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**LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

ENARXIS, PEACE LITANY, AND ANTIPHONS

**DEACON**

Master, give the blessing.

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**PRIEST**

**Mode pl. 1.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...He has granted life.

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...He has granted life.

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...He has granted life.

**PRIEST**

**Verse 1:** *Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

**Verse 2:** *As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

**Verse 3:** *So shall the sinners perish from the face of God. And let the righteous be glad.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

**Verse 4:** *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

**DEACON**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR** (after each petition)

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

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

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

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

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Archbishop (name), for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For the Holy and Great Church of Christ, for our Sacred Archdiocese, [for this Sacred Metropolis,] for this city and parish, for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

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

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

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

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

**PRAYER OF FIRST ANTIPHON**

Lord, our God, whose dominion is incomparable and glory incomprehensible; whose mercy is immeasurable, and love for humankind ineffable: Look upon us and upon

this holy house in Your loving-kindness, and grant to us and to those who pray with us Your abundant mercy and compassion.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**Antiphon 1. Mode 2. Psalm 65.**

**Verse 1:** *Shout to God, all the earth.* [SAAS]

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

**Verse 2:** *Sing now to His name; give glory to His praise.*

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

**Verse 3:** *Say to God, "How fearful are Your works.*

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

**Verse 4:** *Let all the earth worship You and sing to You.*

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

Glory. Both now.

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

**Small Litany**

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

**PRAYER OF SECOND ANTIPHON**

Lord, our God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect all the members of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power, and forsake us not who have set our hope in You.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**Antiphon 2. Mode 2. Psalm 66.**

**Verse 1:** *May God be gracious to us, and bless us.* [SAAS]

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

**Verse 2:** *May He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.*

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

**Verse 3:** *That we may know His way on the earth, Your salvation among all the Gentiles.*

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

**Verse 4:** *Let the peoples give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.*

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

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

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

Only-begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us.

### Small Litany

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

### PRAYER OF THIRD ANTIPHON

Lord, You have granted us to offer these common prayers in unison and have promised that when two or three agree in Your name, You will grant their requests. Fulfill now, O Lord, the petitions of Your servants as may be of benefit to them, granting us in the present age the knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come eternal life.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

For You are good and benevolent God, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

### Antiphon 3. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 67.

**Verse 1:** *Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** *As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**Verse 3:** *So shall the sinners perish from the face of God. And let the righteous be glad.*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**Verse 4:** *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.*

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

THE ENTRANCE

*As the Third Antiphon is being sung (with its verses), the Priest and Deacon bow three times before the holy Table. Then the Priest gives the holy Gospel to the Deacon, who kisses the Priest's hand as he receives it, and then circles the holy Table with the Priest following him. Preceded by altar servers holding candles and fans, they exit through the north door for the so-called Small Entrance. When there is no Deacon, the Priest takes the holy Gospel and holds it up in front of his face. When they reach the center of the church, they stop and bow their heads, and the Deacon says in a low voice:*

**DEACON** (in a low voice)

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

ENTRANCE PRAYER

Master, Lord our God, who has established the orders and hosts of angels and archangels in heaven to minister to Your glory, grant that holy angels may enter with us, that together we may celebrate and glorify Your goodness. For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and

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

**DEACON** (in a low voice)

Master, bless the holy entrance.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Blessed be the entrance of Your holy ones always, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**DEACON** (aloud)

Wisdom. Arise.

**CHOIR**

**Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.**

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. [SAAS]

We sing to You, Alleluia.

**Hymns after the Entrance.**

**CHOIR**

**Mode pl. 1.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. (3) [GOA]

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Hypakoe. Mode 4.**

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race." [SD]

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Kontakion of Pascha.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

Though You went down into the tomb,  
O Immortal One, yet You brought down  
the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the  
victor, O Christ our God; and You called out  
“Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and  
gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to  
the fallen grant resurrection. <sup>[SD]</sup>

THE TRISAGIOS HYMN

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

PRAYER OF THE TRISAGIOS HYMN

O Holy God, who is resting among the holy ones,  
praised by the Seraphim with the thrice-holy voice, glorified  
by the Cherubim, and worshiped by every celestial power,  
You have brought all things into being out of nothing. You  
have created man according to Your image and likeness  
and adorned him with all the gifts of Your grace. You give  
wisdom and understanding to the one who asks, and You  
overlook not the sinner, but have set repentance as the way of  
salvation. You have granted us, Your humble and unworthy  
servants, to stand even at this hour before the glory of Your  
holy Altar of sacrifice and to offer to You due worship and  
praise. Master, accept the Trisagion Hymn also from the lips  
of us sinners, and visit us in Your goodness. Forgive all our  
voluntary and involuntary transgressions, sanctify our souls  
and bodies, and grant that we may worship You in holiness  
all the days of our lives, through the intercessions of the  
holy Theotokos and of all the saints who have pleased You  
throughout the ages.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

For You, our God, are holy, and to You we  
offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and  
the Holy Spirit, now and ever...

**DEACON**

and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**Instead of Holy God**

**Mode 1.**

As many of you as were baptized into  
Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3) <sup>[RSV]</sup>

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**DEACON**

Dynamis.

**DEACON** (in a low voice)

With your blessing, Master.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

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

**DEACON** (in a low voice)

Master, bless the throne on high.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Blessed are You upon the throne of the glory of Your  
kingdom, enthroned upon the Cherubim always, now and  
ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**CHOIR**

**Dynamis.**

As many of you as were baptized into  
Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE READINGS

**The Epistle**

**Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha**

**DEACON**

Let us be attentive.

**READER**

*Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 117.*

This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein. [SAAS]

**Verse:** *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.* [SAAS]

**DEACON**

Wisdom.

**READER**

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

**DEACON**

Let us be attentive.

**READER**

*Acts 1:1 – 8*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and

you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” [RSV]

**PRIEST**

Peace be with you the reader.

**CHOIR**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*(Alleluia is sung thrice. Verses may be found in the Liturgy - Variable Parts of the day.)*

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

**PRAYER OF THE GOSPEL**

Shine in our hearts, O benevolent Lord, the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind that we may comprehend the proclamations of Your Gospels. Instill in us the fear that Your blessed commandments inspire, so that, crushing carnal desires, we may seek the spiritual citizenship, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the illumination of our souls and bodies, and to You we offer up glory, and to Your Father, who is without beginning, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**The Gospel**

**Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha**

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the holy Gospel.

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

**CHOIR**

And with your spirit.

**DEACON**

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to John.

**PRIEST**

Let us be attentive.

**CHOIR**

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

**DEACON**

*Jn. 1:1 – 17*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [RSV]

**PRIEST**

Peace be with you who read the Gospel.

**CHOIR**

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

*(The litanies of Supplication and for the Catechumens and the First Prayer of the Faithful have been omitted.)*

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

**SECOND PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL**

Again and countless times we fall down before You, and we implore You, O good and benevolent Lord: That You, having regarded our prayer, may cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and grant to us to stand before Your holy Altar of sacrifice, free of guilt and condemnation. Grant also, O God, to those who pray with us, progress in life, faith, and spiritual understanding. Grant that they always worship You with awe and love, partake of Your holy sacrament without guilt or condemnation, and be deemed worthy of Your celestial kingdom.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

That, ever guarded by Your might, we may ascribe glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY GIFTS**

**CHOIR**

**The Cherubic Hymn.**

Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside every worldly care. So that we may receive the King of all.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

**PRAYER OF THE CHERUBIC HYMN**

No one bound by carnal desires and pleasures is worthy to approach, draw near, or minister to You, the King of Glory. For to serve You is great and awesome even for



the heavenly powers. Yet, because of Your ineffable and immeasurable love for humankind, You impassibly and immutably became man. You, as the Master of all, became our high priest and delivered unto us the sacred service of this liturgical and bloodless sacrifice. Indeed, Lord our God, You alone reign over the celestial and the terrestrial; borne aloft on the cherubic throne, Lord of the Seraphim and King of Israel, the only holy and resting among the holy ones. I now beseech You, who alone are good and inclined to hear: Look down upon me, Your sinful and unprofitable servant, and cleanse my soul and heart of a wicked conscience. Vested as I am with the grace of priesthood by the power of Your Holy Spirit, make me sufficient to stand before Your holy Table and perform the sacrament of Your holy and pure Body and Your precious Blood. I come before You, with my head bowed, and I implore You: Turn not Your face away from me, nor reject me from among Your children, but make me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer these gifts to You. For You are the One who both offers and is offered, the One who is received and is distributed, O Christ our God, and to You we offer up glory, and to Your Father, who is without beginning, and Your all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside every worldly care. \* So that we may receive the King of all. Who is invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (3)

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

Who is invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

LITANY OF COMPLETION

**DEACON**

Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.

**CHOIR** (after each petition)

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

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

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

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

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

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

**CHOIR** (after each petition)

Grant this, O Lord.

**DEACON**

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

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

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

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

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

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us

commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Lord God Almighty, You alone are holy. You accept the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with their whole heart, even so, accept from us sinners our supplication, and bring it to Your holy Altar of sacrifice. Make us sufficient to offer You gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our own misdeeds and those committed in ignorance by the people. Deem us worthy to find grace in Your sight, that our sacrifice may be well pleasing to You, and that the good Spirit of Your grace may rest upon us and upon these gifts presented and upon all Your people.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**KISS OF PEACE AND CREED**

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

**CHOIR**

And with your spirit.

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

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

*Or, for concelebrations:*

I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my foundation, my refuge, my deliverer. [SAAS]

**DEACON**

The doors! The doors! In wisdom, let us be attentive!

**PEOPLE**

**The Creed**

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

HOLY ANAPHORA

**DEACON**

Let us stand aright! Let us stand in awe!  
Let us be attentive, that we may present the  
Holy Offering in peace.

**CHOIR**

A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR**

And with your spirit.

**PRIEST**

Let us lift up our hearts.

**CHOIR**

We lift them up to the Lord.

**PRIEST**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

It is proper and right.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

It is proper and right to hymn You, to bless You, to  
praise You, to give thanks to You, and to worship You  
in every place of Your dominion. For You, O God, are  
ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, existing  
forever, forever the same, You and Your only-begotten Son  
and Your Holy Spirit. You brought us out of nothing into  
being, and when we had fallen away, You raised us up again.  
You left nothing undone until you had led us up to heaven  
and granted us Your kingdom, which is to come. For all  
these things, we thank You and Your only-begotten Son and  
Your Holy Spirit: for all things we know and do not know,  
for blessings manifest and hidden that have been bestowed  
on us. We thank You also for this Liturgy, which You have  
designed to receive from our hands, even though thousands of  
archangels and tens of thousands of angels stand around You,

the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many eyed, soaring  
aloft upon their wings,

**PRIEST** (aloud)

Singing the triumphal hymn, exclaiming,  
proclaiming, and saying...

**CHOIR**

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

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Together with these blessed powers, benevolent Master,  
we also exclaim and say: Holy are You and most holy, You  
and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. Holy  
are You and most holy, and sublime is Your glory. You so  
loved Your world that You gave Your only-begotten Son  
so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but  
have eternal life. When He had come and fulfilled for our  
sake the entire plan of salvation, on the night in which He  
was delivered up, or rather when He delivered Himself up  
for the life of the world, He took bread in His holy, pure,  
and blameless hands, and, giving thanks and blessing, He  
hallowed and broke it, and gave it to His holy disciples and  
apostles, saying:

**PRIEST** (aloud)

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

And likewise the cup after supper, saying:

**PRIEST** (aloud)

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Remembering, therefore, this saving commandment and everything that was done for our sake: the Cross, the tomb, the Resurrection on the third day, the ascent into the heavens, the seating at the right hand, and the glorious coming again,

**PRIEST** (aloud)

Your own of Your own we offer to You, in all and for all.

**CHOIR**

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

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

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

**DEACON** (in a low voice)

Bless, Master, the Holy Bread.

**PRIEST**

And make this Bread the precious Body of Your Christ.

**DEACON**

Amen.

Bless, Master, the holy Cup.

**PRIEST**

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

**DEACON**

Amen.

Bless, Master, both the Holy Gifts.

**PRIEST**

Changing them by Your Holy Spirit.

**DEACON**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**PRIEST**

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

**PRIEST** (aloud)

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

**CHOIR**

**Hymn to the Theotokos.**

**Mode 1.**

*The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.* [SD]

Arise, shine! Arise, shine, O new Jerusalem! Shine! \* For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. \* Zion, exult and be glad now. \* O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating \* the resurrection of Christ your Son! [SD]

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

For Saint John the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist; for the holy, glorious, and most praiseworthy apostles; for Saint(s) (name), whose memory we celebrate; and for all Your saints, through whose supplications, visit us, O God. And remember all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection to life eternal (here the Priest commemorates by name those departed whom he wishes). Grant them rest, where the light of Your countenance keeps watch. Again we beseech You, Lord, remember all Orthodox bishops who rightly teach the word of Your truth, the presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and every priestly order. Again we offer You this spiritual worship for the whole world, for the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and for those living pure and reverent lives. For civil authorities and our armed forces,

grant that they may govern in peace, Lord, so that in their tranquility we, too, may live calm and serene lives, in all piety and virtue.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

Among the first remember, Lord, **our Archbishop (name):** grant him to Your holy churches in peace, safety, honor, and health, unto length of days, rightly teaching the word of Your truth.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

And remember those whom each one of us has in mind, and all the people.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Remember, Lord, Your Holy Great Church, our Sacred Archdiocese, this city in which we live, and every city and land, and the faithful who live in them. Remember, Lord, those who travel by land, sea, and air; the sick; the suffering; the captives; and their salvation. Remember those who bear fruit and do good works in Your holy churches and those who are mindful of the poor, and upon us all send forth Your mercies.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR**

And with your spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

That our benevolent God, having accepted them at His holy and celestial and mystical altar as an offering of spiritual fragrance, may in return send down upon us the divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

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*(The rest of this litany, which was previously said above, is nowadays usually and correctly omitted.)*

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR** (after each petition)  
Grant this, O Lord.

**DEACON**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

We entrust to You, benevolent Master, our whole life and hope, and we beseech, pray, and implore You: Grant us to partake of Your heavenly and awesome sacraments from this sacred and spiritual table with a clear conscience for the remission of sins, the forgiveness of transgressions, the communion of the Holy Spirit, the inheritance of the kingdom of Heaven, and boldness before You, not unto judgment or condemnation.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

And grant us, Master, with boldness and without condemnation, to dare call You, the heavenly God, Father, and to say:

**PEOPLE**

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**PRIEST**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

BOWING OF HEADS

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

**CHOIR**

And with your spirit.

**DEACON**

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

We give thanks to You, invisible King, who by Your boundless power fashioned the universe, and in the multitude of Your mercy brought all things from nothing into being. Look down from heaven, O Master, upon those who have bowed their heads before You, for they have not bowed before flesh and blood, but before You, the awesome God. Therefore, O Master, make smooth and beneficial for us all, whatever lies ahead, according to the need of each: Sail with those who sail, travel with those who travel, heal the sick, Physician of our souls and bodies.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

Through the grace, compassion, and love for humankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

ELEVATION – FRACTION – UNION – COMMUNION

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Hearken, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Your holy dwelling place and from the throne of glory of Your kingdom, and come to sanctify us, You who are enthroned with the Father on high and are present among us invisibly here. And with Your mighty hand, grant Communion of Your most pure Body and precious Blood to us, and through us to all the people.

**DEACON**

Let us be attentive.

**PRIEST**

The Holy Gifts for the holy people of God.

**CHOIR**

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

**PEOPLE**

**PRAYERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The selection and text of the following prayers may be different from what is used in your parish.*

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy on me and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed,

in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure sacrament for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen.

As I am about to receive holy communion, O Maker, I pray You not burn me partaking,

since You are a fire consuming the unworthy,

but rather purge me of any defilement.

Receive me, today, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not reveal Your mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the Robber I confess to You. Remember me, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom.

Seeing the deifying Blood, O human, shudder,

for it is a live coal that burns the unworthy.

The Body of God both deifies my spirit and feeds my mind in extraordinary manner.

You have enraptured me, O Christ, \* with Your longing and transformed me with love divine. \* I pray, completely consume \* with immaterial fire all my sins. \* And count me worthy to be filled \* fully with the delight in You, \* that I may magnify \* both Your Comings, O good Master, exultantly.

How shall I enter into the splendor of Your saints since I am unworthy? For if I dare to enter the wedding hall along with them, my garment will betray me, for it is not fit for the

wedding; and then I shall be bound and cast out by the Angels. I pray You to wash away the stains on my soul, and save me, O benevolent Lord.

Benevolent Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body and the pledge of the life and kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Receive me, today, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not reveal Your mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the Robber I confess to You. Remember me, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom.

**CHOIR**

**Communion Hymn.**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste from the immortal fount. <sup>[SD]</sup>

**DEACON**

With the fear of God, faith, and love, draw near.

*The people come up to receive Holy Communion. The Priest receives the holy chalice from the hands of the Deacon and begins communing the people, saying to each one:*

The Body and Blood of Christ, for the remission of sins and life eternal.

**CHOIR**

**Hymns During Holy Communion**

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR**

**Hymn after Holy Communion.**

**Instead of “We have seen.”**

**Mode pl. 1.**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. <sup>[GOA]</sup>

**DEACON** (in a low voice)

Exalt, Master.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth. (3)

Blessed is our God.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

**DEACON**

Arise! Having partaken of the divine, holy, pure, immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.



**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

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

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

**PRAYER AFTER EVERYONE COMMUNES**

We give thanks to You, benevolent Master, benefactor of our souls, that even on this very day You have made us worthy of Your heavenly and immortal sacraments. Make straight our path, fortify us in Your fear, guard our life, make secure our steps, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Theotokos and ever virgin Mary and of all Your saints.

**PRIEST** (aloud)

For You are our sanctification, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

DISMISSAL

**PRIEST**

Let us go forth in peace.

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

**AMBO PRAYER**

O Lord, who blesses those who bless You and sanctifies those who put their trust in You, save Your people and bless Your

inheritance. Protect the whole body of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power, and forsake us not who have set our hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the clergy, to our civic leaders, to the armed forces, and to all Your people. For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of lights. To You we offer up glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**Instead of “Blessed be the name.”**

**Mode pl. 1.**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. (3)

**PRAYER AS THE GIFTS ARE COLLECTED**

**PRIEST** (in a low voice)

Christ our God, You are the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. You have fulfilled the Father’s entire plan of salvation. Fill our hearts with joy and gladness always, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**DEACON**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Lord, have mercy. (3) Father, bless!

**PRIEST**

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

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

**CHOIR**

Lord, protect for many years the one who blesses and sanctifies us.

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE**

Truly He is risen!

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE**

Truly He is risen!

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE**

Truly He is risen!

**PRIEST**

Glory to His holy Resurrection on the third day!

**PEOPLE**

We worship His Resurrection on the third day!

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

**PEOPLE**

Truly the Lord is risen!