

Holy Week Reflections

Holy Week: Tuesday

During these first three days of Holy Week, we reflect on Jesus as the “Bridegroom” — the Spouse of the Bride (the Church). He is coming to lay down His life for His Bride.

- **Holy Tuesday** continues to develop the theme of the coming of Christ and of the judgment He will exercise over us
 - On Tuesday, the liturgical texts refer chiefly to the parable of the Ten Virgins. They refer also to the parable of the Talents which comes immediately after it (Matthew 25:14-30). Both these are interpreted as parables of judgement.
 - On Holy Tuesday, we are reminded of the importance of remaining watchful.
- **Bridegroom prayer**

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming in the middle of the night.
Blessed is the servant he shall find awake
But the one he shall find neglectful will not be worthy of him.
Beware, therefore, O my soul! Do not fall into a deep slumber, lest you be delivered to death and the door of the Kingdom be closed to you.
Watch instead and cry out: Holy, Holy, Holy are you, O God.
Through the intercession of the Theotokos, have mercy on us.

Holy Tuesday Icon: <https://iconreader.wordpress.com/2013/04/30/icons-for-holy-tuesday-parable-of-the-ten-virgins/>

- **If you wish, additional readings:**

- Morning:
 - Matthew 22:15-23:30
- Evening:
 - Exodus 2:5-10,
 - Job 1:13- 22,
 - Matthew 24:36-26:2

