

DURING HOLY WEEK: Most of the services of Holy Week are fairly well-known. However, during the first part of Holy Week, on Tuesday, there is a service which is not well-known by most. That service is called THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE TEN VIRGINS. The reference is to the story related in Matthew 25:1-13, which is the Gospel lesson for this service. During the chanting of the Gospel lesson, 10 young girls dressed in white stand in front of the Gospel lectern.

During the service, the hymn *SHNORYA MEZ = GRANT US* is sung. Its words proclaim: *Grant us, O Lord, wakefulness with the wise virgins; and illuminate the lamps of our souls.* This lesson is most important for all Christians: *we must always be watchful and awake for the coming of the Lord.*

The words and melody for this hymn are presented below. Since the melody is relatively simple, it would be good to teach it to our students.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes in two lines: Church Slavonic and English. The lyrics are: *Shnor hia mez De r art noo tiun unt ee mas doo n goo sa natz yev hok vots me rotz lab de rus bay dza ra tzo:*

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John: The Gospel according to St. John is the fourth book of the New Testament. It contains 21 chapters. It was most probably written between 90 and 100 A.D. While the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) present the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of St. John goes beyond these events. This Gospel was written for the instruction of the early Christian Church. In it, Jesus is presented as the Word (Logos) of God who came to earth and became man. The purpose of the Gospel is beautifully summed up in the following line: . . .*that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.* (John 20:31)

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