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

The Divine Liturgy 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.

- *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.

GRACIOUSLY 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.*

Liturgy of St. Gregory

The Kyrie

Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy).

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Christe, eleison (Christ, 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.

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- 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:

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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

THEREFORE, 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.*

WE 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.*

WHICH 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.

IN 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.

WHEREFORE, 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 Epiiclesis

AND 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.*

WE 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.*

BE 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.*

TO 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

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.*

- *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.*

OLORD 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.*

LET 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:*

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P. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takest 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.*

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• *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

THE 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.

IN 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.

An Authorized Form for
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

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.*

Invitation to Confession

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

YE 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*

ALMIGHTY 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,