

**HOLY SATURDAY LITURGY OF  
ST. BASIL THE GREAT WITH VESPERS**

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

**People:** Amen.

Come, let us adore the King our God.

Come, let us adore Christ , the king and our God.

Come, let us adore and bow down to the only Lord Jesus Christ, the King and our God.

**PSALM 103**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

You are very great, O Lord, my God;

clothed in pomp and brilliance;  
arrayed with light as with a cloak.

Stretching out the sky as a tent-cloth,  
covering Your lofty halls with water,

You make the clouds Your conveyance;  
You surge on the wings of the wind.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God as long as I last.

Would that my thoughts be pleasing to Him:  
and I will rejoice in the Lord.

The sun knows the time of its setting.  
You establish darkness, and it is night.

How great are Your works, O Lord!  
in wisdom You have wrought them all.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to You, O God! (3 times)

### LITANY OF PEACE

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

**People:** Amen.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For peace throughout the world, for the well-being of God's holy churches and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For our most holy Pontiff, (N), Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For our most blessed Major Archbishop (N), our most reverend Metropolitan, (N), our God-loving Bishop, (N), the reverend priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by your grace.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** To You, O Lord

**Priest:** (Silently) Lord, our God, Whose power is beyond comparison, Whose glory is beyond comprehension, Whose mercy is beyond measure, and Whose love for us all is beyond expression, in the kindness of your heart, O Master, look upon us and upon this holy church, and bestow on us and on those praying with us, the riches of Your mercy and compassion.

(Aloud)

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

**People:** Amen

**O LORD, I HAVE CRIED – PSALM 140**

(Tone 1)

O Lord, I have cried to You, hear me; Hear me, O Lord!

O Lord, I have cried to You, hear me; Receive the voice of my prayer  
When I call upon You. Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer rise like incense before You;  
And the lifting of my hands  
As an evening sacrifice Hear me, O Lord!

**verse:** For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him there is  
plentiful redemption; and He shall redeem Israel from all its  
iniquities.

(Tone 8)

Today Hell groans and complains:

"better it would have been for me  
never to receive Him who was born of Mary,  
for He came to me and destroyed my rule.  
He broke down my bronze gates  
and being God, He rescued the souls I had previously held captive."  
Glory, O Lord, to your Cross and your Resurrection.

**verse:** Praise the Lord all you nations; proclaim His glory, all you  
peoples.

Today Hell groans and complains:

"My power has been destroyed.  
I welcomed here One who was dead as one of the dead,  
but I could not hold Him;  
and with Him I lost all those over whom I had ruled.  
Ever since the world began I had control of the dead,  
but now He uplifts them all."  
Glory, O Lord, to your Cross and your Resurrection.

**verse:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us; eternally will His truth endure.

Today Hell groans and complains:  
"My whole domain is falling apart.  
The Shepherd is crucified, and He resurrects Adam.  
Those I ruled, have been taken up  
I had to let go, throw up, again.  
The Crucified One has sealed off the tombs  
the rule of death is powerless."  
Glory, O Lord, to your Cross and your Resurrection.

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

(Tone 1)

Let us praise the Virgin Mary  
who, although born of our humanity, gave birth to the Lord of all.  
The angels extol her in song;  
for she is the glory of the whole world,  
the gateway to heaven, and the adornment of the faithful.  
As the Mother of God, she is heaven itself and the very  
temple of God.

She broke down the wall of enmity between people and God  
thereby bringing us peace and opening the gates of the Kingdom.  
Let us, therefore, cling to her as the anchor of our faith;  
and our Lord, who was born of her, will be our protector.  
Take courage then, O people of God,  
for the Almighty himself will defeat your enemies.  
Entrance with the Gospel)

**Priest:** Wisdom! Stand aright!

### **HYMN OF THE EVENING**

O Joyful Light!  
Light and Holy Glory of the Father Immortal,  
the heavenly, holy the Blessed One, O Jesus Christ!  
Now that we have reached the setting of the sun,  
and see the evening light,  
we sing to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

It is fitting at all times to raise a song of praise in measured melody to You, O Son of God, the Giver of Life. Behold, the universe sings Your glory.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** A reading from the Book of Exodus.

**Priest:** Let us be attentive.

**Reader:**

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the Lord cast, through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force, a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the Lord was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the Lord told Moses, "Stretch out your hands over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the Lord hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the Lord has shown against the Egyptians, they feared the Lord and believed in him and in his servant Moses

## CANTICLE OF MOSES

**Prokimen:** Let us sing to the Lord, \* for He has been greatly gloried.

**verse:** The Lord is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation.

**verse:** The elite of the Egyptian officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

**verse:** The flowing waters stood like a mound, the flood waters congealed in the midst of the sea.

**verse:** Who is like You, O Lord, our God, You alone work wonders.

**verse:** The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

**Priest:** Wisdom

**Reader:** A reading from the Prophet Daniel.

**Priest:** Let us be attentive!

**Reader:**

In the fire Azariah stood up and prayed aloud: "Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name. For you are just in all you have done; all your deeds are faultless, all your ways right, and all your judgments proper. Therefore all you have brought upon us, all you have done to us, you have done by a proper judgment. For we are reduced, O Lord, beyond any other nation, brought low everywhere in the world this day because of our sins. We have in our day no prince, prophet, or leader, no holocaust, sacrifice, oblation, or incense, no place to offer first fruits, to find favor with you. But with contrite heart and humble spirit let us be received. Deliver us by your wonders, and bring glory to your name,

O Lord. Let them know that you alone are the Lord God, glorious over the whole world."

Now the king's men who had thrown them in continued to stoke the furnace with brimstone, pitch, tow and brushwood. The flames rose forty-nine cubits above the furnace, and spread out burning Chaldeans nearby. But the angel of the Lord went down into the furnace with Azariah and his companions, drove the fiery flames out of the furnace, and made the inside of the furnace as tough a dew laden breeze were blowing through it. The fire in no way

touched them or caused them any pain or harm.

Then the three in the furnace with one voice sang, glorifying and blessing God: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;

And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

### **CANTICLE OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN**

**Prokimen:** Praise Him and exalt Him forever.

**verse:** Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord and exalt Him forever.

**verse:** Sun and moon and stars of heaven, bless the Lord and exalt Him forever.

**verse:** Let the earth, mountains and hills bless the Lord and exalt Him forever.

**verse:** You seas, rivers and springs bless the Lord and exalt Him forever.

**verse:** You birds of the air, you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord and exalt Him forever.

**verse:** All you people bless the Lord and exalt Him forever.

### **SMALL LITANY**

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

**People:** Lord; have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

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



**Priest:** (silently) Holy God, You dwell in the holies. With three-fold cries of holy the seraphim acclaim You, the cherubim glorify You, and all the heavenly powers worship You. From nothingness You brought all things into being. You created man in Your own image and likeness and adorned him with all Your graces. You give wisdom and understanding to all who ask. You do not turn Your face from the sinner but offer repentance as a way for salvation. You have made us, Your humble and undeserving servants, worthy to stand before the glory of Your holy altar at this very time, and bring You due worship and praise. Accept from the lips of us sinners the Thrice-holy Hymn and visit us in Your kindness, O Master. Forgive us all our offenses, voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and grant that we, in holiness, and serve You all the days of our lives, through the intercession of the holy Mother of God and of all the saints, who throughout the ages have found favor with You.

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

**People:** Amen.

All you who have been baptized into Christ,  
have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3X)

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia!

All you who have been baptized into Christ,  
have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Priest:** Let us be attentive. Peace be with all. Wisdom. Let us be attentive.

**People: Prokimen:** (tone 8)

Let all the earth worship You, sing of You and praise your name, O  
most High.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

**Priest:** Let us be attentive.

**Reader:** Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him. His death was death to sin, once for all; his life is life for God. In the same way, you must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**Instead of ALLELUIA**

**Arise, O God, and judge the earth: \* for You shall have an inheritance in all the nations.**

**verse:** God stood in the assembly of gods: He shall judge among the gods.

**verse:** How long will you judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked.

**verse:** Defend the fatherless and poor: do justice to the humble and needy.

**verse:** Deliver the poor and needy: save them from the hand of the wicked.

**verse:** They have not known nor understood, but walk in darkness: let all the foundations of the earth be shaken.

**verse:** I said: you are gods, and you are all the children of the most High.

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

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**People:** Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You!

**Priest:** Let us be attentive.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene came with the other Mary to inspect the tomb. Suddenly there was a mighty earthquake, as the angel of the Lord descended from heaven. He came to the stone, rolled it back, and sat on it. In appearance he resembled a flash of lightning while his garments were as dazzling as snow. The guards grew paralyzed with fear of him and fell down like dead men. Then the angel spoke, addressing the women: "Do not be frightened. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, but he is not here. He has been raised exactly as he promised. Come and see the place where he was laid. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has been raised from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him.' That is the message I have for you."

They hurried away from the tomb half-overjoyed, half-fearful, and ran to carry the good news to his disciples. Suddenly, without warning, Jesus stood before them and said, "Peace!" The women came up and embraced his feet and did him homage. At this Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid! Go and carry the news to my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, where they will see me."

As the women were returning, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. They, in turn, convened with the elders and worked out their strategy, giving the soldiers a large bribe with the instructions: "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him while we were asleep.' If any word of this gets to the procurator, we will straighten it out with him and keep you out of trouble." The soldiers pocketed the money and did as they had been instructed. This is the story that circulates among the Jews to this very day.

The eleven disciples made their way to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of him, those who had entertained doubts fell down in homage. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words: "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name 'of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded

you. And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!

**People:** Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You!

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Almighty Lord, God of our Fathers, we pray You hear us and have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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

**Priest:** We also pray for our most holy universal Pontiff, N., Pope of Rome; for our most blessed Major Archbishop, N., our most reverend Metropolitan, N., our God-loving Bishop, N., for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brethren in Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**People:** Amen.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** (silently) It is You, O Lord, who have shown us this great mystery of salvation; it is You who have deemed us, your humble servants, worthy of the service of your holy altar. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, make us then able to fulfill this holy office, so that, standing without condemnation before your Glory, we may offer You a sacrifice of praise, for it is You who work all things in all. Grant us, O Lord, that our offering for our sins and for the unawareness of the people may be acceptable and pleasing to You.

O God, who cover our humility with your mercy and compassion, who have established us, your humble, sinful and unworthy servants before your holy glory for the service of your holy altar: strengthen us for this office through the might of your Holy Spirit, and grant that when we open our mouths, we may utter the proper words to call down the grace of your Holy Spirit upon the gifts about to be offered to You.

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

**People:** Amen.

Let all mortal flesh be silent  
and let us stand in awe and trembling  
and let us think about no earthly thing  
because the King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
is coming to be sacrificed and to be given. as food for the faithful.  
Before Him come armies of Archangels

with all the Principalities and Powers  
the many-eyed Cherubim and the six-winged Seraphim  
they cover their faces and sing out: Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia.

(silently) No one who is bound to carnal desires or pleasures is worthy to approach You or to draw near to You, or to minister to You, O King of Glory. For to serve You is great and awesome, even to the heavenly powers. And yet, because of Your love for mankind -- a love which cannot be expressed or measured - You became man, unchanged and unchanging. You were appointed our High Priest, and, as Master of all, handed down to us the priestly ministry of this liturgical and unbloody sacrifice. You alone, O Lord, our God, have dominion over heaven and earth. you are borne on the throne of the cherubim; You are Lord of the seraphim and King off Israel; You alone are holy and rest in the holies. I implore You, therefore, Who alone are good and ready to listen: look upon me, Your sinful and useless servant; cleanse my heart and soul of the evil that lies on my conscience. By the power of Your Holy Spirit enable me, who am clothed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this, Your holy table, and offer the sacrifice of Your holy and most pure Body and precious Blood. Bending my neck, I approach, and I petition.

You: tum not Your face from me nor reject me from among Your children but allow these gifts to be offered to You by me, Your sinful and unworthy servant. For it is You Who offer and You Who are offered; it is You Who receive and You Who are given, O Christ our God, and we give glory to You, together with Your eternal Father and Your most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Priest:** May the Lord God remember in His kingdom our most holy universal Pontiff, N., Pope of Rome; our most Blessed Major Archbishop, N., our most reverend Metropolitan, N., our God-loving Bishop, N., (our very reverend fathers: Protoarchimandrite N., Archimandrite N., Protohegumen N., and Hegumen N.); all the priestly, diaconal and religious orders; our nation under God, our government, and all the military; the noble and ever-to-be remembered founders and benefactors of this holy church (this holy monastery); and all you, orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

Before Him come armies of Archangels  
with all the Principalities and Powers  
the many-eyed Cherubim and the six-winged Seraphim  
they cover their faces and sing out: Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia.

**Priest:** (silently) The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body  
from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and, with aromatic  
spices, placed it in a new tomb.

Deal favorably, O Lord, with Sion in Your good pleasure and let  
the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt. Then You shall be pleased with a  
sacrifice of justice, oblations and holocausts; then they shall lay calves  
upon Your altar.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** For the precious gifts that have been presented, let us pray to  
the Lord.

**People:** Lord have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** (silently) O Lord our God, who created us and brought us into  
this present life, who showed us the ways of salvation, who granted us  
the revelation of the heavenly mysteries, who established us for this  
office in the power of your Holy Spirit: deign, O Lord, to accept us as the  
servants of your new Covenant and the ministers of your Holy  
Mysteries. Receive us according to your great love when we come to

your holy altar, so that we may be worthy to offer You this spiritual and bloodless sacrifice for our sins and the unawareness of the people; so that, receiving it upon your holy, heavenly and spiritual altar as a perfume of agreeable fragrance, You may send down upon us in return the grace of your Holy Spirit. Look upon us, O God: consider our sacrifice, and accept it, as you accepted the gifts of Abel, the offerings of Noah, the holocausts of Abraham, the sacrifices of Moses and Aaron, the peaceful presents of Samuel. As You accepted this worship from your holy apostles, likewise, in your goodness, O Lord, receive these gifts from our sinful hands, so that, having been deemed worthy to serve without blame at your holy altar, we may obtain the reward of the faithful stewards on the fearful day of just judgment.

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

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Peace be with all.

**People:** And with your spirit.

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

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

**Priest:** The doors, the doors! In wisdom let us be attentive.

**People:** I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.



For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son] With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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

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

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest::** Let us lift up our hearts.

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

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

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

**Priest:** (in a low voice) You who are being, Master and Lord, God almighty and adorable Father: it is truly fitting .and right and worthy of the immensity of your holiness that we praise You, sing to You, bless You, adore You, give thanks to You, glorify You who alone are truly God; that we offer You a spiritual worship with a repentant heart and a humble spirit, for it is You who granted us the favor of knowing the truth. How could anyone tell your might and sing the praises you deserve, or describe all

your marvels in all places and times, O Master of All, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creatures visible and invisible, who are enthroned upon a seat of glory, who plumb the depths, who are eternal, invisible, beyond comprehension and description and change, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the great God and Savior, the object of our hope! For He is the Image of your goodness, the Seal bearing your perfect likeness, the Wisdom from before all ages, the Life, the Sanctification, the Power, the True Light. By Him the Holy Spirit was made manifest, the Spirit of truth, the Gift of adoption, the Foretaste of the future inheritance, the First-fruits of eternal good, the life-giving Power, the Fountain of sanctification. Empowered by Him, every rational and intelligent creature sings eternally to your glory, for all are your servants. It is You the angels, archangels, thrones and dominations, the principalities and the virtues, the powers and the cherubim of many eyes adore; it is You the seraphim surround, one with six wings and the other with six wings; and with two wings they cover their faces, and with two wings their feet, and with two they fly, and they cry one to the other with tireless voice and perpetual praise:

**Priest:** Singing, crying, exclaiming, and saying the triumphal hymn.

**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:** (in a low voice) With these blessed powers, O Master and Lover of us all, we sinners also cry and say: Verily holy are You, and all-holy, and there is no limit to the majesty of your holiness. Holy are You in all your deeds, for in righteousness and true judgment you have brought all things to pass for us: for having taken clay from the earth and having formed man, and honored him, O God, with your likeness, You placed him in a paradise of delight, and promised him immortality of life and the enjoyment of eternal goods in the keeping of your commandments. But when he disobeyed You, the true God and his Creator, and was deceived through the serpent's guile, and was subjected to death through his own transgression, in your just judgment, O God, you cast him forth from paradise into this world and turned him again to the earth whence he had been taken, and devised for him the salvation of regeneration which is in your Christ For You did not turn away forever from your work,

O gracious God, nor did You forget the work of your hands: You watched over us in many ways through the depth of your love; You sent forth prophets, You worked mighty signs through your saints who were pleasing to You in every age. You spoke through the mouths of your servants the prophets, promising the salvation to come; You gave us the Law to aid us; You set angels over us as our guardians. And when the fullness of time had, You spoke to us by your Son through whom also You made the universe, who being the brightness of your glory and the express likeness of your Person, upholds everything by the power of his Word, and thought it no robbery to be equal to You his God and Father: but although He was God before creation, He was seen on earth and had his conversation among us; and being incarnate of the holy Virgin, emptied Himself and assumed the nature of a servant, and was found in the likeness of the body of our humiliation, that He might raise us to the likeness of his glory. For since it was by man that sin entered the world, and death through sin,. Your only-begotten Son, He who in your bosom, O You his God and Father, condescended to be born of a woman, the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary - to be born under the Law in order to condemn sin in his flesh, that those who die in Adam might be brought to life in your Christ: and having lived in this world and offered precepts of salvation and turned us away from the errors of idolatry, He brought us to the knowledge of You, the true God and Father, after purchasing us to Himself as a favored people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. And after He had cleansed us with water and sanctified us as a ransom to death by which we had been held for having been sold under sin; and through the cross, He went down into Hades that He might fulfill all things in Himself, and loosed the fangs of death. And He rose again on the third day, preparing a way for the resurrection of all flesh from the dead because it was impossible that the Principle of life be held by corruption, and became the First-fruits of those who sleep, the Firstborn from among the dead so that in all things He might have primacy. And He ascended into heaven and was enthroned at the righthand of your Majesty on high, whence He shall come to render to every one his due. And He left us memorials of his salutary passion, these which we have brought about by his command. For being about to go forth to his willful and eternally memorable and life-giving death, on the night wherein He surrendered Himself for the life of the world, He took bread in his holy and spotless hands, presented it to You, his God and Father, gave thanks and blessed and sanctified and broke it

And gave it to his holy disciples and apostles, saying: Take, eat: This is my body, which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** (In a low voice) And in the same manner He took the chalice with the fruit of the vine, He presented it, gave thanks, blessed and sanctified it:

And gave it to his holy disciples and apostles, saying: Drink of it, all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** (In a low voice) Do this in remembrance of Me, for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show forth my death and confess my resurrection. Remembering, therefore, this precept of salvation and everything that was done for our sake, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the enthronement at the right hand, the second and glorious coming again.

**Priest:** We offer to You, Yours of Your own in behalf of all and for all.

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

**Priest:** (In a low voice) Therefore, most holy Lord, we also sinners and your unworthy servants called by You to serve at your holy altar, not by reason of our righteousness for we have done nothing good upon the earth, but by reason of your love and mercy which you have richly poured out upon us, we take courage and approach your holy table: offering to You the antitypes of the holy body and blood of your Christ, we beg You and implore You, in the good pleasure of your bounty, to make your Holy Spirit come down upon us and upon these present gifts offered to

You, (three bows) and to bless and sanctify and to show.  
(Amen.)

This bread to be the precious Body of our Lord + and God and Savior  
Jesus Christ (Amen.)

And that which is in this chalice to be the precious Blood of our Lord  
+ and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Poured out+ for the life of the world. (Amen. Amen. Amen.)

And unite us one to another, who partake of the one Bread and Chalice, unto communion with the one Holy Spirit, and make, that not one of us, who are partaking of the holy Body and Blood of your Christ, be brought to judgment and condemnation, but that we may find mercy and grace with all the saints who have pleased you for all the ages; our forefathers, father, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics and with every soul that has departed in the faith.

(The priest then exclaims:)

Especially, for our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever- virgin Mary.

**People:**

Do not weep over me, O Mother, As you see in the grave  
the Son Whom you conceived in your womb without seed.  
I will resurrect and be glorified. And I, as God,  
will forever gloriously raise  
those Who with faith and love magnify you.

**Priest:** (In a low voice) For the holy prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, for the holy glorious and illustrious apostles, for holy (N.) whose memory we honor today and for all your saints at whose supplication do You visit us, O God.

And remember all those who have fallen asleep before in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, (N.) and give them rest where the light of your face keeps watch.

Again, we pray You; remember, Lord, all the Orthodox Bishops rightly dispensing the word of your truth, all the priests, the deacons in Christ and all the ranks of the clergy.

Again, we pray You: remember, Lord, your holy, catholic and apostolic Church which is from one end of the earth to the other, and give her peace, for You purchased it to yourself through the precious blood of your beloved Son; make firm this holy house until the

consummation of all things. Remember, Lord, those who have offered You these holy gifts, and those for whom and through whom and on account of whom they offered them. Remember, Lord, those who bring forth fruit and do good work in your holy churches, and who care for the poor: reward them with your rich and heavenly gifts in exchange for the gifts of the earth, eternal gifts for those of time, incorruptible gifts for those corruptible. Remember, Lord, those who are in deserts and mountains and in the dens and caves of the earth. Remember, Lord, those who remain in virginity and continence and asceticism, and those who lead saintly lives in the world.

Remember, Lord, our most faithful and pious public authorities which You have counted worthy to be appointed over this land: crown them with the armor of truth, with the armor of glory; cover their hands on the day of battle, strengthen their arm, exalt their right hand, establish their power. Subdue to them barbarous nations that delight in war; grant them deep peace that cannot be taken away; speak good things to their hearts for your Church and all your people, that within their peace we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty.

Remember, Lord, all lawmakers and magistrates and those in public office and in all the armed forces: preserve the good in their goodness. and in your kindness, make the wicked become good. Remember, Lord, the people present here, and those who are absent for reasonable causes; replenish our store houses with all manner of goods; preserve our marriages in peace and harmony; nourish the babies, instruct the youths, console the elderly; comfort the feebleminded, collect the scattered, bring back the wandering and unite them to your holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Free those who are bothered by unclean spirits; sail with those at sea, travel with the travelers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, preserve the prisoners, heal the sick. Remember, O God, those who stand before tribunals, and those in exile and in all kinds of tribulations and accidents, and all who need your great mercy; those who love us and those who hate us, and those who have begged us, unworthy though we be, to remember them in our prayers. Remember all your people, O Lord our God, and upon all pour forth your rich mercies, granting them everything they need for salvation. And those we have omitted through ignorance or forgetfulness or because of the multitude of their names,

You Yourself remember, O God who know the name and age of each, who have known each one from his mother's womb. For You, O Lord, are the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of the desperate, the Savior of the tempest tossed, the Harbor of voyagers, the Physician of the sick: become all things to all people, O You who know each one and their need, each house and its necessity. Preserve, O Lord, this city and every city and country place from plague, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, war, battle invasion and riot.

(Aloud)

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

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

**Priest:** (In a low voice) Remember, O Lord, all the Orthodox Bishops who rightly dispense the word of your truth. Remember also, Lord, my unworthiness, according to the multitude of your mercies; forgive my every transgression, deliberate and in deliberate and do not withhold on account of my sins the grace of the Holy Spirit from the gifts offered here. Remember, O Lord, all the priests and the deacons in Christ, and let none of us who surround your holy table be put to shame. Look down upon us in your goodness, O Lord. Manifest Yourself to us in your rich mercies; grant us a healthful and agreeable climate; give showers to the earth that it may bring forth its fruit; bless with your goodness the crowning of the year; stay the schisms of Churches; restrain the raging of nations; by the might of your Holy Spirit, cast down rapidly the attempts of heresies; receive us all in your kingdom, making us children of light and sons and daughters of the day. Give us your peace and your love, O Lord our God who have given us everything.

(Aloud)

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

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** And may the mercies of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with all of you.

**People:** And with your spirit

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** (silently) O God, the God of salvation, teach us to give worthy thanks to You for the benefits You have granted us and are still granting us now. O God who have received these gifts, cleanse us of every pollution both of flesh and spirit, and teach us to attain perfect holiness through reverence for You: that with the pure witness of our conscience, receiving a portion of your blessed gift, we may be united to the holy body and blood of your Christ; and that, receiving them worthily, we may have Christ dwelling in our hearts and may become a temple of your Holy Spirit. Yes, O God! And make none of us guilty of these tremendous and heavenly mysteries, nor let us be wounded in spirit or body from an



unworthy participation in them, but grant that until our last breath we may receive worthily our share of your blessed gifts for a viaticum of eternal life, for an acceptable defense at the dread judgment-seat of your Christ; that together with all your saints who have pleased You since time began, we may become partakers of the eternal blessing you have promised to those who love You, O Lord!

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Grant this, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest:** For the forgiveness and remission of our sins and offenses, let us ask the Lord.

**People:** Grant this, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant this, O Lord.

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

**People:** Grant this, O Lord,

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

**People:** Grant this, O Lord.

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

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

**Priest:** Make us worthy, O Master, with confidence and without condemnation to dare call You, the heavenly God, Father, and say:

**People:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

**Priest:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Peace be with all.

**People:** And with Your spirit.

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

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

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

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

**People:** Amen.

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

God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Priest:** Let us be attentive! The holy Things for the holy!

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

The Lord has waked as if from sleep, He is risen and saves us.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Broken and distributed is the Lamb of God - broken and not divided, always eaten and never consumed - but sanctifying those who partake.

Fullness of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

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

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

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

The servant of God, N., partakes of the precious, most holy and most pure Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of his/her sins and life everlasting. Amen.

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

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

Be exalted, O God, Above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory.

**Priest:** Blessed be our God, always now and for ever and ever.

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

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

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

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

**Priest:** (silently) We thank You, O Lord our God, for having partaken of your holy, spotless, immortal and heavenly mysteries, which You have given us for the well-being, sanctification and cleansing of our souls and bodies.

O Lord of all, grant that the communion of the holy Body and Blood of your Christ may be for us the occasion of faith unashamed, of love unfeigned, of fullness of wisdom, of the cleansing of our souls and bodies, of the defeat of every enemy, of the fulfillment of your commandment, of an acceptable defense before the dread judgment-seat of your Christ.

**Priest:** For You are our sanctification and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Let us go forth in peace.

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

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

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** You bless those who bless You, O Lord, and sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the fullness of Your church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house and glorify them by Your divine power. Do not forsake us who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the priests, to our nation under God, to our government, and to all Your people. For all

good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights. And we give glory, thanks, and worship to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever.

(silently) O Christ our God, the mystery of your plan has been completed and perfected as far as in us lay. We have commemorated our death, we have seen the figure of your resurrection, we have been filled with your endless life, we have enjoyed your delights which cannot be exhausted, and of which we beg you to deem us worthy in time to come - all of us, as many as we are - through the grace of the Father who has no beginning, and of your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**People:** Amen.

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

**People:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever Amen. Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy. Give the blessing.

**Priest:** May Christ our true God, who for us and for our salvation allowed himself in the flesh to be laid in the tomb and who descended into Hades, through the prayers of the Mother of God, of the holy, glorious and most honorable apostles, and our father among the saints Basil the Great, the archbishop of Caesarea of Cappadocia, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us for he is good and loves us all.

**People:** Amen