

PRIEST

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

The Great Litany

DEACON

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our (episcopal rank) (name), the honorable presbyters, the deacons in the service of Christ, and all the clergy and laity, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For our country, the president, and all those in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and temperate seasons, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Lord, our God, whose power is beyond compare, and glory is beyond understanding; whose mercy is boundless, and love for us is ineffable: look upon us and upon this holy house in Your compassion. Grant to us and to those who pray with us Your abundant mercy.

PRIEST

For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Antiphon I. Mode 2.

Verse 1: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.* (SAAS)

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. (SD)

Verse 2: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.* (SAAS)

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: *The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.* (SAAS)

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Glory to Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Lord our God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance; protect the whole body of Your Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; glorify them in return by Your divine power; and do not forsake us who hope in You.

PRIEST

For yours is the dominion, and yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory of the

Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Antiphon II. Mode 2.

Verse 1: *Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.* (SAAS)

Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. (SD)

Verse 2: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.* (SAAS)

Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: *The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.* (SAAS)

Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Glory to Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, who are immortal, and for our salvation condescended to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, and, without change became man, and were crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled on death by death, being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us. (SD)

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Lord, You have given us grace to offer these common prayers with one heart. You have promised to grant the requests of two or three gathered in Your name. Fulfill now the petitions of Your servants for our benefit, giving us the knowledge of Your truth in this world, and granting us eternal life in the world to come.

PRIEST

For you are a good and loving God, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Antiphon III.

Mode 1.

Verse 1: *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.* (SAAS)

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 1. Automelon.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * And therefore the powers of heaven cried to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your

dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

(SD)

Verse 2: *Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.* (SAAS)

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * And therefore the powers of heaven cried to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

(SD)

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Master and Lord our God, You have established in heaven the orders and hosts of angels and archangels to minister to Your glory. Grant that the holy angels may enter with us that together we may serve and glorify Your goodness. For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

DEACON *(in a low voice)*

Master, bless the holy entrance.

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Blessed is the entrance of Your saints always, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

DEACON

Wisdom! Arise!

CLERGY

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who arose from the dead. (SD)

CHOIR

We sing to You, Alleluia.

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 1. Automelon.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * And therefore the powers of heaven cried to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

(SD)

(For the Parish Church)

(The text of the hymn for the local church goes here.)

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode 3. Automelon.

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God. (SD)

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Holy God, You dwell among Your saints. You are praised by the Seraphim with the thrice holy hymn and glorified by the Cherubim and worshiped by all the heavenly powers. You have brought all things out of nothing into being. You have created man and woman in Your image and likeness and adorned them with all the gifts of Your grace. You give wisdom and

understanding to the supplicant and do not overlook the sinner but have established repentance as the way of salvation. You have enabled us, Your lowly and unworthy servants, to stand at this hour before the glory of Your holy altar and to offer to You due worship and praise. Master, accept the thrice holy hymn also from the lips of us sinners and visit us in Your goodness. Forgive our voluntary and involuntary transgressions, sanctify our souls and bodies, and grant that we may worship and serve You in holiness all the days of our lives, by the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints who have pleased You throughout the ages.

PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever...

DEACON

...and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

TRISAGIOS HYMN

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

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

DEACON

Dynamis.

DEACON *(in a low voice)*

With your blessing, Master.

PRIEST

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

DEACON

Master, bless the throne on high.

PRIEST

Blessed are You on the throne of glory of Your kingdom, seated upon the Cherubim always, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

CHOIR

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

THE EPISTLE

DEACON

Let us be attentive!

READER

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32 (33).

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You. *(SAAS)*

Verse: *Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.*

DEACON

Wisdom!

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

READER

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

DEACON

Let us be attentive!

READER

(5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give

you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

PRIEST

Peace be to you the reader.

CHOIR

Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 17 (18).

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *The God who vindicates me, and who subdued the peoples under me. (SAAS)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *He who magnifies the salvation of His king and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his seed forever."*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday.

DEACON

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the holy Gospel.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive!

(Glory to You, O Lord. Glory to You.)

DEACON

(18:18-27)

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

PRIEST

Peace be to you who proclaim the Gospel.

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord. Glory to You.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Again, we bow before You and pray to You, O good and loving God. Hear our supplication: cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant that we may stand before Your holy altar without blame or condemnation. Grant also, O God, progress in life, faith, and spiritual discernment to the faithful who pray with us, so that they may always worship You with reverence and love, partake of Your Holy Mysteries without blame or condemnation, and become worthy of Your heavenly kingdom.

PRIEST

And grant that always guarded by Your power we may give glory to You, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

THE GREAT ENTRANCE

CHOIR

Cherubic Hymn

We who mystically represent the Cherubim sing the thrice holy hymn to the life giving Trinity. Let us set aside all the cares of life, that we may receive the King of all... (HC)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

No one bound by worldly desires and pleasures is worthy to approach, draw near or minister to You, the King of glory. To serve You is great and awesome even for the heavenly powers. But because of Your ineffable and immeasurable love for us, You became man without alteration or change. You have served as our High Priest, and as Lord of all, and have entrusted to us the celebration of this liturgical sacrifice without the shedding of blood. For You alone, Lord our God, rule over all things in heaven and on earth. You are

seated on the throne of the Cherubim, the Lord of the Seraphim and the King of Israel. You alone are holy and dwell among Your saints. You alone are good and ready to hear. Therefore, I implore you, look upon me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, and cleanse my soul and heart from evil consciousness. Enable me by the power of Your Holy Spirit so that, vested with the grace of priesthood, I may stand before Your holy Table and celebrate the mystery of Your holy and pure Body and Your precious Blood. To you I come with bowed head and pray: do not turn Your face away from me or reject me from among Your children, but make me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer to You these gifts. For You, Christ our God, are the Offerer and the Offered, the One who receives and is distributed, and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your holy, good and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

DEACON

May the Lord God remember all of you in His kingdom, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

Invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts.

Alleluia. ^(HC)

THE PETITIONS

DEACON

Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For a perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless day, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

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

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For the completion of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

For a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good account before the awesome judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

THE PRAYER OF THE PROSKOMIDE

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Lord, God Almighty, You alone are holy. You accept a sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with their whole heart. Receive also the prayer of us sinners and let it reach Your holy altar. Enable us to bring before You gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the transgressions of the people. Make us worthy to find grace in Your presence so that our sacrifice may be pleasing to You and that Your good and gracious Spirit may abide with us, with the gifts here presented, and with all Your people.

PRIEST

Through the mercies of Your only begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

CHOIR

And with your spirit.

DEACON

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

CHOIR

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Trinity one in essence and inseparable. *(HC)*

DEACON

Guard the doors. Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

PEOPLE

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten

of the Father before all ages. Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not created, of one essence with the Father through 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. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come. Amen. (GOA)

THE HOLY ANAPHORA

DEACON

Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may present the holy offering in peace.

CHOIR

Mercy and peace, a sacrifice of praise.

PRIEST

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and 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 to the Lord.

PRIEST

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

CHOIR

It is proper and right.

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

It is proper and right to sing to You, bless You, praise You, thank You and worship You in all places of Your dominion; for You are God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever and always the same; You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You brought us into being out of nothing, and when we fell, You raised us up again. You did not cease doing everything until You led us to heaven and granted us Your kingdom to come. For all these things we thank You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit; for all things that we know and do not know, for blessings seen and unseen that have been bestowed upon us. We also thank You for this liturgy which You are pleased to accept from our hands, even though You are surrounded by thousands of Archangels and tens of thousands of Angels, by the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring with their wings,

PRIEST

Singing the victory hymn, proclaiming, crying out, and saying:

CHOIR

Holy, holy, holy, Lord Sabaoth, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to God in the highest. ^(HC)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Together with these blessed powers, merciful Master, we also proclaim and say: You are holy and

most holy, You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You are holy and most holy, and sublime is Your glory. You so loved Your world that You gave Your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. He came and fulfilled the divine plan for us. On the night when He was betrayed, or rather when He gave Himself up for the life of the world, He took bread in His holy, pure, and blameless hands, gave thanks, blessed, sanctified, broke, and gave it to His holy disciples and apostles saying:

PRIEST

Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.

CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Likewise, after supper, He took the cup, saying:

PRIEST

Drink of it all of you; this is my Blood of the new Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Remembering, therefore, this command of the Savior, and all that came to pass for our sake, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the enthronement at the right hand of the Father, and the second, glorious coming.

PRIEST

We offer to You these gifts from Your own gifts in all and for all.

CHOIR

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, Lord our God. ^(HC)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Once again we offer to You this spiritual worship without the shedding of blood, and we ask, pray, and entreat You: send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts here presented.

And make this bread the precious Body of Your Christ.

(Amen.)

And that which is in this cup the precious Blood of Your Christ.

(Amen.)

Changing them by Your Holy Spirit.

(Amen. Amen. Amen.)

So that they may be to those who partake of them for vigilance of soul, forgiveness of sins, communion of Your Holy Spirit, fulfillment of the kingdom of heaven, confidence before You, and not in judgment or condemnation. Again, we offer this spiritual worship for those who repose in the faith, forefathers, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics, and for every righteous spirit made perfect in faith.

PRIEST

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

CHOIR

Megalynarion.

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. We magnify you, the true Theotokos. ^(HC)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

For Saint John the prophet, forerunner, and baptist; for the holy glorious and most honorable Apostles, for Saints(s) (Name(s)) whose memory we

commemorate today; and for all Your saints, through whose supplications, O God, bless us. Remember also all who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection unto eternal life. (Here the priest commemorates the names of the deceased.) And grant them rest, our God, where the light of Your countenance shines. Again, we ask You, Lord, remember all Orthodox bishops who rightly teach the word of Your truth, all presbyters, all deacons in the service of Christ, and every one in holy orders. We also offer to You this spiritual worship for the whole world, for the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and for those living in purity and holiness. And for all those in public service; permit them, Lord, to serve and govern in peace that through the faithful conduct of their duties we may live peaceful and serene lives in all piety and holiness.

PRIEST

Above all, remember, Lord, **(episcopal rank) (name)**. Grant that he may serve Your holy churches in peace. Keep him safe, honorable, and healthy for many years, rightly teaching the word of Your truth.

DEACON

Remember also, Lord, those whom each of us calls to mind and all your people.

CHOIR

And all Your people.

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Remember, Lord, the city in which we live, every city and country, and the faithful who dwell in them. Remember, Lord, the travelers, the sick, the suffering, and the captives, granting them protection and salvation. Remember, Lord, those who do charitable work, who serve in Your holy churches, and who care for the poor. And send Your mercy upon us all.

PRIEST

And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and praise Your most honored and majestic name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

The mercy of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you.

CHOIR

And with your spirit.

DEACON

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

For the precious Gifts offered and consecrated, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

That our loving God who has received them at His holy, heavenly, and spiritual altar as an offering of spiritual fragrance, may in return send upon us divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Having prayed for the unity of the faith and for the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

We entrust to You, loving Master, our whole life and hope, and we ask, pray, and entreat: make us worthy to partake of your heavenly and awesome Mysteries from this holy and spiritual Table with a clear conscience; for the remission of sins, forgiveness of transgressions, communion of the Holy Spirit, inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, confidence before You, and not in judgment or condemnation.

PRIEST

And make us worthy, Master, with confidence and without fear of condemnation,

to dare call You, the heavenly God, FATHER, and to say:

PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. (GOA)

PRIEST

For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

DEACON

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

We give thanks to You, invisible King. By Your infinite power You created all things and by Your great mercy You brought everything from nothing into being. Master, look down from heaven upon those who have bowed their heads before You; they have bowed not before flesh and blood but before You the awesome God. Therefore, Master, guide the course of our life for our benefit according to the need of each of us. Sail with those who sail; travel with those who travel; and heal the sick, Physician of our souls and bodies.

PRIEST

By the grace, mercy, and love for us of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good,

and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, hear us from Your holy dwelling place and from the glorious throne of Your kingdom. You are enthroned on high with the Father and are also invisibly present among us. Come and sanctify us, and let Your pure Body and precious Blood be given to us by Your mighty hand and through us to all Your people.

DEACON

Let us be attentive!

PRIEST

The holy Gifts for the holy people of God.

CHOIR

One is Holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. *(HC)*

PEOPLE

PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the

angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of the future life and kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not reveal Your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief I confess to You: Lord, remember me in Your kingdom.

CHOIR

Communion Hymn. Psalm 148.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. *(SAAS)*

DEACON

Approach with the fear of God, faith, and love.

The servant of God (Name) receives the Body and Blood of Christ for forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

CHOIR

Hymns During Holy Communion

PRIEST

Save, O God, Your people and bless Your inheritance.

CHOIR

Mode 2.

We have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found

the true faith, worshiping the undivided Trinity, for this has saved us. ^(SD)

PRIEST

(in a low voice)

Wash away, Lord, by Your holy Blood, the sins of all those commemorated, through the intercessions of the Theotokos and all Your saints. Amen.

DEACON

Exalt, Master.

PRIEST

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let Your glory be over all the earth

Blessed is our God.

PRIEST

Always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Let our mouths be filled with Your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Your glory. You have made us worthy to partake of Your holy mysteries. Keep us in Your holiness, that all the day long we may meditate upon Your righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. ^(HC)

DEACON

Let us be attentive. Having partaken of the divine, holy, pure, immortal, heavenly, life giving, and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

or:

(Glory to You, O Lord. Glory to You.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Having prayed for a perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless day, let us commit ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank You, loving Master, benefactor of our souls, that on this day You have made us worthy once again of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Direct our ways in the right path, establish us firmly in Your fear, guard our lives, and make our endeavors safe, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Theotokos and ever virgin Mary and of all Your saints.

PRIEST

For You are our sanctification and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

THE DISMISSAL

PRIEST

Let us go forth in peace.

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

Lord, bless those who praise You and sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the whole body of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the clergy, to those in public service, to the armed forces, and to all Your people. For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from You, the Father of lights. To You we give glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and

the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever
and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Blessed be the name of the Lord from now
and to the ages. (3)

PRIEST *(in a low voice)*

Christ our God, You are the fulfillment of the
Law and the Prophets. You have fulfilled all the
dispensation of the Father. Fill our hearts with joy and
gladness always, now and forever and to the ages of
ages. Amen.

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

May the blessing and mercy of the Lord
come upon you, by His divine grace and love
for mankind, always, now and ever, and to the
ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope.
Glory to You.

PRIEST

May He who rose from the dead, Christ
our true God, through the intercessions of his
most pure and holy Mother, the power of the
precious and life-giving Cross, the protection
of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven,
the supplications of the honorable, glorious
prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, the
holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, the
holy, glorious, and triumphant Martyrs, our
holy and God-bearing Fathers, **(local patron
saint)**; the holy and righteous ancestors of
God Joachim and Anna, and all the saints,
have mercy on us and save us, as a good,
loving and merciful God.

CHOIR

Preserve him who blesses and sanctifies
us, O Lord; preserve him for many years. (SD)

PRIEST

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

(Amen.)