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We take this opportunity to commend and sincerely thank Archpriest Michael Keiser, the original compiler of the service book, as well as the Board of the Orthodox Christian Press, Archimandrite Michael Trigg, Fr. John Downing, and especially Mr. Karl Steinhoff, for their many hours of dedicated labor in preparing the revised edition.

We pray that the attentive use of these authorized liturgies and other rites and ceremonies by the Western rite clergy and laity of our beloved Archdiocese will be the cause of a spiritual and liturgical renewal within our church in North America.

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"...the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." ACTS 11:26

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## Preface

The Faith of the Orthodox Church is universal, transcending differences of geography and culture. Her worship, on the other hand, has always been sensitive to the diverse cultural and linguistic expressions of the Faith throughout the world.

During the first thousand years, before Christianity experienced the Great Schism between the East and the West, the five great centers, or Patriarchates, of Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem held the Orthodox Christian Faith in common, but used different eucharistic liturgies to express that Faith. When the Church of Rome broke with Orthodox Christianity, it took with it the ancient liturgies of the previously Orthodox Christian West.

Before that time, there would have been no difficulty in stating that the Western Rite of Orthodoxy was simply the liturgy as used by Orthodox Christians in the West. As years passed, however, Western Rite liturgy erroneously came to be identified with the theological errors of the Western Church, while the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom increasingly came to be seen as the only and definitive form of Orthodox Christian eucharistic worship.

This had the unfortunate effect of Orthodoxy's forgetting, and even denying, the riches of a thousand years of Western Orthodox Christian history, witness, and spirituality as seen in the lives of St. Patrick, St. Bede, St. Augustine of Canterbury, St. Benedict, St. Vincent of Lerins, St. Gregory the Great, and so many others.

Centuries passed before it was possible to restore the Western Rite to its proper role as the ancient spiritual, cultural, and liturgical expression of the Orthodox Church in the West. Occurring first in Europe in the nineteenth century, restoration of the rite would not take place in North America until the turn of the twentieth century,

when it was approved for use in the United States by the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Later it was Metropolitan ANTONY (Bashir), who, acting under a directive from His Beatitude ALEXANDER III, Patriarch of Antioch, in 1961 authorized use of the Western Rite within the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

Since that time, under the leadership of Metropolitan PHILIP (Saliba) and the guidance of the Very Reverend Fr. Paul W. S. Schnierla, the Vicar General of the Western Rite, congregations have grown in number, becoming a growing dimension of the Antiochian Archdiocese's mission as it seeks to bring the Orthodox Christian Faith to people of all cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

This Service Book includes the daily offices of Matins and Vespers, the Eucharistic Liturgies, and the sacramental rites, as well as devotional materials approved for use within the Archdiocese by Western Rite Orthodox congregations.

There are two forms of the Divine Liturgy. One is the revision of the Gregorian Liturgy, corrected in light of Orthodox faith and practice, as approved in 1870 by the Russian Holy Synod and subsequent Orthodox Patriarchs. The other, the Liturgy of St. Tikhon, is based upon English usage and was corrected and approved by the Russian Holy Synod in 1904. It is named after St. Tikhon because it was he who, when serving as missionary bishop in America, was instrumental in securing its original approval.

Recognition and gratitude must be offered for the pioneering work done by the Rt. Revs. Alexander Turner and Joseph Angwin, who brought these liturgies to their current form.

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# *A Table of Fast and Abstinence*

## *Strict Fast Days*

Ash Wednesday      Good Friday

Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence throughout the year.

## *Fast Periods During the Year:*

- Advent
- The Forty Days of Lent
- The Ember Days at the four seasons, being the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the First Sunday in Lent, the Feast of Pentecost, September 14, and December 13.

The Wednesdays and Fridays that fall during a fast period are considered days of fast and abstinence.

*Note: There is no fast or abstinence of any kind from Christmas Day to the eve of Epiphany, or from Easter to the following Sunday.*

Abstinence means to avoid eating certain kinds of food; e.g., flesh meat, dairy products.

Fasting means to reduce the amount of food eaten, generally to one and one-half meals per day.

## *The Order for Matins*

- *All standing, the officiant begins:*

P. O Lord, open Thou our lips.  
R. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.  
P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost.  
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. *Amen.*  
P. Praise ye the Lord.  
R. The Lord's Name be praised.

- *Then shall be said or sung the following Canticle:*

### *Venite (Psalm 95)*

**O** COME let us sing unto the Lord; \* let us heartily  
rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; \*  
and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God; \* and a great King above all  
gods.

In His hand are all the corners of the earth; \* and the  
strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it; \* and His hands  
prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel before  
the Lord our Maker.

For He is the Lord our God; \* and we are the people of  
His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts;  
\* as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in  
the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted Me, \* proved Me, and saw  
My works.

## *Matins*

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, \* It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known My ways.

Unto whom I swear in My wrath, \* that they should not enter into My rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

- Note - in non-penitential seasons, after the words "the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand", the remainder of the canticle may be replaced with the following:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth; \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with His truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

## *Psalter*

- Then follows the portion of the psalter appointed for the day. After each psalm shall be said:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

## *Matins*

### *The First Lesson*

- After the Psalter shall be the first lesson appointed for the day. The lector announces the reading, saying:

Here beginneth the NUMBER verse of the NUMBER chapter of the book of NAME.

- NOTE - Should the reading begin with the first verse of a chapter, the words "the first verse of" may be omitted in introducing the reading. Should the reading begin with the beginning of a book, the words "the first chapter of" may be similarly omitted.

- At the conclusion of the lesson the lector says:

Here endeth the first lesson.

- Then shall be said or sung:

## *Te Deum Laudamus*

WE praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

*Matins*

**T**HOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

**O** LORD save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage. Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

- *Or the following may be said:*

*Benedictus, Domine*

**B**LESSED art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou for the Name of Thy Majesty: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy holiness: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

*Matins*

Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou on the glorious throne of Thy kingdom: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art Thou in the firmament of heaven: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

*The Second Lesson*

- *The New Testament lesson is then read, the lector introducing the reading in a fashion similar to that of the first lesson, saying*

Here beginneth the NUMBER verse of the NUMBER chapter of the Epistle of NAME to NAME (Gospel according to NAME).

- *At the conclusion of the reading he says:*

Here endeth the second lesson.

- *Then shall be said or sung the hymn following:*

*Benedictus*

**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel; \* for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \* in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets, \* which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, \* and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \* and to remember His holy covenant;

### *Matins*

To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham, \* that He would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, \* might serve Him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before Him, \* all the days of our life.

And thou child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: \* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people \* for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; \* whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

- *On days when the Liturgy does not follow, the Nicene Creed on page 65 may be said here. Otherwise, all may recite together:*

### *The Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

### *Matins*

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- *After the creed is said, or otherwise after the Benedictus, the officiant begins:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

- *All recite together:*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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. Amen.

- *The officiant shall say:*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy

*Matins*

mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *Other prayers may be added at this point. In particular, prayers commonly used in this portion of the office appear in the section beginning on page 27.*

- P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us bless the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.  
P. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
R. Amen.

- *The officiant concludes with:*

*Benediction*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## ***The Order for Vespers***



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- *All standing, the officiant begins:*

P. O Lord, open Thou our lips.  
R. And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.  
P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*  
P. Praise ye the Lord.  
R. The Lord's Name be praised.

### *Psalter*

- *Then follows the portion of the psalter appointed for the day. After each psalm shall be said:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, \* world without end. *Amen.*

### *The First Lesson*

- *After the Psalter, the lector reads from the Old Testament, announcing and ending as at Matins.*
- *Then shall be said or sung:*

### *Magnificat*

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded \* the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth \* all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me; \* and holy is His Name.

*Vespers*

And His mercy is on them that fear Him \* throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm; \* He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel; \* as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

*The Second Lesson*

- *The lector reads the lesson from the New Testament as appointed, announcing and ending as at Matins.*

- *Then may be said or sung:*

*Nunc dimittis*

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;

To be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, \* and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

*Vespers*

- *Here may, at the preference of the officiant, be substituted the Nicene Creed, as it appears on page 65.*

*The Apostles' Creed*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- *Then the officiant begins:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

- *All recite together:*

*The Lord's Prayer*

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. Amen.

*Vespers*

- Then the officiant shall say:
- P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 P. Let us pray.
- Then shall follow the collect for the day, closing collects, and other prayers at the discretion of the officiant. In particular, prayers commonly used in this portion of the office appear in the section beginning on page 27.

*Collect for Peace*

**O** GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**D**ESEND us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all perils of mind and body; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, the ever-Virgin Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, of Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Andrew and of all the Saints, graciously bestow upon us both peace and safety, that all adversity and error being done away with, Thy Church may serve Thee in untroubled freedom. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

- P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 P. Let us bless the Lord.  
 R. Thanks be to God.  
 P. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
 R. Amen.

*Vespers*

*Prayer of St. John Chrysostom*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast 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 will grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

*Benediction*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

***Prayers and  
Thanks-givings***

# *Prayers and Thanksgivings*

## *The Jesus Prayer*

**L**ORD Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner.

## *Prayer to the Mother of God*

**H**AIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## *Prayer to St. Michael, Archangel*

**H**OLY Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**O** PRINCE Most Glorious, Michael the Archangel, keep us in remembrance: here and everywhere, always entreat the Son of God for us. Amen.

## *Prayer of St. John Chrysostom*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast 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 will 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 knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

### *For the Spirit of Prayer*

ALMIGHTY God, who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication, deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Prayer to a Patron Saint*

PRAY unto God for me, O holy Saint (*Name*) well pleasing to God; For I turn unto thee, who art the speedy helper and intercessor for my soul. Amen.

### *Prayer to a Guardian Angel*

O HOLY Guardian Angel, to whose care God, in His mercy, hast committed me, stand by me now, and at my last hour; protect me against all the powers of darkness; defend me from all my enemies, and conduct my soul to the mansions of bliss. Amen.

### *For a Sick Person*

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech Thee to behold, visit, and relieve Thy sick servant (*Name*) for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of Thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In Thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *For a Sick Child*

HEAVENLY Father, watch with us, we pray Thee, over the sick child for whom our prayers are offered, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is Thine alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *For One About to Undergo an Operation*

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee graciously to comfort Thy servant in *his* suffering, and to bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence, that though *he* be sometime afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *For Those in Mental Darkness*

O HEAVENLY Father, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all Thy children who are living in mental darkness. Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit, and give them health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Thanksgiving After Deliverance From Trouble*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, I most humbly and heartily thank Thy divine Majesty for Thy loving kindness and tender mercies, that Thou hast heard my humble prayer, and graciously vouchsafed to deliver me from my trouble and misery. Grant me, I beseech Thee, Thy helping grace, that I may obediently walk in Thy holy commandments, and live a godly, righteous, and sober life, ever remembering Thy mercies, and the blessings Thou hast undeservedly bestowed upon me, that I may continually offer to Thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## *Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness*

O GOD, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless Thy Name, that Thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness this Thy servant, who now desireth to return thanks unto Thee, in the presence of all Thy people. Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his* heart be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Thanksgiving for a Child's Recovery*

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, we give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness the child in whose behalf we bless and praise Thy Name, in the presence of all Thy people. Grant, we beseech Thee, O gracious Father, that *he*, through Thy help, may both faithfully live in this world according to Thy will, and also may be a partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Thanksgiving for the Church*

O GOD, whose glory fills the skies, I laud and praise Thy holy Name for all the blessings brought to me and to all in Thy holy Church, especially for our own parish. I bless Thee for the gifts of faith, knowledge, and of a whole mind; for the grace of membership, and the joy of fellowship; May the operation of Thy Sacraments so knit us all to Thee in grace that we may be able without fear or hesitation to behold Thy wonders in nature. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *An Act of Praise*

TO God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the Beloved; To God the Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood; To God the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts: Be all love, and all glory, for time and for eternity. Amen.

## *The Angelus*

- When read in a group, the Angelus is normally read responsively.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary \* and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. \* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. \* Be it done to me according to Thy word.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. \* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh \* and dwelt among us.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. \* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- The following are prayers commonly used by Orthodox Christians of the Byzantine (Eastern) Rite. Western Rite Orthodox Christians are encouraged to become familiar with these prayers and make frequent use of them.

### *Morning Prayers*

#### *The Trisagion Prayers*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

**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.

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

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

**A**LL-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. (*Thrice*)

**O**UR 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. Amen.

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.

#### *Troparia to the Holy Trinity*

**H**AVING arisen from sleep, we fall down before Thee, O Blessed One, and sing to Thee, O Mighty One, the Angelic Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

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

**F**ROM my bed and sleep Thou hast raised me: O Lord, enlighten my mind and my heart, and open my lips that I may praise Thee, O Holy Trinity : Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

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

**S**UDDENLY the Judge shall come, and the deeds of each shall be revealed: but with fear we cry out in the middle of the night: Holy, holy, holy art Thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy. (*12 times*)

### *A Prayer to the Holy Trinity*

**A**RISING from sleep I thank Thee, O Holy Trinity, because of the abundance of Thy goodness and long-suffering Thou wast not wroth with me, slothful and sinful as I am; neither hast Thou destroyed me in my transgressions: but in Thy compassion raised me up, as I lay in despair; that at dawn I might sing the glories of Thy Majesty. Do Thou now enlighten the eyes of my understanding, open my mouth to receive Thy words, teach me Thy commandments, help me to do Thy will, confessing Thee from my heart, singing and praising Thy All-holy Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Basil the Great*

**W**E bless Thee, O God most high and Lord of mercies, who ever workest great and mysterious deeds for us, glorious, wonderful, and numberless; who providest us with sleep as a rest from our infirmities and as a repose for our bodies tired by labor. We thank Thee that Thou hast not destroyed us in our transgressions, but in Thy love toward mankind Thou hast raised us up, as we lay in despair, that we may glorify Thy Majesty. We entreat Thine infinite goodness, enlighten the eyes of our understanding and raise up our minds from the heavy sleep of indolence; open our mouths and fill them with Thy praise, that we may unceasingly sing and confess Thee, who art God glorified in all and by all, the eternal Father, the Only-begotten Son, and the all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### *Midday Prayers*

- *Say first the Trisagion Prayers, then the following prayer:*

**O** CHRIST our God, who at this hour didst stretch out Thy loving arms upon the Cross that all men might be gathered unto Thee, help us and save us who cry out unto Thee; Glory to Thee, O Lord.

- *After adding personal devotions, conclude with:*

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

### *Evening Prayers*

- *Say first the Trisagion Prayers, then the following prayers:*

#### *Troparia of Thanksgiving*

**N**OW that the day has come to a close, I thank Thee, O Lord, and I ask that the evening with the night may be sinless; grant this to me, O Saviour, and save me.

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

**N**OW that the day hath passed, I glorify Thee, O Master, and I ask that the evening, with the night may be without offence; grant this to me, O Saviour, and save me.

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

**N**OW that the day hath run its course, I praise Thee, O Holy One, and I ask that the evening with the night may be undisturbed; grant this to me, O Saviour, and save me.

Lord, have mercy (12 times)

#### *A Prayer for Forgiveness*

**O** LORD our God, if during this day I have sinned, whether in word, or deed, or thought, forgive me all, for Thou art good and lovest mankind. Grant me peaceful and undisturbed sleep, and deliver me from all influence

and temptation of the evil one. Raise me up again in proper time that I may glorify Thee; for Thou art blessed: with Thine Only-begotten Son and Thine All-holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

- Say then the Creed, and the following prayer:

**O** CHRIST our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshiped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil, and distress. Encompass us with Thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

- After private devotions and intercessions, conclude with

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

- Upon lying down to sleep, say

**I**NTO Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and my body. Do Thou Thyself bless me, have mercy upon me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.

## Occasional Prayers

### *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

**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.

### *Prayer to the All-holy Trinity*

**T**HE Father is my hope; the Son is my refuge; the Holy Spirit is my protector. O All-holy Trinity, glory to Thee. Amen.

### *Prayer to the Mother of God*

**I**T is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain bearest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee. Amen.

### *Prayer to a Guardian Angel*

**O** ANGEL of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything wherein I have offended thee every day of my life, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never more anger God by any sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the Saints. Amen.

### *Prayer Upon Entering a Church*

I WILL come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy: and in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify Thee for ever, One Divine Power worshiped in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### *Prayer Upon Leaving a Church*

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; To be a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

### *A Prayer of Repentance*

LORD our God, good and merciful, I acknowledge all my sins which I have committed every day of my life, in thought, word, and deed; in body and soul alike. I am heartily sorry that I have ever offended Thee, and I sincerely repent; with tears I humbly pray Thee, O Lord: of Thy mercy forgive me all my past transgressions and absolve me from them. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to amend my way of life and to sin no more; that I may walk in the way of the righteous and offer praise and glory to the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### *A Prayer Before Commencing Any Task*

ALMIGHTY God, our Help and Refuge, Fountain of wisdom and Tower of strength, who knowest that I can do nothing without Thy guidance and help; assist me, I pray Thee, and direct me to divine wisdom and power,

that I may accomplish this task, and whatever I may undertake to do, faithfully and diligently, according to Thy will, so that it may be profitable to myself and others, and to the glory of Thy Holy Name. 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.

### *A Prayer of Repentance*

- *May be said with Morning or Evening Prayers, or separately.*

LORD our God, good and merciful, I acknowledge all my sins which I have committed every day of my life, in thought, word, and deed; in body and soul alike. I am heartily sorry that I have ever offended Thee, and I sincerely repent; with tears I humbly pray Thee, O Lord: of Thy mercy forgive me all my past transgressions and absolve me from them. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to amend my way of life and to sin no more; that I may walk in the way of the righteous and offer praise and glory to the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### *Trisagion For the Dead*

- *On the occasion of the passing away of one of the Faithful, the anniversary thereof, or upon the conclusion of a time of mourning, the "Trisagion for the Dead" may be recited.*

Priest. Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader. 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.*

**O**UR 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.

P. 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, or priest, then sings the following hymns in tone 4.*

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* soul.

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

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

P. Again we pray for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, (*Name*), departed this life; and that Thou wilt pardon *his* every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.

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

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

C. Grant this, O Lord.

P. Let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. 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, (*Name*), in a place of brightness, a place of verdure, a place of repose, whence all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. Pardon every sin which *he* 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.

P. Let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

P. For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy departed servant, (*Name*), 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.*

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

C. More honorable 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.

P. Glory to Thee, O Christ, our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

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

### *The Benediction*

**M**AY Christ, our true God, who hast 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, (*Name*), departed this life, in His holy mansions, and number *him* 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.*

C. Memory eternal. Memory eternal. Memory eternal.

## *Preparation for Holy Communion*

**I**N the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PSALM 43. Judica me, Deus.**

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For Thou art the God of my strength: why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**O** MOST blessed Saviour, in union with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving:

- For Thy greater glory
- For the remembrance of Thy sacrifice.
- To give thanks for all blessings, especially . . .
- To ask help of Thee, especially for . . .
- To ask Thee to bless friends and relations, especially . . .
- For the dead, especially . . .

*Let the power of the Holy Spirit come upon us, O Lord, we beseech Thee that He may both mercifully cleanse our hearts, and defend us from all adversities. Amen.*

## *Thanksgiving for Holy Communion*

**O** GOD, who under a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood; that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

*Anima Christi*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
Body of Christ, save me;  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
O good Jesu, hear me;  
Within Thy wounds hide me;  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;  
From the malicious enemy defend me;  
In the hour of my death call me,  
And bid me come to Thee.  
That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee  
For ever and ever. Amen.

*An Oblation of Self*

**A**CCEPT, O Lord, my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I am and have Thou hast given me; and I give all back to Thee to be disposed of according to Thy good pleasure. Give me only the comfort of Thy presence and joy of Thy love; with these I shall be more than rich and shall desire nothing more.

**B**LESSED, praised, worshiped and adored be Jesus Christ, on His throne of glory in heaven, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

## *The Litany*



**THROUGH THY CROSS AND PASSION  
O LORD + DELIVER US**

*The Litany*  
*or General Supplication*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, one God;

*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

*The Litany*

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and Commandment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee so to rule the heart of Thy servant, our head of state, that he may above all things seek Thy honour and glory;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

*The Litany*

That it may please Thee to send forth labourers into Thy harvest;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give us an heart to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give to all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air, all women in child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

*The Litany*

That it may please Thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word;

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

*Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*Grant us Thy peace.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*The Litany*

- *Then shall all say the Lord's Prayer:*

**O** UR 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. Amen.

Let us pray.

**W**E humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of Thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ***The Divine Liturgy of St. Tikhon***



*The Divine Liturgy  
of St. Tikhon*  
*commonly called*  
*The Mass*

- *During Advent and Lent, the Liturgy may begin with the recitation of the Litany, which appears on pages 51-55.*
- *On Sundays and other special Feast days, the Liturgy may continue with the remainder of our Baptism, called*

*The Asperges*

ANT. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Ps. 51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

- *The Gloria Patri is omitted on Passion Sunday and on Palm Sunday.*

ANT. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

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- *On Sunday, from Easter Day to Pentecost inclusive, the following shall be sung instead of the above.*

ANT. I beheld water which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluia; And all they to whom that water came were healed every one, and they say, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Liturgy of St. Tikhon*

*Ps. 118.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANT. I beheld water which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluia; And all they to whom that water came were healed every one and they say, Alleluia, Alleluia.

P. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us. (Alleluia)

R. And grant us Thy salvation. (Alleluia)

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this Thy holy habitation; Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

• At Solemn Liturgy, incense is set, after which the altar and priest are censed. The priest, standing at the altar, may begin the following preparation:

P. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

P. Ps. 43. Give sentence with me O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

*Liturgy of St. Tikhon*

R. For Thou art the God of my strength: why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily while the enemy oppresseth me?

P. O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling.

R. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

P. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

R. O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give Him thanks: which is the help of my countenance and my God.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

• *The foregoing psalm is omitted in Requiem Masses, and from Passion Sunday to Easter.*

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

P. Our help is in the (+) Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

P. I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you brethren: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore, I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel,

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blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

R. Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.  
P. Amen.

- In the following, the word "Father" replaces the word "brethren" in the confiteor just recited.

R. I confess . . . and to you, Father: that I have sinned . . . etc.  
P. Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.  
R. Amen.  
P. May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution (+) and remission of all our sins.  
R. Amen.  
P. Turn us, again, O Lord, and quicken us.  
R. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.  
P. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.  
R. And grant us Thy salvation.  
P. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

- The priest ascends to the altar and reverences it with a kiss.

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*The Introit*

- The appointed psalm verse is said or sung. The priest, standing at the altar, says the opening devotions.

**A**LMIGHTY God unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

- Then shall be said or sung:

*The Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy upon us.	(Kyrie, eleison)
Lord, have mercy upon us.	(Kyrie, eleison)
Lord, have mercy upon us.	(Kyrie, eleison)
Christ, have mercy upon us.	(Christe, eleison)
Christ, have mercy upon us.	(Christe, eleison)
Christ, have mercy upon us.	(Christe, eleison)
Lord, have mercy upon us.	(Kyrie, eleison)
Lord, have mercy upon us.	(Kyrie, eleison)
Lord, have mercy upon us.	(Kyrie, eleison)

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*The Gloria In Excelsis*

P. Glory be to God on high,

R. And on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O (Jesus) Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the (+) glory of God the Father. Amen.

- *The Gloria is omitted during Advent and Lent, and at Nuptial and Requiem Masses.*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

*The Collects*

- *Then the priest shall read the appropriate Collects for the day, at the end of which is said*

. . . world without end.      R. Amen.

*The Epistle*

- *Then the Epistle appointed for the day is read or sung, concluding with*

R. Thanks be to God.

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*The Gradual*

- *The priest prays to worthily proclaim the Gospel, incense is set, and the Book of the Gospels censed after the salutation.*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The continuation (beginning) of the Holy Gospel according to (*Name*).

- *The people, standing, sign themselves on the forehead, lips and breast.*  
R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
- *The Gospel is then read or sung, concluding with*  
R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.
- *Here, the Sermon may be delivered and announcements made. But note that the sermon may be delivered at another place, at the discretion of the priest.*

*The Nicene Creed*

**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 only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven (*kneel*), and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (*rise*) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

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And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, (+) and the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

- *The creed is said on all Sundays and Greater Feasts, but is omitted at Nuptial and Requiem Masses.*

### *The Offertory*

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

- *The appropriate verse is said or sung. A Hymn may be sung while the priest prepares the offering of bread and wine with the appropriate prayers. At Solemn Mass, incense is set, and the offering, altar, celebrant, and people are censed. This done, the priest turns to the people and bids them to share in the offering.*

P. Pray brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.  
R. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.

### *The Memorials*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men, we humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to accept (these) our oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy

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Divine Majesty, beseeching Thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord. And grant that all those who do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech Thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, especially (*Name*), our Patriarch, (*Name*), our Metropolitan, and to the Holy Synod of Antioch, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments.

And to all Thy People give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word, truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

- *The priest may here commemorate specific names.*

And we also bless (+) Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants, departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service. And give us grace so to follow the good examples of blessed Mary and all Thy Saints, that, through their intercessions,

we with them may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

- *Here may be said the following communion devotions. But note, that they may be omitted, or said immediately before communion, at the discretion of the priest.*

### *The Communion Devotions*

- *Then shall the priest say to those who intend to receive Holy Communion:*

**Y**E who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

- *Then shall the priest and all those of a mind to receive Holy Communion say together*

### *The General Confession*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please Thee in newness of life. To the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- *Then shall the priest turn to the people and say*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him; have mercy upon you; pardon (+) and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### *The Comfortable Words*

P. Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to Him:

**C**OME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. .... *St. Matthew xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. .... *St. John iii. 16.*

Hear also what St. Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. .... *I Timothy i. 15.*

Hear also what St. John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. .... *I John ii. 1, 2.*

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*The Sursum Corda*

- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- R. We lift them up onto the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- R. It is meet and right so to do.
- P. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God.

*The Proper Preface*

- Here shall follow the proper preface, if there be one, followed by

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying,

*The Sanctus*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed (+) is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.

*The Canon of the Mass*

*The Consecration*

**A**LL glory be to Thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that Thou, of Thy tender mercy, didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who there (by His own oblation of himself once offered) made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins

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of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again: (*A bell rings once.*) For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is My Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of Me. (*A bell rings thrice for the offering of the Host.*) Likewise, after supper, He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; For this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. (*A bell rings thrice for the offering of the Cup.*)

*The Oblation*

**W**HEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, we, Thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto Thee, the memorial Thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance His blessed Passion and precious Death, His mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

*The Epiclesis*

**A**ND we most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and of Thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to send down Thy Holy Spirit upon these Thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be changed into the Body and Blood of Thy most dearly beloved Son. Grant that we, receiving them according to

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Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

R. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**A**ND we earnestly desire Thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant that, by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we, and all Thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray. And now as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*The Lord's Prayer*

**O**UR 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;

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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, for ever and ever.) *Amen.*

- *The Doxology is omitted from the Lord's Prayer at all Low, Nuptial, and Requiem Masses.*
- *The priest now says the prayer for the Fracture, or breaking of the Bread, and exchanges the Pax, or Peace, with the congregation.*

**D**ELIVER us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: And at the intercession of the blessed, glorious, and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with that of Thy blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and all Thy Saints favorably grant peace in our time, that we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, who with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

P. The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.

*The Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

- *In Requiem Masses, instead of "Have mercy upon us," the following is said: "Grant them rest, grant them rest, grant them rest eternal."*

- Then shall the priest and people say together:

*The Prayer of Humble Access*

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

- The priest makes his own Communion. The bell may ring three times, signalling the people to come forward for Communion. Turning to the faithful, the priest says:

P. Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

- Repeated three times:

P. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof,

R. But speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

- Then shall the priest and people say together the following prayer in preparation to receive Holy Communion.

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.

*Holy Communion*

- In accordance with Orthodox canon law and practice, only Orthodox Christians may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Orthodox Churches.
- The priest and assisting clergy communicate the people with the following words:

(For the Host) The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

(For the Chalice) The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

(If the Body and Blood are administered together) The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given and shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

- After Communion, the priest performs the Ablutions, cleansing the sacred vessels.
- If the propers are being chanted, the Communion Verse for the day is sung at this point. If not sung, it is read following the

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Let us pray.

- *The priest and people shall say together:*

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, We most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of His most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

- *Then are said or sung, the Post-Communion Collects that are appointed for the day, ending with*
- . . . world without end. *Amen.*

*The Dismissal*

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Depart in peace.  
R. Thanks be to God.

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- *Or, in penitential seasons,*

P. Let us bless the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

- *At Requiem Masses is said:*

P. May they rest in peace.  
R. Amen.

*The Blessing*

**T**HE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, (+) the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

- *Then may be said, all standing:*

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not the Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth

every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God  
*(kneel)* And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,  
*(rise)* and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

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of St. Gregory  
commonly called  
The Mass*

- *On Sundays, the service may begin with the weekly reminder of our Baptism, called*

*The Asperges*

ANT. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Ps. 51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- *The Gloria Patri is omitted on Passion Sunday and on Palm Sunday.*

ANT. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

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- *On Sunday, from Easter Day to Pentecost inclusive, the following shall be sung instead of the above.*

ANT. I beheld water which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluia; And all they to whom that water came were healed every one, and they say, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Ps. 118. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

ANT. I beheld water which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluia; And all they to whom that water came were healed every one and they say, Alleluia, Alleluia.

- P. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us. (Alleluia).
- R. And grant us Thy salvation. (Alleluia)
- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this Thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- At Solemn Mass, a hymn may be sung while the preparation is said, and the altar is censed.

- P. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- R. Amen.
- P. I will go unto the altar of God.
- R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.
- P. Ps. 43. Give sentence with me O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
- R. For Thou art the God of my strength: why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily while the enemy oppresseth me?

- P. O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling.
- R. And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.
- P. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?
- R. O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks: which is the help of my countenance and my God.
- P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

- NOTE, the foregoing psalm is omitted in Requiem Masses, and from Passion Sunday to Easter.

- P. I will go unto the altar of God.
- R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.
- P. Our help is in the (+) Name of the Lord.
- R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
- P. I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you brethren: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Therefore, I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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- R. Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.  
 P. Amen.

*In the following, the word "Father" replaces the word "brethren" in the confiteor just recited.*

- R. I confess . . . and to you, Father: that I have sinned . . . etc.  
 P. Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.  
 R. Amen.  
 P. May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution (+) and remission of all our sins.  
 R. Amen.  
 P. Turn us, again, O Lord, and quicken us.  
 R. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.  
 P. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.  
 R. And grant us Thy salvation.  
 P. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
 R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
 P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 P. Let us pray.

- *The priest ascends to the altar, saying appropriate prayers, and reverencing it with a kiss.*

### *The Introit*

- *The appointed psalm verse is sung or read. At Solemn Mass, incense is blessed, and the altar and celebrant censed.*

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#### *The Kyrie*

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| Kyrie, eleison   | (Lord, have mercy).   |
| Kyrie, eleison   | (Lord, have mercy).   |
| Kyrie, eleison   | (Lord, have mercy).   |
| Christe, eleison | (Christ, have mercy). |
| Christe, eleison | (Christ, have mercy). |
| Kyrie, eleison   | (Lord, have mercy).   |
| Kyrie, eleison   | (Lord, have mercy).   |
| Kyrie, eleison   | (Lord, have mercy).   |

#### *The Gloria in Excelsis*

- P. Glory be to God on high,  
 R. And on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
 O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O (Jesus) Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the (+) glory of God the Father. Amen.

- *The Gloria is omitted during Advent and Lent, and at Nuptial and Requiem Masses.*

- P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit  
 P. Let us pray.

### *The Collects*

- Then the priest shall read the appropriate Collects for the day, at the end of which is said

. . . world without end.      R. Amen.

### *The Epistle*

- Then the Epistle appointed for the day is read, concluding with

R. Thanks be to God.

### *The Gradual*

- The priest prays to worthily proclaim the Gospel, incense is set, and the Book of the Gospels censed after the salutation.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The continuation (beginning) of the Holy Gospel according to (Name).

- The people, standing, sign themselves on the forehead, lips and breast.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

- The Gospel is then read or sung, concluding with

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

- Here, the Sermon may be delivered and announcements made. But NOTE, that the sermon may be delivered at another place, at the discretion of the priest.

### *The Nicene Creed*

**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 only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten, not

made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven (*kneel*), and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (*rise*) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, (+) and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

- NOTE, the Creed is said on all Sundays and Greater Feasts, but is omitted at Nuptial and Requiem Masses.

### *The Offertory*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

- The appropriate verse is said or sung. A hymn may be sung while the priest prepares the Offering of bread and wine with the appropriate prayers. At Solemn Mass incense is set, and the Offering, Altar, celebrant, and people are censed. This done, the priest turns to the people and bids them to share in the offering.

- P. Brethren, pray that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.
- R. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.

### *The Secrets*

- *The priest says the Secret prayers proper to the day. He concludes,*  
... throughout ages of ages. R. Amen.

### *The Sursum Corda*

- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- R. We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- R. It is meet and right so to do.
- P. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God.

### *The Proper Preface*

- *Here shall follow the proper preface, if there be one, followed by*

Through Christ, our Lord, by whom the angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominions adore Thee, the Powers tremble, the Heavens and the heavenly Host and the blessed Seraphim join with one glad voice in extolling Thee. To their voices we pray Thee, let ours be added, while we say with humble praise:

### *The Sanctus*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed (+) is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.

### *The Canon*

#### *The consecration*

**T**HEREFORE, most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech Thee through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, that Thou wouldst be pleased to accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy, spotless sacrifices, which we offer Thee in the first place for Thy holy Catholic Church, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to keep her in peace under Thy protection, to bring her to unity and to guide her throughout the world: likewise for (Name) our Patriarch, for (Name) our Metropolitan, for the Holy Synod of Antioch, for the head of our State, and for all Orthodox believers who hold the Catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servants and all here present whose faith and devotion are known unto Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer to Thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves and those belonging to them, for the salvation of their souls, for their health and welfare, and who pay their vows to Thee, the eternal, living and true God. (*Here specific intentions may be made.*)

In communion with, and venerating first the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; and also of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs (*here individual saints may be named*) and of all Thy

Saints, through whose prayers grant that in all things we may be guarded by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**W**E therefore pray Thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept this offering of our service and that of all Thy family; to order our days in Thy peace, to deliver us from eternal damnation, and to number us in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**W**HICH offering, we beseech Thee, O God, to bless, consecrate, approve, make worthy and acceptable in every way, that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy most beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands and, with His eyes lifted up to heaven unto Thee, God His Almighty Father, giving thanks unto Thee, He blessed, brake and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this, for This is my Body.

**I**N like manner after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks unto Thee, He blessed it, and gave it to His disciples saying: Take and drink ye all of this, for This is the cup of my Blood of the new and eternal testament, the mystery of faith, which shall be shed for you and for many unto the remission of sins. As oft as ye shall do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of Me.

**W**HEREFORE, O Lord, we Thy servants, as also Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same Christ, Thy Son our Lord, His Resurrection from the dead and glorious Ascension into heaven, offer unto

Thy most excellent Majesty of Thy gifts bestowed upon us a pure host, a holy host, a spotless host, the holy bread of eternal life, and the chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look with a favorable and serene countenance, and to accept them as Thou wert graciously pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto Thee, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

### *The Epiclesis*

**A**ND we beseech Thee, O Lord to send down Thy Holy Spirit upon these offerings, that He would make this bread the precious Body of Thy Christ, and that which is in this Cup the precious Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, transmuting them by Thy Holy Spirit.

R. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**W**E humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, to command that these things be borne by the hands of Thy holy angel to Thine altar on high, into the presence of Thy divine Majesty, that so many of us as shall partake at this altar of the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with all heavenly benediction. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**B**E mindful also, O Lord, of Thy servants who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and who rest in the sleep of peace. (*here the departed are commemorated*) To them, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant we pray Thee a place of refreshment, light and peace, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**T**O us sinners also, Thy servants, confiding in the multitude of Thy mercies, grant some lot and partnership with Thy holy apostles and martyrs (*Here individual saints may be named.*) and with all Thy saints, into whose company we pray Thee of Thy mercy to admit us, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences. Through Christ, our Lord, by whom O Lord, Thou dost ever create, sanctify, quicken, bless and bestow upon us all these good things. For by him, and with him, and in him is to Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory, throughout all ages of ages. *Amen.*

Let us pray. Instructed by saving precepts and following Thy divine institution, we presume to say:

*The Lord's Prayer*

**O**UR 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, for ever and ever.) *Amen.*

- *The priest now says the prayer for the Fracture, or breaking of the bread, and exchanges the Pax, or Peace, with the congregation.*

P. . .throughout all ages of ages. *Amen.*

P. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

*The Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us Thy peace.

- *At Requiem Masses, instead of "Have mercy upon us", the following is said or sung: "Grant them rest, grant them rest, grant them rest eternal."*
- *The priest then says the following pre-communion prayers, which the people may also say.*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father and the cooperation of the Holy Spirit hast, by Thy death, given life to the world, deliver me, I beseech Thee, by this Thy most holy Body and Blood, from all iniquities and from every evil. Make me ever obedient to Thy commandments, and suffer me not to be for ever separated from Thee, who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the same Spirit, God, throughout all ages of ages. *Amen.*

**L**ET not the participation of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I albeit unworthy, receive, be to me for judgment and condemnation; but by Thy goodness may it be a safeguard and remedy both to soul and body, who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, God, throughout all ages of ages. *Amen.*

- *The priest makes his own Communion. The bells may ring three times signaling the people to come forward for Communion. Turning to the faithful, the priest says:*

### *Liturgy of St. Gregory*

P. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

• Then, three times:

P. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest enter under my roof.

R. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

• Then shall the priest and people say together the following prayer in preparation to receive Holy Communion.

**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.

### *Holy Communion*

• In accordance with Orthodox canon law and practice, only Orthodox Christians may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Orthodox Churches.

• The priest and assisting clergy communicate the people with the following words:

P. May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

• After communion, the priest performs the Ablutions, cleansing the sacred vessels.

### *Liturgy of St. Gregory*

• The proper Communion verse is read or sung. Then all stand for

### *The Postcommunion Prayer*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray. . . throughout all ages of ages. Amen.

### *The Dismissal*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Ite missa est.

R. Deo Gratias.

• In penitential seasons, may be said:

P. Let us bless the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

• At Requiem Masses is said:

P. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

• Then the priest says the final prayer, and turns to the people, and says:

### *The Blessing*

**T**HE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, (+) and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you, and remain with you always. Amen

• Then may be read the Prologue to John's Gospel, all standing:

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not the Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God (*kneel*) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (*rise*) and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

***The Administration of Holy Communion  
in Exceptional Circumstances***

- *A priest or deacon, when visiting those who, for reasons of age or infirmity, are unable to attend the Divine Liturgy, may communicate the Orthodox faithful using the following rite:*
- *All present may begin by saying:*

***The Lord's Prayer***

**O**UR 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. Amen.

***Invitation to Confession***

- *The priest or deacon shall say to all those present*

**Y**E who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

***The General Confession***

- *Then shall the priest and all those of a mind to receive Holy Communion say together*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty,

Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life. To the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

- *or, if desirable, this shortened form:*

**O** ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away with our offences and cleanse us from our sins; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

- *Opportunity shall here be given for private confession to be made to the priest, after which the priest, granting absolution, shall say:*

**T**HE Almighty and merciful Lord grant thee pardon and remission of all thy sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### *The Communion Devotions*

- *Then shall the priest or deacon, together with all those present, say*

**W**E do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body,

and our souls washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

- *or, if preferred, the following:*

**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.*

### *Administration of Communion*

- *The priest or deacon administers Holy Communion to those Orthodox Christians present who are prepared to receive the Sacrament, with the following words:*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given and shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

- *When appropriate, the following rite of Unction and/or laying on of hands by a priest may take place at this time.*

**I** ANOINT thee with oil, *(or)* *(and)* I lay my hand(s) upon thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; beseeching the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all thy pain and sickness of body being put to flight, the blessing of health may be restored unto thee. *Amen.*

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, We most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of His most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### *The Blessing*

- *The priest may close with*

**T**HE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, (+) the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

- *If the rite is conducted by a deacon, he may close with*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

- *NOTE - in extreme circumstances, all the foregoing may be omitted except for the Confession and absolution (if performed by a priest) in preparation for receiving Communion.*

## *Prayers*

- *These prayers may be said with the foregoing rite, at the discretion of the priest or deacon.*

### *A Prayer For Recovery*

**O** GOD of heavenly power, who, by the might of Thy command, drivest away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity; Be present in Thy goodness with this Thy servant, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength recalled; that *his* health being thereupon restored, *he* may bless Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### *A Prayer for Healing*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who art the giver of all health, and the aid of them that turn to Thee for succour; We entreat Thy strength and goodness in behalf of this Thy servant, that *he* may be healed of *his* infirmities, to Thine honour and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### *A Thanksgiving for the Beginning of a Recovery*

**G**REAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again, we bless Thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our brother to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Thy Name that Thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness, but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy will; and at last didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him*; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure, that, being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Thine house, to offer Thee an obla-

tion with great gladness, and to bless Thy holy Name for all Thy goodness toward *him*; Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### *A Prayer for Spiritual and Physical Renewal*

**O** LORD, holy Father, by whose loving-kindness our souls and bodies are renewed, mercifully look upon this Thy servant, that, every cause of sickness being removed, *he* may be restored to soundness of health; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## *Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*This service is dedicated to the Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the bread and wine. It is a time for enjoying the presence of God, and it is also an act of thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist.*

*Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in the West parallels devotion to the icon in the East. Both devotions are based upon the same Incarnational theology, and the same desire of the faithful to “come and see”, to have a devotional point of contact with Jesus.*

- *The priest, having placed the Host in the monstrance, kneels before the altar and intones the following hymn:*

### *O salutaris hostia*

O saving victim, opening wide  
The gates of heaven to man below,  
Our foes press on from every side,  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to Thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three:  
O grant us life that shall not end  
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

- *A litany or hymn of praise may be offered here, then the following hymn:*

### *Tantum ergo Sacramentum*

Therefore we before him bending,  
This great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
For the newer rite is here;  
Faith our outward sense befriending,  
Makes our inward vision clear.  
Glory let us give and blessing

To the Father and the Son;  
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too His love confessing  
Who, from One, with both is one. *Amen.*

- P. Thou gavest them bread from heaven, (Alleluia)  
R. Containing in itself all sweetness. (Alleluia)

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption, who livest and reigneth, world without end. *Amen.*

- *The priest goes to the altar, takes the monstrance and blesses the congregation. Then he leads the people in the Divine Praises, the people repeating each line after him.*

### *The Divine Praises*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and His Saints.

*Antiphon:* Let us for ever adore: the most holy Sacrament.  
(Alleluia)

### *Psalm 117*

**O** PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations, praise him, all ye peoples.

For His merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

*Antiphon:* Let us for ever adore: the most holy Sacrament.  
(Alleluia)

## *The Sacrament of Penance*

- *The penitent kneels in the accustomed place and says:*

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

- *The priest responds:*

May the Lord be in thy heart and upon thy lips, that thou mayest worthily confess all thy sins; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

- *The penitent confesses:*

I confess to God Almighty, to all the Saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned very much in thought, word, deed, and omission, by my own great fault. Since my last confession, which was (*here tell the priest when it occurred*), when I received absolution and performed my penance, I have committed these sins: (*here confess specific sins*). For these and all my other sins which I cannot remember, I am very sorry. I will try to do better, and I humbly ask pardon of God; and of you, Father, penance, advice, and absolution.

- *The priest may address a few words to the penitent and enjoin a penance; then he shall say:*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, absolution, and remission of your sins. *Amen.*

***The Office for  
Ash Wednesday***

# *The Office for Ash Wednesday*

## *Containing a Penitential Office and Blessing of Ashes*

- *On the First Day of Lent, the following may be read immediately after the Litany; or it may be used separately. (But the Priest may omit all that follows to the antiphon, Hear us, O Lord.) The priest and people, kneeling, say this psalm together.*

*Psalm 51. Miserere mei, Deus.*

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness; \* according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight; \* that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou shalt judge.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts, \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins, \* and put out all my misdeeds.

Make 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.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again, \* and establish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked, \* and

sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee; \* but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

- If the Litany has already been said, pass at once to "O Lord, save Thy servants", etc.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, save Thy servants;

*That put their trust in Thee.*

Send unto them help from above.

*And evermore mightily defend them.*

Help us, O God our Saviour.

*And for the glory of Thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for Thy Name's sake.*

O Lord, hear our prayer.

*And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Then shall all say together:

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to Thy people, Who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O

Lord, for Thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Then shall the priest say:*

**O** GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

**T**HE LORD bless us, and keep us. The LORD make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The LORD lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

- *Then shall the priest go to the altar, and, standing at the epistle side, the following antiphon shall be read or sung:*

Hear us, O Lord, for Thy loving-kindness is comfortable; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, turn Thee unto us, O Lord.

*Ps. 69. Save me, O God, for the waters are come in, \* even unto my soul.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Hear us, O Lord, for Thy loving-kindness is comfortable; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, turn Thee unto us, O Lord.

- *Without turning to the people, the priest says:*

P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech Thee to spare those who are penitent, and to be merciful to those who call upon Thee. Vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven, to bless (+) and sanctify (+) these ashes, that they may be a wholesome medicine to all who devoutly call upon Thy Holy Name, whose consciences by sin are accused, and who bewail their sins in the sight of Thy divine compassion, humbly and earnestly imploring Thy bountiful loving-kindness. And grant that, by the calling on Thy most Holy Name, all who are sprinkled therewith for the remission of their sins may receive both healing of body and protection of soul. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved: mercifully look upon the frailty of our mortal nature, and of Thy goodness vouchsafe to bless (+) these ashes now to be set upon our heads in token of humility and to obtain Thy pardon; that we, knowing we are but dust, and that for our unworthiness unto dust shall we return, may through Thy mercy be found meet to receive forgiveness of all our sins, and those good things which Thou hast promised to the penitent. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who dost turn unto those who humble themselves, and acceptest those who offer atonement: incline Thy merciful ear to our prayers; and graciously pour forth upon the heads of Thy servants now to be sprinkled with these ashes the grace of Thy heavenly benediction. Fill them with the spirit of contrition, and grant that those things which they have faithfully asked may be

effectually obtained, that whatsoever Thou hast bestowed may remain constant and unchanged in us for ever. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst bestow the healing of Thy pardon upon the people of Nineveh when they repented in sackcloth and ashes: grant that we, using their signs of penance, may likewise obtain the pardon which we humbly seek. Through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *Then the priest, after putting the incense into the thurible and blessing it, shall sprinkle the ashes with holy water three times, saying:*

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- *Then he censes the ashes. The people come forward to kneel at the altar rail. Imposing ashes on the forehead of each penitent, the priest says:*

Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

- *After washing his hands, the priest, standing at the epistle corner, says:*
  - P. The Lord be with you.
  - R. And with thy spirit.
  - P. Let us pray.

**G**RANT us, O Lord, to begin with holy fasting this campaign of our Christian warfare: that as we do battle with spiritual wickedness, we may be defended by the aids of self-denial. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Then shall follow the Divine Liturgy.*

# ***The Liturgy for Palm Sunday***



## *Palm Sunday*

### *Blessing of Palms and Procession*

- *The priest begins with the opening antiphon*

Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

**I**NCREASE, O Lord, we pray Thee, the faith of them that put their trust in Thee. Graciously hear the prayers of Thy humble servants; send down upon us the manifold gifts of Thy mercy and vouchsafe to bless and hallow these branches of palm; that, like as a figure of Thy Church, Thou didst bless Noah going forth from the ark and Moses, going forth out of Egypt with the children of Israel, so we this day bearing palms may go forth into the world with all good works to meet with Christ, our Saviour, and through him enter into everlasting gladness: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *Then shall be said or sung:*

The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

- *The priest distributes the palms, first to his assistants, then to the people. If there is a choir, an anthem or hymn may be sung.*

- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
- R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
- The first nine verses of chapter 21 of St. Matthew's Gospel are read, concluding with:*
- R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

- Before the procession is formed, the following is said:*

The multitudes with branches go forth to meet their Redeemer and give worthy homage to the triumphant Conqueror. The Gentiles with their lips proclaim the Son of God: and in their praise of Christ, the Redeemer King, their voices thunder through the sky: Hosanna in the highest.

- P. Let us go forth in peace.
- R. In the Name of Christ. Amen.

- During the procession, the following hymn shall be sung, beginning with this refrain:*

All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.

- Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son.  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

*Refrain.*

- The company of Angels, are praising Thee on high;  
and mortal men, and all things, created make reply.

*Refrain.*

- The people of the Hebrews, with palms before Thee

went: our praise and prayers and anthems, before Thee we present.

*Refrain.*

- To Thee before Thy Passion, they sang their hymns of praise: to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

*Refrain.*

- Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

*Refrain.*

- In addition, Psalm 147 may be said or sung, with appropriate antiphons. As the procession returns to the church, the following is said or sung:*

*Responsory.*

- P. As our Lord entered the holy city, the Hebrew children, declaring the resurrection of life, \* with palm branches, cried out: Hosanna in the highest.

- V. When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went forth to meet him: \* with palm branches.

- The following hymn may then be sung:*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
Thy humble beast pursues his road  
With palms and scatter'd garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on in majesty:  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondr'ing eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Expects His own anointed Son.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy power and reign. *Amen.*

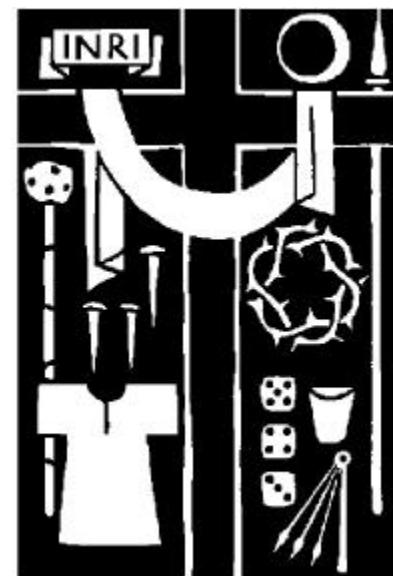
- *When the priest reaches the altar, he turns to the people and says:*

- P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

O GOD, who gatherest together the outcasts and preservest them whom Thou has gathered; who didst bless the people when they went forth bearing branches to meet Jesus; grant that into whatsoever place Thy faithful servants shall bear these palms, here received in honor of Thy Holy Name, that Thy dwellers therein may obtain Thy blessing; and being delivered from all adversity, may they ever be defended by Thy mighty powers, who are redeemed by Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *Then shall follow the Divine Liturgy.*

## ***Stations of the Cross***





## *Stations of the Cross*

*(At the foot of the Altar)*



- ¶ IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,  
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. *Amen.*
- P. Christ, for our sakes, became obedient unto death.  
R. Even the death of the cross.  
P. By His own blood He entered once into the Holy Place.  
R. Having obtained eternal redemption for us.  
P. O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and Passion hast redeemed us,  
R. Save and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.

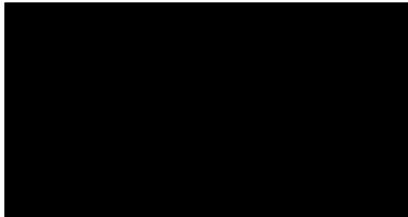
Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, who for the redemption of the world didst walk the way of the Cross and bore in Thy sinless self the sins of the many; Grant that we, following in Thy footsteps, may obtain increase of Thy love, and walk all the days of our life in Thy paths; who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *Enroute to each station there may be sung verses from the Pange Lingua or other appropriate hymn, e.g., Stabat Mater, which appears on pages 145–146.*

NOW LET HEARTS BE FILLED WITH WONDER  
AS THE HOLY WAY WE TRACE,  
WHICH OUR SAVIOUR TROD BEFORE US  
WHO IS FIRST OF ALL OUR RACE  
THAT IN GAINING OUR SALVATION  
HE MIGHT BLOT OUT OUR DISGRACE

## I. JESUS is Condemned to Death



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord of justice standing before the judgment seat. Pilate washes his hands; the rulers of Judea take His blood upon their heads and on their children.

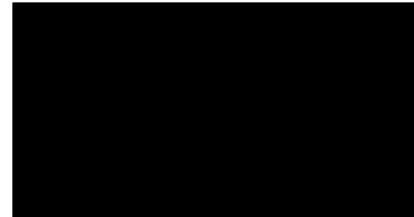
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. HE SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON,  
R. BUT DELIVERED HIM UP FOR ALL OF US.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, condemned to death for our sins: Grant us true repentance, that, being washed in that stream which flows from Calvary through the Sacraments of thy Holy Church to the end of time, we may evermore serve Thee with pure hearts and minds; who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

See how Pilate makes ablution  
As the crowd shouts “Crucify!”  
Who in cowardly surrender  
Owning Caesar, Christ deny  
Thus condemning Him their Maker  
On a shameful Cross to die.

## II. JESUS Receives the Cross.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord in whom all things subsist, who led His people out of Egypt and into the land of milk and honey, now led off to death, carrying the instrument of His condemnation.

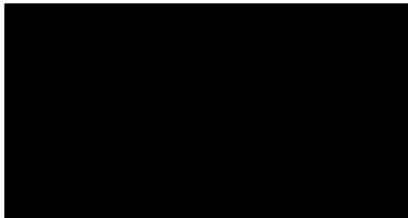
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. THE LORD HATH LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.  
R. FOR THE WICKEDNESS OF MY PEOPLE HE HATH STRICKEN HIM.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, who hast taught us to pray, Thy will be done, and who hast said, Except ye take your Cross and follow Me, ye have no part in Me: Grant us by Thy grace cheerfully so to bear the slights and discouragements, the frustrations and temptations of the daily round with patience and humility, that we may be made one with Thee who bore Thy Cross for us, and who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

See Him shoulder now that burden  
Bending ‘neath the accursed tree,  
Awesome lesson now providing  
How at one with Him to be.  
We must take our cross and follow  
In the selfsame path as He.

### III. JESUS Falls the First Time.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord by whom all things were made. He falls in the dust. His agony and bloody sweat, the rigours of His final trial, the mocking and the scourging now take their toll.

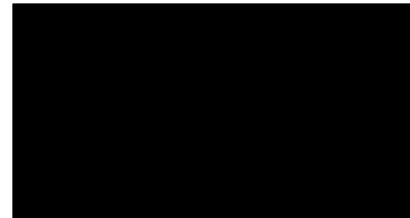
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. SURELY HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS,  
R. AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS.

Let us pray.

**O** BLESSED LORD JESUS, accept our humble thanks for that thou didst bear the full weight and pay the price of sin, that we might have its full weight lifted from our soul, who would be weighed down indeed and lost forever but for Thee and thine abiding grace; who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

He who lifts our fallen nature  
Low now falls amidst the din;  
Bearing more than cross His burden  
Grievous load of all our sin,  
Deeper far more sharply cutting  
Is the weight He bears within.

### IV. JESUS Meets His Holy Mother.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord together with her Son. The ancient Simeon's word to her is now fulfilled: A sword shall pierce thine own soul also.

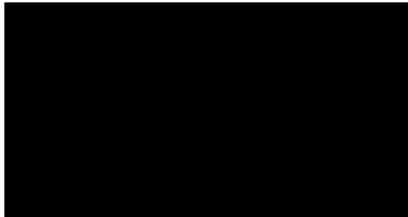
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. YEA, A SWORD SHALL PIERCE THINE OWN SOUL ALSO,  
R. THAT THE THOUGHTS OF MANY HEARTS SHALL BE REVEALED.

Let us pray.

**O** BLESSED LORD JESUS, at whose Presentation in the Temple the aged Simeon prophesied the piercing of the compassionate heart of the blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we may be aided by her deep devotion and lifted by her prayers before Thee: who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

See we now His holy Mother  
Gazing on her Son, once fair  
Who, with sweat and blood all matted  
Thorny crown doth patient wear,  
See fulfilled the early warning –  
As her soul is pierced there.

## V. The Cross Is Laid on Saint Simon of Cyrene.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord who holds the whole world in the hollow of His hand, now upheld by Simon, who was standing in the crowd, and whom soldiers pressed into service; who from his sharing in the Passion of our Lord became a Saint of the Holy Church.

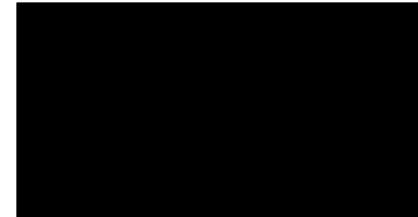
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. WHOSOEVER DOOTH NOT BEAR HIS CROSS, AND COME AFTER ME,  
R. CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, who hast taught us to take up our cross and follow Thee; Grant us to grow through every burden of the daily round, that we may share our cross with Thee, who shared Thy Cross with blessed Simon; and who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

See how Simon, pressed to service  
By the Roman soldiery,  
Bears His cross and finds his master.  
So by grace of God, may we,  
Bearing all our load with patience –  
Find it even as did he.

## VI. Saint Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord of beauty. Saint Veronica, who loves Him much, runs to cleanse His face; to whom the Church has given as a name her deed itself: *veron ika*, very image of the Lord, which legend says He left upon her cleansing cloth.

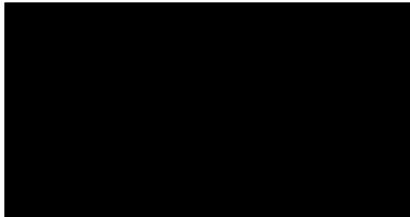
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. HIDE NOT THY FACE FAR FROM ME,  
R. PUT NOT THY SERVANT AWAY IN ANGER.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, who hast taught us that inasmuch as we have been merciful to one of the least of Thy brethren, we have been so unto Thee; Grant us grace to be sensitive to the need of friend and foe alike; that like as the blessed Veronica found Thine image on the cloth which mercy gave, so may we bear imprinted upon our hearts the image of Thy love, who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

See we how the thoughtful maiden  
Who His holy face did lave,  
Finds His image firm imprinted  
On the cross which mercy gave,  
So do acts of kindness ever –  
Jesus' likeness deep engrave.

## VII. JESUS Falls the Second Time.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord of heaven fallen to the earth again, its burdens on His shoulders. The Cross becomes the outward sign of all our sins, and sin's intolerable weight.

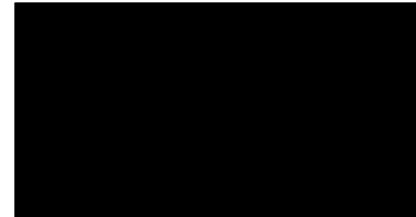
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. BUT I AM A WORM AND NO MAN,  
R. THE reproach of men, and despised of the people.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, who didst walk the lonely road of life to death itself that man might need never to be alone again; Help all who stumble in blindness of heart, searchings of mind, and loneliness of soul, that they may come to know Thee who art the light of the world, and who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Now we to the Father offer  
All who suffer grievous pain,  
As we contemplate how Jesus  
Sorely laden falls again,  
While His bruised and bleeding body –  
Purples earth with sacred stain.

## VIII. JESUS Meets the Women of Jerusalem.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord whom prophets long foretold; There follows Him a great company of disciples, of women which also bewail and lament Him to whom He prophesies: Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children: If they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

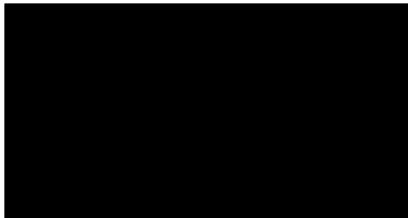
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS,  
R. SHALL REAP IN JOY.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, who hast taught us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break not through nor steal: Grant, that as we walk through the midst of this crumbling world, our hearts may be stayed on Thee who art the goal of all our striving and the answer to our restlessness; who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Lo, the women loudly wailing,  
Hear Messiah prophesy,  
Woeful tidings unto Salem,  
Who sent forth her King to die.  
King eternal, may He show us,  
Where our joy and true peace lie.

## IX. JESUS Falls a Third Time.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord, who, when He has been lifted up, will draw all men unto Him, now falls a third and painful time.

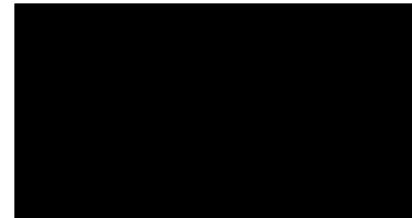
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. HE IS BROUGHT AS A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER,  
R. AND WAS MUTE AS A LAMB BEFORE THE SHEARER.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, by the merits of this Thy holy Cross strengthen me, that I may never fall into grievous, willful sin; and should I, through carelessness or ignorance offend Thee; Grant that I may quickly turn to Thee with contrite heart, honest confession, and full purpose of amendment, to conquer all that ought not be in me; through Thy grace, who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

May the third, the fall most painful  
On the stony path and steep,  
That our sins may be forgiven,  
Stir in us contrition deep:  
Fill us with a firm desire  
His most holy will to keep.

## X. JESUS Is Stripped of His Garments.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord who clothed the world in beauty, who now submits, for love of man, to all man's hatred. He is stripped of His clothing and prepared for the Cross.

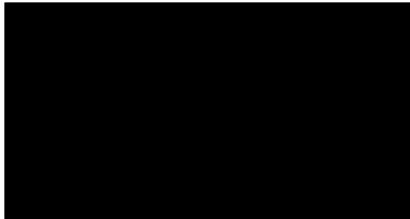
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. THEY GAVE ME ALSO GALL FOR MY MEAT:  
R. AND IN MY THIRST THEY GAVE ME VINEGAR TO DRINK.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, now prepared for the gallows tree; Help us to strip off all false pride and to be clothed with sincerity of heart: Let love rule in our hearts and fill them so that no room remains for anger; let us rejoice in the success of others, and pray for them in their shortcomings, that we have no room for the cloak of envy; for lust, give us singleness of purpose; that all our desires may be lived in the pure crucible of this Thy holy sacrifice; Grant us for greed a love of holy poverty; for sloth a holy industry; for gluttony a wholesome discipline; that resisting all temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, we may live in faith, through hope, with love by Thee, who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Unto Christ with pure emotion  
May I raise my heart's devotion,  
Love to read in every wound.  
Goes to casting of the die;  
Strip off from us all pretensions,  
All our boasting nullify

## XI. JESUS Is Nailed to the Cross.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord of love! The soldiers nail Him to the Cross; He praying to the Father for them, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

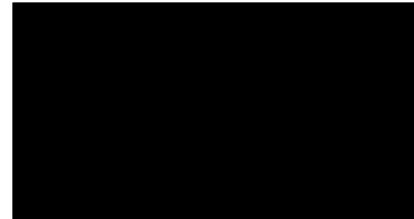
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. THEY PIERCED MY HANDS AND MY FEET,  
R. I MAY TELL ALL MY BONES: THEY STAND AND STARE UPON ME.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, stretching out Thine arms to the nails and praying for the nailers: May the light of Thy holy Gospel and the hearing of Thy sacramental grace reach out yet more and more 'til all mankind shall nail its sins to the Cross for love of Thee; who now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

See we how He prays forgiveness  
While the multitude doth rail,  
As with brutal blows and heavy  
Hammer strokes are plied on nail,  
May we all our sin and rancor –  
On that standard now impale.

## XII. JESUS Dies on the Cross.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Lord of life and glory saying, "It is finished – Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." The saving Victim is become the mighty Victor. Sin, Satan, and death are defeated. There is darkness over all the earth; the rocks are rent; the graves are open; the Veil of the Temple is torn in twain.

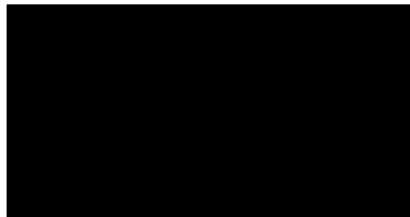
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. CHRIST BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH.  
R. EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, whose sacred side was pierced that blood and water flowing out therefrom might reveal Thy death was by a broken heart: Accept the lowly offering of my heart's love; and grant that dying unto self I may live only unto Thee, who died for me and now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Love and thanks and praise address we  
As with gaze contemplative,  
See we now where Christ our Saviour  
Hung and died that we might live,  
And with lowly adoration –  
All our hearts' best off'rинг give.

### XIII. The Body of JESUS Is Taken Down From the Cross.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord, receiving into her hands the body of her Son, our Lord, His life work finished, His soul released, His victory won amidst defeat.

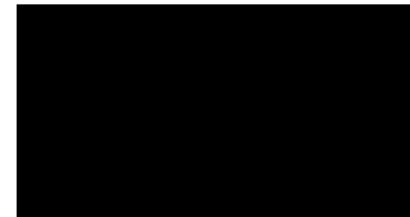
- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. HER TEARS ARE ON HER CHEEKS.  
R. SHE HATH NONE TO COMFORT HER.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, by the merits of Thy precious death and burial; Grant that all who mourn for the loss of loved ones may know the help of her prayers whose arms received Thy sacred Body; May the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection be unto them a strong staff with which to walk the paths ahead, guided by Thy light, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Lo, her own soul sorely riven  
With compassion's piercing sword,  
Mary now receives the body  
Of God's only Son, our Lord,  
Jesus, whom the world rejected –  
Evermore by hosts adored.

### XIV. The Body of JESUS Is Laid in the Tomb.



- P. WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS THEE:  
R. BECAUSE BY THY CROSS THOU HAST REDEEMED THE WORLD.

Behold the Body of our Lord laid in Joseph's tomb: the penalty of Adam paid; the seed which, except it be sown, abides alone; now awaiting Resurrection and a harvest of the souls of men for ages yet untold.

- P. HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL,  
R. HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
P. THOU WILT NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HELL,  
R. NOR WILT THOU SUFFER THY HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION.

Let us pray.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, who, whilst Thy sacred Body was at rest on the Sabbath didst in nether realms establish Thy reign and preach to the souls departed: Grant that naught on either side of the grave may ever separate us from Thy love, who, having harrowed hell and brought captivity captive, now livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

See we now our Saviour's body  
Borne in sadness through the gloom,  
Blessed body sprung from Mary  
Hallows now the rock-hewn tomb,  
Through the sabbath, 'til arising  
He His glory shall assume.

- Before the Altar step, the DOXOLOGY is sung:

Glory be to God the Father  
 Glory to his only Son,  
 Lowly victim, mighty Victor  
 Reigning now his conflict done,  
 Glory to the Holy Spirit –  
 Who from one with both is one. Amen.

- P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 P. Let us pray.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

- P. HAIL, MARY, full of grace,  
 the Lord is with thee.  
 Blessed art thou among women,  
 and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 R. Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
 pray for us sinners now,  
 and at the hour of our death. Amen.

O BLESSED LORD JESUS, Thou living Stone, rejected  
 of the builders and become the Chief Stone of the  
 corner; Grant that building upon Thy sure foundations,  
 we may share in Thy everlasting habitations; who now  
 livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy  
 Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

- NOTE - in observing the Stations of the Cross, the verses of the Pange Lingua may be replaced with other appropriate hymns. The verses of the Stabat Mater are given here.

- I. By the Cross sad vigil keeping,  
 Stood the Mother, doleful weeping,  
 Where her Son extended hung.
- II. For her soul of joy bereaved,  
 Smit with anguish, deeply grieved,  
 Lo, the piercing sword hath wrung.
- III. Oh, how sad and sore distressed,  
 Now was she that Mother blessed  
 Of the sole-begotten One!
- IV. Woe-begone with heart's prostration,  
 Mother, meek, the bitter passion  
 Saw she of her glorious Son.
- V. Who on Christ's fond mother looking,  
 Such extreme affliction brooking,  
 Born of woman, would not weep?
- VI. Who on Christ's fond Mother thinking,  
 With her Son in sorrow sinking,  
 Would not share her sorrows deep?
- VII. For His people's sins rejected,  
 She her Jesus unprotected  
 Saw with thorns, with scourges rent.

- VIII. Saw her Son from judgment taken,  
Her beloved in death forsaken,  
Till His Spirit forth He sent.
- IX. Fount of love and holy sorrow,  
Mother may my spirit borrow  
Somewhat of thy woe profound.
- X. Unto Christ with pure emotion  
May I raise my heart's devotion,  
Love to read in every wound.
- XI. Those five wounds of Jesus smitten  
Mother! in my heart be written,  
Deep as in thine own they be.
- XII. Thou, my Saviour's Cross who bearest,  
Thou, my Son's rebuke who sharest,  
Let me share them both with thee.
- XIII. Mine with thee be that sad station,  
There to watch the great salvation  
Wrought upon the atoning tree.
- XIV. To my parting soul be given  
Entrance at the gate of Heaven,  
And in Paradise a place.

***The Order for  
Holy Baptism  
and Chrismation***



# *The Order for Holy Baptism*

- *The following requisites shall be prepared when the Sacrament of Baptism is to be performed:*
  - *The vessels containing Oil of Catechumens, Sacred Chrism, and the Holy Communion;*
  - *A vessel containing salt to be blessed, or some already blessed salt;*
  - *Cotton, or similar material, to be used for wiping the parts anointed;*
  - *If possible, a white and a purple stole, but at least one or the other;*
  - *Pieces of bread and lemon, and a suitable basin, to be used for washing the hands of the priest after Baptism and Confirmation;*
  - *A white mantle or small piece of white linen to be placed on the candidate's head, or an appropriate white Christening garment supplied by the sponsors; and*
  - *A wax candle or taper to be given, lighted, to the baptized.*
- *The ritual and baptismal register shall be in readiness.*
- *All having been prepared, the priest washes his hands, puts on a surplice and purple stole, and proceeds to the administration of the Sacrament. So prepared, the priest goes to the threshold of the church, outside of which the candidate and sponsors are waiting. All having been provided for as above, with the one to be baptized, if an infant, resting on the right arm of the sponsor, the priest begins the service in the following manner: (If there be more than one candidate, the prayers are said in the plural as appropriate, but the questions shall be asked of each one separately.)*

## *At the Doors of the Church*

- *The priest, having ascertained the name(s), questions the candidate: (If a child, the sponsors will answer.)*
  - P. (Name), what dost thou ask of the Church of God?
  - R. Faith.
  - P. What doth Faith bring to thee?
  - R. Life everlasting.

P. If thou then desire to enter into life, keep the commandments. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

- Then he blows three times gently into the face of each candidate, and says once (separately to each):

Go out of *him* thou unclean spirit, and give place unto the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

- Then he makes with his thumb the sign of the Cross on the forehead and on the breast of the candidate, saying:

Receive the sign of the Cross, both upon thy forehead (+) and also on thy heart (+); Take unto thee the faith of the heavenly precepts; and be thou such in thy conversation, that thou mayest now be in the temple of God.

Let us pray.

**W**E beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously hear our prayers, and keep with Thy perpetual power this Thine Elect, (*Name*), who hath been signed with the sign of the Cross in the Lord: that *he*, observing the rudiments of the greatness of Thy glory, may, by keeping Thy commandments, be worthy to attain unto the glory of regeneration. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Then he places his hand upon the head of the candidate, after which, holding his hand extended, he says:

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe to look upon this Thy servant (*Name*), whom Thou hast been pleased to call to the rudiments of the faith; Drive far from *him* all blindness of heart; Break all the snares of Satan, wherewith *he* hath been bound; Open to *him*, O Lord, the gate of Thy mercy, that, being filled with the sign of Thy wisdom, *he* may be

free from all evil desires, and in the sweet savour of Thy commandments may joyfully serve Thee in Thy Church, and prosper from day to day. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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- Then the priest blesses salt which, once blessed, may serve at other times for the same use.

### Blessing of the Salt

**I** EXORCISE thee, O creature of salt, in the Name of God the Father (+) Almighty, and in the charity of our Lord Jesus (+) Christ, and in the power of the Holy (+) Ghost. I exorcise thee through God (+) the living, through God (+) the true, through God (+) the holy, through God (+) who created thee for the protection of mankind, and commanded thee to be consecrated through His servants for the people that should come to believe; that in the Name of the Holy Trinity thou be made a saving Sacrament to put to flight the enemy. Therefore we pray Thee, O Lord our God, that sanctifying thou wouldest sanctify (+), and blessing thou wouldest bless (+) this creature of salt, that it be made to all who receive it perfect healing, abiding in their members in the Name of the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

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- Then he puts a little of the blessed salt into the mouth of the candidate, saying:

(*Name*), receive the salt of wisdom; may it avail to thee for mercy unto life eternal. Amen.

- P. Peace be with thee.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

**O** GOD of our fathers, O God the author of all truth, we humbly entreat Thee, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe mercifully to look upon this Thy servant (*Name*), and that Thou wouldest suffer *him* no longer to hunger, now tasting this first relish of salt, to the end that, being fulfilled with heavenly food, *he* may ever be fervent in spirit, rejoicing in hope, ever serving Thy Name. Lead *him*, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to the washing of the new birth, that *he* may with Thy faithful be worthy to attain unto the eternal reward of Thy promises. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**I** EXORCISE thee, unclean spirit, in the Name of the Father (+), and of the Son (+), and of the Holy (+) Ghost, that thou go out, and depart from this servant of God (*Name*). For He Himself commands thee, accursed and damned one, who walked with His feet upon the sea, and stretched forth His right hand to Peter as he sank.

Therefore, accursed devil, acknowledge thy sentence, and give honor to God the living and the true, give honor to Jesus Christ His Son, and to the Holy Ghost, and depart from this servant of God (*Name*), forasmuch as our God and Lord Jesus Christ hath vouchsafed to call *him* to His holy grace and benediction, and to the font of Baptism.

- *Here he signs the candidate on the forehead, saying:*

And this sign of the Holy (+) Cross, which we set upon *his* brow, do thou, accursed devil, never dare to violate. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *Then he lays his hand upon the head of the candidate, and afterwards holding it extended, says:*

Let us pray.

**I** ENTREAT Thy eternal and most just mercy, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, author of light and truth, upon this servant of God (*Name*), that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to enlighten *him* with the light of Thine understanding: cleanse *him* and sanctify *him*: give *him* true knowledge, that being made worthy of the grace of Thy Baptism, *he* may hold firm hope, right counsel and holy doctrine. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *In the Church*

- *Then the priest places the end of his stole which hangs from his left shoulder on the first candidate, and leads (him), followed by the others, into the Church, saying to each:*  
  
(*Name*), enter into the temple of God, that thou mayest have part with Christ unto life eternal. Amen.
- *When they are come into the Church, the priest, going towards the font, says, together with the sponsors, in a loud voice:*

**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 only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, (+) and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**O**UR 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. Amen.

- *And then, before he enters the baptistry, with his back turned to it, he says:*

**I** EXORCISE thee, every unclean spirit, in the Name of God the Father (+) Almighty, and in the Name of Jesus (+) Christ the Son, our Lord and Judge, and in the power of the Holy (+) Ghost, that thou depart from this creature of God (*Name*), which our Lord hath vouchsafed to call unto His holy temple, that *he* may become the temple of the living God, and that the Holy Spirit may dwell therein. Through the same Christ, our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

- *Then the priest, with his thumb, touches the ears and nostrils of the candidate; and while touching his right and left ears, he says:*

EPHPHATHA, that is, Be opened.

- *Then he touches the nostrils, saying:*

For a savour of sweetness. But thou, devil, flee away: for the judgement of God draweth nigh.

- *Then he questions the person to be baptized, by name, saying:*

- P. (*Name*), dost thou renounce Satan?  
R. I do renounce him.  
P. And all his works?  
R. I do renounce them.  
P. And all his pomps?  
R. I do renounce them.

- *The priest now blesses the Oil of Catechumens, which may be reserved for the same purpose on other occasions, without being re-blessed.*

### *Blessing of the Oil of Catechumens*

#### *Exorcism*

**I** EXORCISE thee, O creature of Oil, in the Name of God the Father (+) Almighty, and in the Name of Jesus (+) Christ, and of the Holy (+) Ghost, that by this invocation of the undivided Trinity and by the power of the one Godhead, all the most wicked powers of the enemy, all the inveterate malice of the devil, every violent assault, every disorderly and dark illusion may be rooted out, and chased away, and dispelled from thee: that hallowed by divine mysteries, thou mayest be for the adoption both of the flesh and the spirit of those who shall be anointed with thee, for the forgiveness of all sins: that their bodies may be sanctified for receiving all spiritual grace. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

- P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

**O** GOD, the rewarder of all spiritual growth and progress, Who by the power of the Holy Ghost dost strengthen the first beginnings of feeble minds, deign, Lord, we beseech Thee, to send down Thy blessing (+)

upon this Oil, and grant that all who approach the laver of regeneration, may, through the unction of this Thy creature, be cleansed in mind and body; that if pollution of their spiritual enemies have adhered to them, it may depart at the touch of this hallowed Oil; let there be no place for the wickedness of spirits, no occasion for the apostate angels, no power of concealment left to the snares of sin; but to Thy servants, who come to the Faith, and are to be cleansed by the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, let the preparation of this unction be serviceable for that salvation, which they are to gain when born by heavenly generation in the Sacrament of Baptism. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

- *Then the priest dips his thumb in the Oil of Catechumens, and anoints the candidate on the breast, and between the shoulders in the form of a cross, saying once:*

I anoint (+) thee with the Oil of salvation in Christ (+) Jesus our Lord, that thou mayest have eternal life. Amen.

- *Then, with cotton, wool, or the like, he wipes his thumb and the places anointed. Standing in the same place, he lays aside the violet stole, and takes a stole of white color. Then he enters the baptistry, which the sponsors also enter, with the candidate. The priest, at the font, questions the person to be baptized by name:*

- P. (Name), dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?  
R. I do believe.  
P. Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was born into this world, and who suffered for us?  
R. I do believe.  
P. Dost thou also believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

- R. I do believe.

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### *The Blessing of the Water*

- *If the water has not already been blessed, the priest does so now, saying:*

**I** EXORCISE thee, O creature of water, by the living (+) God, by the true (+) God, by the holy (+) God, who in the beginning, through His word, divided thee from the dry land; whose Spirit moved upon thee, who commanded thee to flow from paradise, (*Here he divides the water with his hand, and then scatters it, outside the rim of the font, towards the four quarters of the world*) and commanded thee to water the whole earth with thy four rivers. Who in the desert by wood bestowed upon thee sweetness when thou wast bitter, that men might drink who brought thee forth from the rock, that He might refresh the people, wearied with thirst, whom He had delivered out of Egypt. I exorcise thee through Jesus Christ, by His only Son, our Lord: who in Cana of Galilee by a wondrous miracle did change thee through His power into wine: who walked upon thee with His feet, and was baptized in thee by John in the Jordan. Who brought thee forth together with Blood from His side: and commanded His disciples, that they should baptize in thee them that believe, saying: Go ye, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; that thou mayest be made holy water, blessed water, water that washeth away stains and cleanseth sins. I command thee therefore, every unclean spirit, every phantom, every lie, be rooted out, and flee away from this creature of water; that to them who shall be baptized therein, it may become a font of water springing up unto life eternal, regenerating them unto God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in the

Name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. Amen.

Let us pray.

**O** LORD, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, who dost sanctify spiritual waters, we humbly entreat Thee: that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to look upon this ministry of our humble service, and to send forth upon these waters, made ready for the washing and purifying of men, the Angel of holiness; to the end that, the sins of their former life being washed, and their guilt cleansed, they being regenerate may be worthy to be made a spotless habitation for the Holy Spirit. Through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who livest and reignest in the unity of the same Holy Spirit. Amen.

- *Then, he breathes thrice into the water, in three directions: then he puts incense in the thurible, and, having blessed it, censes the font, with three simple swings. Next, pouring some of the Oil of Catechumens into the water in the form of a cross, he says in a loud voice:*

May this font be sanctified and made fruitful by the Oil of Salvation, for such as shall be born again therefrom unto life eternal, in the Name of the Father (+), and of the Son (+), and of the Holy (+) Ghost. Amen.

- *Then in the same manner, he pours in some of the Chrism, saying:*

May this inpouring of the Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, be wrought in the Name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

- *Next he takes both phials of the said holy Oil and Chrism, and pours in some of both together in the form of a cross, saying:*

May this comingling of the Chrism of sanctification, and of the Oil of Unction, and of the Water of Baptism be likewise wrought in the Name of the Father (+), and

of the Son (+), and of the Holy (+) Ghost. Amen.

- *Then, setting down the phials, with his right hand he mixes the holy Oil and the infused Chrism with the water, and scatters it over the whole font. Then he wipes his hand with crumbs of bread.*

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- *Then, naming the person to be baptized, the priest says:*

P. (Name), wilt thou be baptized?  
R. I will.

- *It is the ancient historic practice of the Orthodox Church that baptism shall be performed by three-fold immersion.*
- *The priest takes the candidate, and baptizes (him) with a three-fold immersion, at the same time clearly and distinctly pronouncing the form once only, saying:*

(Name), I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### *The Order of Confirmation (Chrismation)*

- *Having washed his hands, the priest stands facing the candidate and sponsors, and says:*

May the Holy Ghost come upon you, and may the power of the Most High preserve you from sins. Amen.

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.  
P. O Lord hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate this Thy servant by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto him the remission of all his sins, send forth upon him Thy sevenfold Spirit, the Holy Paraclete, from heaven. Amen.

- P. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.
- R. Amen.
- P. The Spirit of counsel and fortitude.
- R. Amen.
- P. The Spirit of knowledge and godliness.
- R. Amen.

Replenish *him* with the Spirit of Thy fear, and sign *him* with the sign of the Cross (+) of Christ, in Thy mercy unto life eternal. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

- *The priest, having dipped the end of his right thumb in Chrism, rests his hand on the forehead of the candidate, and makes the sign of the Cross with his thumb, saying:*

*(Name), I sign thee with the sign of (+) the Cross, and I confirm thee with the Chrism of Salvation: The Seal of the gift of the Holy Ghost. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

- *Then the priest strikes the candidate gently on the cheek saying:*

Peace be with thee.

- *The priest wipes the forehead of the candidate with cotton and his own hands with bread crumbs, and washes them over a basin. While he is washing his hands, the following is sung or read by the ministers, or by the priest:*

Confirm, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us, from Thy holy temple which was in Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Confirm, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us, from Thy holy temple which was in Jerusalem.

- P. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord.
- R. And grant us Thy salvation.
- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who didst give to Thine Apostles the Holy Spirit, and didst will that by them and their successors He should be delivered to the rest of the faithful; look mercifully on the service of our humility; and grant that the heart of *him* whose forehead we have anointed with the sacred Chrism, and signed with the sign of the Holy Cross, may, by the same Holy Spirit descending upon *him* and vouchsafing to dwell therein, be made the temple of His glory, who, with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. *Amen.*

Behold, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

- *The priest places on the head of the candidate either a small white Chrisom, or undergarment, or some white substitute and says:*

Receive this white garment, and see thou carry it without stain before the judgement-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life. *Amen.*

- *He then gives to the candidate, or to a sponsor, a lighted taper, saying:*

Receive this burning light, and keep thy baptism so as to be without blame; keep the commandments of God, that, when the Lord shall come to the nuptials, thou mayest meet him in the company of all the Saints in the heavenly court, and have eternal life, and live for ever and ever. *Amen.*

- The priest, holding the Blessed Sacrament, says:

Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.

- With the priest, the people respond:

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. (*Three times*)

- The priest administers Holy Communion, saying:

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given and shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

**P**OUR forth on us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love; that those whom Thou hast filled with the Paschal Sacrament, may, by Thy goodness, live in perfect concord. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the self same Holy Spirit, God, to ages of ages. *Amen.*

- The priest says:

(Name), go in peace, and the Lord be with thee. *Amen.*

- Making the sign of the Cross over the person, he says:

May the Lord bless (+) you out of Sion, that you may see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and have life everlasting. *Amen.*

- When Baptism is administered on the Vigils of Easter or Pentecost, after the solemn blessing of the font, all those portions of the above office which duplicate that rite are to be omitted.

- The rite described above may be used for the Baptism of any number at one time, the priest being careful to perform the ceremonies for, and to ask the questions of, each individual, and to read the prayers in the plural.

- When receiving Catechumens by Chrismation without baptism, begin with Confirmation, on the page following

## *Presentation of a Convert*

*(Previously Baptized)*

### *The Nicene Creed*

**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 only begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, (+) and the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

- P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
- R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
- P. O Lord, hear our prayer.
- R. O Lord, let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

OUR Lord and God Jesus Christ committed unto His Apostles the keys of the kingdom of heaven and bestowed upon them full power through His grace both to bind and to loose a man from his sins upon earth; May the same, through His unspeakable mercy, pardon, and absolve thee, and do unite thee unto the fellowship of the faithful, and unto the body of Christ's Church; and do communicate thee with the Divine Sacraments of the Church; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- *Those who are to be Chrismated kneel, with hands joined, before the priest, who, standing with hands joined, begins The Order for Chrismation as it appears on page 159.*

## ***The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony***



## *The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*

- *The priest may address those gathered:*

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy Matrimony, which is an honourable estate, instituted by God, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and the first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly, or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any man can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

*The priest shall ask the bridegroom:*

(Name), wilt thou take (Name), here present, for thy lawful wife, according to the rite of our holy Mother, the Church?

*The bridegroom shall answer:*      I will.

*The priest shall ask the bride:*

(Name), wilt thou take (Name), here present, for thy lawful husband, according to the rite of our holy Mother, the Church?

*The bride shall answer:*      I will.

- *The bride is given away by her father or by another. The bridegroom shall receive her to keep her in the faith of God and his own, and shall hold her right hand in his right hand. Taught by the priest, he shall plight his troth in this manner, saying:*

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), to my wedded wife, to have, and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, and thereto I plight thee my troth.

- *Then withdrawing her hand, and taking his right hand in hers, and taught by the priest, the bride shall plight her troth in this manner, saying:*

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), to my wedded husband, to have, and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, and thereto I plight thee my troth.

- *Having both thus plighted their troth, the bride and bridegroom shall join hands. The priest, wrapping his stole around their hands, shall say:*

I join thee in Holy Matrimony. In the Name of the Father, (+) and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- *The priest now sprinkles the couple with holy water.*

### *Blessing of the Ring(s)*

- P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
- R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Let us pray.

- *For a single ring ceremony:*

**B**LESS, O Lord, this ring, which we bless in Thy name, that she who shall wear it, keeping true faith unto her husband, may abide in Thy peace and according to Thy will, and ever live in mutual love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- *For a double ring ceremony:*

**B**LESS, O Lord, these rings, which we bless in Thy name, that they who wear them may ever keep true faith with each other, and so, abiding in Thy peace and in obedience to Thy will, may live together in love unchanging. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *The priest sprinkles the ring(s) with holy water in the form of a cross.*
- *The bridegroom then takes the ring to be given to the bride, saying:*

With this ring I thee wed: with my body I thee honor and all my worldly goods I share.

- *The bridegroom places the ring on the thumb of the bride's left hand, saying*

In the Name of the Father,

- *The ring is moved to the index finger.*

and of the Son,

- *The ring is moved to the middle finger.*

and of the Holy Spirit.

- *The ring is placed on the bride's ring finger.*

Amen.

- *For a double ring ceremony, the bride now takes the ring to be given to the bridegroom and repeats the same.*

- *The priest then adds:*

- P. Confirm that, O God, which thou hast wrought in us.  
 R. For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**O**UR 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.

- P. Save Thy servants.  
 R. Who put their trust in Thee, my God.  
 P. Send them help, O Lord, from the sanctuary.  
 R. And strengthen them out of Zion.  
 P. Be unto them, O Lord, a tower of strength.  
 R. From the face of the enemy.  
 P. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
 R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
 P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 P. Let us pray.

*Collect*

**L**OOK, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon these Thy servants; and graciously assist this Thine institution, whereby Thou hast ordained the propagation of mankind, that they who are joined together by Thine authority may, by Thy assistance, be preserved. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Nuptial Blessing*

- *The priest, turning toward the newly-married persons, may read the following*

*Psalm 128*

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, \* and walk in His ways.

For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: \* O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine \* upon the walls of thine house;

Thy children like the olive branches \* round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed \* that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Zion shall so bless thee, \* that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long; Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, \* and peace upon Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
 R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
 P. The Lord be with you.  
 R. And with thy spirit.  
 P. Let us pray.

**B**LESS, O Lord, and look from heaven upon this union; **B**and as Thou didst send Thy holy Angel Raphael to bring peace to Tobias and Sarah, the daughter of Raguel, so vouchsafe, O Lord, to send Thy blessing upon these two persons, that they may abide in Thy benediction, continue in Thy will, and live in Thy love. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

- Then, raising his hands and extending them over their heads, the priest shall say:

**T**HE Lord God Almighty bless you, and fulfill His benediction upon you, and may you see your children's children even unto the third and fourth generation, and attain unto the old age which you desire. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- If the Divine Liturgy is to be celebrated, it shall begin here. Otherwise, the service shall continue with the following prayers and readings:

*Ps. 67.* God be merciful unto them, and bless them, and show them the light of Thy countenance, and be merciful unto them.

*Ps. 128.* Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in His ways.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- The priest shall introduce the Epistle, taken from Ephesians 5:20-33:

A reading from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians:

**G**IVE thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church; And He is the Saviour of the body. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not

having spot nor wrinkle nor any blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no one ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord loveth the Church. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; But I speak concerning Christ and the Church. Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself, and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

*Ps. 128.* Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thy house. Thy children like the olive branches round about thy table. *Alleluia.*

*Ps. 20.* The Lord send you help from the sanctuar,: and strengthen you out of Sion. *Alleluia.*

*Ps. 134.* The Lord that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion! *Alleluia.*

- Then shall the priest read the Gospel, taken from Matthew 19:3-6:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

**A**T that time, the Pharisees came unto Jesus, tempting Him, and saying unto Him: Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And He answered and said unto them: Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh?" Wherefore they are no more twain but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let man not put asunder.

- The following prayer may be omitted at the discretion of the priest and the couple to be married:

O MERCIFUL Lord, and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift mankind is increased, we beseech Thee, assist with Thy blessing this couple, that they may both be fruitful in procreation of children, and also live together so long in godly love and honesty, that they may see their children Christianly and virtuously brought up, to Thy praise and honor. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by Thy mighty power hast made all things of nothing; who also, after other things set in order, didst appoint that out of man, created after thine own image and similitude, woman should take her beginning; and, knitting them together, didst teach that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom Thou by Matrimony hast made one; O God, who has consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and His Church, look mercifully upon these Thy servants, that both this man may love his wife, according to Thy Word, as Christ did love His spouse the Church, who gave Himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as His own flesh, and also that this woman may be loving and amiable, faithful and obedient to her husband; and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly matrons. O Lord, bless them both, and grant them to inherit Thy everlasting kingdom. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

A LMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee, let Thy gracious favor accompany the ordinance of Thy love, that those whom Thou hast joined together in holy wedlock, by Thy protection may live in lasting peace. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A LMIGHTY God, who at the beginning did create our first parents, Adam and Eve, and did sanctify and join them together in marriage, pour upon you the riches of His grace, sanctify and bless you, that ye may please Him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless these Thy servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in Thy holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may indeed fulfill the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them. And as Thou didst send Thy blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so vouchsafe to send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants; that they, obeying Thy will, and always being in safety under Thy protection, may abide in Thy love unto their lives' end. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## *Thanksgiving After Childbirth*

*Commonly Called the Churching of Women*

- *The priest shall meet the woman at the doors of the Church.*

P. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

*Antiphon:* She shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of her salvation: for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.

*Psalm 24. Domini est terra.*

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: \* the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas: \* and stablished it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? \* or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; \* and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, \* and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him; \* even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your hands, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? \* It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

*Antiphon:* She shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of her salvation; for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.

- *Then, placing in the hand of the woman the end of his stole, the priest leads her into the church, saying:*

Enter into the temple of God, adore the Son of the blessed Virgin Mary, who hath given thee fruitfulness of offspring.

- *With the woman kneeling before the altar, the priest says:*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR 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. *Amen.*

- P. O Lord, save Thy handmaid.  
R. Who putteth her trust in Thee.  
P. Send her help from the sanctuary.  
R. And strengthen her out of Sion.  
P. Let the enemy have no advantage over her.  
R. Nor the son of wickedness approach to hurt her.  
P. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.  
P. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
P. Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who through the childbearing of the blessed Virgin Mary hast turned the pains of the faithful who are with child into joy: look mercifully upon this Thy handmaid, who cometh with gladness to Thy holy temple to render thanks, and grant that after this life, by the intercession of the same blessed Mary, she may be worthy to attain with her child unto the joys of everlasting blessedness. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon thee, and remain with thee always. *Amen.*

## *Public Anointing of the Sick*

- *At an appropriate time, those desirous of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Unction, either for themselves or for others, may come forward to receive anointing from the priest. Anointing the forehead of each person and laying hands on each, the priest shall say:*

I anoint thee with oil, and I lay my hands upon thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; beseeching the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all thy pain and sickness of body, mind, or spirit being put to flight, the blessing of health may be restored unto thee.  
*Amen.*

- *After all have received the anointing, the priest may add the following:*

**O** BLESSED Redeemer, relieve, we beseech Thee, by Thy indwelling power, the distress of this (these) Thy servant(s); release *him* (*them*) from sin, and drive away all pain of soul and body, that being restored to soundness or health, *he* (*they*) may offer Thee praise and thanksgiving, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

# *The Order for the Burial of the Dead*

## *Meeting the Body*

- *The priest, standing at the foot of the bier, sprinkles the body with holy water after which are said or sung:*

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

### *Psalm 130*

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord; \* Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well \* the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee; \* therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him; \* in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \* I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, \* and with Him is plenteous redemption.

P. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

- *As the body is borne into the church, the following is said or sung:*

*Antiphon:* The bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice.

*Psalm 51*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness; \* according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight; \* that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou shalt judge.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts, \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins, \* and put out all my misdeeds.

Make 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.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again, \* and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked, \* and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee; \*

but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; \* build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; \* then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

P. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

*Antiphon:* The bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice.

*In the Church*

**C**OME to *his* aide, O ye Saints of God; come forth to meet *him*, O ye Angels of the Lord; Receive *his* soul; Present *him* in the sight of the Most High.

P. May Christ receive thee, who hath called thee; and into the bosom of Abraham may the Angels conduct thee.

R. Receive *his* soul; Present *him* in the sight of the Most High.

P. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.  
Present *him* in the sight of the Most High.

- *The bier is set in the middle of the church, so that the feet of the body are towards the high altar if a lay person, or the head if a priest. Candles are lighted around the body.*

- *If the Office of the Dead, appearing on the next page, is to be recited, it is now begun. However, if the Office of the Dead has been recited previously, and if the Divine Liturgy is to follow directly, the priest shall conclude, saying:*

- P. 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.
- R. But deliver us from evil.
- P. From the gate of hell,
- R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.
- P. May *he* rest in peace.
- R. Amen.
- P. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
- P. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- P. Let us pray.

**A**BSOLVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from every bond of sin: that having risen again, *he* may dwell in the glory of the Resurrection, amid Thy Saints and elect. *Amen.*

- Turn to the Divine Liturgy on page 57.
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### The Office of the Dead

- Note: If the Office is recited immediately following the bringing of the bier into the church, it begins straightaway with the antiphon below, but if it is recited apart from the time of burial, the antiphon shall be preceded by the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary.

*Antiphon:* I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

### Psalm 116

My delight is in the Lord; \* because He hath heard the voice of my prayer;

Because He hath inclined His ear unto me; \* therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about, \* and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the Lord; \* O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; \* yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: \* I was in misery, and He helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; \* for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? Thou hast delivered my soul from death, \* mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord \* in the land of the living.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Antiphon:* Woe is me, O Lord, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech.

### Psalm 120

When I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord, \* and He heard me.

Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, \* and from a deceitful tongue.

What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? \* even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech, \* and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!

My soul hath long dwelt among them \* that are enemies unto peace.

I labour for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, \*  
they make them ready to battle.

- P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.  
R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* Woe is me, O Lord, that I am constrained to  
dwell with Meshech.

*Antiphon:* The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea,  
it is even He that shall keep my soul.

### *Psalm 121*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; \* from whence  
cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, \* who hath made  
heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; \* and He that  
keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel \* shall neither slumber  
nor sleep.

The Lord Himself is thy keeper; \* the Lord is thy defence  
upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, \* neither the  
moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; \* yea, it is even  
He that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming  
in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

- P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.  
R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea,  
it is even He that shall keep my soul.

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is  
done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

### *Psalm 130*

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord; \* Lord,  
hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well \* the voice of my  
complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done  
amiss, \* O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee; \* therefore shalt Thou be  
feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him; \* in His  
word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; \*  
I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is  
mercy, \* and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel \* from all his sins.

- P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.  
R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is  
done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

*Antiphon:* Despise not, O Lord, the works of Thine own  
hands.

### *Psalm 138*

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole  
heart; \* even before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy  
Name, because of Thy loving-kindness and truth; \* for  
Thou hast magnified Thy Name, and Thy word, above all  
things.

When I called upon Thee, Thou hearest me; \* and  
enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord; \* for  
they have heard the words of Thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly; \* as for the proud, He beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt Thou refresh me; \* Thou shalt stretch forth Thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good His loving-kindness toward me; \* yea, Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of Thine own hands.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* Despise not, O Lord, the works of Thine own hands.

P. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me

R. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

*Antiphon:* All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me: and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.

### *Magnificat*

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded \* the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth \* all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me; \* and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him \* throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm; \* He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel; \* as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

P. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Antiphon:* All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me: and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.

P. 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.

R. But deliver us from evil.

P. From the gate of hell,

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

P. May *he* rest in peace.

R. Amen.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

### *Collect*

**A**BSOLVE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the soul of Thy servant *Name*, that being dead to the world, *he* may live to Thee; and whatsoever through carnal frailness *he* hath committed in *his* earthly conversation, do Thou by the pardon of Thy most merciful goodness cleanse away.

Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *Or the priest may choose to use instead the following Collect:*

**O** GOD, whose property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, we humbly entreat Thee for the soul of Thy servant Name, which Thou hast this day commanded to depart from this world; Deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, neither forget it at the last, but command that it be received by Thy holy Angels and brought into the fatherland of paradise; that forasmuch as *he* hoped and believed in Thee, *he* may not undergo the pains of hell, but may obtain everlasting felicity. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### *Prayer for the Departed in General*

Let us pray.

#### *Collect*

**O** GOD, who didst cause Thy servants to enjoy the dignity of Bishops or Priests in the apostolic ministry; grant, we beseech Thee, that they may be evermore joined unto the fellowship of the same. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

- *The priest and all the faithful shall pray together:*

**O** GOD, the Giver of pardon and Lover of man's salvation, we beseech Thee of Thy mercy to grant that the brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors of our congregation who have passed out of this world, may, at the intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin and of all Thy Saints, attain unto the fellowship of eternal blessedness. *Amen.*

P. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.  
P. May they rest in peace.  
R. Amen.

- *Note: Since the foregoing is the Office of the Dead at Vespers, it may be recited on the evening before the day of burial. In that case it is customary, when possible, to recite it in the presence of the body.*
- *Note, further: That when this Office is not used on the day of burial, or on the evening before, Psalm 146 is added after the Magnificat, Antiphon, and Lord's Prayer.*