BRIDEGROOM SERVICES

My spirit seeks Thee early in the nightwatches, for Thy commandments are a light on earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 8)

Learn righteousness, ye that dwell upon the earth. Alleluia ...
Zeal shall seize an untaught people, and now, fire shall devour the adversaries. Alleluia ...
Bring more evils upon them, O Lord, bring more evils upon those who are glorious on the earth. Alleluia ...

TROPARION
(Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evening):

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh at midnight,

and blessed is the servant whom He shall find watching;

and again, unworthy is the servant whom He shall find heedless.
BRIDEGROOM HYMN ON HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY
Byzantine tone 8

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be-ware, there-fore, O my soul: do not be weighed down with sleep,
lest thou be giv-en up to death, and lest thou be shut out of the King-dom.

But rouse thy-self, cry-ing:

“Ho-ly! Ho-ly! Ho-ly art Thou, O our God!

Through the in-ter-ces-sion of the The-o-to-kos, have mer-cy on us!”
TROPARION

(Wednesday and Thursday evening):

When the glorious disciples were enlightened at the washing of their feet before the supper, then the impious Judas was darkened, ailing with avarice;

and to the lawless judges he betrayed Thee, the righteous Judge.

Behold, O lover of money, this man who because of money hanged himself.

Flee from the greedy soul which dared such things against the Master.

O Lord, who art good towards all, glory to Thee!
EXAPOSTELARION

“Thy Bridal Chamber” (Tone 3)

I be-hold Thy bri-dal cham-ber rich-ly a-dorned, O my Sav-ior;

but I have no wed-ding gar-ment to wor-thi-ly en-ter.

Make ra-diant the gar-ment of my soul, O Giv-er of Light, and save me!

EXAPOSTELARION FOR HOLY THURSDAY

“The Thief” (Tone 3)

Thou didst make the thief wor-thy of Para-dise

on the same day, O Lord.

Il-lu-mi-nate me too, there-fore, by the Tree of Thy Cross, and save me!