



# THE DIVINE LITURGY OF

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*~ Please Stand*

*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.**

*~ Please be Seated*

*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:***

My God, my God, look upon me, why have You forsaken me?  
Why can't my sinful words reach You, my salvation.

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

When I cry to You during the day, O my God, You do not listen,  
and there is no rest for me at night.

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

Nonetheless You are there in the holy place, O Israel's boast.

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

*~ Please Stand*

***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:*

The Lord is king; the peoples tremble; he is throned upon the cherubim; the earth quakes.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\*

Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\*  
and protect Your community by Your cross.

The Lord in Zion is great, he is high above all the peoples.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\*

Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\*  
and protect Your community by Your cross.

Let them praise your great and awesome name; holy is he!

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\*

Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\*  
and protect Your community by Your cross.

*Priest:* Wisdom! Stand aright!

*All:* Extol the Lord, our God, and worship at his footstool; holy is he!

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\*

Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\*  
and protect Your community by Your cross.

Tone 4: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kondak of the Exaltation, tone 4: By your own choice, O Christ our God,\* you were lifted on the cross.\* Grant your mercies to your new community\* that bears your name.\* By your power gladden the faithful people\* and grant them victory against enemies.\* May they have the help of your instrument of peace,\* the invincible sign of victory.

*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.**

To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.

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

... and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.

To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.

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

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

*All:* Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of His feet for it is holy.

The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble.  
Exalt the Lord our God, and bow in worship at the footstool of  
His feet for it is holy.

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* A reading from the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul  
to the Corinthians. (1: 18 - 24)

*Priest:* Let us be attentive!

*~ Please be Seated*

*Reader: Brothers and Sisters! The message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, but to us who are experiencing salvation it is the power of God. Scripture says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and thwart the cleverness of the clever." Where is the wise man to be found? Where the scribe? Where is the master of worldly argument? Has not God turned the wisdom of this world into folly? Since in God's wisdom the world did not come to know him through "wisdom," it pleased God to save those who believe through the absurdity of the preaching of the gospel. Yes, Jews demand "signs" and Greeks look for "wisdom," but we preach Christ crucified --- a stumbling block to the Jews and an absurdity to Gentiles; but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

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

~ Please Stand

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

**Verses:** Remember your congregation which you acquired from the beginning.

But God is our king before all ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

**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 : John 19: 6-11; 13-20; 25-28; 30-35.

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

**Priest:** Let us be attentive!

### **Reading of the GOSPEL:**

*At that time, after the high priests and elders decided to put Jesus to death, they led him to Pilate saying, "Take him! Take him! Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said, "Take him and crucify him yourselves; I find no case against him." "We have our law," the Jews responded, "and according to that law he must die because he made himself God's Son." When Pilate heard this kind of talk, he was more afraid than ever. Going back into the praetorium, he said to Jesus, "Where do you come from?" Jesus would not give him any answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate asked him "Do you not know that I have the power to release you and the power to crucify you?" Jesus answered:*



*“You would have no power over me whatever unless, it were given you from above. That is why he who handed me over to you is guilty of the greater sin.” Hearing these words, Pilate then brought Jesus outside and took a seat on a judge's bench at the place called the Stone Pavement -- Gabbatha in Hebrew. (It was the Preparation Day for Passover, and the hour was about noon.) He said to the Jews, “Look at your king!” At this they shouted, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” “What!” Pilate exclaimed, “Shall I crucify your king?” The chief priests replied, “We have no king but Caesar.” In the end, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. Jesus was led away, and carrying the cross by himself, went out to what is called the Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). There they crucified him, and two others with him, one on either side. Jesus in the middle. Pilate had an inscription placed on the cross which read ‘Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.’ This inscription, in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, was read by many of the Jews, since the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. Near the cross of Jesus there stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Seeing his mother there with the disciple whom he loved, Jesus said to his mother, “Woman, there is your son.” In turn he said to the disciple, “There is your mother.” From that hour onward, the disciple took her into his care. After that, Jesus realizing that everything was now finished, bowed his head, and delivered over his spirit. Since it was the Preparation Day the Jews did not want to have the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, for that sabbath was a solemn feast day. They asked Pilate that the legs be broken*

*and the bodies be taken away. Accordingly, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the men crucified with Jesus, first of the one, then of the other. When they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. One of the soldiers thrust a lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. This testimony has been given by an eyewitness, and his testimony is true.*

**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 Among Us!***

*Response:*       ***He is and will be!***

*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:* My soul, extol the venerable cross\* of the Lord.\* O Mother of God, you are a hidden paradise\* which mysteriously brought forth Christ\* by whom a life-giving tree of the cross\* has been planted on earth.\* Today this cross is being exalted,\* and we, adoring it, glorify 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.**

*~ Please be Seated*

*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:* The Light of Your face, O Lord, is raised over us.

*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.

*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.**