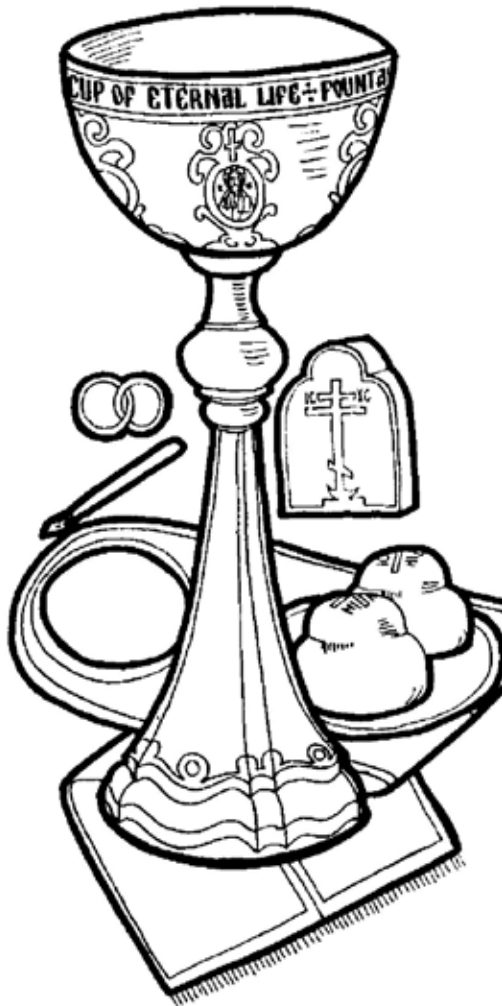


DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM



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When a deacon is not serving, the priest reads his petitions.

Deacon: Bless, Master.

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

The Great Litany

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan_____, and His (Eminence, Grace), our (Archbishop, Bishop)_____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by land, by sea, by air, and by space; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, 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: Commemorating our most holy, more pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: (SILENTLY) *O Lord our God, Thy power is incomparable. Thy glory is incomprehensible. Thy mercy is immeasurable. Thy love for man is inexpressible. Look down on us and on this holy house with pity, O Master, and impart the riches of Thy mercy and Thy compassion to us and to those who pray with us.*

(ALLOUD) For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

First Antiphon

The antiphons may change on Feast Days. Please consult the bulletin of the day.

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 His benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long suffering and of great goodness.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art Thou, O Lord.

The Little Litany

Deacon: 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: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us

commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: (SILENTLY) *O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Thy Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house; glorify them in return by Thy divine power, and forsake us not who put our hope in Thee.*

(ALLOUD) For Thine is the majesty, and Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Second Antiphon

The antiphons may change on Feast Days. Please consult the bulletin of the day.

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

Praise the Lord, O my Soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live,

I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

Put not your trust in princes, in sons of men in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to his earth.

On that very day his plans perish.

The Lord will reign forever: Thy God, O Zion to all generations.

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

"Only Begotten Son"

Only-Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God,

Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate,

Of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary,

Who without change became man and was crucified.

Who is one of the Holy Trinity,

Glorified with Father and the Holy Spirit:

O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us.

The Little Litany

Deacon: 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: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: (SILENTLY) *O Thou who hast given us grace with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and didst promise 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 everlasting.*

(ALoud) For Thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Third Antiphon

The antiphons may change on Feast Days. Please consult the bulletin of the day.

Choir: In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

Choir: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

Choir: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

Choir: Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

Choir: Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

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

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

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

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

Choir: Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: (chants verse of the day)

The Little Entrance

The clergy make the Little Entrance with the Book of the Holy Gospels. Standing before the open Holy Doors, facing the Altar, the Deacon (or Priest) says:

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

The Prayer of the Entrance

Priest: (SILENTLY) *O Master, Lord our God, who hast appointed in heaven orders and hosts of angels and archangels for the service of Thy glory. Grant that with our entrance there may be an entrance of holy angels, serving with us and glorifying Thy goodness.*

(ALoud) For unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: Bless, Master, the Holy Entrance.

Priest: Blessed is the entrance of Thy saints always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Deacon: Wisdom! Attend.

The Entrance Hymn

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

*The Troparion and Kontakion are sung by the Choir/People.
Please consult the bulletin of the day.*

The Prayer of the Trisagion Hymn

The Priest offers the following prayer when he enters the altar:

Priest: (SILENTLY) *O holy God: who dost rest in the Saints; who art hymned by the Seraphim with the thrice-holy cry, and glorified by the Cherubim, and worshipped by every heavenly power; who out of nothing hast brought all things into being; who hast created man after Thine own image and likeness, and hast adorned him with Thine every gift; who givest to him who asks wisdom and understanding; who dost not despise the*

sinner, but instead hast appointed repentance unto salvation; who hast vouchsafed to us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, even at this hour to stand before the glory of Thy holy altar, and to offer worship and praise which are due unto Thee. Thyself, O Master, accept even from the mouths of us sinners the thrice-holy hymn, and visit us in Thy goodness. Forgive us every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and enable us to serve Thee in holiness all the days of our life. Through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints who from the beginning of the world have been well-pleasing unto Thee.

As the Troparion and Kontakion are ending, if a Deacon is serving he says to the Priest:

Deacon: Bless, Master, the time of the Thrice-holy.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: 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...

Deacon: O Lord, save the God-fearing!

Choir: O Lord, save the God-fearing!

Deacon: And hear us!

Choir: And hear us!

Deacon: ...and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

If a Deacon is not serving, the priest says:

Priest: 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 and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Trisagion Hymn

The trisagion may change on Feast Days. Please consult the bulletin of the day.

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

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

The Prokeimenon

Please consult the bulletin of the day for these verses.

Priest: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Reader: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the _____ tone: (*chants first prokeimenon verse*)

Choir: (*sings first prokeimenon verse*)

Reader: (*chants second prokeimenon verse*)

Choir: (*sings first prokeimenon verse*)

Reader: (*chants first half of first prokeimenon verse*)

Choir: (*sings second half of first prokeimenon verse*)

The Epistle Reading

Please consult the bulletin of the day for this reading.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from _____.

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: (*chants the Epistle reading of the day*)

Priest: Peace be unto you!

Reader: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Alleluia in the _____ tone. Alleluia! (3x)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: (*chants the first Alleluia verse*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: (*chants the second Alleluia verse*)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Prayer before the Gospel

Priest: (SILENTLY) *Illumine our hearts, O Master who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that, trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee.*

(ALoud) For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Gospel Reading

Please consult the bulletin of the day for this reading.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to Thy spirit.

Priest: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint _____.

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

Priest: Let us attend!

Priest: (*chants the Gospel reading of the day*)

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

SERMON

The Litany of Fervent Supplication

(THE AUGMENTED LITANY)

Priest: Let us all say with all our soul and all our mind, let us say:

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Most Blessed Metropolitan _____, and all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for our brethren, the Priests, the Priestmonks, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy Orthodox Patriarchs; and for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy house; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, _____, who, here and in all the world, lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God _____, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable house; for those who labor and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Choir: Amen.

The Prayer of Fervent Supplication

Priest: (SILENTLY) *O Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication of Thy servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Thy mercy. Send down Thy bounties upon us and upon all Thy people who await the rich mercy that comes from Thee.*

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

Choir: Amen.

The Litany for the Catechumens

Catechumens come forward to the Royal Doors as Father prays for them.

Priest: Pray to the Lord, you catechumens.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us, the faithful, pray for the catechumens, that the Lord may have mercy on them.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He may teach them the word of truth.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He may reveal to them the gospel of righteousness.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He may unite them to His Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help them, save them, have mercy on them, and keep them, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord, you catechumens.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

The Prayer for the Catechumens

Priest: (SILENT) *O Lord our God, who dwellest on high and regardest the humble of heart, who hast sent forth as the salvation of the race of men Thine only-begotten Son and God, our Lord Jesus Christ: Look down upon Thy servants the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before Thee; make them worthy in due time of the laver of regeneration, the remission of sins, and the robe of incorruption. Unite them to Thy Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and number them with Thy chosen flock.*

(ALoud) That with us they may glorify Thine all-honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Catechumens step back now and return to their former places.

Priest: All catechumens, depart. Depart, catechumens. All that are catechumens, depart. Let no catechumen remain. Let us, the faithful, again and again in peace pray unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

The First Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: (SILENT) *We thank Thee, O Lord God of Hosts, who hast accounted us worthy to stand even now before Thy holy altar, and to fall down before*

Thy compassion for our sins and for the errors of all Thy people. And enable us also, whom Thou hast placed in this Thy service, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, blamelessly and without offence, in the pure witness of our conscience, to call upon Thee at all times and in every place; that, hearing us, Thou mayest be merciful to us according to the multitude of Thy great goodness.

Priest: Wisdom!

Priest: (ALoud) For unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Litany for the Faithful

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

If the Priest serves without a Deacon, this section is not prayed.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

The Second Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: (SILENT) *Again and oftentimes we fall down before Thee, O God who lovest mankind, that lookest down upon our petition Thou wouldst cleanse our souls and bodies from all defilement of flesh and spirit; and grant us to stand blameless and without condemnation before Thy holy altar. Grant also to those who pray with us, O God, growth in life and faith*

and spiritual understanding. Grant them to worship Thee blamelessly with fear and love, and to partake without condemnation of Thy Holy Mysteries, and to be accounted worthy of Thy heavenly Kingdom.

Priest: Wisdom!

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

Choir: Amen.

The Great Entrance

The Cherubic Hymn

Choir: Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing to the life-giving Trinity the Thrice-holy hymn. Let us now lay aside all earthly care:

(Procession of the Clergy.)

The Prayer of the Cherubic Hymn

Priest: (SILENT) *No one who is bound with the desires and pleasures of the flesh is worthy to approach or draw near or to serve Thee, O King of Glory, for to minister to Thee is great and awesome even to the heavenly Powers. Nevertheless through Thine unspeakable and boundless love for mankind, Thou didst become man, yet without change or alteration, and as Ruler of All didst become our High Priest, and didst commit to us the ministry of this liturgical and bloodless sacrifice. For Thou alone, O Lord our God, rulest over those in heaven and on earth; who art borne on the throne of the Cherubim; who art Lord of the Seraphim and King of Israel; who alone art holy and dost rest in the saints. Therefore, I entreat Thee who alone art good and ready to listen; Look down on me a sinner, Thine unprofitable servant, and cleanse my soul and my heart from an evil conscience; and by the power of Thy Holy Spirit enable me, who am endowed with the grace of the Priesthood, to stand before this, Thy holy table, and perform the sacred mystery of Thy holy and pure Body and precious Blood. For I draw near to Thee, and, bowing my neck, I implore Thee: Do not turn Thy face from me, nor cast me out from among Thy children; but make me, Thy sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer gifts to Thee. For Thou art the Offerer and the Offered, the Receiver and the Received, O Christ our God, and to Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Priest: His Beatitude, the Most Blessed _____, Archbishop of Washington

DC, and Metropolitan of all America and Canada, our Bishop _____, the Lord God remember in His kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

(The priest may additionally commemorate the president, those in ill health, etc.)

Priest: May the Lord God remember all of you Orthodox Christians in His Kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

(Choir/People continue singing The Cherubic Hymn)

Choir: That we may receive the King of all, who comes invisibly upborne by the Angelic Hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Litany of Supplication

Priest: Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the precious Gifts now offered, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: 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.

Priest: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: All things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: 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.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

The Prayer of Offering

Priest: (SILENT) *O Lord God Almighty, who alone art holy, who acceptest the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon Thee with their whole heart. Accept also the prayer of us sinners, and bear it to Thy holy altar, enabling us to offer unto Thee gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the errors of the people. Make us worthy to find grace in Thy sight, that our sacrifices may be acceptable unto Thee, and that the good spirit of Thy grace may dwell upon us and upon these Gifts here offered, and upon all Thy people.*

(ALoud) Through the compassions of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to Thy spirit.

The Kiss of Peace

Priest: 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!

Priest: The doors! The doors! In wisdom, let us attend!

The Creed

Choir: 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 heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became Man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Anaphora

Priest: 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!

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

Choir: And with Thy spirit.

Priest: Let us lift up our hearts.

Choir: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

Choir: It is meet and right, to worship the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity, one in essence, and undivided.

Priest: (SILENT) *It is meet and right to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to praise Thee, to give thanks to Thee, and to worship Thee in every place of Thy dominion: for Thou art God ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever-existing, and eternally the same. Thou and Thine only-begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit. Thou it was who brought us from non-existence into being and, when we had fallen away, didst raise us up again, and*

didst not cease to do all things until Thou hadst brought us up to heaven, and hadst endowed us with Thy Kingdom which is to come. For all these things we give thanks to Thee, and to Thine only-begotten Son, and to Thy Holy Spirit; for all things of which we know and of which we know not, whether manifest or unseen; and we thank Thee for this Liturgy which Thou hast deigned to accept from our hands, though there stand by Thee thousands of archangels and hosts of angels, the Cherubim and the Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, who soar aloft, borne on their pinions:

(ALoud) Singing the triumphant hymn, shouting, proclaiming, and saying:

Choir: Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Priest: (SILENT) *With these blessed powers, O Master who lovest mankind, we also cry aloud and say: Holy art Thou and all-holy, Thou and Thine only-begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit! Holy art Thou and all-holy, and magnificent is Thy glory! Who hast so loved Thy world as to give Thine only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life; who, when He had come and had fulfilled all the dispensation for us, in the night in which He was given up-or rather, gave Himself up for the life of the world-took bread in His holy, pure and blameless hands; and when He had given thanks and blessed it, and hallowed it, and broken it, He gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying:*

(ALoud) Take! Eat! This is My Body which is broken for you, for the remission of sins.

Choir: Amen.

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

(ALoud) 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.

Priest: (SILENT) *Remembering this saving commandment and all those things which have come to pass for us: the Cross, the Tomb, the Resurrection on the third day, the Ascension into heaven, the Sitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious Coming again.*

(ALoud) Thine own of Thine own we offer unto Thee, on behalf of all and for all.

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

The Epiiclesis

Priest: (SILENT) *Again we offer unto Thee this reasonable and bloodless worship, and ask Thee, and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee: Send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts here offered.*

(ALoud) And make this Bread the precious Body of Thy Christ.

Priest: Amen.

Priest: And that which is in this Cup the precious Blood of Thy Christ.

Priest: Amen.

Priest: Making the change by Thy Holy Spirit.

Priest: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Priest: (SILENT) *That they may be to those who partake for the purification of soul, for the remission of sins, for the communion of Thy Holy Spirit, for the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven, for boldness towards Thee, and not for judgment or condemnation.*

Again we offer unto Thee this reasonable worship for those who have fallen asleep in faith: ancestors, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelist, martyrs, confessors, ascetics and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith.

(ALoud) Especially for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary.

Hymn to the Theotokos

The following hymn may change. Please consult the bulletin of the day.

Choir: It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without corruption Thou gavest birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify Thee.

Priest: (SILENT) *For the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles, Saint (Name), whom we commemorate today; and all Thy saints, at whose supplication look down upon us, O God. Remember all those who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, especially _____; grant them rest, O God, where the light of Thy countenance shines on them.*

Again we entreat Thee: Remember, O Lord, all the Orthodox Episcopate,

who rightly teach the word of Thy truth; all the Priests, the Deacons in Christ, and every order of the clergy.

Again we offer unto Thee this reasonable worship: for the whole world; for the Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church; for those who live in chastity and holiness of life; for all civil authorities; grant them, O Lord, peaceful times, that we, in their tranquility, may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and sanctity.

(ALoud) Among the first, remember, O Lord, His Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____, Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of all America and Canada, His Grace, our Bishop _____. Grant them for Thy holy churches in peace, safety, honor, health, and length of days, rightly to divide the word of Thy truth.

Choir: And all mankind.

Priest: (SILENT) *Remember, O Lord, the city in which we dwell, every city and country; those who in faith dwell in them. Remember, O Lord, travelers by land, by sea, and by air; the sick and the suffering; captives, and their salvation. Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and do good in Thy holy churches; those who remember the poor; and upon us all send forth Thy mercies.*

(ALoud) And grant that with one mouth and one heart we may praise Thine all-honorable and majestic name; of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: And the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ shall be with all of you.

Choir: And with Thy spirit.

The Litany Before the Lord's Prayer

Priest: Having remembered all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That our God, who loves mankind, receiving them upon His holy, heavenly, and ideal altar as a sweet spiritual fragrance, will send down upon us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: 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.

Priest: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: All things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: 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.

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

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Having asked for the unity of the Faith, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: (SILENTLY) *Unto Thee we commend our whole life and our hope, O Master who lovest mankind. We ask Thee, and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee: Make us worthy to partake of the heavenly and awesome Mysteries of this sacred and spiritual table with a pure conscience: for remission of sins, for forgiveness of transgressions, for the communion of the Holy*

Spirit, for the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven, for boldness towards Thee, but not for judgment or unto condemnation.

(ALoud) And make us worthy, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call on Thee, the heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

The Lord's Prayer

Choir: 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.

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

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to Thy spirit.

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: (SILENTLY) *We give thanks unto Thee, O King invisible, who, by Thy measureless power, didst make all things and, in the greatness of Thy mercy, didst bring all things from non-existence into being. Look down from heaven, O Master, upon those who have bowed their heads unto Thee, the awesome God. Do Thou Thyself, O Master, distribute these Gifts here offered, unto us all for good, according to the individual need of each; sail with those who sail, travel with those who travel by land and by air; heal the sick, O Thou who art the Physician of our souls and bodies.*

(ALoud) Through the grace and compassion and love toward mankind of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Elevation

Priest: Attend, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, out of Thy holy dwelling-place, from the throne of glory of Thy Kingdom; and come to sanctify us, O Thou who sittest on high with the Father, and art here invisibly present with us; and by Thy mighty hand impart unto us Thy most pure Body and precious Blood, and through us to all the people.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy on me. (3x)

Priest: Let us attend!

Priest: The Holy Things for the holy!

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

The Communion Hymn

Choir: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x)

After the Communion of the Clergy, the clergy then open the doors of the sanctuary, and elevating the Holy Chalice, shows it to the people, saying:

In the fear of God, with faith and love, draw near.

The Communion Prayer

People: 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 first. I believe also that this is truly Thine own most pure Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

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

May the communion of Thy holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body.

The Communion of the Faithful

Those Orthodox Christians who wish to commune and have prepared themselves shall then approach. They come one by one and they make a reverence with all contrition and fear, holding their hands folded on their breast. Thus each receives the Divine Mysteries.

The Priest says on communing each person:

The servant of God, _____, partakes of the precious and holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and unto life everlasting.

After Communion, the Priest blesses the people.

Priest: O God, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

And turning to the Altar, the Priest censes it thrice, saying:

Be thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and above all the earth
Thy glory.

Choir: We have seen the true Light! We have received the heavenly Spirit!
We have found the true Faith! Worshipping the undivided Trinity,
Who has saved us!

*And the Priest, having made a reverence, takes the Holy Chalice, turns toward the doors, and,
looking toward the people, says: "Blessed is our God..."*

Priest: (ALoud) Always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we
may sing Thy glory; for Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy
holy, divine, immortal and life-creating Mysteries. Keep us in Thy
holiness, that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Litany of Thanksgiving

Priest: Let us attend! Having partaken of the divine, holy, most pure,
immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome Mysteries of Christ,
let us worthily give thanks unto the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: (SILENTLY) *We thank Thee, O Master who lovest mankind, Benefactor of
our souls, that Thou hast made us worthy this day of Thy heavenly and
immortal Mysteries. Make straight our path; strengthen us all in Thy fear;
guard our life; make firm our steps; through the prayers and intercessions
of the glorious Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints.*

(ALoud) For Thou art our Sanctification, and unto Thee we ascribe
glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and
ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Let us depart in peace.

Choir: In the name of the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer behind the Ambo

Priest: O Lord, who blessest those who bless Thee, and sanctifiest those who trust in Thee; Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Thy Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house; glorify them in return by Thy divine power, and forsake us not who put our hope in Thee. Give peace to Thy world, to Thy churches, to Thy Priests, to all those in civil authority, and to all Thy people. For every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from Thee, the Father of Lights, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, thanksgiving, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forever more! (3x)

Prayer said at the Consuming of the Holy Things

Priest: (SILENTLY) *O Christ our God, who art Thyself the fulfillment of the law and the prophets, who didst fulfill all the dispensation of the Father: fill our hearts with joy and gladness always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

(ALoud) The blessing of the Lord be upon you through His grace and love for mankind always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Dismissal

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x) Father, bless!

Priest: May He who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy-glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, and of _____, patron of this holy temple, and _____, whom we commemorate today, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Choir: Amen. His Beatitude, the Most Blessed _____, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all America and Canada, His Grace, _____, Bishop of the Diocese of the South, this God-protected land, all civil authorities, and all Orthodox Christians: Preserve O Lord, for many years!

PRAYERS AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Glory to thee, our God. (3x)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank thee, O Lord my God, that thou hast not rejected me a sinner, but that thou hast vouchsafed me to become a communicant of thy Holy Things. I thank thee that thou hast vouchsafed me, who am unworthy, to partake of thine immaculate and heavenly Gifts. But, Master, Lover of man, who for us didst die and didst rise again, and grantest us these thy dread and life-creating Mysteries, for the benefit and sanctification of our souls and bodies, grant that they may become for me unto healing of soul and body, unto the averting of every adversary, unto the enlightenment of the eyes of my heart, unto the peace of my spiritual powers, unto faith unashamed, unto love unfeigned, unto the fulfilling of wisdom, unto the observance of thy commandments, unto the increase of thy divine grace, and unto the attainment of thy kingdom, that, kept by them in thy holiness, I may ever remember thy grace and never live unto myself, but unto thee, our Master and Benefactor. And thus, when this life shall have passed away in the hope of life eternal, I may attain unto everlasting rest, where the voice of them that keep festival is unceasing, and unending the bliss of them that behold the unutterable beauty of thy face. For thou art the true desire and the inexpressible gladness of them that love thee, O Christ our God, and all creation hymneth thee unto the ages. Amen.

Of St Basil the Great

O Master, Christ God, King of the ages and Author of all things, I thank thee for all the good things which thou hast granted me and for the communion of thine immaculate and life-creating Mysteries. I pray thee, therefore, O Good One, Lover of man, keep me under thy shelter and in the shadow of thy wings, and grant me worthily to partake of thy Holy Things with a clean conscience until my last breath, unto forgiveness of sins and unto life eternal. For thou art the Bread of life, the Fountain of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto thee do we send up glory, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Of St Simeon Metaphrastes

O Thou who dost willingly give thy flesh to me as food, who art a fire burning the unworthy, let me not be consumed, O my Maker; rather, enter thou into all my members, into all my joints, reins, heart. Burn thou the thorns of all mine iniquities; purify my soul; sanctify my reasoning.

Strengthen my knees and my bones. Enlighten the simplicity of my five senses. Nail the whole of me together with the fear of thee. Ever shelter, guard and keep me from every soul-corrupting deed and word. Make me clean, purify me, and attune me. Beautify me, give me understanding, enlighten me. Show me to be the habitation of thy one Spirit, and no longer the habitation of sin, that having become thy dwelling-place through the entry of communion, I may flee, as from fire, every evil deed and every passion. As intercessors, I bring all the sanctified, the leaders of the Bodiless Hosts, thy Forerunner, the wise Apostles, and with them, thine immaculate, pure Mother, whose entreaties, O Tenderhearted One, do thou receive, O my Christ, and make thy worshipper a child of light. For thou art, O Good One, the only Sanctification and Brightness of our souls, and unto thee, as God and Master, do we all fitly send up glory day by day.

Another Prayer

Let thy holy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, be unto me for eternal life, and thy precious Blood unto forgiveness of sins. And let this Eucharist be unto me for joy, health, and gladness. And in thy fearful second coming, make me, a sinner, worthy to stand at the right hand of thy glory, through the intercessions of thine immaculate Mother and of all thy Saints. Amen.

To the Most Holy Theotokos

All-Holy Lady, Theotokos, Light of my darkened soul, my hope, my shelter, refuge, consolation, joy, I thank thee that thou hast made me, the unworthy, worthy to be a communicant of the immaculate Body and precious Blood of thy Son. But, thou who gavest birth to the true Light, enlighten my heart's intellectual eyes; thou who didst carry in thy womb the Fountain of immortality, enliven me who am slain by sin. Thou Mother of the merciful God, thyself full of loving-kindness, have mercy on me, and grant me contrition and compunction of heart, and humility in my thoughts, and the recall of my reasoning from its captivity. And make me worthy, till my last breath, without condemnation, to receive the sanctification of the immaculate Mysteries, unto healing of soul and body, and grant me tears of repentance and confession, that I may hymn thee and glorify thee all the days of my life, for blessed and glorified art thou unto the ages. Amen.

The Prayer of St Symeon, The Receiver Of God

Reader: Now dost thou dismiss thy servant, O Master, according to thy word, in peace; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to be revealed to the nations, and the glory of thy people Israel.

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

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

All-HolyTrinity, have mercy on us. Lord, wash away our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, look upon and heal our infirmities for thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

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

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

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Troparion of St. John Chrysostom:

Reader: From thy mouth grace, shining forth like a beacon-fire, hath enlightened the universe, and hath gained for the world treasures of non-avariciousness, and hath shown us the height of humility. And as thou dost instruct us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede with Christ God, the Word, to save our souls.

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

The kontakion:

From heaven thou didst receive divine grace, and by thy lips thou dost teach all to worship in Trinity the one God, O John Chrysostom, all-blessed Saint. Worthily do we extol thee, for thou art an instructor that dost make clear things divine.

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

And then the Theotokion:

O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith, make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect them that honor thee.

Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious without compare than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, verily, Theotokos, we magnify thee.

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