

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**

STAND

D: Give the blessing, Father.

P: Blessed ✠ is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

All: Amen.

And the reader or the ecclesiarch begins Psalm 103.

Come, let us worship God our King, and bow down before Him! *(metany)*

Come, let us worship Christ God, our King, and bow down before Him!
(metany)

Come, let us worship Christ our King and our God and bow down before Him!
(metany)

PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

You are very great, O Lord, my God!

-Clothed in pomp and brilliance,
arrayed with light as with a cloak.

-Stretching out the sky as a tent-cloth,
covering Your lofty halls with water.

-You make the clouds Your conveyance,
You surge on the wings of the wind.

-You make spirits Your messengers
and flaming fires Your attendants.

-You settle the earth on its firm foundation;
it shall stand unmoved from age to age.

-The abyss covers it like a garment;
waters stand over the mountains.

-At Your rebuke, they will take to flight,
at the peal of Your thunder they will fear.

-They hurdle the hills and run down the dales
to the place You have chosen for them.

-You have set up a boundary not to be passed:
they shall never return to cover the earth.

-Down in the gullies, You make springs to rise:
waters shall go down between the mountains.
-They shall give drink to the beasts of the field;
wild asses will seek them to quench their thirst.

-The birds of the sky will abide by them:
from among the rocks they will raise their song.
-From Your lofty halls You refresh the mountains;
the earth shall be fed with the fruit of Your works.

-You make green pastures for the cattle
and food-plants for the service of man,
-So that bread may be brought forth from the earth
and wine that gladdens the heart of man.

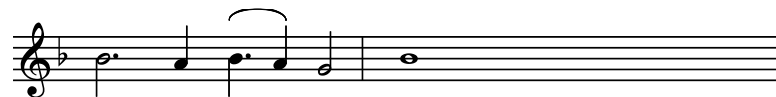
-So that oil may put a gleam upon his face
and that bread may strengthen the heart of man.
-The trees of the plains will be satisfied,
the cedars of Lebanon that He planted.

-The sparrows will build their nests in them
and the herons will call them their home.
-To the deer belong high mountains,
to rodents, the shelter of the rocks.

-You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows the time of its setting.
-You establish darkness and it is night
wherein the forest creatures prowl around.

-Young lions roar for their prey
and call out to God for their meat.
-As the sun rises, they will come together
and lay themselves down in their dens.

-Man will go out to his labor
and work until eventide.
-How great are Your works, O Lord!
In wisdom You have wrought them all:
the earth is filled with Your creatures.



Lord have mer - cy. Give the blessing Father, in



the name of the Lord.

P: May Christ our true God have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of His all-pure Mother, of His glorious Apostles who are worthy of all praise, of our Father among the saints Gregory the Dialogist, and through the intercession of St. N., whose memory we celebrate today, and of the holy and just ancestors of Christ, Joachim and Ann, the patronress of this church,

(On Tuesday:) and through the intercession of the glorious prophet and Forerunner, John the Baptist...

(On Wednesday and Friday:) and through the power of the glorious and life-giving Cross...

(On Thursday:) and of our Father among the saints Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia...

(On Saturday:) and through the intercession of the holy, glorious and triumphant martyrs, and of our God-bearing Fathers,

and of all the saints, may this same Christ have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

P: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.



All: A - men





now and for - e - ver.

Bowing towards the Prothesis the Priest prays:

P: *O Lord our God who brought us to these most salutary days and permitted us to partake of Your awesome Mysteries: unite us to Your spiritual flock and make us heirs of Your Kingdom, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.*

D: Let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.

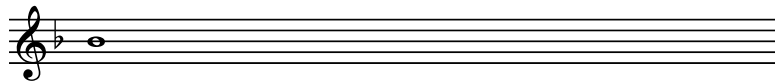
All:

P: May the blessing ✠ of the Lord and His mercy be upon you through His grace and love for mankind, at all times, now and always and for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

P: Glory to You, Christ God, our hope, glory to You.

All:



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-



-ly Spi - rit, now and always and forever



and e-ver. A-men. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

-Even the wide and open sea itself:
within it there are countless creeping things,
living beings small and large.
-Upon it there are ships a-sailing
and that great beast You made to have fun.

-All of them look up to You
to give them their food in due time.
-You provide and they gather up;
You open Your hand and they are full.

-You hide Your face and they cringe,
You suspend their breath and they die
and return to their dust.
-You send forth Your breath and they live:
You renew the face of the earth!

-May the Lord's glory endure for ever,
may the Lord rejoice in His works.
-He looks upon the earth and makes it quake,
He touches the mountains and they smoke.

-I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God as long as I last.
-Would that my thoughts be pleasing to Him
and I will rejoice in the Lord.

-May the sinners vanish from the earth
and may the wicked be no more.
-Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The sun knows the time of its setting.
You establish darkness and it is night.
-How great are Your works, O Lord!
In wisdom You have wrought them all.

All: Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory ✠ to You, O God! *(with metany)*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory ✠ to You, O God! *(with metany)*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory ✠ to You, O God and our Hope, glory to You! *(with metany)*

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



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

D: For peace from on high and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

P: For peace in the whole world, the well-being of the holy Churches of God and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

D: For our Father and (Arch)bishop *N.*, the reverend priests, the deacons in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

D: For our public servants, for the government and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

D: For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.



In the name of the Lord.

All:

D: Let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

P: Almighty Lord, You created the whole universe in wisdom. By Your ineffable providence and great goodness, You have brought us to these salutary days for the purification of our souls and bodies, for the control of our passions and for hope in the resurrection. After forty days, You gave Moses, Your servant, the tablets of the law inscribed by Your divine hands. Enable us also, O Good One, to fight the good fight, to run the course of the fast, to keep the faith, to crush the heads of the invisible dragons, to come out victorious over sin and to attain without reproach unto the worship of Your holy resurrection. For blessed and glorified is Your most honorable and magnificent name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.



All:

A - men



Bles-sed be the name of the Lord, now and for-



- e - ver. Bles-sed be the name of the Lord,



ho - ly im - mor-tal and spot-less Mys-te - ries. Keep us



in sanc-ti-fi - ca - tion that we may sing Your glo - ry



me-di - tat-ing on Your ho - li-ness all the day.



Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu - ia.

D: Let us stand. Now that we have received the divine, holy spotless, immortal, heavenly, life-giving, awesome mysteries of Christ, let us give worthy thanks to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: *We thank You, Savior and God of the universe, for all the blessings You bestowed upon us and for our partaking of the holy body and blood of Your Christ. And we pray You, Master who love us all: keep us under the shadow of Your wings, and grant us to partake worthily, even until our last breath, of Your holy Mystery for the enlightening of our soul and body and the inheritance of Your heavenly kingdom. FOR YOU ARE OUR SANCTIFICATION, AND WE RENDER GLORY TO YOU, TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND ALWAYS AND FOR EVER AND EVER.*



All: A - men

P: Let us go forth in peace.

D: For the travelers by sea, air and land, for the sick, the suffering, for those in captivity and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

D: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

D: Let us remember our all-holy, spotless, most highly blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, and commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ God.



All: To You, O Lord.

P: *O Lord, compassionate and loving, long-suffering and greatly merciful, listen to our prayer and give heed to the voice of our supplication. Make with us a favorable covenant, guide us along Your ways that we may live in Your truth. Gladden our hearts that we may fear Your holy name: for You are great and You perform wondrous deeds. You are the only God and none among the gods is like You, O Lord. You are greatly merciful and able in Your power to assist, support and save all those who place their hope in Your holy name. FOR ALL GLORY, HONOR AND ADORATION ARE YOUR DUE, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND ALWAYS AND FOR EVER AND EVER.*



All: A - men

The Deacon and priest uncover their heads and proceed to the Artophorion. They make three great metanias and the priest censes the Holy Gifts. Proceeded by the Deacon, who carries the censer and a lit candle, the Priest processes to the Prothesis carrying the Gifts over his head. The Holy Gifts are then placed upon the Diskos. Saying nothing, the priest pours water and wine into the

chalice, censes the Asterisk and places it on the Diskos; he censes and places the veils as usual. He ends the preparation by saying in a low voice: "Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us." The deacon responds: "Amen." The priest censes the Holy Gifts and they make three great metanies and the priest kisses the veil over the Chalice, Diskos and the Prothesis Table and they return to the Holy Altar.

Reading from the Psalter

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**THE EIGHTEENTH KATHISMA
FIRST STASIS**

Psalm 119

In my distress, I cried out to the Lord
and He listened to me.

-O Lord, save my soul from unjust lips
and from a deceitful tongue.

-What shall be given you
and what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue?

-Sharpened is the weapon of the mighty warrior
with firebrands made of the broomtree.

-Woe is me that my exile has been so long;
that I have set up my tent in the camp of Kedar.

-Long have I lived among those who hate peace.
I was peaceable, but when I spoke to them
they warred against me without cause.

Psalm 120

I lifted up my eyes to the hills
whence help shall come to me;

- My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

-He will not suffer your foot to stumble,
He who is your Guardian will not fall asleep.

-Behold, He will neither sleep nor slumber,
the Watcher over Israel.



I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be



e-ver in my mouth. Taste the hea-ven-ly bread and the



cup of life and see how good the Lord is!



Al-le - lu-i-a, Al-le-lu-i - a, Al-le - lu - i - a!

All:

P: May You be raised up above the heavens, O God, and Your glory above all the earth.

P: Blessed is our God at all times, now and always and for ever and ever.



All: A - men



Let our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord,



for You have count-ed us wor-thy to share Your



Make me this day a shar - er in Your mys-ti-cal sup-



- per, O Son of God. For I will not re-veal Your mys-t'ries



to Your e - ne-mies, nor will I give You a kiss like Ju-



- das, but like the thief I ac-know-ledge You: re - mem-ber me, O

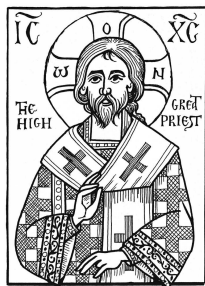


Lord; re - mem-ber me, O Ho-ly One; re - mem-ber me,



O my God, when You come in-to Your King-dom.

P: O God, save your people and bless ✠ Your inheritance.



-The Lord shall keep watch over you,
the Lord is your shelter at your right hand.

-The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor shall the moon by night.

-The Lord shall preserve you from every evil,
the Lord shall preserve your soul;

-the Lord shall preserve your coming
and your going henceforth and for ever-more.

Psalm 121

I was happy when they said to me:

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

-Our feet stood in your courts, Jerusalem,
Jerusalem built as a city firmly bound together.

-For there did the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord as it was decreed to Israel
to profess the name of the Lord;

-For there have been placed thrones for judgment,
thrones for the house of David.

-Pray then, for what brings peace to Jerusalem,
and may prosperity be with those who love you;

-May peace remain within your walls
and prosperity within your castles.

-For the sake of my brethren and of my friends,
I have indeed desired peace for you;

-For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I have earnestly sought your good.

Psalm 122

I have lifted up my eyes to You who dwell in heaven:

Behold, as the eyes of the servants
are on the hands of their masters,
as the eyes of a maid

are on the hands of her mistress,

-So are our eyes on the Lord our God,
until He have mercy on us.

-Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us,
for we are more than filled with contempt.
-Yes, our soul has been more than filled.
May reproach fall on the prosperous
and contempt on the proud.

Psalm 123

Had not the Lord been with us
- let Israel now say -

-Had not the Lord been with us
at the time men rose up against us:

-Truly they might have eaten us alive
when their anger was inflamed against us;

-Truly the water might have drowned us:
the torrent might have gone over us.

-Truly the raging waters
might have overwhelmed us.

-Blessed be the Lord who has not given us
as a prey to their teeth.

-Our soul, like the bird of passage,
has escaped the hunter's net;

-The net was torn asunder
and we have escaped.

-Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

All: Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now
and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

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to You! *(with metany)*

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indeliberate, those committed in word and in deed, whether knowingly or inadvertently; and count me worthy to share without condemnation Your spotless Mysteries, for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen.

Receive me now, O Son of God, as a participant in Your mystical supper: for I will not betray Your mystery to your enemies, nor give You a kiss like Judas, but like the thief, I confess You: remember me, Lord, in Your kingdom.

May the reception of Your holy Mysteries, Lord, be for me not to judgment or condemnation, but to the healing of my soul and body. Amen.

D: Approach with fear of God, with faith and with love.



A - men, A - men. Bles-sed is 'He who comes in the



name of the Lord! The Lord is God and He has ap-



- peared to us!

The faithful approach to receive Holy Communion. They come one by one and bow with great reverence saying silently. "Behold I come to receive my King and my God." As the priest gives Holy Communion, he says to each one:

P: The servant of God N., receives the precious and holy body and blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of his (her) sins and for eternal life.



D: Let us be attentive.

P: Presanctified Holy Things for the holy.



One is Ho-ly, One is Lord: Je - sus Christ, to the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A-men.

All:

P: Broken and distributed is the Lamb of God, broken and not dismembered, always eaten and never expended, but making holy those who receive it.

P: The fullness of faith of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Blessed ✠ is the fervor of Your saints, at all times, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

P: The fervor of faith, full of the Holy Spirit.

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Taste and see, how good, how



good the Lord is! Al - le-



- lu - i - a!

All: I believe, Lord, and profess that You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God, come to this world to save sinners, of whom I am the greatest. I believe also that this is really Your spotless body and that this is really Your precious blood. Wherefore I pray to You: have mercy on me and pardon my offenses, the deliberate and the

SECOND STASIS

Psalm 124

Those who trust in the Lord
shall be like the mountain of Sion
-Which cannot be moved,
which will stand forever.

-Mountains are all round about Jerusalem
and the Lord is all about His people
henceforth and for evermore.

-For the Lord will not let the sinner's rod
rule over the lot of the just
-In fear that the just themselves
might stretch out their hands to iniquities.

-Do good, O Lord, to those who are good
and to those whose heart is well disposed.
-But those who stray into crooked ways,
the Lord will expel with the evildoers.

-Peace upon Israel!

Psalm 125

When the Lord brought back the captives of Sion
we were like in a dream;
-Then our mouth was filled with joy
and our tongue with exultation.

-Then it was said among the gentiles:
"The Lord has done great things for them."
-The Lord has done great things for us,
we have been made to rejoice.

-Bring back, O Lord, our captives
like torrents to the south:
-Those who weep as they sow
shall rejoice as they reap.

-Those who go shedding tears
as they scatter their seeds,
-They shall come back again with exultation
bearing with them their sheaves.

Psalms 126

Unless the Lord build the house,
in vain do the builders toil;
-Unless the Lord guard the city
in vain do the guardians keep watch.

-In vain do you rise early and retire late
to eat the bread of grief:
-He gives bread to His beloved
while they sleep.

-Behold, sons are the Lord's inheritance
and His reward, the fruit of the womb;
-As arrows in the hand of a mighty warrior,
so are the sons of one's youth.

-Blessed the man who will be able
to fill with them his quiver:
-They shall never be put to shame
when they speak with opponents at the gates.

Psalms 127

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in His ways.
-You shall eat of your hands' labor:
blessed are you, and it shall be well with you.

-Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your house.
-Your sons, like olive shoots
around your table.

-Behold, in this way shall be blessed the man
who fears the Lord.
-May the Lord bless you out of Sion;
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.



All: A - men

P: Peace be ✠ to all.



All: And to your spi-rit.

D: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.



All: To You, O Lord.

P: *O God, the only One good and compassionate, who dwell on high and look upon the humble: look with compassionate eyes upon Your people and preserve them. Grant us all to partake without condemnation of these Your life-giving Mysteries, for it is before You that we bow our head in the hope of Your abundant mercy. THROUGH THE GRACE AND MERCY AND LOVE FOR MANKIND OF YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON, WITH WHOM YOU ARE BLESSED, TOGETHER WITH YOUR ALL HOLY, GOOD AND LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT, NOW AND ALWAYS AND FOR EVER AND EVER.*



All: A - men

P: *Lord Jesus Christ, our God, give heed from your holy dwelling place and from the throne of glory of Your kingdom, and come to make us holy, O You who are enthroned on high with the Father and yet are present here though unseen to us. And accord by the might of Your hand to give us a share of Your spotless body and precious blood, and through us to all the people.*

O God, be propitious to me, a sinner, and have mercy on me. (3x)

given life by them, we may thus be united with your Christ Himself, our true God. He Himself said: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him." Thus, Your Word having His abode in us and walking in our midst, O Lord, we become the temple of Your all-holy and adorable Spirit, being delivered from every wile of the devil working in our acts, words or thoughts. And we shall obtain the blessings You promised us, together with all the saints who pleased you since time began. AND MAKE US WORTHY MASTER, TO DARE WITH INNER CONFIDENCE AND WITHOUT CONDEMNATION TO CALL YOU FATHER, O GOD OF HEAVEN, AND TO SAY:



Our Fa-ther, who art in Hea-ven, hal-lowed be Thy name,



Thy King-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it



is in Hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread



and for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give



those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not



in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from e-vil.

P: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

-May you see your children's children.
-Peace upon Israel.

Psalm 128

Often have they warred against me since my youth,
let Israel say it!
-Often have they warred against me since my youth,
but they have not prevailed over me.

-Let them all be confounded and turned back,
those who hate Sion:
-Let them become like the grass on the house-tops
which dries before it is plucked out,

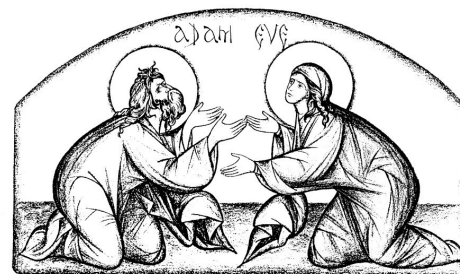
-With which the reaper fills not his hand
nor the binder of sheaves his bosom,
-While those who go by do not say:
"The blessing of the Lord be upon you.

-We bless you in the name of the Lord"

All: Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

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THIRD STASIS

Psalm 129

- Out of the depths I cried out to You, Lord:
O Lord, listen to my voice.
- Let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplication.
- If You retain sins, Lord,
O Lord, who will be left?
With You there is forgiveness.
- For Your Name's sake, O Lord, I have waited for You;
my soul has waited for Your word,
my soul has hoped in the Lord.
- From the watch of dawn until the night,
from the watch of dawn
let Israel long for the Lord.
- For with the Lord there is mercy
and with Him abundant redemption.
And it is He who will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130

- O Lord, my heart is not exalted,
nor have my eyes been haughtily raised;
- I have not walked in pride,
nor in things too high for me.
- If I have not humbled myself:
I lifted up my soul to You.
- As a suckling weaned from its mother,
so is my soul within me.
- Let Israel hope in the Lord
from henceforth and forever.

- D:** For the forgiveness and remission of our sins and offenses, let us ask the Lord.



Grant this, O Lord.

All:

- D:** For what is good and profitable to our souls and peace in the world, let us ask the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord!

- D:** That the rest of our life may be spent in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord!

- D:** That the end of our life may be Christian, painless, unashamed and peaceful, and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ, let us ask the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord!

- D:** Let us pray for unity of faith and the communion of the Holy Spirit, and let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ God.



To You, O Lord.

All:

- P:** *O God of ineffable and invisible mysteries with You are the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge. You have revealed to us the service of this liturgy and through Your great love for us, have established us sinners for the offering of gifts and sacrifices to You for our sins and for the people's faults. O You, King invisible, perform great works, inscrutable and glorious marvels which cannot be numbered. Look upon us Your unworthy servants who stand, as before Your throne of the cherubim, at this holy altar where Your only-begotten Son, our God, reposes under these awesome Mysteries offered here. And deliver us all and Your faithful people from impurities. Sanctify the souls and bodies of all of us with a sanctification that cannot be taken away, so that partaking of these divine Mysteries with a pure conscience, faces unashamed and enlightened hearts, and being*

D: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

D: For the precious Gifts here offered and presanctified, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

D: That our God who loves mankind, having received them on his holy and mystical altar in heaven as a sweet spiritual fragrance, may send down upon us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy

D: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

D: That this whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful and without sin, let us ask the Lord.



Grant this, O Lord.

All:

D: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord!

Psalm 131

O Lord, remember David
and all his forbearance,
-How he swore to the Lord
and made a vow to the God of Jacob:

-“I will not enter the tent, my abode,
nor will I go up to the couch where I sleep.
-I will not give any sleep to my eyes,
nor to my eyelids any repose,
nor to my temples any rest

-Until I find a place for the Lord,
a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.”
-Behold, we heard He is in Ephrata,
we found Him in the forest clearings.

-Let us enter into His tabernacle,
let us worship where His feet once stood.
-Arise, O Lord, and go up to Your test,
You and the ark of Your holiness.

-Your priests shall put on righteousness
and Your saintly ones shall rejoice.
-For the sake of David Your servant,
turn not away the face of Your Anointed One.

-The Lord swore to David a truth
from which He shall never depart:
-“It is a fruit of your loins
that I will place on your throne.

-If your sons will keep My covenant
and the testimonies I will teach them,
-Their sons also shall be seated
upon your throne for evermore.”

-For the Lord has elected Sion,
He has chosen it for His dwelling:
-“This is My resting place for ever and ever.
Here I will dwell because I have chosen it.

-I will bless abundantly her provisions,
I will feed her poor with bread;
-I will clothe her priests with salvation
and her saintly ones will exult with joy.

-There I will increase David's power;
I have readied a lamp for My Anointed One.
-I will clothe His enemies with shame,
but on Him His crown shall shed its luster."

Psalm 132

Behold how good and pleasant it is
for brothers to dwell in unity!

-It is as the chrism upon the head,
which ran down unto the beard,
-The beard of Aaron,
and ran down even to the hem of his garment;

-It is as the dew of Hermon
which falls on the hills of Sion
-For there the Lord commanded the blessing:
life for evermore.

Psalm 133

Come now, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord,
-Who stand in the house of the Lord,
who stand by night in the courts
of the house of our God.

-Lift up your hands to the holy places
and bless the Lord.
-May the Lord who made heaven and earth
bless you out of Sion.

All: Glory be to the Father ✠ and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now
and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

~ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory ✠ to You, O God! *(with metany)*
~ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory ✠ to You, O God! *(with metany)*
~ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory ✠ to You, O God and our Hope, glory
to You! *(with metany)*

ENTRANCE WITH THE HOLY GIFTS

Now the pow - ers of hea - ven in - vi - si -
- bly wor - ship with us. For be - hold, the
King of glo - ry is co - ming in.

All:

The Priest incenses the Holy Table, the Holy Place, the Iconostasis and the people. Then quietly reciting "Now the Powers..." and "Behold the completed..." both Priest and Deacon make three Great Metanies in front of the Holy Table. The Priest reverences the Holy Table and asks forgiveness of the people. Priest & Deacon proceed to the Prothesis. The Gifts are incensed and are carried by the Priest. The Deacon carries a candle and censer.

All KNEEL or PROSTRATE as the priest passes with the Holy Gifts. When he enters the altar, all STAND and sing:

Be - hold, the com - ple - ted mys - ti - cal sac - ri - fice in pro - ces -
- sion! Let us a - p - proach with faith and long - ing
that we may be - come par - ta - kers of life e - ver - las -
- ting. Al - le - lu - i - a!

P: *O God, our God, Creator and Maker of all things who ordained that all people should be saved and should come to the knowledge of truth, look upon Your servants the catechumens and wash them from their past errors and from the wiles of the adversary. Call them to eternal life, enlightening their souls and bodies, and number them among Your spiritual flock over which Your holy name is invoked. THAT WITH US THEY TOO MAY GLORIFY YOUR MOST NOBLE AND MAGNIFICENT NAME, OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND ALWAYS AND FOR EVER AND EVER.*



All: A - men

If there are Catechumens preparing for Baptism there are extra Litanies and prayers at this point.



The Little Litany

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



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

D: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us, O God, by Your grace.



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

D: Let us remember our all-holy, spotless, most highly blessed and glorious Lady the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, and commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ God.



To You, O Lord.

All:

P: *O Lord our God, be mindful of us sinners and Your unprofitable servants, as we call upon Your holy Name, and put us not to shame for having placed our hope in Your mercy, but graciously grant us, O Lord, all the means of salvation. Make us worthy to love and fear You with all our heart, and to accomplish your will in all things.*

FOR YOU ARE THE GRACIOUS ONE AND THE LOVER OF MANKIND, AND WE RENDER GLORY TO YOU, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND ALWAYS AND FOR EVER AND EVER.



All: A - men

The deacon returns to the Holy Place and prepares the incense. The priest blesses the incense and the deacon begins the Great Incensation at the singing of "Let my prayer rise like incense..."

STAND

THE LAMPLIGHTING PSALMS

Psalm 140



Lord, to You I call: has - ten to me! Has - ten



to me, O Lord! O Lord, to You I call: has-ten to me!



Har - ken to the voice of my prayer when I



call u - pon You! Has - ten to me, O Lord.



Let my prayer rise like in-cense be-fore You: the lif-ting



up of my hands like an ev' ning sac - ri - fice.



Has - ten to me, O Lord!

D: Have mercy on us, O God, in Your great mercy: we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have, mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

D: Again, we pray for our Father and (Arch)Bishop *N.*, our brothers the priests, the deacons, the monks, the nuns, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

All: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

D: Again, we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness and remission of sins for the servants of God who live in this city.

All: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

D: Again, we pray for the blessed and ever to be remembered founders of this holy church and for our orthodox fathers and brethren who have gone before us and who here or elsewhere lie asleep in the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

D: Again, we pray for those who bear offerings, those who do good works in this holy most venerable church, those who toil, those who sing and all the people here present who await from You great abundant mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

D: Wisdom!





Al-le-lu - i - a, Al-le-lu - i - a,



Al-le-lu - i - a.

D: Let us ask the Lord, our God, to make us worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel.

All: Lord, have mercy. (*three times*)

P: Peace ✠ to all.

All: And to your spirit.

D: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

All: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

P: Let us be attentive!

After the reading.

All: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

HOMILY

SIT

ECUMENIC PRAYER

The Holy Altar is prepared for the Holy Gifts

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



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

D: Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, we pray to You, hear us and have mercy.



Lord, have mer-cy.

All:

-Set a guard, O Lord, **before** my mouth
and a **portal** around my lips.

-Incline my heart away from **evil** dealings,
from finding **excuses** for sinful deeds.

-In company with men who work in **iniquity**
let me not **partake** of what they choose.

-May a just man chasten me with justice and **reprove** me;
may the oil of the wicked **never** touch my head.

-Yet even then shall I pray for **their** welfare.
Their rulers were **swallowed** near the rock.

-My words will be heard for **they** were sweet.
As a lump of clay broken on the ground,
so their bones **were** strewn near the grave.

-To You, Lord, O Lord, my eyes are **lifted** up;
in You have I hoped: let **not** my soul be lost.

-Keep me from the snare that was set **up** for me
and from the stumbling **blocks** of wicked men.

-The wicked shall fall into **their** own nets
while I remain alone **until** I can escape.

Psalm 141

-With my voice I cried out **to** the Lord,
with my voice, **I** implored the Lord.

-Before Him I pour out my **supplication**,
before Him I **declare** my distress.

-When my breath was **escaping** me,
then You knew my paths.

-On the road upon which I **was** walking
they **set** up snares for me.

-I looked to my right **and** observed:
there was no **one** friendly to me.

-Even flight was **denied** me;
there was no one to **take** care of my life.

-I cried out to You, O **Lord**, and said:
“You are my hope, my share in the **land** of the living.”

-Listen to my **supplication**
for I **am** laid very low.

-Deliver me from my **oppressors**
for they **have** overwhelmed me.

-Release my soul from **its** prison
that **I** may praise Your Name.

Reader: (*Tenth Sticha*)

-The just shall gather **around** me
until You **give** me my reward.

Reader: (*Ninth Sticha*)

Psalm 129

-Out of the depths I cried out **to** You, Lord:
O Lord, **listen** to my voice.

Reader: (*Eighth Sticha*)

-Let Your ears be **attentive**
to the voice of **my** supplication.

Reader: (*Seventh Sticha*)

-If You retain sins, Lord,
O Lord, who **will** be left?
With You **there** is forgiveness.

Reader: (*Sixth Sticha*)

All: Let my prayer rise like incense before You; and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest goes out through the Holy Doors and incenses the icons and the people.

All: Let my prayer rise like incense before You; and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

The Priest returns to the Holy Altar and puts aside the censer, the Deacon stands at the right of the Priest.

P: Let my prayer rise like incense before You;

All: and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

On certain days (Feb. 10, 24 & Mar. 9), there is an epistle and/or Gospel, the following is used:

EPISTLE

D: Let us be attentive!

Reader: Reads the Prokimenon

All: Repeat the Prokimenon

Reader: Reads a verse of a psalm

All: Repeat the Prokimenon

Reader: Reads the first half of the Prokimenon

All: Complete the Prokimenon

D: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from

D: Let us be attentive!

Reader: Reads the Epistle

P: Peace ☩ to you, reader.

If there is also a Gospel:

GOSPEL

STAND

The Holy Doors are opened. The Priest begins the chanting while censing the front of the Holy Altar. The Deacon takes a lighted candle and stands on the opposite side, facing the Priest. The Priest then censes each face of the Altar in turn.

OFFERING OF INCENSE

P:



Let my prayer rise like in-cense be - fore You;



and the lif - ting up of my hands like an



eve-ning sa - cri - fice.

All: Let my prayer rise like incense before You; and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

South Side

P: O Lord, I have cried out to You: hear me.
Give heed to the voice of my supplication when I cry out to You.

All: Let my prayer rise like incense before You; and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

East Side

P: Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth
and a portal around my lips.

All: Let my prayer rise like incense before You; and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice.

North Side

P: Incline my heart away from evil dealings,
from finding excuses for sinful deeds.
In company with men who work iniquity
let me not partake of what they choose.

-For Your Name's sake, O Lord, I have waited for You;
my soul has waited for Your word,
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

Reader: (*Fifth Sticha*)

-From the watch of dawn until the night,
from the watch of dawn
let Israel long for the Lord.

Reader: (*Fourth Sticha*)

-For with the Lord there is mercy
and with Him abundant redemption.
And it is He who will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Reader: (*Third Sticha*)

Psalm 116

-Praise the Lord, all you nations,
exalt Him, all you peoples.

Reader: (*Second Sticha*)

-For mighty is His love for us,
and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

Reader: (*First Sticha*)

-Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
Now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: (*[Stavro]Theotokion*)

At "Glory..." Priest and Deacon make three metanies before the Holy Altar. The Holy Doors are opened and they make the Entrance. If there is a Gospel Reading the Deacon carries the Gospel Book and the censer, otherwise only the incense.

At the Holy Doors the priest blesses the entrance in a low voice.

D: Bless the holy entering, Father.

P: Blessed ✕ is the entrance into Your Holy places at all times both now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

D: Wisdom! Let us stand!

HYMN OF THE EVENING



O Joy-ful Light of the ho-ly glo - ry of the Fa-



- ther Im-mor - tal: hea - ven-ly, ho-ly, bles-sed Je-sus



Christ! Since we have come to the set-ting of the sun



and have seen the eve-ning light, we praise



God, the Fa-ther, the Son and the Ho - ly Spi-rit. It is



pro-per for You to be praised at all times by fit-ting



me - lo - dies. O Son of God, Gi - ver of life,



there-fore the world glo-ri - fies You!

READINGS

D: The Prokimenon of Vespers

Reader: Reads the Prokimenon

All: Repeat the Prokimenon

Reader: Reads a verse of a psalm

All: Repeat the Prokimenon

Reader: Reads the first half of the Prokimenon

All: Complete the Prokimenon

D: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from

D: Let us be attentive!

Reader: Reads the First Reading

P: Peace ✕ to you, reader.

SIT

EXORCISM

KNEEL

The Holy Doors are opened and all kneel. The priest takes a lighted candle and a censer in his right hand and makes the sign of the Cross with them first towards the Gifts on the Prothesis and then over the people saying:

P: Wisdom! The Light of Christ ✕ enlightens everyone!

STAND

D: Let us be attentive!

Reader: Reads the Prokimenon

All: Repeat the Prokimenon

Reader: Reads a verse of a psalm

All: Repeat the Prokimenon

Reader: Reads the first half of the Prokimenon

All: Complete the Prokimenon

D: Wisdom!

Reader: A reading from

D: Let us be attentive!

Reader: Reads the Second Reading

P: Peace ✕ to you, reader.

SIT