

THE 136TH PSALM - "BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON"
Third Tone

1- **C** **F**

By the wa-ters of Ba-by-lon,
there we sat down
and we wept when we re-
mem-bered Si-on.
Al-le-lu-i-a.

2- **C** **F**

Up-on the wil-lows in the midst
there-of did we hang
our in-stru-ments.
Al-le-lu-i-a.

This Psalm of the Polyeleos is chanted on the Sunday of Meat-fare and of Cheese-fare. When this Psalm is chanted, the "Blameless" [Psalm 118] is not chanted; but in its stead the "Servants of the Lord" [Psalm 134] is chanted. Also, this Psalm is chanted in the stead of a selection of verses from the Psalter, and during the chanting thereof we light the polyeleos.

Also, in the Holy Transfiguration Monastery, we chant this Psalm on every Sunday of the Great Fast, during the Communion of the clergy.

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For there, they that had tak-
 en us cap-tive asked us
 for words
 of song. Al-le-lu-
 i-

a.

-4-

And they that had led us a-way asked
 us for a hymn, say-ing:
 Sing us one of the
 songs of Si-
 on. Al-le-lu-i-

a.

-5-

How shall we sing
the Lord's song in a
strange
land?
Al- le- lu- i- a.

-6-

If I forget thee, O Je-
ru- sa- lem, let my right hand
be for- got-
ten.
Al- le- lu- i- a.

-7-

Let my tongue cleave
to my throat
if I re-
mem- ber
thee not. Al- le- lu-
i- a.

-8-

If I set not Je- ru- sa- lem
a- bove all o- ther, as at the
head of my
joy.
Al- le- lu- i- a.

-9-

Re- mem- ber, O Lord, the sons of E- dom, in the day of Je- ru- sa- lem. Al- le- lu- i- a.

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Who said: Lay waste, lay waste to her, e- ven to the foun- da- tions there- of. Al- le- lu- i- a.

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0 daugh- ter of Ba- by- lon, thou
wretch- ed one, bles-
shall he be who shall re- ward
thee where- with thou hast re- ward- ed
rit. Al- le- lu- i- a.
US. *al tempo*

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Bles- sed shall he be who shall seize and
dash thine in- fants a- gainst the
rit. rock.
al tempo Al- le- lu- i- a.

D F C F

Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho- ly Spi- rit.

O God, Thou Three- fold Day-
star U- ni- ty, the Cause
of all, have mer-
cy up- on all Un-
of us Or- tho-
dox who praise
Thee.

Both now and ev-er and un-
to the a- ges of a- ges.
A- men.
Since thou re- ceiv- est the sup-
pli- ca- tions
of sin- ners, O Vir-
gin Mo- ther, The-
o- to- kos, de- liv-
er from tor- ment all us
who praise
Thee.