for the glory of Your holy name. Amen. (Prayer Before Communion).

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| Coptic/Greek Chart | ϯⲏⲏⲥⲧⲓⲁ ⲛⲉⲙ ⲡⲓⲱⲗⲏⲗ: THE PROVIDED RECORDING | Ἀρπαμενὶ ὧ παῖοις: THE PROVIDED RECORDING | Γολγοθα THE PROVIDED RECORDING | Παῖοις Ἰησοῦς Πιχρίστος: THE PROVIDED RECORDING |
| English Chart | Weekday Doxology | Response to the Acts | Golgotha | My Lord Jesus Christ |

Fourth Group:

- ❑ **Memorization:** Blessed are You, O Lord who supported us from our youth and granted unto us Your blessings, and prepared food for every creature; for the eyes of everyone wait upon You, for You give them their food in due season. You open Your hands and fill all living things. To You is due glory, praise, blessing, and thanksgiving for the food that You have prepared for us. Stretch out Your right hand and bless this food set before us for the nourishment of our bodies. Let it be for power and health of our lives. Grant salvation, grace, blessing, and purity to all those who partake of it. Lift our minds to You at all times to seek our spiritual and eternal food. Grant that we may labor for the everlasting food that is for life eternal. Grant us to be partakers of Your evening banquet. Grant us the food of blessing, the cup of salvation, and fill our hearts with joy. Teach us, Since You are the pleasure in all things, that when eating, drinking, or laboring, we do it all for the glory of Your holy name. For Yours is the glory, forever, and ever. Amen (Prayer Before Meals).

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| Coptic/Greek Chart | <p>ΔΔΔΔΔΔΔΔ ΔΔ ΔΔ ΔΔ.</p> <p>*0:18-3:51 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</p> | <p>ΘΥΝΙΩΤ ἡΜΕΙΣΤΗΡΙΟΝ:</p> <p>*0:00-2:59 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</p> | <p>Ⲭⲉⲡⲓⲥⲧⲟⲗⲏ</p> <p>THE PROVIDED RECORDING</p> | <p>Ⲭⲉⲣⲉ Ⲣⲉⲓⲁⲛⲁⲥⲧⲁⲥⲓⲥ:</p> <p>*0:17-3:51 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING*</p> |
| English Chart | <p>Psalm 150 *0:18-3:51*</p> | <p>A Great Mystery *0:00-2:12*</p> | <p>The Pauline Epistle</p> | <p>Response to the Acts</p> |

Choir Group:

☐ NO MEMORIZATION

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| Coptic/Greek Chart | ϢνΗCΤΙΑ ΝΕΥ ΠΙΩΛΗΛ: THE PROVIDED RECORDING | ΟγνιωϢ ἁμϣCΤΗΡΙΟΝ: *0:00-2:59 IN THE PROVIDED RECORDING* | ϢἔπιCΤΟΛΗ THE PROVIDED RECORDING | ΠαδοιC ΙηCοῦC ΠιχριCΤοC: THE PROVIDED RECORDING |
| English Chart | Weekday Doxology | A Great Mystery *0:00-2:12* | The Pauline Epistle | My Lord Jesus Christ |

General Rules:

☐ Process and Judging -

- ☐ Each participant will chant **two** hymns; the first being their choice and the **second by random selection**.
- ☐ Participants will then recite the selected memorization for their age group.
- ☐ The Choir Group must have a **minimum of 5 participants** who will also chant two hymns in the same manner as the previous groups.
- ☐ Please be aware that each participant **MUST** abide by the assigned age for each group, otherwise, their scores will be disqualified.
 - ☐ The Choir Group has no lower/upper age limitations to encourage a greater amount of participation.

| First Group | Second Group | Third Group | Fourth Group | Choir |
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| 4-7 years old on the day of competition | 8-11 years old on the day of competition | 12-15 years old on the day of competition | 16-19 years old on the day of competition | No lower/upper age limit |

☐ Grading -

- ☐ In order to maintain grading integrity, judges are **required** to review and judge the hymns from the sources provided by the competition and to judge **solely based** on those recordings. Points **will be deducted** for hymns chanted using a different source. The recordings can be found by pressing the hymns (in the Coptic font) in the distribution chart above.
- ☐ Participants will be judged on reverence and spirituality as well. This means that the participant must understand what they are saying in their hymns/memorization and show respect. (ex. performing the sign of the Cross when appropriate).

☐ Format -

☐ Groups 1, 2, 3, and 4:

☐ Hymn 1: 40 points.

☐ Accuracy and mastery of tune - 15.

☐ Style, confidence, and tempo - 10.

☐ Pronunciation and clarity - 10.

☐ Reverence and spirituality - 5.

☐ Hymn 2: 40 points.

☐ Accuracy and mastery of tune - 15.

☐ Style, confidence, and tempo - 10.

☐ Pronunciation and clarity - 10.

☐ Reverence and spirituality - 5.

☐ Memorization: 20 points.

☐ Accuracy - 10.

☐ Clarity - 5.

☐ Confidence - 5.

☐ Choir Group:

☐ Hymn 1: 50 points.

- ☐ Accuracy and mastery of tune - 10.
- ☐ Style, confidence, and tempo - 10.
- ☐ Pronunciation and clarity - 10.
- ☐ Unison - 10.
- ☐ Harmony and overall sound - 10.

☐ Hymn 2: 50 points.

- ☐ Accuracy and mastery of tune - 10.
- ☐ Style, confidence, and tempo - 10.
- ☐ Pronunciation and clarity - 10.
- ☐ Unison - 10.
- ☐ Harmony and overall sound - 10.