

## DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

**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.

**People:** Amen.

### GREAT LITANY

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** 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.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For our Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, for our Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** For this Country, its President, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** 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.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** 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.

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

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

#### FIRST ANTIPHON

**People:** 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 iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. He will not always chide, nor will He keep his anger forever. The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers that do His will. Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

LITTLE LITANY

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** 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.

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

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

SECOND ANTIPHON

**People:** Glory 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. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose help is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps His faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners, He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He will bring to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only begotten Son and Immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

LITTLE LITANY

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** 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.

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

**Priest:** For Thou art a good God and lovest 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 ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

### THIRD ANTIPHON AND LITTLE ENTRANCE

**People:** 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 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. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Let us attend!

**People:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, Who rose from the dead, save us, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

TROPARIA/KONTAKIA

*The Choir/People will sing the appointed Troparia and Kontakia for the day*

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

**People:** 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:** and unto ages of ages!

**People:** Amen.

TRISAGION

**People:** 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 ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us!

Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us!

THE EPISTLE

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** Peace be unto all!

**Reader:** And to your spirit!

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the \_\_\_ tone. (*The Reader and the Choir sing the Prokeimenon*).

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle . . .

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

*The reader reads the Epistle.*

**Priest:** Peace be to unto you, Reader.

**Reader:** And to your spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, in the \_\_\_ Tone.



**People:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The reader chants the appointed Alleluia verses and after each one the people answer:*

**People:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Priest:** 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. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we send up 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.

**Deacon:** Bless, Master, him who proclaims the glad tidings of the holy Apostle and Evangelist \_\_\_\_\_.

**Priest:** May God, through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist\_\_\_\_\_, enable you to proclaim the glad tidings with great power, to the fulfillment of the gospel of His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Deacon:** Amen. Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**People:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**People:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Priest:** Let us attend!

*The Deacon reads the Gospel*

**People:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## HOMILY

### LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

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

**Deacon:** Again we pray for our Metropolitan \_\_\_\_, for our Bishop \_\_\_\_, for priests, priestmonks, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray for this Country, its President, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere.

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

**Deacon:** 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, departed this life before us, especially \_\_\_\_\_, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

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

**Deacon:** 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.

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

**Deacon:** 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.

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

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

**Priest:** For Thou art a merciful God, and lovest 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 ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

LITANY FOR THE CATECHUMENS

**Deacon:** Pray to the Lord, you catechumens.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That He may teach them the word of truth.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Bow your heads unto the Lord, you catechumens.

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

**Priest:** O Lord our God, Who dwellest in the heavens and regardest all Thy world: Look down on Thy servants, the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before Thee. Grant them a light like; make them honorable members of Thy holy Church; make them worthy of the laver of regeneration, the remission of sins, and the robe of incorruption -for the knowledge of Thee, our true God.

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

#### FIRST PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Deacon:** Let us, the faithful, again and again in peace pray unto the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Priest:** Thou, O Lord, hast revealed to us this great Mystery of salvation. Thou hast enabled us, Thy humble servants, to be ministers at Thy holy altar.

By the power of Thy Holy Spirit, enable us also to perform this service; so that standing blamelessly before Thy holy glory, we may offer Thee a sacrifice of praise. For Thou alone accomplish all things in all men. May our sacrifice be acceptable and well-pleasing in Thy sight, O Lord, for our sins and for the needs of all Thy people.

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

#### SECOND PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** 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.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Priest:** O God, Who in mercy and compassion hast visited our lowliness; Who has set us, Thy humble and unworthy servants, to serve at Thy holy altar before Thy holy glory. By the power of Thy Holy Spirit, strength us for this service; and grant speech to our lips so that we may call down the grace of Thy Holy Spirit upon the Gifts that are about to be offered.

**Priest:** That guarded always by Thy might we may send up glory unto Thee; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

## GREAT ENTRANCE

**People:** Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the Thrice-holy hymn to the Life-creating Trinity, now lay aside all earthly cares.



**Deacon:** The Most-blessed \_\_\_\_\_, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada; His Grace, \_\_\_\_\_, Bishop of Dallas and the South, may the Lord God remember them in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**Priest:** The entire Episcopate of the Church, the priests and deacons in Christ; those in monastic orders, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

This country, its President, those in civil authority, and those in the armed forces everywhere, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

The sick and suffering servants of God; those who love us and those who hate us, and those who have asked us to pray for them, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Those who are suffering from acts of war, violence, terrorism or natural disaster, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Those who have departed this life in faith, in hope of the resurrection to eternal life, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

You and all Orthodox Christians, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Your priesthood, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**People:** That we may receive the King of All, who comes invisibly upborne by the angelic hosts. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** 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.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**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.

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

**Priest:** O Lord, our God, Who hast created us and brought us into this life; Who hast shown us the ways to salvation, and bestowed on us the revelation of heavenly Mysteries: Thou art the One Who has appointed us to this service in the power of Thy Holy Spirit. Therefore, O Lord, enable us to be ministers of Thy New Testament and servants of Thy holy Mysteries. Through the greatness of thy mercy, accept us as we draw near to Thy holy altar, so that we may be worthy to offer to Thee this reasonable and bloodless sacrifice for our sins and for the errors of Thy people. Having received it upon Thy holy, heavenly, and ideal altar as a sweet spiritual fragrance, send down upon us in return the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Look down on us, O God, and behold this our service. Receive it as thou didst receive the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah, the whole burnt offerings of Abraham, the priestly offices of Moses and Aaron, and the peace-offerings of Samuel. Even as Thou didst receive from Thy holy apostles this true worship, so now, in Thy goodness, accept these Gifts from the hands of us sinners, O Lord; that having been accounted worthy to serve without offense at Thy holy altar, we may receive the reward of wise and faithful stewards on the awesome day of Thy just retribution.

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

### THE PEACE

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**People:** And to your spirit.

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

**People:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! The Trinity, one in essence, and undivided!

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

### THE CREED

**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 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

**Deacon:** Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear! Let us attend, that we may offer the Holy Oblation in peace.

**People:** 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.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us lift up our hearts.

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

**Priest:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

**People:** It is meet and right to worship the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity, One in essence, and undivided.

**Priest:** O Existing One, Master, Lord God, Father almighty and adorable: it is truly meet and right and befitting the magnificence of Thy holiness to praise Thee, to sing to Thee, to bless Thee, to worship Thee, to give thanks to Thee, to glorify Thee-the only truly existing God-and to offer to Thee this our reasonable worship with a contrite heart and a spirit of humility, for Thou hast granted us the knowledge of Thy truth. Who can utter Thy mighty acts? Or make all Thy praises known? Or tell of all Thy miracles at all times? O Master of all, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation, both visible and invisible, who sittest upon the throne of glory and beholds the depths; without beginning, invisible, incomprehensible, indescribable, changeless. O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great God and Savior, our hope, Who is the image of thy goodness, the seal of thy very likeness, showing forth in Himself Thee, O Father, the living Word, the true God, the eternal Wisdom, the Life, the Sanctification, the Power, the true Light, through Whom the Holy Spirit was revealed-the Spirit of truth, the gift of sonship, the pledge of future inheritance, the first fruits of eternal blessing, the life-creating power, the fountain of sanctification, through Whom every creature of reason and understanding worships Thee and always sings to Thee a hymn of glory, for all things are Thy servants. Thou art praised by angels, archangels, thrones, dominions, powers, and many eyed Cherubim. Round about Thee stand the Seraphim, one with six wings and the other with six wings; with two they cover their faces, with two they cover their feet, and with two they fly, crying one to another with unceasing voices and ever resounding praises: singing the triumphant hymn, shouting, proclaiming and saying:

**People:** Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord of Sabbaoth! 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:** With these blessed powers, O Master Who lovest mankind, we sinners also cry aloud and say: Holy art Thou-truly Most Holy-and there are no bounds to the magnificence of thy holiness. Thou art gracious in all Thy deeds, for with righteousness and true judgement Thou hast ordered all things for us. When Thou didst create man by taking dust from the earth, and didst honor him with Thin own image, O God, Thou didst set him in a paradise of delault, promising him eternal life and the enjoyment of everlasting blessings in the observance of Thy commandments. But when man disobeyed Thee, the true God Who had created them, and was deceived by the guile of the serpent, becoming subject to death through his own transgressions, Thou, O God, in Thy righteous judgment, didst send him forth from paradise into this world, returning him to the earth from which he was taken, yet providing for him the salvation of regeneration in Thy Christ Himself. For Thou didst not turn Thyself away forever from Thy creature, Whom Thou hadst made, O Good One, nor didst Thou forget the work of Thy hands. Though the tender compassion of Thy mercy, Thou didst visit him in various ways: Thou dost send prophets; Thou didst perform mighty works by Thy saints, who in every generation were well pleasing to Thee; Thou didst speak to us by the mouth of Thy servants the prophets, foretelling to us the salvation which was to come; Thou didst give us the law as a help; Thou didst appoint angels as guardians. And when the fullness of time had come, Thou didst speak to us though Thy Son Himself, by Whom Thou didst also make the ages;



Who, being the radiance of Thy glory and the Image of Thy person, upholding all things by the word of His power, thought it not robbery to be equal to Thee, the God and Father. He was God before the ages, yet He appeared on earth and lived among men, becoming incarnate of a holy Virgin; He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, begin likened to the body of our lowliness, that He might liken us to the image of His glory. For as by man entered into the world, and by sin death, so it pleased Thine Only-Begotten Son, Who was in the bosom of Thee, the God and Father, Who was born of a woman, the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, Who was born under the law, to condemn sin in His flesh, so that those who were dead in Adam might be made alive in Thy Christ Himself. He lived in this world and gave us commandments of salvation; releasing us from the delusions of idolatry, He brought us to knowledge of Thee, the true God and Father. He obtained us fro His own chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Having cleansed us in water, and sanctified us with the Holy Spirit, He gave Himself as a ransom to death, in which we were held captive, sold under sin. Descending through the Cross into hell-that He might fill all things with Himself-he loosed the pangs of death. He arose on the third day, having made for all flesh a path to the resurrection from the dead, since it was not possible for the Author of Life to be a victim of corruption. So He became the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the first-born of the dead, that He might be Himself truly the first in all things. Ascending ion heaven, He sat down at the right hand of Thy majesty on high, and He will come to render to every man according to his works. And as memorials of His saving Passion, He has left us these things, which we have set forth according to His command.

For when He was about to go forth to His voluntary and ever-memorable and life-creating death-in the night in which He gave Himself up for the life of the world-He took bread into His holy and pure hands and having shown it to Thee, the God and Father, having given thanks, blessed and hallowed it, and broken it,

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.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Likewise he took the cup of the fruit of the vine, and having mingled it and given thanks, blessed and hallowed it, 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!

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Do this in remembrance of Me! For as often as you eat the Bread and drink this Cup, you proclaim My Death, you confess My Resurrection!

Therefore, we also, O Master, remembering His saving Passion and life-creating Cross, His three-day Burial and Resurrection from the dead, his Ascension into heaven and Sitting at the right hand of Thee the God and Father, and His glorious and awesome Second Coming,

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

**People:** We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We give thanks unto Thee, O Lord. And we pray unto Thee, O our God.

**Priest:** Again we offer unto Thee this rational 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.

**Priest:** O Lord, Who didst send down Thy Most Holy Spirit upon thine apostles at the third hour: Take Him not from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to Thee.

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

**Priest:** O Lord, Who didst send down Thy Most Holy Spirit upon thine apostles at the third hour: Take Him not from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to Thee.

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

**Priest:** O Lord, Who didst send down Thy Most Holy Spirit upon thine apostles at the third hour: Take Him not from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray to Thee. Therefore, Most Holy Master, we also Thy sinful and unworthy servants, whom Thou hast permitted to serve at Thy holy altar not because of our own righteousness (for we have done nothing good upon the earth), but because of Thy mercy and compassions (which thou hast so richly poured out in us)...

...we now dare to approach thy holy altar and, offering to Thee the antitypes of the Holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ, we pray Thee and call upon Thee, O Holy of Holies, that by the favor of Thy goodness Thy Holy Spirit may come upon us and upon the Gifts now offered to bless, to hallow, and to show...

**Deacon:** Bless, Master, the Holy Bread.

**Priest:** ...this Bread to be the precious Body of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

**Deacon:** Bless, Master, the Holy Cup.

**Priest:** And this Cup, to be the precious Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Shed for the life of this world.

**People:** Amen! Amen! Amen!

**Priest:** And unite all of us to one another who become partakers of the One Bread and Cup in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Grant that none of us may partake of the Holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ for judgment or condemnation. Instead, may we find mercy and grace with all the saints who through the get have been well-pleasing to Thee: ancestors, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, teachers, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith.

**Priest:** Especially for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary.

**People:** All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

**Priest:** ...Again we entreat Thee: Remember, O Lord, Thy Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, which is from end to end of the universe; give peace to her whom Thou hast obtained with the Precious Blood of Thy Christ; also preserve this holy house until the end of the world. Remember, O Lord, those who offered thee these Gifts, *and those for whom and through whom they offered them*, and their intentions. Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and do good in Thy Holy Churches, and those who remember the poor; reward them with Thy rich and heavenly gifts; for their earthly, temporal, and corruptible gifts, do Thou grant them Thy heavenly ones, eternal and incorruptible. Remember, O Lord, those who are in the deserts, mountains, caverns and pits of the earth. Remember, O Lord, those who live in chastity and godliness, in austerity and holiness of life. Remember, O Lord, this country and all civil authorities; grant them a secure and lasting peace; speak good things into their hearts concerting Thy Church and all Thy people, that we, in their tranquility may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and sanctity.

Remember, O Lord, every principality and authority; our brothers who serve in the government and the armed forces. Preserve the good in goodness, and make the evil be good by Thy goodness. *Remember, O Lord, the people here present and also those who are absent for honorable reasons. Have mercy on them and on us according to the multitudes of Thy mercies.* Fill their treasuries with every good thing; preserve their marriages in peace and harmony; raise the infants, guide the young; support the aged; encourage the faint-hearted; reunite the separated; lead back those who are in error and join them to Thy Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; free those who are held captive by unclean spirits; sail with those who sail; travel with those who travel by land and by air; defend the widows; protect the orphans; free the captives; heal the sick. Remember, O God, those who are in courts, in mines, in exile, in harsh labor, and those in any kind of affliction, necessity, or distress. Remember, O Lord our God, all those who entreat Thy great loving-kindness; those who love us and those who hate us; those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy though we be; and remember all thy people O Lord, our God. Pour out Thy rich mercy upon all of them, granting them all the petitions which are for their salvation. And remember, Thyself, O God, all those whom we have not remembered through ignorance, forgetfulness or the multitude of names; since though knowest the name and age of each, even from his mother's womb. For Thou, O Lord, art the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of the hopeless, the Savior of the bestormed, the Haven of the voyager, the Physician of the sick. Be all things to all men, O Thou Who knowest each man and his request, his home and his need. Deliver this city (*or village, or holy habitation*), O Lord, and every city and country, from famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, invasion by enemies, and civil war.

Among the first, remember, O Lord, His Beatitude, our Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_; His Eminence, our Archbishop \_\_\_\_\_; 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.

**People:** And all mankind.

**Priest:** Remember, O Lord, all the Orthodox Episcopate, who rightly divide the word of Thy truth. Remember, O Lord, my unworthiness also, by the multitude of Thy compassions; forgive my every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary. Because of my sins, do not withhold the grace of Thy Holy Spirit from these Gifts here set forth. Remember, O Lord, the priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and every order of the clergy. Let none of us who stand about Thy holy altar be put to confusion. Visit us with Thy loving-kindness, O Lord; manifest Thyself to us through Thy rich compassions. Grant us seasonable and healthful weather; send gentle showers upon the earth so that it may bear fruit; bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness. Prevent schisms among the churches; pacify the ragings of the pagans; quickly destroy the uprisings of heresies by the power of Thy Holy Spirit. Receive us all into Thy Kingdom, showing us to be sons of the light and sons of the day. Grant us Thy peace and Thy love, O Lord our God, for Thou hast given all things to us.

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

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

**People:** And with your spirit.

THE LITANY BEFORE THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** 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.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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



**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** 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.

**People:** Grant it, O Lord.

**Deacon:** 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.

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

**Priest:** 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

**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.

**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.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Peace be unto all.

**People:** And to your spirit.

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

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

**Priest:** O Master, Lord, Father of compassions and God of every consolation: Bless, sanctify, guard, strengthens and confirm those who have bowed their heads to Thee. Withdraw them from every evil deed; apply them to every good work and make them worthy to partake without condemnation of these, Thy most pure and life-creating Mysteries, for remission sins and for the communion of the Holy Spirit.

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

**Deacon:** Let us attend!

**Priest:** The Holy Things for the Holy!

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

**People:** Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (*or sing the appointed communion hymn of the day*).

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. Amen.

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE CLERGY

**People:** *(sing the communion hymn of the day).*

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

**Deacon:** In the fear of God and with faith and love, draw near!

**People:** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

*The Orthodox faithful who have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and a recent confession come forward and partake of the Holy Mysteries.*

**People:** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality.

**Priest:** (*After all have communed*) Behold this has touched your lips and shall take away all your iniquity and shall cleanse you from all your sins.

**People:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**People:** 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!

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

**People:** Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we may sing of 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

**Deacon:** 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.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** 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.

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

**Priest:** 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 Thy saints.

**Priest:** 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 ages of ages..

**People:** Amen.

#### THE PRAYER BEFORE THE AMBO

**Priest:** Let us depart in peace.

**People:** In the name of the Lord.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**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 do we send up glory, thanksgiving, and worship; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. (3x)

**Priest:** The blessing of the Lord be upon you through His grace and love for mankind, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our Hope, glory to Thee!

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

**People:** Amen.

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

**People:** Father, bless.

**Priest:** May He who rose from the dead, Christ our True God...

**People:** Amen!

THE END

GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!