

# THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### BLESSING THE KINGDOM

*Priest:* Blessed be the kingdom of ✠ the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### GREAT LITANY

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy** (*for every petition*)

For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.  
For peace throughout the world, for the well-being of God's holy churches and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For the most holy universal Pontiff, [*N.*], Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

For our most blessed Patriarch, [*N.*], our most reverend Metropolitan and Archbishop, [*N.*], our God-loving Bishop, [*N.*], the reverend priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and country and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For the seafarers and travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for those held captive, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

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

*Lord, our God, Whose power is beyond comparison, Whose glory is beyond comprehension, Whose mercy is beyond measure, and Whose love for mankind is beyond expression, in the kindness of Your heart, O Master, look upon us and upon this holy church, and bestow on us and on those praying with us, the riches of Your mercy and compassion;*

For all glory, honor and worship befit You, ✝ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### FIRST SUNDAY ANTIPHON

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth,\* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.**

**Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.**

**Say unto God, "How awesome are Your works!\*" Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You.**

**Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.**

**Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,\* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!**

**Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.**

## ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON

Glory be to † the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,\* now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and Word of God,\* You are immortal,\* and You willed for our salvation\* to be made flesh of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary,\* and without change You became man.\* You were crucified, O Christ our God,\* and trampled death by death.\* You are one of the Holy Trinity,\* glorified with † the Father and the Holy Spirit,\* save us.

### SMALL LITANY

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

*People:* Lord, have mercy.

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

*People:* Lord, have mercy.

Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*People:* To You, O Lord.

*You have given us the grace to pray together in harmony and have promised to grant the requests of two or three who join their voices in Your name. Fulfill now for us, Your servants, these petitions for our benefit. Grant us in this present life the knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come, bestow eternal life;*

For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* Amen.

### THIRD SUNDAY ANTIPHON

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord,\* let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

*Refrain:* Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise,\* and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Refrain:** Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.  
**For God is the great Lord\* and the great King over all the earth.**

**Refrain:** Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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

**Priest:** Lord God our Master, Who established in heaven the ranks and armies of angels and archangels for the service of Your glory, grant that as we make our entrance, the holy angels may enter too, serving with us and joining in the praise of Your goodness; for all glory, honour and worship befit You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Deacon:** Master, bless the holy entrance.

**Priest:** ☩ Blessed be the entrance of Your saints, always, now and for ever and ever.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Stand aright.

**People:** Come, let us worship\* and fall down before Christ.

**Refrain:** Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

### TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

*The Troparia and Kontakia that change every day and in which we hear the theme of the day's Liturgy are sung according to the tone indicated.*

### TRISAGION PRAYER

**Priest:** Holy God, You dwell in the holies, with three-fold cries of holy, the seraphim acclaim You, the cherubim glorify You, and all the heavenly powers worship You. From nothingness You brought all things into being. You created man in Your own image and likeness and adorned Him with all Your graces. You give wisdom and understanding to all who ask. You do not turn Your face from the sinner but offer repentance as a way for salvation. You have made us, Your humble and undeserving servants, worthy to stand before the glory of Your holy altar at this very time, and bring You due worship and praise. Accept from the lips of us sinners the Thrice-holy

*Hymn and visit us in Your kindness, O Master. Forgive us all our offenses, voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and grant that we, in holiness, may serve You all the days of our lives, through the intercession of the holy Mother of God and of all the saints, who throughout the ages have found favour with You.*

For You, our God, are holy, and we give glory to You, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*At certain times other hymns are sung here.*

✠ **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us (x3).**

✠ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,\* now and for ever and ever. Amen.\***

**Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.**

✠ **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.**

*The priest bows three times before the Holy Table and proceeds to the High Place saying: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*The priest ✠ blesses the High Place saying: Blessed are You on the throne of glory of Your kingdom, Who sit upon the cherubim, always, now and for ever and ever.*

*He then stands on the right side of the High Place, the center being reserved for the bishop.*

## PROKIMENON

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Priest:** Peace ✠ be with all.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

*The Prokimenon (a responsorial Psalm) for the day is sung according to the tone indicated.*

## EPISTLE READING

**Deacon:** Wisdom.

*Reader: Introduction of the Epistle*

*Deacon:* Let us be attentive.

*The Reader chants/reads the Epistle.*

*Priest:* Peace ☩ be with you.

*Deacon:* Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

### ALLELUIA

*People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Two Psalm verses connected by the singing of "Alleluia," which means "Praise the Lord."*

*The reader/cantor chants the psalm verses. After each verse, the faithful sing the refrain, "Alleluia."*

*During the singing of the Alleluia, the Priest censes the altar and the people.*

### GOSPEL READING

*Priest: Make the pure light of Your Divine knowledge shine in our hearts, O loving Master. Open the eyes of our minds that we may understand the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us the fear of Your blessed commandments that we may subdue all carnal desires and follow a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all that pleases You. For You, O Christ our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, and we give glory ☩ to You, together with Your eternal Father and Your most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.*

*Priest:* Wisdom! Stand aright! Let us listen to the holy Gospel. Peace be with all.

*People: And with your spirit.*

*Deacon:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to *[N]*.

*People: ☩ Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.*

*Priest:* Let us be attentive!

*The Gospel is proclaimed.*

*People: ☩ Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.*

## HOMILY

### LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, O God, in the greatness of Your compassion, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. (for every petition)**

We also pray for the most holy universal Pontiff, *[N.]*, Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord, for our most blessed Patriarch, *[N.]*, our most reverend Metropolitan and Archbishop, *[N.]*, our God-loving Bishop, *[N.]*, for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brethren in Christ.

We also pray for our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military.

*Petitions may be added here.*

We also pray for the people here present who await Your great and bountiful mercies, for those who have been kind to us, and for all orthodox Christians.

*Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication from Your servants. Take pity on us in the greatness of Your compassion. Let Your loving kindness descend upon us and upon all Your people who await Your abundant mercy.*

For You are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to You, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** *It is You, Lord, Who have revealed to us this great mystery of salvation; You have made us, Your lowly and unworthy servants, worthy to be ministers of Your holy altar. By the power of Your Holy Spirit enable us for this service, so that, standing uncondemned in the presence of Your holy glory, we may offer You a sacrifice of praise, for it is You who effect all in all. Grant, O Lord, that our sacrifice, both for our sins and for those committed in ignorance by the people, may be acceptable and well-pleasing before You.*

*O God, Who with mercy and pity have visited our lowliness; Who have placed us, Your humble, sinful and unworthy servants, in the presence of Your holy glory to minister at Your holy altar; strengthen us for this service by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and grant us a word, so that our mouths may be opened to invoke the grace of Your Holy Spirit on the gifts that are about to be set forth.*

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Priest:** So that always protected by Your might, we may give glory to You, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### CHERUBIC HYMN

*While the Cherubic Hymn is sung, the priest prays the following prayer, then censes the altar and the people*

**People:** Let us who mystically represent the cherubim, and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the life-giving Trinity, now lay aside all cares of life.

**Priest:** *No one who is bound to carnal desires or pleasures is worthy to approach You, or to draw near You, or to minister to You, O King of Glory. For to serve You is great and awesome, even to the heavenly powers. And yet, because of Your love for mankind, – a love which cannot be expressed or measured – You became man, unchanged and unchanging. You were appointed our High Priest, and, as Master of all, handed down to us the priestly ministry of this liturgical and unbloody sacrifice. You alone, O Lord, our God, have dominion over heaven and earth. You, Who are borne*

*on the throne of the cherubim; You are Lord of the seraphim and King of Israel; You, Who alone are holy and rest in the holies. I implore You, therefore, Who alone are good and ready to listen: look upon me, Your sinful and unprofitable servant; cleanse my heart and soul of the evil that lies on my conscience. By the power of Your Holy Spirit enable me, who am clothed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this, Your holy table, and offer the sacrifice of Your holy and most pure Body and precious Blood. Bending my neck, I approach and I petition You: Turn not Your face from me nor reject me from among Your children, but allow these gifts to be offered to You by me, Your sinful and unworthy servant. For it is You Who offer and You Who are offered; it is You Who receive and You Who are given, O Christ our God; and we give glory † to You, together with Your eternal Father and Your most holy, good and lifegiving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

### *After incensing*

*Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Holy Hymn to the life-giving Trinity, now lay aside all cares of life.\* That we may receive the King of all, escorted invisibly by ranks of angels. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (x3)*

*During the singing of the Cherubikon, the clergy and servers go to the table of preparation and, with the gifts about to be consecrated, make the Great Entrance through the northern door and the holy doors.*

### GREAT ENTRANCE

*Priest:* May the Lord God remember in His kingdom the most holy universal Pontiff, [N.], Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord, our most blessed Patriarch, [N.], our most reverend Metropolitan and Archbishop, [N.], our God-loving Bishop, [N.], all the priestly, diaconal and religious orders; our nation under God, our government, and all the military; the noble and ever-to-be remembered founders and benefactors of this holy church; and all you, orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* Amen.

**That we may receive the King of all, escorted invisibly by ranks of angels.**

## **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*The priest and other ministers enter the altar. As he places the Holy Gifts on the Holy Table, the priest says: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and, with aromatic spices, placed it in a new tomb.*

*The priest censes the holy gifts saying: Deal favourably, O Lord, with Sion in Your good pleasure and let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt. Then You shall be well pleased with a sacrifice of justice, oblations and holocausts; then they shall lay calves upon Your altar.*

### THE LITANY OF OFFERING

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy** (*for every petition*).

For the precious gifts offered here, let us pray to the Lord.

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

That we may be spared all distress, violence, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* O Lord, our God, Who created us and brought us into this life, Who showed us ways to salvation, and granted us the revelation of heavenly mysteries: it is You Who have appointed us for this service by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Be pleased, then, Lord, to allow us to become servants of Your New Covenant, ministers of Your holy mysteries. According to the greatness of Your compassion accept us as we approach Your holy altar, so that we may become worthy to offer You this rational and bloodless sacrifice, for our sins and for those committed in ignorance by the people. Accept it on Your holy and spiritual altar above the heavens, as a sweet-smelling fragrance, and send down on us in return the grace of Your Holy Spirit. Look on us, O God, have regard for this Our worship and accept it, as You accepted the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah, the whole-burnt offerings of Abraham, the priestly ministry of Moses and Aaron, and the peace offerings of Samuel. As You accepted this true

worship from Your holy apostles, so too, Lord, in Your goodness accept these gifts from the hands of us sinners, so that we may be counted worthy to minister without blame before your holy altar and obtain the reward of faithful and wise stewards on the dread day of Your just recompense.

Through the mercies of † Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** Peace † be with all.

**People: And with your spirit.**

**Deacon:** Let us love one another so that we may be of one mind in confessing.

**People: † The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being and undivided.**

*The priest bows three times before the Holy Table saying: † I will love You, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stronghold and my refuge.*

## THE CREED

*He then kisses the diskos, chalice and the Holy Table and turns to the people and says:* The doors, the doors! In wisdom let us be attentive.

*The priest lifts the large veil and fans it over the Holy Gifts.*

**People:** I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

**Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### ANAPHORA

*Deacon:* Let us stand well, let us stand with fear; let us be attentive to offer in peace the holy oblation.

*People:* **The mercy of peace, the sacrifice of praise.**

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

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Let us lift up our hearts.

*People:* **We have lifted them to the Lord.**

### THANKSGIVING

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

*People:* **It is right and just to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being, and undivided.**

*Priest: [Praefatio]* *O Master, the One-Who-Is, Lord God, Father Almighty, who deserve worship: it is truly right and proper, and fitting the majesty of your holiness to praise you, to hymn you, to bless you, to worship you, to thank you, to glorify you, who alone are truly God; and to offer you with a contrite heart and spirit of humility this our rational worship. For it is you who have granted us the knowledge of your truth. And who can tell of all your acts of power, make all your praises heard, or recount all your wonders at every moment? Master of all things, Lord of heaven and earth and of all*

*creation, visible and invisible, you are seated on a throne of glory and look upon the depths. You are without beginning, invisible, incomprehensible, uncircumscribed, unchangeable, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the great God and Saviour, our hope. He is the image of your goodness, the perfect seal of your likeness— revealing you, the Father, in himself—living Word, true God, Wisdom before the ages, Life, Sanctification, Power, and the true Light. Through him the Holy Spirit was made manifest, the Spirit of truth, the grace of sonship, the pledge of the inheritance to come, the first fruit of the eternal good things, the life-giving power, the source of sanctification.*

**[Presanctus]** *Through him every rational and intelligent creature is empowered, worshipping you and ascribing to you the everlasting hymn of glory, because all things are your servants. For Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise you. Around you stand the Seraphim; the one with six wings and the other with six wings, and with two they cover their faces, with two their feet, and with two they fly, as they cry to one another with unceasing voices and never-silent hymns of glory,*  
Singing, crying, exclaiming, and saying the triumphal hymn.

**People: [Sanctus] Holy, holy, holy Lord of Sabaoth!**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

#### REMEMBRANCE

**Priest: [Postsanctus]** *With these blessed Powers, O Master who loves mankind, we sinners also cry out and say: Holy are you—truly, all-holy—and there is no measure to the majesty of your holiness. You are righteous in all your works, because you have brought all things to pass for us in justice and true judgment. For You fashioned a man by taking dust from the earth, and honoured him, O God, with your own image. You placed him in the Paradise of delight and promised him immortal life and the*

*enjoyment of eternal good things if he kept your commandments. But when he disobeyed you, the true God, who had created him, and when he had been led astray by the deception of the serpent, and been slain by his own transgressions, you banished him from Paradise into this world by your just judgment, O God, and returned him to the earth, from which he had been taken. But in your Christ, you established for him the salvation which comes through rebirth. For you did not utterly turn away from your creature, O Good One, nor did you forget the work of your hands, but you visited us in diverse ways through your compassionate mercy. You sent Prophets, you performed deeds of power through your saints, who have been well-pleasing to you in every generation; you spoke to us through the mouths of your servants the Prophets, announcing to us beforehand the salvation that was to come; you gave the law as a help; you appointed angels as guardians.*

*And when the fullness of time had come, you spoke to us through your Son, through whom you had also made the ages. He is the brightness of your glory and the express imprint of your substance. He bears all things by the word of his power; yet he did not consider equality with you, God and Father, as something to be grasped; and though he is God before the ages, he appeared on earth and lived among mortals. Taking flesh of a holy Virgin, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of our lowly body, so that he might make us in the likeness of the image of his glory. For as sin had entered the world through a man, and through sin death, your only-begotten Son— who is in your bosom, God and Father, being born of a woman, the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, being born under the law—was well-pleased to condemn sin in his flesh, so that all who had died in Adam might be given life in your Christ himself. And having lived in this world, giving us saving commandments, and turning us from the error of idols, he brought us to the knowledge of you, the true God and Father, and acquired us for himself as a people all his own, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. And when he had cleansed us by water and sanctified us by the Holy Spirit, he gave himself as an exchange to death, by which we had been held captive, sold under sin. And when he had descended through the Cross into Hades, so that he might fill all things with himself, he loosed the pangs of death.*

*And rising on the third day and making a way for all flesh to the resurrection of the dead—for it was not possible for the Prince of life to be mastered by corruption—he became the first fruit of those that sleep, the first-born of the dead, so that he might have pre-eminence in all things. And he ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of your majesty on high; and he will come again to reward each according to their works.*

*[Institutio] But he has left for us these memorials of his saving passion, which we have set forth according to his commandments. For when he was about to go forth to his voluntary, ever-memorable and lifegiving death, on the night he gave himself up for the life of the world, he took bread into his holy and immaculate hands, and when he had shown it to you, God and Father, and had given thanks, blessed, hallowed, 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 forgiveness of sins.

*People:* † Amen.

*Priest:* Likewise, when he had also taken the Cup of the fruit of the vine, mixed it, 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 Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

*People:* † Amen.

### HOLY OFFERING

*Priest: [Anamnesis] Do this in memory of me; for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim my death and confess my Resurrection. Therefore, Master, as we too remember his saving passion, the lifegiving Cross, the burial for three days, the Resurrection from the dead, the Ascension into heaven, the sitting at your right hand, O God and Father, and his glorious and dread second coming, we offer to You, Yours of Your own, in behalf of all and for all.*

**People:** We sing of You, we bless You, we thank You, O Lord, and we pray to You, our God.

### EPICLESIS

**Priest:** *[Epiclesis]* Therefore, O all-holy Master, we sinners and your unworthy servants, whom you have counted worthy to minister at your holy altar, not because of our own righteousness—for we have done nothing good on earth—but because of your mercies and compassion, which you have richly poured out on us: we too boldly approach your holy altar, and as we set forth the sacramental realities of the holy body and blood of your Christ, we beg and implore you, O Holy of Holies, that by the good pleasure of your goodness, your Holy Spirit may come upon us and upon these gifts set forth here, and that he may bless and sanctify them and show:

This bread, ✠ to be the precious Body of our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
And this cup, ✠ to be the precious Blood of our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Poured out ✠ for the life of the world,

*The priest makes a low bow before the Holy Table and continues saying:* And unite all of us, who share in this one bread and cup, with one another into the communion of the one Holy Spirit, and let none of us partake of the holy body and blood of your Christ unto judgment or condemnation.

*[Intercessio]* Instead, may we find mercy and grace with all the saints, who have been well-pleasing to you since time began, the forefathers, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, teachers, and every just spirit made perfect by faith.

*As he receives the censer, the priest continues:*

Especially with our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin, Mary.

### THE HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

*On certain feast days the following is replaced by another hymn.*

**People:** In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices:\* the angelic ranks and all the human race.\* Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,\* virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child;\* and He who is our God before the ages,\* He made your womb a throne,\* and He made it wider than all the heavens.\* In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices.\*\* **Glory be to you.**

*During the singing of the Hymn to the Theotokos – the Mother of God, – the priest continues praying:* With the holy prophet, forerunner, and Baptist, John, the holy, glorious and all-praised Apostles, with Saint [N./NN.], whose memory we celebrate, and all your saints, by whose intercessions visit us, O God.

*And remember all who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection and eternal life. For the repose and forgiveness of sins of the servants of God [NN.]. Give them rest, O our God, in a place of light, whence have fled all sorrow and mourning—in the place where the light of your face keeps watch.*

*Again, we pray you: remember, O Lord, your holy, catholic and apostolic Church, from one end of the world to the other, and give peace to her whom you have made your own by the precious blood of your Christ, and establish this holy house until the consummation of the world. Remember, O Lord, those who have brought these gifts, and those for whom, through whom, and on behalf of whom they have brought them. Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and do good work in your holy churches, and who remember the poor. Reward them with your riches and heavenly gifts of grace; for earthly things grant them heavenly ones; for temporal ones, eternal, for corruptible, incorruptible.*

*Remember, O Lord, those in deserts and mountains and caves and in the hollows of the earth.*

*Remember, O Lord, those who live in virginity, piety, asceticism, and purity.*

*Remember, O Lord, our nation under God, our government and all the military, grant them deep and undisturbed peace; speak good things to their hearts for your Church and for all your people; so that by their tranquility we may pass our life in quiet and calm, in all piety and purity. Remember, O Lord, all officials and authorities, our*

*brethren in the government and all the armed forces. Keep those who are good in goodness. In your kindness, make good those who are wicked.*

*Remember, O Lord, the people here present and those who are absent for just causes, and have mercy on them and on us according to the multitude of your mercy. Fill their storehouses with every good thing; preserve their marriages in peace and concord; nourish the infants, guide the young, strengthen the aged; comfort the fainthearted; gather the scattered; bring back the wayward, and join them to your holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Free those who are troubled by unclean spirits, sail with those who sail, journey with those journeying, champion widows, protect orphans, deliver prisoners, heal the sick. Remember, O God, those under trial, in mines, exile, bitter slavery and in every tribulation, constraint and trouble, and all who entreat your great compassion; and those who love us, those who hate us and those who have asked us, unworthy though we are, to pray for them. And remember all your people, O Lord our God. Pour out on them your rich mercy, granting them all their petitions unto salvation. And those whom we have not remembered, either through ignorance, or forgetfulness, or the number of their names, remember them yourself, O God, who know the age and name of each, who know each from their mother's womb. For You, O Lord, are the help of the helpless, the hope of those without hope, the Saviour of the storm-tossed, the haven of those at sea, the physician of the sick. Be all things to all people, O you who know each one and their request, each household and its needs. Deliver, O Lord, this city and every city, town and village, from famine, plague, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasion and civil war..*

Among the first, remember, O Lord, the most holy universal Pontiff, **[N.]**, Pope of Rome, our most blessed Patriarch, **[N.]**, our most reverend Archbishop and Metropolitan, **[N.]**, our God-loving Bishop, **[N.]**. For the sake of Your holy churches grant that they may live in peace, safety, honour and health for many years, and rightly impart the word of Your truth.

**People: And remember all men and all women.**

***Priest:** Remember, O Lord, the servant(s) of God [N./NN.], unto their salvation, visitation, and the forgiveness of their sins. Remember, O Lord, the entire episcopate of the orthodox that rightly imparts the word of your truth.*

*According to the multitude of your mercies, remember also me, your unworthy servant. Pardon my every offence, voluntary and involuntary; and do not, because of my sins, withhold the grace of your Holy Spirit from the gifts set forth here.*

*Remember, Lord, the order of presbyters, the diaconate in Christ, and every order of clergy; put none of us who stand around your altar to shame.*

*Visit us in your goodness, O Lord. Shine on us with your rich mercies; grant us temperate and fruitful weather; bestow on the earth moderate rains to bring forth fruit. Bless the crown of the year with your goodness; end the schisms of the Churches; quench the ragings of the nations; speedily put down the uprisings of heresies by the power of your Holy Spirit.*

*Receive us all into Your kingdom, declaring us to be children of the light and children of the day. Grant us your peace and your love, O Lord, our God; for you have given us everything.*

And grant that with one voice and with one heart, we may glorify and praise Your most honored and magnificent name, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

***People:** Amen.*

***The priest blesses the people:** 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 (for every petition).*

For the precious Gifts which have been presented and consecrated, let us pray to the Lord.

That our loving God, Who has received them as a spiritual fragrance upon His holy, heavenly and mystical altar, may send down on us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

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

***Priest:** O God, the God of salvation, teach us to give worthy thanks to You for the benefits You have granted us and are still granting us now. O God who has received these gifts, cleanse us of every pollution both of flesh and spirit, and teach us to attain perfect holiness through reverence for You: that with the pure witness of our conscience, receiving a portion of your blessed gift, we may be united to the holy Body and Blood of your Christ; and that, receiving them worthily, we may have Christ dwelling in our hearts and may become a temple of your Holy Spirit. Yes, O God! And make none of us guilty of these tremendous and heavenly mysteries, nor let us be wounded in spirit or body from an unworthy participation in them, but grant that until our last breath we may receive worthily our share of your blessed gifts for a viaticum of eternal life, for an acceptable defense at the dread judgment-seat of your Christ; that together with all your saints who have pleased You since time began, we may become partakers of the eternal blessing you have promised to those who love You, O Lord!*

***Deacon:** Help and save us, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.*

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

***People:** Grant this, O Lord (for every petition).*

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

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

For all that is good and beneficial for our souls and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

That we may spend the rest of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

For a Christian end to our lives, one that is painless, unashamed and peaceful; and for a good defense at the awesome tribunal of Christ, let us ask the Lord.

Having asked for unity of faith and for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Priest:** Make us worthy, O Master, with confidence and without condemnation to dare call You, the heavenly God, Father, and 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**Priest:** Peace ✠ be with all.

**People: And with your spirit.**

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

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

**Priest:** *Lord God, Father of Mercies and God of all consolation: bless those who have bowed their heads to You; sanctify them, strengthen them, confirm them, keep them from every evil work, incline them towards every good work, and make them worthy to partake without condemnation of these your spotless and life-giving mysteries, for the forgiveness of sins and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.*

Through the grace, mercies and loving kindness of † Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed together with Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### THE COMMUNION HYMN

*Priest:* Attend, O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, from Your holy dwelling and from the throne of glory in Your kingdom, and come to sanctify us, You Who are seated on high with the Father and are invisibly present here with us. Deign to give to us with Your mighty hand Your most pure Body and precious Blood, and through us, to all the people.

† God, be merciful to me, a sinner (x3)

*Deacon:* Let us be attentive.

*The priest takes up the Lamb – Holy Body of Christ – in both hands and elevates it above the Holy Table saying:* The holy Things for the holy!

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

*The Communion psalm for Regular Sundays:* **Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.** *On other days, it is replaced by another one.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*While the people sing the Communion Hymn, the priest divides the Holy Bread into four parts saying:*

*Priest:* Divided and distributed is the Lamb of God: who is divided, yet not disunited; who is eaten, yet never consumed; but sanctifying those who partake thereof.

*Placing the portion of the Holy Bread marked "IC" into the chalice, the priest says:*

*Priest:* The fullness of the Holy Spirit.

*The priest blesses the warm water saying:*

*Priest:* † Blessed is the warmth of Your holy ones, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Pouring the warm water into the chalice, he says:*

*Priest:* The warmth of faith, full of the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

*People:* I believe, O Lord, and confess that You are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell Your Mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You:

✠ Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

✠ Remember me, O Master, when You come into Your kingdom.

✠ Remember me, O Holy One, when You come into Your kingdom.

May the partaking of Your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be unto me not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of soul and body.

✠ God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

✠ God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

✠ I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord.

### COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Priest:* Approach with the fear of God and with faith.

*People:* ✠ Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord,\* God the Lord has appeared to us.

*The faithful approach to receive Holy Communion with their arms crossed over their chest.*

*Priest while distributing the Holy Body and Blood of Christ says:* The precious and most holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ is given to [N.], for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting.

*The climax of the Liturgy, when we partake of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life. By partaking of Holy Communion we fulfill the purpose of our*

*worship by uniting ourselves with Christ "for the forgiveness of sins and unto life everlasting." After receiving the Eucharist, we express our thanks by worshipping the Trinity who saves us.*

*Then after distribution of the Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ:*

*Priest:* † Save Your people, O God, and bless Your inheritance.

*People:* **We have seen the true light. We have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith. We worship the undivided Trinity for having saved us.**

*Censing the Holy gifts, the priest says:* Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory (x3).

*The Priest blesses the people with the Holy Gifts saying:* Blessed is our God, † now and for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The priest takes the Holy gifts to the Preparation Table and censes them.*

**May our mouths be filled with Your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Your glory. For You made us worthy to partake of Your holy, divine, immortal and life-giving Mysteries. Preserve us in Your holiness that we may meditate all the day upon Your justice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

*Deacon:* Stand aright! Having received the divine, holy, immaculate, immortal, heavenly, and life-giving, awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us rightly give thanks to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

Having asked that this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

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

*Priest:* We thank You, O Lord our God, for having partaken of your holy, spotless, immortal and heavenly mysteries, which You have given us for the well-being, sanctification and cleansing of our souls and bodies. O Lord of all, grant that the communion of the holy Body and Blood of your Christ may be for us the occasion of faith unashamed, of Love unfeigned, of fullness of wisdom, of the cleansing of our souls and bodies, of the defeat of every enemy, of the fulfillment of your commandment, of an acceptable defense before the dread judgment-seat of your Christ

*The Priest, having folded up the Antimens, makes the sign of the cross over it with the Holy Gospel as he exclaims:* For You are our sanctification and we give glory to You, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

#### AMBON PRAYER

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in peace.

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

*Deacon:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* You bless those who bless You, O Lord, and sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the fullness of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house and glorify them by Your divine power. Do not forsake us who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the priests, to our nation under God, to our government, and to all Your people. For all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights.

And we give glory, thanks, and worship to You, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

✠ **Blessed be the name of the Lord,\* now and for ever (x3).**

*Priest:* The mystery of Your plan, O Christ our God, has been completed and perfected as far as it was in our power. We have commemorated Your death; We have seen the figure of Your resurrection; we have been filled with Your unending life; we have enjoyed Your inexhaustible delights. Grant that we be made worthy of all this in the world to come through the grace of Your eternal Father and of Your holy and gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Priest:* May the ✠ blessing of the Lord be upon you with His grace and love for mankind, always, now and for ever and ever.

*People:* Amen.

### DISMISSAL

*Priest:* ✠ Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to You.

*People:* **Glory be to the ✠ Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,\* now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

**Give the blessing.**

*Priest:* Christ our true God, risen from the dead, through the prayers of His immaculate Mother, of the holy, glorious and all-praiseworthy apostles, of our father among the saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Ceasarea of Cappodocia, of our father among the saints Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, patron of this church, and of Saint/s [N.,N.], whom we commemorate today, and all the saints, ✠ will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

*People:* Amen.