

The Divine Liturgy
of
Our Father Among the Saints
John Chrysostom

(With Approved Rituals)



Our Lady of Soufanih

"...announce my Son the Emmanuel...love one another...gather...pray, pray, pray..."

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Authorized Rituals & Prayers

We are a “new church” that is 2000 years old. We are evangelical but not Protestant ... orthodox but not Jewish ... catholic but not Roman. We’ve believed, taught, preserved, defended and died for the Faith given to the Apostles since the Day of Pentecost! The prayers we use, the rituals (how we do things) & liturgical vestments (what we wear) are the same as that in the Holy Land since the 3rd & 4th Centuries!

The Divine Liturgy (Lord’s Supper or Holy Mass) was formulated by St. John Chrysostom who was the Archbishop of Constantinople in the 5th Century. This English translation has been prepared from the standard Greek, Slavonic, Latin & Arabic Texts used in the Early Church. It provides an opportunity to appreciate the ancient languages used since Apostolic times, and to promote congregational prayer.

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✠ The Order of General Confession ✠ Held after Sunset before the Liturgy According to Orthodox Usage

(If General Confession is used, it should take place the Evening before the Divine Liturgy. The Priest must: 1) read the Prayers before Confession; 2) call the penitents to repentance; 3) enumerate all acts, thoughts and desires with which we offend the holiness of Almighty God, the sanctity of our neighbor and the sanctity of our own soul - in this enumeration, each one will acknowledge himself and truly repent - the more deeply the pastor examines his own conscience, the fuller the General Confession, and the spirit of repentance generated by it, will be; 4) call the penitents to direct their inner vision from their unworthiness to the Lord's Table awaiting them, to God's mercy and love - he will call them to desire with their whole being that communion of which we are never worthy, however is always a gift to us; 5) ask those who feel the need to add something, because of a special burden on their conscience, to move aside and wait - the others will approach the Priest, one by one, and the Priest will read the Prayer of Absolution, covering their heads with the Epitrachelion and giving them the Cross to kiss; 6) while all those who have been reconciled listen to the Prayers before Communion, the Priest will confess individually those who have to complete the general confession and absolve them. General Confession is under no circumstances meant simply to replace Private Confession. It is not and must not be a substitute. However, especially found in the Russian Church where it is practiced, those who take part in such a general confession begin to have a much better private confession, filled with meaning and reality. It's use also gives the Priest the time necessary for a more attentive confession of those who really need Private Confession, and will thus become a way to common growth in the spirit of repentance. -- *Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann*)

+ Prayers before Holy Confession +

PRIEST: Holy God ✠, Holy Mighty ✠, Holy Immortal ✠: have mercy on us. (thrice)

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Psalm 50)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy: according the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out mine iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity: and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me. For behold, Thou has loved truth: the unclear and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou

hast made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness: the bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice. Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and steady me with a guiding spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways: and the impious shall be converted unto Thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness. O Lord, open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For hadst Thou desired sacrifice, I would have given it Thee: Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. Sacrifices to God are a contrite spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offerings: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to Thy great mercy, we pray unto Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Furthermore, we pray for the remission of sins, both voluntary and involuntary of we Thy servants: we pray unto Thee, hearken and have mercy.

For Thou art a merciful God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

+ Calling the Penitents to Repentance +

PRIEST: God does not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn away from his sins and live. In the Holy Sacrament of Penance, we have the means whereby we may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and be restored to the favour of Almighty God.

In order that you may make a good confession, it is necessary for us to prepare ourselves carefully. We ask God to give us grace to make a thorough examination of conscience, courage to make a sincere and complete confession, and strength to amend our way of life in the days to come.

Let us begin our examination with the time of our last confession; try to recall whether you omitted anything through carelessness or lapse of memory, or from fear of embarrassment. Let us examine ourselves with the assistance of the form of self-examination according to the Ten Commandments:

1) I am the Lord Thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me:

Has God had the first place in your life?

Do you love or fear anyone or anything more than Almighty God?

Have you neglected your daily prayers?

Have you placed the claims of God on your time, money and talent first, and then on your own concerns?

2) Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven Image:

Have you trusted in anything or anyone more than Almighty God?

Have you venerated the Holy Icons and the Precious Cross in the correct way?

Have you loved yourself, money, power or position more than Almighty God?

3) Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain:

Have you wished that evil might come to anyone?

Have you used profane language, cursed or sworn at others?

Have you fulfilled your promises to God?

Have you attended superstitious practices, or been to fortune-tellers?

4) Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day:

Have you brushed aside thoughts of Almighty God, His Day, His Word, His Services, His Holy Orthodox and Catholic Church?

Have you spoken against the Lord, or against His Holy Church, His priests and teachers?

Have you attended the Divine Liturgy each Lord's Day?

Have you permitted anything to interfere with your Sacred Obligations?

5) Honour thy father and thy mother:

Have you thought evil in your hearts towards your parents or superiors?

Have you spoken against parents or superiors and provoked them or others to anger?

Have you disobeyed or been disrespectful to your parents or superiors?

Have you prayed for them, and taken care of them?

6) Thou shalt not kill:

Have you secretly hated others or wanted to harm them in any way?

Have you wished that evil come upon others?

Have you spoken against others unjustly or provoked others to hatred?

Have you quarreled or teased others?

Have you purposely injured your own health or that of others?

Have you drunk or eaten excessively?

7) Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Have you indulged in impure thoughts or lustful desires?

Have you listened to or told obscene stories?

Have you done impure things with yourself or with others?

Have you been faithful to your wives, your children and to your family?

8) Thou shalt not steal:

Have you schemed to get for yourself what belongs to others?

Have you told untruths about things you sold, that is, misrepresented the value of things?

Have you taken what belongs to others - things, money, time, and their good name?

Have you contributed to the Holy Church?

9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour:

Do you think evil of others or hold grudges?

Have you judged, slandered or gossiped about others?

Have you lied to or about others?

Have you testified falsely?

Have you encouraged evil talk or deed in others, both at home and at the work-place?

10) Thou shalt not covet:

Have you been jealous or envious of others and their goods?

Have you been bored with your family and friends?

Have you connived with others about getting what does not belong to you?

Have you tried to take what belongs to another?

+ Prayer of the Spiritual Father +

PRIEST: Behold, my spiritual children, Christ stands here invisibly, and receives your confession. Therefore, let us not be ashamed, nor afraid to admit our faults and errors before Almighty God: tell Him, doubting nothing, all those things which we have done wrong; and then shall we have pardon from Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here, His Holy Image is before us: and I am but a witness, bearing testimony before Him of all the things that we have confessed. But, if we try to conceal anything from Almighty God, we shall have the greater sin. Let us take care, therefore, so that having come to the Divine Physician, we do not depart unhealed.

We have sinned, O Lord, forgive us, O God, be merciful unto us sinners.

Let us pray: We sinners, confess to Almighty God, the Lord, One in the Holy Trinity, to the Immaculate Virgin Mary the Theotokos and Mother of God, to all the Saints, and to and to our Spiritual Father, all our sins.

For these and all our other sins which we cannot now remember, we are heartily sorry that we have offended Almighty God, Who is good, and angered Him against us: we sincerely repent, and we promise with the help of Almighty God to better our way of life: wherefore we humbly ask thee, our Spiritual Father, saving penance and absolution.

Let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord God, the Salvation of Thy servants, gracious, bountiful and long-suffering, who repentest Thee concerning our evil deeds, and desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live: Show Thy mercy upon Thy servants and grant unto them an image of repentance, forgiveness of sins, and deliverance, pardoning their every transgression, whether voluntary or involuntary. Reconcile and unite them unto Thy Holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom also, with Thee, are due dominion and majesty: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Priest then takes his right hand and places the end of his Stole upon the head of each penitent and pronounces the Words of Absolution:)

May our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, through the grace and bounties of His love towards mankind, forgive thee, my child, N., all thy transgressions. And, I, His unworthy Priest, through the power given unto me by Him, do forgive and absolve thee from all thy sins. In the Name of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(The penitents kiss the Holy Cross and then all receive the Blessing.)

May Christ, our True God, through the intercessions of His most Holy Mother, and of all the Saints, have mercy upon us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind. Amen.

(The penitents then return to their seats and give thanks to Almighty God for His goodness, by saying the Prayers Before Holy Communion.)

Prayers of Preparation Before Holy Communion

1. A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, our God, Fountain of life and immortality, Creator of all things visible and invisible; Consubstantial and Co-eternal Son of the eternal Father, who in Thine exceeding great love didst become incarnate in the latter days, and was crucified for us ungrateful and wicked children, and by Thine own Blood didst renew our nature corrupted by sin: Do Thou, O Immortal King, receive me, a repentant sinner; incline Thine ear unto me and hear my prayer. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and I am not worthy to lift up my eyes to the majesty of Thy glory, for I have affronted Thy goodness, and broken Thy commandments, and disobeyed Thy laws. But Thou, O Lord, most loving, long-suffering and merciful, hast not given me over to perish in my sin, but dost ever await my return. For, O Thou who lovest mankind, Thou hast said, by thy Prophet, that Thou hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but rather than he should turn from his wickedness and live. Thou dost not desire, O Master, to destroy the works of Thy hands or that they should perish, but willest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth. Wherefore I, although unworthy both of heaven and of earth and of this temporary life, even I, a wretched sinner who had given myself over to every evil desire, despair not of salvation, though I have been wholly subject to sin, a slave to passion, and have defiled Thine image within me, who am thy creation and Thy work; but trusting in Thine infinite compassion, draw nigh unto Thee. Receive

me, O Lord, Thou that lovest mankind, as Thou didst receive the sinful woman, the thief, the publican and the prodigal son. Take away the heavy burden of my sins, O Thou that takest away the sins of the world, and healest the infirmities of men, and callest all that are weary and heavy laden to Thyself and givest them rest; Thou that camest not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, cleanse Thou me from all stain of body and soul and teach me to fulfill holiness in thy fear, that with the witness of my conscience pure, I may receive a portion of Thy Holy Gifts, and be united to Thy Holy Body and Precious Blood, and may have thee, with Thy Father and Holy Spirit, dwelling and abiding in me. And grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, my God, that the partaking of thy precious and Life-giving Mysteries may not be to my condemnation, nor may not through the weakness of my soul and body be received unworthily; but grant that, even unto my last breath, I may partake of a portion of Thy Holy Gifts without condemnation, unto the Communion of Thy Holy Spirit, as a preparation for eternal Life and for a good defense at thy dread Judgment Seat; so that I, together with all Thine elect, may also receive those incorruptible good things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, O Lord; in whom Thou art glorified forever. Amen.

2. Another Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Lord, I know that I am unworthy to receive Thy Holy Body and Precious Blood; I know that I am guilty, and that I eat and drink condemnation to myself, not discerning the Body and Blood of Christ my God. But trusting in Thy loving-kindness I come unto Thee who has said: He that eateth my Body and drinketh my Blood shall dwell in me and I in him. Therefore, O Lord, have

compassion on me and make not an example of me, Thy sinful servant. But do unto me according to Thy great mercy, and grant that these Holy Gifts may be for me unto the healing, purification, enlightenment, protection, salvation and sanctification of my soul and body, and to the expulsion of every evil imagination, sinful deed or work of the Devil. May they move me to reliance on Thee and to love Thee always, to amend and keep firm my life; and be ever in me to the increase of virtue, to the keeping of Thy Commandments, to the communion of the Holy Spirit, and as a good defense before Thy dread Judgment Seat, and for Life Eternal. Amen.

3. A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

O Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy nor sufficient that Thou shouldst enter under my roof into the habitation of my soul, for it is all deserted and in ruins, and Thou hast not a fitting place in me to lay thy head. But as from the heights of Thy glory Thou didst humble Thyself, so now bear me in my humility; as Thou didst deign to lie in a manger in a cave, so deign now also to come into the manger of my mute soul and corrupt body. As Thou didst not refrain from entering into the house of Simon the leper, or shrink from eating there with sinners, so also vouchsafe to enter the house of my poor soul, all leprous and full of sin. Thou didst not reject the sinful woman who ventured to draw near to touch Thee, so also have pity on me, a sinner, approaching to touch Thee. And grant that I may partake of Thine All-Holy Body and Precious Blood for the sanctification, enlightenment and strengthening of my weak soul and body; for the relief from the burden of my many sins; for my preservation against all the snares of the devil; for victory over all my sinful and evil habits; for the

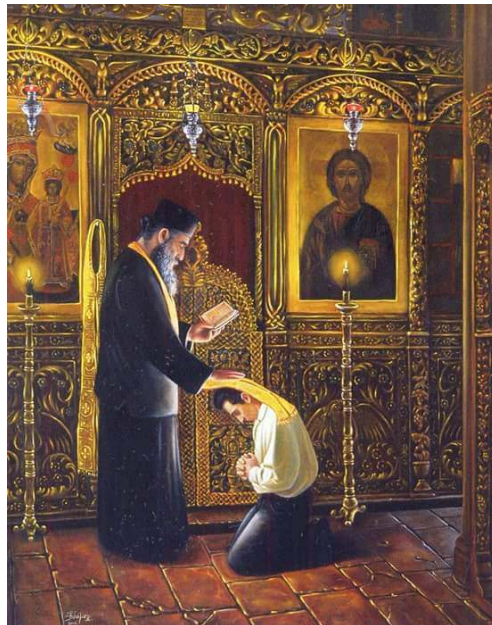
mortification of my passions; for obedience to Thy Commandments; for growth in Thy divine Grace and for the inheritance of Thy Kingdom. For it is not with careless heart that I approach Thee, O Christ my God, but I come trusting in Thine infinite goodness, and fearing lest I may be drawn afar from Thee and become the prey of the wolf of souls. Wherefore, I pray Thee, O Master, who alone art holy, that Thou wouldest sanctify my soul and body, my mind and heart and reins, and renew me entirely. Implant in my members the fear of Thee, be Thou my helper and guide, directing my life in the paths of peace, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand with Thy Saints; through the prayers and intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, of Thy Bodiless Servitors, of the immaculate Powers, and of all the Saints who from all ages have been well-pleasing unto Thee. Amen.

4. A Prayer of St. John of Damascus

O Lord and Master Jesus Christ, our God, who alone hath power to forgive the sins of men, do Thou, O Good One who lovest mankind, forgive all the sins that I have committed in knowledge or in ignorance, and make me worthy to receive without condemnation Thy divine, glorious, immaculate and life-giving Mysteries; not unto punishment or unto increase of sin; but unto purification, and sanctification and a promise of Thy Kingdom and the Life to come; as a protection and a help to overthrow the adversaries, and to blot out my many sins. For Thou art a God of mercy and compassion and love toward mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

5. Another Prayer of St. John of Damascus

I stand before the gates of Thy Temple, and yet I refrain not from my evil thoughts. But do Thou, O Christ my God, who didst justify the publican, and hadst mercy on the Canaanite woman, and opened the gates of Paradise to the thief; open unto me the compassion of Thy love toward mankind, and receive me as I approach and touch Thee, like the sinful woman and the woman with the issue of blood; for the one, by embracing Thy feet received the forgiveness of her sins, and the other by but touching the hem of Thy garment was healed. And I, most sinful, dare to partake of Thy whole Body. Let me not be consumed, but receive me as Thou didst receive them, and enlighten the perceptions of my soul, consuming the accusations of my sins: through the intercessions of Her that, without stain, gave Thee birth, and of the heavenly Powers: for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.



The Order of Preparation For the Divine Liturgy

✠ The Kairon - The Orthros ✠

(If the Celebrant is a Bishop then the Priest takes the parts of the Deacon. If the Celebrant is a Priest, and there is no Deacon, a Sub-deacon or Reader takes his parts.)

(When the time for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy is come, the Clergy come to stand before the Holy Doors, facing the Iconostasis, Deacon to right hand of the Priest, making three low bows saying:)

DEACON: Bless, Master.

PRIEST: Blessed ✠ is our God always: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

TOGETHER: Glory to Thee, O our God, Glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of Life: Come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (thrice)

Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

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Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

PRIEST: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

PRIEST: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy People victory over all adversaries, and by Thy Cross preserving Thine Estate.

Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will wast lifted upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries,

having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Always now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

O Champion dread, who canst not be put to confusion, despise not our petitions, O Good and All-praised Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary the Mother of God; establish the way of the Orthodox; save those who have been called upon to govern us, leading us all to that victory which is from Heaven, for Thou art She who gavest birth to God, and alone art Blessed.

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee; harken and have mercy.

DEACON: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

Bless, Father, in the Name of the Lord

PRIEST: Glory to the Holy ✠, Consubstantial, Life-giving and Undivided Trinity, always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

The Gloria

PRIEST: Glory to God in the Highest.

And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We worship Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory.

Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

Thou, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou, Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou, Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For Thou alone art Holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, art Most High. ✠ With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

DEACON: Amen.

PRIEST: Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever.

DEACON: Amen

PRIEST: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in Thee: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. (thrice)

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For with Thee is the fountain of life:

in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee.

Holy God ✠, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (thrice)

Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. Holy God ✠, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

TOGETHER: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for laying aside all defense we sinners offer unto Thee, as Master, this supplication: have mercy upon us.

Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

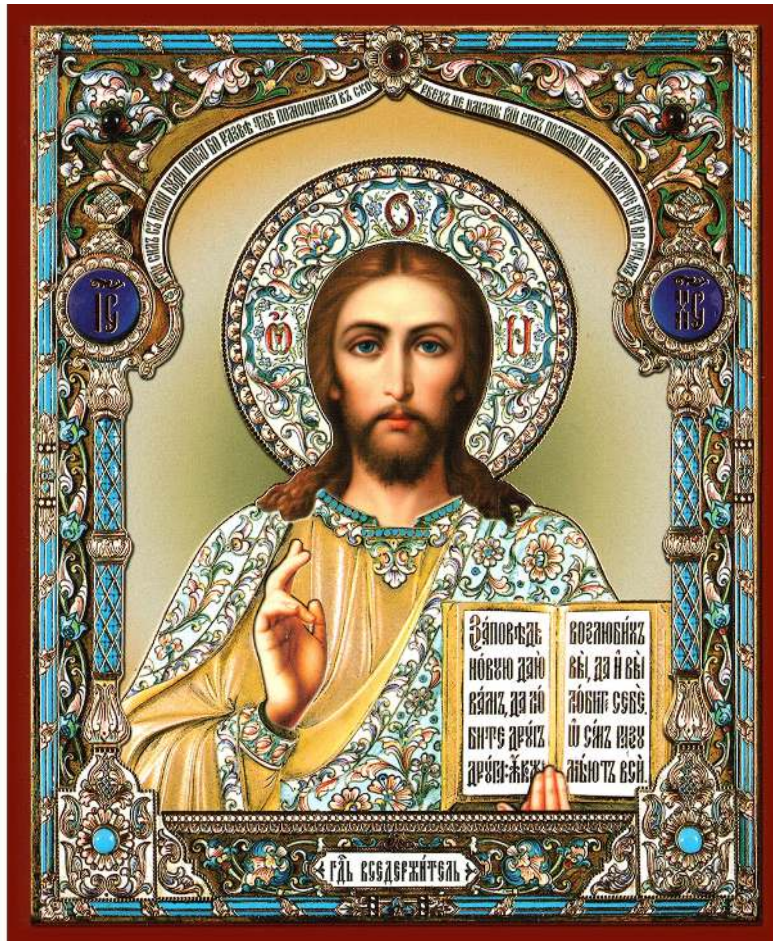
O Lord, have mercy upon us, for in Thee have we put our trust; be not exceedingly wroth with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look down upon us even now, as Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies: for Thou art our God, and we are Thy people: we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call upon Thy Name.

Always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Open unto us the door of Thy compassion, O Blessed Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary the Mother of God. As we set our hope in Thee, may we not be confounded:

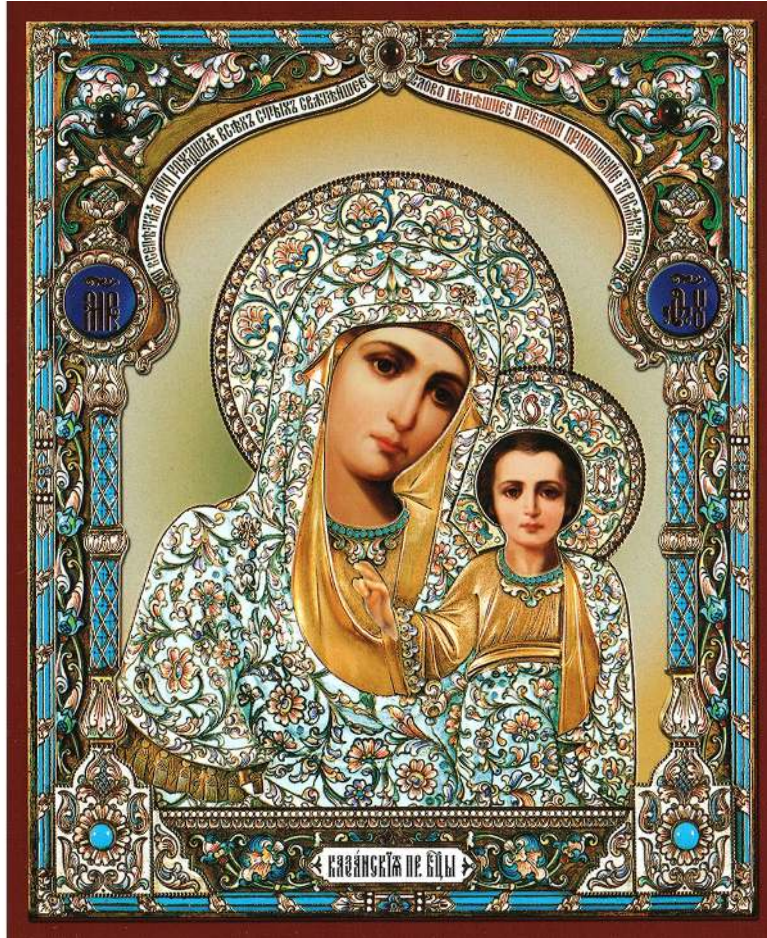
through Thee may we be delivered from all adversities, for Thou art the salvation of the race of Christians.

(The Clergy approach the Icon of Christ, kiss it and say together:)



We reverence Thy spotless icon, O gracious Lord, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God: for of Thine own good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from bondage to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry aloud unto Thee: Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Saviour, for Thou didst come to save the world.

(In like manner, the Clergy approach the Icon of the Theotokos, kiss it and say together:)



Foreasmuch as Thou art a well-spring of tenderness, O Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary the Mother of God, make us worthy of compassion; Look upon a sinful people; manifest Thy power as ever, for hoping on Thee we cry aloud unto Thee: Hail! As once did Gabriel, Chief Captain of the Bodiless Powers.

(Returning to their places before the Holy Doors, the Priest alone, says, with arms uplifted:)

PRIEST: Stretch forth Thy hands, O Lord, from Thy holy dwelling-place on high, and strengthen me for this Thine appointed service, that standing without condemnation in Thy dread Sanctuary I may offer the unbloody sacrifice: for Thine is the power and the glory, unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Clergy bow to the choirs and to the people, and enter the Sanctuary, saying together:)

TOGETHER: I will enter into Thy house: I will worship towards Thy Holy Temple in fear.

Guide me, O Lord, with Thy righteousness, make straight my path before Thee, because of mine enemies. There is no truth in their mouth; their heart is filled with evil; their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongue they bring destruction. Destroy them, O Lord, let them fall by their own counsels; according to the multitude of their transgressions, cast them out, for they have gone against Thee. But, let all those that trust in Thee be joyful, and so shall they rejoice evermore, and Thou shalt protect them. And those that love Thy Name shall make their boast of Thee. For Thou, O Lord, wilt bless the upright man, as with the panoply of Thine approval hast Thou crowned us.

(Approaching the Holy Altar, the Deacon at the right hand of the Priest, they make three low reverences. The Priest kisses the Holy Gospel. The Deacon kisses the corner of the Altar.)

TOGETHER: O God, be gracious unto me, a sinner, and have mercy upon me. *(thrice)*



APC Glorified Saints Of God

Boris Talantov, Confessor – 04 January

Alexander Men, Priest & Martyr – 09 September

Gleb Yakunin, Priest & Confessor – 25 December

Hermogenes (Golubev), Bishop & Confessor – 07 April

Barnabas (Belyaev), Bishop & Confessor – 06 May

Paul Adelgheim, Priest & Martyr – 05 August

Thomas Alexander Eleftherion – 29 December



✠ The Vesting ✠

*** Blessed is Our God, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.**

He puts on the Sticharion (Alb), saying:

*** My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, and with the robe of gladness hath He encompassed me. As a bridegroom He hath set a crown upon me, and as a bride He adorned me with ornament.**

Then, he puts on the Epitrachelion (Stole), saying:

*** Blessed is God, Who poureth out His grace upon His Priests, as ointment upon the head, which runneth down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron, which runneth down to the hem of his garment.**

Then he girds himself with the Zone (Girdle), saying:

*** Blessed is God, Who girdeth me with strength, and hath made my path blameless, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Then he puts on the right Epimanikon (Cuff), saying:

*** Thy right hand, O Lord, is glorified in strength; Thy right hand, O Lord, hath shattered Thine enemies, and in the multitude of Thy glory hast Thou crushed Thine adversaries.**

Then he puts on the left Epimanikon (Cuff), saying:

*** Thy hands have made and fashioned me; teach me, and I shall learn Thy commandments.**

Then, if the Priest is so honoured with the dignity, or if he is a Bishop, he puts on the Epigonation (Sword), saying:

*** Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O Mighty One, in thy comeliness and in thy beauty, and go forth, and prosper, and reign, because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall guide thee wondrously, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Then he puts on the Phelonion or, if he be a Bishop, the Sakkos (Chasuble), saying:

*** Thy High Priests, O Lord, shall clothe themselves with righteousness, and Thy holy ones shall rejoice with joy, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Then, - if he is a Bishop - he puts on the Omophorion (Stole), saying:

*** Thou, O Christ, didst take upon Thy shoulders our human nature which had gone astray and did ascend and offer it to God the Father, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen**

Then he puts on the Pectoral Cross, saying:

*** If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Then - if he is a Bishop - he puts on the Panagia, saying:

*** Create in me a clear heart, O God, and a right spirit renew in me.**

Then - if there is a second Holy Image - he puts on the Panagia, saying:

*** My heart pours forth good words; I speak of the things which concern the King. My tongue is the pen of a swift writer.**

Then he puts on the Mitre (Crown), saying:

*** The Lord hath set upon thy head a crown of precious stones. Thou asketh life of Him, and He shall give thee length of days, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen**

Then he takes up his Staff (Crozier), saying:

*** The Staff of the Lord has sent thee as power from Zion that thou shall prevail amidst thine enemies, Always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Then he washes his hands, saying:

I will wash my hands among the innocent, and I will compass Thine Altar, O Lord, that I may hear the voice of Thy praise, and tell of all Thy wondrous works. Lord I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

Destroy not my soul with the ungodly, nor my life with the men of blood, in whose hands is iniquity and their right hand is full of gifts. But as for me, I have walked in my innocence:

Deliver me, O Lord, and have mercy upon me. My foot hath stood in the straight way: in the churches will I bless Thee, O Lord.

✠ The Prothesis ✠

(Bowing before the Prothesis Table, side-by-side, the Priest and Deacon make three reverences, saying:)

TOGETHER: O God, be gracious ✠ unto me a sinner, and have mercy upon me. *(thrice)*

Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law, by Thy Precious Blood: nailed to the Cross and pierced by the spear, Thou hast poured forth immortality upon mankind. O our Saviour, glory to Thee.

DEACON: Bless, master.

PRIEST: Blessed ✠ is our God always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

(The Priest takes the Prosfora in his left hand and the Spear in his right, and makes the Sign of the Cross over the Seal with the spear, thrice saying:)

PRIEST: In remembrance ✠ of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ. *(thrice)*

(Placing the Prosfora on the Plate, the Priest starts the incisions with the spear. As he makes each incision, the Deacon reverently says:)

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

(Thrusting the Spear into the Lamb, and cutting along the right side of the center Seal, the Priest says:)

PRIEST: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter.

(Cutting along the left side of the Seal, he says:)

And, as a spotless lamb is dumb before his shearer,
so He opened not His mouth.

(Cutting along the top of the Seal, he says:)

In His humiliation His judgment was taken away.

(Cutting along the bottom of the Seal, he says:)

And for His generation, who shall declare it?

*(Then, inserting the Spear into the right side of the bread
beneath the Seal, he lifts it up and removes it from the
Prosfora, saying:)*

DEACON: Master, take away.

PRIEST: For His life is taken away from the earth.

DEACON: Sacrifice, Master.

*(The Priest lays the Seal upon the Diskarion, in the
center of the paten, with the face of the Seal inverted,
and makes a deep cross-wise cut on the back of the
Seal, without cutting through it, and says:)*

PRIEST: Sacrificed is the Lamb of God Who taketh
away the sins of the world, for the life of the world and its
salvation.

(Then, the Priest turns the Seal face upward, leaving it in the center place, and pierces it with the Spear, under the letters marked "IC" as the Deacons says:)

DEACON: Pierce, Master.

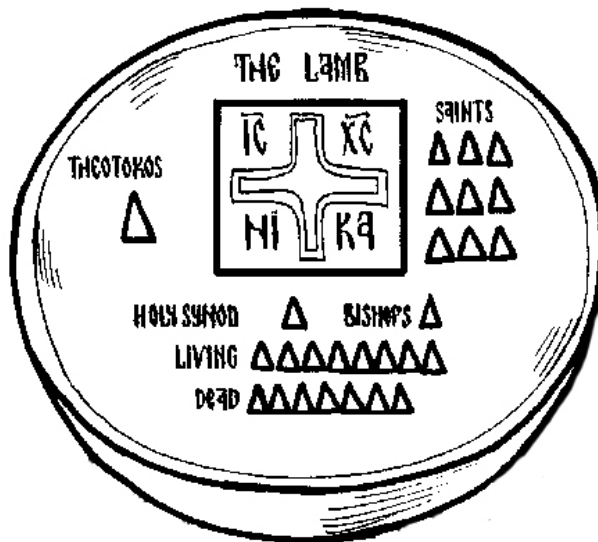
PRIEST: One of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side; and, immediately there came forth blood and water; and he that saw it bare witness, and his witness is true.

(Then, the Deacon with the wine cruet in his right hand and water cruet in his left hand, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, and making the Sign of the Cross over it saying:)

DEACON: Bless ✠, Master, the holy union.

PRIEST: Blessed ✠ is the union of Thy holy Things, always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.



(The Priest then cuts the small triangular portion for the Theotokos; it is alongside where the Seal was removed, on the left side of the Prosfora, saying:)

PRIEST: In honour and memory of our Most Blessed and Glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary the Mother of God: through whose intercessions do Thou accept, O Lord, this sacrifice upon Thy Heavenly altar.

(The Priest looks down upon the Diskarion and places the portion on the left side of the Seal, saying:)

The Queen stood at Thy right hand, clothed in a robe of gold and many colours.

(The square to the right of where the Seal was removed from the Prosfora, contains nine small triangles. The Priest now cuts and removes them, one at a time, and places them on the Diskarion in exactly the same position they originally had in the Prosfora. He starts with the upper left triangle and goes vertically downwards for the first three. Then he does the same with the center column and lastly with the right column, as he says for each particle:)

For the first particle:

In honour and memory of the great angelic Leaders Michael and Gabriel, and of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven.

For the second particle:

In memory of the most honourable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, of the holy glorious

Prophets Moses and Aaron, Elijah and Elisha, David and Jesse; of the three holy Children, and Daniel the Prophet, and of all the holy Prophets.

For the third particle:

Of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles Peter and Paul, of The Twelve and the Seventy, and of all the holy Apostles.

For the fourth particle:

Of our Fathers among the Saints, great Hierarchs and Ecumenical Teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; of Athanasius and Cyril, Saint Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker and Patron of the Orthodox Church of America, and all the holy Hierarchs.

For the fifth particle:

Of the holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen; of the holy Great Martyrs George the Trophy-Bearer, Demetrius Myrobeletes, Theodore Tiro, Theodore Stalates, and of all the holy Martyrs.

For the sixth particle:

Of our Venerable and God-bearing Fathers Antony the Great, Euthymius, Paisius, Sabbas, Onuphrius, Peter and Athanasius of Athos, and of all the holy Ascetics.

For the seventh particle:

Of the holy, glorious and wonder-working Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Cyrus and John,

Panteleemon and Hermoulaus, and of all the holy Unmercenaries.

For the eighth partic

Of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, of Saint(s) N. (NN.,) whose memory we celebrate and of all the Saints, at whose supplications, visit us, O God.

For the ninth particle:

Of our Father among the Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we now perform.

(Cutting and removing the top square from the Prosfora, the Priest holds it in his left hand whilst gently removing particles from the top half "IC~XC" for the authorities.

These are placed on the Diskarion, below the Seal, in the first row, while saying:)

Remember, O Lord, Lover of mankind, every Bishopric of the Orthodox; our Metropolitan N., and all our God-Loving Hierarchs N.(NN.); the honourable Priesthood; the Diaconate in Christ, and every order of the clergy; our brethren and fellow-ministers, the Presbyteras; and all our brethren whom Thou hast called unto Thy communion, through Thy tender compassion, O All-Gracious Master.

Calling to remembrance, O Lord, the President of the United States, our Congress and all Civil Authorities.

(From the lower half of the same square "NI~KA" the Priest removes particles for the living, which are placed in another horizontal row, directly below that for the authorities, while saying:)

Remember those, O Lord, who have asked for our prayers; calling to remembrance: N.(NN.).

(He replaces the top square in the Prosfora; then, cutting and removing the bottom square from the Prosfora, the Priest takes particles, which are placed in a third row below the Seal - to remember also his ordaining bishop and the dead, while saying:)

Again we pray for blessed memory and remission of sins for the blessed Founders the Orthodox Church of America and the Standing Episcopal Conference. And remember, O Lord, all Orthodox Patriarchs, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Monastics, the Presbyteras, and all our fathers and brethren of the Apostolic Orthodox Church of Russia, especially N.(NN.), who have fallen asleep in Thy communion in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal, O Lord, Who lovest mankind.

(He replaces the bottom square in the Prosfora; then, he takes another particle from the top square, as he remembers himself, placing it in the top row for the authorities, while saying:)

Remember, O Lord, my unworthiness, and forgive all my offences, both voluntary and involuntary, in thought, word or deed.

(The Priest gathers all loose particles together with the sponge and gives the Prosfora to the Deacon, who places it on the side for the antidoron later. Then the

Deacon holds the censer at table top level, with incense on charcoal, and says:)

DEACON: Bless ✠, Master, the incense.

PRIEST: Incense ✠ we offer unto Thee, O Christ our God, for an odor of spiritual sweetness: which do Thou receive upon Thine Altar above the Heavens, and send down upon us in return the grace of Thine All-Holy Spirit.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

(The Priest takes the Asterisk (Star-cover), kisses it and holds it over the censer.

He makes the Sign of the Cross with it in the rising incense smoke, saying:)

And the star came and stood over the place where the young Child was.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

(The Priest then takes the first veil, kisses it and holds it over the censer. He places it over the Diskarion, saying:)

PRIEST: The Lord hath reigned, He hath clothed Himself with majesty; The Lord hath clothed Himself with might, and hath girded Himself. Ever since the world began hath Thy seat been prepared. Thy testimonies are very sure; holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, forever.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord. Cover, Master.

(The Priest takes the second veil, kisses it and holds it over the censer. He places it over the Holy Chalice, saying:)

PRIEST: Thy virtue hath covered the Heavens, O Christ, and the earth is full of Thy praise.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord. Cover, Master.

(Lastly, the Priest takes the Aer, kisses it and holds it draped over the censer. He places it over both the Discarion and the Holy Chalice, saying:)

PRIEST: Shelter us in the shelter of Thy wings: drive away from us every enemy and foe: make our life peaceful; O Lord, have mercy on us and on Thy world, and save our souls, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

(Then, the Priest takes the censer and censens the Oblation thrice, saying:)

PRIEST: Blessed art Thou, O our God, Who art thus well pleased: Glory to Thee. *(thrice)*

(After each of the above prayers, the Deacon says the following also three times:)

DEACON: Always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(thrice)*

For the precious gifts now offered, let us pray to the Lord.

(The Priest lays aside the censer, raises his arms in supplication and says the Prayer of the Prothesis.)

PRIEST: O God, our God, Who didst send forth the Heavenly Bread, the food of the whole world, our Lord and God Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer and Benefactor, blessing and sanctifying us: Do Thou Thyself bless this Oblation and receive it upon Thine altar above the Heavens. Remember, as Thou art good and lovest mankind, those who brought this offering, and those for whom they brought it; and preserve us blameless in the celebration of Thy Holy Mysteries: for sanctified and glorified is Thy most honourable and majestic Name, of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

(Then, the Priest, standing before the Prothesis Table, pronounces the Dismissal, as Priest and Deacon make the Sign of the Cross thrice, saying:)

TOGETHER: Glory ✠ to Thee, O Christ, our God ✠ and our Hope: Glory ✠ to Thee.

DEACON: Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. *(thrice)*

Master, bless.

(Then, the Priest says the Dismissal Blessing:)

PRIEST: May He Who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, and rose again from the dead, Christ our True God, through the intercessions of His All-

Immaculate and All-Blameless Holy Mother and of all the Saints, have mercy upon us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

DEACON: Amen.

(Then, the Priest takes the censer and censures the Prothesis Table and all around the Altar, saying:)

PRIEST: In the grave with the body, but in Hades with the soul, as God: in Paradise with the Thief, and on the Throne with the Father and the Spirit wast Thou, O Christ, filling all things, Thyself uncircumscribed.

(Then, the Priest says Psalm 50, while he censures the Iconostasis and the whole Church, and the Altar again.)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy great mercy: according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out mine iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity: and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me. For behold, Thou has loved truth: the unclear and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness: the bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice. Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God: and

renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and steady me with a guiding spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways: and the impious shall be converted unto Thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness. O Lord, open Thou my lips: and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For hadst Thou desired sacrifice, I would have given it Thee: Thou delightest not in burnt offerings. Sacrifices to God are a contrite spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offerings: then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

(The Priest gives the censer to the Deacon, and standing before the Holy Altar - the Deacon stands on the right, at the side of the Holy Altar - he begins the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.)





The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

(If Celebrant is a Bishop, the Priest takes the part of the
Deacon)

(Mitre/Hat-On) - (Optional Entrance Hymn)

*(All Celebrants of the Divine Liturgy make three low
bows toward the Altar, saying the following prayer:)*

CELEBRANTS: O heavenly King ✠, O Comforter, the Spirit
of truth,/ Who art in all ✠ places and fillest all things;/
Treasury ✠ of good things and Giver of life: Come and
dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our
souls, O gracious Lord.

Glory to God ✠ in the highest, and on earth peace, and
good will among men. *(twice)*

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall declare
Thy praise.

(Bell)

(People STAND)

DEACON/PRIEST: Bless, Master.

*(The Celebrant kisses the Holy Gospel, lifts it up with
both hands, and lowers it, making the Sign of the Cross
over the Antimins, saying:)*

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ is the Kingdom of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and
unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

(During Easter Time we immediately sing: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD; TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE BESTOWETH LIFE)

(Bell) (People SIT - The Great Ektenia, Refrains)

DEACON/PRIEST: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON/PRIEST: For the peace from above, for the salvation of our souls; for peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON/PRIEST: For this holy House, for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God enter therein; for Ecumenical Patriarch N., and all Orthodox Patriarchs, our Metropolitan N., our God Loving Hierarchs N.(NN.), the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy, the Presbyteras, and all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Lord our God, Whose might is beyond compare, whose glory is incomprehensible, Whose mercy is infinite, and Whose love toward mankind is ineffable: do Thou Thyself, O Master, in Thy tender compassion look down upon us and upon this Holy House, and grant us and those who pray with us Thy rich mercies and compassions.

PRIEST/BISHOP: For unto Thee are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

CHOIR: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us. Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Tes presvies tis Theotokou, Soter, soston Imas.) Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

DEACON/PRIEST: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Kyrie Eleison.

DEACON/PRIEST: For the President of the United States and all Civil Authorities, for our Armed Forces everywhere; that He will aid them and grant them victory over every enemy and adversary, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Kyrie Eleison.

DEACON/PRIEST: For this city, and for every city and land, for the faithful who dwell therein; for healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Kyrie Eleison.

DEACON/PRIEST: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air, for the sick and the suffering, for captives and their salvation; for our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Kyrie Eleison.

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance: preserve the fullness of Thy

Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house: do Thou glorify them in recompense by Thy divine power, and forsake not us who put our trust in Thee.

PRIEST/BISHOP: For Thine is the majesty, and Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

CHOIR: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia. (Soson Imas le Theou, O anastas ek nekron, Psallontas, Si: Allilouia.) Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia. Always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O, Only-Begotten Son and Word of God, Who art Immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation, to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change was made man; and was crucified also, Christ our God, and by Thy death didst death subdue; Who art One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Preserve, preserve us. Preserve, preserve us. Preserve us.

DEACON/PRIEST: Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Help ✠ us; save us; have mercy upon us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Calling to remembrance our All-Holy, Immaculate, Most Blessed and Glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary the Mother of God, with all the Saints, let us commend ✠ ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord. (See Kyrie)

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Thou Who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

PRIEST/BISHOP: For Thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: In Thy Kingdom, remember us O Lord;

CHOIR: when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are the poor in spirit;

CHOIR: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are those who mourn;

CHOIR: for they shall be comforted.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are the meek;

CHOIR: for they shall inherit the earth.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness sake;

CHOIR: for they shall be filled.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are the merciful;

CHOIR: for they shall obtain mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are the pure in heart;

CHOIR: for they shall see God.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are the peacemakers;

CHOIR: for they shall be called sons of God.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are they that are persecuted for righteousness sake;

CHOIR: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you for My sake;

CHOIR: Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven.

(Bell) (STAND – The Little Entrance)

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Master, Lord our God, Who hast appointed in heaven orders and hosts of Angels and Archangels for the service of Thy glory: cause that with our entrance there may be an entrance of holy Angels serving with us and glorifying Thy goodness: for unto Thee are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Celebrant makes three low bows before the Altar, and takes up the book of the Holy Gospel. He goes out of the Sanctuary and stands before the Holy Doors, facing the Altar.)

DEACON/PRIEST: Bless, Master, the Holy Entrance.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ is the Entrance of Thy Saints: always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Celebrant kisses then lifts the Gospel Book with both hands, saying loudly:)

Sofia! ✠ Orthi! [Wisdom! Attend!]

EVERYONE: Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

(The Celebrant enters the Sanctuary and places the Gospel Book on the Altar. He then faces the people and blesses everyone present. -- If the Celebrant is a Bishop, they bow their heads in reverence and sing:)

CHOIR: Eispolla, Eti Despota (three times)

(Bell) (SIT – Troparia/Kontakia of the Resurrection)

FIRST TONE: The stone being sealed by the Jews, and Thy pure Body being guarded by the soldiers: Thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed Thee, O giver of life, crying: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy gracious providence, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished! Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

SECOND TONE: When Thou, O Immortal Life, didst humble Thyself unto death, then didst Thou destroy death by the brightness of Thy Godhead; and when Thou didst raise the bowels of the earth, then all the heavenly powers exclaimed: O Christ, Thou art the giver of Life! Glory to Thee, O our God!

Hell became afraid. O Almighty Saviour, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my Saviour, praises Thee forever.

THIRD TONE: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death and become the First-Born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of Hades, granting the world great mercy.

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

FOURTH TONE: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

My Saviour and Redeemer as God, rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

FIFTH TONE: Let us believers praise and worship the Word, Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation: for He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Saviour, shattering its gates as almighty; resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

SIXTH TONE: When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O Thou that art risen from the dead! O Lord, glory to Thee.

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Saviour of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of All.

SEVENTH TONE: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world great mercy.

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers! Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Saviour has come to those in faith! Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

EIGHTH TONE: O Compassionate One, Thou didst descend from the heights; Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou mightest deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

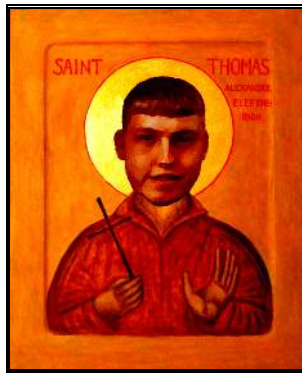
By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

(Troparion and Kontakion of the Day is read here)



Troparion to Our Lady of Soufanieh

CHOIR: Most Holy Mother of God, Thou has come into the world; proclaiming words of LOVE and FAITH and UNITY; A Fountain of Holy Oil to heal the infirmed, a “New Light” illuminating the East! O, Virgin Mary, *OUR LADY OF SOUFANIEH* ✠, Intercede with Christ our God, for He has saved us.



**Troparion to St. Nicholas of Myra
Troparion to St. Thomas Alexander Eleftherion**

CHOIR: By thy righteous deeds thou hast shown to the world, examples of virtue, faith, and abstinence: Wherefore thou hast won greatness by humility, and richness and poverty. O Holy Father, among the Saints, **BISHOP NICHOLAS ✠**, intercede with Christ our God, for He has saved us.

CHOIR: O Blessed **THOMAS ✠** from thy childhood, thou didst honor God by a virtuous life // and was honoured by Him most worthily, a sacred vessel overcoming disabilities // fervently pray to Christ our God for all the world, and for the salvation of our souls.

(At Easter Time we also sing: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD; TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE BESTOWETH LIFE)

DEACON/PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Holy God, Who restest in Thy Holy Place; Who art hymned by the Seraphim and thrice-holy cry, and glorified by the Cherubim, and worshipped by every heavenly Power; Who out of nothing hast brought all things into being; Who hast created man after Thine own image and likeness and hast adorned him with Thine every gift; Who givest to him that askest wisdom and understanding; Who despisest not the sinner, but hast appointed repentance unto salvation; Who hast vouchsafed unto us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, even in this hour to stand before the glory of Thy Holy Altar and to offer the worship and praise which are due unto Thee: Thyself, O Master, accept even from the mouth of us sinners the Hymn of the Trisagion, and visit us in Thy goodness. Forgive us every transgression both voluntary and involuntary; sanctify our souls and bodies; and grant us to serve Thee in holiness all the days of our life: through the intercessions of the Holy Theotokos and of all the Saints who from the beginning of the world have been well-pleasing unto Thee.

For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Bell-Incense) (STAND - The Trisagion Hymn)

(On Christmas, Theophany, Lazarus Saturday, Easter Sunday and Pentecost, we sing the following instead of the Trisagion Hymn: FOR AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, HAVE PUT ON CHRIST, ALLELUIA)

EVERYONE: Holy ✠ God, Holy ✠ Mighty, Holy ✠ Immortal: have mercy on us.

BISHOP: Look down from Heaven, O Lord, and behold and visit this vineyard, which has been planted by Thy right hand, and establish it.

EVERYONE: Quh-duh ✠ son Allah, Quh-duh ✠ son il Kawhi, Quh-duh ✠ son il Laythee: lay ya-mu turhamna.

BISHOP: Look down from Heaven, O Lord, and behold and visit this vineyard, which has been planted by Thy right hand, and establish it.

EVERYONE: Agios ✠ o Theos, Agios ✠ Ischiros, Agios ✠ Athanatos, Eleison Imas.

BISHOP: Look down from Heaven, O Lord, and behold and visit this vineyard, which has been planted by Thy right hand, and establish it.

EVERYONE: Doxa ✠ Patri Ke O, Ke Agio Pnevmati: Ke nin ke ai, ke is tou eonas ton eonon, Amin. Agios Athanatos, Eleison Imas.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Dynamis! [Louder!]

DEACON/PRIEST: Dynamis!

PRIEST/BISHOP: Agios ✠ o Theos, Agios ✠ Ischiros, Agios ✠ Athanatos, Eleison Imas.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Blessed ✠ art Thou on the throne of Thy kingdom, Who sittest upon the Cherubim: always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Bell)

(SIT - The OCA-UAOC/SEC/APC Pheme)

DEACON/PRIEST: The Most Reverend and Devout Metropolitan N., and our God Loving Hierarchs N. (NN.), appointed by God, Bishops of The Orthodox Church of America, Standing Episcopal Conference and Apostolic Orthodox Church of Russia, being equal in jurisdiction and equal in honour, our Fathers and our Prelates, may God Grant them many years.

(The Epistle Reading)

(The Priest chants the Prokeimenon for the Tone of the Day and the announces the Epistle Reading:)

DEACON/PRIEST:

Prokeimenon in the First Tone:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just.

Prokeimenon in the Second Tone:

The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me.

Prokeimenon in the Third Tone:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. O clap your hands all ye nations.

Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone:

How great are Thy works, O Lord! Thou hast made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone:

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us: and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord; for the godly man ceaseth.

Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone:

Save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God.

Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone:

The Lord will give strength to His people. Bring to the
Lord, O ye children of God.

Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone:

Vow ye, and pay to the Lord Thy God. In Judah is God
known.

DEACON/PRIEST: Wisdom! The reading is taken from the
Epistle of Saint N...let us attend: (Priest, Deacon or
Reader chants the Epistle Reading)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Peace ✠ be to thee that readest.

(Bell)

(STAND - The Alleluia Verses for the Tone)

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

TONE ONE: (Psalm 18)

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.
He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals
mercifully with His Christ, with David and His seed
forever.

TONE TWO: (Psalm 20)

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of
the God of Jacob protect you! Save the king, O Lord, and
hear us on the day we call!

TONE THREE: (Psalm 47)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

TONE FOUR: (Psalm 104)

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, thou art very great!

TONE FIVE: (Psalm 12)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

TONE SIX: (Psalm 28)

O Lord, save Thy people and Bless Thine inheritance. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

TONE SEVEN: (Psalm 92)

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall Bless His people with peace! Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

TONE EIGHT: (Psalm 95)

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour! Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (two times)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Bless Master the messenger of the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST/BISHOP: May God, through the intercessions of His Holy Evangelist, Saint N., grant power unto ✠ you to proclaim the Gospel of His Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

EVERYONE: Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy Gospel teachings; implant in us also the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee: for Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father ✠ Who is from everlasting, and Thine All-Holy, good and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Mitre/Hat Off)

(The Holy Gospel)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace ✠ be to all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

DEACON/PRIEST: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint N...let us attend.

CHOIR: Glory ✠ to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

(Priest or Deacon chants the Gospel Reading)

CHOIR: Glory ✠ to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

(Bell)

(SIT – Sermon)

The Litany of Fervent Supplication

(Mitre/Hat-On)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say: O Lord almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray Thee, harken and have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

DEACON/PRIEST: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, harken and have mercy.

CHOIR: Kyrie Eleison. (thrice)

DEACON/PRIEST: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians; all Orthodox Patriarchs, our Metropolitan N., our God Loving Hierarchs N.(NN.), for Priests, Deacons, and all other Clergy, the Presbyteras; and for all our brethren in Christ.

CHOIR: Yarah Burham. (thrice)

DEACON/PRIEST: Again, we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for all members of the Apostolic Orthodox Church, especially N.(NN.), and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

CHOIR: Hospodee Pomeeloy. (thrice)

DEACON/PRIEST: Again, we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this Holy Temple; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, especially N.(NN.), who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord, and for all members of the Apostolic

Orthodox Church, departed this life, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. *(thrice)*

DEACON/PRIEST: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this Holy and all-venerable Temple; for those who serve and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

CHOIR: Kyrie Eleison. *(thrice)*

(Meanwhile the Celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over the Antimins with the Gospel Book, and places it upright before the Altar tabernacle; he unfolds the Antimins, makes the Sign of the Cross above it with the sponge, and the following prayers are said:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication of Thy servants, and have mercy upon us according to the multitude of Thy mercy; and send down Thy compassions upon us and upon all thy people, who await the rich mercy that cometh from Thee.

For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and to Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

The Litany For the Catechumens (Optional)

DEACON/PRIEST: Catechumens, pray to the Lord. Let us believers, pray for the Catechumens. That the Lord may have mercy upon them. That He may teach them the word

of truth. That He may reveal to them the Gospel of righteousness. That He may unite them to His Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Help ✠ us, save us, have mercy upon us by Thy Grace. Catechumens, bow your heads unto the Lord.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

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PRIEST/BISHOP: O Lord our God, Who dwellest on high and regardest the humble of heart; Who hast sent forth as the salvation of the race of men Thine only-begotten Son and God, our Lord Jesus Christ: Look down upon Thy servants the Catechumens

(those preparing to renounce their errors and embrace the Fullness of Thy Faith and Truth as found only in the Orthodox Church founded by Jesus Christ)

for they have bowed their necks before Thee; make them worthy in due season of the laver of regeneration, the remission of sins, and the robe of incorruption. Unite them to Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and number them with Thy chosen flock: that with us they may glorify Thine All-Honourable and Majestic Name: of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: That they also, with us, may glorify Thine All-Honourable and majestic Name of the Father ✠, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CHOIR: Amen.

DEACON/PRIEST: As many as are Catechumens, depart. Catechumens, depart. As many as are believers, remain.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON/PRIEST: Help ✠ us, save us, have mercy upon us and keep us O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord God of the Powers, Who hast accounted us worthy to stand even now before Thy Holy Altar, and to fall down before Thy compassions for our sins and the errors of the people. Accept our supplications. O God; make us worthy to offer unto Thee prayers and supplications, and unbloody sacrifices for all Thy people. And enable us, whom Thou has placed in this Thy ministry, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, blamelessly and without offense, in the pure witness of our conscience, to call upon Thee at all times and in every place: that hearing us Thou mayest show mercy upon us according to the plentitude of Thy goodness: for unto Thee are due all glory, honour, and worship: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Again and oftentimes we fall down before Thee and beseech Thee, O Good Lord who lovest mankind, that looking down upon our petition Thou wilt cleanse our souls and bodies from the defilement of flesh or spirit; and grant us to stand blameless and without condemnation before Thy Holy Altar. Grant also, O God, to those who

pray with us growth in life and faith and spiritual understanding. Grant them always blamelessly to serve Thee with fear and love, and to partake without condemnation of Thy Holy Mysteries, and to be accounted worthy of Thy heavenly Kingdom:

PRIEST/BISHOP: Help ✠ us; Save us, have mercy upon us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace. Wisdom!

That guarded always by Thy might we may ascribe glory unto Thee: to the Father ✠ , and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

☞☞ No one who is bound with the desires and pleasures of the flesh is worthy to approach or draw nigh or to serve Thee, O King of Glory: for to serve Thee is a great and terrible thing even to the Heavenly Powers. Nevertheless, through Thine unspeakable and boundless love toward mankind Thou didst become man, yet without change or alteration, and as Lord of all didst take the Name of our High Priest, and deliver unto us the ministry of this liturgic and unbloody sacrifice. For Thou alone, O Lord Our God, rulest over those in heaven and on earth; Who art borne on the throne of the Cherubim; Who art Lord of the Seraphim and king of Israel; Who alone art holy and retest in The Holy Place.

Wherefore I implore Thee who alone art good and art ready to listen: Look down upon me, as sinner, and Thine unprofitable servant, and cleanse my soul and my heart from an evil conscience; and by the power of Thy Holy Spirit enable me, who am endued with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this Thy Holy Table, and perform the Sacred Mystery of Thy holy and Immaculate

Body and Precious Blood. For I draw near unto Thee, and bowing my neck I pray Thee: turn not Thy face from me, neither cast me out from among Thy children; but vouchsafe that these Gifts may be offered unto Thee by me, Thy sinful and unworthy servant: for Thou Thyself are He that offers and is offered, that accepts and is distributed, O Christ our God: and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father ✠ Who is from everlasting, and Thine All-Holy, and Good, and Life-Giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Celebrant censures the Altar, the Icons and the People. He makes three low bows before the Altar, kisses the Antimins and the Altar, turns and bows to the people, and goes to the Prothesis Table. He censures the Holy Gifts, bows and says:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: O God, be gracious ✠ unto me a sinner, and have mercy upon me.

Lift up our hands to the Holy Places, and bless ✠ ye the Lord.

(The Cherubimic Hymn)

CHOIR: All we, all we that, in mystery, Holy, Holy, Son, we adore, and praise. Come let us, come let us, cast off, all earthly care, and forget every vain, employ. (thrice)

(Bell) (STAND – The Great Entrance)

(The Celebrant places the Aer upon his shoulders, takes up the Diskarion in his left hand and the Holy Chalice in

his right hand - if there is a Deacon, he carries the Diskarion high, up front at the level of his forehead - stands at the Holy Doors and then proceeds around the temple, saying aloud:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: All of you Orthodox Christians, the Lord God remember you ✠ in His Heavenly Kingdom, always now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen. ✠ (after each petition)

(At the last petition, the Celebrant faces the people and says:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: The Lord God, remember ✠ us all in His Heavenly Kingdom, always, now and ever and unto ages of Ages. Preserve, O God, the Apostolic Orthodox Church, and all ✠ Orthodox Christians, unto ages of ages. Amen.

CHOIR: For the King of all comes in triumph, in triumph, by unseen Hosts of Angels, brought, to us, that bid Him welcome. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(The Celebrant enters the Sanctuary and places the holy Gifts on the Altar, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy spotless Body from the tree, wrapped It in fine linen and spices, and sorrowing placed It in a new tomb. / In the Grave with the body, but in Hades with the soul, as God; in Paradise with the Thief, and on the Throne with the Father and the Spirit wast Thou, O Christ, filling all things, Thyself uncircumscribed. / As giving life, as more splendid than Paradise, and more radiant than any royal

chamber, O Christ, is shown forth Thy tomb, the fountain of our resurrection.

(The Celebrant takes the covers from the Diskarion and Chalice and places them on the Altar, at the corners of the Antimins; he censes the Aer, places it over the Diskarion and Chalice and censes them thrice saying:)

Then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine Altar. (Three times)

(Bell) (SIT - Collection) - (Optional Offertory Hymn)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (Kyrie Eleison)

DEACON/PRIEST: For the precious Gifts now offered; for this Holy House, and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (Yarah Burham)

DEACON/PRIEST: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity; Help ✠ us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (Hospodee Pomeeloy)

DEACON/PRIEST: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless; an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR: Grant this, O Lord. (Paraskou Kyrie)

DEACON/PRIEST: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions; all things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR: Grant this, O Lord. (Ista-jib, Ya Rab)

DEACON/PRIEST: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance; a Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful; and a good defense before the dread judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

CHOIR: Grant this, O Lord. (Poday Hospodee)

DEACON/PRIEST: Calling to remembrance our All-Holy, Immaculate, Most Blessed and Glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary the Mother of God, with all the Saints, let us commend ✠ ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord. (See Kyrie)

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PRIEST/BISHOP: O Lord God Almighty, Who alone art holy; Who dost accept the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon thee with their whole heart: Accept also the prayer of us sinners, and bear it to Thy holy Altar, and enable us to offer unto Thee gifts and Spiritual Sacrifices for our sins and for the errors of the people; And make us worthy to find grace in Thy sight, that our sacrifice may be acceptable unto Thee; and that the good spirit of Thy grace may dwell upon us and upon these Gifts here offered, and upon all thy people.

Through the compassions of Thine Only-Begotten Son ✠, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine

**All-Holy and Good and Life-Giving Spirit: now and ever,
and unto ages of ages.**

CHOIR: Amen.

  (Bell) (STAND – The Peace)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Peace be ✠ to all. (with Cross)

CHOIR: And to thy spirit. (Ke tow Pnevmatee)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us love one another, that with one accord we may confess.

CHOIR: Father ✠ , Son, and Holy Spirit: the Trinity,
One in Essence and Undivided.

*(The Celebrant makes three low bows before the Altar,
kisses the veil covering the Holy Gifts, and says three
times:)*

PRIEST/BISHOP: I will love Thee, ✠ O Lord, my strength:
the Lord is my ✠ firm foundation, my refuge, and ✠ my
deliverer.

The Doors! The Doors! In Wisdom let us attend!

(Mitre/Hat-Off)

The Nicene Creed - The Symbol of Faith

*(While the Creed is being said, the Celebrant gently
waves the open Aer above the Holy Gifts; at the words
"He rose again" he folds it up and waves it over the Gifts
with a circular motion.)*

EVERYONE: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-Begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And the third day ----- He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father ✠ and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets;

And I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

(Mitre/Hat-On)

(When the Creed is finished, the Celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross with the Aer over the Holy Gifts, while saying aloud:)

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The Nicene Creed - The Symbol of Faith



I be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi -
si - ble; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the on - ly -
be - got - ten, begotten of the Father before all worlds.
Light of light, very God of very God, be - got - ten, not made,
of one essence with the Fa - ther; by whom all things were made.
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from hea - - - ven
and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was
made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pi - late,

and suf - fered and was bur - ied. And on the third day He rose again
ac - cord - ing to the scrip - tures. And ascended into heaven and
sitteth at the right hand of the Fa - ther, and He shall come again
with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose Kingdon shall have
no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth
from the Fa - ther. Who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glo - ri - fied; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe in
one, holy, catholic, and a - po - sto - lic Church. I acknowledge one baptism
for the re - mis - sion of sins. I look for the re - sur - rec - tion of
the dead and the life of the world to come. A - men.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us stand aright; let us stand with fear; let us attend, that we may offer the Holy Oblation in peace.

CHOIR: A mercy of peace, a Sacrifice of praise.

(The Clergy exchange the Kiss of Peace amongst themselves and unto the people, who exchange it with one another.)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Christ is in the midst of us.

RESPONSE: He is and shall be.

(The Celebrant turns toward the people and blesses them with the folded Aer saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ and the Love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

CHOIR: And with thy spirit.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us lift up our hearts.

CHOIR: We lift them up unto the Lord.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

CHOIR: It is meet and right to worship the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit: the Trinity, One in Essence, and Undivided.

PRIEST/BISHOP: It is meet and right to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to praise Thee, to give thanks unto Thee, and to worship Thee in every place of Thy dominion: for Thou art God ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever existing and eternally the same,

Thou ✠ and Thine Only-begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit.

Thou it was who didst bring us from non-existence into being, and when we had fallen away didst raise us up again, and didst not cease to do all things until Thou hadst brought us back to Heaven, and hadst endowed us with Thy kingdom which is to come.

For all these things we give thanks unto Thee ✠, and to Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy Holy Spirit.

For all things which we know, and of which we know not, and for all the benefits bestowed upon us, both manifest and unseen.

And we give thanks unto Thee also for this ministry, which Thou dost vouchsafe to receive at our hands, even though there stand beside Thee thousands of Archangels and ten thousands of Angels, the Cherubim and the Seraphim, six-winged, many eyed, soaring aloft, borne on their pinions.

Singing the Triumphal Hymn, ---- shouting, ---- proclaiming, and ---- saying:

(As the Celebrant chants these words he touches the edges of the Diskarion with each of the points of the Asterisk in turn, makes the Sign of the Cross over it, kisses it and lays it aside.)

(Mitre/Hat-Off)

**CHOIR: Holy (Bell), Holy (Bell), Holy (Bell),
Lord of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:
Hosanna in the highest: Blessed ✠ is He that cometh in the
Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**





✠ The Orthodox Canon of the Liturgy ✠

PRIEST/BISHOP: With these blessed Powers we also, O Master who lovest mankind, cry aloud and say: Holy art Thou ✠ and All-Holy, Thou and Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy Holy Spirit: holy art Thou and all-holy, and magnificent is Thy glory:

Who hast so loved Thy world as to give Thine Only-begotten Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life;

Who when He had come and had fulfilled all the dispensation for us, in the night in which He was betrayed,--or rather, gave Himself up for the life of the world,--took bread in His holy and pure and blameless hands; and when He had given thanks and blessed it, and hallowed it and broken it, He gave it to His holy Disciples and Apostles, saying:

TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

Amen. ✠ [\(Bell\)](#)

And likewise, after supper, He took the cup, saying:

DRINK YE ALL OF THIS: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

Amen. ✠ [\(Bell\)](#)

Having in remembrance, therefore, this saving commandment and all those things which have come to pass for us: the Cross, The Grave, the Resurrection of the third day, the Ascension into Heaven, the Session at the right hand, and the second and glorious Advent:

(The Celebrant takes up the Diskarion in his right hand, and the Chalice in his left hand, with his right hand over his left in crosswise fashion, and elevates them over the Antimins; he makes the Sign of the Cross with them over the Antimins as he lowers them saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Thine Own ✠ of Thine Own, ✠ we offer unto Thee, ✠ in behalf of all, and for all.

CHOIR: We praise Thee, we bless ✠ Thee, we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and we pray unto Thee, O our God.

(The Celebrant makes a low bow before the Altar, and continues with the Canon of the Liturgy.)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Again, we offer unto Thee this reasonable and Unbloody Service, and Beseech Thee and pray Thee, and Supplicate Thee: ***SEND DOWN THY HOLY SPIRIT UPON US AND UPON THESE GIFTS HERE SPREAD FORTH:***

DEACON/PRIEST: Bless, ✠ Master, the Holy Bread.

(The Celebrant signs the Holy Bread with the Sign of the Cross, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: ***AND MAKE THIS BREAD THE PRECIOUS ✠ BODY OF THY CHRIST;***
(Bell)

DEACON/PRIEST: Amen. Bless, ✠ Master, the Holy Cup.

(The Celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over the Holy Chalice, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: **AND THAT WHICH IS IN THIS CUP THE PRECIOUS ✠ BLOOD OF THY CHRIST; (Bell)**

DEACON/PRIEST: Amen. Bless ✠ both, Master.

(The Celebrant makes the Sign of the Cross over both the Holy Gifts, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: **CHANGING THEM BY THY HOLY SPIRIT; AMEN ✠ (Bell), AMEN ✠ (Bell), AND AMEN ✠ (Bell).**

(Bell) (SIT- Prayer to the Mother of God)

PRIEST/BISHOP: That to those who shall partake thereof they may be unto cleansing of soul, unto the remission of sins, unto the communion of the Holy Spirit, unto the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven, unto boldness toward Thee, and not unto judgment or unto condemnation.


And again we offer unto Thee this reasonable service for all those who in faith have gone before us to their rest: Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Preachers, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Ascetics, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith:

Especially our All-Holy, Immaculate, Most Blessed and Glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary:

(Mitre/Hat-On - Incense)

(The Celebrant censes the Holy Gifts and continues, saying:)

EVERYONE: It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, who art Ever-Blessed and All-Blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, Thou who without stain, barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos: we magnify Thee.

 **PRIEST/BISHOP:** And for the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; the holy glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; Saint Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker, whose memory we celebrate; and all Thy Saints, at whose supplications look down upon us, O God.

And be mindful of all those who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of Resurrection unto life eternal: especially the Servants of God N.(NN.), and grant them rest, O our God, where the light of Thy countenance shines upon them.

And again we beseech Thee: be mindful, O Lord, of N., Pope of Rome the First Among Equals, His All-Holiness N., Ecumenical Patriarch and Archbishop of Constantinople, and all Orthodox Patriarchs, and of every Bishop of the Orthodox, who rightly divide the word of thy truth; and all the Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, the Presbyteras and of every monastic order.

And again we offer unto Thee this reasonable service, for the whole world, for the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, for those who live in chastity and holiness of life, for all civil authorities, for the President of

the United States and our Armed Forces everywhere; grant them, O Lord, peaceful times, that we, in their tranquility, may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and sanctity.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Among the first be mindful, O Lord, of our Metropolitan N.: Whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy churches in peace, safety, honour, health and length of days, and rightly dividing the Word of Thy truth.

CHOIR: And of all mankind.

PRIEST/BISHOP: And, grant us with one mouth and one heart to glorify and praise Thine All-Honourable and Majestic Name: of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

(Bell) (STAND – The Lord’s Prayer, Elevation)

(The Celebrant, turning toward the people, blesses them, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: And the mercies of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ ✠ be with you all.

CHOIR: And with thy spirit.

PRIEST/BISHOP: And vouchsafe, O Lord, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call upon Thee, the Heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

EVERYONE: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil.

Pater Noster, qui es in caelis: sanctificetur nomen Tuum: adveniat regnum Tuum: fiat voluntas Tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra.

Panem nostram, quotidianum da nobis hodie: et dimitte nobis debita nostris, sicut et nos, dimittimus, debitoribus nostris.

Et ne nos inducas in tentationem: sed libera nos a malo.

PRIEST/BISHOP: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Peace ✠ be to all. (with the Cross)

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

** St Basil Liturgy **

PRIEST/BISHOP: We give thanks unto Thee, O King invisible, who by Thy measureless power hast made all things, and in the multitude of Thy mercy hast brought all things from nothing into being. Do Thou Thyself, O Master, look down from Heaven upon those who have bowed their heads unto Thee; for they have not bowed down unto flesh and blood, but to Thee, the terrible God. Therefore, O Master, do Thou Thyself distribute these Gifts here spread forth, unto all of us for good, according to the individual need of each: voyage with those who sail by sea and air; journey with those who travel by land; heal

the sick, Thou who art the physician of our souls and bodies.

☙☙ Through the grace and compassion and love toward man of Thine Only-Begotten Son ✠ ,with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine All-Holy, good, and Life-Giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Look down, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Thy holy dwelling place, and from the throne of the glory of Thy Kingdom; and come to sanctify us, O Thou who sittest on high with the Father, and art here invisibly present with us; and vouchsafe by Thy mighty hand to impart unto us Thine Immaculate Body and Precious Blood, and through us unto all the people.

(Mitre/Hat-Off)

(The Celebrant makes three low bows before the Holy Altar, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: O God, be gracious ✠ unto me, a sinner, and have mercy upon me. *(three times)*

(Then the Celebrant takes up the Holy Bread in both hands and elevates it, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us attend!

Holy Things ✠ *(Bell)* are for ✠ *(Bell)* the Holy ✠ *(Bell)*.

(As the Celebrant lowers the Holy Bread, he makes with it the Sign of the Cross thrice.)

(Bell) (SIT – The Holy Communion)

EVERYONE: One is Holy, One is Lord: Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens: praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (twice)

(During Easter Time we sing instead: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD; TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE BESTOWETH LIFE)

(The Celebrant breaks the Holy Bread into four parts with great care and reverence saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Divided and distributed is the Lamb of God, Who is divided, yet never disunited; Who is ever eaten, yet never consumed, but sanctifies those who partake thereof.

(The Celebrant arranges the particles on the rim of the Diskarion in the form of a Cross, then he takes the Portion "IC" and makes with it the Sign of the Cross over the Chalice, and drops it in saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: The fullness ✠ of the Cup, of the Faith, of the Holy Spirit.

(The Celebrant takes the warm water and blesses it saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ is the fervor of Thy Saints, always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Celebrant pours a sufficient quantity of the warm water into the Chalice crosswise, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: The fervor of Faith, full of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

✠ The Prayer Before Holy Communion ✠

EVERYONE: I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

And, I believe that this is truly Thine own Immaculate Body, and that this is truly Thine own Precious Blood.

Wherefore I pray Thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake, without condemnation of Thine Immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief I will confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of Thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

(The Celebrant and Priest each partake of the particle of the Holy Bread, saying:)

THE PRECIOUS AND ALL HOLY BODY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST IS IMPARTED UNTO ME, THE UNWORTHY PRIEST N., UNTO REMISSION OF MY SINS AND UNTO LIFE EVERLASTING.

(Then, each one, takes up the Chalice with its veil, and drinks from it thrice saying:)

THE PRECIOUS AND ALL HOLY BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST IS IMPARTED UNTO ME, THE UNWORTHY PRIEST N., IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, UNTO REMISSION OF SINS AND UNTO LIFE EVERLASTING.

(Then, each one of them wipes his lips and Chalice with the veil, kisses the Chalice base and then says:)

LO, THIS HATH THOUCHED MY LIPS, AND SHALL TAKE AWAY MINE INIQUITIES, AND PURGE AWAY MY SINS.

(The Celebrant divides the particles "NI" and "KA" of the Holy Bread for the Communion of the people, and covers the Chalice with the communion veil. The Chalice and Paten is elevated before the people, saying aloud:)

(Bell) (STAND – The Holy Communion)

PRIEST/BISHOP: With fear of God, and faith and love,
draw ye near.

CHOIR: Blessed ✠ is He that commeth in the
Name of the Lord: The Lord is God and hath revealed
Himself unto us.

(Those who wish to partake may draw near)

(Optional Communion Hymn)

*(The people draw near for Holy Communion and say
their first name)*

PRIEST/BISHOP: THE SERVANT OF GOD N.,
PARTAKES OF THE PRECIOUS AND ALL HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND
SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, UNTO THE REMISSION
OF SINS AND UNTO LIFE EVERLASTING.

*(After all have communicated the Chalice is covered with
the veil by the Celebrant and the people are Blessed
with it, saying:)*

PRIEST/BISHOP: O God, save ✠ Thy people and bless Thine
inheritance.

(Bell) (SIT – Ektenia of Thanksgiving)

EVERYONE: We have seen the True Light, we have
received the Heavenly Spirit; we have found the
True Faith, worshipping the Undivided Trinity: for
He hath saved us.

(At Easter Time sing: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD; TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE BESTOWETH LIFE)

(Meanwhile the Celebrant wipes the remaining particles on the Diskarion into the Chalice, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Wash away, O Lord, the sins of all those here commemorated, by Thy precious Blood: through the prayers of Thy Saints.

(The the Celebrant covers the Chalice, and places the folded Aer, the cover of the Diskarion, the communion veil, and the Asterisk upon the Diskarion. He censes the Chalice thrice, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Thy glory above all the earth. Blessed is our God.

(The Celebrant takes the Chalice in his right hand and the Diskarion in his left and turns toward the people; he raises both slowly, Blessing them with the Chalice above the Diskarion, saying:)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Always: now ✠ and every, and unto ages of ages.

EVERYONE: Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Thy glory: for Thou hast permitted us to partake of Thy Holy, Divine, Immortal and Life-Giving Mysteries. Establish us in Thy Sanctification, that all the day long we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(At Easter Time sing: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD; TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH, AND ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE BESTOWETH LIFE)

(Meanwhile the Celebrant places the Chalice and Diskarion upon the Prothesis Table, and returns to the Altar. He folds up the Antimins and makes the Sign of the Cross above it with the Gospel Book saying:)

(The Ektenia of Thanksgiving)

(Mitre/Hat-On)

PRIEST/BISHOP: Attend! Having partaken of the Divine, Holy, Immaculate, Immortal, Heavenly, Life-Giving and terrible Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks unto the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Help ✠ us; save us; have mercy upon us; and keep us O God, by Thy grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Asking that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

CHOIR: To Thee, O Lord.

(The Prayer of Thanksgiving)

**** St Basil the Great ****

PRIEST/BISHOP: We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord who lovest mankind, benefactor of our souls and bodies, for that Thou hast vouchsafed this day to feed us with Thy heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Make straight our

path; establish us all in Thy fear; guard our life; make firm our steps: through the prayers and intercessions of the glorious Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and all the Saints:

☩ ☩ **PRIEST/BISHOP:** For Thou art our sanctification, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Let us go forth in peace.

CHOIR: In the Name of the Lord.

DEACON/PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy...

(The Celebrant stands before the Icon of Christ.)

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Lord, Who blessest those who bless Thee, and sanctifiest those who put their trust in Thee: save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance;

Preserve the fulness of Thy Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy House; glorify them in recompence by Thy Divine Power, and forsake us not who hope on Thee.

Give peace to Thy world, to Thy Churches, to the priests, the presbyteras, to all civil authorities, to our President, the Armed Forces, and to all Thy people:

For every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from Thee, the Father of Lights, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, thanksgiving, and worship: to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Blessed ✠ be the Name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. (thrice)

(The Celebrant bows toward the Prothesis Table, or where the Holy Mysteries are reserved, saying:)

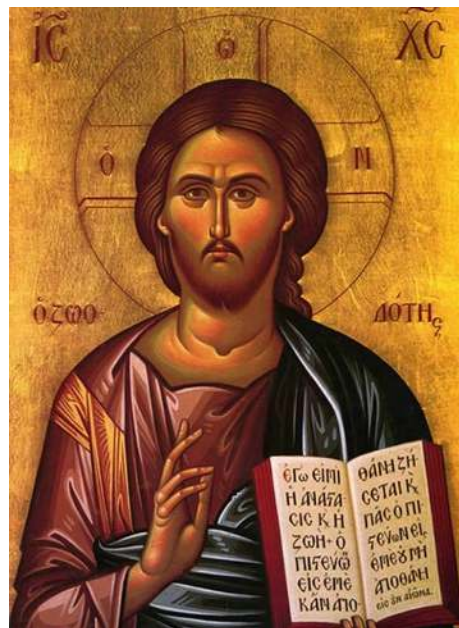
(Mitre/Hat-Off)

PRIEST/BISHOP: O Christ our God, Who art Thyself the fulfillment of the law and the Prophets, Who didst fulfill all the dispensation of the Father: fill our hearts ✠ with joy and gladness, always: now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

(Mitre/Hat-On)

DEACON/PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.



(STAND – The Dismissal, Final Blessing)

PRIEST/BISHOP: The Blessing ✠ of the Lord and His mercy come upon you through His grace and love towards man, always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: Glory to Thee, O Christ or God and our hope, glory to Thee.

CHOIR: Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: always now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Master Bless.

PRIEST/BISHOP: May He Who rose again from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His All-Immaculate and All-Blameless Holy Mother, by the might of the precious and Life-Giving Cross; by the protection of the honourable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honourable, glorious Prophet, Fore-runner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Saints Joachim and Anna; of Saint Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker, Saint John Chrysostom, Saint(s) N. (NN.,) Saint Thomas Eleftherion whose memories we celebrate, and of all the Saints, have mercy upon us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ ✠ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST/BISHOP: The Blessing ✠ of the Lord and His mercy come upon you; always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Draw Near to Reverence the Holy Cross)

DEACON/PRIEST: Preserve, O Lord, our Metropolitan N., and our God Loving Hierarchs N.(NN.), for many years.

(If a Bishop if the Celebrant, the following is chanted:)

CHOIR: God, grant thee many years; God, grant thee many years; God, grant thee many years.

Eispolla, Eti Despota; Eispolla, Eti Despota; Eispolla, Eti Despota.

(Optional Closing Hymn)

**Prayers to be said
before departing The Divine Liturgy**

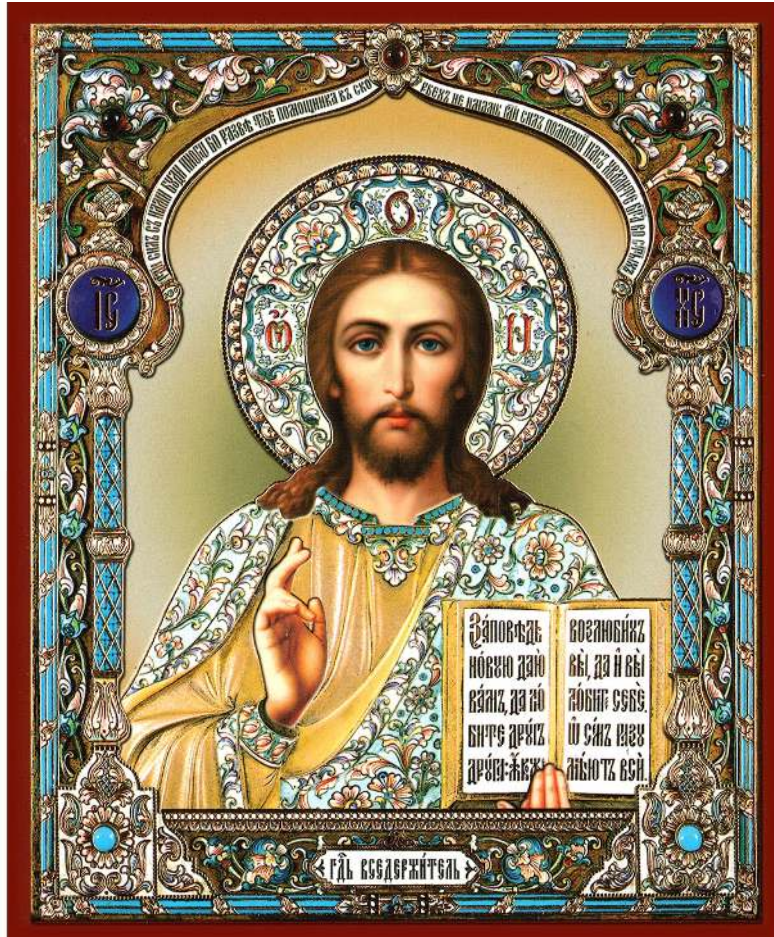
Prayer of St. Simeon

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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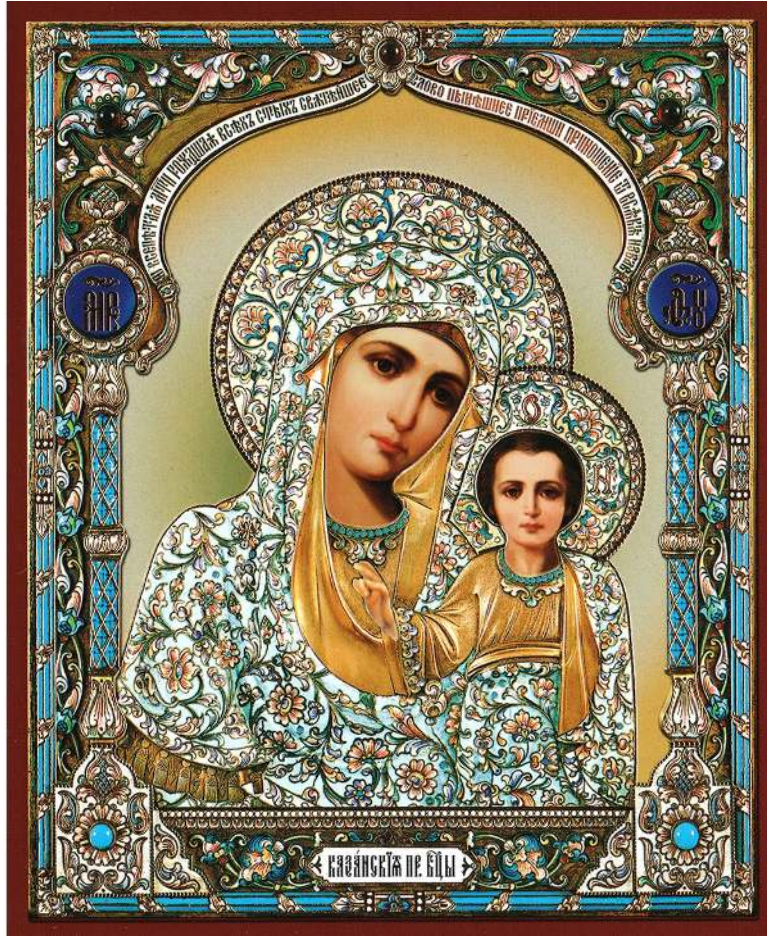
Troparion at Kissing of the Icon of Our Blessed Lord

Thy pure image do we adore, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in the body to save Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Saviour, to save the world.



Troparion at Kissing of the Icon of the Theotokos

Being a fountain of compassion, O Theotokos, make me worthy of sympathy and pity. Look upon all sinful people. Show forth thy wonted power, that like Gabriel of old, the chief of the incorporeal hosts, we may bid thee, Hail.







Prayers of Thanksgiving After Holy Communion

1.

Glory to thee, O God ✠ ,Glory to Thee, O God; Glory to Thee, O God.

2.

I thank Thee, O Lord my God, that Thou hast not rejected me, a sinner, but hast accounted me worthy to become a communicant of Thy holy Mysteries. I thank Thee that Thou hast accounted me, the unworthy, worthy to partake

of Thine Immaculate and Heavenly Gifts. But, O Master who lovest mankind, Who didst both die for us and rise again, and didst bestow upon us these thy terrible and life-giving Mysteries for the benefiting and sanctification of our souls and bodies; grant that they may be for me also unto the healing of soul and body, unto the averting of everything contrary thereto; unto the enlightenment of the eyes of my heart; unto the peace of my spiritual powers; unto faith invincible; unto love unfeigned; unto fulfilling of wisdom; unto the keeping of Thy commandments; unto growth in Thy divine grace, and the attainment of Thy kingdom; that by them preserved in Thy holiness, I may ever remember Thy grace, and henceforth live not unto myself, but unto Thee, our Master and Benefactor. And thus, when this life is ended in the hope of eternal life, I may attain unto everlasting rest, where the voice of those who keep festival is unceasing, and the delight of those who behold the ineffable beautify of Thy countenance is boundless: for Thou art the true desire and unutterable joy of those who love thee, O Christ our God, and all creation hymneth Thee forever. Amen.

3. A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Master, Christ our God, King of the ages, and maker of all things: I thank Thee for all the good things which Thou hast bestowed upon me, and for this partaking of Thine Immaculate and life-giving Mysteries. Wherefore I pray Thee, Who art good and lovest mankind: Keep me under Thy protection, and in the shadow of Thy wings; and grant unto me with a pure conscience and even unto my last breath, to partake of Thy holy Mysteries, unto remission of sins and unto life everlasting. For Thou art the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the

Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

4. A Prayer of St. Simon Metaphrastes

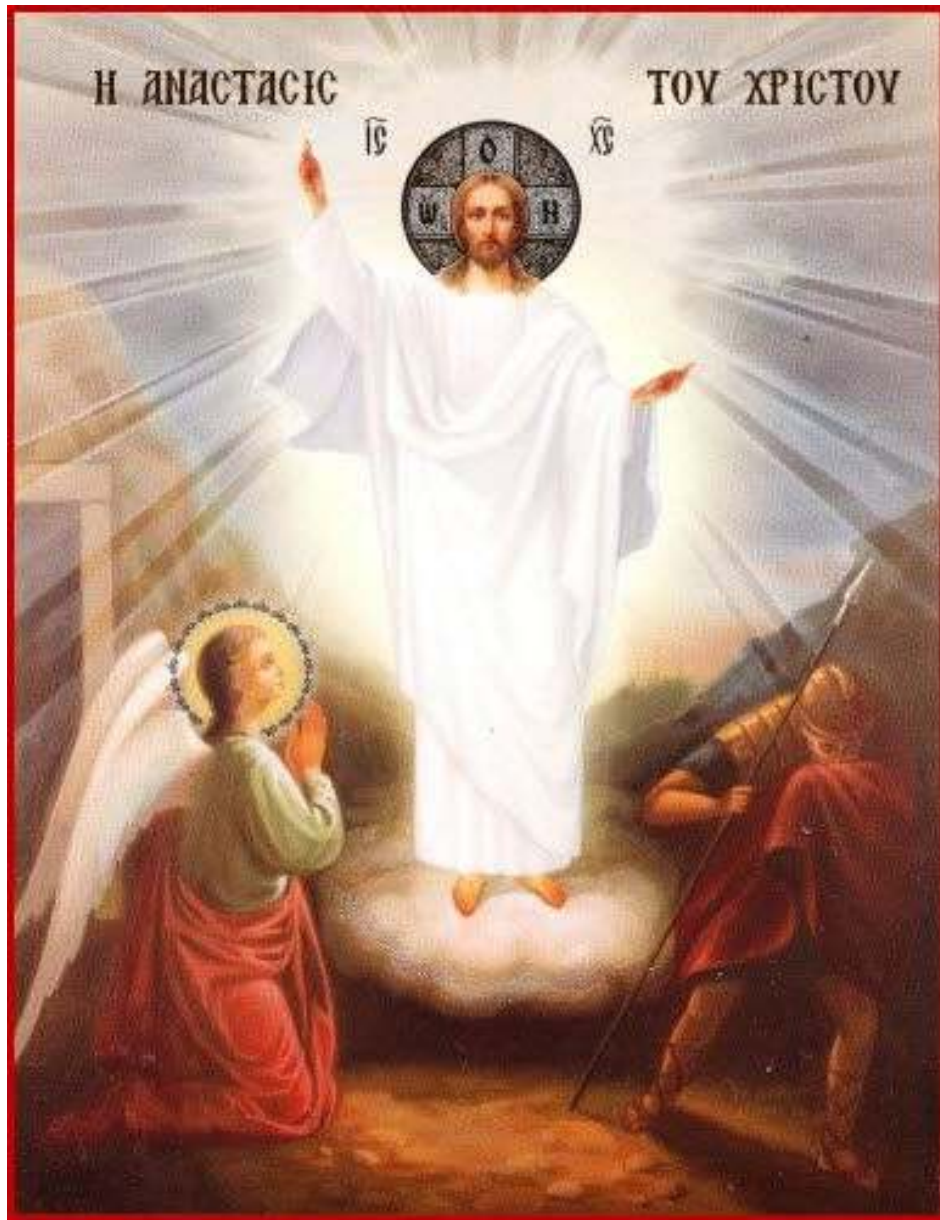
**O Thou who willingly dost give Thy flesh to me as food,
Thou who art a Fire, consuming the unworthy,
Consume me not, O my Creator;
But rather pass through all my body parts,
Into all my joints, my reins, my heart.
Burn Thou the thorns of all my transgressions,
Cleanse my soul, and hallow Thou my thoughts.
Make firm my knees, and my bones likewise;
Enlighten as one my five senses,
Establish me wholly in Thy fear;
Ever shelter me, and guard and keep me
From every soul-corrupting deed and word,
Chasten me, purify me, and control me;
Adorn me, teach me, and enlighten me.
Show me to be a Tabernacle of Thy Spirit only,
And in no wise the dwelling-place of sin,
That from me, Thy habitation, through the entrance of
Thy Communion,
Every evil deed and every passion may flee as from fire.
As intercessors I bring to thee all the Saints,
Both the Angelic Leaders of the Bodiless Powers,
Thy Fore-runner, and thy wise Apostles;
And besides these, Thine immaculate and chaste Mother;
Do thou accept their prayers, my Christ, who are
compassionate,
And make Thy servant to be a child of the light:
For Thou alone, Good Lord, are the sanctification and
splendor of our souls,
And to Thee as God and Master, day by day,
Duly we ascribe all glory.**

5.

May Thy Holy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, be unto me for life eternal, and Thy Precious Blood unto remission of my sins. May this Eucharist be unto me for joy, health, and gladness; and at Thy dread Second Coming make me, a sinner, worthy to stand at the right hand of Thy glory: through the intercessions of Thine all-immaculate Mother and of all Thy Saints. Amen.

6. A Prayer to the All-Holy Theotokos

O All-holy Lady Theotokos, light of my darkened soul, my hope, my shelter, my refuge, my consolation and my joy: I thank thee that thou hast accounted me worthy, although unworthy, to be a partaker of the Immaculate Body and Precious Blood of thy Son. But do thou, who gavest birth to the true Light, enlighten the mental eyes of my heart; O thou who didst bear the fountain of immortality, quicken thou me who lie dead in sin, O compassion-loving Mother of the merciful God, have mercy upon me, and grant me humility and contrition of heart, and meekness in my thoughts, and deliverance from the bondage of my vain imaginings. And account me worthy, even unto my last breath, to receive without condemnation the sanctification of the immaculate Mysteries, unto the healing of both soul and body. And grant unto me tears of repentance and confession, that I may hymn thee and glorify thee all the days of my life: for blessed and glorified art thou unto all ages. Amen



***Glory to Thy Third Day Resurrection, O Christ!
Thanks Be To God! Amen.***



Our Lady of Soufaniqh

“...announce my Son the Emmanuel...love one another...gather...pray, pray, pray...”

Beloved Jesus, Grant that I rest in You above all things, above all creatures, above all Your angels, above all praise, above all praise and exultation, above all glory and honor, above all Heavenly hosts;

For You alone are the Most High, You alone are the Almighty and Good above all things.

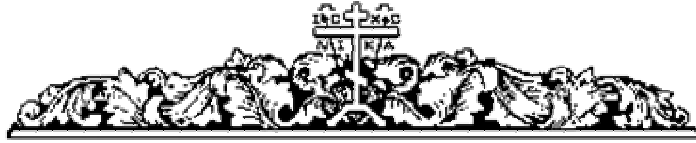
May You come to me and relieve me, and release me from my chains, and grant me freedom, because without You my joy is not complete, without You my table is empty.

Only then will I come to say: *Here I am, Lord, because You have invited me.*

O Father, through the merits of Your Son’s wounds, save us.

God saves me, Jesus enlightens me, the Holy Spirit is my life, this is why I fear nothing.

How beautiful is the family whose emblem is unity, love and faith. It’s path is My path and My Mother is its support.



Trisagion Prayers for the Dead

PRIEST/BISHOP: Blessed ✠ is our God always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

DEACON/PRIEST: Holy God ✠ ,Holy Mighty ✠ ,Holy Immortal ✠: have mercy on us. Holy God ✠, Holy Mighty ✠ ,Holy Immortal ✠ ,have mercy on us. Holy God ✠ ,Holy Mighty ✠ , Holy Immortal ✠ ,have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father ✠ ,and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God ✠ ,visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father ✠ ,and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Choir, Deacon or Priest then sings the following Hymns in Tone Four...he may incense and process around the casket, body or Memorial Table if possible)

With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of Thy servant, O Saviour; and preserve it in that life of blessedness which is with Thee, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

In the place of Thy rest, O Lord, where all Thy Saints repose, give rest also to the soul of Thy Servant; for Thou only lovest mankind.

Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Thou art our God, who descended into Hell, and loosed the bonds of those who were there: Thyself give rest also to the soul of Thy Servant.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Virgin, alone pure and immaculate, who without stain didst bring forth God, intercede for the salvation of his/her soul.

PRIEST: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee: harken and have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Again we pray for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, N., departed this life; and that Thou wilt pardon his/her every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: That the Lord God will establish his/her soul where the Just repose; the mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and remission of his/her sins, let us ask of Christ, our Immortal King and our God.

CHOIR: Grant this, O Lord.

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who has trampled down Death, and made powerless the Devil, and given life to Thy world: Do Thou the same Lord, give rest to the soul of Thy departed servant, N., in a place of rest, brightness, a place of verdure, a place of repose, whence all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. Pardon every sin which he/she hath committed, whether by word, or deed, or thought; for Thou art good, and lovest mankind: for there is no man who liveth and sinneth not, and Thou only art without sin, and Thy righteousness is to all eternity, and Thy law is truth.

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy departed servant, N., O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father ✠ Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Widsom! O Blessed Theotokos, who art most holy, save us.

CHOIR: More honourable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

PRIEST: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our 96

CHOIR: Glory to the Father ✠, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The Benediction)

PRIEST: May Christ, our true God, Who hath dominion over the living and the dead: through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; and of all the Saints, establish the soul of His servant, N., departed this life, in His holy mansions, and number him/her among the Just; and have mercy upon us; forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

CHOIR: Memory, eternal. Memory, eternal. Memory, eternal.