

The Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory



The Asperges

ANT. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ps. 51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

• The Gloria Patri is omitted on Passion Sunday and on Palm Sunday.

ANT. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

• On Sunday, from Easter Day to Pentecost inclusive, the following shall be sung instead of the above.

ANT. I beheld water which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluia; And all they to whom that water came were healed every one, and they say, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ps. 118. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

ANT. I beheld water which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluia; And all they to whom that water came were healed everyone and they say, Alleluia, Alleluia.

P. O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us. (Alleluia).

R. And grant us Thy salvation. (Alleluia)

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this Thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Catechumens

P. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

P. Our help is in the (+) Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

• The priest ascends to the altar, saying appropriate prayers, and reverencing it with a kiss.

The Introit

• The appointed psalm verse is sung or read. At Solemn Mass, incense is blessed, and the altar and celebrant censed.

The Kyrie

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

Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

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

The Gloria in Excelsis

P. Glory be to God on high,

R. And on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O (Jesus) Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the (+) glory of God the Father. Amen.

• The Gloria is omitted during Advent and Lent, and at Nuptial and Requiem Masses.

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit
P. Let us pray.

The Collects

• *Then the priest shall read the appropriate Collects for the day, at the end of which is said*

. . . unto the ages of ages. **R. Amen.**

The Epistle

• *Then the Epistle appointed for the day is read, concluding with*

R. Thanks be to God.

The Gradual & Alleluia

• *The priest prays to worthily proclaim the Gospel, incense is set, and the Book of the Gospels censed after the salutation.*

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The continuation (beginning) of the Holy Gospel according to *(Name)*.

• *The people, standing, sign themselves on the forehead, lips and breast.*

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

• *The Gospel is then read or sung, concluding with*

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

• *Here, the Sermon may be delivered and announcements made.*

But NOTE, that the sermon may be delivered at another place, at the discretion of the priest.

Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed—The Symbol of Faith

I BELIEVE in one God—

All: THE Father Almighty, | Maker of heaven and earth, | and of all things | visible and invisible. AND in one Lord, Jesus Christ, | the Son of God; | the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; | Light of Light, | true God of true God; | begotten, not made; | of one essence with the Father; | by whom all things were made; | who for us men and for our

salvation, | came down from the heavens. | And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit (Ghost) | and the Virgin Mary, | and became man. | And was crucified for us | under Pontius Pilate; | and suffered, and was buried; | and arose again on the third day | according to the Scriptures; | and ascended into the heavens, | and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; | and shall come again, with glory, | to judge both the living and the dead; | whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND in the Holy Spirit (Ghost), the Lord, | the Giver of life, | who proceedeth from the Father; | who with the Father and the Son together | is worshipped and glorified; (Rise.) | who spake by the prophets. | In One, Holy, Catholic, | and Apostolic Church: | I confess one baptism | for the remission of sins. | I look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, | and the life of the age to come. | Amen.

• *NOTE, the Creed is said on all Sundays and Greater Feasts, but is omitted at Nuptial and Requiem Masses.*

Litany Of Supplication

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us all say, Lord, have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy

Deacon: That our God will rule and govern his holy Orthodox Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will preserve the hierarchy and clergy of his Church, especially our great lord and father, His Holiness Patriarch *N.*, our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan, *N.*, in true religion, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will spread the light of his Gospel unto all

nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will restore to his Church all who have erred and gone astray, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will give to all nations true peace and concord, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will endow the President of the United States and all in civil authority, with the wisdom to know and the courage to do his will, let us pray to the Lord.

Here may be inserted any special petitions as desired or ordered by Church authorities. Then, he continues:

Deacon: That our God will strengthen and preserve us in his holy service, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will heal the sick and succor all who are in any trouble, sorrow, need, or adversity, [especially NN.,] let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will give to our use the abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will grant us the spirit of true repentance, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will bless our brethren, kinsfolk, benefactors, and friends with blessings everlasting, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: That our God will grant rest to the souls of all the faithful departed, [*especially NN.,*] let us pray to the Lord.

The celebrant says one of the following, or another general Collect:

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Ruler of all things in heavên and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of thy peoplê; and grant us strength to do thy will. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lôrd: Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit (Ghost), God, unto agês of ages.

Choir: Amen.

or

O LORD our God, receive the fervent prayers ôf thy people: in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon ûs; and upon all who turn to thee for help. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lôrd: Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit (Ghost), God, unto agês of ages.

The Liturgy of the Faithful

The Offertory

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

• The appropriate verse is said or sung. A hymn may be sung while the priest prepares the Offering of bread and wine with the appropriate prayers. At Solemn Mass incense is set, and the Offering, Altar, celebrant, and people are censed. This done, the priest turns to the people and bids them to share in the offering.

RECEIVE, O holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, this spotless Host which I, an unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for all my countless sins, offences and neglect; and for those who stand round about; as also for all the faithful in Christ, both living (quick) and dead; that to me and to them it may avail for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

FROM the side of our Lord Jesus Christ came forth Blood and Water, unto the remission of sins.

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the Chalice of Salvation; beseeching thy mercy that it may ascend in the sight of thy Divine Majesty as a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and that of the whole world. Amen.

IN a spirit of humility, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted by thee, O Lord; and so let our sacrifice be offered in thy sight this day, that it may be pleasing unto thee, O Lord God.

COME, O thou Sanctifier, ✠ Almighty and Eternal God; and bless this sacrifice made ready unto thy holy Name.

Censing (*In a Solemn Liturgy or a Sung Liturgy*)

Washing of Hands.

O LORD, wash away my iniquities and cleanse me of my sins.

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we offer unto thee in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and to the honour of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of these and of all thy Saints: that it may avail to their honour, and for our salvation; and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we keep on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

P. Brethren, pray that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to

the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.

SECRET PRAYER

• The priest says the Secret prayers proper to the day. He concludes,

... unto the ages of ages. **R. Amen.**

The Sursum Corda

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

P. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God...

The Proper Preface

• Here shall follow the proper preface, if there be one, followed by

The Sanctus

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Hosannah in the highest.

Blessed (+) is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.

The Canon (*Anaphora*)

THEREFORE, most merciful Father, we humbly pray and beseech Thee through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, that Thou wouldst be pleased to accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these

holy, spotless sacrifices, which we offer Thee in the first place for Thy holy Catholic Church, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to keep her in peace under Thy protection, to bring her to unity and to guide her throughout the world: likewise for *(Name)* our Patriarch, for *(Name)* our Metropolitan, for the Holy Synod of Russia, for the President of the United States and for all Orthodox believers who hold the Catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servants and all here present whose faith and devotion are known unto Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer to Thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves and those belonging to them, for the salvation of their souls, for their health and welfare, and who pay their vows to Thee, the eternal, living and true God. *(Here specific intentions may be made.)*

In communion with, and venerating first the memory of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; and also of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs *(here individual saints may be named)* and of all Thy Saints, through whose prayers grant that in all things we may be guarded by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE therefore pray Thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept this offering of our service and that of all Thy family; to order our days in Thy peace, to deliver us from eternal damnation, and to number us in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WHICH offering, we beseech Thee, O God, to bless, consecrate, approve, make worthy and acceptable in every way, that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy most beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands and, with His eyes lifted up to heaven unto Thee, God His Almighty Father, giving thanks unto Thee, He blessed, brake and gave it to His disciples, saying: **Take and eat ye all of this, for This is my Body.**

IN like manner after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks unto Thee, He blessed it, and gave it to His disciples saying: **Take and drink ye all of this, for This is the cup of my Blood of the new and eternal testament, the mystery of faith, which shall be shed for you and for many unto the remission of sins. As oft as ye shall do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of Me.**

WHEREFORE, O Lord, we Thy servants, as also Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same Christ, Thy Son our Lord, His Resurrection from the dead and glorious Ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent Majesty of Thy gifts bestowed upon us a pure host, a holy host, a spotless host, the holy bread of eternal life, and the chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look with a favorable and serene countenance, and to accept them as Thou wert graciously pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto Thee, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

The Epiclesis

AND we beseech Thee, O Lord to send down Thy Holy Spirit upon these offerings, **that He would make this bread the precious Body of Thy Christ, and that which is in this Cup the**

precious Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, changing them by Thy Holy Spirit.

R. Amen. Amen. Amen.

WE humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, to command that these things be borne by the hands of Thy holy angel to Thine altar on high, into the presence of Thy divine Majesty, that so many of us as shall partake at this altar of the most sacred Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with all heavenly benediction. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BE mindful also, O Lord, of Thy servants who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and who rest in the sleep of peace. *(here the departed are commemorated)* To them, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant we pray Thee a place of refreshment, light and peace, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TO us sinners also, Thy servants, confiding in the multitude of Thy mercies, grant some lot and partnership with Thy holy apostles and martyrs (Here individual saints may be named.) and with all Thy saints, into whose company we pray Thee of Thy mercy to admit us, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences. Through Christ, our Lord, by whom O Lord, Thou dost ever create, sanctify, quicken, bless and bestow upon us all these good things.

For by him, and with him, and in him is to Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory, is Yours, unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Here the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is held up by the priest for all to adore.

The Communion Rite

Let us pray. Instructed by saving precepts and following Thy divine institution, we presume to say:

The Lord's Prayer

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

• The priest now says the prayer for the Fracture, or breaking of the bread, and exchanges the Pax, or Peace, with the congregation.

P. . . .unto the ages of ages. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us Thy peace.**

• At Requiem Masses, instead of "Have mercy upon us", the following is said or sung: "Grant them rest, grant them rest, grant them rest eternal."

• The priest and people pray the following pre-communion prayers.

Prayers before Holy Communion

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. Moreover, I believe that this is truly thy most pure Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore, I pray thee: Have mercy on me and forgive me my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary; in word and deed; in knowledge and in ignorance. And vouchsafe me to partake without condemnation of thy most pure Mysteries, unto the remission of sins and life everlasting. Amen.

OF thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, receive me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of the Mystery to thine enemies, nor will I give thee a kiss, as did Judas; but like the Thief do I confess thee: ☩ Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom.

LET not the communion of thy Holy Mysteries be unto me for judgement or condemnation, O Lord, ☩ but for healing of soul and body.

• The priest makes his own Communion. The bells may ring three times signaling the people to come forward for Communion. Turning to the faithful, the priest says:

P. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takest away the sins of the world.

• Then, three times:

P. Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion

• In accordance with Orthodox canon law and practice, only Orthodox Christians may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Orthodox Churches.

• The priest and assisting clergy communicate the people with the following words:

P. May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

• After communion, the priest performs the Ablutions, cleansing the sacred vessels.

The proper Communion verse is read or sung. Then all stand for The Postcommunion Prayer

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray. . .unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Dismissal

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

• In penitential seasons, may be said:

P. Let us bless the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

• At Requiem Masses is said:

P. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

• Then the priest says the final prayer, and turns to the people, and says:

The Blessing

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, (+)
and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you, and remain
with you always. **Amen**

Then may be read the Prologue to John's Gospel, all standing:

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St.
John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All
things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything
made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of
men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness
comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose
name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of
the light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not the
Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true
Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He
was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world
knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him
not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to
become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name:
which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor the
will of man, but of God (*bow*) **And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us, (rise)** and we beheld His glory, the glory as
of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

*The may follow the veneration of the blessing cross and the
receiving of blessed bread. All in attendance, including
non-orthodox Christians, may come forward and receive.*

