

THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church
Sui Juris of Pittsburgh, USA

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church
2030 Old Alabama Rd, Roswell, GA 30076

The faithful —STAND— for the Great Incensation and opening hymn.

Deacon: Reverend Father, give the blessing.

Priest: +Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever.



Response: A - men.

LITANY OF PEACE
—SIT—

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



Response: Lord, have mer - cy. (1)

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



Response: Lord, have mer - cy. (2)

Deacon: For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches
of God and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

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

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our Holy Father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For our most reverend Metropolitan (*Name*), for our God-loving Bishop (*Name*), for the venerable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our government and for all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For this city, for every city, community, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

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

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering, the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most 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.



Response: To you, O Lord.

SECOND ANTIPHON FOR SUNDAYS (*Psalm 66:2*)

Be gra - cious to us, O God, and bless us; let your face
shine upon us, and have mer - cy on us. O Son of God,
ris - en from the dead, save us who sing to you:
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

—STAND—

HYMN OF THE INCARNATION

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.
O on - ly - be - got - ten Son and Word of God,

who, be - ing im - mor - tal, deigned for our sal - va - tion
to be - come in - car - nate of the ho - ly The - o - to - kos and
Ev - er - Vir - gin Ma - ry, and be - came man with -
out change; you were al - so cru - ci - fied, O Christ our
God, and by death have tram - pled Death, be - ing One of the
Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, glo - ri - fied with the Fa - ther and the
Ho - ly Spir - it, save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON FOR SUNDAYS (*Psalm 94:1*)

Come, let us sing joy - ful - ly to the Lord; let us
ac - claim God our Sav - ior. O Son of God,
ris - en from the dead, save us who sing to you:
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

ENTRANCE – (*Psalm 94:6*)

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Response:

Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ. O
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you:
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

—SIT—

TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA
Found in the propers insert.

—STAND—

THRICE-HOLY HYMN

Priest: For you are holy, our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever...

Deacon: ...and forever!



Response: A - men.

3 times

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: +Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

PROKEIMENON

Found in the propers insert.

Deacon: Wisdom!
Reader: A Reading from the Letter of ...
Deacon: Let us be attentive!

—SIT—

The lector chants the Epistle.

Priest: +Peace be to you, reader.
Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

—STAND—

ALLELUIA

Found in the propers insert.

Deacon: Reverend Father, bless the proclaimer of the Gospel of the holy apostle and evangelist (*Name*).

Priest: May God, through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle and evangelist (*Name*), grant that you proclaim the word with great power for the fulfillment of the Gospel of his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the holy Gospel.
+Peace be to all.



Response: And to your spi - rit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to ...



Response: Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry to you.

Priest: Let us be attentive!

The deacon proclaims the Holy Gospel.



Response: Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry to you.

—SIT—

The homily may be given at this time.

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

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



Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: O Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have



Response: mer - cy.

Deacon: Again we pray for our holy father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, and for our most reverend Metropolitan (*Name*), for our God-loving Bishop (*Name*), for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Response:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy.

Deacon:

Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.

Response:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy.

Special petitions may be intoned here.

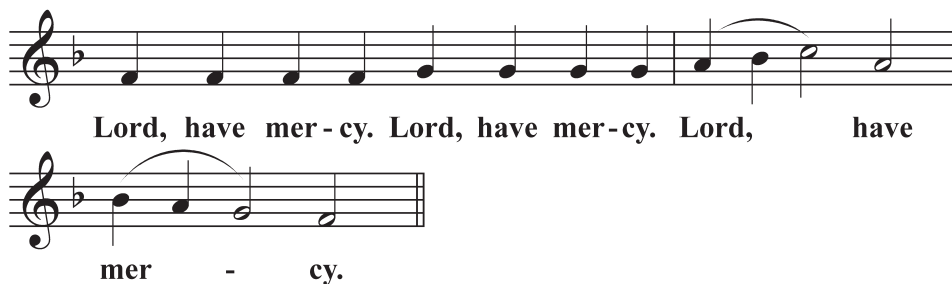
Response:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy.

Deacon:

Again we pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

Response:



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have
mer - cy.

Priest:

For you are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Response:

A - men.

—STAND—

THE CHERUBIC HYMN



Let - us, who my - stic - 'ly re - pre - sent the che - ru - bim,
and sing the thrice - ho - ly hymn, and sing the thrice - ho - ly hymn
to the life - cre - a - ting Tri - ni - ty, now set a - side,
now set a - side all earth - ly cares.

Deacon:

May the Lord God remember in his kingdom all you Christians of the true faith, always, now and ever and forever.

Priest: May the Lord God remember in his kingdom our holy father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, [our most reverend Metropolitan (*Name*),] [and our God-loving Bishop (*Name*),] the entire priestly, diaconal, and monastic order, our government and all in the service of our country, and the ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this holy church. May the Lord God remember all you Christians of the true faith, always, now and ever and forever.



Response: A - men.

That we may receive the King of All,
in - vi - si-bly es - cort - ed, in - vi - si-bly es - cort - ed
by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

Deacon: For the precious gifts placed before us, let us pray to the Lord.



Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: Lord God Almighty, who alone are holy and receive the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon you with their whole heart, accept also the prayer of us sinners. Bring us to your holy altar. Enable us to offer you gifts and

spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the people's failings. Make us worthy to find favor in your sight that our sacrifice may be pleasing to you and that the good Spirit of your grace may rest on us, on these gifts here present, and on all your people.

Grant this through the mercies of your only-begotten Son with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Response:

A - men.

THE SYMBOL OF FAITH

Priest:

+Peace be to all.



Response:

And to your spi - rit.

Deacon:

Let us love one another that with one mind we may profess.



The Fa - ther, and the Son, and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



the Tri - ni - ty, one in es - sence and un - di -



Response:

vi - ded.

Deacon:

[The doors! The doors!] In wisdom let us be attentive!

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty,
 Cre - ator of heaven and earth, of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi -
 si - ble; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, the on - ly -
 be - got - ten, born of the Father before all a - ges.
 Light from light, true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made,
 one in essence with the Fa - ther; through whom all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation, he came down from hea - - - ven
 and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and be -
 came man. He was crucified for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late,

and suf - fered and was bur - ied. He rose on the third day
ac - cord - ing to the scrip - tures. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther, and he is coming 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 Creator of Life, who proceeds
from the Fa - ther. To - gether with the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glo - ri - fied; he spoke through the pro - phets. In
one, holy, catholic, and a - po - sto - lic Church. I profess one baptism
for the re - mis - sion of sins. I expect the re - sur - rec - tion of

the dead and the life of the world to come. A - men.

THE ANAPHORA

Deacon: Let us stand aright; let us stand in awe; let us be attentive to offer the holy Anaphora in peace.

Response: Mer - cy, peace, a sa - cri - fice of praise.

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

Response: And with your spi - rit.

Priest: Let us lift up our hearts.

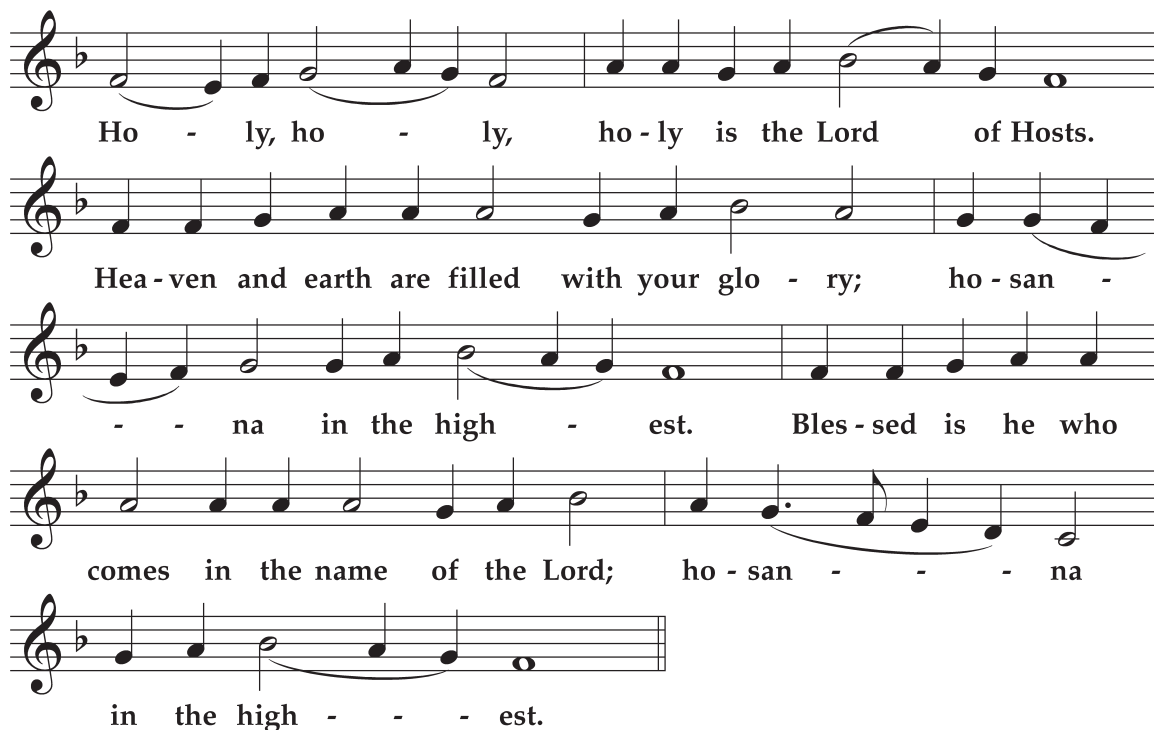
Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Response: It is prop - er and just.

Priest: It is proper and just to sing to you, to bless you, to praise you, to thank you, to worship you in every place of your dominion. For you are God ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever existing, yet ever the same, you, and your only-begotten Son, and your Holy Spirit. You brought us out

of nonexistence into being, and again raised us up when we had fallen, and left nothing undone until you brought us to heaven and gave us your kingdom to come. For all this we thank you, and your only-begotten Son, and your Holy Spirit, for all that we know and that we do not know, for the manifest and hidden benefits bestowed on us. We also thank you for this liturgy which you are pleased to accept from our hands, even though there stand before you thousands of archangels, tens of thousands of angels, cherubim and seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring aloft on their wings: Singing, shouting, crying aloud, and saying the triumphal hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of Hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry; ho - san -

- - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord; ho - san - - - na

in the high - - - est.

Priest: We also cry out with these blessed powers, O loving and kind Master, 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 magnificent is your glory. You so loved your world that you gave your only-begotten Son so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have life everlasting. He came and fulfilled the whole divine plan in our behalf. On the night he was betrayed,

or rather, when he surrendered himself for the life of the world, he took bread into his holy and all-pure and immaculate hands, gave thanks and blessed, sanctified, broke, and gave it to his holy disciples and apostles, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you for the remission of sins.

All make a profound bow.



Response: A - men.

Priest: Likewise, he took the chalice after supper, saying:

Drink of this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:

All make a profound bow.



Response: A - men.

Priest: Remembering, therefore, this saving command and all that has come to pass in our behalf: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second coming in glory:

Offering you, your own, from your own. Always and everywhere,

All bow reverently and sing:

Response:





you, our God.

Priest:

Moreover, we offer to you this spiritual and unbloody sacrifice; and we implore, pray, and entreat you: send down your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts lying before us.

- + And make this bread the precious body of your Christ.
- + And that which is in this chalice the precious blood of your Christ.
- + Changing them by your Holy Spirit.

That for those who partake of them they may bring about a spirit of vigilance, the remission of sins, the communion of your Holy Spirit, the fullness of the heavenly kingdom, and confidence in you, not judgment or condemnation.

Moreover, we offer you this spiritual sacrifice for those departed in faith: the forefathers, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics, and for every just spirit brought to perfection in faith, especially for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

The following is Sung, or the Festal Magnification found in the insert



It is tru-ly prop-er to glo-ri-fy you, O The-o-to-kos,



the ever-blessed, immaculate, and the mo-ther of our God.



More honora-ble than the che-ru-bim, and beyond compare more



glo-ri-ous than the ser-a-phim; who, a vir-gin, gave birth to God



the Word, you, tru - ly the The-o-to - kos, we mag - ni - fy.

Priest:

Among the first, O Lord, remember our holy father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, our most reverend Metropolitan (*Name*), our God-loving Bishop (*Name*), preserve them for your holy churches in peace, safety, honor, and health for many years as they faithfully impart the word of your truth.



Response:

And re-mem-ber all your peo - ple.

Priest:

Remember, O Lord, this city in which we dwell, and every city and community, and the faithful living in them. Remember, O Lord, those who travel by sea, air, and land, the sick, the suffering, the captive, and grant them salvation. Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and perform good deeds in your holy churches, and those who remember the poor, and upon all of us send down your mercies.

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



Response:

A - men.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Priest:

+May the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you.



Response:

And with your spi - rit.

Deacon: Now that we have commemorated all the saints, again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: For the precious gifts offered and consecrated, that our God who loves us all may receive them on his holy, heavenly, and mystical altar as an aroma of spiritual fragrance, and send down upon us in return his divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.



Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

The following petitions may be intoned:

Deacon: That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.



Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.



Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: That this whole day [or evening] be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.



Response: Grant this, O Lord.

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



Response: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.



Response: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For what is good and beneficial to our souls and for peace in the world, let us beseech the Lord.



Response: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: That we may spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.



Response: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before the fearsome judgment-seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.



Response: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Asking for unity in the faith and for communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.



Response: To you, O Lord.

Priest: To you, O Master who love us all, we commit our whole life and hope, and we implore, pray, and entreat you: make us worthy to partake with a clear conscience of your heavenly and awesome mysteries from this sacred and spiritual table. May they bring about the remission of sins, the pardon of transgressions, the communion of the Holy Spirit, the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, confidence in you, not judgment or condemnation.

And make us worthy, O Master, that we may with confidence and without condemnation dare call you "Father," God of heaven, and say:

Tone 4 Podoben

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our
tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;
and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



from e - vil.

Priest: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Response: A - men.

Priest: +Peace be to all.



Response: And to your spi - rit.

Deacon: Bow your heads to the Lord.



Response: To you, O Lord.

Priest: We give you thanks, O invisible King, for by your immeasurable power you have fashioned all things, and in the greatness of your mercy have brought all things out of nonexistence into being. Look down from heaven, O Master, upon those who bow their heads to you, for they do not bow to flesh and blood, but to you, the awesome God. Therefore, O Master, make smooth for the good of all the path that lies ahead, according to the need of each: sail with those who sail; travel with those who travel; cure those who are sick, O Physician of souls and bodies.

Through the grace, the mercies, and the loving-kindness of your only-begotten Son with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Response: A - - - - - men.

HOLY COMMUNION

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: Holy gifts to holy people!

Response:



One is ho - ly, one is Lord, Je - sus Christ,



to the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - - - men.

While the Clergy receive Holy Communion, the cantor may lead the faithful to sing the Communion Hymn on the following page

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

When all the clergy have received, all pray aloud together:

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the first.

Accept me today as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God, for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I profess you:

+Remember me, O Lord,
when you come in your kingdom.
+Remember me, O Master,
when you come in your kingdom.
+Remember me, O Holy One,
when you come in your kingdom.

May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation but for the healing of soul and body.

O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious body and your life-giving blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

+O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
+O God, cleanse me of my sins
and have mercy on me.
+O Lord, forgive me
for I have sinned without number.

Communion Hymn – (Psalm 148:1)

Cantor:

Praise the Lord from the hea - vens, praise him in the high - est,
praise him in the high - est, praise him in the high - est,

All:

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Deacon: Approach with fear of God and with faith.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Response: the Lord is God and has re-vealed him-self to us.

Note:

- *The body and blood of our Lord are administered on a small spoon. Communicants approach close to the priest or deacon and remain standing.*
- *The communicants say nothing.*
- *They open the mouth widely without extending the tongue and close the mouth only after the spoon has been withdrawn.*
- *All Catholics who are properly disposed are welcome to receive the Divine Eucharist. Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not permitted to receive the Divine Eucharist.*

The cantor may continue with the verses of the Communion Hymn, to which the faithful respond:
All:

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

The cantor may also sing a Communion Hymn.

After the Distribution of Holy Communion:

Priest: +Save your people, O God, and bless your inheritance.

Response:

We have seen the true light; we have re-ceived the

heav-en - ly Spi - rit; we have found the true faith;

and we wor - ship the un - di - vi - ded Tri - ni - ty,

for the Tri - ni - ty has saved us.

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

Response: A - men.

May our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord, so that we

may sing of your glo - ry, sing of your glo - ry. For you

have deemed us wor - thy to par - take of your ho - ly, di-

vine, im - mor - tal, pure, and life - cre - a - ting mys - ter - ies.

Keep us in your ho - li - ness so that all the day long
 we may live ac - cord - ing to your truth. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon: Arise! Now that we have received the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome mysteries of Christ, let us worthily thank the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: We thank you, O Master, Benefactor of our souls, who love us all, that this day you have made us worthy of your heavenly and immortal mysteries. Through the prayers and intercession of the glorious Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary and of all your saints, make straight our path, confirm us all in fear of you, guard our life, and safeguard our steps. For you are our sanctification, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response: A - men.

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.



Response: In the name of the Lord.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.



Response: Lord, have mer - - - cy.

The Priest intones the Ambon Prayer, to which the faithful respond:



Response: A - men.

At the conclusion of the remarks, the faithful continue the liturgy:



Bles-sed be the name of the Lord, now and for-ev - er.



Bles-sed be the name of the Lord, now and for-ev - er.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: +The blessing of the Lord be upon you through his grace and loving kindness, always, now and ever and forever.

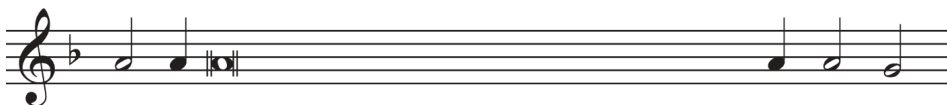


Response: A - men.

Remarks and announcements may take place at this time.

Priest: Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope, glory to you.

Response:



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



now and ever and forev-er. A - men. Lord, have mercy.



Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer-cy. Give the bless-ing.

Priest: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother; and of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostles; of our holy father John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople; of the holy (*saint of the day*); and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.



Response:

A - - - - - men.

CLOSING HYMN
Beneath Your Compassion

A



Be-neath your com-pas-sion we take ref - - uge, O Vir-gin



The-o - to-kos. De-spise not our pray'rs, our pray'rs in our need,



but de-liv - er us from dan-gers, for you a-lone are pure, for you



a - lone are pure, for you a - lone are pure and bless - ed.

B



Be - neath your compas-sion we take ref - uge, O Vir-gin



The - o - to - kos. De - spise not our pray'rs in our need,



but de-liv-er us from dan - gers, for you a-lone are pure and bless - ed.

Private Thanksgiving Prayers After Holy Communion

Glory to you, O God. (*Three times*)

Prayer of Our Holy Father Basil the Great

Lord my God, I thank you; for you have not rejected me, a sinner, but have made me worthy to be a partaker of your holy mysteries. I thank you for allowing me, unworthy as I am, to be a partaker of your most pure and heavenly gifts. O Lord who love us all, you died and rose for our sake; and you have given us these awesome and life-creating mysteries for the benefit and sanctification of our souls and bodies. Grant that they may bring about the healing of my soul and body; the defeat of every enemy; the enlightenment of the eyes of my heart; the calming of my thoughts and emotions; a faith that cannot be confounded; a love that does not pretend; a wisdom that overflows; the full observance of your commandments; the increase of your divine grace; and citizenship in your kingdom. Being preserved in your holiness by them, I will remember your love at all times. I will live no longer for myself, but for you, my Lord and Benefactor. Thus, having spent my earthly life in the hope of life without end, I will attain eternal rest where the sound of rejoicing never ceases, where the delight of those who gaze upon the beauty of your face cannot be expressed.

For you, Christ our God, are our true desire, and the inexpressible joy of those who love you; and all creation glorifies you forever. Amen.

Prayer of Our Venerable Father John Damascene

God, my God, all-consuming invisible fire, you make your angels flaming fire. In your inexpressible love, you have condescended to give me your divine flesh. You have allowed me to partake of your divinity by possessing your most pure body and precious blood. May they penetrate my entire body and spirit and all my bones. May they burn away my sins, enlighten my soul, and brighten my understanding. May they sanctify me, making a dwelling-place in me so that I too may be in you forever, with your blessed Father, and your all-holy Spirit, through the prayers of your most pure Mother and of all your saints. Amen.

Prayer of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom

Christ our God, mystically you have made me worthy to be a partaker of your most pure body and precious blood. I praise, bless, and worship you; I glorify you and extol your salvation, O Lord, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos

Most holy Lady, Theotokos, light of my darkened soul; my hope, my protection, my refuge, my comfort, and my joy: I thank you for enabling me, unworthy as I am, to be a partaker of the most pure body and precious blood of your Son.

You gave birth to the true Light; enlighten the eyes of my heart. You bore the source of immortality; give life to me who am dead in sin. O compassionate and loving Mother of the merciful God, have mercy on me; grant me compunction and contrition of heart, humility of mind, and the recollection of my scattered thoughts. Make me worthy, even until my last breath, to receive the most pure and sanctifying mysteries without condemnation for the healing of my soul and body. Give me tears of repentance and confession that I may praise and glorify you all the days of my life; for you are blessed and glorified forever. Amen.

Another Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, may your holy body bring me everlasting life and may your precious blood remit my sins. May this Eucharist give me joy, health, and happiness. At your dread second coming, grant that I, a sinner, may stand at the right side of your glory, through the prayers of your most pure Mother and of all the saints. Amen.

GIVE GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

