



# THE DIVINE LITURGY OF

**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Great Compline

Eve of the Nativity

*~ Please Stand*

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

*All:* Amen.

Come, let us adore the King, our God.

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

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

## PSALM 4

When I call, answer me,\* O my just God.

You who relieve me when I am in distress:\* have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart?\* Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood?

Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one;\* the Lord will hear me when I call upon him.

Tremble, and sin not;\* reflect, upon your beds, in silence.

Offer just sacrifices,\* and trust in the Lord.

Many say, “Oh, that we might see better times!”\* O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!

You put gladness into my heart,\* more than when grain and wine abound.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,\* for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory be to You, O God! (3X)

## **GOD IS WITH US**

*Priest:* God is with us! understand this all you nations, and be humbled, for God is with us.

*All:* God is with us! understand this all you nations, and be humbled, for God is with us.

*Priest:* God is with us! understand this all you nations,

*All:* and be humbled, for God is with us.

*The priest then intones the following verses, and the people sing*

*after each verse: God is with us...*

You mighty ones, be humbled, even if your strength returns, you shall again be defeated, for God is with us.

Whatever conspiracy you shall weave, the Lord shall destroy it, whatever word you shall speak shall not stand even among you, for God is with us.

With the Lord of hosts make your alliance - for him be your fear and your awe, for God is with us.

If I confide in Him, He shall be my sanctification, I shall confide in Him, and I shall be saved by Him, for God is with us.

Behold, I come with the children whom the Lord has given me, for God is with us.

O nation, which is walking in the darkness, expect to see a great light, - upon us, who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, a great light shall dawn, for God is with us.

Indeed, a Child is born to us, the Son, and He is given to us, - his power is upon his shoulder, for God is with us.

And his Name shall be called Messenger of the great wisdom of God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Master, Prince of Peace, for God is with us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. For God is with us.

*Priest:* God is with us! understand this all you nations, and be humbled, for God is with us.

*All:* God is with us! understand this all you nations, and be humbled, for God is with us.

*Priest:* God is with us! understand this all you nations,

*All:* and be humbled, for God is with us.

Most holy Lady, Mother of God,\* intercede for us sinners.

All you heavenly powers, Angels and holy Archangels,\* intercede for us sinners.

Holy John, the Forerunner, prophet, and baptist of the Lord Jesus Christ,\* intercede for us sinners.

Glorious saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs and all you holy ones,\* intercede for us sinners.

You just ones, and you God-bearing Fathers, Anthony and Theodosius and all the miracle-workers of the Caves Monastery,\* intercede for us sinners.

O you divine, undefeated and incomprehensible Power of the precious and life-giving Cross,\* do not forsake us sinners.

O God, be merciful to us sinners.

O God, cleanse us of our sins\* and have mercy on us.

## LESSER DOXOLOGY

*Priest:* Glory to You who show us the light!

**Choir:**

Glory to God in the highest,\* and to his people on earth, his peace and good will.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ,\* only Son of the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,\* we glorify You, we thank You for your great glory.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,\*  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,\* hear our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,\* have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are the Lord, Jesus Christ,\*  
for the glory of God the Father. Amen.

I will bless You day after day,\* and praise your name forever.

O Lord, your mercy endures forever;\* do not despise the work of your hands.

It is proper to praise You,\* and hymns belong to You.

Glory belongs to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,\* now and for

ever and ever. Amen.

## **HYMNS FOR LITIJA**

*(tone 1)*

May heaven and earth rejoice prophetically this day.  
May angels and people spiritually celebrate,  
for God appeared in the flesh  
to those groping in the darkness and resting in a shadow.  
Having been born of a Virgin,  
a cave and a manger received Him.  
Shepherds relate a miracle;  
the Magi from the East bring gifts to Bethlehem,  
while we, with unworthy lips, render Him angelic praise:  
Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth,  
for the hope of nations has arrived.  
Having come, He has saved us from hostile bondage.

Today heaven and earth unite, for Christ is born.  
Today God came to earth in the flesh,  
and the human race was lifted up to the heavens.  
Today, for the sake of all, He is seen in the flesh,  
the One who by nature is invisible.  
Let us glorify Him, singing:  
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace  
which your coming has bestowed on us.  
O Saviour, glory to You!

## **FESTAL LITANY**

**Priest:** Save Your people, O God, and bless Your inheritance. Visit Your world with Your mercy and generousities. Exalt the Christian people and send down upon us Your abundant mercy. Through the prayers of the most pure Lady, the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary, through the might of the precious and life-giving Cross, through the protection of the honorable, heavenly, incorporeal powers; of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles, of our fathers among the saints, the great ecumenical teachers and hierarchs, of the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; of St. *(name)* our Patron, and all the saints; we beseech You, O all-merciful Lord, hear us sinners praying to You, and have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy (12X) *Instead of this we sing a carol.*

**Priest:** We also pray for our holy ecumenical Pontiff *(name)* the Pope of Rome, that the Lord God will grant him health and salvation, ever directing him and assisting him in all he does; we pray You, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy (12X) *Instead of this we sing a carol.*

**Priest:** We also pray for our most blessed Patriarch *(name)*, for our most reverend Metropolitan, *(name)*, our God-loving Bishop *(name)* for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, and for every Christian soul that is afflicted and maltreated and in need of God's mercies and help; for the protection of this city and for those who live here; for the peace and serenity of the whole world; for the welfare of God's holy Churches; for all those who are taking part in these holy service,

and for all who have served and serve in this holy church, let us say.

*All:* Lord, have mercy (12X) *Instead of this we sing a carol*

*Priest:* Hear us, O God our Saviour, hope of all bounds of the earth and those far away at sea. In Your graciousness be merciful to us sinners, O Master. For You are a merciful God and You love us ail, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*All:* Amen.

## APOSTTCHA

*(tone 2)*

A great and glorious miracle was wrought today,  
the Virgin gives birth without corrupting her virginity;  
the Word is made flesh without separation from the Father;  
the angels and shepherds give praise,  
and we exclaim with them:

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth.

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

*(tone 4)*

You have dwelt in a cave, O Christ God,  
and a manger received You;



the shepherds and the Magi adored You.  
Then were the predictions of prophets fulfilled;  
and angelic powers stood amazed, singing and saying:  
Glory to your condescension,  
for You alone love all creation.

## **TROPAR**

*(tone 4)*

Your birth, O Christ our God,  
has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;  
for through it, those who worshipped the stars  
have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice,  
and to recognize You as the Orient from on high.  
Glory be to You, O Lord!

*Priest:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, have mercy.

*Priest:* O Lord Jesus Christ our God, You blessed the five loaves  
and fed the five thousand. Bless + these loaves, this wheat,  
wine, and oil, and multiply them in this city and in the whole  
world, and sanctify all the faithful who shall partake of them;  
for it is You, O Christ our God, Who bless and sanctify all  
things. And we glorify You with Your eternal Father and Your  
all-holy, gracious, and life- giving Spirit, now and ever and  
forever.

*All:* Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever. (3X)

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

*All:* Amen.

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

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

*Priest:* Christ our true God, Who was born in a cave in Bethlehem of Judea and lay in a manger for our salvation, through the prayers of His immaculate Mother and of all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves us all.

*All:* Amen.

*[Singing of a Christmas carol]*

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

*All:* **Amen.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* For our most holy universal Pontiff *Francis*, Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* For our beatitude Patriarch *Sviatoslav*, our most reverend Metropolitan *Lawrence*, our God loving Bishop *Bryan*, the reverend priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* For our nation under God, for our government, and for all those engaged in the service and protection of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*[Special petitions may be inserted at this point.]*

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **To you, O Lord.**

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

*All:* **Amen.**

### ***THE FIRST ANTIPHON:***

It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.  
To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every  
night.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.  
For the Lord our God is righteous, and there is no injustice in  
Him.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

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***All:* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**Only begotten Son and Word of God, You are immortal, and  
You willed for our salvation to be made flesh of the holy  
Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and without change  
you became man. You were crucified, O Christ our God, and  
trampled death by death. You are one of the Holy Trinity,  
glorified with Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.**

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

***All:* Lord, have mercy.**

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

***All:* Lord, have mercy.**

***Priest:*** Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed  
and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary,

together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

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

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

**All: Amen.**

### ***THE THIRD ANTIPHON:***

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, wonderful in the saints, save us who sing to You:  
Alleluia!

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, wonderful in the saints, save us who sing to You:  
Alleluia!

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, wonderful in the saints, save us who sing to You:  
Alleluia!

**Priest:** Wisdom! Stand aright!

**All:** Come let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, wonderful in the saints, save us who sing to You:  
Alleluia!

Tropar, tone 4: At that time, the Blessed Virgin Mary\* registered at Bethlehem\* with the venerable Joseph\* of the house of David. She was with child, having conceived virginally.\* When her time had come to give birth,\* and they could find no room at the inn,\* the cave became a joyful palace for the Queen.\* Here Christ is born to restore the fallen human nature. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Christmas Pre-festive Kondak, tone 3: Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth\* in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is in all eternity.\* Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded.\* With the angels and the shepherds,\* glorify Him who chose to be seen as a newborn babe\* while remaining God in all eternity.

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

*All:* **Amen.**

+ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

+ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen. Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

+ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

**\*\*PROKIMENON\*\***

*All:* The Lord said to me:\* “You are my son; this day I have begotten you.

Ask of me and I will give you the nations for an inheritance\* and the ends of the earth for your possession.

The Lord said to me:\* “You are my son; this day I have begotten you.

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. (1: 1-12)

*Priest:* Let us be attentive!

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*Reader:* *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when God brings*



*his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."*

**Priest:** + Peace be with you. Wisdom! Let us be attentive!!

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**All:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verses:** The Lord said to my Lord:\* "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

The scepter of your power the Lord will stretch forth from Zion;\* "Rule in the midst of your enemies."

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 2: 1 - 20.

**All:** + Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.

*Priest:* Let us be attentive!

**Reading of the GOSPEL:**

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while a Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and*

*see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

**All: +Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.**

*~ Please be Seated*

**\*\*HOMILY\*\***

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

**Priest:** We also pray for our most holy universal Pontiff, *Francis*, Pope of Rome; for our most beatitude Patriarch *Sviatoslav*; our most reverend Metropolitan, *Lawrence*; our God-loving Bishop,

*Bryan*, for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers and mothers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

**Priest:** We also pray for our nation under God, for our government, and all those engaged in the service and protection of our country.

**All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

*[Special petitions may be inserted at this point.]*

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

**All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

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

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

*~ Please Stand*

**All: Amen. Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the lifegiving Trinity, now lay aside all cares of life.**

**Priest:** May the Lord God remember in His kingdom our most holy universal Pontiff, *Francis*, Pope of Rome; our most blessed Patriarch, *Sviatoslav*, our most reverend Metropolitan, *Lawrence*, our God loving Bishop, *Bryan*, all the priestly, diaconal and religious orders; our nation under God, our government, and all those engaged in the service and protection of our country; the noble and ever-to-be remembered founders and benefactors of this holy church; and all you, orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

**All: Amen. That we may receive the king of all, escorted invisibly by ranks of angels, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy**

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* + Peace be with all.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

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

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

***SIGN OF PEACE:***

*Greeting:* ***Christ is Born!***

*Response:* ***Let Us Glorify Him!***

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

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

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

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

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

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

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Let us lift up our hearts.

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

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

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

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

*All:* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*Priest:* Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* Drink of it, all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

*All:* **Amen.**

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

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

*Priest:* Especially, for our most Holy and Immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.

*All:* In you,\* Lady full of grace,\* all creation rejoices,\* the world of angels\* and the human race.\* Sanctified temple, spiritual paradise,\* boast of virgins,\* God took flesh from you\* and became a child;\* He was God\* before\* the ages.\* He made your womb\* a throne\* and made it\* more encompassing\* than the



heavens.\* In you,\* Lady full of grace,\* all creation rejoices,\*  
glory be to you.

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

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

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

*All:* **Amen.**

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

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*~ Please Stand*

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

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

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* + Peace be with all.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Bow your heads to the Lord.

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

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

*All:* **Amen.**

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

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

**\*\*COMMUNION VERSE\*\***

*All:* Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* Praise Him in the highest.\*

*All:* Alleluia (3x).

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

**Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You:**

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

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

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

**God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

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

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

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

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

The servant of God, "N", partakes of the precious, most holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of his/her sins and life everlasting. Amen.
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*Priest:* + Save Your people, O God, and bless Your inheritance.

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

*Priest:* Always, now and for ever and ever.

*All:* **Amen. May our mouths be filled with your praise, O Lord,  
that we may sing of Your glory. For You made us worthy to**

**partake of Your holy, divine, immortal and life-giving Mysteries. Preserve us in Your holiness that we may meditate all day upon Your justice.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us go forth in peace.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* You bless those who bless You, O Lord, and sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the fullness of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house and glorify them by Your divine power. Do not forsake us who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the priests, to our nation under God, to our government, and to all Your people. For all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights. And we give glory, thanks, and worship to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever. (3x)**

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

*All:* **Amen.**

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

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

*Priest:* Christ our true God, Risen from the dead, through the prayers of His Immaculate Mother, of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, of saint N (*whose church it is*), and of saint “N” (*whose day it is*), and of all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

*All:* **Amen.**