

**“While you
have the light,
believe in the
light, that you
may become
sons of light”**

John 12:36



**How does the church guide us
to walk in the Light through
the Agpeya prayers?**



1. We are the children of the Light ⁽¹⁾

- “Arise, you, O children of the light, to praise the Lord of Hosts”
- *Introduction to Midnight Prayers*
- “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God” *John 3:21*



1. We are the children of the Light ⁽²⁾

- “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?” *2 Cor 6:14*
- “Grant us, O our Master, to be sons of light and sons of day, to pass this day in righteousness, chastity and good conduct”
- *Matin's first absolution*



2. We are witnesses to the Light ⁽¹⁾

- “This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not the Light, but was sent to bear witness to the Light” John 1:6-7
- *Matin's gospel*
- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” *Matthew 5:16*



2. We are witnesses to the Light ⁽²⁾

- “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world”

Philippians 2:15



3. Our senses and thoughts are the guards of the Light in us

- “As the daylight shines upon us, O Christ our God, the true Light, let the luminous senses and the bright thoughts shine within us, and do not let the darkness of passions hover over us” --*2nd Litany of Matins*

- “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness”

Matthew 6:22



4. The precepts of God enlighten our ways

➤ “Your law is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths”
Psalm 118:105

➤ “From the night season my soul awakes early unto You, O my God, for Your precepts are a light upon the earth”

- *Let us praise with the Angels...*



5. At the beginning of the day, the Lord is my Light and my Salvation

- “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom will I fear?” *Psalms 26:1*
- The Lord’s light disperses the darkness of fears and anxieties.



6. We should be like Him: shine upon the righteous and the wicked

- “O God who causes the light to burst forth, who lets His sun shine upon the righteous and the wicked”

- *Matin's Second Absolution*

- “He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him” *1 John 2:9*

