

Great and Holy Pascha

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The midnight office and Rush service

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory be to You, our God, glory be to You.

O Heavenly King, Comforter and Spirit of Truth, You that are in all places and fill all things, the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life; come to dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain and save our souls, O Gracious One.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your Name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (x3)

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

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 the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x12)

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

O come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King, our Lord and our God!

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart These, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

The Canon
First Ode (Tone 6)
Heirmos

The children of those, who were saved, buried under ground the God,
Who made the pursuing tyrant of old disappear in the waves of the sea. As for us however, let us praise the Lord, as did the maidens; for gloriously He has been glorified.

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

O Lord my God, I shall sing You a funeral hymn and a burial ode; for through Your Burial You opened for me the portals of life; and by death You have put death and Hades to death.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The super-terrestrial, and those of the nether world, beholding You, my Saviour, on Your throne on High, and in the grave below, were shaken with Your death; for You were seen in a manner, transcending the mind, as dead; You, the Source of Life.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

You descended to the depths of the earth to fill all things with Your glory; for my person that is in Adam was not hidden from You; and being buried, You renewed me, from corruption, O Lover of mankind.

Katavasia

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Third Ode

Heirmos

Truly, creation, having beheld You suspended on Golgotha, Who suspended the whole earth freely on the waters, was seized with great wonder. "There is none Holy, save You, O Lord."

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

You have revealed the symbols of Your burial by many visions. But now, You have manifested Your secrets as God and Man, even to those in Hades, O Master. "There is none Holy, save You, O Lord."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

You stretched out Your arms and united those who were divided of old. Restrained by the shroud and tomb, You loosed those held captive, who cry out: "There is none Holy, save You, O Lord."

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O uncontainable One, You were sealed in a tomb of Your own will; and You made known Your Power through Your Divine actions to those, who sing: "There is none Holy, save You, O Loving Lord."

Katavasia

Truly, creation, having beheld You suspended on Golgotha, Who suspended the whole earth freely on the waters, was seized with great wonder. "There is none Holy, save You, O Lord."

Fourth Ode

Heirmos

Foreseeing Your Divine self-emptying on the Cross, Habakkuk cried out in amazement: "You cut off the power of the mighty, O Good One, speaking to those in Hades, as the Almighty."

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

You have sanctified the seventh day, which You blessed before You rested from Your labours; for You create everything, and You renew them, observing the Sabbath, and restoring Yourself.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

When Your soul was separated from the body, the bonds of both Hades and death were shattered with great strength by Your might, O Word of God.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Hades in encountering You, O Word, was embittered, beholding a mortal deified; covered with bruises, yet all powerful. Wherefore, it shrank back at the awesome sight.

Katavasia

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Fifth Ode *Heirmos*

Your loving manifestation made through Your compassion for us, was seen by Isaiah as an unwaning light; and rising early from the night watch, he cried aloud: "The dead shall rise, and they who are in the tombs shall awake, and all those on the earth shall rejoice."

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

When You the Creator became earthly, You renewed those of the earth. The linen and the tomb demonstrate the inherent mystery, O Word; for the honourable Councillor, fulfils Your Father's will, through Whom You renew me majestically.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

You transform the mortal by death, and the corrupt by burial; for as befits God, You have made incorruptible and immortal the nature You assumed; for Your body, O Master, did not see corruption, nor was Your soul abandoned as a stranger in Hades.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

You came from a Virgin who knew no travail; Your side, O my Creator, was pierced, by which You accomplished the re-creation of Eve, having Yourself become Adam. Supernaturally, You fell into a

sleep that renewed nature, awakening life from sleep and corruption, as the Almighty.

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Sixth Ode ***Heirmos***

Truly, Jonah the Prophet was caught, but not held in the belly of the whale. For being an impression of You, Who suffered and was given over to burial, he sprang forth from the whale as from a chamber, and said to the watchmen: "Falsely, and in vain do you guard, O watchmen; for you have neglected your own mercy."

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

You were slain, O Word, but were not separated from the body, which You shared with us; for even though Your temple was destroyed during Your Passion, the Person of Your Divinity and humanity was still one; for in both You are One Son, the Word of God, God and Man.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The fall of Adam resulted in the death to Man, but not to God; for though the substance of Your earthly body suffered, Your Divinity remained passionless, transforming the corruptible into incorruption and showing it to be the fountain of Resurrection for immortal Life.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Truly, Hades rules the race of mortals, but not forever; for You, O mighty One, when placed in the tomb, demolished the bars of death with Your Life-giving hand, and preached to those, who slept there from the ages of old the true redemption, becoming O Saviour, the First-born of the dead.

Katavasia

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Seventh Ode
Heirmos

Ineffable wonder! He Who saved the righteous youths from the fire of the furnace, is placed in the grave a breathless corpse, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed are You, O God, our deliverer."

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

Hades was pierced in the heart, having received the One pierced in His side, and was consumed by the force of divine fire, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed are You, O God, our deliverer."

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

Blessed tomb! Having received in it the Creator as if sleeping, it was manifested to be a divine treasure of Life, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed are You, O God, our deliverer."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The Life of all, in accordance with the law of the dead, submits to the tomb, and shows it to be the fountain of Resurrection, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed are You, O God, our deliverer."

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Godhead of Christ was one with the Father and the Spirit, without separation in the tomb and in Eden, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed are You, O God, our deliverer."

Katavasia

Ineffable wonder! He Who saved the righteous youths from the fire of the furnace, is placed in the grave a breathless corpse, for the salvation of us who sing: "Blessed are You, O God, our deliverer."

Eighth Ode
Heirmos

Be astonished, O Heaven, and let the foundations of the Earth quake; for lo! The One, Who dwells in the Highest, is accounted among the dead, and lodges as a stranger in a humble tomb. O you youths bless Him; you priests, praise Him; and you people, exalt Him to all the ages.

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

The pure Temple has been dissolved, but He raised up with Him the fallen tabernacle; for the second Adam Who dwells in the Highest, descended to the first Adam to the depths of Hades. O you youths bless Him; you priests, praise Him; and you people, exalt Him to all the ages.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The courage of the Disciples failed. But Joseph of Arimathea shows valour; for beholding the God of all, dead and naked, he asked for Him and arrayed Him, crying out: "O you youths, bless Him; you priests, bless Him; and you people, exalt Him to all the ages."

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O what new wonders! O what goodness! O what ineffable forbearance! For He that dwells in the Highest, is sealed under the earth of His own will, and is slandered as a deceiver. O you youths bless Him; you priests, praise Him; and you people, exalt Him to all the ages.

Katavasia

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***Ninth Ode
Heirmos***

Lament not for Me, Mother, as you behold Me in the grave, Who as a Son you conceived in your womb without seed. For I shall rise and be glorified, and as God, I shall ceaselessly exalt in glory those, who in faith and yearning, magnify you.

Glory to You, Our God, glory to You.

My eternal Son, I was spared the travail at Your strange Birth, and was marvellously blessed. And now, beholding You, my God, a breathless corpse, I am torn apart with the spear of bitter sorrow; but arise, that I may be magnified.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The earth, O Mother, covers Me of My own will, but the gate-keepers of Hades trembled seeing Me clothed in a blood-spattered robe of vengeance; for as God, I have struck down the enemies with the Cross, and I will rise again, and magnify you.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Let all creation rejoice, and all the earthborn be glad; for Hades, the enemy has been despoiled. Let the women meet Me with myrrh; for I redeem Adam along with Eve, and all their descendants, and will rise on the third day.

Katavasia

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The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
(x3)

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Lord have mercy. (x3)

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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 the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Resurrection Troparion (Tone 2)

When You, O Immortal Life, went down to death You did destroy death by the splendour of Your divinity and when you did raise the dead from the underworld, all the powers of heaven cried aloud unto You, O Christ our God giver of Life glory to You.

The Litany

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great goodness, we pray You: Hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: For our Father Metropolitan (*Name*), for the venerable Priesthood, for the Diaconate in Christ, for all the Clergy, monks, nuns, and all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health and salvation for the servants of God, the Orthodox Christians who dwell in this city. For those who are gathering in this Holy Church, for the Parish Council, for those who give and for their visitation, pardon and remission of their sins.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: Again we pray for the blessed and ever memorable founders of this holy Temple; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable Temple; for those who serve and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Priest: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. (x3)

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead for our salvation Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure, blameless and holy Mother; of Saints (*Name*) the patron(s) of this Church; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the Saints; have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

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

People: Amen.

Resurrection Service
Come Receive The Light (Tone 5)

Priest: Come receive the light from the Light! That is never overtaken by night and glorify Christ, Who is risen from the dead!

(The faithful can approach the Priest to light their candles with the Pascha light).

People: Come receive the light from the Light! That is never overtaken by night and glorify Christ, Who is risen from the dead! (x2)

Resurrection Verse (Tone 6)

People: Angels in Heaven sing praises of Your Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour. Make us worthy on Earth to glorify You in purity of heart.

(The choir repeat the above verse as the faithful make their way to the outside of the church).

The Gospel

Priest: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God.

People: Lord have mercy. (x3)

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend and hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark. (Chapter 16:1-8)

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Priest: Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the Sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and

Peter that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So, they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Paschal Matins

Priest: Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving and Undivided Trinity, always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Paschal Troparia (Tone 5)

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x3)

Priest: Let God arise and His enemies be scattered; and let those that hate Him flee before His face.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Priest: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish, As wax melts at the presence of fire.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Priest: So, shall the wicked perish at the presence of God and let the just be glad.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Priest: This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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Priest: Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

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People: bestowing life!

The Great Litany

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: 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 people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our Father Metropolitan (*Name*), for the venerable Priesthood, for the Diaconate in Christ, for all the Clergy, monks, nuns, and all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those who govern this country, for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this blessed city, for every monastery, city, town and village, and for the faithful, who dwell in them; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those who travel by sea, by land, by air, for the sick and suffering; for those in captivity; and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For to You belong all glory, honour, and adoration to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Opening of the Doors

(The Priest takes the Cross in his right hand and knocks three times on the doors of the Church saying in a loud voice from Psalm 23:)

Priest: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

Keeper: Who is this King of glory?

Priest: The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

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(The doorkeeper then opens the door; all the lights of the Church are turned on and the bells are rung as all re-enter the Church).

The Paschal Canon

First Ode (Tone 1)

Heirmos

Today is the day of Resurrection let us be radiant O you people Pascha the Lord's Pascha. For Christ God has brought us from death unto life and from earth unto heaven as we sign the triumphal hymn.

Glory to Your Holy Resurrection O Lord.

Let us cleanse our senses that we may behold Christ, Who gleams like lightning in the unapproachable light of the Resurrection. And we shall clearly hear Him say: "Rejoice" as we sing the hymn of victory.

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

It is worthy for the heavens to rejoice and the earth to be glad. The whole world visible and invisible celebrates, for Christ our everlasting joy is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x3)

Jesus having risen from the grave as He foretold has bestowed on us eternal life and great mercy!

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For Yours is the majesty, and Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Paschal Canon (continued)

Third Ode (Tone 1)

Heirmos

Come let us drink a new drink, not one marvellously brought forth from a barren rock, but the source of incorruption which springs forth from the grave of Christ in Whom we are established.

Glory to Your Holy Resurrection O Lord.

Now all things are filled with light Heaven and Earth and the deepest parts of the earth. Let all creation celebrate the rising of Christ, in which it is established.

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

Yesterday I was buried with You O Christ and today I arise in Your Resurrection. Yesterday I was crucified with You, O Saviour glorify me with Yourself in Your kingdom.

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Priest: For You are our God and to You we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Hypakoe (Tone 4)

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, they heard from the angel: "Why seek the living among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abides in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and has put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saved the race of man."

The Paschal Canon (continued)

Fourth Ode (Tone 1)

Heirmos

Let the Prophet Habakkuk the proclaimer of divine things keep the divine watch with us. And show forth the radiant angel who with resounding voice has declared "Today does bring salvation to the world for Christ is risen as omnipotent."

Glory to Your Holy Resurrection O Lord.

Christ revealed Himself as a man when He was born from the Virgin's womb and as a mortal He was called the Lamb. As One not tasting corruption our Pascha is blameless, and as true God He is proclaimed perfect.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Christ our blessed crown as a yearling lamb was sacrificed for us according to His free will. The Pascha of purification and once again from the grave, the beautiful Son of righteousness, has shown on us.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

David the ancestor of God danced and leaped before the symbolic ark. Let us as the holy people of God having beheld the fulfilment of the symbols rejoice with divine inspiration for Christ is risen the all-powerful One.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For You are a good God and loving towards mankind, and to You we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Paschal Canon (continued)

Fifth Ode (Tone 1)

Heirmos

Let us arise in the deep dawn and instead of myrrh offer praise to the Master. And we shall see Christ the Sun of Righteousness Who causes life to dawn for all.

Glory to Your Holy Resurrection O Lord.

When those held by the chains of Hades saw Your boundless compassion O Christ, they came quickly to the light with a joyful step, proclaiming and praising the eternal Pascha.

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

Let us who carry bright lights go forth and meet Christ Who comes as the Bridegroom from the tomb. And let us celebrate the saving Pascha of God with all those who love this feast.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x3)

Jesus having risen from the grave as He foretold has bestowed on us eternal life and great mercy!

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For blessed and glorified is Your Name, of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Paschal Canon (continued)

Sixth Ode (Tone 1)

Heirmos

You did descend into the deepest parts of the earth and did shatter the everlasting bars that held fast those that were fettered O Christ. And on the third day like Jonah from the sea monster You did arise from the grave.

Glory to Your Holy Resurrection O Lord.

You preserved the seals intact O Christ, when You arose from the grave as You did not break the seal of the Virgin in Your birth. And You opened for us the gates of paradise.

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

O my Saviour the living and unsacrificed offering. As God of Your own free will You offered Yourself to the Father. And by being resurrected from the grave You resurrected the entire race of Adam.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x3)

Jesus having risen from the grave as He foretold has bestowed on us eternal life and great mercy!

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: **For You are a King of peace and the Saviour of our souls, and to You we send up glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.**

People: Amen.

Kontakion

Even though You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades, Christ our God and rose victorious. You greeted the Myrrh bearers, gave peace to Your apostles, and granted resurrection to the fallen!

Oikos

Early in the morning before sunrise, as if it were already day, myrrh bearing maidens sought the Son, Who previously descended into the

grave. And they cried to one another: "Come friends, let us anoint with fragrant spices the life-giving and buried body of Christ Who has resurrected fallen Adam. Let us hasten, as did the Magi, and adore Christ and bring our myrrh as a gift to Him Who is wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in a shroud. Let us weep and exclaim: "Arise, Master!" and granting resurrection to the fallen!"

Synaxarion

On the Holy and Great Sunday of the Passover we celebrate the Life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ; for Christ alone did descend with condescension to fight Hades; and He ascended, bringing the abundant spoils of victory which He had snatched.

To Him be glory and power and honour forever and ever. Amen.

In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us bow down before the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. Your Cross do we adore, O Christ, and Your Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify: for You are our God, and we know none other beside You: we call upon Your Name. O come, all you faithful, let us adore Christ's Holy Resurrection. For lo, through the Cross is joy come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection: for in that He endured the Cross He has destroyed death by death. (x3)

Jesus having risen from the grave as He foretold has bestowed on us eternal life and great mercy! (x3)

The Paschal Canon (continued)

Seventh Ode (Tone 1)

Heirmos

The only blessed and most glorious God of our Fathers Who has redeemed the Children from the furnace, is become man and as a mortal does suffer and through suffering does clothe mortality with the grace of incorruption.

Glory to Your Holy Resurrection O Lord.

The women followed after You with myrrh in haste and with tears searched for Him Who was dead. Yet worshiped with joy the living God, proclaiming to Your disciples O Christ the good news of the mystical Pascha.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate the death of death the destruction of Hades and the beginning of the new eternal life. And as we leap for joy we hymn the cause with praise. The only blessed and most glorified, the God of our fathers.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

How truly sacred and most festive is this bright night of salvation which now proclaims the radiant Day of Resurrection. On this night the timeless light arose bodily from the tomb and has shone forth on all.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x3)

Jesus having risen from the grave as He foretold has bestowed on us eternal life and great mercy!

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For blessed and glorified be the might of Your kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Paschal Canon (continued)

Eighth Ode (Tone 1)

Heirmos

This chosen and holy day, is the first of the Sabbaths, the queen and lady, the feast of feasts and the Festival of festivals wherein we bless Christ unto the ages.

Glory to Your Holy Resurrection O Lord.

Come to the new fruit of the vine of divine gladness in the glorious Day of Resurrection. Let us partake in the kingdom of Christ and praise Him as God to the ages.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Lift up your eyes O Sion and see around you, behold your children come to you from the North, from the West, from the South and from the East all divinely illuminated stars. In you they bless Christ to all the ages.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Father Almighty, Word and Spirit one nature in three hypostasis. In You we have been baptised, O transcending essence, supremely divine, we bless you unto all the ages.

We praise, we bless and we worship the Lord.

This is the chosen and holy day, the first of Sabbaths, for it is for the King and Lord. It is the Feast of all feasts and Festival of festivals in which we bless Christ to all the ages.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x3)

Jesus having risen from the grave as He foretold has bestowed on us eternal life and great mercy!

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is Your Name, and glorified is Your kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light let us honour and magnify in song.

Nineth Ode (Tone 1)

Magnify O my soul Him Who suffered willingly and was buried and arose from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has arisen upon You. Dance now and be glad, O Sion; and do you exalt, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him, Whom you did bear.

Magnify O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who arose from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has arisen upon You. Dance now and be glad, O Sion; and do you exalt, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him, Whom you did bear.

Christ is the new Pascha, the living sacrificial Victim, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

O Your divine and beloved and sweetest voice; You have truly promised that You would be with us unto the end of the world O Christ; and we faithful rejoice, having this as an anchor of hope.

Today the whole creation is glad and does rejoice, for Christ is risen and Hades has been despoiled.

O Your divine and beloved and sweetest voice; You have truly promised that You would be with us unto the end of the world O Christ; and we faithful rejoice, having this as an anchor of hope.

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Magnify, O my soul, the dominion of the undivided Godhead of
Three Hypostases.***

O great and most sacred Pascha Christ; O Wisdom and Word and Power of God! Grant that we partake of You fully in the unwaning day of Your kingdom.

***Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
Rejoice, O Virgin, rejoice. Rejoice O blessed one. Rejoice, O
most glorified one for Your Son has arisen from the grave on the
third day.***

O great and most sacred Pascha Christ; O Wisdom and Word and Power of God! Grant that we partake of You fully in the unwaning day of Your kingdom.

The Angel cried unto her who is full of grace: "O pure Virgin rejoice, and again, I say: Rejoice! For your Son has arisen from the grave on the third day."

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has arisen upon You. Dance now and be glad, O Sion; and do you exalt, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him, Whom you did bear.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x3)

Jesus having risen from the grave as He foretold has bestowed on us eternal life and great mercy!

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For all the Powers of Heaven praise You, and to You we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Exaposteilarion (Tone 2)

In the flesh You fell asleep O King and Lord as a mortal man. On the third day You arose raising Adam from corruption and abolished death, Pascha of incorruption, Salvation of the world. (x3)

The Praises (Tone 1)

Let every breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights. To You is due praise, O God.

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts. To You is due praise, O God.

Praise God in His Sanctuary. Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

We praise in song Your saving passion O Christ and we glorify Your Resurrection.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

O Lord You endured the cross and abolished death and were resurrected from the dead. Grant peace to our lives for You are the only all-powerful One.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp.

O Christ You have destroyed Hades and in Your Resurrection, You have resurrected humanity. Make us worthy in purity of heart to praise You, glorifying You with song.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes.

As we glorify Your God befitting condescension we praise You in song O Christ. You were born from the Virgin without separation from the Father. You suffered as a man and of Your own free will You endured the cross. Glory to You O Lord Who has risen from the tomb as one who comes forth from a bridal chamber that You may save the world.

The Paschal Verses

Tone 5

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered; and let those also that hate Him flee before Him.

Today the sacred Pascha has been revealed to us. A Pascha new and Holy, a Pascha mystical. Pascha all venerable. Pascha the Redeemer Christ himself. A Pascha that is blameless. A Pascha that is great. A Pascha of the faithful. A Pascha that has opened to us the gates of Paradise. A Pascha that sanctifies believers all.

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; As wax melts at the presence of fire.

Come now from that sign O your women and heralds of good news. And say to Sion receive from us the joyful proclamations of the Resurrection of Christ. O Jerusalem be exultant, dance and leap for joy. For you have witnessed Christ the King coming forth as a Bridegroom from the sepulchre.

So shall the wicked perish at the presence of God; and let the just be glad.

The Myrrh-bearing women, at dawn very early standing outside the tomb of the Giver of life. Found an Angel who was seated upon the stone, and the Angel addressed them and this is what he said “Why do you seek among the dead the One Who is alive. Why do you grieve as though corruptible the incorrupt? So, go back and proclaim it to His Disciples”.

This is the Day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pascha of delight, Pascha the Lord’s Pascha. A Pascha all venerable has risen for us. Pascha with joy let us embrace one another. Pascha the ransom from sorrow. Today from the sepulchre Christ emerged

resplendently as from a bridal chamber and the women he filled with joy saying: "Proclaim this to the Apostles."

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

It is the Day of Resurrection. Let us shine brightly for the festival and also embrace one another. Brethren let us say even to those who hate. Let us forgive everything for the Resurrection. And thus let us cry aloud:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life. (x3)

The Paschal Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life. (x2)

Priest: Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: As smoke vanishes, So let them vanish; As wax melts before the fire.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: So, let the wicked perish at the presence of God; But let the righteous be glad.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: This is the Day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and on those in the tombs

People: bestowing life.

The Great Litany

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: 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 people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For our Father Metropolitan (*Name*), for the venerable Priesthood, for the Diaconate in Christ, for all the Clergy, monks, nuns, and all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those who govern this country, for all civil authorities and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For this blessed city, for every monastery, city, town and village, and for the faithful, who dwell in them; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For those who travel by sea, by land, by air, for the sick and suffering; for those in captivity; and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, Whose might is beyond compare, Whose glory is beyond understanding, Whose mercy is without measure, and Whose love for mankind is beyond all telling, look upon us and upon this holy House, Master, according to Your loving kindness and

bestow on us and on those who pray with us Your acts of rich mercy and compassion.

Priest: For to You belong all glory, honour, and adoration to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Refrains of the First Antiphon

Make a joyful shout to God, all the Earth! Sing out the honour of His Name; Make His praise glorious.

People: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! All the Earth shall worship You, And sing praises to You.”

People: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

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

People: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: O Lord our God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the fulness of Your Church; make holy those who love the beauty of Your house; bring them to glory in recompense by Your divine power, and do not forsake us who put our hope in You.

Priest: For Yours is the majesty, and Yours is the kingdom the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Refrains of the Second Antiphon

God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us, That Your way may be known on Earth, Your salvation among all nations.

People: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You: Alleluia.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

People: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You: Alleluia.

God shall bless us, And all the ends of the Earth shall fear Him.

People: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You: Alleluia.

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

People: Only-begotten Son and Word of God, who although Immortal, for our salvation took human nature from the Holy mother of God and ever Virgin Mary and without change became man, you were crucified Christ our God by your death trampling on death. One of the Holy Trinity glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Save us.

The Little Litany

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy*

Theotokos, save us) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: You have given us grace at this time with one heart and voice to offer You our prayers; and You have promised that when two or three are gathered together in Your Name You will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be best for them: granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Priest: For You are a good God and loving toward mankind, and to You we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Master, Lord our God, You have set orders and armies of Angels and Archangels in heaven to minister to Your glory, grant that, with our entrance, holy angels may also enter, joining with us in worship, and with us glorifying your goodness.

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

The Little Entrance with the Holy Gospel

The Refrains of the Third Antiphon

Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire.

So, let the wicked perish at the presence of God; But let the righteous be glad.

This is the Day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life!

Entrance Hymn

Priest: Wisdom. Let us Attend.

Priest: In the congregations, Bless ye God The Lord, from the fountain of the Church. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we who sing to You: alleluia.

The Paschal Troparion (Tone 5)

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life! (x2)

Hypakoe of Pascha (Tone 4)

They, who were with Mary came before dawn, and finding the stone rolled away from the Tomb heard from the angel: "Why do you seek as man among the dead, Him Who dwells in Light Eternal? Behold the shroud of the grave; make haste and proclaim to the world, that the Lord is risen, putting death to death; for He is the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind."

Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8)

Even though You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades, Christ our God and rose victorious. You greeted the Myrrh bearers, gave peace to Your Apostles, and granted resurrection to the fallen!

The Trisagion Hymn

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For You, our God, are Holy, and to You we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: *(Quietly) Holy God, resting among the holy, Who with the Thrice-Holy hymn are praised by the Seraphim, glorified by the Cherubim and worshipped by every Heavenly Power; Who brought all things from non-being into being; Who created humanity in Your image and likeness, and adorned him with Your every gift; Who gave wisdom and understanding to those who ask, and do not overlook the sinner, but have established repentance for salvation; Who have made us worthy, Your lowly and unworthy servants, worthy to stand at this hour before the glory of Your holy altar and offer the worship and praise due to You: accept, Master, the Thrice-Holy hymn even from the mouth of us sinners, and visit us in Your goodness. Forgive us every offence, both voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and grant that we may worship You in holiness all the days of our life: through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and all the Saints who in every age have been pleasing to You: for You, our God, are Holy, and to You we offer glory: to the Father, and to*

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

The Baptismal Hymn

People: As many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (x3)

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Priest: Dhynamis!

People: As many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

The Epistle Reading

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: This is the Day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading from the Acts of the holy Apostles. (Chapter 1:1-8)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the Apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth."

Priest: Peace be to you reader.

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer before the Gospel

Priest: *Master, lover of mankind, make the pure light of Your divine knowledge, shine in our hearts and open the eyes of our mind to the understanding the message of Your Gospel. Implant in us the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that, having trampled down all earthly desires, we may change to a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all things that are to You. For You give light to our souls and bodies, Christ our God, and to You we ascribe Glory, together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all-Holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.*

The Gospel Lesson

Priest: Wisdom. Let us attend and hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.
(Chapter 1:1-17)

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His Name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before

me.' " And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

(The people may be seated for the sermon.)

The Litany

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

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Wisdom.

Priest: *Again and many times we fall down before You and beseech You, Who are Good and the lover of mankind, that hearing our prayer you will cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh or spirit; and will grant us to stand without guilt or condemnation before Your holy Altar. Give also to those who pray with us the grace of progress in right living, in faith and spiritual understanding. Grant that always worshiping You with fear and love, they may partake of Your Holy Mysteries without guilt or condemnation, and to be accounted worthy of Your Heavenly Kingdom:*

Priest: That always guarded by Your might, we may ascribe to You glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Cherubic Hymn

People: Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the thrice holy hymn to the Life-giving Trinity, now lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King of all.

(Repeat the Cherubic Hymn until the priest is ready for the Great Entrance.)

Priest: *None of those who are entangled in earthly desires and pleasures of the flesh is worthy to approach or draw near or minister to You, King of Glory, for to serve You, is a great and awesome even for the heavenly powers, Yet on account of Your inexpressible and boundless love for mankind You became man, without change or alteration, and were named our High Priest, and as Master of all You have delivered to us the sacred ministry of this sacramental sacrifice without the shedding of blood. For You alone, Lord our God, are Ruler over all thing in heaven and on earth; mounted on the throne of the Cherubim; Lord of the Seraphim and King of Israel; the only holy One resting in the holy place. Therefore, I entreat You who alone are good and ready to hear: Look upon me, Your sinful, and unprofitable servant, and purify my soul and my heart from an evil conscience. By the power of Your Holy Spirit enable me, clothed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand at Your Holy table, and celebrate the mystery of Your holy and most Pure Body and Precious Blood. For to You I come bowing my head and praying: Do not turn away Your face from me, nor reject me from among Your children; but count me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer these Gifts to You. For You are the One Who offers and is offered, Who*

receives and is distributed, O Christ our God: and to You we ascribe glory, together with Your Father who is without beginning, and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim, and who sing the thrice holy hymn to the Life-giving Trinity, now lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King of all.

Who comes invisibly borne aloft by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

You were in the tomb in the body; and in hell in the spirit because You are God, and in paradise with the thief, yet on the throne with the Father and the Spirit, O Christ, present everywhere filling the universe.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Your life-giving tomb, O Christ, is revealed to us, more radiant than paradise, lovelier by far than any royal chamber, the source of our resurrection.

Now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Rejoice, You Who are made holy to be a dwelling for the Most High, for through you, O Master of God, make joy to those who cry out; Blessed are you among women, most holy lady.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (x3)

Psalm 50

Priest: *(Quietly)* Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and

cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart These, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering;

The Great Entrance

Priest: All of you and all Orthodox Christians may the Lord our God remember in His heavenly Kingdom at all times, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Our Father Metropolitan (*Name*), may the Lord God remember in His heavenly Kingdom at all times, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: The servants of God, offer this Holy Oblation (*Names*), that they may have mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of their sins, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom at all times, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: The servants of God departed this life, for whom we offer this Holy Oblation (*Names*), for the repose of their souls and remission of their sins, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom at all times, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Who comes invisibly borne aloft by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Priest: *then shall they offer bulls upon Your Altar.*

The Litany of Supplication

Priest: Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For the precious Gifts here presented, let us pray to the Lord.

People: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

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

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Pardon and forgiveness of our sins and offenses, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: All things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

People: Grant this, O Lord.

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

People: Grant this, O Lord.

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

People: Grant this, O Lord.

Priest: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary, (*Most Holy Theotokos, save us*) with all the saints; let us entrust ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: *Lord God Almighty, You alone are holy, You accept a sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with all their heart: accept also the supplication of us sinners, bring us to Your Holy Altar, and enable us to offer You Gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for those committed in ignorance by Your people. Count us worthy to find grace in Your sight, that our sacrifice may be well pleasing to You and that the good Spirit of Your grace may rest on us and on these Gifts here set forth and on all Your people:*

Priest: Through the tender mercies of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy gracious and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Priest: Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

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

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: the Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

Priest: The doors. The doors with wisdom let us give heed.

The Creed

All: I believe in one God, Father, Almighty, Maker 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 from Light; True God from True God; begotten, not made; of one in essence with the Father; through Him all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate and suffered, and was buried.

And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

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

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

And 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: Let us stand aright. Let us stand with fear. Let us listen with care, that we may offer the holy Oblation in peace.

People: Mercy and 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 you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right and just to worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: The Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

Priest: *(Quietly) It is right and just to hymn You, to bless You, to praise You, to worship You, and to give You thanks, in every place of Your dominion; for You are God, unutterable, inconceivable,*

invisible, incomprehensible, ever-living and forever the same; You and Your Only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. It was You that brought us from non-being into being and when we had fallen away You raised us again, and did not cease to do all things till You had led us up to Heaven, and had endowed us with Your kingdom which is to come. For all this we give You thanks, You and Your Only-begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit: for all those things of which we know or do not know, and for the benefits bestowed on us, seen or unseen. And we thank You for this liturgy which You are pleased to accept at our hands, though there stand before You thousands of Archangels and myriads of Angels, the Cherubim and the Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, who soar aloft upon their wings:

Priest: Singing the triumphal hymn, shouting, proclaiming, and crying aloud:

People: 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!

Priest: *(Quietly) Together with these blessed Powers, O Master and Lover of mankind, we also cry aloud and say: Holy are You and All-Holy, You and Your Only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit, Holy are You and All-Holy, and resplendent is Your glory. You have so loved Your world that You gave Your Only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. When He had come and fulfilled Your whole purpose for us, in the night that He was given up - or rather, in which He gave Himself up for the life of the world - He 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 forgiveness of sins.

People: Amen.

Priest: In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, saying:

Priest: Drink from this, all of you. This is My Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

People: Amen.

Priest: Remembering therefore this saving command, and all that has taken place on our account: the cross, the grave, the resurrection on the third day, the ascent into Heaven, the sitting-down at the right hand of the Father, and the second and glorious coming;

Thine own of Thine own, we offer Thee in all things and for all things.

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to you O Lord, and we pray to You, O our God.

Again, we offer You this reasonable and bloodless sacrifice of the Word; and we ask, and beseech, 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;

People: Amen.

Priest: And this cup to be the precious Blood of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ;

People: Amen.

Priest: Changing them by Your Holy Spirit;

People: Amen. Amen. Amen.

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to you O Lord, and we pray to You, O our God.

Priest: *(Quietly) So that to those who share in them they may be for the cleansing of the soul, for the forgiveness of sins, for the communion of Your Holy Spirit, for the fulfilment of the kingdom of Heaven, for boldness towards You; and not for an accusation or a condemnation. Again, we offer You this reasonable sacrifice of the Word, on behalf of those who have died in the faith: on behalf of our Forefathers, Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Preachers, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Ascetics, and every just spirit made perfect through faith;*

Priest: And especially for our all-holy, pure, most blessed and most glorious Lady, Theotokos, and ever-Virgin Mary;

Hymn to the Theotokos (Tone 1)

People: The Angel cried to her who is full of Grace: "O pure Virgin rejoice, and again, I say: Rejoice! For your Son has risen from the grave on the third day."

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has risen upon You. Dance now and be glad, Sion; and do you exalt, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him, Whom you did bear.

Priest: Remember first, O Lord, our Father Metropolitan (*Name*), and keep him for your holy churches in peace, safety, honour, health, and length of days rightly proclaiming the word of Your truth.

People: Amen.

Priest: And those whom we hold in our minds and all Your people.

People: And all mankind.

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

People: Amen.

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

People: And with your spirit.

The Litany

Priest: Having commemorated all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For the precious gifts here set forth and made holy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: That our God, who Loves of mankind, having accepted them on His holy and heavenly altar on high as a fragrant spiritual offering, may send down upon us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

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

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Having asked for the unity of the faith, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves and each other, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: *(Quietly) To You we commit our whole life and our hope, O Master and Lover of mankind; and we ask, and pray, and beseech You, to make us worthy to share with a pure conscience in Your heavenly and fearful mysteries at this sacred and spiritual table: for the remission of our sins, for the forgiveness of our wrongdoing, for the communion of the Holy Spirit for our inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven, for boldness towards You; but not for an accusation or a condemnation.*

Priest: **And count us worthy, Master with boldness and without condemnation to dare to call upon You the God of heaven 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 the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Peace be to you all.

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

People: To You O Lord.

Priest: We thank You King invisible, Who by Your boundless power created all things in the abundance of Your mercy bringing them into being out of nothing. Look down from heaven, Master, on those who have bowed their head before You; for they have bowed, not to flesh and blood, but to You, the God before whom we stand in awe. Make smooth, then our path for our good, Master, through what lies before us, according to the need of each; sail with those who sail by sea, journey with those who travel by land and air, heal the sick, for You are the physician of our souls and bodies.

Priest: Through the grace and compassion and love towards mankind of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are

blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Gracious and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Elevation

Priest: Hear us, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Your holy dwelling-place, from the throne of Your glorious kingdom; and come to hallow us, You that sit on high with the Father, yet are invisibly present here with us; and make us worthy by Your mighty hand, giving to us a share in Your most pure Body and Your precious Blood, and through us to all the people.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and be gracious to me. (x3)

Priest: Let us attend.

Priest: Holy things for a holy people.

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

The Pre-Communion Prayers

I believe, Lord, and I confess, 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. Also, I believe that this is truly Your most pure Body, and this is indeed Your precious Blood. Therefore I beseech You, have mercy on me and to forgive me my offences, through weakness, through ignorance or through my own deliberate fault, in word and in deed, in knowledge and in ignorance; and count me worthy to partake

uncondemned, of Your most pure Mysteries, for the forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life. Amen.

Accept me today, O Son of God, as a communicant in Your mystical supper; for I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You the kiss of Judas; but like the thief I will acknowledge You and say: Remember me, O Lord, in Your kingdom.

How can I, the unworthy one, enter into the glory of Your Saints? For should I dare to enter the bridal chamber with them, my clothing betrays me, for it is not the wedding garment; and bound I shall be cast out by the Angels. So cleanse my soul, O Lord, from the stain of sins, and save me by Your love for mankind.

Tremble, O mortal, as you look upon the Blood which makes You divine, for it is a burning coal, consuming the unworthy. The Body of God makes me divine and nourishes me. It makes the spirit divine and wondrously nourishes the mind.

You have smitten my with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine love You have changed me. But with Your spiritual fire, consumer my sins and count me worthy to be filled with delight in You, that leaping for joy, O Good One, I may proclaim the greatness of Your two comings.

Master, Lover of mankind, Lord Jesus Christ my God, let not these Holy Mysteries be for my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but rather for the cleansing and sanctification of both soul and body, and as a pledge of the life and kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave to God, to place in the Lord the hope of my salvation.

Clergy Communion Hymn

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

Paschal Homily of St John Chrysostom

If any be a devout lover of God, let them partake with gladness from this fair and radiant feast.

If any be a faithful servant, let them enter rejoicing into the joy of their Lord.

If any have wearied themselves with fasting, let them now enjoy their reward.

If any have laboured from the first hour, let them receive today their rightful due. If any have come after the third, let them celebrate the feast with thankfulness. If any have come after the sixth, let them not be in doubt, for they will suffer no loss. If any have delayed until the ninth, let them not hesitate to draw near. If any have arrived only at the eleventh, let them not be afraid because they come so late. For the Master is generous and accepts the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour in the same way as to him who laboured from the first. He accepts the deed, and commends the intention.

Enter all of you, into the joy of our Lord. First and last, receive a like reward. Rich and poor, dance together. You who have fasted and you who have not fasted, rejoice today. The table is fully laden: let all enjoy it. The calf is fatted: let none go away hungry.

Let none lament their poverty; for the universal kingdom is revealed. Let none bewail his transgressions; for the light of forgiveness has risen from the tomb. Let none fear; for the death of the Saviour has set us free.

He has destroyed death by undergoing death. He has despoiled Hades by descending into Hades.

Hades was filled with bitterness when it met You face to face below; filled with bitterness, for it was brought to nothing; filled with bitterness, for it was mocked; filled with bitterness, for it was overthrown; filled with bitterness, for it was put in chains.

It received a body, and encountered God. It received Earth, and confronted Heaven. O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are cast down.

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.

Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead;

For Christ, having risen from the dead, has become the First-fruits of those that have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Troparion of St John Chrysostom (Tone 8)

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty; it has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.

The Communion of the People

Priest: With fear of God, and in faith and love, draw near.

People: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord; the Lord is God and has revealed Himself to us.

(The faithful come forward to receive the Communion.)

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

Priest: O God, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

People: Let our mouth be filled with praise, Lord, that we may sing of Your glory; for You have made us worthy to partake of Your holy mysteries. Keep us in Your holiness, as all the day we meditate upon Your righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Litany of Thanksgiving

Priest: Be upstanding having received the divine, holy, pure, immortal, heavenly, life-giving and dread mysteries of Christ, let us give worthy thanks to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

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

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Asking that our whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and without sin, let us commit ourselves and each other, and our whole life, to Christ our God.

People: To You O Lord.

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Let us go forth in peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy. (x3) In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

The Prayer before the Ambo

Priest: O Lord, You bless those who bless You and make holy 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; glorify them in recompense by Your Divine power, and do not forsake us, who put our hope in You. Give peace to the world, to Your churches, to Your priests, to those in authority over us, to the armed forces, and to all Your people. For every good

and perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights;

And to You we give glory, thanksgiving and worship; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life. (x3)

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: The blessing of the Lord and His mercy be upon you through His grace and love toward mankind, at all times, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory be to You, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory be to You.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. (x3)

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs bestowing life, Christ our True God, through the prayers of His most pure, blameless and holy Mother; by the might of the precious and life-creating Cross, through the protection of the honoured yet unseen Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honoured and glorious prophet, Forerunner, and Baptiser John; of the holy, glorious and ever to be praised Apostles; of the holy, glorious and victorious Martyrs; of our devout and God-inspired Fathers and Mothers; of our Father among the saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; of Saints (*patron saint(s) of the community*) the patron(s) of this community; 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.

May the Holy Trinity protect your lives, always; now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen! (x3)

People: Truly, He is risen! (x3)

Priest: Glory to His holy, third-day resurrection.

People: We adore His third-day resurrection!

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs

People: bestowing life.

The Post-Communion Prayers

I thank You, O Lord my God, that You have not rejected me, a sinner, but have suffered me to be a partaker of Your holy things. I thank You that, unworthy as I am, You have enabled me to receive of Your most pure and heavenly gifts. But, O Master, Who love mankind, Who for our sakes did die and rise again, and gave us these awesome and life-creating Mysteries for the good and sanctification of our souls and bodies; let them be for the healing of soul and body, the repelling of every adversary, the illumining of the eyes of my heart, the peace of my spiritual powers, a faith unashamed, a love unfeigned, the fulfilling of wisdom the observing of Your commandments, the receiving of Your divine grace, and the attaining of Your Kingdom. Preserved by them in Your holiness, may I always remember Your grace and live not for myself alone, but for You, our Master and Benefactor. May I pass from this life in the hope of eternal life, and so attain to the everlasting rest, where the voice of those who feast is unceasing, and the gladness of those who behold the goodness of Your countenance is unending. For You are the true desire and the ineffable joy of those who love You, O Christ our God, and all creation sings of Your praise forever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ our God: let Your holy Body be my eternal life; Your precious Blood, my remission of sins. Let this Eucharist be my joy, health, and gladness. Make me, a sinner, worthy to stand on the right hand of Your glory at Your awesome second Coming, through the prayers of Your most pure Mother and of all the Saints. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Master Christ our God, King of the Ages, Maker of all things: I thank You for all the good things You have given me, especially for the communion with Your most pure and life-creating Mysteries. I implore You, O gracious Lover of Mankind: preserve me under Your protection, beneath the shadow of Your wings. Enable me even to my last breath, to partake worthily and with a pure conscience of Your holy things, for the remission of sins and for eternal life. For You are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of Holiness, the Giver of all Good; to You we ascribe glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Prayer of Simeon

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people; a Light to lighten the gentiles, and to be the glory of Your people, Israel. Amen.



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