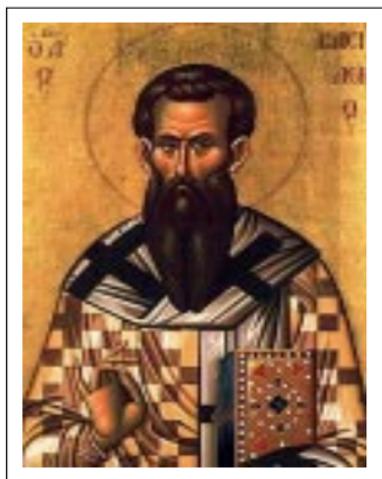


DIVINE
LITURGY

OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS,

ST. BASIL THE GREAT



HIERARCHICAL EDITION



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PROSKOMEDIA

Before the time when the Bishop will enter the church, the Proskomedie is served by the junior Priest & Deacon, up to the Deacon's censing of the Gifts—he does not cense anything then, but opens the curtain.

(Holy Doors Closed—Curtain Open)

RECEPTION OF THE HIERARCH

When the Bishop enters the church, the bells are rung festively. He & the clergy make three bows to the east & they all take his blessing. He lays aside his walking staff, takes his crozier, & is clothed in the mandyas.

ENTRANCE PRAYERS

Deacon: Wisdom!

As the Bishop makes his way to the solea, the choir sings:

Choir: ♪ **It is truly meet to bless thee, the Theotokos, ever-blessed and most blameless, and the Mother of our God. O higher in honour than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.**

During the above, the Deacon says, slowly:

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Most reverend Master, bless.

The Bishop hands off his crozier.

Bishop: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Deacon: Amen.

Now the Deacon reads all the Entrance Prayers, while the Bishop ascends the solea.

Deacon: Amen. Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.*

Deacon: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this

day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Deacon: Amen. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us. For at a loss for any plea, we sinners offer to Thee, our Master, this supplication: have mercy on us.

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

Lord, have mercy on us, for our trust is in Thee. Be not very angry with us, remember not our sins, but even now regard us in Thy tender compassion and deliver us from our enemies. For Thou art our God, and we are Thy people; we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call upon Thy name.

Both now & ever & unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Open the door of thy loving-kindness, O blessed Theotokos, that we who put our hope in Thee may not perish. Through thee, may we be delivered from adversities, for thou art the salvation of the Christian people.

Here the Bishop makes 2 crosses & bows, removes his klobuk, kisses the small icon of Christ, and makes a 3rd cross & bow, while the Deacon is saying:

Deacon: We adore Thy most pure icon, O Good One, asking forgiveness for our transgressions, O Christ God. For of Thine own will Thou wert pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and to deliver Thy creation from slavery to the enemy, wherefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world. (He too kisses the icon.)

Here the Bishop makes 2 crosses & bows, removes his klobuk, kisses the small icon of Christ, and makes a 3rd cross & bow, while the Deacon is saying:

Deacon: Vouchsafe us mercy, O Theotokos, as thou art a fountain of tender compassion. Look upon us sinful men; as always, reveal thy power, for putting our hope in thee, we cry to thee: Rejoice—as once did Gabriel, commander of the bodiless hosts.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Bishop: Lord, have mercy. (He bows east:) O Lord, stretch forth Thy hand from Thy holy dwelling in the highest, and strengthen me for this Thine appointed service, that I, standing without condemnation before Thy throne, may offer the unbloody sacrifice. For Thine is the power, and the glory, unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Bishop replaces the klobuk on his head, makes three crosses & bows, then takes his crozier. During the following he blesses ...

Deacon: **Eis pollá eti, Déspota.** (ees poh-líht-ee)

... with his crozier & his hand, to the centre, the south, & the north, the choir singing:

Choir: ♪ **Ton Déspotin kai Archiérea imón,**
 Kyrie, fylátti.*
 Eis pollá eti, Déspota. (3x)

The Bishop now goes to the place where he will vest, usually in the centre of the temple. The Priests come to get the Bishop's blessing and then they go into the altar to vest.



VESTING OF THE HIERARCH

(Deacon: Vladika, bless the censer(s)!

Bishop: (blessing with both hands:) + We offer up incense to Thee, O Christ God, for an odour of spiritual fragrance, which do Thou accept upon Thy heavenly altar, and pour down upon us the grace of Thine All-Holy Spirit.

VESTING IN THE STIKHARION

Deacon: **Let us pray to the Lord.**

Deacon: (& Choir:**) **Thy soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He hath clothed thee with the**

* **Pronounced:** Tohn THEH-spoh-teen keh Ar-hee-EH-reh-ah ee-mohn, KEE-ree-eh, fee-LAH-tee.

Ees poh-LIGHT-ee, THEH-spoh-tah (3x).

** if the vesting is done in the centre of the temple

garment of salvation; with the robe of gladness hath He covered thee; as a bridegroom He hath set a crown upon thee; and as a bride doth adorn herself with jewels, so hath He adorned thee

(The choir stops here; the Deacon would continue:)
always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

At each vestment, the Bishop blesses it with both hands, kisses the cross on it, then vests (is vested) in it.

THE EPITRAKHIL

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Blessed is God, Who poureth out His grace upon His High Priests, like the oil of myrrh upon the head, which runneth down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron; which runneth down to the fringe of his raiment, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE ZONI

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Blessed is God, Who hath girded thee with power and hath made thy path blameless. He maketh thy feet like the feet of a hart, and setteth thee upon high places, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE RIGHT CUFF

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Thy right hand, O Lord, is glorified in might. Thy right hand, O Lord, hath shattered the enemies, and in the multitude of Thy glory Thou hast ground down Thine adversaries, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE LEFT CUFF

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding and I will learn Thy commandments, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE PALITZA

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty, and bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness, and Thy right hand shall guide thee wondrously, always, now & ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE SAKKOS

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Thy High Priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy Saints with rejoicing shall rejoice, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(The palitza must be kept outside the sakkos.)

THE GREAT OMOPHOR

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. When Thou hadst taken upon Thy shoulders human nature which had gone astray, O Christ, Thou didst bear it to heaven, unto Thy God and Father, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE CROSS

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his Cross,

and follow Me, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE PANAGIA*

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. God create in thee a clean heart and renew and right spirit within thee, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE MITRE

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: The Lord hath set upon thy head a crown of precious stones; thou askedst life of Him and He gaveth thee length of days, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

***** **DIKIRI & TRIKIRI** *****

The Subdeacons take the Dikiri & Trikiri and hand them to the Bishop, kissing his hand(s). As the Deacon sings...

Deacon: **Let us pray to the Lord. May thy light so shine before men that they may see thy good works and glorify our Father Who is in heaven, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

... the Bishop (from the dais in the nave of the temple) blesses with dikiri & trikiri (D&T) to east, west, south, & north. Meanwhile, the choir is singing:

.. Thus, if there is one panagia. If the Bishop has a second, at the second is said: “Let us pray to the Lord. May thy heart pour forth a good word, and thou shalt speak of thy works to the King, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.”

Singers:  **Ton Déspotin kai Arkhiérea imón,
Kyrie fylátti.**

The Bishop gives up the dikiri & trikiri, & the Deacon censes the Bishop (3x3), who bows, blesses him with both hands, & bows again.

 **Eis pollá eti, Déspota. (3x)**



THE HOURS

The Priest of the proskomedia bows to the Bishop, then:

Priest: **Blessed is our God, always, now and ever,
and unto the ages of ages.**

Reader: **Amen.**

Priest & Reader: And the Third & Sixth Hours are done. After each exclamation of the Priest, he & the Reader bow to the Bishop. Instead of “Father, bless” is said, “Master, bless.”

Bishop: The Bishop sits for the three psalms, then rises at the “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God (3x).” He then stands for the remainder of the Hour.

Great Censing: During the last Hour, at the Our Father, after the exclamation, the Deacon, at the solea, holds out his censer to the Bishop, who blesses it silently. The Deacon then begins the great censing before the Liturgy.

Washing of Hands: Meanwhile, the Subdeacons bring a pitcher, bowl, & towel to the Bishop. They pour water over his hands & he dries his hands, then blesses each with one hand & they kiss the hand. During this, the Deacon says:

Deacon: I will wash my hands in innocency, and I will compass Thine altar, O Lord, that I may hear the

voice of Thy praise and tell of all Thy wondrous works. O Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth. Destroy not my soul with the ungodly, nor my life with men of blood, in whose hands are iniquities; their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, in mine innocence have I walked. Redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. My foot hath stood in uprightness; in the congregations will I bless Thee, O Lord.



JUST BEFORE THE LITURGY

The Priests & Deacons surround the Bishop (in the centre of the temple). The bells are rung festively. The Bishop begins, softly:

Bishop: (with uplifted hands) Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come & abide in us, & cleanse us of all impurity, & save our souls, O Good One.

(The clergy cross & bow.)

(Bishop, with uplifted hands:) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men. (2x)

(The clergy cross & bow again.)

(Bishop, with uplifted hands:) O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

And the clergy cross & bow the third time.

The Deacon bows his head before the Bishop and says:

Deacon: It is time for the Lord to act.
Bless, most reverend Master.

The Bishop blesses with both hands:

Bishop: Blessed ✝ is our God, always, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages.

Priest: He takes a blessing & enters the altar through the south door, then kisses the holy Table & stands before it.

Deacon: Pray for me (us), holy Master.

The Bishop blesses them on their heads, saying:

Bishop: May the Lord direct thy (your) steps.

Deacon: Remember me (us), holy master.

Bishop: May the Lord God remember thee (you) in
His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto
ages of ages.

Deacon: Amen. (All Deacons get a usual blessing.)

The Reader finishes the Hours. Then:

Doors as well as Curtain Opened

The Deacon takes his place on the solea, then the Priest at the holy Table & the Deacon in his place make two bows. The Priest kisses the holy Table, then they make a third bow. At each bow the Deacon says softly:

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

Note on Public/Secret Parts: All the parts sung aloud are in bold face, and the parts the Bishop and Priest and Deacon do softly are in non-bold face.

Note on the Deacon: For the Litanies, he stands just outside the holy doors, facing east. (He ordinarily departs from the north door to take his place on the solea.) When the choir is singing between Litanies, he steps in front of the icon of Christ. When he re-enters the altar, he does so through the south door.

If there is no Deacon: A Priest doing the Litanies stays at the holy Table.





DIVINE LITURGY

OF OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT

(Deacon: **Bless, master!**—omitted if no Deacon)

The Priest raises the Gospel with both hands, then lowers it and—with the book vertical—makes a Cross with it over the antimens:

Priest: **Blessed ✝ is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

Choir: **Amen.** The Priest kisses the Gospel and lays it down.

Litany of Peace

The clergy bow to the Bishop, who begins the Prayer of the First Antiphon. The Deacon on the ambo (or Priest at the holy table):

Deacon: **In peace let us pray to the Lord.***

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **For the peace of the whole world, the**

* Concluding each petition the Deacon crosses himself and bows.

good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the Holy Orthodox Patriarchs; for our lord the Very Most Reverend N., our Metropolitan; for our lord the Most Reverend N., our (Arch) Bishop; for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this land, its authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

*Prayer of the
First Antiphon*

Bishop, softly:

O Lord our God,
Whose might is unutterable, Whose glory is inconceivable, Whose mercy is measureless, and Whose love for mankind is inexpressible: look down, O Master, in Thy tender compassion, upon us and upon this holy house, and bestow upon us, and them that pray with us, the riches of Thy mercies and compassions.

Deacon: For this (city or town, or—in a monastery: holy abode), for every city and country and the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For seasonable weather, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travellers by sea, land, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord. (Priest bows to the Bishop)

Priest: For unto Thee is due all glory, honour, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. The Priest again bows to the Bishop.

After "Amen," the **Bishop** sits.

First Antiphon

Psalm 102 is sung on Sundays, certain feasts, and for Saints with special Beatitudes verses. On certain feasts, such as Nativity, special verses are sung instead. Choir:

♪ Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art Thou, O Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless
His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath
done for thee,

Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities, who healeth
all thine infirmities,

Who redeemeth thy life from corruption, Who crowneth
thee with mercy and compassion,

Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth
shall be renewed as the eagle's.

Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering
and plenteous in mercy.

Not unto the end will He be angered, neither unto
eternity will He be wroth.

Not according to our iniquities hath He dealt with us,
neither according to our sins hath He rewarded us.

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

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

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless
His holy name; blessed art Thou, O Lord.**

(Special antiphons are sung on great feasts of the Lord, & those for weekdays without verses appointed upon the Beatitudes.)

First Little Litany

The **Bishop** stands & says the Prayer of the 2nd Antiphon.

Deacon : (bows to Bishop, then:) **Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.**

Choir: **To Thee, O Lord.** (Priest bows to the Bishop)

***Prayer of the
2nd Antiphon***

Bishop, softly:

O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Thy Church. Sanctify them that love the beauty of Thy house; glorify them by Thy Divine power in recompense, and forsake not us who put our trust in Thee.

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

Choir: Amen. The Priest again bows to the Bishop.

After "Amen," the **Bishop** sits.

Second Antiphon

Psalm 145 is sung whenever Psalm 102 was sung. When the first antiphon changes, that is, when special verses are sung instead, the same is true for this second antiphon. Choir:

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord in my life, I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Trust ye not in princes, in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit shall go forth, and he shall return unto his earth. In that day all his thoughts shall perish.

The Lord shall be king unto eternity; thy God, O Sion, unto generation and generation.

Then, regardless of which antiphon was chanted, we sing:

♪ **Both now & ever, & unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, / yet didst deign for our salvation / to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, / and without change didst become man, / and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; / Thou Who art one of the Holy Trinity, / glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

(Special antiphons sung on great feasts of the Lord, & those for weekdays without verses appointed upon the Beatitudes.)

Second Little Litany

The **Bishop** stands & says the Prayer of the 3rd Antiphon.

Deacon: (after a bow made to the Bishop:) **Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.**

Choir: **To Thee, O Lord.**

Prayer of the 3rd Antiphon

Bishop, softly:

O Thou Who hast given us grace at this time to make our common supplications unto Thee, and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wouldst grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the petitions of Thy servants as may be expedient for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life eternal.

The Priest bows to the Bishop.

Priest: For a good God art Thou, and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. The Priest bows to the Bishop again.

After "Amen," the **Bishop** sits on the dais in the nave.

Third Antiphon & Little Entrance

The Beatitudes are sung whenever Psalms 102 & 145 were sung. When special verses were sung, special verses are sung for the third antiphon as well.

Now the Deacons take censers, the Subdeacons the D&T, the servers the fans. The clergy bow twice, kiss the holy Table, bow again, turn, bow to the Bishop, then begin the Little Entrance.

Choir:  In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in the heavens.

**Glory to the Father, & to the Son, & to the Holy Spirit.
Both now & ever, & unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

During the above antiphon the procession (candle, crozier, D&T, fan, censers, gospel, Priests) goes counter-clockwise round the holy Table, exits the north door, and circles behind the Bishop.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

The Gospel is held east of the Bishop, the fans over it.

Bishop: (softly:) O Master, Lord our God, Who hast appointed in heaven hierarchies and hosts of Angels and Archangels to minister unto Thy glory: grant that with our entrance there may be an entrance of holy Angels also, serving with us and glorifying Thy goodness. For to Thee are due all glory, honour, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: Bless, most reverend Master, the entrance.

Bishop: (blessing with both hands:) ✠ Blessed is the entrance of Thy saints, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The Deacon lets the Bishop kiss the Gospel & kisses his hand, then, when the 3rd Antiphon is done, raises the Gospel:

Deacon: Wisdom! Aright! (& any entrance verse*)

* On certain feasts the Deacon adds an Entrance Verse, after which 'O come, let us worship' is always sung.

The Deacon turns so the Gospel faces the Bishop.

Clergy:  **O come let us worship and fall down before Christ; / O Son of God: (Sundays: Who didst rise from the dead) (Weekdays: Who art wondrous in the saints) (feasts of the Theotokos: through the prayers of the Theotokos),**

Choir, quickly:  **O Son of God, Who... (as appropriate), save us who sing unto Thee: alleluia!**

Clergy:  **O Son of God, Who... (as appropriate), save us who sing unto Thee: alleluia!**

During the above the Bishop, very, very slowly, bows down to the Holy Gospel, which is censed 3x3. Then, ...

***** **DIKIRI & TRIKIRI** *****

... as the Bishop blesses with D&T to the east, west, south, and north, he himself is censed 3x3.

Then the clergy enter the altar, laying down the Gospel, but the Bishop, upon the solea, takes the D&T.

At the choir's 'O Son of God, Who...' the Bishop turns to the people, blesses with D&T to his left & right, then turns to the altar. The trikiri is taken; **holding the dikiri** the Bishop kisses the portal icons, takes the censer, censes (1) holy Table, on all sides; (2) table of oblations; (3) high place; (4) right & left sides of altar; (5) standing before the holy Table, the clergy; and (6) the holy doors. Then he goes through them.

Three Singers: Eis pollá éti, Déspota.
(3x, slowly & melodiously)

With the dikiri in one hand, the censer in the other, the Bishop censes the rt. side of the iconostasis, the l. side, the people, then the icons of Christ (3x) & the Theotokos (3x), then he re-enters & censes the front of the holy Table (3x) and the clergy. He gives up censer & dikiri. But the choir, to conclude, sing:

Choir: Eis polla eti, Despota! (1x)

Troparia & Kontakia

The Troparia & Kontakia hymns are chanted as appointed. Meanwhile the Bishop reads the Prayer of the Thrice-Holy:

Bishop: He reads the prayer softly:

O Holy God, Who retest in the Saints; Who art hymned by the Seraphim with a thrice-holy cry, and art glorified by the Cherubim, and art worshipped by every heavenly Power; Thou Who out of nothingness hast brought all things into being; Who hast created man to Thine own image and likeness, and hast adorned him with Thine every gift; Who givest to them that ask of Thee wisdom and understanding; Who dost not despise the sinner, but hast appointed repentance unto salvation; and Who hast vouchsafed to us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, to stand at this hour and in this place before the glory of Thy holy altar, and to render Thee the worship and praise which are due unto Thee: do Thou Thyself, O Master, accept from the mouths of us sinners the thrice-holy hymn, and visit us in Thy goodness. Forgive us every transgression, voluntary and involuntary; sanctify both our souls and bodies; and grant that we may serve Thee in uprightness all the days of our life, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the Saints who have pleased Thee from the beginning of the world.

Near the end of the last kontakion, the Deacon kisses the holy Table and says quietly:

Deacon: Bless, most reverend Master, the time of the thrice-holy. (he kisses the Bishop's hand)

Deacon: (on solea:) **Let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Bishop: **For holy art Thou, O our God,
and unto Thee do we send up glory, to
the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, now and ever.**

Choir: **Amen.**

The Deacon, at the holy doors, pointing with his orárium to the Christ icon (or a Priest, at the holy Table) exclaims:

Deacon: **O Lord, save the pious.**

Choir:  **O Lord, save the pious.**

Deacon: **And hearken unto us.**

Choir:  **And hearken unto us.**

Deacon: (pointing in a sweep to the people:) **And unto the
ages of ages.**

The Bishop is given the dikiri in his right hand.

Choir: **Amen.**

Trisagion

 **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy
on us.** (or: As many as have been baptized into Christ have
put on Christ, alleluia!) (or: Before Thy Cross we bow down...)

As the choir sings the Trisagion or its substitute Hymn, the Bishop
makes a cross (horizontally) over the Gospel with the dikiri.

 **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy
on us.** (or: As many as have been baptized ... alleluia!)

With the hand-cross in his left hand, dikiri in his rt. hand, the Bishop passes through the holy doors to the solea.

♪ **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.** (or: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia!)

Facing west, looking up at the Pantocrator in the dome:

Bishop: Lord, O Lord, look down from heaven and behold, and visit this vineyard, and perfect that which Thy right hand hath planted.

The Bishop blesses to the west as there is sung:

Trio: ♪ **Holy God.** (or: As many as have been baptized into Christ, etc.)

Bishop: (southward:) Lord, O Lord, look down from heaven & behold, & visit this vineyard, and perfect that which Thy right hand hath planted.

The Bishop blesses to the south, as there is sung:

Trio: ♪ **Holy Mighty.** (or: Have put on Christ.)

Bishop: (northward:) Lord, O Lord, look down from heaven and behold, and visit this vineyard, and perfect that which Thy right hand hath planted.

The Bishop blesses to the north, as there is sung:

Trio: ♪ **Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.** (or: Alleluia!)

The Bishop re-enters the altar & gives up the cross. Holding the

dikiri, he kisses the holy Table.

Choir:  **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.** (or: As many.. alleluia.) (once)

Deacon: Command, most reverend Master.

Bishop: (walking to the high place:) Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Deacon: Bless, most reverend Master, the high place.

Bishop: (blessing with dikiri:) Blessed + art Thou on the throne of the glory of Thy kingdom, Who sittest upon the Cherubim, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The Bishop ascends his throne, faces the people, gives the dikiri, & takes the trikiri. During the below, he blesses with the trikiri to centre, left, and right, then gives it away.

Clergy:  **Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.** (or: As many as have been... alleluia.) (once)

The Reader approaches the Bishop with the epistle book; the Bishop blesses him & places his hand on the book. The Reader kisses his hand there, then exits through the north door to wait for the choir to finish.

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (or: Alleluia!)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.* (or: As many as have been... alleluia.) (once)

* See note about the Trisagion substitutions on the next page.

Then, after the Trisagion or its substitute has been sung:

Deacon: Let us attend.

Bishop: (blessing with both hands:) **Peace + be unto all.**

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

The Great Omophor is removed from the Bishop; the Deacon brings a censer to him, with incense & spoon.

Reader: The Prokimen in the ___ Tone.

The Reader gives the Prokimen; it is sung as usual. Meanwhile:

Deacon: Bless, most reverend Master, the censer.

Bishop: We offer up incense to Thee, O Christ God, ✠
for an odour of spiritual fragrance, which do
Thou accept upon Thy heavenly altar, and
pour down upon us the grace of Thine All-
Holy Spirit.

* For Nativity and Theophany, instead of Trisagion they sing:

♪ As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on
Christ, alleluia.

Note: The order, with the threefold singing, then Glory to the
Father.. Both now and ever... a partial repeat and lastly a full
repeat—this is the same as for the Trisagion itself.

For the third Sunday in Lent, instead of Trisagion they sing:

♪ Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Thy holy Resurrection do we glorify. The order is the
same as for the Trisagion itself (see preceding note).

Deacon: (after the Prokimen:) **Wisdom!**

Reader: **The reading is from ...**
(the Acts of the Holy Apostles, **or:**
the Catholic Epistle of N., **or:**
the Epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the N.).

Deacon: **Let us attend.**

Epistle

The Bishop & Priests sit, but none of lower rank is seated.

Reader: If it be from the Acts: **In those days ...**
If from the Epistles of St. John: **Beloved ...**
If from the Epistles of St. Paul: **Brethren ...**
or: Child (Timothy) ...

Censing: During the Epistle,* the Deacon censes: (1) holy Table (all sides); (2) table of oblations; (3) high place; (4) altar icons; (5) iconostasis (passing through the holy doors); (6) the Bishop 3x3 (who blesses him); (7) clergy; (8) Reader, choir, & people; (9) the holy Table (passing through the holy doors); (10) the Bishop 1x3. Then he gives up the censer.

* In practice, the censing begins earlier, at the Prokimen.

Bishop: (standing, semi-softly:) **Peace be unto thee.**

Reader: (semi-softly:) **And to thy spirit.**

Deacon: **Wisdom!** (Bishop begins the Gospel Prayer below)

Reader: **Alleluia in the __ Tone.** (and the Alleluia is sung as usual.)

Choir:  **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Reader: **In the __ Tone:** (He gives the [2d] stichos.)

Choir:  **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

During “Alleluia,” the Gospel stand is placed, facing east. The D&T are brought out—dikiri on the south, trikiri on the north.

Prayer Before the Gospel

Bishop: He says the following prayer softly.

Illuminate our hearts, O God Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy Divine knowledge. Open Thou the eyes of our understanding to comprehend the declaration of Thy Gospel. Instil in us a fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling upon all desires of the flesh we may pursue a godly life, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the light of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thy beginningless Father and Thy most holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

During the above prayer, Priest & Deacon kiss the holy Table. The Priest gives the Deacon the Gospel, and he puts his orárium over it and goes to the Bishop. The Bishop kisses the Gospel book; the Deacon, the Bishop’s hand.

The Deacon goes to the stand and holds the Gospel upright resting on the stand and the fans are held over it. He bows his head & says:

Deacon: **Bless, most reverend Master, the bringer of the good tidings of the holy Apostle and Evangelist** (“Matthew,” “Mark,” “Luke,” or “John the Theologian”)

Bishop: (from the high place:) **May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all-**

praised Apostle and Evangelist N*, give speech with great power unto thee that bringest good tidings, unto the fulfillment of the Gospel of His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. * just as the Deacon read

Deacon: Amen.

The Deacon lays down the Gospel & opens it.

Deacon: Wisdom! Aright! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Bishop: (blessing with both hands:) Peace + be unto all.

Choir:  And to thy spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to N.

Choir:  Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Deacon: Let us attend.

The Bishop & clergy in the altar turn, bow to the east, then turn west again. The clergy uncover their heads, as the Bishop also does, unless he himself is reading the Gospel.

Gospel

When the Deacon has read the Gospel, the Bishop immediately sings aloud:

Bishop: Peace be unto thee that bringest good tidings.

Choir:  Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

The Gospel is brought back to the holy Table, where the Deacon holds it for the Bishop to kiss.

***** DIKIRI & TRIKIRI *****

The Bishop exits the holy doors, is given the D&T, and blesses the people once—to the centre—as there is sung:

Choir:  **Eis polla eti, Despota.** (1x)

The Bishop hands off the D&T and re-enters the altar.

~ *Sermon* ~

Litany of Fervent Supplication

The Bishop begins the Prayer of Fervent Supplication, next page.

Deacon: **Let us all say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.** (3x)

Deacon: **Again we pray for the Holy Orthodox Patriarchs; for our lord the Very Most Reverend N., our Metropolitan; for our lord the Most Reverend N., our (Arch)Bishop; and all our brethren in Christ.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for this land, its authorities and armed forces.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for our brethren, the Priests, Priest-monks, and all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable, Holy Orthodox Patriarchs; for pious Kings and right-believing Queens; and for the founders of this holy (temple *or* monastery), and for all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us, and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to sleep.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Any additional petitions, i.e., for the sick or those in trouble, are inserted here.

***Prayer of
Fervent
Supplication***

Bishop, softly:

O Lord our God, accept this, the fervent supplication of Thy servants, and according to the multitude of Thy compassion have mercy on us, and send down Thy generous gifts upon us and upon all Thy people who await the rich mercy that is from Thee.

(He unfolds the antimens except the top edge.)

Deacon: Again we pray for them that bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for them that minister and them that chant, and for all the people here present, that await of Thee great and abundant mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Bishop: For a merciful God art Thou, and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. (most days, we skip the following Litany:)

Litany for the Departed

The Bishop begins softly the Prayer for the Departed on the next page. The Deacon, censing continually on the solea, begins:

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

Deacon: Again we pray for the repose of the souls of the departed servants and handmaidens of God, N. & N., and that they may be forgiven every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

Deacon: That the Lord God commit their souls to where the righteous repose.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. *Thrice.*

Deacon: The mercy of God, the kingdom of heaven, and

... the remission of their sins, let us ask of Christ the immortal King and our God.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

The Deacon gives

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

the censer to the

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop.

Bishop: O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who hast trampled down death by death, and overthrown the Devil and life to Thy world: do Thou Thyself, O Lord, grant rest to the souls of Thy departed servants & handmaidens, N. & N., in a place of light, a place of green pasture, a place of repose, from which all sickness, sadness, and sighing are fled away. Forgive every sin committed by (them) in word, deed, or thought, for Thou art a good God, and the Lover of mankind; for there is no man that liveth and doth not sin, for Thou only art sinless; Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy word is truth. *The Bishop swings the censer, singing:*

Bishop: For Thou art the resurrection, and the life, and the repose of Thy departed servants, N. & N., O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thy beginningless Father, and Thy most holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. **Choir:** Amen.

Litany of the Catechumens

The Bishop begins, softly, the Prayer for Catechumens below.

Deacon: Pray, ye catechumens, to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Ye faithful, let us pray for the catechumens, that the Lord will have mercy on them.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will catechise them with the word of Truth.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Two Priests unfold the upper portion of the antimens:

Deacon: That He will reveal unto them the Gospel of righteousness.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He will unite them to His Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Save them, have mercy on them, help them, and keep them, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Ye catechumens, bow your heads to the Lord.

Prayer for Catechumens

Bishop, softly:

O Lord our God, Who dwellest on high and lookest down upon all Thy works: Look upon Thy servants the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before Thee, and grant them the easy yoke. Make them honourable, members of Thy holy Church, and vouchsafe them the laver of regeneration, the remission of sins, and the robe of incorruptibility, unto the knowledge of Thee our true God.

Choir: **To Thee, O Lord.** (the Bishop does not say:)

Priest: **That with us they may also glorify Thy most honourable and majestic name ...**

... The Bishop signs the antimens with the sponge. Priest:

... of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The Bishop kisses the sponge and places it on the right side.

Choir: **Amen.**

First Litany of the Faithful

First Prayer of the Faithful

Bishop, softly:

Thou, O Lord, hast shown us this great mystery of salvation. Thou hast vouchsafed us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, to be ministrants of Thy holy altar. Do Thou enable us with the power ...

next page...

(Bishop, softly:)

Deacon: (facing east:) **As many as are catechumens, depart; catechumens, depart; as many as are catechumens, depart; let none of the catechumens remain; as many as are of the faithful, again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **Help us, save us, have mercy on us,**

**and keep us, O
God, by Thy grace.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Priest: For unto Thee is
due all glory,
honour, and
worship, to the
Father, and to the
Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, now
and ever, and unto
the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Note: If there are several Deacons, one takes the censer, gets the Bishop's blessing, & censes the holy Table (all sides), table of oblations, high place, altar icons, Bishop 3x3, all the clergy, the front of the holy Table, the Bishop again 1x3, then at the high place bows east & bows to the Bishop, then retires the censer.

... of Thy Holy Spirit for this ministry, that, standing uncondemned before Thy holy glory, we may offer unto Thee a sacrifice of praise. For Thou art He Who worketh all things in all men. Grant, O Lord, also that our sacrifice for our sins and for the errors of the people be acceptable and well-pleasing before Thee.

Second Litany of the Faithful

**Second Prayer of
the Faithful**

Bishop, softly:

O God, Who in mercy and compassion hast visited our lowliness, Who hast appointed us Thy humble and sinful and unworthy servants to minister at Thy holy altar in the presence of Thy holy glory: Do Thou strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit for this service, and grant us speech in the opening of our mouth, with which to invoke the grace of Thy Holy Spirit upon the Gifts that we desire to offer.

Deacon: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That we may be

**delivered from all tribulation, wrath,
and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and
keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Bishop: (aloud:) **That always being guarded under
Thy dominion, we may send up glory unto
Thee, to the Father, and to the Son and to
the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto
the ages of ages. Choir: Amen.**

Cherubic Hymn

The **choir** sings the Cherubic Hymn, repeating as needed.

A **Deacon or Priest** censens. The Bishop steps to the left or north of the altar to permit the front of the altar to be censened. Then the Bishop says the following prayer softly:

No one who is bound by carnal lusts or pleasures is worthy to approach or to draw nigh or to minister to Thee, O King of glory, for to serve Thee is a thing great and fearful even to the heavenly Powers. Yet because of Thine unutterable and immeasurable love for mankind, without change or alteration Thou didst become man, and didst become our High Priest, and didst deliver unto us the ministry of this liturgic and unbloody sacrifice. For Thou art the Master of all. Thou alone, O Lord our God, rulest over those in heaven and those upon the earth, art borne upon the throne of the

Cherubim, art Lord of the Seraphim and King of Israel; Thou alone art holy and retest in the saints. I implore Thee, therefore, Who alone art good and inclined to listen: look upon me Thy sinful and unprofitable servant, and purify my soul and heart of a wicked conscience, and by the might of Thy Holy Spirit enable me, who am clothed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this Thy holy Table, and to perform the sacred Mystery of Thy holy and immaculate Body and precious Blood. For unto Thee do I draw nigh, bowing my neck, and I pray Thee: Turn not Thy countenance away from me, neither cast me out from among Thy children, but vouchsafe that these gifts may be offered unto Thee by me, Thy sinful and unworthy servant. For Thou art He Who offereth and is offered, Who receiveth and is received, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, with Thy beginningless Father, and Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: (meantime, very slowly:)  **Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the thrice-holy hymn unto the Life-creating Trinity, now lay aside all earthly care.**

Washing of Hands: The Bishop goes through the holy doors, and blesses the water with both hands at the beginning of this prayer:

O Lord ✠ our God, Who didst sanctify the streams of the Jordan by Thy saving manifestation, do Thou now also send down the grace of Thy holy Spirit, and bless this water, to the sanctification of all Thy people, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages.

Water
is
poured
on his
hands
thrice.

The Bishop signs himself with the blessed water and sprinkles the people with it. Then he blesses the Subdeacons holding the basin & they kiss his nearest hand.

**** The Small Omophor is placed upon him.**

The Bishop & all clergy make three metanies to the east.

Threefold Lifting of Hands

Bishop: (with hands raised:*) Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the thrice-holy hymn unto the Life-creating Trinity, now lay aside all earthly care.

All the clergy bow deeply:

Deacon: That we may receive the King of all, Who cometh invisibly upborne in triumph by the ranks of Angels, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* Note that when the Bishop raises his hands, the Deacons raise their oraria.

Bishop: (with hands raised:) Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the thrice-holy hymn unto the Life-creating Trinity, now lay aside all earthly care.

All the clergy bow deeply:

Deacon: That we may receive the King of all, Who cometh invisibly upborne in triumph by the ranks of Angels, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Bishop: (with hands raised:) Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the thrice-holy hymn unto the Life-creating

Trinity, now lay aside all earthly care.

All the clergy bow deeply:

Deacon: That we may receive the King of all, Who cometh invisibly upborne in triumph by the ranks of Angels, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**** The Mitre is removed. ****

The Bishop kisses the antimens & edge of the holy Table, & blesses the Priests, turns to bless the people with both hands, & goes straightway to the table of oblations.

The Priests make 2 metanies, kiss the antimens and holy Table, make a 3rd metany, and go to bow before the people.

At the Oblations Table

The Proskomedie complete, the **Small Omophor is removed** & the Bishop censens the Gifts 3x3, saying:

O God, cleanse me, a sinner. (3x)

He replaces the veils & hands the censor to the Deacon, who puts it away. The Bishop kisses the diskos veil.

Deacon: Lift up, most reverend Master.

Bishop: (handing him the diskos:) Lift up your hands unto the holies, and bless the Lord.

Priest: May the Lord God remember Thine (Arch-) Episcopate in His kingdom, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

The Bishop kisses the chalice, hands it to the Priest, then takes the censor. He does not exit the holy doors.

Great Entrance

A procession is made: candle; crozier-bearer; Deacon with censer; D&T; fans; diskos; chalice; and Priest.

Deacon: **Our lord the Most Reverend N., our (Arch-)Bishop may the Lord God remember in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

The Bishop, standing in the holy doors, censes the diskos.

Deacon: May the Lord God remember thine (Arch-)Episcopate in His kingdom.

Bishop: May the Lord God remember Thy (Diaconate) in His kingdom.

The Bishop gives up the censer & receives the diskos. Standing with it in the holy doors facing west, he sings:

Bishop: **The Orthodox Episcopate of the Church of N., our lord the Very Most Reverend N., Metropolitan of N. and First Hierarch of the Church of N., may the Lord God remember in His kingdom always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

The Bishop turns & goes to place the diskos upon the holy Table.

Choir: **Amen.**

The Bishop takes the chalice in his hands; facing west, he intones:

Bishop: **This land, its authorities, and the faithful that dwell therein, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom always, now**

and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The Clergy, the Monks and Nuns, all that are persecuted and suffer for the Orthodox Faith; the ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this holy (temple or monastery), and its (parishioners or brotherhood or sisterhood),

He blesses the people with the chalice in the form of a cross:

And ✠ all you Orthodox Christians, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The Bishop places the chalice on the holy Table, around which all the clergy gather. The Bishop begins the prayers below.

Choir:  **Amen.** (more animatedly:) **That we may receive the King of all, who cometh invisibly upborne in triumph by the ranks of Angels, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Bishop: The noble Joseph, when he had taken Thy most pure Body down from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with sweet spices, and placed it in a new tomb.

The Deacons unveil the diskos; the two small veils they fold up.

Bishop: Within the tomb in body and within hades in soul, in Paradise with the thief and upon the throne with the Father and the Spirit wast Thou, O Christ, filling all things, Thyself uncircumscribable.

Life-bearing and more fruitful than Paradise, more radiant than any royal chamber, Thy tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of our resurrection.

The Bishop wraps the aer round the censer, & places it over diskos & chalice, saying:

Bishop: The noble Joseph, when he had taken Thy most pure Body down from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with sweet spices, and placed it in a new tomb.

*** * The Bishop puts his Mitre on. * ***

Bishop (censing the Gifts): Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure, unto Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings; then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar. (Ps. 50)
He gives the censer to the Deacon.

*** * * DIKIRI & TRIKIRI ARE TAKEN ONTO THE SOLEA * * ***

The Bishop bows his head and says:

Bishop: (softly:) Remember me, brothers and concelebrants.

Clergy: (softly:) The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee.

Deacon: The same Spirit shall minister with us all the days of our life. Remember us, holy Master.
He retains the censer.

Bishop: May the Lord direct your steps.

Deacons: Remember me (us), holy Master.

Bishop: (blessing them:) May the Lord God remember thee (you) in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Deacon: Amen. The Deacons kiss his hand.

The Deacon censes the Bishop 3x3 & gives up the censer.

Blessing of the People

The Bishop exits the holy doors, takes the D&T, and blesses with them once to the centre. During this the choir sings:

Choir:  **Eis polla eti, Despota. (1x)**

The Bishop gives up the D&T and returns into the altar.

Litany of Supplication

The Bishop begins the Offering Prayer (next page). Meanwhile:

Deacon: **Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **For the precious Gifts set forth, let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: **For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: An Angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Prayer of Offering

Bishop, softly:

O Lord our God, Who hast created us, and hast brought us into this life; Who hast shown us the way of salvation, Who hast granted us the revelation of heavenly mysteries, for Thou hast appointed us to this ministry by the power of Thy Holy Spirit: be pleased, therefore, O Lord, that we be servants of Thy new covenant, ministers of Thy Holy Mysteries; accept us who draw nigh to Thy holy altar, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, that we may be worthy to offer to Thee this rational and bloodless sacrifice for our sins and for the errors of the people; accepting which upon Thy holy and most heavenly and noetic altar as an odour of spiritual fragrance, do Thou send down upon us the grace ...

... of Thy Holy Spirit. Look down upon us, O God, and look upon this our service, as Thou didst accept the gifts of Abel, the sacrifice of Noë, the offerings of Abraham, the priesthood of Moses and Aaron, and the peace-offerings of Samuel. According as Thou didst accept of Thy holy Apostles this true ministry, receive thus also from the hands of us sinners these gifts in Thy goodness, O Lord; that having been vouchsafed to minister without blame at Thy holy altar, we may receive the reward of faithful and wise stewards in the terrible day of Thy righteous rewarding. (next page)

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Pardon and remission of our sins and offences, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defence before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Bishop: Through the compassions of Thine only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. **Choir:** Amen.

The Peace

The Bishop blesses the people with both hands through the holy doors, intoning:

Bishop: Peace ✠ be unto all.

Choir: And to thy spirit. He returns to the holy Table.

Deacon: Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess:

Choir: ♪ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence, and undivided.

While the choir sings, the Bishop & clergy bow thrice, saying softly each time: I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my foundation, and my refuge, and my deliverer.

*** * The Mitre is removed. * ***

The Bishop kisses (1) the diskos, saying: Holy God; (2) the chalice, saying: Holy Mighty; (3) the western edge of the holy Table, saying: Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

The Bishop goes to the right (south) side, facing north. The Priests kiss diskos, chalice, & holy Table silently, then the Bishop:

Bishop: Christ is in our midst! **Priest:** He is and shall be!

The Priest kisses the Bishop's right shoulder, left shoulder, and hand, & so do the Priests to one another, afterwards.

Deacon: The doors! The doors! In wisdom, let us attend.

Symbol of Faith

The Bishop bows his head over the holy Table; Priests lift the aer and wave it over the Gifts & the Bishop's head.

People: ♪ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, / the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; / Light of Light, true God of true God; / begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father; by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from the heavens, / and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; / And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered, and was buried; and arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; / And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. / And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the 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. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / And the life of the age to come. Amen.

The Bishop kisses the cross on the aer; the Priests fold it and place it at the upper left corner of the antimens.

***** DIKIRI & TRIKIRI *****

ÆNAPHORÆ

Deacon: Let us stand aright, let us stand with fear, let us attend, that we may offer the holy

oblation in peace.

Choir:  **A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.**

The Deacon enters the altar; the Bishop goes out through the holy doors & blesses with D&T towards the west:

Bishop: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

Choir: **And with thy spirit.**

The Bishop blesses with D&T to his left, saying:

Bishop: **Let us lift up our hearts!**

Choir: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

He blesses with D&T to his right, saying:

Bishop: **Let us give thanks unto the Lord!**

He returns to the altar, where he gives away the D&T.

Choir:  **It is meet and just to worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence, and undivided.** (While the choir sings:)

The Bishop makes a deep reverence, then says softly:

O Master, Thou Who dost truly exist, O Lord God, Father almighty, Who art to be worshipped! It is truly meet and right, and fitting to the majesty of Thy holiness, to praise Thee, to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to worship Thee, to thank Thee, to glorify Thee the only God that truly existeth, and to offer unto Thee with broken heart and humble spirit this our reasonable service; for it is Thou Who hast bestowed upon us the

knowledge of Thy truth. And who hath power sufficient to express Thy might, to make all Thy praises to be heard, or to proclaim Thy wonders at all times? O Master of all, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation, visible and invisible, Who sittest on the throne of glory and lookest upon the deeps, Who art beginningless, unsearchable, ineffable, inexpressible, immutable, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great God and Saviour, our hope, Who is the image of Thy goodness; the stamp of equal kind, in Himself showing forth Thee, the Father, the living Word, the true God, the pre-eternal Wisdom, the Life, the Sanctification, the Power, the true Light, through Whom the Holy Spirit was manifested; the Spirit of Truth, the Gift of adoption, the Pledge of inheritance to come, the First-fruits of eternal good things, the life-giving Power, the Fountain of sanctification, by Whom all rational and intelligent creation is strengthened to serve Thee and evermore doth send up to Thee a doxology, for all things are Thy servants; for Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise Thee; before Thee stand round about the Seraphim, each having six wings, and with two flying they cry one to another, with their lips, unceasing, never-silent doxologies,

During the below the Deacon touches the diskos with the asterisk, making a cross (then holds it for the Bishop to kiss).

Bishop: (aloud:) **Singing the triumphal hymn, shouting, crying aloud, and saying:**

The Bishop kisses the asterisk; the Deacon kisses his hand & folds it, laying it on the left of the holy Table.

Choir:  **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Osanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Osanna in the highest.**

While the choir sings, the Bishop says softly:

With these blessed powers, O Master, Lover of mankind, we sinners also cry aloud and say: Holy art Thou, truly, and Most-Holy, and there is no measure to the majesty of Thy holiness; and venerable art Thou in all Thy works, for in righteousness and true judgment hast Thou ordered all things for us; for, having created man, taking him from the dust of the earth, and fashioned him according to Thine image, O God, Thou didst place him in a paradise of delight, promising him life immortal, and the enjoyment of eternal good things in keeping Thy commandments; but when he disobeyed Thee, the true God, Who had created him, and was led astray by the deception of the serpent, and become mortal through his own transgression, Thou didst expel him, in Thy righteous judgment, O God, from paradise into this world, and didst return him to the earth from whence he was taken, providing for him the salvation of regeneration in Thy Christ Himself; for Thou didst not turn Thyself away unto the end from Thy creature whom Thou hadst made, O Good One, neither didst Thou forget the work of Thy hands, but Thou didst visit him in many ways, for the sake of the tender compassion of Thy mercy; Thou didst send prophets, Thou didst perform mighty deeds by Thy saints who, in every generation were well-pleasing unto Thee; Thou didst speak to us by the mouths of Thy servants the prophets, proclaiming beforehand to us the salvation which was to

come; Thou didst give the Law as a help; Thou didst appoint guardian angels. And when the fullness of time was come, Thou didst speak to us by Thy Son Himself, through Whom also the ages were made, Who through being the brightness of Thy glory, and the express Image of Thy Person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, thought it not robbery to be equal to Thee, the God and Father; but though He was God before the ages, yet He appeared on earth, and dwelt among men; and was incarnate of a holy Virgin, did empty Himself, taking on the form of a servant, being conformed to the body of our lowliness, that He might make us conformable to the image of His glory; for as by man sin entered into the world, and by sin death, so it pleased Thine Only-begotten, Who is in the bosom of Thee, the God and Father, to be born of a woman, the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary; to be born under the law, to condemn sin in His flesh, that they who were dead in Adam might be made alive in Thy Christ, and become a dweller in this world, giving saving commandments, releasing us from the delusions of idols, He brought us unto knowledge of Thee, the true God and Father, having acquired us for Himself a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; and being purified with water, and sanctified with the Holy Spirit, He gave Himself a ransom to death, by which we were held, sold under sin; and having descended through the Cross into hades, that He might fill all things with Himself, He loosed the pains of death; and arose on the third day, and making a way for all flesh through the resurrection of the dead, because it was not possible for the Author of Life to be held by corruption, He Who became the Firstfruits of the dead, the

Firstborn from the dead, that He might be Himself all things, the first in all things; and having ascended into heaven, He sat down at the right hand of Thy majesty on high, Who also shall come to render unto every man according to his works. And He hath left with us as memorials of His saving Passion these things which we have offered according to His commandments; for when He was about to go forth to His voluntary and ever-memorable and life-giving death, in the night in which He gave Himself for the life of the world, taking bread in His holy and most pure hands, showing it to Thee, God and Father, giving thanks, blessing it, sanctifying it, breaking it,

**** Mitre is removed; Small Omophor put on.****

The Deacon points with his orárion to the diskos:

Bishop: (pointing to it with his right hand, aloud:) **He gave It to His holy disciples and apostles, saying: Take, eat; this is My Body, which is broken for you for the remission of sins.**

Choir: Amen.

Bishop (very softly:) Likewise also taking the cup of the fruit of the vine, having mingled it, given thanks, blessed it, sanctified it, **The Deacon & Bishop point to the chalice:**

Bishop: (aloud:) **He gave It to His holy disciples and apostles, saying: Drink of it, all of you: this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins.**

Choir: Amen.

Bishop (softly): This do in remembrance of Me; for as often as ye shall eat this Bread and drink of this Cup, ye proclaim My death, ye confess My resurrection. Therefore we also, Master, being mindful of His saving Passion, life-giving Cross, three-day burial, and Resurrection from the dead, His Ascension into heaven, His sitting at the right hand of Thee, the God and Father, and His glorious and terrible Second Coming,

The Bishop steps back from the holy Table; the Deacon (Priest) crosses his right hand over his left and elevates the Holy Gifts. The Bishop raises his hands:

Bishop: (loudly:) Thine own of Thine own we offer unto Thee, in behalf of all and for all.

The Deacon puts down the Gifts & steps aside.

Choir:  **We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord; and we pray unto Thee, O our God.**

Bishop (with bowed head): Therefore, O Most-Holy Master, we sinners also and Thine unworthy servants, having been vouchsafed to minister at Thy holy altar, not because of our righteousness, for we have not done that which is good on the earth, but because of Thy mercies and Thy compassions, which Thou hast poured out richly upon us, dare to draw nigh unto Thy holy altar; and having presented the sacred emblems of the Body and Blood of Thy Christ, we pray Thee, and we call upon Thee: O Holy of Holies, through the favour of Thy goodness, send Thy Holy Spirit down upon us, and upon these Gifts presented here, and bless them, sanctify, and manifest them...

Bishop: O God, cleanse us sinners and have mercy on us. (3x)

Bishop: (with raised hands:) O Lord, Who didst send down Thy Most Holy Spirit upon Thine apostles at the third hour, take Him not away from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to Thee. (all bow)

Deacon: Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

Bishop: (with raised hands:) O Lord, Who didst send down Thy Most Holy Spirit upon Thine apostles at the third hour, take Him not away from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to Thee. (all bow)

Deacon: Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Bishop: (with raised hands:) O Lord, Who didst send down Thy Most Holy Spirit upon Thine apostles at the third hour, take Him not away from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to Thee. (all bow)

This part is not done in all churches.

The Deacon points to the diskos with his orárion, saying softly:

Deacon: Bless, Master, the Holy Bread.

Bishop: (signing it 3x:) And make this Bread itself the precious Body of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

The Deacon points to the chalice with his orárium, saying softly:

Deacon: Bless, Master, the Holy Cup.

Bishop: (signing it:) And that which is in this chalice the precious + Blood itself of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Deacon:** Amen.

Bishop: Which was shed for the life of the world.

Deacon: Amen.

The Deacon points to Them, saying softly:

Deacon: Bless Them both, Master.

Bishop: (signing them:) Changing Them by Thy Holy Spirit.

Deacon: Amen, amen, amen!

Reverence: All make a prostration before the Gifts.

The Deacons bow their heads to the Bishop.

Deacon: Remember us sinners, holy Master.

Bishop: (blessing them:) May the Lord God remember thee (you) in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The Deacons kiss his hand, then withdraw. The Bishop says softly:

And all of us who partake of the one Bread and the one Chalice do Thou unite one to another, in one communion of the Holy Spirit; and cause not one of us to partake unto judgment or condemnation of the holy

Body and Blood of Thy Christ; but that we may find mercy and grace together with all the Saints who from the ages have been pleasing unto Thee, forefathers, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, teachers, and with all the righteous souls who have passed away in the faith,

**** The Mitre is put on, the Small Omophor removed.**

The Bishop slowly censens the Gifts, then makes a cross with the censer, singing:

Bishop: (loudly:) **Especially our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary!**

The Bishop gives the Deacon the censer & begins the prayer below.

Censing: The Deacon censens (1) around the holy Table; (2) high place; (3) Bishop 3x3; (4) Priests; (5) front of holy Table 1x3. And the 'tidings' peal is rung for:

Choir:  **In thee rejoiceth, O thou who art full of grace, all creation—the angelic assembly, and the race of man; O sanctified temple and noëtical paradise, praise of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a child, He that was before the ages, even our God; for of thy body a throne He made, and thy womb more spacious than the heavens did He form. In thee rejoiceth, O thou who art full of grace, all creation. Glory to thee! This hymn varies.**

Meantime, the Bishop softly says:

And the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; the holy and all-praised Apostles; Saints N. & N.,

whose memory we also celebrate; and all Thy Saints, through whose intercessions do Thou visit us, O God.

Here he commemorates whom he will of the living, saying:

For the salvation, visitation, remission of sins of the servants of God, N. & N., and remember all who have departed in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, and grant them rest where the light of Thy countenance shall visit them.

And he commemorates whom he will of the departed, saying:

For the repose, and remission of sins, of the souls of Thy servants N. & N., in a place of light, whence sorrow and sighing are fled away, give them rest, O our God.

And he continues praying for all manner of needs, saying softly:

Again, we pray, remember, O Lord, Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, which is from end to end of the world, and give peace unto her whom Thou hast purchased with the precious Blood of Thy Christ, and establish this holy temple, even unto the end of the ages. Remember, O Lord, those who have offered these Gifts unto Thee, and for whom, and by whom, and in behalf of whom they offered these. Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit and do good works in Thy holy churches, those who are mindful of the poor; reward them with Thine abundant and heavenly gifts. Give them heavenly things instead of earthly, eternal things instead of

Deacon:
(after the
hymn:)

**And
each and
every
one.**

Choir:
♪ **And
each and
every
one.**

temporal, incorruptible things instead of corruptible. Remember, O Lord, those in deserts and mountains, and dens and caves of the earth. Remember, O Lord, those who abide in virginity and godliness, and in fasting, and in purity of life. Remember, O Lord, this land and its authorities; grant them profound and inviolable peace; move their hearts to do good things for Thy Church and all Thy people, that in their calm we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and uprightness. Remember, O Lord, every ruler and authority, and our brethren who are in their council, and all the armed forces; in their goodness do Thou preserve the good, in Thy goodness make good to come of evil. Remember, O Lord, the people here present, and those who are absent for reasonable cause, and have mercy on them and us, according to the multitude of Thy mercies; fill their treasuries with every good thing; preserve their marriage-bond in peace and concord; nourish the infants, guide the children, support the aged, comfort the fainthearted, gather the scattered, turn them back from their wandering, and unite them to Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, free those who are vexed by unclean spirits, sail with those who sail; travel with them that travel; plead for the widows, defend the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Those under trial and in the mines, and in prison, and in bitter labours, and in all affliction, necessity, and distress, do Thou remember, O God. And all who need Thy great loving-kindness, those who love us, and those who hate us, and those who have charged us, the unworthy, to pray for them, and all Thy people, do Thou remember, O Lord our God, and upon all pour out Thine abundant mercy, granting unto all their

petitions which are unto salvation. And those whom we, through ignorance, or forgetfulness, or the multitude of names, have not remembered, do Thou remember, O God, Who knowest the age and name of each, Who knowest each from his mother's womb; for Thou, O Lord, art the help of the helpless, the hope of the hopeless, the Saviour of the storm-tossed, the haven of the voyager, the physician of the sick; be Thou all things to all men, Thou Who knowest every one and his petition, his abode, and his need. Deliver, O Lord, this (holy abode *or* city) and every city and country from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of aliens, and civil war.

Bishop: (aloud:) **Among the first, remember, O Lord, the holy Eastern Orthodox Patriarchs, our lord the Very Most Reverend N., our Metropolitan and First Hierarch of the Holy (Church of N.), whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy churches in peace, safety, honour, health, and length of days, rightly dividing the word of Thy truth.**

Choir:  **And each and every one.**

Priest: (softly, during the above:) Among the first remember, O Lord, our most reverend Master N., (Arch)Bishop of N., whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy churches, in peace, safety, honour, health, and length of days, rightly dividing the word of Thy truth.

Priest kisses the Bishop's hand; the Bishop begins to say, softly, the Prayer upon the following page.

Bishop: (softly:) Remember, O Lord, every Episcopate of the Orthodox, who rightly divideth the word of Thy truth. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy compassions, also mine unworthiness; pardon me every transgression, voluntary and involuntary; and withhold not, because of my sins, the grace of Thy Holy Spirit from the Gifts offered. Remember, O Lord, the priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, all the priestly rank, and put not to shame any of us who stand about Thy holy altar. Visit us with Thy goodness, O Lord; appear unto us through the abundance of Thy compassions; grant us seasonable and profitable weather; give gentle rain upon the earth unto fruitfulness; bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness; calm the dissensions of the churches; quench the ragings of the nations; quickly destroy and uproot the risings of heresy through the power of Thy Holy Spirit; receive us all into Thy kingdom, showing us to be sons of light and sons of the day; grant us Thy peace and Thy love, O Lord our God, for all things hast Thou given unto us.

Deacon:

The Deacon turns to face the people and exclaims:

**And our lord
the Most
Reverend N.,
(Arch-)Bishop
of N.,**

He enters the altar through the holy doors, points to the diskos & chalice with his right hand:

**... offering
these Holy
Gifts...**

He goes to the high place and makes a metany to the east, saying:

**... to the Lord
our God...**

He turns and bows to the Bishop, ... then exits the holy doors & exclaims, facing the people:

... For the

honourable priesthood and for the diaconate in Christ, and for all those in the clerical and monastic order; for our brethren confined in prisons, and in bitter labours and in every affliction; for the peace and well-being of the whole world; for the good estate of the holy churches of God; for the healing of those that lie in infirmities; for the repose, the release in blessed memory, and remission of sins of all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us; and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to sleep; for the salvation of the people that stand here and pray, each of them calling to remembrance their transgressions; and in behalf of all and for all.

Choir:  **And in behalf of all and for all.**

But the Deacon straightway goes to the high place, and there makes a metany, then says softly in returning to the holy Table:

May the Lord our God remember thine (Arch-)Episcopate in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. **He kisses the Bishop's hand:** Eis pollá éti, Déspota.

When the choir is through singing, the Bishop exclaims:

Bishop: (aloud:) **And grant unto us that with one mouth and one heart we may glorify and hymn Thy most honourable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

Choir: **Amen.**

The Bishop exits the holy doors & blesses the people:

Bishop: (with both hands:) **And may the ✠ mercies of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all.**

Choir: **And with thy spirit.**

The Deacon takes his place upon the solea & begins the Litany.

Litany & Lord's Prayer

The Bishop says softly the Silent Prayer (see next page).

Deacon: **Having called to remembrance all the saints, again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

For the precious Gifts offered and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

That our God, the Lover of mankind, Who hath accepted them upon His holy and most heavenly and noëtic altar as an odor of spiritual fragrance, will send down upon us Divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

The Silent Prayer

Bishop, softly:

Our God, O God Who saveth, do Thou teach us to thank Thee worthily for Thy benefactions, through which Thou hast dealt and dealest with us. Do Thou, O our God, Who acceptest these Gifts, cleanse us of all defilement of flesh and spirit, and teach us to achieve holiness in the fear of Thee, that with the witness of our conscience pure, receiving a portion of Thy Holy Things, we may be united with the Holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ; and having received Them worthily, we may have Christ living in our hearts, and become a temple of Thy Holy Spirit. Yea, O our God, cause also that none of us may be guilty of unworthily partaking of these Thy terrible and heavenly Mysteries, neither infirm in soul and body; but grant us even until our last breath to worthily receive a portion of Thy Holy Things, *(continued next page)*

**That the whole
day may be
perfect, holy,
peaceful, and
sinless, let us
ask of the Lord.**

**Choir: Grant
this, O Lord.**

**An Angel of
peace, a faithful
guide, a
guardian of our
souls and
bodies, let us
ask of the Lord.**

**Choir: Grant
this, O Lord.**

**Pardon and
remission of
our sins and
offences, let us
ask of the Lord.**

**Choir: Grant
this, O Lord.**

**Things good
and profitable
for our souls,
and peace for
the world, let us
ask of the Lord.**

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defence before the dread judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Having asked for the unity of the faith and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

(Bishop:) ... on the path to life eternal, as an acceptable defence at the dread tribunal of Thy Christ; that we also together with all the saints who from the ages have been pleasing unto Thee, may be partakers of Thine eternal good things, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, O Lord.

*** Mitre is removed & set on the holy Table. ***

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Bishop: And vouchsafe us, O Master, with boldness and without condemnation to dare to call upon Thee the heavenly God as Father, and to say:

The Bishop & clergy bow deeply at the beginning of, and on weekdays they kneel throughout, the Lord's Prayer:

People:  **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.**

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

Choir: **Amen.** The Bishop turns to the people.

Bishop: (blessing the people with both hands:)
Peace ✝ be unto all.

**** The Great Omophor is placed upon him. ****

Choir: **And to thy spirit.**

Deacon: **Bow your heads unto the Lord.**

Choir: **To Thee, O Lord.** (Slowly)

Bishop: (softly, bowing:) O Sovereign and God of all comfort, bless, sanctify, preserve, strengthen, establish those who have bowed their heads unto Thee; remove them from every evil work; join them to every good work; and vouchsafe them to partake uncondemned of Thee, Thy most pure and life-giving Mysteries, unto the remission of sins, unto the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Then he stands upright to proclaim as follows:

Bishop: (aloud:) **Through the grace and compassions and love for mankind of Thine only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

Choir: **Amen.** (Slowly)

Bishop: (softly:) Attend, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Thy holy dwelling-place, from the throne of the glory of Thy kingdom, and come and sanctify us, O Thou that sittest with the Father on high, and art here invisibly present with us; and vouchsafe with Thy mighty right hand to impart unto us Thy most pure Body and precious Blood, and through us to all the people.

Holy Doors & Curtain Closed

The Deacons cross their orária over their shoulders. The Bishop & clergy make 3 metanies. At the Bishop says:

Bishop: O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy on me.

Deacon: **Let us attend!**

The Bishop takes the holy Lamb in both hands and elevates It slightly above the diskos, keeping it horizontal:

Bishop: (loudly:) **Holy Things are for the holy!**

Choir:  **One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Communion Hymn

And the koinonikon (communion verse) of the day, or of the feast, or of the saint. For most Sundays it is:

Choir: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion of the Clergy

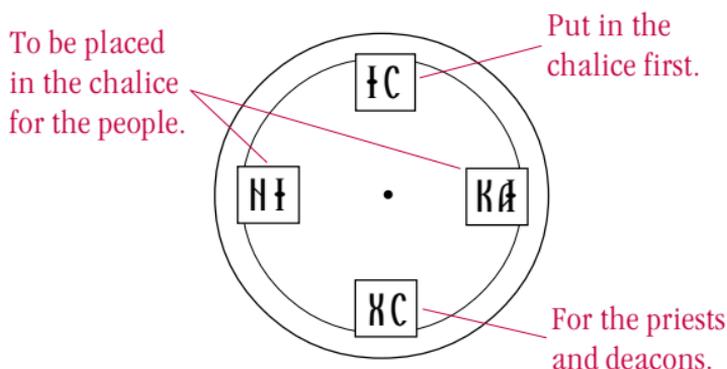
During the communion of the clergy, selected hymns may be chanted, or the Prayers before Holy Communion may be read.

The great candle is placed before the holy doors. The Deacon points to the Lamb with his oráron:

Deacon: Break, most reverend Master, the Holy Bread.

Bishop: (dividing the Holy Lamb in four parts:) Broken and distributed is the Lamb of God: broken, yet not divided; ever eaten, yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake.

The Bishop places the particles of the Lamb thus:



The Deacon points with his orárium to the chalice, saying softly:

Deacon: Fill, most reverend Master, the Holy Cup.

The Bishop signs the chalice with the portion **IC**:

Bishop: The fullness of the Holy Spirit.

He places it in the chalice; the Deacon says: Amen.

The Deacon holds up the Zeon (boiling water), saying softly:

Deacon: Bless, most reverend Master, the warm water.

Bishop: (blessing it:) Blessed ✝ is the fervour of Thy saints, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Deacon pours in sufficient boiling water, crosswise:

Deacon: The fervour of faith, full of the Holy Spirit.

Kiss of Peace: The Deacons kiss one another, as before.

The Bishop cuts the portion **XC** as needed, using a second diskos, then turns to the clergy & says:

Bishop: Forgive me, my brothers and fellow-ministers.

They: (bowing:) Also forgive us, most reverend Master, and bless.

The Bishop blesses them all, then bows before the Gifts:

Bishop: Behold, I draw near unto the immortal King and our God.

With his left hand, he reverently takes a portion of the Body in his right hand, saying:

Bishop: The precious and most holy Body of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ is imparted unto me, the Bishop N., for the remission of my sins, and for life everlasting.

(bowing his head:) I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. And I believe that this is Thy pure Body and Thine own precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy on me and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And grant that I may partake of Thy Holy Mysteries without condemnation, for the remission of my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant. For I will not speak of the Mystery to Thine enemies; I will not give Thee a kiss like Judas; but like the thief do I confess Thee. Remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom.

May the communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be to me not for judgment or condemnation, O Lord, but for the healing of soul and body.

The Bishop rises and partakes of the Body, whereupon is said:

Deacon: Eis pollá éti, Déspota!

The Bishop tucks the communion cloth in his collar and says:

Bishop: The precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ is imparted to me, the Bishop N., for the remission of my sins and for life everlasting.

The Bishop sips thrice from the chalice, whereupon some say:

Bishop: In the name of the Father (**Deacon:** Amen), and of the Son (**Deacon:** Amen), and of the Holy Spirit. (**Deacon:** Amen)

The Bishop wipes his lips with the cloth saying:

Bishop: Behold, this hath touched my lips, and taketh away mine iniquities and cleanseth my sins.

Deacon: (Archimandrites, Archpriests, Abbots, etc.) Priests and Deacons, draw nigh!

They form a line on the north of the holy Table. As each, by rank, approaches the Bishop, he makes a metany (or prostration), kisses the holy Table, cups his hands with the rt. hand over the l., & softly says:

Clergy: Behold, I draw near to the immortal King and our God! Impart to me, the (Priest or Deacon) N., most reverend Master, the precious and holy Body of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bishop: (placing a portion in his rt. hand:) To the (Priest or Deacon) N. is imparted the precious, holy, and most pure Body of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the remission of his sins and for life everlasting.

Kiss of Peace: The Priest or Deacon kisses the cross on the Bishop's right cuff as he receives the Holy Bread; then he and the Bishop kiss one another on the shoulders thrice:

Bishop: Christ is in our midst!

Clergy: He is and He shall be!

Communion of the Body: Then the Priest or Deacon passes behind the holy Table to the right (south) side of it, bowing his head and saying, "I believe," "Of Thy mystical Supper," and "May the communion." Then he partakes.

Communion of the Blood: Once all clergy have received the Body, each comes, in order of rank, to the chalice, wipes any crumbs upon his hand into it, & says:

Clergy: Impart to me, the (Priest or Deacon) N., most reverend Master, the precious and holy Blood of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bishop: (holding the cup:) To the (Priest or Deacon) N. is imparted the precious, holy, and most pure Blood of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the remission of his sins and for life everlasting.

The Bishop holds the cup; the Priest or Deacon holds the cloth under his chin & with his rt. hand guides the cup by the base, sipping thrice of the Lord's Blood. Then he wipes his lips & the rim of the cup, whereupon the Bishop says:

Bishop: Behold, this hath touched thy lips, and taketh away thine iniquities and cleanseth thy sins.

After all are communed, the Bishop goes to the left (north) of the centre of the altar. As a Priest prepares the Gifts, the Bishop says.

Bishop: (on the left side:) We give Thee thanks, O Lord our God, for the Communion of Thy holy, most pure, immortal, and heavenly Mysteries, which Thou hast given us for the benefaction and sanctification and healing of our souls and bodies. Do Thou, O Master of all, grant that the communion of the Holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ be for us unto faith unashamed, unto love unfeigned, unto an increase of wisdom, unto the healing of soul and body, unto the dispelling of every adversary, unto the fulfillment of Thy commandments, unto an acceptable defence at the dread tribunal of Thy Christ.

Bishop: He says, as he desires, the thanksgiving prayers on p. 89.

Priest: He divides the Portions **NI** & **KA** for the number of communicants, placing Them in the chalice; covers the chalice with the other communion cloth; & places the spoon over the cloth.

Servers: Antidoron & the zeon cup with wine & hot water in it are brought to the Bishop & he consumes these. Then all Priests & Deacons, except the one who will consume the remainder of the Chalice, consume antidoron & wine.

When all is complete,

*** * The Bishop puts on his Mitre. * ***

Holy Doors & Curtain Opened

The Bishop gives the chalice to the Deacon. The Deacon stands under the holy doors arch, chalice in hands, exclaiming:

Deacon: With fear of God and faith draw nigh!

Choir:  **Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.** *The Deacon gives the chalice back to the Bishop.*

Holding the chalice on the solea in the centre, the Bishop says—once the choir has finished:

Bishop: *(in a loud speaking voice:)* **I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. And I believe that this is Thy pure Body and Thine own precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy on me and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And grant that I may partake of Thy Holy Mysteries without condemnation, for the remission of my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.**

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Communion of the People

Each: Servant (or handmaiden) of God N.

Bishop: The servant (or handmaiden) of God N. partaketh of the precious and holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and for life everlasting.

The Deacon wipes the lips of each as he receives.

Choir: (slowly:)  **Receive ye the Body of Christ; taste ye of the fountain of immortality.**
(repeated as needed; the last time is sung:)
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

After all are communed, the Bishop returns to the holy Table and places the chalice upon it.

***** **DIKIRI & TRIKIRI** *****

The Bishop turns & blesses the people with D&T, once, to the centre, while exclaiming:

Bishop: (loudly:) **Save O God, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.** He gives up the D&T.

Choir:  **Eis polla eti, Déspota! (1x)**

We have seen the True Light, We have received the Heavenly Spirit. We have found the True Faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, for He hath saved us.*

Bishop: He stands to the left (north) of the holy Table.

Deacon: He holds the diskos over the chalice, saying:

Deacon: Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection do we hymn and glorify, for Thou art our God, and we know none other beside Thee; we call upon Thy name. O come, all ye faithful, let us worship Christ's holy Resurrection, for behold, through the Cross joy is come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, we hymn His Resurrection, for having endured crucifixion, by death hath He destroyed death.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is arisen upon thee. Dance, now, and be glad, O Sion, and do Thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

O Christ, Thou great and most holy Pascha! O Wisdom, Word, and Power of God! Grant us to partake of Thee more fully in the unwaning day of Thy kingdom.

The Deacon wipes the remaining particles from the diskos into the chalice with the sponge, saying softly:

Deacon: By Thy precious Blood, O Lord, wash away the sins of those remembered here, through the prayers of all Thy Saints.

The Deacon places into the chalice all stray particles, careful to leave not one upon the antimens; covers the chalice with its veil; & puts the aer, communion cloths, spear, spoon, & asterisk on the diskos.

Bishop: He censes the chalice thrice, saying once:

Bishop: Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth. He gives the diskos to the Deacon, who lays it on the table of oblations.

The Bishop makes a cross over the antimens with the chalice, then hands the chalice to the Priest, saying:

Bishop: (softly:) Blessed is our God.

Priest: (loudly, holding the chalice up over the people:) **Always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages!** And he places it on the table of oblations, censes it thrice, & bows to it.

Choir:  **Amen. Let our mouth be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we may hymn Thy glory, for Thou hast vouchsafed us to partake of Thy holy, Divine, immortal, and life-creating Mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness, that we may meditate on Thy righteousness all the day long. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Deacons: Now they unbind their orária. The highest-ranking of them makes a metany at the high place, bows to the Bishop, & goes to his place for the Litany.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Deacon: **Aright! Having partaken of the Divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, and life-creating, fearful Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks unto the Lord.**

Bishop: He folds up the antimens & stands the Gospel upon it.

Choir: **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Having asked that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

The Bishop takes the Gospel &, keeping it always vertical, makes a cross with it over the antimens saying:

Bishop: For Thou art our sanctification, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.
He kisses the Gospel & lays it upon the antimens.

Choir: Amen.

Bishop: In peace, let us depart.

A Priest kisses the holy Table & exits the holy doors.

Choir: In the name of the Lord.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer Before the Ambo

The Deacon stands before the icon of Christ with bowed head; the Priest, standing west of the solea, says:

Priest: O Lord, Who dost bless them that bless Thee and sanctify them that put their trust in Thee:

Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; preserve the fullness of Thy Church; sanctify them that love the beauty of Thy house; do Thou glorify them by Thy Divine power, and forsake not us that hope in Thee. Grant peace to Thy world, to Thy churches, to the Priests, and to all Thy people. For every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from Thee, the Father of lights, and unto Thee do we send up glory and thanksgiving and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

The Priest re-enters the holy doors, kisses the holy Table, & bows to the Bishop.

Choir: ♪ **Amen. Then, thrice: Blessed be the name of the Lord from henceforth and for evermore.**

The Deacon who will consume the Gifts kneels, crosses his hands palms down over the left corner of the holy Table, & places his head on them. The Bishop blesses him & says softly:

Bishop: Fulfilled and perfected according to our power, O Christ our God, is the Mystery of Thy dispensation; for we have had the memorial of Thy death, we have seen the image of Thy Resurrection, we have been filled with Thine endless life, we have been gladdened with Thine inexhaustible bounties, which do Thou be pleased to vouchsafe unto us all in the age to come, through the grace of Thy beginningless Father and Thy holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Deacon rises, kisses the holy Table, bows to the Bishop, & consumes the Gifts at the table of oblations.

Bishop: (at the doors, blessing the people with both hands:)
The blessing † of the Lord be upon you, through His grace and love for mankind, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: **Amen.**

The Subdeacons bring the D&T onto the solea in readiness.

Dismissal

Bishop: (facing the holy Table:) **Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our sure hope, glory to Thee.**

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x) Master, bless.

Bishop: (facing the people:) **May Christ our true God,* (Sundays: Who rose from the dead), through the intercessions of His most pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-praised Apostles; of our father among the saints, Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; and Saint(s) N. (N.) (to whom the church is dedicated); and Saints N. & N. (Saints of the day); and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.**

* For dismissals for Feasts, Holy Thurs., & Holy Sat., see p. 88.

Choir: Amen.

***** **DIKIRI & TRIKIRI** *****

The Bishop blesses with the D&T once, to the centre.

Choir:  **Eis polla eti, Déspota! (1x)**

The Bishop gives back the D&T. Still on the solea, he holds the Cross for the clergy & faithful; they kiss it & his hand & take a piece of antidoron from the basket held by a server.

Many Years

Choir: The Holy Orthodox Patriarchs; our lord the Very Most Reverend N., Metropolitan of N.; and our lord the Most Reverend N., Archbishop of N.; the brotherhood of this holy (temple or monastery), and all Orthodox Christians, preserve, O Lord, for many years!

For many years! (3x)

The Prayers After Communion are now usually read, a Priest intoning:

Priest: Glory to Thee, O God! (3x)

When all have received the antidoron, the Bishop enters the altar.

Holy Doors & Curtain Closed

The Bishop & clergy kiss the holy Table & the Bishop blesses them upon his right & upon his left. Then all unvest.



UNVESTING OF THE HIERARCH

While the Bishop is unvested, the Deacon softly reads:

Deacon: Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart, in peace, O Master, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, wash away our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Deacon: Amen. Thy fame hath gone forth into all the earth, which hath received thy word. Thereby thou hast divinely taught the faith; thou hast made manifest the nature of created things; thou hast made the moral life of men a royal priesthood. O Basil, our righteous father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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

Thou didst prove to be an unshakeable foundation of the Church, giving to all mortals an inviolate lordship, and sealing it with thy doctrines, O righteous Basil, revealer of heavenly things.

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

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, O mediation unto the Creator unailing: Disdain not the suppliant voices of sinners, but be thou quick, O good one, to help us who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, those that honour thee. (or feast troparion)

Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

O higher in honour than the Cherubim, and more

glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

Most reverend Master, bless!

Bishop: May Christ our true God, (**Sundays:** *Who rose from the dead,*) through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, of our father among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

Deacon: Amen.

The Bishop puts on his riassa, panagia, mandyas, & chotki.

The Bishop kisses the holy Table, puts on his klobuk, & blesses the clergy upon his right & upon his left.

The Bishop exits the holy doors and venerates the icons of Christ & the Theotokos, with two metanies, a kiss, & another metany.

The Bishop receives his crozier and, with it & his other hand, he blesses the people to centre, north, & south.

Deacon: **Eis pollá eti, Déspota!** (1x)

Choir:  **Ton Déspotin kai Arkhiérea imón,
Kyrie, fylátte.**

Eis pollá eti, Déspota! (3x)

The Bishop goes to the narthex and blesses the people who file up to receive blessings. His mandyas is removed and his walking stick handed to him. Bells ring as he leaves the temple.

THE END, AND GLORY TO OUR GOD

DISMISSALS

The following phrases are added to the dismissal (p. 83) on the occasions shown.

On the Nativity of Christ

May Christ our true God, Who was born in a cave, and lay in a manger for our salvation, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, etc.

On the Circumcision

May Christ our true God, Who on the eighth day deigned to be circumcised for our salvation, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, etc.

On the Theophany

May Christ our true God, Who for our salvation deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, etc.

On Great Thursday

May Christ our true God, Who by His surpassing goodness did show the most excellent way of humility when He washed the feet of His disciples, and did condescend even unto the Cross and burial for us, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, etc.

On Great & Holy Saturday

May Christ our true God, Who rose from the dead, etc. (as for Sundays)...

THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

When thou hast received the good Communion of the life-creating Mystical Gifts, give praise immediately, give thanks greatly, and from the soul say fervently unto God these things:

Glory to Thee, O God. (3x)*

First Prayer: I thank Thee, O Lord my God, that Thou hast not rejected me, a sinner, but hast vouchsafed me to be a communicant of Thy Holy Things. I thank Thee that Thou hast vouchsafed me, the unworthy, to partake of Thy most pure and heavenly Gifts. But, O Master, Lover of mankind, Who for our sake didst die and didst rise again, and didst bestow upon us these dread and life-giving Mysteries for the well-being and sanctification of our souls and bodies, grant that these may be even unto me for the healing of both soul and body, for the averting of everything hostile, for the enlightenment of the eyes of my heart, for the peace of the powers of my soul, for faith unashamed, for love unfeigned, for the fullness of wisdom, for the keeping of Thy commandments, for an increase of Thy Divine grace, and for the attainment of Thy kingdom; that being preserved by them in Thy holiness, I may always remember Thy grace, and no longer live for myself, but for Thee our Master and Benefactor; and thus when I shall have departed this life in hope of life eternal, I may attain unto everlasting rest, where the sound of them that keep festival is unceasing, and the delight is endless of them that behold the unspeakable beauty of Thy countenance. For Thou art the true desire and the inexpressible gladness of them that love Thee, O Christ our God, and all creation doth hymn Thee unto the ages. Amen.

* If these prayers are read in church, the Priest will begin them.

Of St. Basil the Great: O Master, Christ God, King of the ages and Creator of all things, I thank Thee for all the good things which Thou hast bestowed upon me, and for the Communion of Thy most pure and life-giving Mysteries. I pray Thee, therefore, O Good One and Lover of mankind: Keep me under Thy protection and in the shadow of Thy wings and grant me, even until my last breath, to partake worthily, with a pure conscience, of Thy Holy Things, unto the remission of sins and life eternal. For Thou art the Bread of life, the Source of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Of St. Metaphrastes: O Thou Who givest me willingly Thy Flesh as food, Thou Who art fire that doth consume the unworthy, burn me not, O my Creator, but rather enter Thou into my members, into all my joints, my reins, my heart. Burn up the thorns of all my sins. Purify my soul, sanctify my thoughts. Strengthen my substance together with my bones. Enlighten my simple five senses. Nail down the whole of me with Thy fear. Ever protect, preserve, and keep me from every soul-corrupting deed and word. Purify and cleanse, and adorn me; make me comely, give me understanding, and enlighten me. Show me to be the dwelling-place of Thy Spirit alone, and no longer the habitation of sin; that from me as Thine abode through the entry of Communion, every evildoer, every passion, may flee as from fire. As intercessors I offer unto Thee all the Saints, the commanders of the bodiless Hosts, Thy Forerunner, the wise Apostles, and further, Thine undefiled pure Mother. The entreaties of these do Thou accept, O my compassionate Christ, and make Thy servant a child of light. For Thou alone art our

sanctification, O Good One, and the radiance of our souls, and unto Thee as God and Master we all send up glory, as is meet, every day.

Another Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, may Thy holy Body be unto me for life eternal, and Thy precious Blood for the remission of sins; and may this Eucharist be unto me for joy, health, and gladness. And at Thy dread second Coming, vouchsafe me, a sinner, to stand at the right hand of Thy glory, through the intercessions of Thy most pure Mother and of all the Saints.

Prayer to the Theotokos: O most holy Lady Theotókos, light of my darkened soul, my hope, protection, refuge, consolation, my joy: I thank thee that thou hast vouchsafed me, who am unworthy, to be a partaker of the most pure Body and precious Blood of thy Son. O thou who gavest birth to the true Light, do thou enlighten the spiritual eyes of my heart; thou who gavest birth to the Source of immortality, revive me who am dead in sin; thou who art the lovingly-compassionate Mother of the merciful God, have mercy on me, and grant me compunction, and contrition in my heart, and humility in my thoughts, and the recall of my thoughts from captivity. And vouchsafe me until my last breath to receive without condemnation the sanctification of the most pure Mysteries, for the healing of both soul and body; and grant me tears of repentance and confession with which to hymn and glorify thee all the days of my life; for blessed and most glorified art thou unto the ages. Amen.

THE END OF THE THANKSGIVING PRAYERS

