

The Divine Liturgy



of
our Father among the Saints

John Chrysostom

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.

Choir: Amen.

The Great Litany

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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 it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For His Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: 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.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: 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.

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: 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.

Exclamation

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.

Choir: Amen.

The First Antiphon (Psalms 102/103)

(On Feast Days, special antiphons are sung)

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!

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

Priest: Again and again in peace 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: 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.

Exclamation

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.

Choir: Amen.

The Second Antiphon (Psalms 145/146)

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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 the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

The Little Litany

Priest: Again and again in peace, 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: 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.

Exclamation

Priest: For thou art a good 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 Third Antiphon (The Beatitudes)

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

The Entrance

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, who rose from the dead¹, O Son of God, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!

1. Replace "who rose from the dead" with "who art glorified in Thy saints" for weekday services.

(Special hymns of the day, called troparia and kontakia are now sung – see weekly email from Father Dennis for this Sunday's troparia and kontakia.)

Priest: For holy art thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. 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 READINGS

Priest: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The prokeimenon in the ____ tone.

(The reader and the choir chant the prokeimenon.)

Priest: Wisdom!

The Epistle Lesson

Reader: The reading from the Epistle of the holy Apostle _____ to the _____.

Priest: Let us attend.

(The reader chants the Epistle.)

Priest: Peace be unto you, reader.

Reader: And to your spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(The reader chants the Alleluia verses.)

The Gospel Lesson

Priest: Amen. Wisdom! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to the Holy Apostle and Evangelist

_____.

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

Priest: Let us attend!

(The priest chants the Gospel reading.)

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

The Sermon

(Following the readings, it is customary for the priest to proclaim the Gospel.)

The Litany of Fervent Supplication

Priest: Let us all say, with all our soul and with 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 (thrice).

Priest: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (thrice).

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy (thrice).

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 brothers, and mothers and sisters, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (thrice).

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 (thrice).

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 people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (thrice).

Exclamation

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.

(Sometimes a Litany for the Departed is said here.)

The Litany for the Catechumens

Priest: Pray to the Lord, you catechumens.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will 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.

Exclamation

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.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Exclamation

Priest: Wisdom! 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.

Litany of the Faithful

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

Choir: Lord have mercy.¹

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

Choir: Lord have mercy.

1. Note that when a deacon serves, extra petitions are offered here.

Exclamation

Priest: Wisdom! 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.

Hymn of the Entrance

Choir: 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.

(The priest carries the chalice and diskos containing our gifts of wine and bread. Preceded by the altar boys, he makes the Great Entrance, bringing our gifts to the Altar. During the Entrance, he prays for all members of the Church.)

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. 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 it, 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 it, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant it, 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 it, 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 it, 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 it, 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.

Exclamation

Priest: Through the compassions of Thine only-begotten Son with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

The Confession of Faith

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

Choir: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit! The Trinity, one in essence, and undivided!

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

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 Eucharistic Prayer

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 your 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 the Holy Spirit; the Trinity, one in essence, and undivided.

The priest prays:

It is meet and right to sing of 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 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 has found worthy to accept at 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:

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!

The priest prays:

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 has 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:

Priest: 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:

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: 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.

Thine own of Thine own we offer unto Thee, in 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.

Priest: O Lord, who didst send down Thy Most Holy Spirit upon Thine apostles at the third hour: Take Him not from us who pray to Thee. (Said 3 times with the following verses in between.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

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

(The priest blesses the Holy Bread and Cup, saying:)

And make this bread the precious Body of thy Christ, Amen.

And that which is in this Cup, the precious Blood of Thy Christ, Amen.

Making the change by Thy Holy Spirit. Amen, Amen, Amen.

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 judgement of condemnation.

***Priest:** 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.*

The Remembrance

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

perfect in faith:

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

The Hymn to the Theotokos

Choir: It is truly meet to bless you, 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 defilement you gave birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify you.

Priest: *For the holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; Saint _____, 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.

Among the first, remember, O Lord, the most holy Orthodox patriarchs; His Eminence, our Metropolitan _____.
Grant him 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: Remember, O Lord, this city in which we dwell, every city and countryside, and those who in faith dwell in them. Remember, O Lord, travelers by land, by sea, and by air, the sick and suffering, captives and their salvation. Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and do good in thy holy churches, and those who remember the poor, and upon us all send down thy mercies.

Priest: And grant that with one mouth and one heart we may glorify and 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 be with all of you.

Choir: And with your 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 it, 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 it, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant it, 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 it, O Lord.

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

Choir: Grant it, 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: *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 judgement or condemnation.*

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:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 your spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Exclamation

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.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Let us attend. The Holy Things are for the holy.

Choir: One is Holy, One is the 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! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

(The priest and deacons now receive Holy Communion in the Sanctuary.)

The Communion of the Faithful

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

Choir: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Prayers before Communion

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 judgement, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body.

(As the priest gives Holy Communion to the people, we sing:)

Choir: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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.

Priest: Blessed is Our God 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 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

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.

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.*

Exclamation

Priest: For Thou art our sanctification, 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.

Priest: Let us depart in peace.

Choir: In the name of the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

The Prayer before 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 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 forevermore. (3 times)

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.

Choir: Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages amen. Lord have mercy. (3 times). 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; of Saint Catherine; of Saint _____, 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.