

## The Divine Liturgy of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom

Of the four eucharistic liturgies in use in the Orthodox Churches today, by far the most important is that of St John Chrysostom. The following is the public part of that liturgy, following the preparation, which is carried out secretly, as it represents that part of the Life of Christ which was concealed from public knowledge. The Divine Liturgy symbolises the Life of Christ, from His first public preaching through to the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension and the Sending of the Holy Spirit from the Father.

It should be noted that when a bishop or a deacon serve the liturgy, there are a number of additions to the text below. Also, certain parts of the liturgy are variable, for example the antiphons and the hymns for the day. These are not given below. Neither is given the text of those prayers which concern the priest, nor is given the full text of the eucharistic canon which is read secretly on account of its mystical content. Otherwise, that which follows is a guide to the manner in which the Divine Liturgy is served throughout most of the Orthodox world, although some Greek parishes do make certain small abbreviations.

**Priest The Priest prays secretly, calling on the Holy Spirit:**

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

**Choir** Amen.

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

**Choir** Lord, have mercy

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

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

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

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For this holy house, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For our great lord and father His Holiness Patriarch Kyrill, the Most Reverend Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Church Outside Russia, the Very Reverend Archbishop.../ the Right Reverend Bishop.... , for the

honourable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

For the Russian land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and scattered abroad and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

That He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and all the Royal House, this land, all those in seats of authority, the armed forces and for every Christian land, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For this town, every town and land, and the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For seasonable weather, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For them that travel by water, land and air, for the sick, the suffering; those in captivity, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** That we may be delivered from all sorrow, wrath and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God 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** For unto Thee are due all glory, honour and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**The Choir now sings the First Antiphon**

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

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God 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** For Thine is the might, and Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**The Choir now sings the Second Antiphon and the following Hymn:**

Only-begotten Son and Immortal Word of God,  
Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary,  
Who without change became man and was crucified,  
Who is one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit:  
O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us.

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

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God 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** For Thou art a good God and Thou lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

### **The Third Antiphon (usually the Beatitudes)**

**Choir** In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who 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 sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

### **The priest makes the Little Entrance with the Gospel Book**

**Priest** Wisdom. Stand aright.

**Choir** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ,

*(Sundays):* Who rose from the dead,

*(Weekdays):* Who is wonderful in His saints,

*(Feasts of the Mother of God):* Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God,  
O Son of God, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

**The Choir now sings the Hymns of the Day**

**Priest** For Thou art holy, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

**Priest** Wisdom. Let us attend. Peace be unto all.

**Reader** And to thy spirit.

**Priest** Wisdom.

**The Reader announces the prokimenon and the choir sings.**

**Priest** Wisdom

**Reader** The Reading is *(from the Acts of the Holy Apostles/(from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the - etc)*

**Priest** Let us attend.

**The Reader reads the Epistle**

**Priest** Peace be unto thee that readest.

**Reader** And to thy spirit.

**Priest** Wisdom.

**The Reader reads the verses of the alleluia and the choir sings the Alleluia.**

**Priest** Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

**Choir** And to thy spirit.

**Priest** The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint - .

**Choir** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Priest** Let us attend.

### **The Priest reads the Gospel**

**Choir** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy x3.

Again we pray for our great lord and father His Holiness Patriarch Kyrill; for our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Church Outside Russia; for our lord the Very Reverend..., the Right Reverend Bishop...; and all our brethren in Christ.

**Choir: Lord have mercy x 3**

Again we pray for the Russian land and its Orthodox people, both in the homeland and scattered abroad, and for their salvation.

**Choir: Lord have mercy x 3**

Again we pray that He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety.

**Choir: Lord have mercy x 3**

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and all the Royal House, this land, all those in seats of authority, the armed forces and for every Christian land, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir: Lord have mercy x 3**

**Priest** Again we pray for our brethren, the priests, the priest-monks, and all our brethren in Christ.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy x3.

**Priest** Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable holy Orthodox Patriarchs, pious kings and right-believing queens, and the founders of this holy house, and for all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us, and the Orthodox laid to rest here and everywhere.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy x3

**Priest** Again we pray for them that bring fruit and do good works in this holy and all-honourable house, for them that serve and them that sing, and for all the people here present, who await of Thee great and abundant mercy.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy x3.

**Priest** For Thou art a merciful God, and Thou lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** Pray, ye catechumens to the Lord

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Ye faithful, let us pray for the catechumens, that the Lord will have mercy upon them.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** That He will teach them the word of truth.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** That He will reveal unto them the Gospel of righteousness.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** That He will unite them to His Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Save them, have mercy upon them, help them, and keep them, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Ye catechumens, bow your heads unto the Lord.

**Choir** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest** That with us they too may glorify Thy most honourable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** As many as are catechumens, depart; catechumens depart; as many as are catechumens, depart; let none of the catechumens remain; as many as are of the faithful, again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Wisdom

For unto Thee are due all glory, honour, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

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

**Choir** Lord have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord have mercy.

**Priest** Wisdom.

**Priest** That guarded beneath Thy might we may send up glory unto Thee: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

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

**While the choir sing the above Cherubic Hymn, the Priest prays and makes ready for the Great Entrance, making the following commemorations:**

**Priest** May the Lord God remember in His kingdom our great lord and father His Holiness Kyrill, Patriarch of Moscow and all the Russias; our lord the Most Reverend Hilarion, Metropolitan of New York and Eastern America, First



Hierarch of the Church Outside Russia; our lord the Very Reverend Archbishop Mark, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

May the Lord God remember in His Kingdom Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and all the Royal House, this land, all those in seats of authority, the armed forces, and all the lands of the Earth where Orthodox Christians dwell, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The priests, the monks, the nuns, all those that are persecuted and suffer for the Orthodox Faith, all those that toil here, those that sing, the benefactors and founders, all those that love the beauty of God's House, you and all faithful Orthodox Christians, may the Lord God remember in His Kingdom always, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

That we may receive the King of all, Who is invisibly borne in triumph by the ranks of angels. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Priest** Let us complete our prayer unto the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For the precious Gifts set forth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For this holy house, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** That we may be delivered from all sorrow, wrath and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us O God by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

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

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

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

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** Forgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** Things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

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

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defence before the dread judgement seat of Christ, let us ask.

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God 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 compassion of Thine only begotten Son, with Whom Thou are blessed, together with Thine all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** Peace be unto all.

**Choir** And to thy spirit.

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

**Choir** The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity One in Essence, and Undivided.

**Priest** The doors. The doors. In wisdom, let us attend.

**Choir** 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 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 heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. 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.

**Priest** Let us stand aright, let us stand with fear, let us attend, that we may make the Holy Offering in peace.

**Choir** The mercy of peace, the sacrifice of praise.

**Priest** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Trinity, one in essence, and undivided.

**The Priest reads the words of the Eucharistic Canon secretly with fear of God and awe:**

Singing the triumphant hymn, shouting, crying aloud 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 comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Priest reads the words of the eucharistic canon secretly:**

Take, eat, This is My Body, which is broken for you for the remission of sins.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** Drink of it, all of you, this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins.

**Choir** Amen.

**The Priest Reads the words of the eucharistic canon secretly:**

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

**Choir** We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and we pray unto Thee, O our God.

**Priest (And now the Priest with piety and awe reads the words of the eucharistic canon and the Holy Gifts are hallowed):**

Especially for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary.

**Choir** It is truly meet to bless you, O Birthgiver of God, ever blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, Who without defilement gavest birth to God the Word, true Birthgiver of God, we magnify thee.

**Priest Prays secretly, making intercession:**

Among the first, remember, O Lord, our great lord and father His Holiness Kyrill, Patriarch of Moscow and all the Russias; our lord the Most Reverend Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Church Outside Russia; the Very Reverend Archbishop.... the Right Reverend Bishop..., whom do Thou grant unto Thy holy Churches, in peace, integrity, honour, health, and length of day, rightly dividing the word of Thy truth.

**Choir** And all mankind.

**Priest Again the priest prays secretly for all mankind:**

And grant unto us that with one mouth and one heart we may glorify and hymn Thy most honourable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** And may the mercy of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Choir** And with thy spirit.

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

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** For the precious Gifts offered and hallowed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** That our God, Who loves mankind, Who has accepted them upon His holy and most heavenly and invisible altar as an aroma of spiritual fragrance, will send down upon us in return divine grace, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** That we may be delivered from all sorrow, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

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

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

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

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** Forgiveness and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** Things that are good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

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

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defence at the dread judgement seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

**Choir** Grant this, O Lord.

**Priest** Having asked 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.

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

**Choir** Our Father, Which 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Priest** For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** Peace be unto all.

**Choir** And to thy spirit.

**Priest** Bow your heads unto the Lord.

**Choir** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest** Through the grace and compassion and love for mankind of Thine only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** Let us attend. The Holy Things unto the holy.

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

**The Choir sings the communion hymn of the day, while the priest partakes of the Holy Body and Precious Blood of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ and makes ready to give holy communion to the people who have prepared in fasting, prayer and confession to partake of it.**

**Priest** With fear of God and faith, draw near!

**Choir** Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has appeared unto us.



**Priest** I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who camest into the world to save sinners, of Whom I am chief. I believe also that this is truly Thine most pure Body, and that this is truly Thine Own precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive me my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, whether in word or deed, in knowledge or 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, accept me today as a partaker; for I will not speak of the Mystery to Thine enemies, nor will I give Thee a kiss like Judas like 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 the healing of soul and body.

**Choir** Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Priest** O God, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

**Choir** We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true Faith, we worship the undivided Trinity, Who has saved us.

**Priest Prays secretly, then showing the chalice to the people:**

**Priest** Always now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

Let our mouth be filled with Thy praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Thy glory. for Thou hast vouchsafed us to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life-creating Mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness, that we may meditate on Thy righteousness all the day long. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Priest** Stand aright. Having partaken of the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly and life-creating, dread Mysteries of Christ, let us duly give thanks unto the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** Having asked 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 hallowing and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** Let us depart in peace.

**Choir** In the name of the Lord.

**Priest** Let us pray to the Lord.

**Choir** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest** O Lord, Who blessest those who bless Thee, and hallowest those who trust in Thee: Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Preserve the fullness of Thy Church. Hallow those who love the beauty of Thy house; do Thou glorify them in return by Thy divine power, and forsake us not who put our hope in Thee. Give peace to Thy world, to Thy churches, to the priests, to all Thy people. For every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from Thee, the Father of Lights, and unto Thee do we send up glory, and thanksgiving, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth and forevermore **x3**.

**The sermon is preached now.**

**Priest** May the blessing of the Lord be upon you through His grace and love for mankind always, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

**Choir** Amen.

**Priest** Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee!

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

Lord, have mercy **x3**. Give the blessing.

**Priest (Sundays):** May Christ our true God, Who is risen from the dead, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-praised apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; of our holy -. **(of the church)**; of our holy -., **(whom we commemorate today)**; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.