

Holy Communion for those who cannot attend the Divine Liturgy

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE LITANY OF PEACE

The priest sings petitions for the Church and for the world. At each petition:

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

After the last petition:

Priest: Let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life to Christ our God.

All: To thee, O Lord.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Psalm 102

Choir: Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities,/ Who healeth all thy diseases.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,/ slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul:/ and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

THE LITTLE LITANY

The priest sings petitions, and all respond as before.

SECOND ANTIPHON

Psalm 145

Choir: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Praise the Lord, O my soul./ While I live will I praise the Lord;/ I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any sons of men/ in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth:/ in that very day his thoughts perish.

The Lord shall reign forever:/ even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THE LITTLE LITANY

The priest sings petitions, and all respond as before.

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Beatitudes

Choir: In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord,/ when Thou comest in Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:/ for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:/ for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:/ for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:/ for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:/ for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:/ for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:/ for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:/ for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you,/ and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad://
for great is your reward in Heaven.

THE ENTRANCE WITH THE GOSPEL BOOK

Priest: Wisdom! Stand upright!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Choir: O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art wonderful in Thy Saints, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

The Choir sings the Troparia and Kontakia for the day. After the final Kontakion:

Priest: For Holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Hoy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE TRISAGION

Choir: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (x 3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Priest: Dynamis!

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

PROKEIMENON

Priest: Let us attend! Peace be to all!

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the *Nth* Tone.

Reader: *The Reader reads the Prokeimenon.*

All: *All repeat the Prokeimenon.*

Reader: *The Reader reads the Prokeimenon Verse.*

All: *All repeat the Prokeimenon.*

Reader: *The Reader reads the first part of the Prokeimenon.*

All: *All repeat the second part of the Prokeimenon.*

EPISTLE

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of ...

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: *The Reader reads the Epistle.*

ALLELUIA

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest, and to all the people.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: *The Reader reads the Alleluia Verse.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: *The Reader reads the Alleluia Verse.*

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Stand upright! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Peace be to all!

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to *N.*

All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

The Priest reads the Gospel.

All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

THE CREED / СИМВОЛ ВЕРЫ / CREZUL (SIMBOLUL CREDINTEI) / ΤΟ ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ (ΣΥΜΒΟΛΟ ΤΗΣ ΠΙΣΤΕΩΣ)

I believe in one God ...

Верую во единаго Бога ...

Cred întru unul Dumnezeu ...

Πιστεύω εἰς ἔνα Θεόν ...

THE LITANY BEFORE THE LORD'S PRAYER

The priest sings petitions for God's protection and for the gift of the Holy Spirit. At each petition:

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

At the end:

Priest: And vouchsafe, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we may dare to call upon Thee, the heavenly God, as Father, and to say:

All: Our Father ... / Отче наш ... / Tatăl nostru ... / Πάτερ ήμων ...

PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

All those who intend to receive Holy Communion say the prayers before Communion:

All: I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly Thine own precious Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray Thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

Not unto judgement nor unto condemnation be my partaking of Thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Orthodox Christians who have prepared by prayer and fasting are invited to receive the Holy Gifts:

Priest: With fear of God, and in faith and love, draw near.

All: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; the Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us.

Those who have prepared approach the Priest to receive the Holy Gifts. When all have received Communion, the Priest blesses the people with the Holy Gifts:

Priest: O God, save thy people and bless thine inheritance.

All: We have seen the true light, we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the true faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity: Who hath saved us.

Priest: Blessed is our God, always: now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

All: Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord,

that we may sing of Thy glory:

for Thou hast made us worthy

to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal and life-creating Mysteries.

Keep us in Thy Holiness,

that all the day long we may meditate upon Thy righteousness.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The priest gives thanks to God, and asks His blessing on the coming evening. At each petition:

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

After the last petition:

Priest: Let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life to Christ our God.

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

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

Reader: **In the Name of the Lord.**

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Reader: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest asks God's blessing on the Church and on the world.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

Reader: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Father, give the blessing.

The Priest gives the blessing.

Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.