THE DIVINE LITURGIES OF OUR HOLY FATHERS JOHN CHRYSOSTOM AND BASIL THE GREAT

Responses and Hymns set to the Carpathian Plainchant

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FOREWORD

This edition of the Divine Liturgy with propers and commons has been prepared for the use of the faithful in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh by the Intereparchial Liturgical Commission and the Intereparchial Music Commission. The text has been translated from the Greek original, compared with the Church Slavonic.

This new translation seeks to be consistent in rendering biblical and technical terms, faithful to the vocabulary and thought of the text's original context in the patristic period, but also accessible to a contemporary American congregation. In a few instances, textual criticism based on the witness of manuscripts has guided the translation.

In general, translations of biblical quotes and allusions have been guided by The New American Bible (1970-1991) and by The Psalms (The Grail, 1963). In practice, biblical allusions have usually required fresh translations both to capture the distinctive readings of the Septuagint Old Testament and to accommodate the new context of these biblical texts in the Liturgy.

The musical settings are based on the Ruthenian tradition that has been handed down from one generation to another. After extensive research, discussion, and detailed comparisons of various written and oral sources, the Intereparchial Music Commission has compiled the plainchant settings of the Byzantine Liturgy found in this book. The musical renderings of historic scholars have been carefully adapted to accommodate the new English translation provided by the Intereparchial Liturgical Commission.

This book is approved for use in churches of the Byzantine Metropolitan Church *Sui Juris* of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., promulgated on the feast of the Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, January 6, 2007. On and after the feast of the Holy and Pre-eminent apostles Peter and Paul, June 29, 2007, this text and its attendant music will be the sole liturgical text for the celebration of the Divine Liturgies of our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great.

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Prayers of Preparation for The Divine Liturgy

For the Faithful

The Church's book of the Divine Liturgy describes the preparation for the Liturgy by the clergy. They enter the sanctuary only after saying the appropriate prayers and venerating the icons. Then they vest and prepare the gifts of bread and wine that are offered in the Divine Liturgy and that become the Body and Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that all the faithful prepare themselves for the celebration of this holy mystery. The following prayers are recommended as a personal preparation.

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

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O gracious One.

Throughout Pascha, the following is said in place of "Glory to you" and "Heavenly King."

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death; and to those in the tombs he granted life. *(Three times)*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. (Three times)

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

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; Lord, cleanse us of our sins; Master, forgive our transgressions; Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (Three times)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. 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 evil.

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

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve times)

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

Come, let us worship our King and God.
Come, let us worship Christ, our King and God.
Come, let us worship and bow before the only Lord Jesus Christ the King and our God.

PSALM 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Your mercy, O Lord, shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever

PSALM 23

To the Lord belong the earth and its fullness, the world and all who dwell in it.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things,
who has not sworn so as to deceive his neighbor.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

PSALM 115

I trusted even when I said:
"I am sorely afflicted,"
and when I said in my alarm:
"No man can be trusted."

What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?
I shall take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all his people.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I shall call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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

Then three times, with a bow each time:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to you, O God! (Three times)

Lord, have mercy. (Three times)

TROPARIA OF PREPARATION

O Lord, born of the Virgin, do not look upon my sins, but cleanse my heart, and make it a temple for your most pure Body and precious Blood. Do not cast me away from your presence, for you are merciful without limit.

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

How can I approach and partake of your holy mysteries, for I am unworthy; and if I come to your wedding feast without the proper garment of worthiness of heart, I would but earn my condemnation. However, you, O Lord, are able to cleanse my soul and call me to the table of salvation. For you are the Lover of us all.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

O Mother of God, great is the number of my sins, but I hasten to you, seeking salvation; visit my soul in its weakness and pray to your Son our God to grant me the forgiveness of my evil deeds. For you alone are truly blessed.

TROPARION OF GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

While the illustrious disciples were enlightened as their feet were washed at the supper, the ungodly Judas, darkened by a sick love of silver, betrayed you – the just judge – to lawless judges. See how a money-hungry man hanged himself because of it; and flee the greedy soul who would do such things to the Teacher. O Lord, so good to everyone, glory to you!

Lord, have mercy. (Forty times)

1. Prayer of Our Holy Father Basil the Great

Lord and Master Jesus Christ, my God, source of life and immortality, maker of all things visible and invisible, coeternal Son of the immortal Father, accept the repentance of me, a sinner. Incline your ear and hear my prayer: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned before your face, and I am not worthy to lift up my eyes to your glory. I have provoked your goodness; I have transgressed your commandments and disobeyed your statutes. O Lord, be long-suffering with me and show me your mercy. O you who said through the prophet, "I desire not the death of the sinner, but that he may repent and live," show me your love and forgive me. Wherefore, even unworthy of heaven and of earth as I am, I despair not of your salvation. In this life I have wholly yielded myself to sin and have become the slave of the pleasures of this world. I have defiled your image in me and turned my back on your loving kindness. When I consider your infinite compassion, I dare to come back to you, my God and my maker. Receive me, O Christ, as you received the Adulteress; accept me as you accepted the Prodigal Son, the Publican, and the thief on the cross. Take away the heavy burden of my sins, O you who take away the sins of the world. You heal human weaknesses and call to yourself and give rest to those who are weary and heavy-laden.

Cleanse me, O Lord, from every stain of flesh and spirit; teach me to fulfill your will in fear and holiness that, having the witness of a pure conscience, I may receive my share of your holy things and may be united to your body and blood. May I have you to abide in me with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Grant me to receive the bread and wine which are your body and blood until my last breath and, thereby, to receive fellowship with the Holy Spirit as a provision for the journey to eternal life, and as an acceptable defense at your dread judgment-seat. Together with all your saints, may I be a partaker of the good things you have prepared for those who love you, O Lord my God. Amen.

2. Prayer of Our Venerable Father John Damascene

Lord and Master Jesus Christ, my God, who alone have power to absolve from sins, forgive all my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, committed in word or deed. O loving God, allow me to partake of your divine, glorious, and pure mysteries. Let my sharing in your body and blood be for the cleansing of my sins and the healing of my body and a pledge of the life to come and of your kingdom. You are a merciful God, loving, kind, and full of compassion, and to you I give glory. Amen.

3. Prayer of Our Holy Father Basil the Great

I know, O Lord, that if I partake unworthily of your pure body and precious blood, I will be guilty! I will be eating and drinking my own condemnation, not discerning your body and blood. When I consider your loving kindness, O my Christ and my God, I dare come to you who said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Be merciful to me a sinner, O Lord, and do not rebuke me. Deal with me according to your mercy. Let the bread and wine be for the healing of my soul and body, for the enlightenment of my mind, and for the protection of my life. Let them give me confidence in you and love for my brothers and sisters. Let them be for the amendment of my conduct, for perseverance, for increase in virtue, and for perfection in the communion of your Holy Spirit. Give me your body and blood, O Lord, as a provision for the journey to eternal life and for an acceptable defense at your judgment-seat. Do not let them be for my judgment or condemnation. Amen.

4. Prayer of Our Holy Father Simeon the New Theologian

From defiled lips and from a vile heart, an unclean tongue, and a polluted soul, receive this prayer, O Christ. Reject not my words, nor my demeanor, nor my persistence. Allow me, my Christ, to speak boldly of my own desires. Moreover, teach me what you want me to do and say. I have sinned more than the woman in the city who, knowing where you dined, O Christ my Master and God, bought ointment and dared to anoint your feet. As you did not reject her whose heart led her to you, do not despise me, O Word, but allow me also to clasp and embrace your feet and anoint them with a flood of tears, as with a precious ointment. Wash and purify me with your tears, O Word. Forgive my trespasses and grant me pardon. You know the multitude of my evil-doings. You know my wounds and my sores. But you also know my faith. You know what I intend to do and you hear my sighing. No tear is hidden from you, O God, my maker and deliverer. Your eyes behold that which I have not yet done, for in your book is written that which has not yet come to pass. Consider my lowliness. Look upon my affliction and pain. Forgive my every sin, O God of All, that with a pure heart, a fearful mind, and a contrite spirit, I may partake of your undefiled and most holy mysteries that bring divine life to all who eat and drink with a pure heart. For you said, O Master, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." True in every way is the word of my Lord and God. Partaking of deifying grace, I am no longer alone but with you, my Christ, the Light of the World. Do not allow me to live apart from you, O Giver of Life, who are my breath, my life, my joy, and the salvation of the world. Therefore, I draw near and you see my tears and my contrite soul. I beseech you, deliver me from my sins and grant me to partake without condemnation of your pure and life-creating mysteries, that, according to your word, you may remain in me, as wretched as I am. For, if I am found fallen from your grace, the tempter may deceive me and entice me from your deifying precepts. For this reason, bountiful Lord, I fall down before you and earnestly cry to you: As you accepted the Prodigal Son and the woman in the city when she came to you, so also receive me, prodigal and vile as I am. Now turning to you with contrition, O Savior, I know that no one has sinned against you as I have, nor done the things I have done. Yet I know too that neither the magnitude of the transgression nor the multitude of the sins surpasses the long-suffering patience of my God and his exceeding love for us. In your merciful

compassion you cleanse and raise up those who earnestly repent, and you make them partakers of the light and of your divine nature. Strange as it may seem to angels and human reason, you speak to us as if we are true friends. Inspired with boldness, confident of your rich mercy, O Christ, and with both rejoicing and trembling, I who am like grass partake of fire, and, amazingly, I am refreshed and, like the burning bush of old, I am not consumed. Filled with gratitude, I worship, glorify, and magnify you, my God, for you are blessed, now and ever and forever. Amen.

5. Prayer of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom

O God, absolve, remit, and forgive the transgressions I have committed in thought, word, or deed, voluntarily and involuntarily. Pardon all my sins, for you are a gracious and loving God. Allow me to receive your holy body and blood for the good of my soul and the healing of my body; through the prayers of your most pure Mother, of the spiritual and holy powers of heaven who serve you in holiness, and of all the saints who have pleased you since time began. Yours is the kingdom and yours is the glory. Amen.

When you approach for holy communion, you may say in your heart:

Behold, I draw near to divine communion, O Creator; let me not be destroyed. For you are fire to consume the unworthy. Then rather cleanse me from all that defiles.

The blood that makes divine, O (wo)man, let it be your fear, let it be your dread. It is fire to consume the unworthy. The divine body makes me a partaker of the divine nature, and likewise feeds me. It makes the spirit divine and wondrously nourishes the mind.

You have ravished my heart with your love, O Christ; your divine care has converted my soul. Yet, consume my sins with celestial fire.

Grant me to delight in you. Let me rejoice and exalt your incarnation and your second coming, O gracious Lord.

How shall I enter, unworthy as I am, into the splendor of your holy place? If I dare to go along into the bridal chamber my clothing will condemn me, for it is not wedding attire, and I will be bound and cast out by the angels. Purify my filthy soul, O Lord, and save me, for you love us all.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy gifts be to my judgment, in that I am unworthy; but rather for the cleansing and hallowing of soul and body and as a pledge of life eternal and the kingdom. For I hold it good to cling to God; to hope in the Lord for my salvation.

The Divine Liturgy

ENARXIS

The faithful **STAND** when the preparatory rites are completed and the great incensation of the church takes place. Then the clergy quietly say the prayers before commencing the Divine Liturgy, and the holy doors are opened.

Deacon: Reverend Father, give the blessing.

Celebrant: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

now and ever and forever.

Response:



Throughout Pascha, the following is sung:

Celebrant: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;

and to those in the tombs he granted life.

Response: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;

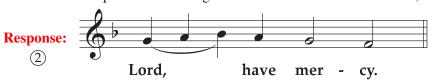
and to those in the tombs he granted life. (Twice)

The faithful may SIT as the Litany of Peace begins:

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



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



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. (1)

For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For our holy father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

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. (2)

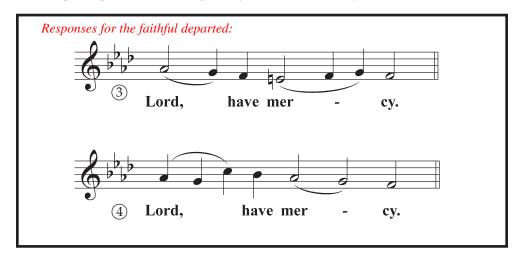
For our government and for all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord. \bigcirc

For this city [or: For this holy monastery], for every city, community, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord. ②

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

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. 2

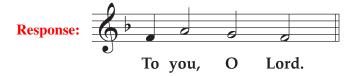
Special petitions, including those for the deceased, may be inserted here.



That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord. ①

Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace. (2)

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.



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: For to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship, now and ever and forever.



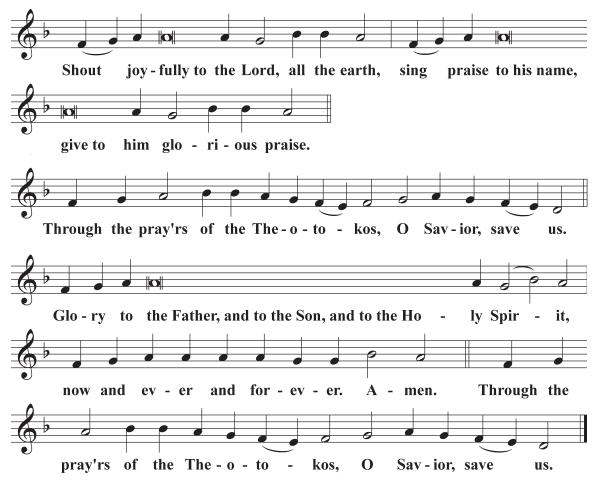
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On weekdays, go to page 15.

On Sundays, to use the Typical Psalms, go to page 16.

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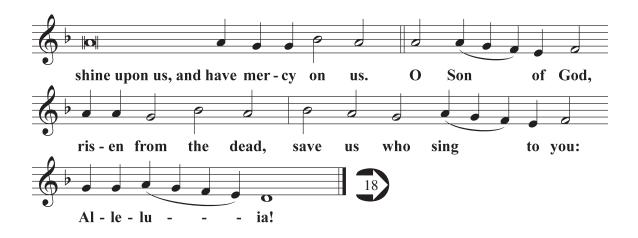
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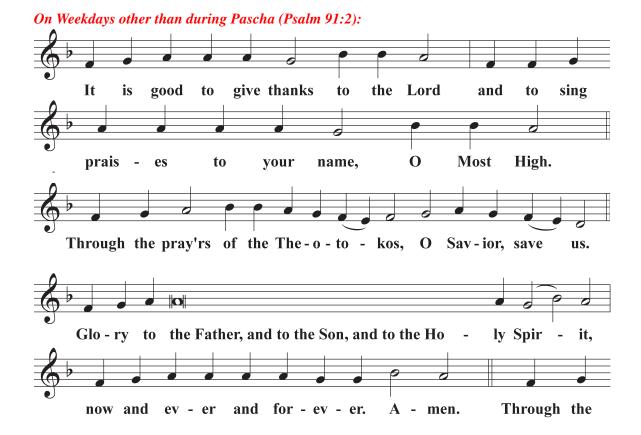
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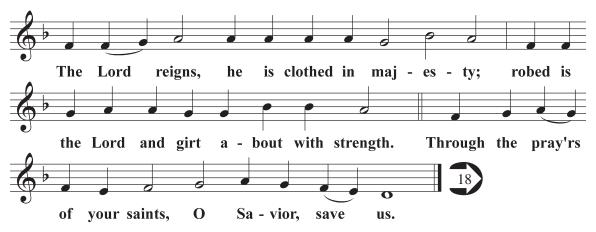
FIRST ANTIPHON - WEEKDAYS





SECOND ANTIPHON - WEEKDAYS

On Weekdays other than during Pascha (Psalm 92:1):



The Typical Psalms ("Bless the Lord, O my soul") and the Beatitudes may be sung in place of the Sunday Antiphons except on those Sundays for which proper antiphons are prescribed.

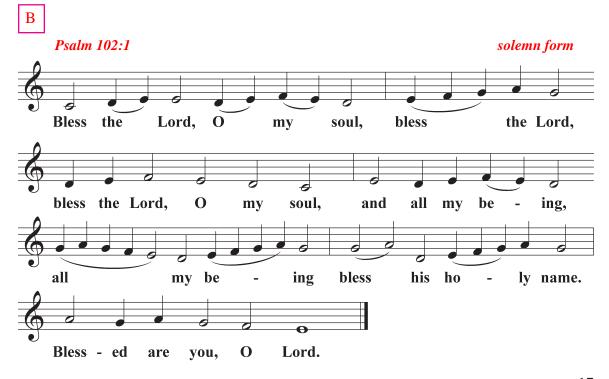
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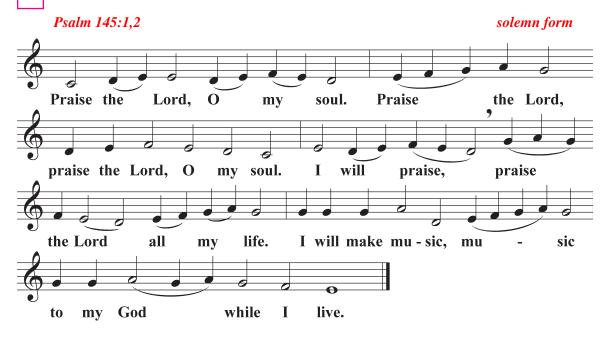


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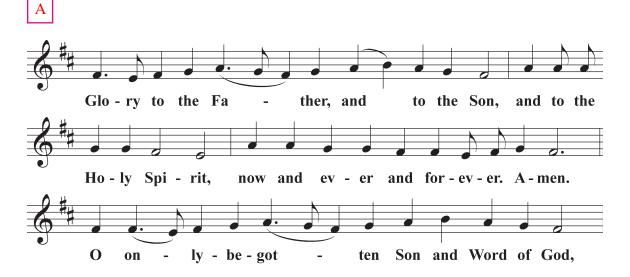


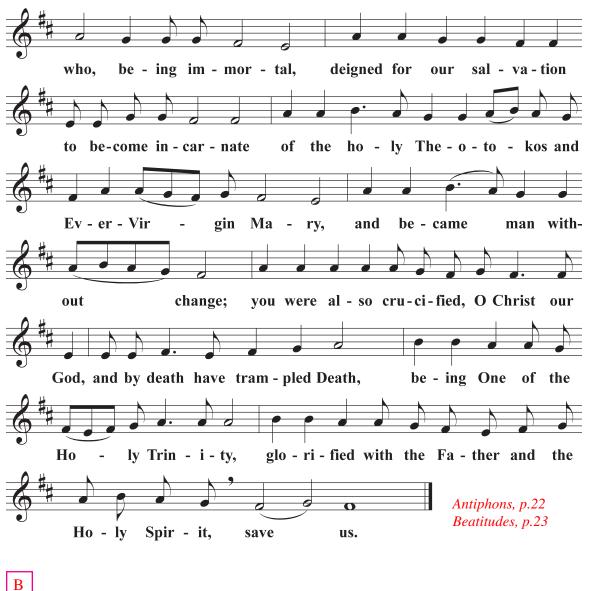
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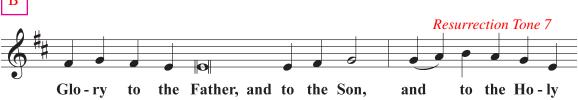




The faithful **STAND** as the Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation:



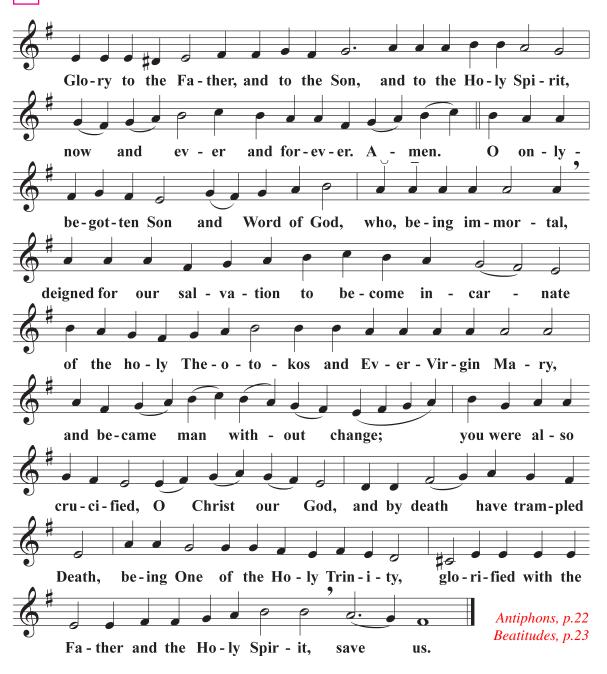






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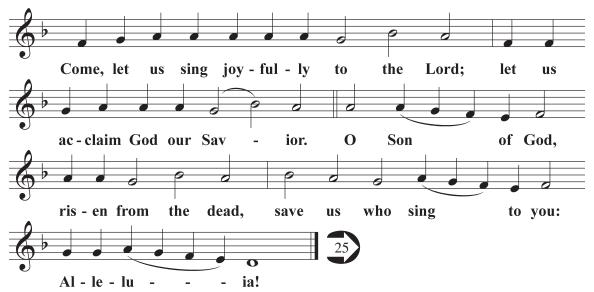




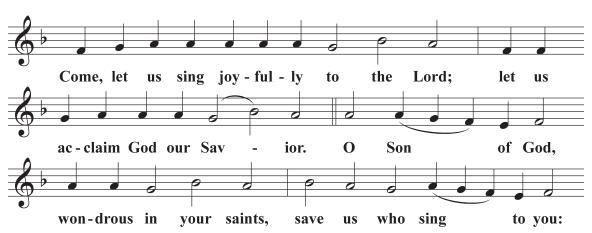
THIRD ANTIPHON (Psalm 94:1)

The Third Antiphon follows, while the Little Entrance with the holy gospel book is made through the northern door and the holy doors.

On Sundays and days of Pascha:



On Weekdays other than during Pascha:





If the Typical Psalms have been sung in place of the Sunday First and Second Antiphons, the Beatitudes are now sung in place of the Third Antiphon.

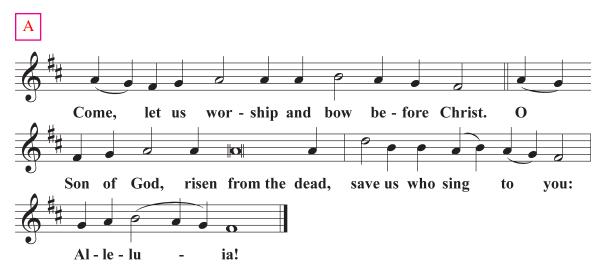


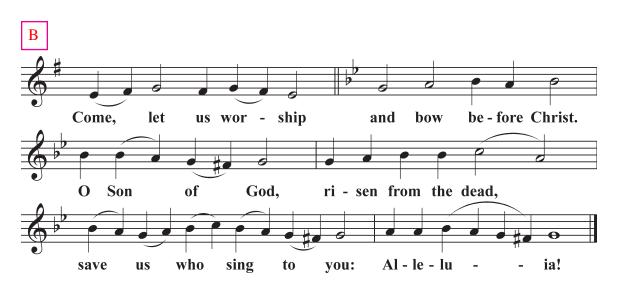


Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as the Third Antiphon continues with the Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

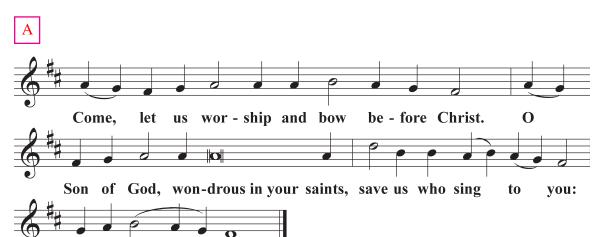
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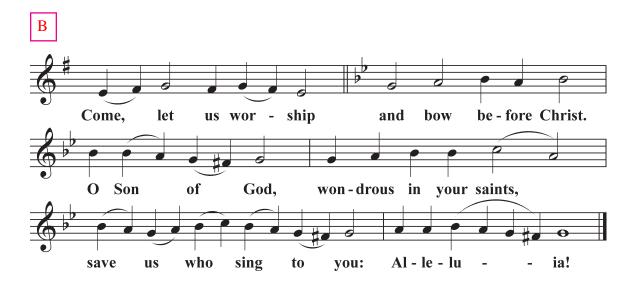


On Weekdays other than during Pascha:

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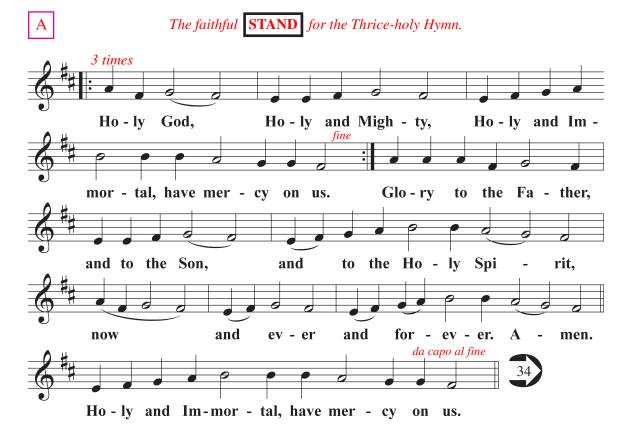
The faithful may SIT as the Third Antiphon concludes with the appropriate TROPARIA and KONTAKIA.

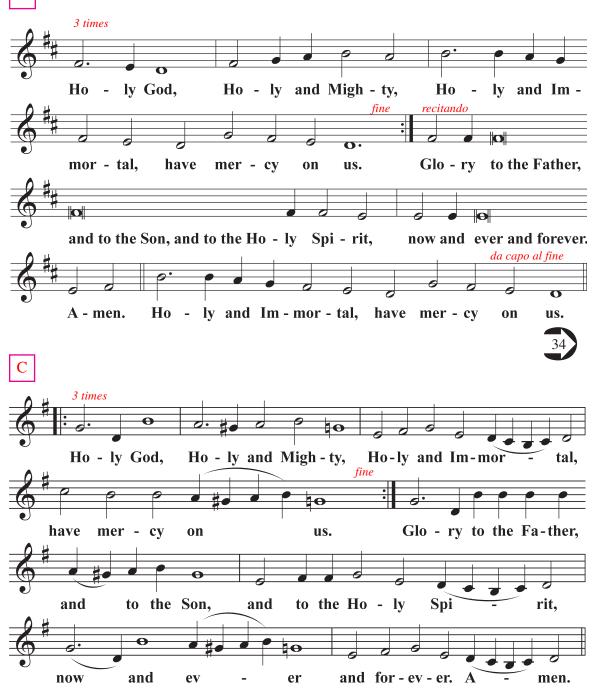
Celebrant: For you are holy, our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

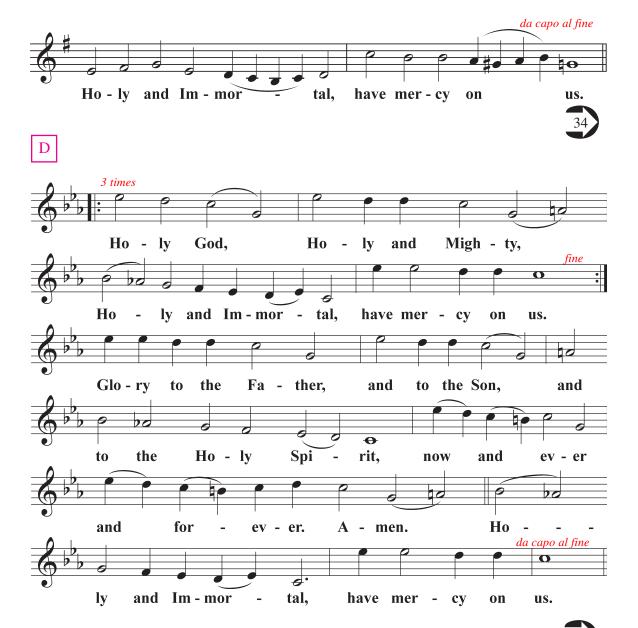
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Deacon: And forever.

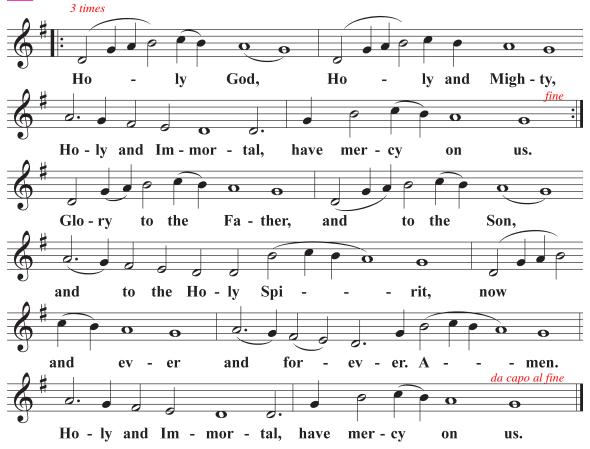












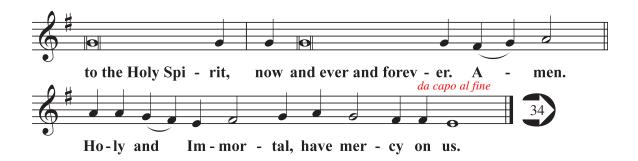


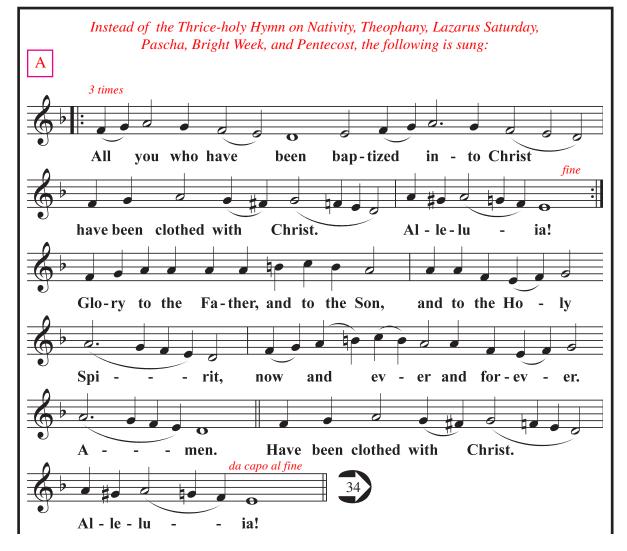


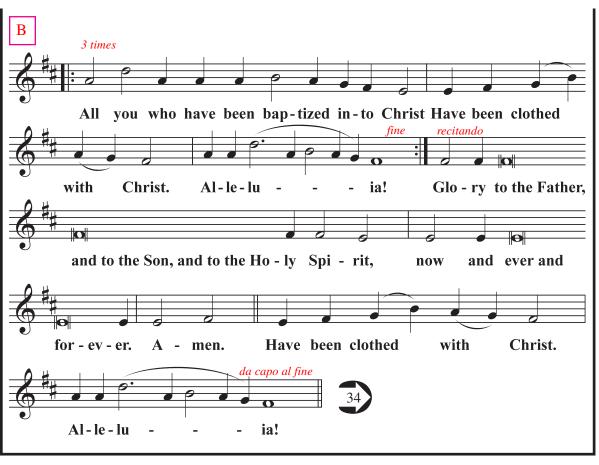


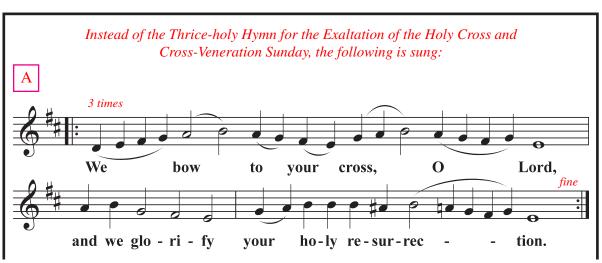
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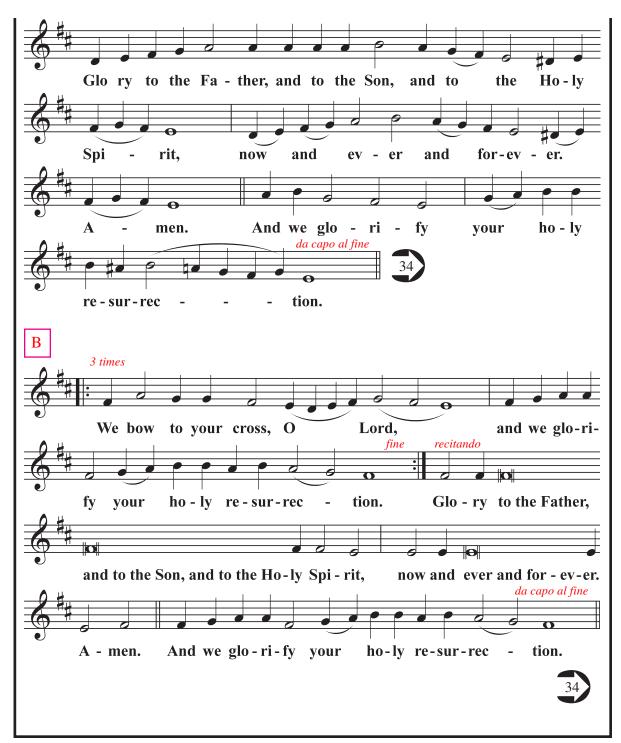
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace be to all.

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful sing the PROKEIMENON. The lector chants the verse.

Deacon: Wisdom!

The lector announces the title of the Apostolic Reading.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the Apostolic Reading.

Celebrant: Peace be to you, reader.

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful **STAND** as the Alleluia is sung.

Alleluia! Alleluia! (with verses)

The holy gospel book is incensed along with the faithful.

Deacon: Reverend Father, bless the proclaimer of the Gospel of the holy apostle

and evangelist (Name).

Celebrant: May God, through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle

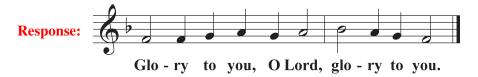
and evangelist (*Name*), grant that you proclaim the word with great power for the fulfillment of the Gospel of his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

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

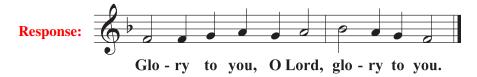


Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to (*Name*).



Celebrant: Let us be attentive!

The deacon proclaims the holy Gospel.



The faithful **SIT** during the homily and may also sit during the Litany of Fervent Supplication which follows:

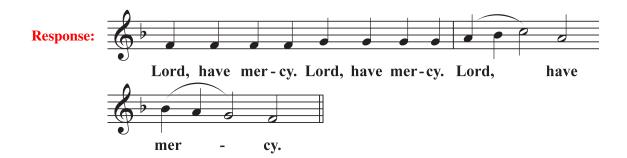
Deacon: Let us all say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:



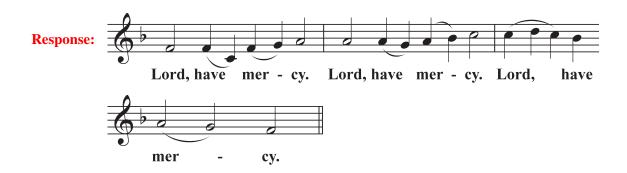
O Lord almighty, God of our Fathers, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



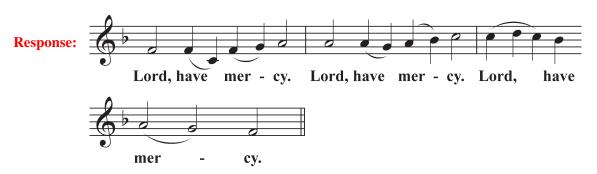
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

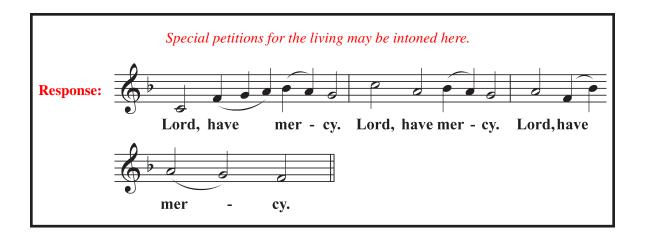


Again we pray for our holy father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, and for our most reverend Metropolitan (*Name*), for our God-loving Bishop (*Name*), [*if in a monastery:* our most venerable hieromonks, our Proto-archimandrite (*Name*), our Archimandrite (*Name*), our Proto-hegumen (*Name*), and our Hegumen (*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.

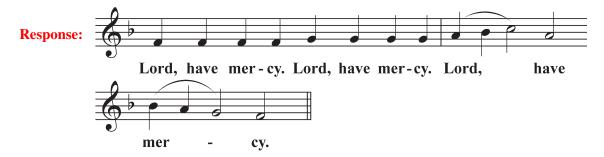


Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.





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.



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



The faithful **STAND** following the Litany of Fervent Supplication.

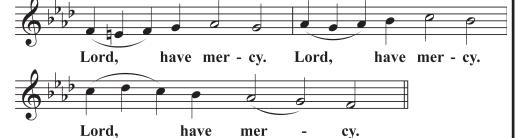
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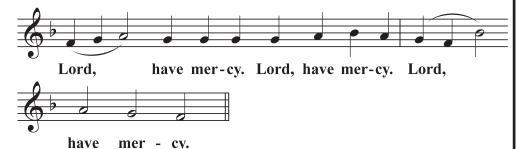
Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.



Response:



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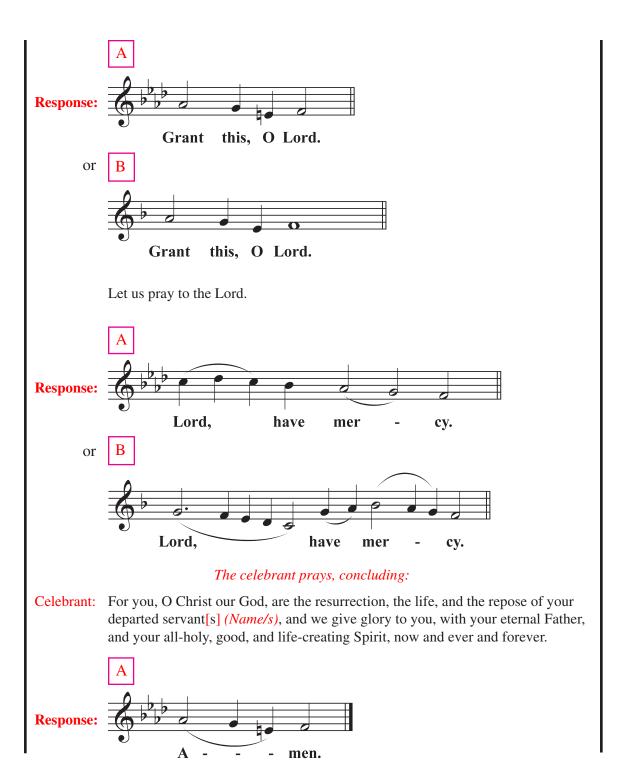
Again we pray for the repose of the soul[s] of the departed servant[s] of God, (*Name/s*), and that (his-her-their) every transgression, voluntary and involuntary, be forgiven.

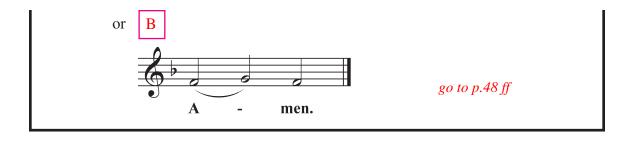
Response: Lord, have mercy. (3 times, as before)

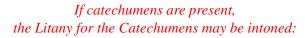
May the Lord God commit (his-her-their) soul[s] to the place where the just repose.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (3 times, as before)

For the mercy of God, for the kingdom of heaven, and for the remission of (his-her-their) sins, let us beseech Christ, the immortal King and our God.







Deacon: Catechumens, pray to the Lord.



Deacon: Faithful, let us pray for the catechumens that the Lord have mercy on them, that he instruct them in the word of truth, that he reveal to them the gospel of righteousness, and that he unite them with his holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.



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



Deacon: Catechumens, bow your heads to the Lord.



Celebrant: That with us they also may glorify your most honored and sublime name,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

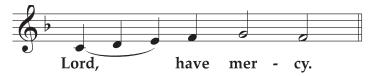
The Faithful:



Then the following are intoned for the faithful:

Deacon: All you faithful, again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The Faithful:



Deacon: Wisdom!

The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: That being ever protected by your power we may give glory to you,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

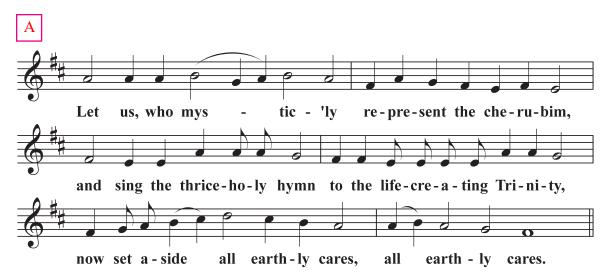
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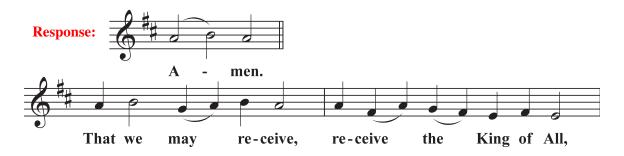
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As the clergy pray quietly at the altar and the deacon incenses, the faithful sing the Cherubikon.

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



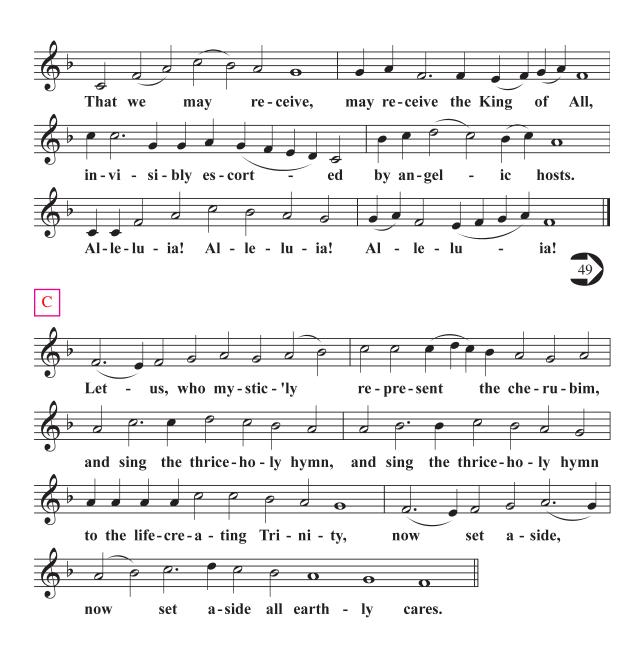
Deacon: May the Lord God remember in his kingdom all you Christians of the true faith, always, now and ever and forever.



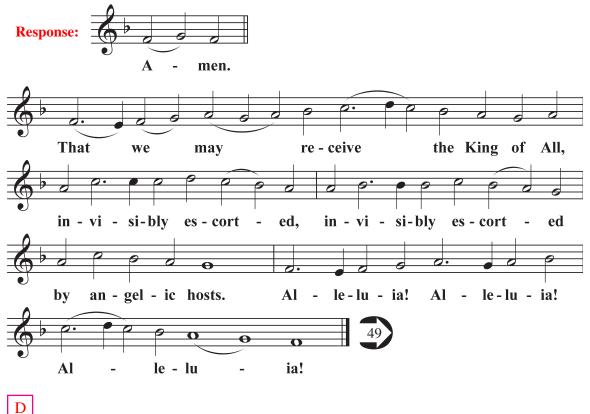


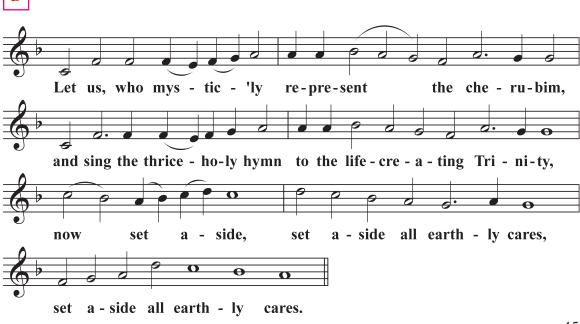
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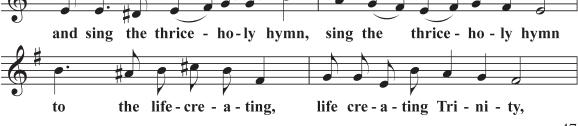


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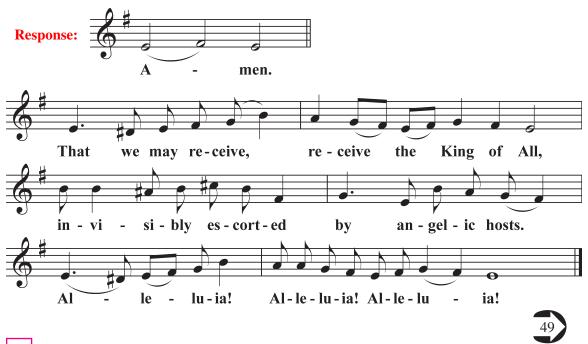
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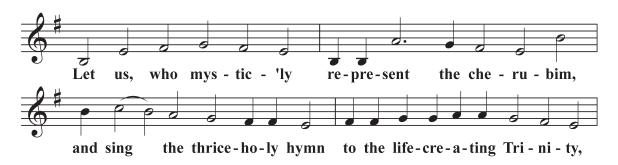


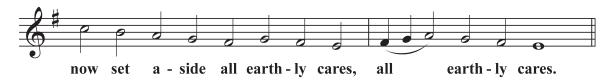


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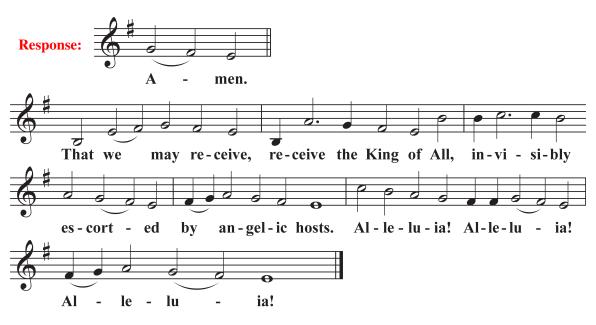






always, now and ever and forever.

Celebrant: May the Lord God remember in his kingdom ... now and ever and forever.



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



Celebrant: 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.

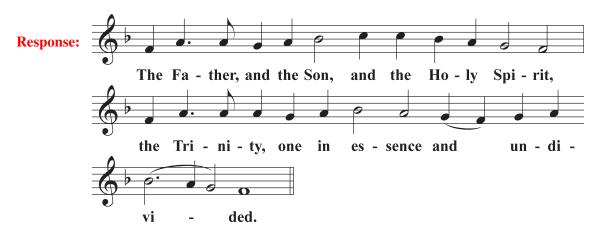


Before the profession of the Symbol of Faith, the assembly is invited to be reconciled with one another:

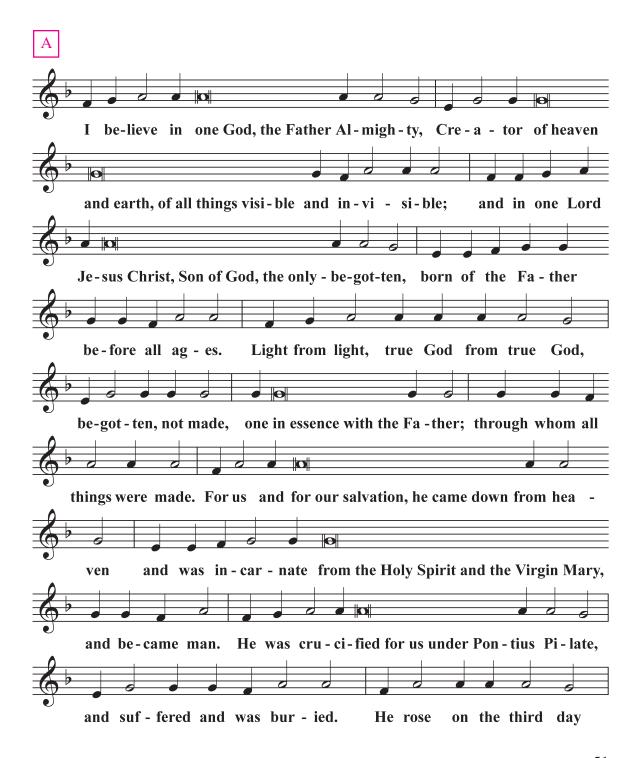
Celebrant: Peace be to all.



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

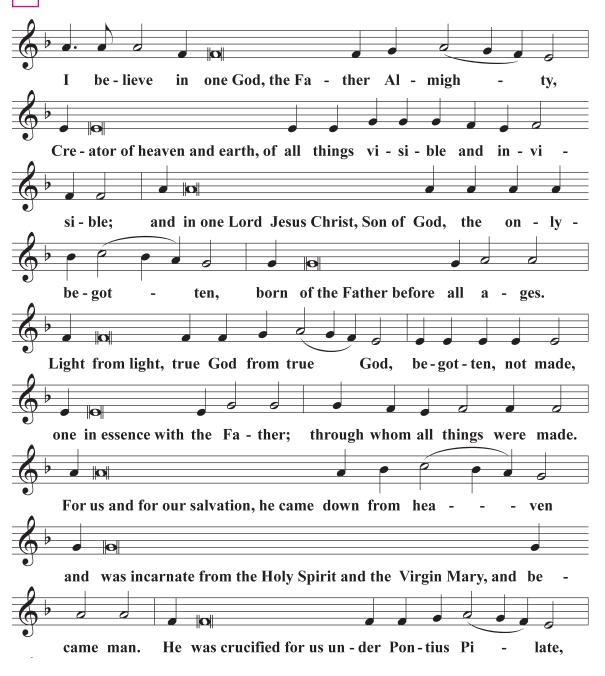


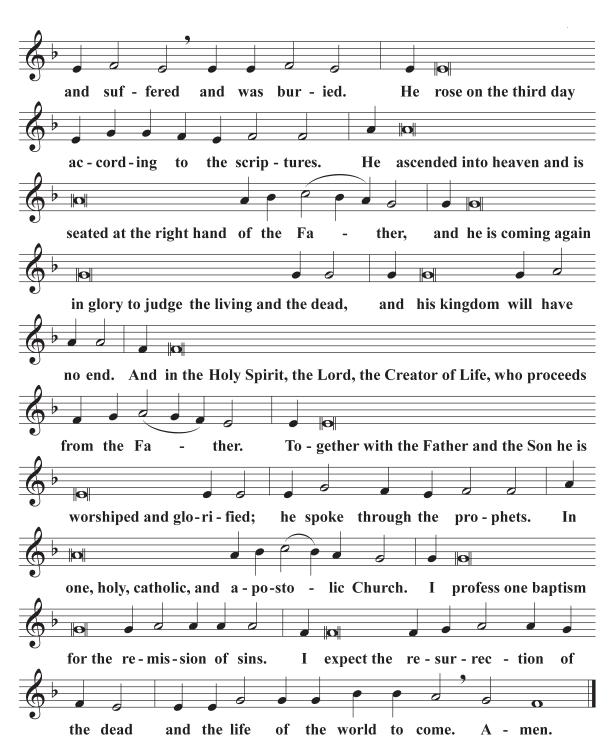
Deacon: [The doors! The doors!] In wisdom let us be attentive!











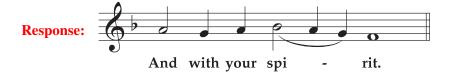
ANAPHORA

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



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

Celebrant: 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.



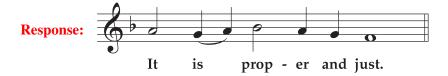
Celebrant: Let us lift up our hearts.



Music for the Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great is found on pages

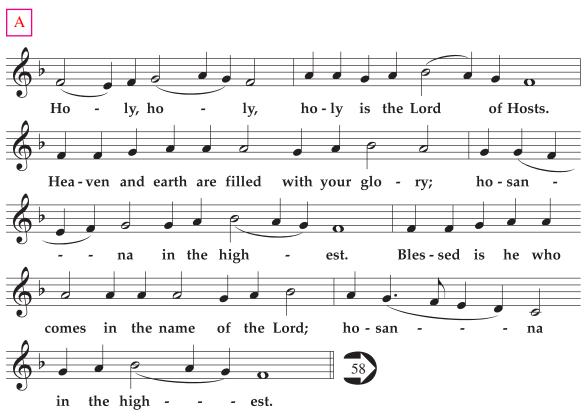


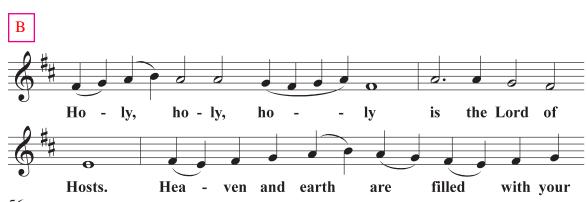
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

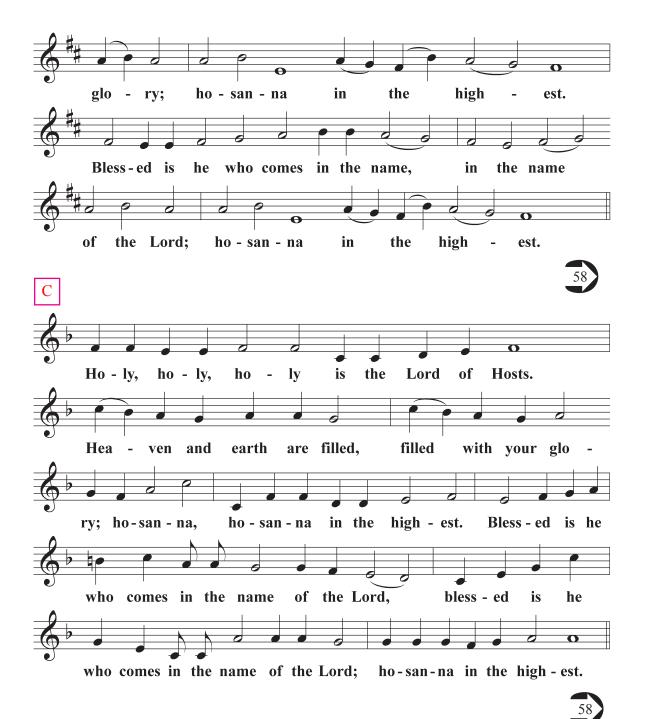


Celebrant: Singing, shouting, crying aloud, and saying the triumphal hymn:

The proper liturgical posture is to stand.







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

All make a profound bow.



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: 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.

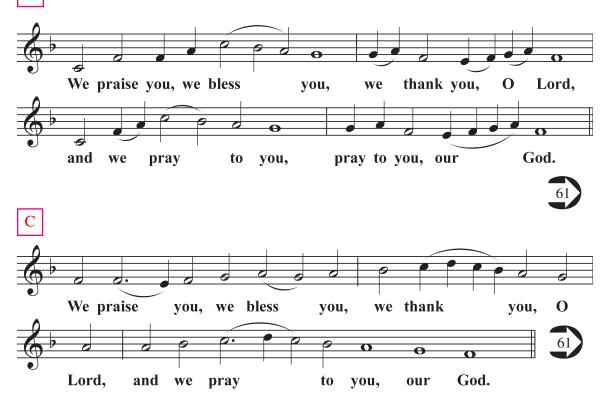


The celebrant prays, concluding:

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

















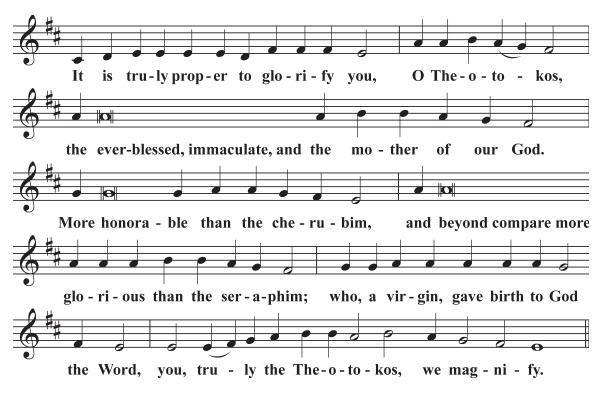
The celebrant prays the Epiklesis, invoking the Holy Spirit upon the gifts and the faithful.

The clergy and faithful make a profound bow.

The celebrant then offers incense on behalf of all saints and all the faithful departed.

Beginning the commemorations, he prays, concluding:

Celebrant: . . . our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

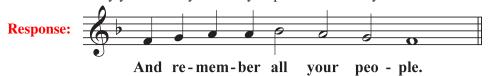


Or, in place of "It is truly proper," the Irmos of the feast is sung with its verse.

When the Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great is celebrated on January 1st or on Sundays of the Great Fast, "In you, O Woman Full of Grace" is sung in place of "It is truly proper":

The clergy commemorate the living.

Celebrant: 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.



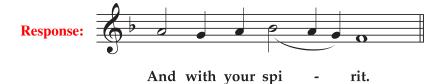
Celebrant: And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and praise your most honored and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and

ever and forever.



PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

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



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



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.



The following petitions may be intoned:

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



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



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



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



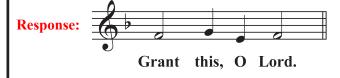
For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.



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



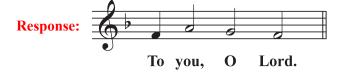
That we may spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.



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.



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.



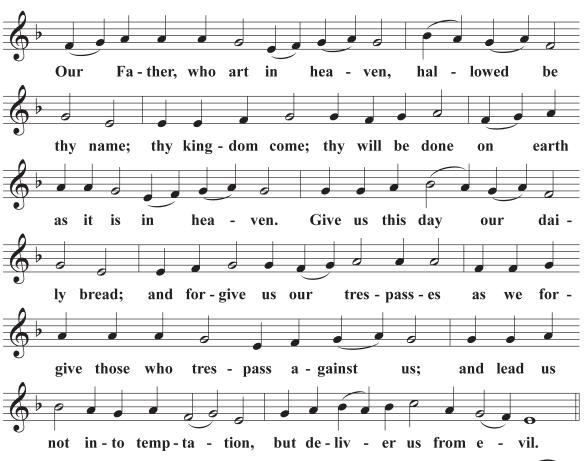
The celebrant prays, concluding with the introduction to the Lord's Prayer:

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

Tone 1 Samohlasen



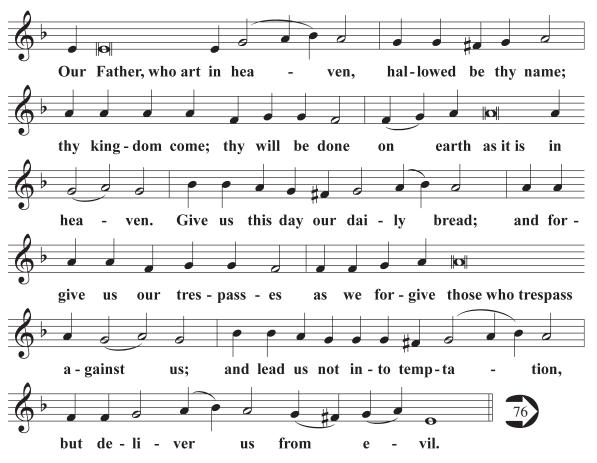
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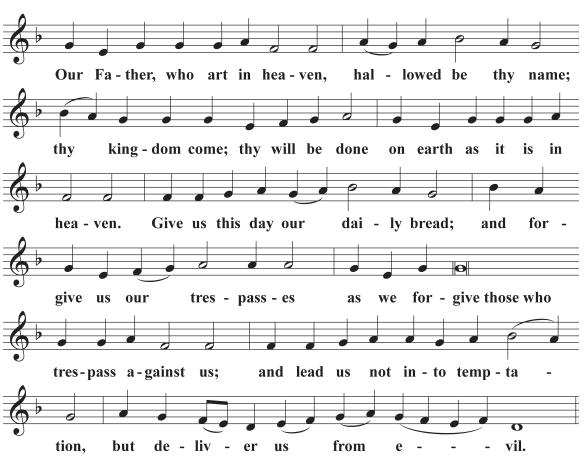






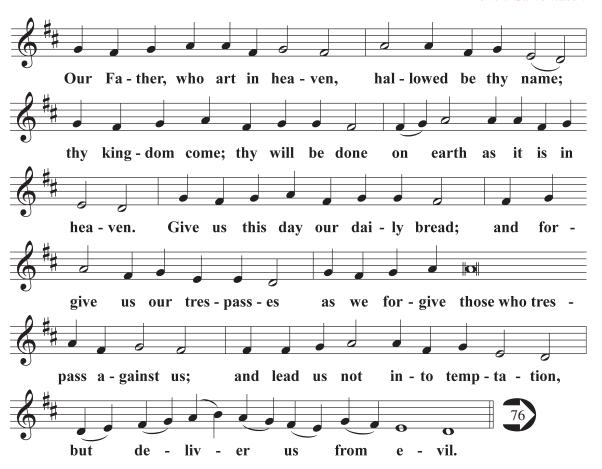
Tone 4 Samohlasen





Tone 6 Samohlasen

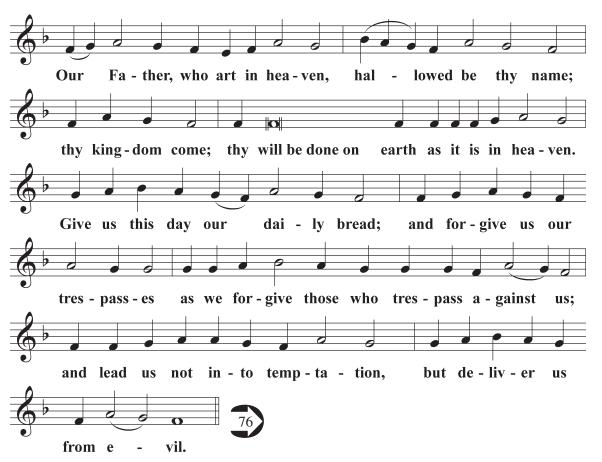




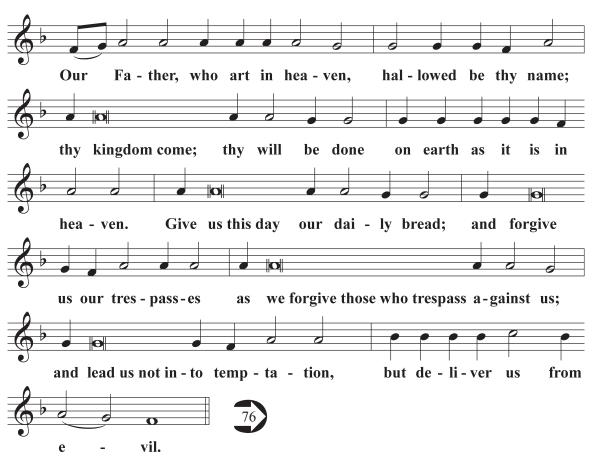
Tone 8 Samohlasen



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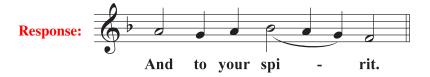
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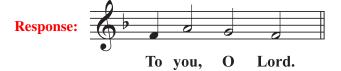
Celebrant: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Celebrant: Peace be to all.



Deacon: Bow your heads to the Lord.



The celebrant prays, concluding:

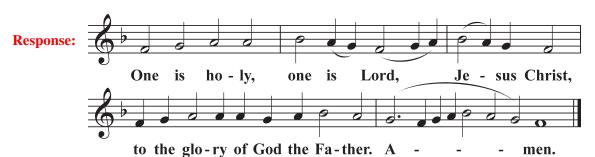
Celebrant: Through the grace, the mercies, and the loving-kindness of your only-begotten Son with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.



COMMUNION

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Holy gifts to holy people!



The proper liturgical posture is to stand.

The celebrant breaks the holy lamb into four parts in the form of a cross, uniting one portion with the precious blood.

All pray 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.

Also:

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.

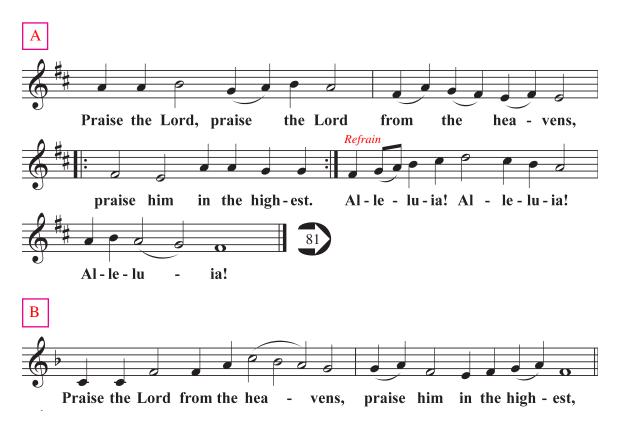
Also:

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.

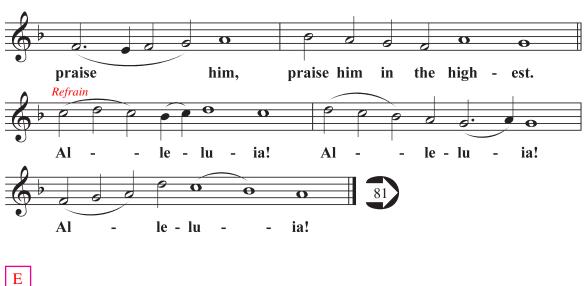
- O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
- O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

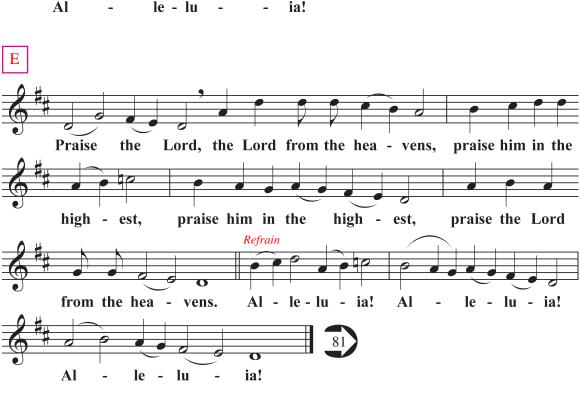
With fear and reverence the clergy partake of the holy gifts while the faithful sing the **COMMUNION HYMN(S)** proper to the day.

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):

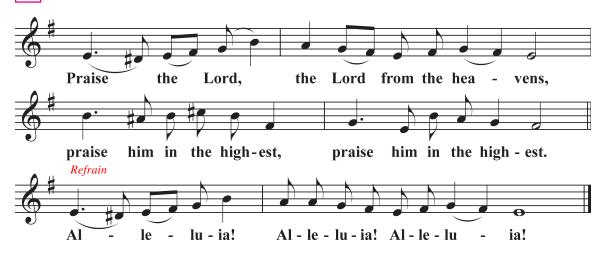




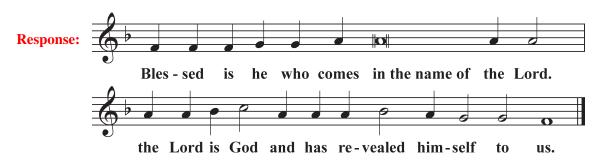








Deacon: Approach with fear of God and with faith.



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 body and blood of our Lord are administered on a small spoon. Communicants approach close to the priest or deacon and remain standing.

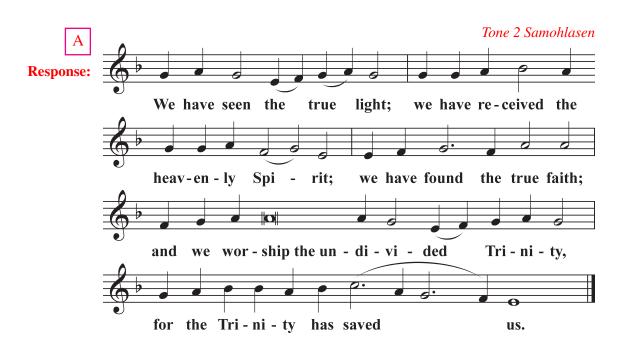
The communicants say nothing.

They open the mouth widely without extending the tongue and close the mouth only after the spoon has been withdrawn.

The faithful may **REMAIN STANDING** while others are receiving holy communion.

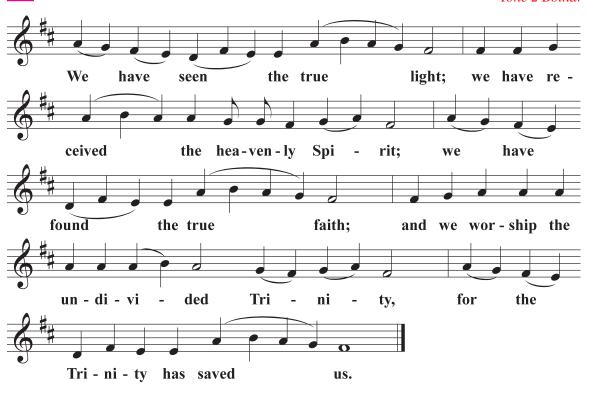
When Holy Communion has been distributed, the celebrant blesses with the chalice:

Celebrant: Save your people, O God, and bless your inheritance.





Tone 2 Bolhar



Throughout Pascha, the following is sung in place of "We have seen the true light."

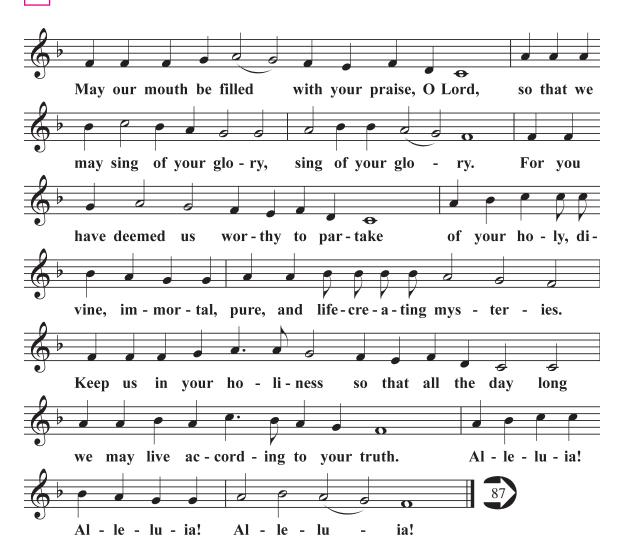
Response: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.

The celebrant incenses the holy gifts.

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







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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.



The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: For you are our sanctification, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.



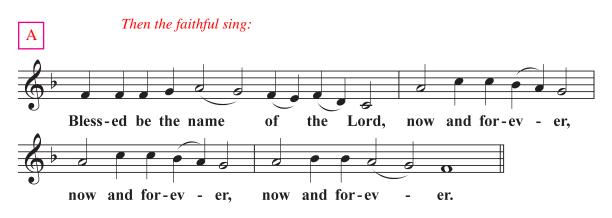
Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

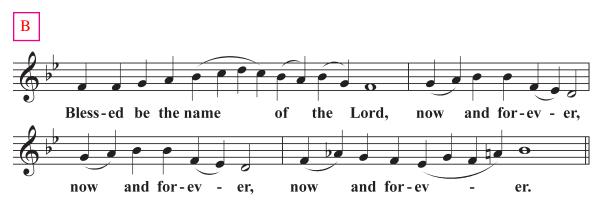


The celebrant, going before the ambon and facing East, intones the Ambon Prayer.

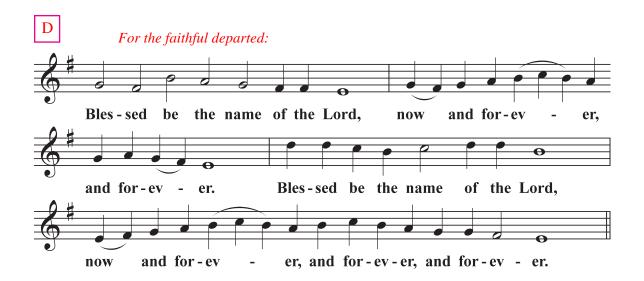


Blessings and rituals for solemn occasions may take place here.







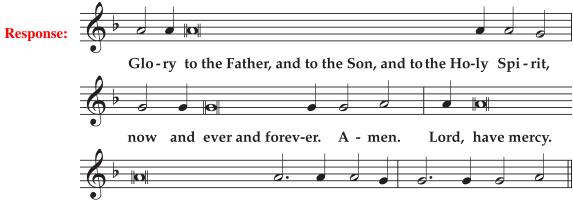


Celebrant: The blessing of the Lord be upon you through his grace and loving kindness, always, now and ever and forever.



DISMISSAL

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



Throughout Pascha, the following is sung in place of "Glory to the Father."

Response: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;

and to those in the tombs he granted life.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Give the blessing.

Facing the faithful, the celebrant intones the Prayer of Dismissal.

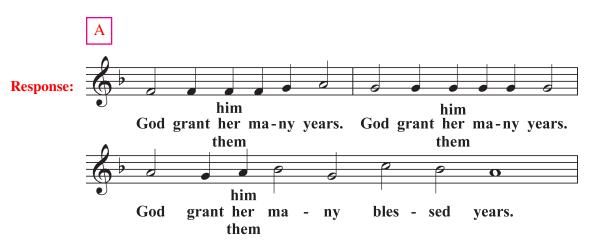
Celebrant: May Christ our true God...have mercy on us and save us...

for Christ is good and loves us all.



On more festive liturgical occasions, the deacon or celebrant, facing the faithful, intones the chant for long life:

To (Name/s), grant, O Lord, many years.



Added only after the final intonation for long life:

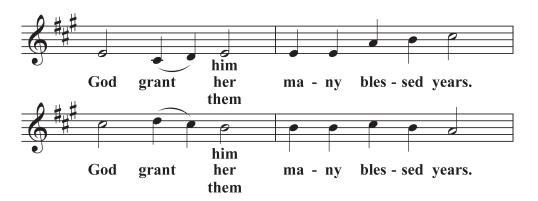


In health and hap-pi-ness, in health and hap-pi-ness,

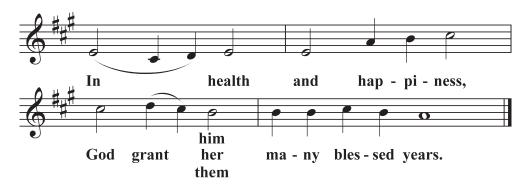


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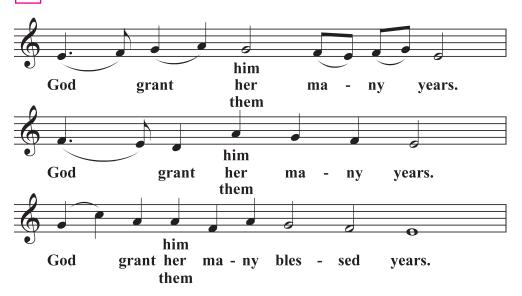
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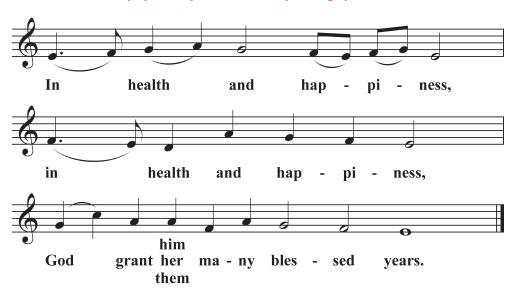
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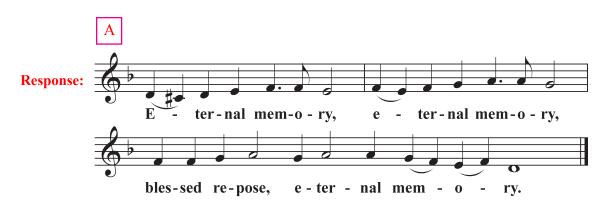


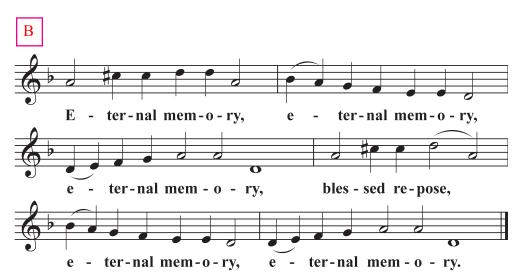
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If the departed are being remembered, the deacon or celebrant may intone:

In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant[s] (Name/s) and remember (him-her-them) forever.





When appropriate during Pascha, the Paschal Greeting and Intonations are added:

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

Response: Indeed he is risen!

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Celebrant: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;

and to those in the tombs he granted life.

Response: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;

and to those in the tombs he granted life. (Two times)

And to us he granted life eternal.

Let us bow before his resurrection on the third day!

The deacon closes the holy doors.

All offer prayers of thanksgiving.

THE END OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.

Thanksgiving Prayers After Holy Communion

Glory to you, O God. (Three times)

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

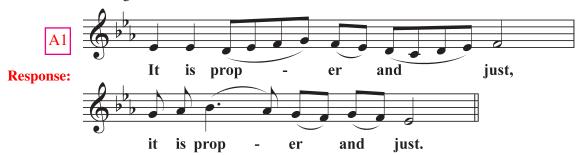
5. Another Prayer

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.

Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great

A. First Setting

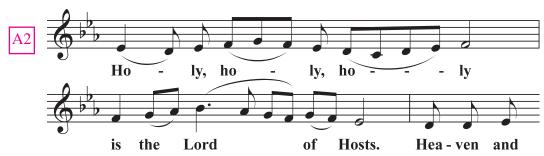
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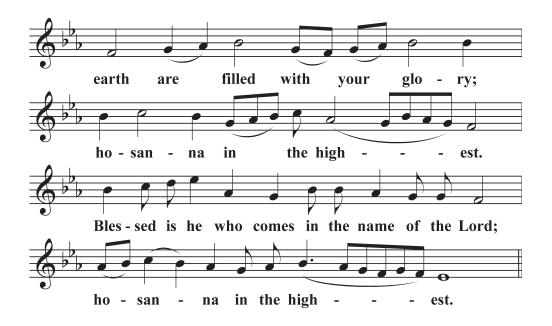


The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Singing, shouting, crying aloud, and saying the triumphal hymn:







The celebrant prays, concluding:

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





The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: 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.

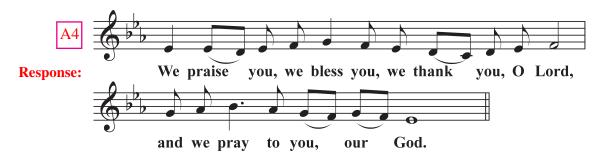
All make a profound bow.



The celebrant prays, concluding:

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

All bow reverently and sing:



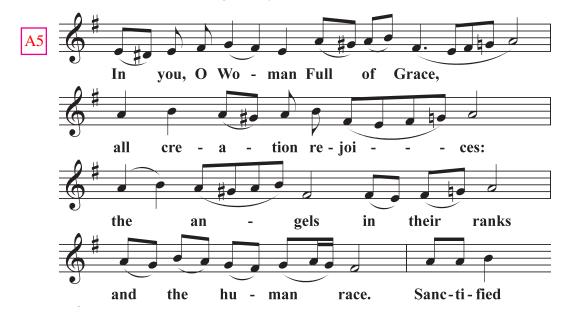
The celebrant invokes the Holy Spirit upon the gifts and the faithful.

The clergy and faithful make a profound bow.

The celebrant then offers incense on behalf of all saints and all the faithful departed.

Beginning the commemorations, he prays, concluding:

Celebrant: ...our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.







B. Second Setting

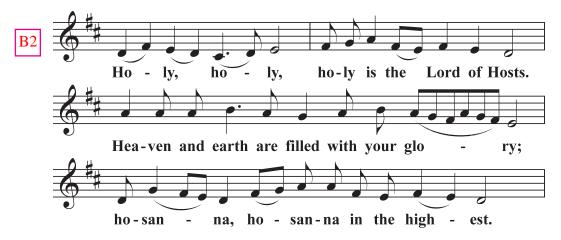
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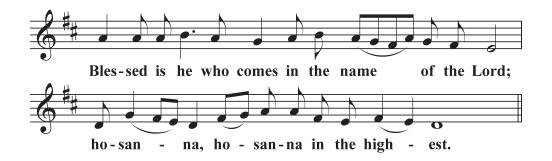


The celebrant prays, concluding:

Celebrant: Singing, shouting, crying aloud, and saying the triumphal hymn:







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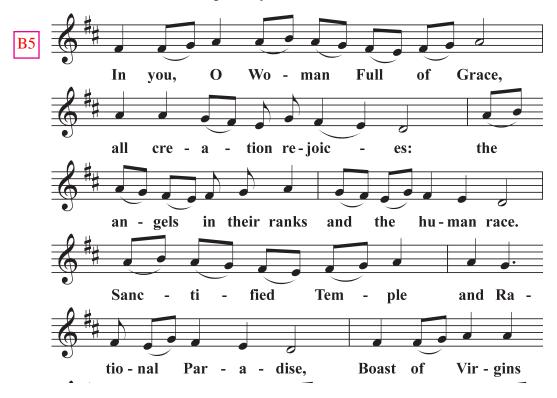
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The Vigil Divine Liturgy

GREAT VESPERS

The faithful **STAND** when the preparatory rites are completed and the clergy quietly say the prayers before commencing the Divine Liturgy. There is no incensation. The holy doors remain closed until the Little Entrance.

Deacon: Reverend Father, give the blessing.

Celebrant: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

now and ever and forever.

Response:



Throughout Pascha, the holy doors are opened and the following is sung:

Celebrant: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;

and to those in the tombs he granted life.

Response: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death;

and to those in the tombs he granted life. (Twice)

The holy doors are closed.



Come, let us worship our King and God. Come, let us worship Christ,



our King and God. Come, let us worship and bow before the only Lord



Jesus Christ the King and our God.



Bless the Lord, O my soul! Lord my God, how great you are,

clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in *a* robe.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Above the rains you build *your* dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of *the* wind;

you make your angels spirits and your ministers a flam*ing* fire.

You founded the earth on its base, to stand firm from age *to* age.

You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak: the waters stood higher than *the* mountains.

At your threat they took to flight; at the voice of your thunder *they* fled.

They rose over the mountains and flowed down to the place which you had *ap* pointed.

You set limits they might not pass lest they return to cover *the* earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow in between *the* hills.

They give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses quench *their* thirst.

On their banks dwell the birds of heaven; from the branches they sing *their* song.

From your dwelling you water the hills; earth drinks its fill of *your* gift.

You make the grass grow for the cattle and the plants to serve *man's* needs,

that he may bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer *man's* heart;

oil, to make his face shine and bread to strengthen *man's* heart.

The trees of the Lord drink their fill, the cedars he planted *on* Lebanon;

there the birds build their nests; on the treetop the stork has *her* home.

The goats find a home on the mountains and rabbits hide in *the* rocks.

You made the moon to mark the months; the sun knows the time for *its* setting.

When you spread the darkness it is night and all the beasts of the forest *creep* forth.

The young lions roar for their prey and ask their food *from* God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away and go to rest in *their* dens.

Man goes out to his work, to labor till even*ing* falls.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of *your* riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great *and* small.

The ships are moving there and the monsters you made *to* play with.

All of these look to you to give them their food in *due* season.

You give it, they gather it up; you open your hand, they have *their* fill.

You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which *they* came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of *the* earth.

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in *his* works!

He looks on the earth and it trembles; the mountains send forth smoke at *his* touch. I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while *I* live.

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in *the* Lord.

Let sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked exist no more. Bless the Lord, O *my* soul.

And again:

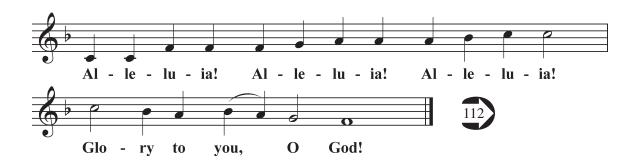
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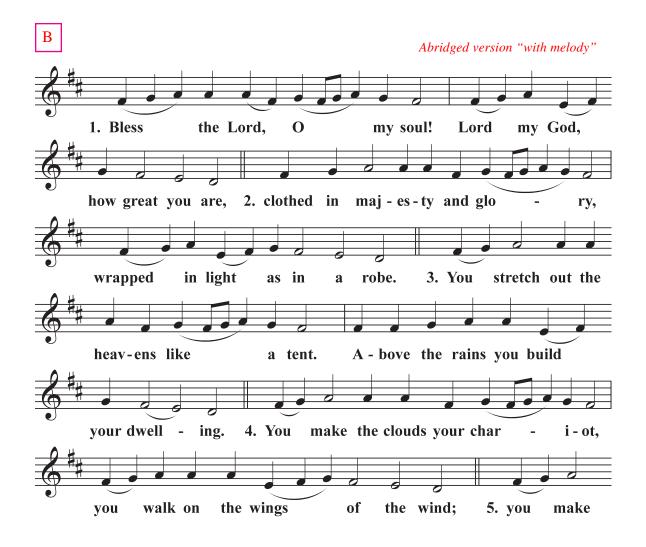
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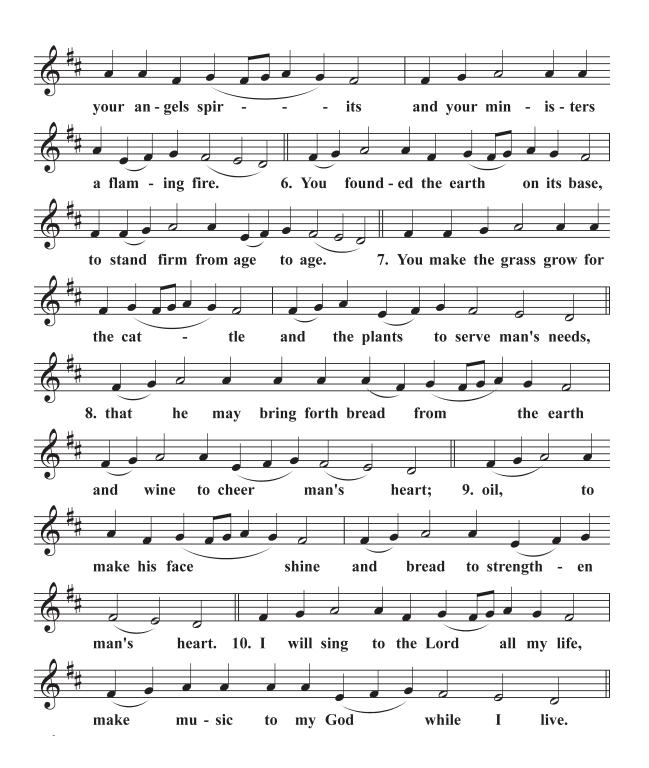
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to you, *O* God!

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The faithful may **SIT** as the Litany of Peace begins:

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



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



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. (1)

For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord. (2)

For our holy father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

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. (2)

For our government and for all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord. ①

For this city [or: For this holy monastery], for every city, community, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord. 2

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

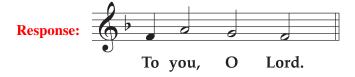
For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering, the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord (2)

Special petitions may be inserted here.

That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord. (1)

Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace. ②

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.



The celebrant prays aloud:

Celebrant: Evening, morning, and at noon we praise you, we bless you, we thank you, and we pray to you, Master of All and loving Lord. Let our prayer rise like incense before you and do not let our hearts be turned to evil words or thoughts, but deliver us from all that might ensnare our souls. For to you Lord, O Lord, our eyes are turned and in you we hope; let us not be put to shame, O our God.

For to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship now and ever and forever.



THE LAMP-LIGHTING PSALMS

The faithful STAND for the great incensation of the church.

They may sit when the great incensation is complete.

The opening verses of Psalm 140 with refrain are sung according to the tone of the first sticheron:

Tone 1, page 123	Tone 5, page 143
Tone 2, page 128	Tone 6, page 149
Tone 3, page 133	Tone 7, page 154
Tone 4, page 138	Tone 8, page 159

Psalm 140:

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 ascend to you like incense, and the lifting up of my hands like an evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord!

The remaining verses are chanted antiphonally:

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth and set a seal on the door of *my* lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil, nor make excuse for the sins I *com*mit.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.

If a just man strikes or reproves me it *is* kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head. Let my prayer be ever against *their* malice. The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock; then they understood that my words *were* kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground, so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the* grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned; in you I take refuge; spare *my* soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe; keep me from the snares of those who *do* evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set while I pursue my way *un*harmed.

Psalm 141:

With all my voice I cry to the Lord, with all my voice I entreat *the* Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him; I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints *with* in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.

On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to *en*trap me.

Look on my right and see: there is no one who takes *my* part.

I have no means of escape, not one who cares for *my* soul.

I cry to you, O Lord.

I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of *the* living."

Listen, then, to my cry for I am in the depths of *distress*.

Rescue me from those who pursue me for they are stronger *than* I.

The following versicles continue to be chanted or are sung to melody, according to the number of stichera:

- **10.** Bring my soul out of this prison and then I shall praise *your* name.
- **9.** Around me the just will assemble because of your goodness *to* me.

Psalm 129:

- **8.** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear *my* voice!
- 7. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of *my* pleading.
- **6.** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we *re* vere you.
- **5.** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman *for* daybreak.
- **4.** Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on *the* Lord.
- **3.** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Psalm 116:

- **2.** Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!
- **1.** Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

The faithful **STAND** when the holy doors are opened and the cantor sings:

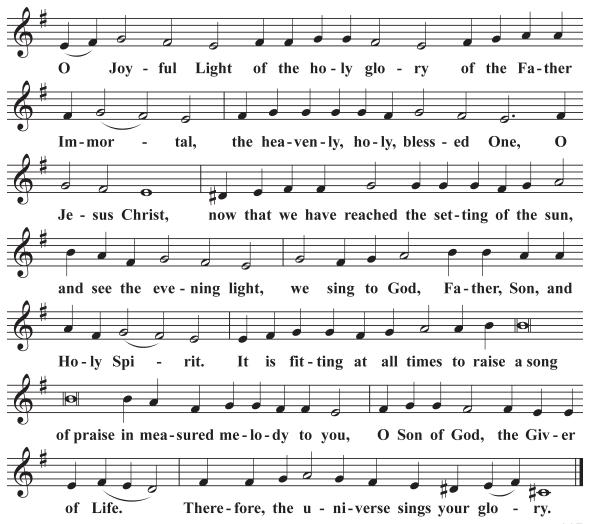
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

The Dogmatikon or final sticheron is sung while the Little Entrance with the holy gospel book and censer is made through the northern door and the holy doors.

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "O Joyful Light" is sung.

The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.



THE EVENING PROKEIMENON

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

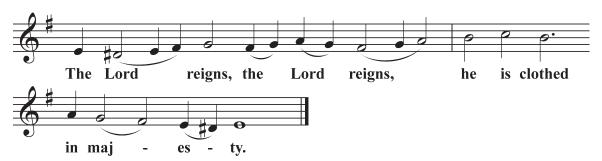
Celebrant: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The faithful sing the **PROKEIMENON**; the deacon chants the verse(s):

On Saturday Evening:

Tone 6 (Psalm 92:1,2,5)



Deacon: Robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.

Deacon: The world he made firm, not to be moved.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.

Deacon: Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.





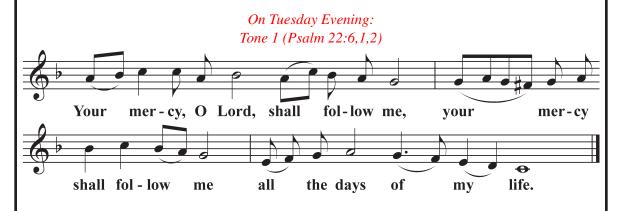
Deacon: Who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.



Deacon: When I call, answer me, O God of Justice.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.

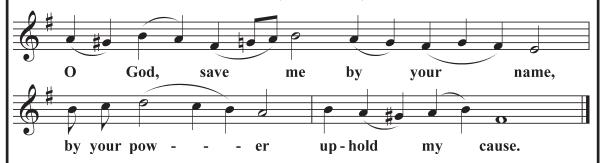


Deacon: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want;

fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.

On Wednesday Evening: Tone 5 (Psalm 53:3,4)

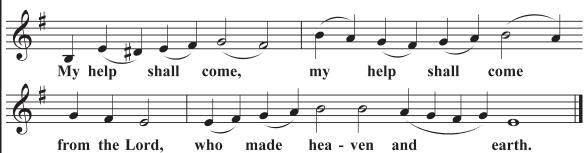


Deacon: O God, hear my prayer;

listen to the words of my mouth.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.

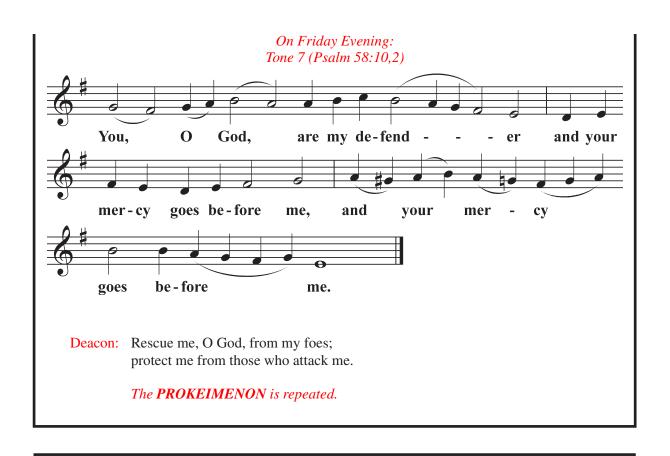
On Thursday Evening: Tone 6 (Psalm 120:2,1)



Deacon: I lift up my eyes to the mountains,

from where shall come my help.

The **PROKEIMENON** is repeated.



If there will be readings as part of
the Office of Vespers,
the following order is used for each Reading:

Deacon: Wisdom!

The lector announces the title of the Reading.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the Reading.

The Liturgy continues with the Thrice-holy Hymn that is found on pages 27-30. The doxology that precedes the hymn is introduced by the following Small Litany:

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



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



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