Great & Holy Saturday Matins
(Lamentation Service served on Holy Friday Evening)
"Give Me This Stranger"
[Sung during (or after) the procession with the Epitaphios]

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Plagal First Mode

When he saw that the sun had hid its rays, and the veil of the temple was rent at the death of the

Savior, Joseph, approaching Pilate,

pleaded with him, crying out and

say ing: "Give thou me

this Stranger who from His youth hath wandered like a stranger. Give me this

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Stranger whom his kinsmen killed in hatred like a stranger.

Give me this Stranger at whom I wonder, beholding Him as a guest of, a guest of death.

Give me this Stranger who knoweth how to take in the poor and strangers.
Give me this stranger

whom the Jews in envy estranged from the world. Give me this Stranger that I may bury Him in a tomb, who being a Stranger hath no place

whereon to lay, to lay His head.
Give me this Stran - - - - -
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dead, cried: 'My Son and______
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I behold thee dead, yet trusting
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in thy Resurrection, I magnify thee.'
In these words the honourable Joseph pleaded with Pilate, took the Savior's body, and with fear wrapped it in linen and balm. In a tomb he placed thee, O thou who grantest to all everlasting last ing life, and the great mercy.
When he saw that the sun had hidden its rays, and the veil of the temple was rent at the death of the Savior, Joseph, approaching late, pleaded with him, crying out and saying: “Give thou me this stranger who from His youth hath wandered like a...
Give me this stranger. Give me this stranger whom His kinsmen killed in hatred like a stranger. Give me this stranger at whom I wonder, beholding Him as a guest (st) of a guest of death. Give me this stranger who knoweth how to take in the poor and strangers. Give
me ______ this ______ Stranger ________ whom the Jews ________

______ in ______ enemy _______ estranged ________

from ______ world. Give ______ me ______ this ______ Stranger ______

______ that I may bury ______ Him ______

______ a ______________ (ne) _____________ tomb, who ______

______ Stran- _____________ stranger ______
hath no ______ place ______ where- ______ to ______ lay ______ to lay ______

______ His ______ head. Give ______ me ______ this ______ Stranger ______

______ _______ stranger, _______ to whom His Mother _______ _______
even though my vitals be wound, and my heart burns, as I behold thee dead, yet trusting in thy resurrection, I magnify thee." In these words the honorable Joseph pleaded with Pilate, took the Savior's body and with fear wrapped...
it _____ in linen _____ and _____ balm.

In a ____ tomb he placed ______________________ thee,

O thou who grant- _____ _____ to _____ all ______ life, and the great mer-

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