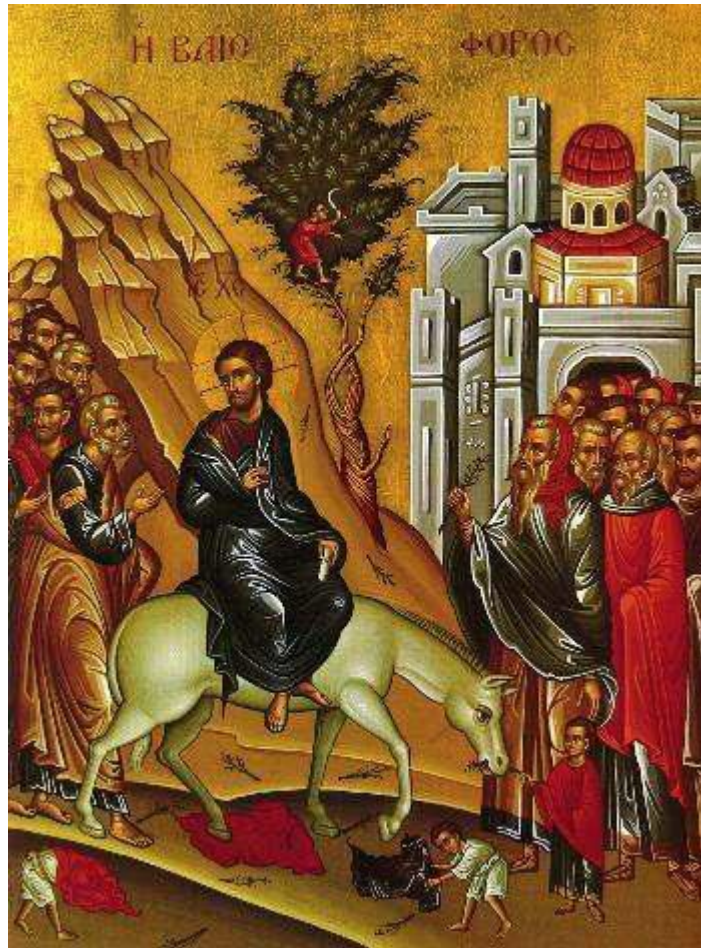


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(The Faithful Stand)

Priest

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen.

1. PEACE PETITIONS

Priest

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir

Lord have mercy (repeated after each petition).

Priest

For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For our Archbishop (or Bishop, or Metropolitan) N., for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For the President of the United States and all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

That he will aid them and grant them victory over every enemy and adversary, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city and every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir

Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us. To Thee, O Lord.

Priest

For unto thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen.

2. THE FIRST ANTIPHON (Tone 2)

I am well content: For the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain
Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Tribulations and sorrow have I found; and I called on the name of the Lord. R/

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

R/

3. PETITIONS FOR PROTECTION

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

Choir
Lord have mercy.

Priest
Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

Choir
Lord have mercy.

Priest
Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir
Most Holy Theotokos, save us. To Thee O Lord.

Priest
For Thine is the majesty, and Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir
Amen.

4. THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Tone 2)

I believed, therefore have I spoken; but I have been humbled exceedingly.

Refrain
O Son of God Who did sit upon the foal,
Save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath rendered to me. R/

My vows I will pay to the Lord, in the presence of all his people. R/

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

5. HYMN OF THE INCARNATION

O Only begotten Son and Word of God,
Who art immortal, yet did deign for our salvation,
To be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary,
And without change was made man,
And was crucified also, O Christ our God,
And by Thy death did death subdue,
Who art one of the Holy Trinity,
Glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
Save us.

6. PETITIONS FOR PROTECTION

Priest

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

Choir

Lord have mercy.

Priest

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

Choir

Lord have mercy.

Priest

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir

Most Holy Theotokos, save us. To Thee O Lord.

Priest

For thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen.

7. THE THIRD ANTIPHON (Tone 1)

Thou did raise Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God, and thus before Thy Passion did declare certain the general Resurrection. Wherefore, we also like the children, who brought Thee emblems of victory, greet Thee, Thou conqueror of death, with the cry:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

8. THE LESSER ENTRANCE

Priest

Wisdom! Attend!

Choir

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. We have blessed you from the Lord's house. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself unto us. O Son of God who did sit upon the foal, Save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

9. TROPARIONS

Thou did raise Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God, and thus before Thy Passion did declare certain the general Resurrection. Wherefore, we also like the children, who brought Thee emblems of victory, greet Thee, Thou conqueror of death, with the cry: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy resurrection! Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

10. KONTAKION FOR THE FEAST (Tone 6)

Sitting upon Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam.

Priest
Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir
Lord, have mercy.

Priest
For holy art thou, O our God, and unto thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir
Amen.

11. TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. (thrice).

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen. Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

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

12. PROKEIMENON FOR THE FEAST (Tone 4)

Priest
Let us attend!

Choir
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared to us.

Verse
Confess unto the Lord that He is gracious: That His mercy endures forever.

13. THE EPISTLE READING

Priest
Wisdom!

Reader
Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Priest
Let us attend!

Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians
(Chapter 4:4-7)

Reader
Brethren, farewell. May the Lord be with you always. Let all men see your gentleness. The Lord is coming. Do not worry about anything. But make all your petitions known to God through prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving.

Then the peace of God, which transcends all human understanding, will keep your minds and your thoughts in Jesus Christ.

Now, brethren, let your minds dwell on what is true, noble, righteous, pure, amiable, kindly, virtuous, and praiseworthy. Practice what you have learned, received, and heard from me, or seen me do. May the God of peace be with you.

Priest
Peace be to thee that readest.

Choir
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

14. THE GOSPEL READING

Priest

Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

Choir

And to thy spirit.

Priest

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Choir

Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.

Gospel of St. John
(Chapter 12:1-18)

Priest

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples [he who was to betray Jesus], said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because

on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!"

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard he had done this sign.

Choir

Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.

15. PETITIONS OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION (Optional)

Priest

Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say: O Lord almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir

Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Priest

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir
Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Priest
Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians; for our Archbishop (or Bishop, or Metropolitan) N.; for Priests, Deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir
Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Priest
Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God N., and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Choir
Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Priest
Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy temple; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord; and for the Orthodox servant(s) of God departed this life N., and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Choir
Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Priest
Again we pray for those who bear fruit 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 thy great and rich mercy.

Choir
Lord, have mercy. (thrice)

Priest
For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and to thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir
Amen.

Priest
Help us; Save us, have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace. Wisdom: That guarded always by thy might we may ascribe glory unto thee: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir
Amen.

16. HYMN OF THE CHERUBIM

We who mystically represent the Cherubim and sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice-holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares. Amen.

That we may receive the King of all who comes invisibly upborne by the angelic host. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

17. PETITIONS OF COMPLETION

Priest
Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

Choir
(Lord, have mercy or Grant this, O Lord repeated after each petition.)

Priest
For the precious Gifts now offered, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

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

An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful; and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir
To thee, O Lord.

Priest

Through the compassions of Thine Only-Begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir
Amen.

18. THE PEACE

Priest
Peace be to all.

Choir
And to thy spirit.

Priest
Let us love one another, that with one accord we may confess.

Choir
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: the Trinity, one in Essence and undivided.

19. THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

Priest
The Doors! The Doors! In wisdom let us attend.

All (recite the Creed)

I believe in one God, 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 worlds. Light of light, very God of very 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 heaven and was incarnate of the

Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried, and the third day He arose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and the giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son, together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

20. SANCTIFICATION OF THE HOLY GIFTS

Priest

Let us stand aright. Let us stand with fear. Let us attend that we may offer the Holy Oblation in peace.

Choir

A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.

Priest

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

Choir

And with thy spirit.

Priest

Let us lift up our hearts.

Choir

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

Choir

It is meet and right to worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided.

Priest

Singing the triumphal hymn, shouting, proclaiming and saying:

Choir

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest

Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you for the remission of sins.

Choir

Amen.

Priest

Drink ye all of this. This is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins.

Choir

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Priest

Thine own of Thine own, we offer unto Thee, in behalf of all and for all.

Choir

We give thanks to Thee, O Lord.

And we pray unto Thee, O our God.

21. HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS
(Ninth Ode of the First Canon,
Tone 4)

Priest

Especially our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary.

Choir

God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself unto us. Let us celebrate the feast. Let us magnify Christ with gladness, and with palms and branches, crying aloud in hymns unto Him: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord, our Saviour.

22. PETITION FOR ALL AND
BLESSING

Priest

Among the first, O Lord, be mindful of our Archbishop (or Bishop, or Metropolitan) N., whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy churches in peace, safety, honor, health and length of days, and rightly dividing the word of Thy truth.

Choir

And of all mankind.

Priest

And grant us with one mouth and one heart to glorify and praise Thine all-honorable and majestic name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen.

Priest

And the mercies of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ be with you all.

Choir

And with thy spirit.

23. PETITIONS OF SUPPLICATION
(Optional)

Priest

Calling to remembrance all the Saints, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir

(Lord, have mercy or Grant this, O Lord repeated after each petition.)

Priest

For the precious Gifts which have been offered and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

That our God, who loveth mankind, receiving them upon his holy, heavenly, and ideal Altar for an odor of spiritual fragrance, will send down upon us in return his divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

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

An angel of peace; a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

All things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful; and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

Asking for the unity of the Faith, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir
To thee, O Lord.

24. THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All (recite 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.

Choir
Amen.

Priest
Peace be to all.

Choir
And to thy spirit.

Priest
Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Choir
To Thee, O Lord.

Priest
Through the grace and compassion and love toward man of Thine Only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir
Amen.

25. ELEVATION OF THE HOLY GIFTS

Priest
Let us attend. Holy things are for the Holy.

Choir
One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

26. COMMUNION HYMN FOR THE FEAST

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself unto us.
Alleluia.

27. COMMUNION PRAYER

All (recite the Communion Prayer)

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who did come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

And I believe that this is truly Thine own immaculate 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 Mystic 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 judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

28. THE COMMUNION

Priest

With fear of God, and faith and love, draw near.

Choir

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; the Lord is God and hath revealed himself unto us.

29. HYMN OF RECEIVING

Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of Thy mystical supper, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies. Neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss, but like the thief will I confess Thee. Remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom.

30. PROCLAMATION

Priest

O God, save thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Choir

Thou did raise Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God, and thus before Thy Passion did declare certain the general Resurrection. Wherefore, we also like the children, who brought Thee emblems of victory, greet Thee, Thou conqueror of death, with the cry: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

31. HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Priest

Always, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen. Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, That we may sing of Thy glory. For thou hast permitted us to partake of Thy Holy, Divine, Immortal and Life-creating mysteries. Keep us in Thy sanctification, so that all the day long we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

32. PETITIONS OF THANKSGIVING

Priest

Attend! Having partaken of the divine, holy, immaculate, immortal, heavenly, life-giving and terrible Mysteries of Christ, let us worthily give thanks unto the Lord.

Choir

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

Choir

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

Asking that the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir

To thee, O Lord.

Priest

For thou art our sanctification, and unto thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen.

Priest

Let us go forth in peace.

Choir

In the name of the Lord.

Priest

Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir

Lord, have mercy.

33. PRAYER BEHIND THE AMBON

Priest

O Lord, who blessest those who bless thee, and sanctifiest those who put their trust in thee: save thy people and bless Thine inheritance; preserve the fullness of thy Church; sanctify those who love the beauty of thy House; glorify them in recompense by thy divine power, and forsake us not who hope on thee. Give peace to thy world, to thy Churches, to the priests, to all civil authorities, to our Armed Forces, and to all thy People: for every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from thee, the Father of Lights, and unto thee we ascribe glory, thanksgiving, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. (thrice)

34. THE DISMISSAL

Priest

Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir

Lord, have mercy.

Priest

The blessing of the Lord and his mercy come upon you through his grace and love towards man, always: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir

Amen.

35. DISMISSAL BLESSING

Priest

Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our hope,
glory to thee.

Choir

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 (thrice).

Father, give the blessing.

Priest

O Thou who did sit upon a foal for our
salvation:

Christ our true God, through the intercessions
of his all-immaculate and all-blameless holy
Mother,

-by the might of the precious and life giving
cross;

-by the protection of the honorable
Bodiless Powers of heaven;

-at the supplication of the honorable,
glorious Prophet, Forerunner and
Baptist, John;

-of the holy, glorious, and all-
laudable Apostles;

-of the holy, glorious and right-
victorious Martyrs;

-of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers;

-of the holy and righteous ancestors of God,
Joachim and Anna;

-of Saint(s) N. whose memory we celebrate,

-and of all the saints, Have mercy upon us
and save us, forasmuch as he is good and
loveth mankind.

Choir

Amen.

