

## The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

*The Liturgy of the Catechumens, as usual, for the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.  
At a Vespereal Divine Liturgy, the order as specified in the Menaion and Typikon.*

*The Great Litany of Fervent Supplication, the Litany for the Catechumens, and the First Litany for the Faithful, are usually omitted.*

### Great Litany of Fervent Supplication

*The First Deacon or the Second Priest:*

Let us say with all our soul, and with all our mind let us say.

Lord almighty, God of our fathers, we pray to You: hear us and have mercy.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beseech You, hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Again we pray for our Archbishop (*Name*).

Again we pray for our brothers, the priests, hieromonks, hierodeacons, and monastics, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, forgiveness, and remission of sins of the servants of God, of all pious and Orthodox Christians, of those who dwell and are in this city (*or land, or village, or island*), and of the members and the council of this holy church (*or monastery*).

[Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable builders of this holy church (*or monastery*), and for all our fathers and brothers gone to their rest before us, the Orthodox here and everywhere who piously lie asleep.]

Again we pray for those who are fruitful and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

*The First Priest:*

Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication from Your servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Your mercies; and send down Your compassions upon us, and upon all Your people, who await Your great and rich mercy.

*The Second Priest:*

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

### Litany for the Catechumens

*The Second Deacon:*

Catechumens, pray to the Lord.

Let us, the faithful, pray for the catechumens.

That the Lord will have mercy on them.

That He will teach them the word of truth.

That He will reveal to them the Gospel of righteousness.

**T**hat He will unite them to His Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

**S**ave them, have mercy on them, help them, and protect them, O God, by Your grace.

**C**atechumens, bow your heads to the Lord.

*The First Priest:*

**O** Lord our God, Who dwells on high, and looks down on things that are humble, Who for the salvation of the human race sent Your only-begotten Son and God, our Lord Jesus Christ: look upon Your servants the catechumens, who have bowed their necks before You; and, at the proper time, make them worthy of the washing of regeneration, of the remission of sins, and of the garment of incorruption; unite them to Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and number them among Your chosen flock.

*The Third Priest:*

**S**o that together with us, they may glorify Your all-honorable and magnificent name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

**First Litany for the Faithful**

*The Second Deacon:*

**A**s many as are catechumens, depart; catechumens depart; as many as are catechumens, depart; let none of the catechumens remain. As many as are of the faithful, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**H**elp us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**W**isdom.

*The First Priest,  
after unfolding the Epliton and Antiminsion recites:*

**W**e thank You, O Lord, God of Hosts, that You have made us worthy to stand again at Your Holy Altar, and to bow down before Your compassion toward our sins and toward the ignorances of the people. Receive our supplication, O God; make us worthy to offer prayers, supplications, and bloodless sacrifices to You for all Your people; and enable us, whom You have placed in this, Your ministry, to call upon You in the power of Your Holy Spirit at all times and in every place, without condemnation or faltering, and with the clear witness of our conscience; that, hearing us, You may be gracious to us in the multitude of Your goodness.

*The Fourth Priest exclaims:*

**F**or to You belong all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

**Second Litany for the Faithful**

*The Second Deacon:*

**A**gain and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**H**elp us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**W**isdom.

*The First Priest:*

**O** God, Who in mercy and compassion has visited our lowliness; Who has set us, Your humble, sinful, and unworthy servants, before Your holy glory, to minister at Your Holy Altar: by the power of Your Holy Spirit strengthen us for this ministry, and grant us the ability when we open our mouths to invoke the grace of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts about to be set forth, ...

*The First Priest:*

... **T**hat always being protected by Your dominion, we may send up glory to You, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Prayer of the Cherubic Hymn**

*The First Priest, after unfolding the Antiminsion, recites:*

**N**o one who is bound by fleshly desires and pleasures is worthy to approach, or to draw near, or to minister to You, the King of glory. To serve You is great and fearsome even for the heavenly powers. But because of Your ineffable and boundless love for mankind, You as Master of all became man without change or alteration, serving as our high Priest, and giving us the ministry of this liturgical and bloodless sacrifice.

**I**ndeed, You alone O Lord our God, rule over heavenly and earthly things, You are borne on the Cherubic throne, You are the Lord of the Seraphim, and You are the King of Israel, You alone are holy, and You rest among the saints. Therefore, I implore You, Who alone are good and ready to hear: look down upon me, the sinner and Your unworthy servant, and cleanse my soul and my heart from an evil conscience; and enable me by the power of Your Holy Spirit, clothed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this Your holy table, for the celebration of Your holy and pure Body and of Your precious Blood.

**F**or I draw near to You, bowing my neck, and I beseech You: Do not turn Your face away from me, nor cast me out from among Your children, but make me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer these gifts to You. For You are the Offeror and the Offered, the One Who receives and the One Who is distributed, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*After the Prayer, the Priests recite in turn:*

**L**et us who mystically represent the Cherubim and who sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, lay aside all the cares of this life ... (3)

*The First Deacon:*

... **S**o that we may receive the King of all, invisibly escorted by the angelic hosts. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (3)

*The First Priest censes, saying:*

*On Sunday and During Paschaltide*

**H**aving beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and Your holy resurrection we hymn and glorify; for You are our God, and aside from You we know no other, we call upon Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate the holy resurrection of Christ for, behold, through the Cross joy has come to all the world; ever blessing the Lord, we hymn His resurrection; for, having endured the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death. *Come, let us worship ... Have mercy on me...*

*On Other Days*

**C**ome, let us worship and fall down before our King and God. Come let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and God. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, the King and our God. *Have mercy on me...*

*Psalm 50*

**H**ave mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy, and according to the multitude of Your compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against You only have I sinned, and have

done evil in Your sight, that You may be justified in Your words, and be victorious when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, You have loved the truth; the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom You have made manifest to me. Sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that are humbled shall rejoice. Turn Your face away from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of Your salvation to me, and establish me with Your governing Spirit. I shall teach transgressors Your ways, and the lawless shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguilt, O God, the God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Your praise. For if You had desired sacrifice, I would have given it; with whole-burnt offerings You shall not be pleased. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not reject. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

*The Concelebrants make three reverences, saying:*

**O** God cleanse me the sinner, and have mercy on me. (3)

*The Concelebrant Priests turn toward the people:*

**G**od, forgive those who hate us and those who love us.

*The First Priest:*

**O** God cleanse me the sinner, and have mercy on me. (3)

**I** see Your bridal chamber adorned, O my Savior, and I have no wedding garment, that I may enter therein; make radiant the vesture of my soul, O Giver of Light, and save me.

*The First Deacon:* Master, lift up.

*The First Priest:*

**L**ift up your hands to the holies and bless the Lord. (*Psalm 133:3*)

**G**od has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. (*Psalm 46:5*)

**Great Entrance**

*The First Deacon:*

**M**ay the Lord God remember all of you, and all pious and Orthodox Christians, in His Kingdom, always; now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**M**ay the Lord God remember your Priesthood in His Kingdom, always; now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*The First Priest:*

**M**ay the Lord God remember your Diaconate in His Kingdom, always; now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*Placing the gifts on the Altar, the First Priest:*

**T**he noble Joseph, taking down Your spotless Body from the wood, and wrapping it in clean linen with fragrant spices, placed it for burial in a new tomb.

*Taking the Aera, the First Priest:*

**I**n the tomb bodily, in Hades with the soul as God, in paradise with the thief, and on the throne, O Christ, with the Father and the Spirit, filling all things O boundless One.

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*Covering the Gifts with the Aera, the First Priest:*

**Y**our tomb, the fount of our resurrection, O Christ, has shown forth as life-bearing, as more splendid than paradise, and truly more radiant than any royal chamber.

*The First Deacon:* Do good, Master.

*The First Priest censes the Gifts, saying:*

**T**hen You shall be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then they shall offer young bulls upon Your altar.

*The First Priest says to the First Deacon:*

**R**emember me, brother and concelebrant.

*The First Deacon:* May the Lord God remember ...

*The First Priest says to the Deacon:*

**M**ay the Holy Spirit descend upon you, and the power of the Most High overshadow you.

*The First Deacon:*

May the same Spirit serve with us all the days of our life. Remember me, holy Master.

*The First Priest:* May the Lord God remember ...

**Completed Litany**

*Before the Beautiful Gate, the First Deacon:*

**L**et us complete our prayer to the Lord.

**F**or the precious gifts here presented, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**F**or our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

**H**elp us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**T**hat the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

**A**n Angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

**F**orgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

**T**hose things which are good and beneficial to our souls, and peace in the world, let us ask of the Lord.

**T**o complete the remaining time of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

**A** Christian end of our lives, painless, unashamed, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

**C**ommemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

*Prayer of the Proskomidi (Oblation)*

*The First Priest:*

**O** Lord, our God, Who creates us and Who brings us into this life, Who shows us ways of salvation, Who bestows upon us the revelation of heavenly mysteries: You are the One Who has appointed us to this service by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, graciously grant to us, O Lord, that we may be

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servants of Your new Covenant, ministers of Your holy Mysteries; accept us as we draw near to Your holy altar, according to the multitude of Your mercy; so that we may be worthy to offer to You this rational and bloodless Sacrifice, for our own sins and for the ignorances of the people; grant that, having accepted this sacrifice upon Your holy, supra-heavenly, and noetic Altar as an offering of spiritual fragrance, You may in return send down upon us the grace of Your Holy Spirit. Look upon us, O God, and consider this our worship, and accept it as You accepted the gifts of Abel, the sacrifices of Noah, the burnt offerings of Abraham, the priestly offices of Moses and Aaron, and the peace offerings of Samuel. Even as You accepted this true worship from the hands of Your holy Apostles, O Lord, so also accept in Your goodness these Gifts from the hands of us sinners; that having been accounted worthy to serve at Your holy Altar without blame, we may receive the recompense of wise and faithful stewards on the fearful day of Your just judgment.

*The First Priest:*

**T**hrough the compassion of Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*The First Priest:*

**P**eace be with all.

*The First Deacon:*

**L**et us love one another, that with one mind we will confess.

*The Concelebrants make three reverences, saying:*

**I** will love You, O Lord, my Strength; the Lord is my Foundation, and my Refuge, and my Deliverer. *(Psalm 17:1)*

*Concelebrant Clergy exchange the kiss of peace:*

**C**hrist is in our midst.

**H**e was, and is, and will be.

*The First Deacon:*

**T**he doors, the doors; in wisdom let us be attentive.

*The Faithful:*

I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 the heavens and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man;

Crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried;

Rising on the third day according to the Scriptures,

And ascending into the heavens, He is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And coming again in 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 worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets;

In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church;

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I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

I expect the resurrection of the dead;

And the life of the age to come. Amen.

**The Holy Anaphora (Offering)**

*The First Deacon, or the First Priest:*

**L**et us stand well; let us stand in fear; let us be attentive. The holy offering is being presented in peace.

*The Reader:* A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.

*The First Priest:*

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

*The First Priest:*

**L**et us lift up our hearts.

*The Reader:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*The First Priest:*

**L**et us give thanks to the Lord.

*The Reader:* It is worthy and just.

*The First Priest:*

**O** existing One, Master, Lord God, Father Almighty, Worshipped One: it is truly worthy and right to the majesty of Your holiness that we should praise You, hymn You, bless You, worship You, give thanks to You, and glorify You, the only truly existing God; and to offer You this our rational worship with a contrite heart and humble spirit, for You are He Who has graciously granted to us the knowledge of Your truth. And who is able to praise Your mighty acts? Or to make all Your praises known? Or to tell of all your wonderful deeds at all times?

**O** Master of all things, O Lord of heaven and earth, and of every creature, visible and invisible; Who are seated upon the throne of glory, and Who beholds the depths, Who are without beginning, invisible, ineffable, indescribable, changeless, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who is the great God and Savior of our Hope; He is the image of Your goodness, the Seal of equal type, revealing in Himself You, the Father; He is the living Word, the true God, the pre-eternal Wisdom, Life, Sanctification, Power, and the true Light; through Him the Holy Spirit was manifested: the Spirit of truth, the Gift of Adoption, the Pledge of our future

inheritance, the First-Fruits of eternal blessings, the life-creating Power, the Font of sanctification, through Whom every rational and noetic creature is made capable of worshipping You and giving You eternal glorification, for all things are Your servants.

**Y**ou are indeed praised by the Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim. You are surrounded on all sides by the Seraphim, each with six wings; with two they cover their faces, with two they cover their feet, and with two they fly, crying out to one another with unceasing voices and ever-resounding praise: ...

*The Second Priest:*

... **S**inging the victorious hymn, shouting out, proclaiming, and saying:

*The Reader:*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of 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 is He in the highest.

**Anamnesis (Commemoration)**

*The First Priest:*

**T**ogether with these blessed powers, O Master Who loves mankind, we sinners also cry aloud and say: Holy are You, in truth, and all-holy, and there are no bounds to the majesty of Your holiness, for You are just in all Your works, and You have ordered all things with righteousness and true judgment for us; for when You

had fashioned man by taking him from the dust of the earth, and had honored him with Your own image, O God, You placed him in the Paradise of plenty, promising him eternal life and the enjoyment of everlasting good things in keeping Your commandments, but, when he disobeyed You, the true God Who had created him, and was led astray by the deception of the serpent, thus becoming subject to death through his own transgressions, You, O God, banished him in Your righteous judgment from paradise into this world, and returned him to the earth from which he was taken, providing for him the salvation of regeneration in Your Christ Himself.

**Y**et, You did not turn away forever from Your creature, Whom You made, O good One, nor did You forget the work of Your hands, but You visited him in various ways, through Your tender compassion. You sent forth prophets; You performed mighty works by Your holy ones who in every generation were well-pleasing to You; You spoke to us through the mouths of Your servants the prophets, who foretold to us the salvation which was to come; You gave us the Law as an aid; You appointed Angels as guardians.

**W**hen the fullness of time had come, You spoke to us through Your Son Himself, through Whom You also created the ages; He, being the Radiance of Your glory and the express Image of Your Person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, thought it not robbery to be equal with You, the God and Father; but, though He was God before the ages, He nonetheless appeared upon the earth and lived among men; and was incarnate of a holy Virgin, and emptied Himself, taking on the form of a servant, becoming conformed to the

body of our lowliness, that He might make us conform to the likeness of the image of His glory.

**F**or, since sin entered into the world through man, and death by sin, it pleased Your only-begotten Son Who is in Your bosom, O God and Father, to be born of a woman, the holy Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, to be born under the Law so as to condemn sin in His flesh; so that those who were dead in Adam might be made alive in Him, Your Christ; and, becoming a Citizen of this world, and giving us commandments of salvation, He released us from the delusions of idolatry, and brought us to the knowledge of You, the true God and Father, having won us unto Himself, as His own chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; and having purified us by water, and having sanctified us by the Holy Spirit, He gave Himself as a ransom to death, in which we were held captive, sold into bondage under sin; and having descended through the Cross into Hades, that He might fill all things with Himself, He loosed the pains of death; and He rose on the third day, making a way for all flesh unto the resurrection from the dead, since it was not possible that the Author of life should be held by corruption, that He might be the First-Fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the First-Born from the dead, that He might be in all things the first among all; ascending into heaven, He sat down at the right hand of Your majesty on high; and He will come to render to every man according to his works.

**A**nd He has left us, as memorials of His saving passion, these things which we have set forth before You according to His commandments. For when He

was about to go forth to His voluntary, ever-memorable, and life-giving death, on the night on which He gave Himself up for the life of the world, He received bread in His holy and pure hands, and when He had presented it to You, God and Father, and had given thanks, and blessed, and sanctified, and broken it, ...

*The First Priest:*

... **H**e gave it to His holy disciples and Apostles saying: “Receive, eat, this is My Body which is broken for you for the remission of sins.”

*The Reader:* Amen.

*The First Priest:*

**L**ikewise, having taken the Cup of the fruit of the vine, and having mingled it, having given thanks, having blessed it, and having sanctified it, ...

*The First Priest:*

... **H**e gave it to His holy disciples and Apostles, saying: “Drink of this all of you; this is My Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.”

*The Reader:* Amen.

*The First Priest:*

“**D**o this in remembrance of Me; for as often as you shall eat this Bread and drink this Cup, you proclaim My death, and confess My resurrection.” Wherefore, O Master, we also, remembering His saving Passion and life-giving Cross, His three-day Burial, His Resurrection from the dead, His Ascension into the heavens, and His Enthronement at Your right hand, God

and Father, and His glorious and awesome second Coming, ...

*The First Priest:*

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

*The Reader:* We praise You, we bless You, we thank You, Lord, and we pray to You, our God.

**Consecration**

*The First Priest:*

**W**herefore, O all-holy Master, we also, Your sinful and unworthy servants – whom You have made worthy to serve at Your Holy Altar, not through our own righteousness, for we have done no good deed upon the earth, but because of Your mercies, and Your compassions, which You have so richly poured upon us – boldly draw near Your Holy Altar; and, presenting to You the antitypes of the holy Body and Blood of Your Christ, we pray to You and we implore You, Holy of Holies, that, by the favor of Your goodness, Your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts here presented, and bless them, and sanctify, and make...

**O** God cleanse me the sinner, and have mercy on me. (3)

Bless, Master, the Holy Bread.

... **T**his bread to be itself the precious Body of our Lord, and God, and Savior Jesus Christ, ...

Amen. Bless, Master, the Holy Cup.

... **A**nd this cup to be itself the precious Blood of our Lord, and God, and Savior Jesus Christ, which was shed for the life of the world and its salvation ...

Amen. Bless, Master, both of the Holy Gifts.

... **C**hanging them by Your Holy Spirit; ...

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*The First Priest :*

... **A**nd as for us, partakers of the one Bread and of the Cup, unite all to one another unto the communion of the one Holy Spirit, and grant that none of us may partake of the holy Body and Blood of Your Christ unto judgment or condemnation, but rather that we may find mercy and grace with all the holy ones who throughout the ages have been well-pleasing to You: Forefathers, Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Preachers, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Teachers, and every righteous spirit which has ended this life in faith, ...

*Megalynarion*

*The First Priest censes the Holy Gifts:*

... **E**specially for our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary,  
...

*The Reader:*

In you rejoices, O full of grace, all creation, the hierarchy of Angels, and the race of mankind; sanctified temple and intellectual paradise, the boast of virgins, from whom God was incarnate, and became a Child, Who was the pre-eternal God. For He made your womb His throne, and shaped your womb to be more spacious than the heavens. In you rejoices, O full of grace, all creation: glory to you.

*The First Priest:*

... **F**or Saint John the prophet, Forerunner, and baptist; the holy, glorious and most-honorable Apostles; for Saint(s) (*Names*) whose memory(ies) we commemorate today; and for all Your holy ones through whose supplications, O God, visit us.

**A**nd also remember all who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of resurrection to eternal life (*he remembers those whom he wishes among those fallen asleep*); and grant them rest, where the light of Your countenance watches over them.

**A**gain, we pray to You: Remember, O Lord, Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, which is from one end of the universe to the other, and give peace to Her whom You have obtained with the precious Blood of Your Christ, and establish this holy house even to the end of the ages.

**R**emember, O Lord, those who have set these gifts before You, and those for whom, and through whom, and on behalf of whom, they have offered them. Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit and do good works in Your holy churches, and who remember the poor; reward them with Your rich and heavenly gifts; give them heavenly gifts in return for earthly things; eternal gifts for temporal things, and incorruptible for the corruptible.

**R**emember, O Lord, those who are in the deserts, on mountains, in caverns, and in the chambers of the earth. Remember, O Lord, those who live in virginity, and piety, and asceticism, and who lead a reverent way of life.

**R**emember, O Lord, all civil leaders and those in public authority, whom You have allowed to govern upon the earth. Grant them profound and lasting peace; speak to their hearts good things concerning Your Church and all Your people; that in their tranquillity we may live peaceful and serene lives in all reverence and godliness.

**E**stablish the good in their goodness; and make the wicked good through Your goodness.

**R**emember, O Lord, the people here present and also those who are absent for honorable reasons, and have mercy on them and on us, according to the multitude of Your mercy; fill their treasuries with every good thing; maintain their marriages in peace and harmony; nurture the infants; instruct the youth; strengthen the aged; encourage the faint of heart; reunite those who are scattered; bring back those who are in error and unite them to Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

**L**iberate those held in captivity by unclean spirits; sail with those who sail; travel with those who travel; defend the widows; protect the orphans; free the captives; heal the sick.

**R**emember, O Lord, those who are under judgment, in the mines, in exile, in bitter servitude, in every tribulation, necessity, and danger, and all who entreat Your great loving kindness; and remember those who love us and those who hate us, those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy though we be, and all Your people, O Lord our God, pouring out upon all of them Your rich mercy, granting to all their petitions which are unto salvation.

**A**nd remember, O God, all those whom we have not remembered through ignorance, forgetfulness, or the multitude of names, for You know the name and age of each, even from his mother's womb.

**F**or You, O Lord, are the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of the hopeless, the Savior of the storm-tossed, the Haven of the voyager, and the Physician of the sick.

**B**e all things to all men, You Who know each man, his request, his home, and his need; deliver this city (*or this monastery*), O Lord, and every city and country, from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, the invasion of foreign enemies, and from civil war.

*The First Priest holds the Antidoron and blesses it:*

**G**reat is the name of the Holy Trinity, always; now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**R**emember O Lord, those who brought these gifts and those for whom they have been offered.

*The First Priest:*

**A**mong the first remember, O Lord, our Archbishop (*Name*), whom You have granted to serve Your holy churches in peace; keep him safe, honorable, and healthy with length of days, rightly teaching the word of Your truth ...

*The First Deacon or the First Priest:*

... **A**nd those whom each of us has in mind, and all people everywhere.

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Christ's revealer of heavenly things, • the initiate of the Master, • the star that is radiant, • the one from Caesarea • and the land of Cappadocians, • let us all honor • Basil the Great.

*The First Priest:*

**R**emember, O Lord, every Orthodox bishop who rightly teaches the word of Your truth.

**R**emember, O Lord, my unworthiness, according to the multitude of Your compassions; forgive my every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary; and do not withhold the grace of Your Holy Spirit from these Gifts presented because of my sins.

**R**emember, O Lord, all the Presbytery, the Diaconate in Christ, and every priestly order; and do not let any of us who stand about Your Holy Altar be put to confusion.

**V**isit us with Your benevolence, O Lord; manifest Yourself to us in Your rich compassions; grant us seasonable weather and healthful seasons; send down gentle showers upon the earth so that it may bear

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fruit; bless the crown of the year of Your goodness; prevent schisms in the Church; quench the ragings of hostile nations; quickly destroy the uprisings of heresies by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

**R**eceive us all into Your kingdom, showing us to be sons of light and sons of the day; grant us Your peace and Your love, O Lord our God, for You have given all things to us.

*The First Priest:*

**A**nd grant that with one mouth and one heart, we may glorify and praise Your all-honored and magnificent name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*The First Priest turns toward the faithful and blesses:*

**A**nd the mercies of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ will be with all of you.

**Litany**

*The Second Deacon, or one of the most-newly ordained Priests:*

**H**aving commemorated all the saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**F**or the Precious Gifts offered and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

**T**hat our God Who loves mankind, Who has received them at His holy, and supra-heavenly, and noetic altar as a sweet spiritual fragrance, may in return send down upon us the Divine Grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**F**or our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

**H**elp us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

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*The following six petitions are usually omitted.*

*The Second Deacon:*

**T**hat the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

**A**n Angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

**F**orgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

**T**hose things which are good and beneficial to our souls, and peace in the world, let us ask of the Lord.

**T**o complete the remaining time of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

**A** Christian end of our lives, painless, unashamed, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

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**H**aving prayed for the unity of the faith and for the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

*The First Priest:*

**O**ur God, the God Who saves, teach us how we may worthily give thanks to You for the benefits which You have done for us and still do for us. You, our God, Who receives these gifts, cleanse us from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and teach us how to live in holiness in fear of You; thus, receiving a portion of Your Holy Things with the witness of a pure conscience toward You, may we be made one with the holy Body and Blood of Your Christ. And, having received them worthily, may we have Christ abiding in our hearts, and may we become a temple of Your Holy Spirit.

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**Y**es, our God, let none of us be guilty before these, Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries, nor be infirm in soul or in body by partaking of them unworthily; but enable us, even unto our last breath, to worthily receive

a portion of Your Holy Things, as provision upon the road of eternal life, and as an acceptable defense at the dread judgment seat of Your Christ; thus, may we also, together with all the saints who throughout the ages have been well-pleasing to You, be made partakers of Your eternal good things, which You have prepared for those who love You, Lord.

**Lord's Prayer**

*The Second Priest:*

**A**nd make us worthy, O Master, that with confidence, and without condemnation, we may dare to call upon You, the heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

*The Faithful:*

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, 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.*) the evil one.

*The Third (or First) Priest:*

**F**or Thine (*or, "Yours"*) is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*The First Priest:*

**P**ace be with all.

*The Second Deacon or First Priest:*

**L**et us bow our heads to the Lord.

*The First Priest:*

**O** Master, Lord, the Father of compassions, and God of every consolation; bless, sanctify, guard, fortify, and strengthen those who have bowed their heads to You; distance them from every evil work, unite them to every good work, and make them worthy to partake without condemnation of these, Your most-pure and life-giving Mysteries, unto the remission of sins, and unto the communion of the Holy Spirit.

*The Fourth (or the Second) Priest:*

**T**hrough the grace and compassion and love for mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

*The First Priest:*

**H**ear us, 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, O You Who are enthroned on high with the Father and are also invisibly present here with us. And deem it worthy that by Your mighty hand Your pure Body and precious Blood may be given to us, and that through us it may be given to all the people.

*The First Priest makes three reverences:*

**O** God cleanse me the sinner, and have mercy on me. (3)

*The Second Deacon or the First Priest:*

**L**et us be attentive.

*The First Priest:*

**H**oly Things for the holy.

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*The Reader:* One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*The Reader chants the Koinonikon.*

**The Fraction**

*The First Deacon:* Master, break the Holy Bread.

*The First Priest:*

**T**he Lamb of God is broken and distributed; broken, but not divided; Who is ever eaten, yet is never depleted, but sanctifies those who partake.

*The First Deacon:* Master, fill the Holy Cup.

*The First Priest:*

**T**he fullness of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The First Deacon:* Amen. Master, bless the Zeon.

*The First Priest:*

**B**lessed is the fervor of Your saints, always, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*The First Deacon pours the Zeon into the Chalice, as the First Priest says:*

**T**he fervor of the Holy Spirit.

*The First Deacon:* Amen.

**Prayers of Holy Communion**

*The First Deacon:*

**I** believe, O Lord, and I confess, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is Your immaculate Body, and that this is Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You: have mercy on me, and forgive me my transgressions, those voluntary and involuntary, those in word, those in deed, those in knowledge and those in ignorance; and make me worthy to partake of Your immaculate Mysteries without condemnation, for the remission of sins and to eternal life. Amen.

**B**ehold, I approach for divine Communion;

O Creator, burn me not as I partake;

For You are Fire burning the unworthy.

But rather cleanse me from every impurity.

**O**f Your Mystical Supper, O Son of God, receive me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of the Mystery to Your enemies; nor will I give a kiss to You, as did Judas; but like the thief I confess to You: Remember me O Lord, in Your Kingdom.

**B**eholding the deifying Blood, O man, be awe-stricken;

For it is a fiery Coal burning the unworthy.

The divine Body deifies and nourishes me;

It deifies the spirit, and wondrously nourishes the mind.

**Y**ou have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and by Your divine love You have changed me; but burn away my sins with immaterial Fire, and make me worthy to be filled with delight in You; that, rejoicing, O good One, I may magnify Your two presences.

**H**ow shall I the unworthy enter into the radiance of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my garment exposes me, because it is not for the wedding feast, and bound I shall be cast out by the Angels; O Lord, cleanse the pollution of my soul, and save me, for You love mankind.

**O** Master Who loves mankind, O Lord Jesus Christ my God, do not let these Holy Gifts be for judgment because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of both soul and body, and for a pledge of the future life and Kingdom. For it is good for me to cleave to God, to put the hope of my salvation in the Lord.

*The First Priest:*

**O**f Your Mystical Supper, O Son of God, receive me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of the Mystery to Your enemies; nor will I give a kiss to You, as did Judas, but like the thief I confess to You: Remember me O Lord, in Your Kingdom. Remember me O Master, in Your Kingdom. Remember me O Holy One, in Your Kingdom.

*The First Deacon:*

**P**riests, approach.

**Communion of the Clergy**

*The Concelebrants:*

**B**rother(s) and concelebrant(s), forgive me, the sinner.

*The Clergy:*

**M**ay the Lord God remember your priesthood in His Kingdom, always; now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

*The Priest makes three reverences, saying:*

**O** God cleanse me the sinner, and have mercy on me. (3)

**B**ehold, I approach Christ, our immortal King and God.

**T**he precious and all-holy Body of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is given to me, (*Name*), the unworthy priest, for the remission of my sins, and for eternal life. Amen.

**A**gain, the precious and all-holy Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is given to me, (*Name*), the unworthy priest, for the remission of my sins and for eternal life.

**T**his has touched my lips, and the Lord takes away all my transgressions and cleanses me of my sins.

*The most-recently ordained Priest:*

**D**eacon, approach.

*The Deacon:*

**B**ehold, I approach Christ, our immortal King and God. Master, give to me (*Name*), the unworthy Deacon, the precious and all-holy Body of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of my sins and for eternal life.

*The Priest:*

**T**he precious and all-holy Body of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is given to you, (*Name*), the most-pious Deacon, for the remission of your sins and for eternal life.

**D**eacon, again approach.

*The Deacon:*

**M**aster, give to me (*Name*), the unworthy Deacon, the precious and all-holy Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the remission of my sins and for eternal life.

*The Priest:*

**T**he precious and all-holy Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is given to you, (*Name*), the most-pious Deacon, for the remission of your sins and for eternal life.

**T**his has touched your lips, and the Lord takes away all your transgressions, and cleanses you of your sins.

*The Deacon:*

**A**men.

*The First Deacon:*

**H**aving beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and Your holy resurrection we hymn and glorify; for You are our God, and aside from You we know no other, we call upon Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate the holy resurrection of Christ; for, behold, through the Cross joy has come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, we hymn His resurrection; for having endured the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.

**S**hine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon You. Dance now, and be glad O Sion, and you, the pure Theotokos, take delight in the resurrection of the One Whom you bore.

**H**ow divine, how loving, how most-sweet is Your voice; for You have truly promised to be with us to the end of the age, O Christ; having this anchor of hope we the faithful rejoice.

**O** great and most-sacred Pascha, Christ; O Wisdom, and Word of God, and Power, grant that we may more indelibly partake of You, in the unending day of Your Kingdom.

### **Communion of the Faithful**

*The First Deacon:*

**W**ith fear of God, faith, and love, come forth.

**T**he *servant / handmaiden* of God (*Name*) receives the Body and Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

*The First Priest:*

**S**ave, O God, Your people and bless Your inheritance.

*The First Deacon:*

**W**ash away, O Lord, by Your holy Blood, the sins of Your servants who have been commemorated here; through the intercessions of the Theotokos and all Your saints. Amen.

*Then:*

**E**xalt, Master.

*The First Priest:*

**B**e exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Your glory above all the earth. (3)

*The First Priest:*

**B**lessed is our God ...

... **a**lways; now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

**Litany**

*The First Deacon:*

**L**et us be attentive: Having partaken of the divine, holy, pure, immortal, heavenly, life-giving, and awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks to the Lord.

**H**elp us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**H**aving asked that the whole day be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commit ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

*The First Priest:*

**W**e thank You, O Lord, our God, upon partaking of Your holy, pure, immortal, and heavenly Mysteries, which You have granted us for the benefit, sanctification, and healing of our souls and bodies. Grant, O Master of all, that the communion of the holy Body and Blood of Your Christ may become for us faith unashamed, love unfeigned, increase of wisdom, healing of soul and body, the repelling of every hostile adversary, fulfillment of Your commandments, and an acceptable defense at the dread judgment seat of Your Christ.

*The Second Priest:*

**F**or You are our sanctification, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Prayer Opposite the Ambon**

*The First Priest:*

**L**et us depart in peace.

*The First Deacon or the First Priest:*

**L**et us pray to the Lord.

*The First Priest:*

**O** You Who bless those who bless You, O Lord, and Who sanctify those who put their trust in You, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Your Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; glorify them in return by Your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to Your clergy, to our civil authorities, to the armed forces, and to all Your people.

**F**or every good giving and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from You the Father of Lights; and to You we send up glory, and thanksgiving, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. (*cf. James 1:17*)

**Prayer at the Consumption of the Holy Gifts**

**T**he mystery of Your dispensation, O Christ our God, has been accomplished and perfected as far as is in our power. We have had the memorial of Your death; we have seen the type of Your resurrection; we have been filled with Your unending life; we have enjoyed Your inexhaustible delight, which in the world to come be well-pleased to grant to us all. Through the grace of Your unoriginate Father, and of Your holy and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Prayer Opposite the Ambon For Januray 1**

*The First Priest:*

**Y**ou have made us partakers of the ineffable, heavenly, and awesome Mysteries of Your holy Body and Your precious Blood in remembrance of Your voluntary passion and life-giving resurrection on the third

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day: You Who receive this rational and bloodless sacrifice as a sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with their whole heart; You O Christ our God, the Lamb and Son of God Who takes away the sins of the world; You the blameless Calf Who does not accept the yoke of sin, and Who was voluntarily sacrificed for us; You Who are broken but not divided, Who are forever eaten yet never consumed, but sanctify those who partake. In Your sanctification preserve us, Your servants, those who minister, our leaders, the armed forces, and the people here present.

**A**nd grant that we may meditate upon Your righteousness at all times and in every season; so that being led according to Your will, and doing the things that are well-pleasing to You, we may become worthy of a place also at Your right hand when You return to judge the living and the dead. Rescue those of our brothers who are captives, visit those who are sick, pilot those who are in peril upon the sea; and give rest where the light of Your countenance shines to the souls of all those who have gone before us in the hope of resurrection to eternal life; and hear all who beseech Your aid.

**F**or You are the Giver of all good things, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

*Trisagion, Memorial, or Artoklasia*

**Dismissal**

*The First Deacon or the First Priest:*

**L**et us pray to the Lord.

*The First Priest:*

**T**he blessing of the Lord and His mercy come upon you, through His divine grace and love for mankind, always; now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

*The First Priest:*

**G**lory to You, O God, glory to You.

**M**ay (*He Who is risen from the dead,*) Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless holy Mother; by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the protection of the honorable heavenly bodiless powers; through the supplications of the honorable, glorious, prophet, forerunner, and baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and all-praiseworthy Apostles; of our holy fathers among the saints the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers; of our father among the saints, Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; of the holy, glorious and victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of (*the patron saint*); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of Saints (*the saints of the day*) whom we commemorate; and of all the saints: have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

**T**hrough the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.