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My Dear Clergy and Laity:

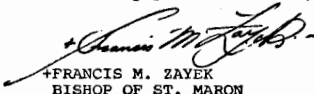
This booklet entitled Fenqith: A Treasury of Feasts, is meant to complement and complete our Maronite Antiochene Lectionary. It offers us the Liturgy of the Word for the various movable feasts of the Lord, of Mary and of the Saints. These beautiful prayers are a true source of meditation, catechesis and spirituality. We will not find herein the texts of all the Saints "venerated" by our people (whose Feasts have been mentioned in the book of Father Cheikho, S.J.: *L'Agéologie du Liban*, Beyrouth, Imprimerie Catholique 1914); perhaps with time the Liturgies of other Saints will be added. In the meanwhile, the Booklet provides a Common - for the Angels, a Saint, a Prophet, an Apostle, a Martyr, a Monk-Hermit, a Confessor - in order to commemorate the respective Saints according to such Feasts.

The Liturgy of St. Sharbel prepared by the Diocese as well as a second Liturgy prepared by the Baladite Order of Kaslik, have been included to give you an option.

While I want to thank Fr. Joseph Amar for the translations and for all his efforts, my thanks also go to the members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission who reviewed these texts and edited them for our liturgical use and spiritual gain.

May the Lord of the Saints continue to bless all our activities, for their goals are the glory of God, the salvation of the Church and a witness to the richness of our Maronite Antiochene Tradition. May the Fenqith also be an incentive for further translations and publications of our hidden liturgical treasures.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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FOREWORD

FENQITHO

A Treasury of Feasts

Fenqith (in Syriac, *fenqitho*) is a Greek word used to describe a small box or chest where family heirlooms are stored for safe-keeping. The Maronite Church uses this same word for a special book that contains many of the valuable treasures of her faith and spirituality. The *fenqith* is our collection of special prayers and chants for the major feasts of the year. It used to be thought that the *fenqith* was only used in conjunction with the Divine Office (*shehimto*). But now that we are returning to rediscover our treasure, we learn something new: the Divine Office and the Divine Liturgy are more closely related than we may have realized.

For example, the *fenqith* provides changeable prayers for the four major hours of the Office; sometimes, depending on the feasts, the three minor hours are included. But, in addition to this, if proper prayers are intended for the Divine Liturgy, they are introduced after the morning Office (*safro*) with the words "for the offering" (*'al qurbono*), or with the words "for the offering service" (*'al teshmeshto de qurbono*). When a proper set of prayers is provided for the Divine Liturgy, the initial and final fixed prayers of the morning Office are not recited. They remain in place at the beginning of each station (*qawmo*) of nocturns (*lilyo*), but in the Office of Great Week before Easter, they are recited at the end of each station and before the dismissal (*hootomo*).

The final part of nocturns is actually the ancient morning Office that was anticipated the night before. In the same way, the prayer of forgiveness (*hoosoyo*) of the morning Office is sometimes set apart with the rubric "for the offering also" (*toub 'al*

qurbono). This is seen in a Maronite psalter from the fifteenth century (Cod. Vat. Syr. 400). When a proper *hoosoyo* did not exist for a particular feast, the text of *safro*, without the psalmody, was appropriated.

This close relationship between the Divine Office and the Divine Liturgy is also reflected in the readings of the day. Originally, the Liturgy had a total of six readings. But these were anticipated in the Office, and the number of readings for the Liturgy was reduced to a meager two. But one jewel at a time! For now, it is enough to open our treasure chest from the past and let it enrich our present.

Reverend Joseph Amar

FENQITHO

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The celebrant prepares the gifts:

Cel: Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, He was silent and opened not His mouth.

The celebrant pours wine into the cup mixing it with water:

Cel: Into this cup I pour wine and water, symbols of the blood and water which flowed from the side of Christ on the Cross.

He covers the cup and paten with the veil:

Cel: His splendor has hidden the heavens, and His glory has filled the earth.

FEASTS OF OUR LORD

January 1

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord, make us worthy to feel the wonder of Your incarnation which has freed us from suffering and liberated us from death. Then we shall celebrate this feast of Your circumcision with eyes of faith and understanding. Without hesitation we confess You, and without ceasing we glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 67

Cel: May God show kindness and bless us and make His face smile upon us! For then the earth shall acknowledge Your ways, and all nations will know Your saving power.

Cong: **Let the nations praise You, O God. Let all nations acclaim You.**

Cel: Let the nations shout and sing for joy, for You dispense true justice to the world. You dispense strict justice to the people. On earth You rule all nations.

Cong: **May our God bless us and may He alone be revered to the ends of the earth.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the One Who fulfilled the prophets by His amazing incarnation and perfected the symbols of the past by His wondrous birth. He concluded the law of Moses when He appeared, and He completed the Mysteries of Abraham when He was circumcised. When He became man, He put an end to all parables and prophecies. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: Glory to You, Christ our God, only Word of the Father, You willed to free us from the agony of sin. You were born as God-Incarnate from the Virgin's womb that we might be born again by the Spirit of life. After Your birth, Your divine nature remained unchanged, and You were like us in all things but sin. Eight days after Your birth, You were circumcised to fulfill the patterns the prophets had foretold. From Abraham, circumcision had been the sign of Your people. Now in its place, You have established holy baptism. You made faith the sign and seal of Your covenant with us, and You circumcised our hearts with a new spirit of adoption. You gathered a new people, a redeemed Israel, reconciled now by our faith to You.

O Lord, as You renewed sinful man, now renew Your Church. Remove the scandal of those who reject Your humanity and deny Your divinity. Purify us that we may rejoice with all the children of Your covenant, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Qolo

Cel: O Lord, on the feast of Your circumcision, grant forgiveness to Your Church.

Cong: Today You complete the prophecies of old. You replace the symbol of circumcision with the seal of baptism.

Cel: Today the things of the past are put away, and the purifying waters of baptism begin to flow.

Cong: Today grant peace to Your Church, Your new Israel of faith. Let her rejoice in Your kingdom forever.

Etro

Cel: O Christ our God, accept our incense as You accepted the law of circumcision. And, as You purified that law, purify us and our petitions that we may become the people You desire. May the feasts of Your divine salvation always give us cause to rejoice that we may praise You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The prophet Moses established the law of circumcision for the house of Israel. Our Lord Himself came to fulfill this prophetic mystery.

Cel: Praise the Lord all you nations, for He was circumcised according to the law. Praise Him all you peoples, for He has fulfilled this prophetic mystery.

Cong: **Blessed is Christ! He gave the Church the glorious seal of baptism. In place of the law of former times, He has revealed the truth.**

READINGS

Genesis 17:9-14 Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Joshua 5:2-9
1 John 2:7-11 Romans 2:25-29 Romans 7:1-6

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

FETGOMO

Cantor: Streams of living water encircle the city of our God.

Cong: **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Luke 2:21 (sic).

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOTO

Cong: **Our Lord traveled the road laid out by His Father's prophets. He did this to reveal the truth of the Father's plan.**

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January 6

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord, the torrent of Your heavenly gifts and the flood of Your graces were visible at the waters of the Jordan River, so that through it, water in every place may be blessed. Because of Your manifold works and graces among us, we will glorify You and Your Son and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM

Cong: The Lord of oceans and rivers was standing at the mouth of the well. He Who brought forth winds and made the waters flow asked of the Samaritan woman, "Woman, give Me water to drink, and I will give you eternal life." She answered and said to Him, "But the well is so deep. Whence comes this living water that You would give me? Are You a star risen from Jacob?" Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the only hidden Father Who thundered from the heavens and acknowledged His only beloved and praiseworthy Son; the only Son Who was revealed at the river and

baptized by His servant; the only Holy Spirit Who was seen in heaven and on earth in order to make known His Chosen One.

The Father spoke to creation through His beloved Son and declared His truth. The Son is the Agent Who was baptized in the river and made known to us His glory. The Spirit is the Creator Who hovered over the head of His Chosen One. Glory and thanksgiving are due to Him, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: Almighty God and Savior Jesus Christ, You are the Merciful One Who inclined Your everlasting mercy to the salvation of our weak and feeble race. For the sake of mankind You became Man of the holy Virgin Mary. From the Magi and shepherds You received mystical and royal gifts. You were baptized in the Jordan River by John, Your forerunner, so that, by Your baptism, water would be made holy for us unto a new birth.

Etro

Therefore, O Christ our God, we beseech and implore You through this incense, which we offer on this festive and holy day. We intercede with You, O Lord, for You are filled with fathomless and unspeakable mysteries, and You have enlightened all creation with the bright and blessed rays of Your divinity. You are God Who was seen in the flesh, and You adorned and honored us who receive the gifts of the Spirit. O Lord, we ask and implore You, grant pardon of debts and forgiveness of sins to all Your flock on this day of Your Epiphany. You are God Who was seen through the unspeakable mysteries of Your Holy Trinity, in the equality of essence at the Jordan River. From the heights the Father declared and said to us: "This is My Beloved Son." O Word of God, You are one of the Trinity. We beseech and ask of You, O God of the Spirit, be pleased

with us on this feast day, and accept these petitions and prayers of worship from Your flock, which we offer You with the smoke of this incense. Comfort us with the protection and fullness of Your holy and lifegiving commandments. May our lives, actions and undertakings be to the glory of Your love for mankind and for the absolution and salvation of our souls. May we be led to the heavenly resting place with the Father. And may we be worthy to hear the voice that says: "Come blessed of My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world," through the intercession of all the saints, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cong: The Lord of the seas went down to the river to establish baptism for us. John saw Him and proclaimed: "This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world." And He signs the sheep of His flock amid the waters of baptism.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: O my soul, cling to the love of your Bridegroom. I will go down with Him for baptism, and I will arise clothed with white garments. For the smoke burned before idols has darkened me.

Cel: "This is My Son, this is My Beloved," says the Lord concerning His offspring. He comes to be baptized in the Jordan in order to sanctify baptism.

Cong: **You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.**

READINGS

2 Kings 5:1-15 Titus 2:11-15 2 Peter 1:12-19

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

FETGOMO

Cantor: The Father said: "You are My beloved Son. On You My favor rests."

Cong: **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Mark 1:2-11.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **Blessed is the Lord Who comes to baptize in the Spirit and in fire.**

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February 2

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: Make us worthy, O Lord, not to be separated from Your approved gathering, not to depart from Your holy sanctuary and never to leave the temple of Your presence. But may we always dwell on You and, like Anna the prophetess, may we be worthy to receive You and to achieve a portion of Your divine gifts. O Christ our God, may we see You face to face in Your Eternal and True Word. And we shall praise You, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 24

Cel: Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?

Cong: **He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clear, who desires not what is vain, nor swears deceitfully to his neighbor.**

Cel: He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his Savior.

Cong: **Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may come in!**

Cel: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts; He is the King of glory.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and honor the Word of God Who reigns in glory but chose to be seen in humility. He is the Child before all ages to Whom the Virgin gave birth in the fullness of time. He is the Lord of priests Who was held in the arms of Simeon. Glory is due to Him, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: Glory to You, Almighty King and Sustainer of the universe. In Your love for mankind You came to earth. You spent nine months in the Virgin's womb, and she rejoiced at Your presence within her. Like every infant, You were taken to the temple, and everyone who saw You was filled with awe and wonder: The altar rejoiced to finally see its Lord in the flesh; the temple was glad, Mary and Joseph were amazed, and Simeon exulted to hold the Lord in his arms. Simeon sang a hymn of praise: "Dismiss me now in peace, O Lord, for my eyes have seen Your compassion. Dismiss me in peace from life's weariness. Dismiss me that I may go to the dwelling of the dead and announce to them that their salvation is at hand. Today I am ransomed from life's imprisonment. This is the day of gladness and rejoicing. This is the day the One Who receives sacrifices comes to offer sacrifice. Today the temple passes like a cloud for the sun has dawned." With Simeon and Anna, let us say: "The Lord has appeared and He is our Savior. He is my God, Whom I shall praise."

Qolo

Cong: **Holy are You, O God; You were brought to the temple to offer sacrifice.**

Cel: Holy are You, O Strong One; aged Simeon rejoiced because of You, for he held heaven in his arms.

Cong: Holy are You, O Immortal One; You dismissed Simeon from this life as he asked.

Etro

Cel: Glory to You, O Merciful One, as a child You were brought to the House of Mercy. Thanksgiving to You, O Bread from heaven. O Law-Giver, with the Father and Holy Spirit You came to the temple to fulfill the law. Now, in Your mercy, receive this incense which we burn in our sinful weakness and grant a fitting memorial to all the faithful departed who put their hope in You, now and at all times, forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Mary bore the One Who bears us all. She presented Him to Simeon in the temple: "Now dismiss Your aged servant."

Cel: He Who carries heaven and earth was carried in Simeon's arms: "Now dismiss Your aged servant."

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Romans 9:30-33, 10:1-4

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: He is the Light of revelation to all nations and the Glory of His people, Israel.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Luke 2:22-35.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Blessed is our King of glory. He comes to put an end to the temple and to renew a people for Himself.

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: Grant us, O Lord, to fittingly celebrate Your Ascension by raising to You hands sanctified by good deeds, minds purified by grace and hearts afire with love; turning our hopes to the place of Your Ascension, we will join with the angelic choirs in glorifying You, now and always, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM

ALL: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth and good will to men. Praise the Lord all you nations, glorify Him all you peoples, for steadfast is His mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and peace on earth and good will to men.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we praise, honor and glorify the One Who sits at the right hand of the Father from Whom He proceeds. He came into this world, was crucified, died, was buried and arose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Glory and honor are due to the Good One,

today and all the days of our lives, now and always and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Christ, by Your Ascension You ended Your earthly life, but Your mission among us continues. Your everlasting mission makes of You the Head of a redeemed humanity and makes of us members of Your spiritual body. We are forever bound to You as our Creator and Redeemer. You reward us and give us life.

You ascended to the Father from Whom You came. You returned to Him to prepare a place for us in His kingdom, so that we may be where You are. You told us where You were going and showed us the way to follow You. When Thomas, the apostle, said: "Lord, we don't know where You are going—how can we know the way?" You answered, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man goes to the Father except through Me." O Christ, we ask You to show us the way that leads to the Father.

O Lord, our God, in heaven You ascend in a fiery chariot and are escorted by legions of angels. From their company You sent two who were robed in the white, hot fire of Your presence to admonish the unbelieving apostles. They proclaimed to all things living that Your glory is now fulfilled. They further admonished Your disciples, and they shook them from their amazement: "Why do you stand here looking up to the sky?" they asked. The simple apostles learned that their service was now to Your will and to the words You taught them. They went forth, even to the ends of the earth, and announced Your salvation to all mankind.

Etro

Cel: Now, O Lord, send them to us with the news of Your name. Turn our eyes from the heavens and our minds

from vain pursuits. Do not let Your chosen race grow dull like star-gazers, but awaken us to the ministry of the works of salvation. Heed our prayers, acknowledge our uplifted hands, turn Your gaze to the clouds of incense we offer and lift us with You to the heights of godliness, of good works and of holy deeds. Purify our supplications of any pretense and unfaithfulness. Put an end to internal disputes, to bickering and quarrels, so that Your people may join You and recognize the face of their Lord. Then we will render glory to You, forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. O Christ Who ascended the heights, have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. O Christ Who ascended the heights, have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. O Christ Who ascended the heights, have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Raise your lintels, O gates, lift up the eternal portals that the King of glory may enter—the King, the Lord of hosts.

Cel: Who is the King of glory, and what is the dominion of the Lord of hosts, the King of glory?

Cong: He is the Lord, strong in power and mighty in battle. This is the Lord, this is the King of glory.

READINGS

Ephesians 4:1-16 Acts 1:1-11

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: Men of Galilee, why stand you here, gazing up to heaven?

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Mark 16:15-20.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Lord of earth and sky, do not leave Your people orphaned. Remember our failings and our weakness of faith and have mercy.

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August 6

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord Jesus, bright Light of the Father, enlighten us and dispel the darkness of sin from the world. Shine the rays of Your mercy upon us, and let Your compassion dawn on us like the sun. O True and Glorious Brilliance of creation, glory to You, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 148

Cel: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him from the heights; praise Him all you His angels; praise Him all you His hosts.

Cong: **Praise Him sun and moon; praise Him all you shining stars; praise Him you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Cel: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created; He established them forever and ever. He gave them a duty which shall not pass away.

Cong: **You mountains and all you hills; you fruit trees and all you cedars; you wild beasts and all tame animals; you creeping things and you winged fowl.**

ALL: **Praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven, and**

He has lifted up the horn of His people. Be this His praise from all His faithful ones, from the children of Israel, the people close to Him. Alleluia!

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the bright Light of the eternal Father Who made known to us the triune mystery of divinity. Today He reveals Himself on Mount Tabor and shows His disciples the glory that was His from the beginning. Let us worship and bless Him, one holy God, Father, Son and Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro.

Cel: O Christ Our God, You chose to raise our mortal nature and to make us companions of Your Spirit. In Your humility You came to earth and taught our race the hidden mystery of Your divinity. With Your light, You led Your people from the slavery of Satan and death. You appeared to Moses in a bush that blazed with fiery brilliance, and there Your divinity was cloaked in mountain mist. Then, when You came to complete Your plan for us, You led Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor. You were cloaked in dazzling brilliance as You were transfigured before their eyes. The Father's voice thundered and split the sky, "This is My beloved Son, hear and know that in us there is no division." Moses and Elias then came to speak to You about the last days, judgment and the fulfillment to Your plan. But You cautioned the disciples not to reveal the vision until Your passion and death. In this way, Your plan for mankind would be completed.

And now we petition You, O Lord; enlighten Your Church with Your great light. Set her foundations firm in the true faith and grant safety to Christians every-

where. Forgive our debts and grant happy memories to our dead. With them we will praise You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O Lord, may we observe this feast with good deeds and holy acts. As we confess the mystery of Your divinity in three persons, make us worthy to ascend Your blessed mountain, to dwell in the joy of Your light and to worship You with our departed. O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, glory to You forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Tabor and Mount Hermon praise Your name, O Lord. For You dwell in high places, and Your power is on the tops of the mountains.

Cel: Let us proclaim from the tops of the mountains: Tabor and Mount Hermon praise Your name. Let us sing praises to the Lord, for all power is His.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Exodus 34:29-35 Leviticus 23:33-43
Nehemiah 8:13-18 2 Peter 1:10-19
2 Corinthians 3:4-18

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The splendor of the Lord has filled the earth; His brilliance has dispelled the darkness.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Mark 9:2-8.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Glory to the One Who transformed our race. He found us slaves to sin and death and made us companions of His radiance.

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FEASTS OF THE VIRGIN MARY

November 21

THE PRESENTATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN THE TEMPLE

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, fill our minds with thoughts of You, and enkindle the fire of Your love in our hearts. Let us enter Your holy temple to praise You with Your Blessed Mother, Mary. As a child, she was presented at Your Father's temple to devote herself entirely to His will. As You once accepted her, now accept us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

MARY'S CANTICLE (Luke 1)

Cel: My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior.

Cong: For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed.

Cel: God, Who is mighty, has done great things for me; holy is His name.

Cong: His mercy is from age to age on those who fear Him.

ALL: He has upheld Israel, His servant, ever mindful of His mercy; even as He promised our fathers, promised Abraham and his descendents forever.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the eternal Light Who appeared from the eternal Light and from the Virgin's womb as the Hope of all life; the One Who exalted the memory of His Mother in heaven and on earth; the Good One to Whom are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: Who can describe your heavenly beauty, O pure Virgin Mary? You became the dwelling place of God Who clothed Himself from you. With the patriarch, Jacob, we respond to your mystery and say: "How awesome is this place. This is the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Adam gave the world pain and suffering. But you, O Virgin, bore the heavenly Adam Who gave the world salvation and life. We therefore implore you, for you are of God's own family: Petition the Lord for us. For Who can forgive and rescue us but the Lord? Through His prophet David He said: "Call upon Me in time of trouble, and I will save you." We will praise and thank You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Qolo

Cel: The only-begotten Son of God chose Mary as His palace. He filled her with every grace and purified her to dwell in the temple of His mysteries.

Cong: **From the beginning, the Virgin Mary was set apart and kept free of every stain of sin. She went to dwell in the temple of God, and there she became His temple.**

Cel: Joachim and Anna fulfilled their vows to the Lord.

They presented a rose of blinding beauty to the service of Adonai, El-Shaddai, the Lord Sabaoth.

Cong: Mary is the ark which bore the manna, the law and the staff of Aaron. The cedar sprouted new leaves, and the staff bore the living Bread from heaven.

Etro

Cel: O Pure Incense Who has filled the earth, accept the incense which we offer. Grant us peace and consolation on the day of Your Mother's memory. And we will glorify and praise You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The angels rejoice, and all the earth exults in the memory of the blessed Mother of God, Mary.

Cel: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has looked upon the lowliness of His handmaid.

Cong: Your servants praise You, O Lord, on this feast of the blessed Mother of God. Angels and men glorify You on the day of her memory.

READINGS

Exodus 37:1-9

1 Kings 5:15-20, 27-32

Song of Songs 4:8-11

Hebrews 2:14-18, 3:1-6

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The King loved her more than any other; of all virgins, she won His favor and mercy.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Luke 11:27-32; 8:19-21.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Blessed is the Lord Who exalted the memory of His Mother and the saints. Through their intercession, may He bless the Church and guard her children forever.

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December 8

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE MOTHER OF GOD**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord, let us praise and confess You with love and reverence as we honor the memory of Your Mother, Mary. We gather today to celebrate the conception of the one who became the mother of the eternal Word. Make us worthy to offer You acceptable praises, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

DANIEL 3

Cel: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Cong: **Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.**

Cel: All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Cong: **Every shower and dew bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.**

Cel: Dew and rain bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.

Cong: **Ice and snow bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him above all forever.**

ALL: Bless the God of gods, all you who fear the Lord; praise Him and give Him thanks, because His mercy endures forever.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Father Who chose Mary from the beginning of time as His fairest daughter; the Son Whom it pleased to make her His mother; the Holy Spirit Who sanctified her at creation to be His bride. To Him are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: God our Father, we praise You for the unspeakable love You showed for us in the incarnation of Your Son. But today we give thanks in a special way for the grace You visited on our poor race by choosing Mary. You prepared her with Your choicest blessings to be our pride and boast. Her holiness is beyond that of any creature, for all were touched by the original fall but Mary. God chose her and protected her from Satan's gaze. He crowned her queen of all creation, and among mortals she alone was so exalted. Therefore, today all creation joins to sing her praises and to worship the One Who filled her with His gifts. To Him is due glory, forever.

Cong: **Amen**

Qolo

Cel: When the time was right and salvation was near, God sent messengers with the news of mankind's renewal. A maiden was chosen to escape the curse, chosen for creation's rebirth.

Cong: Adam and Eve rejoiced, for Mary did not taste the bitterness that all our race was forced to drink. She

bore the tree of life and so was kept spotless in soul and body.

Cel: God said to Adam and Eve: I will place enmity between you and the evil one, a curse between your offspring and his for all time. Now the offspring of the woman is the Son of God.

Cong: **Mary is the woman who gave the Blessed Offspring; the enmity between her and Satan was from the beginning. For this reason he dared not approach her.**

Etro

Cel: O Lord, accept our incense on this feast of the holy Virgin Mary. As You accepted her purity and the fervor of her love, make us acceptable for Your holy purpose. The more we resemble her, the more Your name will be blessed and honored, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: **Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: **When it was time for Anna to conceive, God placed enmity between Satan and the woman. Because of this, the devil did not dare approach her.**

Cel: The mother of the mother of God received the promise made from the beginning. God placed enmity between the devil and the woman's offspring.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Judges 6:34-40 Esther D:1-12 Wisdom 7:24-30
Acts 7:30-36 Hebrews 7:24-30

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Luke 1:46-55.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Blessed is Christ Who chose Mary from the beginning of time. He has exalted the memory of His mother for all generations.

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December 26

PRAISES OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, True Light, You revealed Your brilliance to creation through the body You took from Your holy Mother, Mary. Through the prayers of Your Mother, grant peace to the Church, that she may worthily celebrate this memorial and seek pardon for all her children. Glory be to You, forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

MARY'S CANTICLE (Luke 1)

Cel: My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior.

Cong: **For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed.**

Cel: God, Who is mighty, has done great things for me; holy is His name.

Cong: **His mercy is from age to age on those who fear Him.**

ALL: **He has upheld Israel, His servant, ever mindful of His mercy; even as He promised our fathers, promised Abraham and his descendents, forever.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Holy One Who sanctified the one who carried Him; the Exalted One Who exalted the virgin who bore Him; the Pure One Who purified the one who nursed Him. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O blessed Mother of God, lowly virgin who received the lofty One, dwelling place of Divinity, temple of the Creator, tabernacle of the Word, chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom, announcer of peace to our race, you are the glory and boast of all the faithful! From earliest times you were depicted symbolically by the prophets. You are the ark of Noah, the offering of Melchizedech, the field of Isaac, the ladder of Jacob, the vessel of manna and the rock of Samuel. All the generations of earth call you blessed and exalt the One Who appeared from you. Into your hands we entrust our prayers and petitions. Place them at the feet of the Child of our hope, your Son of compassion. May we have cause to celebrate throughout life's pilgrimage, and may the joy of His holy birth sustain us on our journey. To Him are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O holy Mother of God, on this day of your memory we offer our prayers to your Son. Petition Him to watch over His Church and all her children. May her clergy serve with reverence and sincerity, and may all who dwell within her know mercy and compassion. And we will glorify and thank Him, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: We join with all the faithful to praise and
congratulate our sister Mary; she will be forever
known as Mother of God.

Cel: The prophets prefigured her in symbols, and the
patriarchs foretold of her coming, but none knew she
would be called Mother of God.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men
before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us
and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Judith 13:17-20 Job 28:12-21 Wisdom 8:1-8
Acts 7:44-53 Hebrews 7:1-10

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The queen stood at Your right hand, and all who
approached You did her homage.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Luke 2:15-20; 1:46-55.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Thanksgiving to the Trinity! They have chosen Mary, the vessel of greatest value, and have placed her first among the treasures of the Church.

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May 15

**OUR LADY OF THE SEEDS,
PATRONESS OF PLANTING**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Christ God, Word from the Father, like rain You fell on the virgin's field, and like a perfect grain of wheat, You appeared where no sower scattered seed. You became food for the world. Make us worthy to praise You by recalling the memory of Your mother, who knew the planting and rejoiced at the harvest. We will bless You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 65

Cel: To You we owe a hymn of praise, O God; to You must vows be fulfilled, You Who hear prayers.

Cong: **You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have You enriched it.**

Cel: Thus have You prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

Cong: **You have crowned the year with Your bounty; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.**

ALL: The fields are garmented with flocks, and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Word that could not be spoken by creation; the Word written on pages of flesh from the pen of our sister Mary; the One Who was called Son of David and was David's Lord. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: We exalt you, virgin Mother of God, fleece that absorbed the dew of heaven, blessed field of grain to satisfy the hunger of creation. You are the holy mountain from which the Rock was hewn, without human hands. The generations of heaven and earth join to say:

Blessed are you, ark of Mysteries.

Blessed are you, altar of the First Fruit.

Blessed are you, fertile valley.

Blessed are you, bright sunrise.

Blessed are you, joy of motherhood.

We petition You, O Christ, through the prayers of Your holy Mother. Renew the face of the earth which You created out of love for us. Where there is death and decay, restore life; where there is famine and suffering, bring relief; where the earth is parched and unyielding, provide rain. Bless the fields with grain, the fruit trees with blossoms and the bushes with new growth. Restore the work of Your hands, so that earth and all that is on it may worship You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cel: Blessed are you, virgin Mother Mary. The churches exalt your memory, for the Life of the world came from you.

Cong: Blessed are you, Mother of God. The Father was pleased with you, and the First Fruit of creation sought you as His temple.

Cel: Blessed are you among all generations of earth. The author of life left His hidden dwellings and became Bread for creation in you.

Cong: Pure and holy virgin, Mary Mother of God, implore the One Whom you gave life to be our life, our refuge, our shade, our comfort.

Etro

Cel: Behold the fragrant incense in which heaven takes delight, from which all creation breathes life! Behold the perfume of life which renews and fills life! Lord God, receive our prayers, purified with fire and sweetened with incense. Purify us and make our prayer sincere. From Your treasury of blessings renew the earth's bounty and visit creation with the blessings of life. Breathe the breath of Your life, and make our hearts fertile with the works of love. Increase the yield of our souls so that the harvest of faith and the hope may increase. Then, mankind will be blessed, and Your name will be exalted, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Three vines were planted in a field: Hannah, Elizabeth and Mary. Hannah bore Samuel, and Elizabeth bore the Baptizer. But Mary bore the Savior where no seed had been sown.

Cel: Like fragrance of a blossom, and the dew of the leaves, Christ appeared from Mary. The fragrance and the dew are not the work of man, and Mary was a field for God alone.

Cong: You accepted the offerings of righteous men before us, now accept Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Genesis 1:24-31 Deuteronomy 11:10-17

Proverbs 3:1-12 Ephesians 2:1-10

James 1:16-19

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The mountain God chose for His throne became the dwelling place of His Son.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Evangelist Mark 3:31-35; 4:1-9

Evangelist Luke 12:22-31

Apostle John 15:1-8

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Let all creation proclaim the Lord's bounty and look
to the One Who gives life to all.

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August 15

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, make us worthy of Your loving kindness as we honor the assumption of Your most holy Mother, Mary. Through her prayers, may we be preserved from all powers of evil that we may end our days in peace. Then, in the world to come, we will join her to praise You, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

MARY'S CANTICLE (Luke 1)

Cel: My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior.

Cong: **For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed.**

Cel: God, Who is mighty, has done great things for me, holy is His name.

Cong: **His mercy is from age to age on those who fear Him.**

ALL: **He has upheld Israel His servant, ever mindful of His mercy; even as He promised our fathers, promised Abraham and his decendents forever.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the heavenly Light Who honored the assumption of His holy mother in heaven and on earth. With all the powers of heaven, the souls of the righteous and just, we also come to call her "most blessed of mankind." Through her we offer praise to You, O Christ our God; we place our hope in you today and all the days of our lives, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O holy God, You are beyond all knowledge and understanding. Yet, You came to dwell in the holy Virgin Mary to save us from death and the devil. You have filled Your mother with all graces and have filled us with spiritual songs to honor her glorious assumption into heaven. We join our voices to those of all the angels and saints and say:

Hail, pure mother of God, bride of the Holy Spirit.
Hail, fountain of blessings, ship bearing holy treasures.

Hail, leaven of life, concealing the divine Grain.
Hail, blessed censer, mother of the fiery Ember.

On this day the prophets and apostles left their tombs to escort you to your place of honor. From the ends of the earth, they came to honor you. We join the ranks of all the angels and saints to celebrate the day of your assumption from this earth, for you are the first heir of your Son's resurrection. We will praise the life-giving Trinity, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O Christ, Your mother called to You at the moment of her death, and You could not refuse her; You took her to Yourself in body and soul. Now receive our incense

and make us worthy to honor the day of her assumption with all the powers of heaven. Forgive our sins and grant us Your mercy at the moment of our death. And we will praise You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The angels of heaven descended from the heights to prepare the body of the holy Virgin.

Cel: In reverence and awe they carried her on their wings to the place of honor.

Cong: The apostles and prophets came to escort the holy one in procession to the mansions of light and joy.

READINGS

1 Kings 2:12-21 Esther 5:1-3 Sirach 24:1-14

1 John 3:2-10 Romans 12:1-8

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: I saw a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet. A special place had been prepared for her by God.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Evangelist Luke 10:46-50

Apostle Matthew 12:38-42

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **Blessed is Christ Who rose from the tomb. His mother tasted death and was taken to heaven, body and soul, the first fruit of His resurrection.**

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FEASTS OF SAINTS

October 7

STS. SARKIS AND BACCHUS

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: Almighty and merciful God, You showed us the path of life when You took up the cross and made Your way to Golgotha. Sarkis and Bacchus followed You on that journey; they won the crown You promised to those who struggle for the truth. Through the example of their lives and the intercession of their prayers, grant us the faith to carry the cross and glorify Your name. And we will praise You, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 2

Cel: Why do the nations rage and the peoples utter folly? The kings of the earth rise up, and the princes conspire together against the Lord and against His anointed.

Cong: **He Who is throned in heaven laughs; the Lord derides them. Then in anger He speaks to them; He terrifies them in His wrath.**

Cel: And now, O kings, give heed; take warning, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice before Him.

Cong: Lest He be angry and you perish from the way, when His anger blazes suddenly. Happy are all who take refuge in Him.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the generous Giver Who gave the gift of His grace to Sarkis and Bacchus. He required much of them, but He sustained them in all that He asked. With the power of God, their cross became a joy and not a burden. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Lord, strengthen us again with the story of Sarkis and Bacchus; teach us how they were victorious and became athletes of the Holy Spirit. Encourage Your Church with their memory and faith, and let us hear once again of their victory.

They refused to worship the gods of this earth. Their valor in the emperor's service prepared them for the battle against superstition and the gods that men create. Their victories on the battlefields of the earth prepared them for the ultimate victory; the crown they won was for the glory of God and the truth of His way. They were renowned soldiers who became lambs for Christ. They became weak to be filled with His strength. They laid down sword and shield to do battle with an invisible enemy. They had never surrendered in battle, but they surrendered to the power of God, put on the armor of faith and refused to bow to the authority of a faithless generation. For this they were given the victory our Lord promised to those who take up the cross and follow Him. And their courage encouraged those whose faith was weak. With their deeds of faith we will worship You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O Lord, Sarkis and Bacchus became a fragrant aroma filling the Church from age to age. As we remember them today, accept our prayers and make our service sincere. Fill our weakness with their strength and erase our doubt with their faith. Make our steps sure and firm as we travel the way You have laid out for us. Like Sarkis and Bacchus, may we fear nothing, but place all our trust in You. And we will glorify and praise You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: From Rome to Arsafa, they were called to be athletes of the Holy Spirit. And there they received the victory banner.

Cel: They won a glorious crown. They looked to You, O Lord, for life, and You granted life to the Church.

Cong: Now, through the prayers of Sarkis and Bacchus, protect the Church and her children. Let Your life fill our hearts.

READINGS

Judges 7:2-7 2 Maccabees 11:1-10
1 Corinthians 9:19-27 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

FETGOMO

Cantor: Though He was with God from the beginning, He did not cling to this dignity, but took on the form of a slave.

Cong: **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle Matthew 8:5-13.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **The memory of Sarkis and Bacchus fills the Church with gladness. They gave their service to the King of heaven, did battle with death and the devil and lived to tell us of their victory.**

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November 18

ST. ROMANOS, MARTYR OF ANTIOCH

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: O God, make us worthy to observe this day with solemnity as Your Church says: Come, faithful people, let us chant spiritual praises to St. Romanos who witnessed to Christ. Let us glorify Christ Who helped him in the struggle and crowned him with victory. He strengthened him and made him a treasure for the holy Church. He has given him to us as a faithful example in all our hardships. To Him be glory, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 105

Cel: Give thanks to the Lord, invoke His name; make known among the nations His deeds.

Cong: Sing to Him, sing His praise, proclaim all His wondrous deeds.

Cel: Glory in His name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord. Look to the Lord in His strength; seek to serve Him constantly.

Cong: Recall the wondrous deeds that He has wrought, His portents and the judgments He has uttered. He is our God. Throughout the earth His judgments prevail.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the One Who strengthens and crowns martyrs. He distinguished His servant Romanos and raised him up that we may celebrate his memory today. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: Who is able to tell of the exploits of our God manifested in His saints? The prophet Isaiah foretold that at the coming of Christ, tongues that hesitate will speak with confidence. The victorious martyr Romanos spoke as he believed and publicly confessed the One for Whom he would die. For this reason, Romanos was judged. And to quiet the voice of Christ in Romanos, his tongue was removed. Despite this, Romanos went on preaching Christ. A second time he was brought to court and was ordered to worship the gods of his country. But Romanos answered: Christ alone is Lord! And the Church rejoiced.

Through his prayers, O Lord, fill our mouths with Your praises and our lips with Your confidence as we offer our petitions to You. And we will glorify and praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Etro

Cel: O God, St. Romanos chose to serve the King of heaven and defied the ruler of this earth. Imprisonment and hardship did not make him falter, but only strengthened his voice. The more he was persecuted for the faith, the more Christians were encouraged to hold fast to their faith. May the example of his life enlighten our eyes, and may the words of his mouth encourage our faith. For You alone, O Lord, are Ruler

and Prince of our lives. Beside You there is no other.
To You be glory, forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

**Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

**Cong: St. Romanos left Palestine and came to Antioch. In
the city of Christians, he defended the Christian
faith.**

Cel: Christ fulfilled His promise to St. Romanos. When he
opened his mouth, the Holy Spirit taught him what to
say.

**Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men
before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us
and be attentive to our prayers.**

READINGS

Daniel 3:14-24 2 Maccabees 6:18-28

Revelation 2:8-11 Acts 12:1-11

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: Say to the trembling, "Courage." Say to the weak in
faith, "Take heart."

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Evangelist Mark 7:31-37

Evangelist Luke 12:1-12

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

**Cong: Thanksgiving to Christ our King. Even in hardship
His word goes forth. There is none like Him,
Alleluia.**

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November 27

ST. JAMES INTERCISSUS, MARTYR OF PERSIA

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O God, true Light, make us worthy to invoke the intercession of St. James, the martyr of Persia. Wealth and power took him from You, but prayer and penance brought him home and made him an example of redemptive suffering for the entire Church. To You be glory, forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 27

Cel: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's Refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

Cong: **Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war be waged upon me, even then will I trust.**

Cel: One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate His temple.

Cong: **And I will offer His tent sacrifices with shouts of gladness; I will sing and chant praise to the Lord.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the God Who strengthened His servant, James, and returned him to the true faith. Throughout his martyrdom, he never ceased praising God. He denounced idolatry, astonished his persecutors and gladdened the Church of the East. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: Glory to You, Sun of righteousness, Light from Light. In every age You enlighten Your Church with the fearless faith of martyrs. James was a son of the Church from his birth, but power, wealth and human respect made him forget the true Light. He was converted to the worship of fire, and Satan became his teacher. But the prayers of his wife and mother were heard, and James returned to the Light which no darkness could consume. He lost his power, wealth and honor, and was sentenced to public execution. While he was being bound, he prayed: "Lord, I thank You for making me worthy to witness to Your name." And with every blow from the executioner, he prayed: "Savior of mankind, You are the vine, and we are the branches. Receive a branch into Your kingdom. Receive the leaves, the limbs and the entire tree." At these words, the Church rejoiced. Those who had worshipped fire and the stars returned to Christ the Light. The persecution to destroy the gospel only caused it to spread and flourish. In place of every branch cut from the vine of Christ, branches without number sprouted.

Etro

Cel: O Christ, we petition You through the prayers of St. James who gave his life for Your sake. Have mercy on Your people and bless Your inheritance who honor his memory. As heaven opened its gates to receive him, open the gates of Your mercy and forgiveness.

Remember Your Church which suffers for Your name, and welcome us into the dwellings of true light. And we will glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The judge said to James: "Do you refuse to bow down and worship the sun, moon and stars? Do you deny the sacred fire?"

Cel: James answered: "I bow to worship the Sun of justice Who created the moon and stars. His fire burns within me, and it will not be quenched."

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Daniel 1:8-21 Sirach 15:11-20 Acts 13:4-12

Galatians 4:8-11 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Revelation 1:9-20

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The vine dies in winter, but it will bud again to be clothed in glory.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 21:28-32

Apostle John 15:1-8

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: On the feast of St. James, let the Church thank the Lord. Glory and honor to Him Who is faithful to His promise of life.

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December 20

**ST. IGNATIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR
PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, clothe us with sincerity and holiness that we may enter the courts of Your temple and honor the feast of Ignatius, Your bishop and martyr. He willingly endured martyrdom because of his love for You. May his courage and faith inspire us that we may be worthy of the crown of eternal happiness. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to You be glory forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 110

Cel: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

Cong: **"Rule in the midst of your enemies. Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor."**

Cel: "Before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you." The Lord has sworn and He will not repent: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Cong: **The Lord is at your right side; He will crush kings on the day of His wrath. He will do judgment upon the nations.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Good Shepherd Who gave His life for His sheep and gathered them into His pasture. He entrusted the flock to Peter and his companions to maintain it in the true faith for those who would follow after them. To Him are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: Where shall we find adequate words to describe the heroic virtue and faith of St. Ignatius? This disciple of Peter was led away from his church at Antioch to be made a spectacle for the pagans of Rome. But he traveled like the sun across the sky, lighting and warming the hearts of Christians who came to greet him. He assured them that it was his will to die for Christ, and he pleaded with them not to prevent it. Yet, his concern was for the church which he recommended to the prayers of the faithful: "Always remember the church at Antioch in Syria in your prayers. Because of my imprisonment, she has God as her shepherd; Christ and your love for her have become her bishop now."

In Rome he was met by the faithful, and together they prayed that the Lord rescue the Church from persecution. He then went quickly to the arena and became the food of wild animals. But the faithful returned his relics to Antioch for the comfort and consolation of his church.

O Lord, we petition You as we remember the constancy and faith of our father, Ignatius; help us understand the things of Your kingdom and to seek them first as Ignatius did. Grant us his single-minded desire to live and die for You alone. Provide leaders for Your Church and courage for her leaders, that every

generation may know and confess You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O Lord, eternal high Priest, You entrusted the keys of Your kingdom to the sons of the Church. As we recall the wisdom, teaching and leadership of St. Ignatius, we petition You on behalf of Your Church and all her children. Accept our fasting, prayers and sacrifices for her that she may be purified by her struggle and strengthened by her suffering. And we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: By order of the emperor, Ignatius was lead from Antioch to Rome to become food for the lions.

Cel: But the hand of the Lord was upon him, this disciple of John the Beloved.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

December 27

ST. STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, You created the angels to serve You and to sing Your praises. They came as messengers to prophets and apostles, and they filled the sky with joyous songs on the day of Your birth. In Your plan of salvation You determined that Your Church should have Stephen as first deacon to minister to the Church on earth after the pattern of the angels in heaven. On this day of his memory, we pray to be inspired with the same faith You bestowed upon Your saints. And we will praise the One Who crowned their service with victory, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 138

Cel: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of Your angels, I will sing Your praise.

Cong: **I will worship at Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name because of Your kindness and Your faith.**

Cel: For You have made great beyond all things Your name and Your promise. When I called, You answered me; You built up strength within me.

Cong: **The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly He sees, and the proud He knows from afar.**

READINGS

Genesis 14:17-20 Genesis 50:7-13
2 Maccabees 6:24-31 1 Maccabees 13:25-30
Romans 8:31-39 Hebrews 7:1-6

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

FETGOMO

Cantor: A star has risen in the East; it has dawned upon Antioch. And the people have called him "Father, Shepherd, Wise Leader."

Cong: **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle John 12:23-30.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **He is like a tree planted near flowing streams; whatever he does, prospers.**

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HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Lord Who sustained the struggling and encouraged the faint-hearted. He appointed blessed Stephen as the first deacon and martyr, and thus made him an example for angels and men. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Lord, You honor the saints and exalt the martyrs. You raised up the deacon Stephen, and like the angels before him, You sent him to proclaim Your truth. Like his Lord, Stephen lived and died for the Father. And like his Lord, he forgave those who persecuted him. For this reason, we rejoice at the memory of his martyrdom and say:

Blessed are you, reliable servant; like the Lord, you were faithful to death.

Blessed are you, first deacon; like the angels in heaven, you served the Church on earth.

Blessed are you, holy martyr; you led the procession of martyrs to the kingdom.

Blessed are you, true apostle; as deacon and martyr, you shared the vocation of angels and men. Today, heaven and earth join to greet you.

We call upon you to be an angel of light on our journey, a messenger of truth in our struggle and a beacon of hope in our darkness. May your courage light our way that we may enjoy a happy life and a blessed death. And we will praise the Lord Who honored you, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cel: O Lord, You sustained Stephen with Your strength and enlightened him with Your true light.

Cong: **Without fear he was faithful to the Lord among a people who forgot faith.**

Cel: The Lord is true to His word; Stephen did not deny His name, and the heavens opened to welcome him.

Cong: **Blessed is the Lord Who raises up the martyrs as living testimony to His people.**

Etro

Cel: O Lord, accept our prayers and make them holy. Join them to the prayers of all the saints and martyrs for the well-being of Your Church. Strengthen her children with confidence in Your name, that they may witness to You in all things and confess You with joy. And we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: **Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: **Blessed Stephen preached the truth without fear. For this, the Lord made him the first-born among the martyrs.**

Cel: Stephen remembered the Lord's promise. He received the Holy Spirit Who gave him words of faith to speak.

Cong: *You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.*

READINGS

Numbers 8:5-6, 10-14, 10-22 1 Samuel 3:1-18
Ezekiel 44:15-19 Acts 7:1-2, 44-60 Acts 6:1-15

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

FETGOMO

Cantor: A remnant of his offspring survived to praise the King of heaven. But the wild vine was uprooted and burned.

Cong: **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle Matthew 23:25-37.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **Heaven opened its arms to receive him. The prophets and apostles greeted him as he entered.**

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January 7

PRAISES OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, through the prayers of St. John the Baptizer, may we be delivered from the misfortunes of soul and body. He was a prophetic voice of truth, zealously witnessing at the doorstep of the kingdom. O Lord God, to You be glory, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 119

Cel: You are just, O Lord, and Your ordinance is right. You have pronounced Your decree in justice and in perfect faithfulness.

Cong: My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget Your words. Your promise is very sure, and Your servant loves it.

Cel: My eyes greet the night watches in meditation on Your promise. Hear my voice, O peoples of the earth. Hearken to the decree made by God.

Cong: O Lord, I await Your salvation; all Your commands I have fulfilled. And behold, the time of our deliverance is at hand!

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the

King of heaven Who chose the son of barren parents as the forerunner of His appearance. He sent John to announce and proclaim that His deliverance was at hand and to precede Him on the path of blood. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: Lord Jesus Christ, You are glorified in the memory of Your saints. They labored well in Your vineyard, and You have extended Your inheritance to them, making them brothers and sisters in the kingdom. To their number You raised up John, holy forerunner and wise messenger. And today Your Church honors his memory with the songs and praises of her children who say:

Come in peace, Mediator of the two testaments. You perfected them both, for the old was yours to complete, and the new was yours to announce.

Come in peace, prophet and apostle. For truly you are the last of the prophets and the first among apostles.

Come in peace, great priest. Your birth was greeted with singing and dancing, and with a dance and a song, your martyr's crown was won.

Through your prayers, O Baptizer, may we all become sharers in the mercy and compassion of Your Lord. You proclaimed His new dispensation, and we will praise Him, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O sound of the eternal Word, bright lamp before the only Light, may the Lord accept our incense and our service. In His plan of salvation you were an ending and a beginning. Look kindly on our undertakings,

prosper the work of the Church and keep it holy. And we will bless and praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: A dry weed has sprouted leaves, and from a flinty rock water flowed. A lamp appeared on the hills of Judea and a lampstand for the Light.

Cel: Hear this, all you peoples: the withered reed has blossomed! Pay heed all you who dwell on earth: water has come forth from the rock!

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Exodus 23:20-25 Isaiah 40:1-8 Malachi 3:19-24
Acts 8:26-40 Colossians 1:21-28

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: I will pour out my blessings upon you without measure, and the vine in the field will be barren no longer.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Evangelist Luke 7:18-29

Apostle Matthew 11:1-15

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: This is the man sent by God as a witness to the Light. With his baptism of water he announced the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The old was brought to an end; what was new began.

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January 17

**ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT,
FATHER OF MONASTICISM**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, make us worthy to honor the memory of blessed Anthony of the desert with faith and humility. Because of his love for You, he renounced the world, embraced mortification and suffered for the truth. We glorify the One Who perfected him in virtue, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 62

Cel: Only in God is my soul at rest; from Him comes my salvation; I shall not be disturbed at all.

Cong: Only in God, be at rest, my soul; for from Him comes my hope. He only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be disturbed.

Cel: Trust in Him at all times, O my people. Pour out your hearts before Him. God is our refuge.

Cong: Only a breath are mortal men; an illusion are men of rank. Power belongs to God; and Yours, O Lord, is kindness. You render to everyone according to his deeds.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Lord Who draws His loved ones away from the world and prepares for them an inheritance in the kingdom of light; the Shepherd Who gathers His sheep from the desert of this world and collects them at the oasis of His hope. To Him are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Christ our God, You taught us the way of true perfection and happiness. You encouraged those who follow You to sell what they have, give to the poor and to take up the cross. When blessed Anthony heard these words, his heart was inflamed with love for You. He left the world, renounced nation and family and accepted Your easy yoke. He entered monastic life with his companions: mortification, abstinence and self-denial. By turning away from everything, he turned to You alone; and by dying to himself, he lived for You alone. For this reason we honor his memory and say:

Blessed are you, holy Anthony, father of monks and example of religious life; tall cedar on the slope of Mount Lebanon, you have become a prophetic word echoing in the world.

Blessed are you, holy Anthony; you became a lampstand for the Light of the world. By that Light, many have been guided in the way of religious life.

Blessed are you, holy Anthony, morning star in a world of darkness. Your light made evil fear and caused sin to draw back in fright. How glorious is your Lord, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: Therefore we petition you, blessed Anthony, to intercede with Christ for us. As He came and taught you, let Him now teach us, so that our service may be pleasing, our discipleship complete and our commitment total. Like you, may we possess nothing in order to gain everything. May we die through penance in order to live through conversion. With you and all the saints we will glorify Him, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: **Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: **Fasting and prayer were your family and friends. Self-denial and penance were your nation and country.**

Cel: You carried the cross in the footsteps of Christ; and the seed that you planted became a mighty tree.

Cong: **You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.**

READINGS

Numbers 6:1-8 Sirach 2:1-11 Ephesians 6:10-18

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

FETGOMO

Cantor: Because my heart was embittered, I did not understand. But now, to be near God is my only good.

Cong: **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle Matthew 10:28-33.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **People of faith, praise the Lord; for He has rescued the afflicted and has redeemed the sorrowing. To Him be glory forever.**

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January 28

ST. EPHREM, DEACON AND TEACHER

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, grant us firm faith and love as we celebrate the feast of one You blessed with eyes of faith and words of the spirit. St. Ephrem burned with love for the Word of God, and God's Word gave him words to make the Word flesh in every heart. St. Ephrem's words were not words of earth, wind and fire; his words were conceived in God's own treasure house, born in Ephrem's heart and delivered by the Holy Spirit. His eloquence made the faithful rejoice, but the enemies of truth fled from his path. One word planted faith, another uprooted unbelief. Such was St. Ephrem, God's own mouth, the Word's own voice and the Spirit's own breath. And we will praise the blessed Trinity, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 112

Cel: Happy the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commands. His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth; the upright generation shall be blessed.

Cong: **Wealth and riches shall be in his house; his generosity shall endure forever. He dawns through the darkness, a light for the upright. He is gracious and merciful and just.**

Cel: He shall never be moved; the just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

Cong: His heart is steadfast, he shall not fear till he looks upon his foes. The wicked man shall see it and be vexed; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the divine Teacher and the Revealer of spiritual knowledge; the One Whose mighty deeds Ephrem narrated from the pulpit of Edessa; the One Who appointed Ephrem through the hands of Bishop Jacob to spread his spiritual canticles throughout the East. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Christ our God, Power and Wisdom of the Father, You filled St. Ephrem with a gift bestowed upon no other man. You gave him the vision of Your truth and the eloquence to express it. He took the new wine of Golgotha, blinded us with its color and intoxicated us with its scent. From the spring of divine knowledge, he composed melodies that stirred all creation with their beauty. With the same word he could be a serpent or a dove. With the same verse he evoked boundless images. With the same hymn he instructed the faithful, encouraged the weak and defeated the heretics.

And though he taught in the manner of the Hebrews before him, the songs of David and Solomon paled next to his. The prophets and patriarchs vanished like smoke next to his images. For Ephrem saw the fulfillment of their shadowy sayings, and from their echoes he brought forth clear sounds. From Edessa to Mount Lebanon, he filled churches with divine truth and

monasteries with glorious melodies. Men, women and children understood when he spoke, for he made the living Word live again in his sermons and hymns. Glory to the One Who filled his understanding, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O Christ, we petition You through the prayers of St. Ephrem and through this incense. Spread the wings of Your mercy and compassion and come to the aid of Your Church. Let Your truth take flight to inspire preachers, strengthen teachers and encourage catechists. O Word of God, send forth the power of Your Word to rouse Your Church again with its power and beauty. Send forth the harp of Your Spirit to renew Christians with melodies of understanding, encouragement and confidence. And we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Like the sun, moon and stars, St. Ephrem enlightened the Church with his teaching. He scattered the darkness and made the shadows vanish.

Cel: He returned wanderers to the Lord's flock. He corrected them with his gentle teaching, and they sang the praises of the Lord.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

1 Chronicles 25:1, 6-8 Acts 6:1-6 Romans 14:1-3
1 Corinthians 12:27-31 Revelation 14:1-3

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: My heart overflows with a goodly theme as I sing my ode to the King.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle John 15:1-8
Evangelist Luke 7:31-35
Evangelist Mark 4:21-25

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KORZOTO

Cong: Yours, O Lord, are power and majesty; Your wondrous deeds are chanted in heaven and on earth.

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February 9

**ST. MARON, ABBOT
FATHER OF THE MARONITE CHURCH**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Hope of the faithful and Strength of the weary, look kindly upon Your Church which celebrates the feast of our Father, Maron. You chose him to be a hermit whose life would be a hymn to Your knowledge and love. Make us worthy to fulfill Your purpose as he did and to meet You when we enter Your garden of delights. There, with all Your good and faithful servants, we will offer You praise, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 121

Cel: I lift my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

Cong: May He not allow your foot to slip; may He slumber not Who guards you. Indeed, He neither slumbers nor sleeps, the Guardian of Israel.

Cel: The Lord is your Guardian, the Lord is your shade; He is beside you at your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon at night.

Cong: The Lord will guard you from all evil; He will guard your life. The Lord will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Lord Who called our Father Maron to a heroic life of struggle and hardship. For this, he was granted merit and reward, and God welcomed him into the dwellings of life and light. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: Who can describe how God arrayed our Father Maron with the choicest blessings of creation and with a holy life of service? He followed the way of Christ, abandoning all else for the one pearl of great price. His days and nights were filled with prayer and penance. In humility he carried his cross, in dedication he became a hermit in the world, and in simplicity he praised his God on the mountain tops. The holy hermit took the words of Christ to heart: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the reign of God is theirs." In this way his life became a living sacrifice, breathing life upon his followers, seeking first the kingdom of God and its truth. And because God graced our Father Maron with power over body and soul, many came to follow him and to be led by his pastor's staff. He was anointed as the Father of a great people, a nation gathered from nations. He was his Master's plow in the garden of life, preparing hearts for the seed of truth. Praise and thanksgiving to the One Who chose him, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Qolo

Cel: Holy are You, O God. You gave St. Maron firm faith and divine love.

Cong: Holy are You, O Strong One. You strengthened the hermit-priest for Your purpose.

Cel: Holy are You, O Immortal One. The merit of our Father's dedication has been multiplied upon his children.

Cong: Blessed are you, Father Maron. Your fasting and prayer became the inheritance of a chosen people. Blessed is the Church which honors your memory today.

Etro

Cel: O Lord, accept the incense we offer in memory of our Father Maron. Bless and protect the people who bear his name. Make us worthy of his holy legacy that we may carry the message of Your gospel throughout the world. Grant faithfulness to his people and courage to his inheritance. And we will praise You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: All the Church and her children glorify God's chosen hermit. They rejoice in the memory of the one God appointed to lead His people home.

Cel: From the tops of the mountains, let us proclaim his honor. Let the Church confess the glory of God Who led His people home.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Genesis 12:1-8 Isaiah 51:1-8 Sirach 44:1-15
1 John 2:20-29 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The just man shall flourish like a palm tree; like the Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle John 12:23-30
Apostle Matthew 16:24-28

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Glory to the Father Who chose St. Maron. Worship to the Son Who made him a worthy pastor. Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit Who crowned him with glory. Praise to the Trinity, forever.

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March 19
ST. JOSEPH

DOXOLOGY

Cel: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.**

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: **Make us worthy, O Lord, to stand before You with pure hearts and to believe in Your birth from a virgin as Joseph, Your chosen one, believed after You revealed Your mystery to him. As You appointed the angel in the garden of Eden to guard the tree of life, so have You chosen Joseph and appointed him guardian of Your virgin mother in whom You dwelt. Grant us, O Lord, to taste the cherished fruit of Your tree, so that we may glorify You, Your Holy Father and Your blessed Spirit, now and forever.**

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: **Peace be with the Church and her children.**

PSALM

Cong: **Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth and good will to men. Praise the Lord all you nations, glorify Him all you peoples, for steadfast is His mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and peace on earth and good will to men.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the glorious Son Who sent the angel Gabriel to righteous Joseph; the eternal Light Who dwelt in the womb of the pure virgin; the Good One to Whom are due glory and honor on this feast and all the days of our lives, forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: Is there any lofty place like yours, O honorable and righteous Joseph? You served the Lord and His mother, and you were their constant companion both day and night. You carried on your arm the One Who carries the world, and you supported the One Who supports all mankind. You spoke with the eternal Word, and you were the guardian of His mother, the blessed virgin betrothed to you in purity. O mystery of Jacob realized! O true and perfect dream come true! How blessed are you among the saints and how honorable among virgins!

For this reason we cry out and say:

Hail to you, O blessed angel who accompanied the Savior and defended Him from all misfortune!

Hail to you, O virgin who cared for the virgin, the daughter of the Father and the spouse of the Holy Spirit!

Hail to you, O luminous star in the heavenly Church; you guide her children along the right path!

Now, O innocent and righteous Joseph, we petition you with the clouds of incense that we raise: intercede for us with the Lord Whom you served throughout your life. Implore Him to watch over us in this world and keep us from the misfortunes of soul and body.

And we will glorify the holy, life-giving Trinity, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cel: Righteous Joseph has become the father of the family. Behold, the mother of the family is a spotless virgin! The words of Isaiah are accomplished—God is with us.

Cong: **Blessed Joseph is seized with wonder. How amazing are the ways of God! Mary, his spouse, is virgin and mother—God is with us.**

Cel: And pure Mary, what can she say? The power of God rests upon her, and she is amazed. She is virgin and mother—God is with us.

Cong: **O blessed Joseph, how can we respond? Amazement robs us of our words. Teach us your love for God and show us His mystery—God is with us.**

Etro

Cel: O pleasing Fragrance Who has filled the whole universe, You have removed the doubt from Joseph's heart and have confirmed the pregnancy of Mary. Accept our incense and grant peace to our souls and rest to our dead. We will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: **Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Righteous Joseph, God's chosen one, is filled with wonder at the Mystery which dwells in Mary.

Cel: The heart of Joseph was in God. A light rose from his heart and revealed the mystery in a dream.

Cong: O blessed patron, friend of open hearts, teach us to live according to the inspirations of the Spirit.

READINGS

Isaiah 56:1-8 2 Samuel 7:18-25 Hebrews 6:9-20
Romans 4:18-25

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: He promoted him to be master over His house and sovereign over all His possessions.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle Matthew 1:18-25.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: The just man shall flourish like a palm tree and become like the cedar. In Lebanon shall he flourish and grow. For he has spent himself doing God's will. The light spread forth and darkness has fled.

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June 29

**STS. PETER AND PAUL,
APOSTLES AND MARTYRS**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, make us worthy to observe the memory of Your holy apostles Peter and Paul who led Your infant Church. They proclaimed the gospel to Israel and to the nations and received the martyrs' crown. Bless us through their intercession. Let our prayers ascend to You from sincere hearts and lips. And we will praise the life-giving Trinity, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 89

Cel: The favors of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim Your faithfulness.

Cong: For You have said: "I have made a covenant with My chosen one; forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

Cel: Once You spoke in a vision, and to Your faithful ones You said: "On a champion I have placed a crown, with My oil I have anointed him."

Cong: My faithfulness and My kindness shall be with him, and through My name shall his horn be exalted.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the eternal Wisdom Who enlightened the simple and taught the lowly; the divine Teacher Who built His Church on Peter the Rock, and raised up Paul like the bright dawn of a new day. To the Good One are due glory and honor on this feast and all the days of our lives, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: Glory to You, O Word of God, Giver of life and light. You founded Your Church upon the apostles and instructed them to preach love and justice throughout the land. You chose Simon, son of John, and You made him a fisher of men. Then You consecrated Paul the pharisee as apostle to the nations. Peter denied You, and Paul persecuted You, but You revealed Your will to them, and they accepted their vocation with joy. The fire of apostolic zeal burned in their hearts, and they became witnesses to Your truth in the world. Now we petition You through their intercession to protect Your people and to grant us new life. Guard the flock that Peter led and that Paul encouraged. May it become a witness to Your truth, guiding the world not with words, but with deeds that give life. Plant Your faith and peace among us and seal Your love in our hearts. Strengthen priests for Your service and missionaries for the spread of Your gospel. Guide those ordained to follow in the steps of Peter and Paul, especially our Patriarch who shepherds the Church of Peter at Antioch, with all bishops and priests whose faith is the faith of the apostles. And we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Qolo

Cel: The Lord chose twelve apostles and sent them into the world to make disciples and to baptize.

Cong: **The Lord founded the Church upon Peter; He chose Paul as apostle to the nations.**

Cel: "Do not carry with you gold or the things of this world. It is My peace I leave with you. I bequeath My love to you and to the generations to come."

Cong: **The Church rejoices in the memory of the apostles and proclaims: O Lord, have mercy on us through their intercession and grant us their faith.**

Etro

Cel: O Lord, accept our prayers on this feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Grant us to serve You without hesitation after the example of our holy fathers. Send Your Holy Spirit to renew in us the faith and commitment of the holy apostles. And we will praise you, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: **Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: **On the rock of faith Our Lord built His Holy Church. On Peter He laid the foundation, and Paul raised the building.**

Cel: Three times our Lord asked Simon, leader of the twelve, "Simon, do you love Me? Feed My sheep and tend My flock."

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Exodus 18:13-26 Numbers 27:15-23

Deuteronomy 17:8-13 Acts 21:35-40, 22:1-6

2 Corinthians 11:18-30

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: He anointed them as judges over His people and as servants over His inheritance.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle Matthew 16:13-20.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Glory to the Rock Who is the cornerstone. He has raised up a temple for His spiritual worship. Faith is its foundation, hope is its courtyard and love is its sanctuary. The old has given way to what is new.

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July 23

ST. SHARBEL

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord, through the parable of the grain of wheat, You taught us to die to ourselves that we might bear abundant fruit. You gave us the living example of Sharbel. Grant us an awareness of our faults and sins that during this life we may be changed through prayer and good works. Then may we deserve to enjoy Your heavenly garden, forever and ever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 42

Cel: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul longs for You, O God. Athirst is my soul for God, the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God?

Cong: **My tears are my food day and night, as they say to me day after day, "Where is your God?"**

Cel: Those times I recall, now that I pour out my soul within me, when I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving, with the multitude keeping festival.

Cong: **Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Why do you sigh within me? Hope in God! For I shall again be thanking Him, in the presence of my Savior and my God.**

Cel: Within me my soul is downcast; so will I remember You from the land of the Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls unto deep in the roar of Your waters; all Your breakers and Your streams pass over me.

ALL: By day the Lord bestows His grace, and at night I have His song, a prayer to my living God.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise and thank our Holy Lord, Who adorned the heavens with glory, the sky with stars. The Son teaches us by the example of His life and blesses the Church with hermits, saints and martyrs. The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church and renews her in every time and place. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O God of Silence, in stillness Your adorable and mysterious Trinity lives, loves and acts. In the silence of time, Your great Mysteries have been accomplished. Blessed is the one who quiets everything within himself and listens to the impelling voice which leads to You. Sharbel heard this voice and closed himself in solitude. He separated himself from a self-seeking world and spoke with You. You taught him to deny himself and to die, like the grain of wheat. You asked him to bind himself to You in a life of poverty, chastity and obedience. Freed from himself, he discovered You, O Lord, embraced the way of the Cross and filled his spirit with the memory of Your Son's passion and death. The holy Mysteries became his life, the Eucharist his real food and the Mother of God his consolation. Day and night he sought You in the Scriptures and in the lives of the saints. Through unending prayer his whole life be-

came a living hymn of praise to You and ended in a sacrifice of love that continues to proclaim Your glory. We beseech You, through his intercession, to inspire us to a life of prayer and sacrifice. Help us to live lives of quiet dedication to the service of Your Church, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cel: Holy are You, O God, You led Sharbel to the top of a mountain and revealed Yourself to him.

Cong: Holy are You, O Strong One, You filled Sharbel with Your example of sacrifice and the way of the Cross.

Cel: Holy are You, O Immortal One, You adorned Sharbel with a crown of glory and preserved his body as a pledge of the Resurrection.

Cong: Holy are You, O Glorious Trinity, You gave Sharbel to the Church as a model of prayer and solitude.

Etro

Cel: Merciful Father, accept our incense and guide us in this materialistic world to follow the example of Sharbel so that we may embrace Your Cross which is the promise of salvation and the bridge to eternal life, and we shall praise You, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Today the Church rejoices and exults in the memory of this model of monastic life.

Cel: O Church, rejoice and exult! Praise the Lord Who has chosen this holy hermit as a model of faith and labor.

Cong: Father of truth, You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-12 Galatians 2:19-20

1 John 4:15-17, 5:3-5

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: He is like a tree planted near running streams, whatever he does prospers.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL.

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle John 5:24-29

Apostle Matthew 18:1-4

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Blessed is our Savior. By glorifying His servant Sharbel, He proclaims to the nations that His kingdom is not of this world.

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July 23

ST. SHARBEL*

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: Make us worthy, O Lord God, to celebrate on this day the memory of Your chosen one, St. Sharbel, so that we may reflect on his life and love, taking him as an example and patron, achieve, like him, the fullness of unity with You and reach the rank of Your saints to whom You granted the sharing in the passion of Your beloved Son on earth and in His glory in heaven. To You be glory, forever.

Cong: Amen.

PSALM

Cong: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth and good will to men. Praise the Lord all you nations, glorify Him all you peoples, for steadfast is His mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and peace on earth and good will to men.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

***Text of KASLIK, Lebanon, 1977.**

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Holy Father Who calls us to a total sharing in His holiness, to the Holy Son Who bestows on us the grace of adoption through His incarnation, death and resurrection, to the Holy Spirit Who discloses and fulfills in us continuously the action of the Father and Son. Glory and thanksgiving are due to the Good One today and all the days of our lives and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: O Christ our God, You called Father Sharbel to follow Your steps in the light of Your hidden life and sacrifice on the cross. You wanted to create similarities between Your life and Sharbel's life: like You, Sharbel was born of poor parents in a village similar to Bethlehem; like You, he lived from the fruits of his hands in Beka'kafra and in the monastery; like You, he sought solitude in the wilderness in order to fast, pray, face temptation and be victorious; like You, he carried his cross, the cross of the harsh, ascetic life, and the sufferings caused by the haircloth of his monastic garb and the thorny chains; like You, he offered himself in the Divine Sacrifice to the heavenly Father; like You, he was brought down from the calvary of his hermitage in Annaya and was buried, wrapped in his monastic garb; like You, blood and water flowed from his body as blood and water flowed from Your side, wounded by the lance; like You an extraordinary light shone on his grave as Your own tomb was brightened by the splendor of glory; like You and through You, he cured the sick, and throngs of people from all over the world visited his glorious grave.

As Simon Peter, the head of Your apostles, proclaimed Your resurrection on the day of Pentecost, so also the Vicar of Christ proclaimed his canonization at the end

of that new Pentecost, the Ecumenical Council, the most impressive Christian gathering in the history of the Church.

Now, O Lord, we chant with the perfume of this incense the prayer which was the pledge of the unity between Your life and Sharbel's life, that prayer he used to repeat every day in the Divine Sacrifice: "You united, O Lord, Your divinity with our humanity and our humanity with Your divinity; Your life with our mortality and our mortality with Your life. You have assumed what is ours and You have given us what is Yours for the life and salvation of our souls. To You be glory forever."

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cel: Sharbel spends his nights awake until his eyes meet the light of dawn; in his heart he carries the heart of the world which longs for the heavenly light. Alleluia, what a wonderful hope!

Cong: "With your tears, you irrigate the earth," said the Lord to Adam in Paradise. Sharbel irrigated the earth with his blood, melting himself like a candle. Alleluia, how blessed is he!

ALL: He is a saint from among us, from the heights of the cedars and the hearts of the rocks. O Sharbel, intercede for us; the Lord gave you the glory of Lebanon. Alleluia, protect Lebanon!

Etro

Cel: Receive, O Lord, what we poured in our prayer and incense in Your presence as Your chosen one, Sharbel, pleased You in his nights, shining with the rays of his love and longing for You. Grant us part of what You granted him. Inspire us to love You with a love worthy of Your name, granted to us as a living and everlasting seal. We offer glory to You, forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

**Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

**Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

**Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

**Cong: O Church of God, celebrate and rejoice in your saints.
They lived according to the spirit of justice, pleasing
the Lord.**

**Cel: Praise the Lord on my behalf and rejoice in your saints.
Laud Him and chant, pleasing the Lord.**

**Cong: To the merciful Christ we chant glory. In Him
Sharbel, the Saint, guides us in the way of light.**

READINGS

Sirach 2:1-13 Sirach 44:1-15 Wisdom 5:1-17
Romans 8:28-39 Romans 12:1-10

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

**Cantor: The just man shall flourish like a palm tree; like a cedar
of Lebanon shall he grow.**

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 5:3-16; 11:2-9; 13:36-43

Evangelist Mark 10:17-30

Evangelist Luke 10:38-42

Apostle John 15:1-14

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Praise, thanksgiving and blessings to Christ Jesus for giving us His words of life; to His Father Who sent Him to redeem us; and to His living Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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July 31

**THE THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY
MARONITE MARTYRS**

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O God, You enlightened our fathers, the three hundred and fifty martyrs, with the light of Your divine knowledge. You strengthened them with Your cross to affirm the true teaching of Your divine and human natures. For this, You have given them a place high among the ranks of martyrs and have willed that their memory live on in Your Church. May we follow their example to become true confessors of Your name. And we will glorify and praise the life-giving Trinity, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 31

Cel: In You, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In Your justice rescue me, incline Your ear to me, make haste to deliver me.

Cong: **Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety. You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake You will lead and guide me.**

Cel: Into Your hands I commend my spirit; You will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God. You hate those who worship vain idols, but my trust is in the Lord.

Cong: I will rejoice and be glad of Your kindness, when You have seen my affliction and watched over me in my distress, not shutting me up in the grip of the enemy, but enabling me to move about at large.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the wise Provider Who planted the knowledge of His divine and human natures in the garden of His Church; the Harvester Who tended the fruitful martyrs and brought forth blossoms of truth; the Holy Spirit Who fortifies those who struggle for the faith. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: Blessed are You, Christ our God, Who chose our martyred forefathers and bestowed on them a crown of glory. You ordained our Father Maron as a zealous priest to spread Your gospel, and he became the good tree that yields abundant fruit. You willed that his monks shed their blood for Your name. Today the Church recalls their courage and says:

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord;
Sing praises to the Mighty One, O people of the East.

Confess Him from the mountains of Lebanon;
Let His name resound from the plains of Syria.

Give thanks to the Lord Who guards His tiny flock;
For he has multiplied His mercies upon us.

We now renew our faith by recalling those who died in defense of the Council of Chalcedon. With them we proclaim: Peter has spoken through Pope Leo. Our faith is the faith of Peter, and the faith of Peter is ours. Our Church is the Church of Peter, and the Church of Peter is our Church.

Look upon the tiny flock You have chosen from the East. Let it be like leaven in the dough, like the salt of the earth. May Your strength be our confidence that we may be worthy to follow our forefathers, the martyrs and the just, and we will praise You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cel: In His mercy, the martyrs were crowned, and with His strength, they won a glorious memorial: To Him be thanks and praise.

Cong: **Today His flock rejoices in their memory. They sing praises in churches and monasteries, saying: To Him be thanks and praise.**

Etro

Cel: O Lord, may the incense and prayers we offer in memory of the martyrs of our Father Maron grant us strength in the struggle and joy in the victory. Uphold those who maintain the true faith, that we may glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: **Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.**

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: **Like cedars without blemish, the just flourished in**

our land. With the blood they shed, they passed the faith on to us.

Cel: With faith and love, the saints ignited a bright light. Their true faith burned brightly in the hearts of the young.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Judges 7:12-22 Wisdom 3:1-8 1 Maccabees 2:27-37
Acts 9:22-30 Romans 8:28-39 1 John 3:13-23

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The rock that Moses struck was called "Mara" for its bitterness. But the martyrs have yielded sweet waters of living faith.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Evangelist Luke 11:47-52.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: The Lord planted a garden which He called the Church. In the middle he placed a wine press to satisfy the thirsty earth.

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September 1

ST. SIMON STYLITE, THE YOUNGER

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, make us worthy to celebrate this feast of St. Simon with reverence and devotion. As we enter Your holy sanctuary, grant us his spiritual understanding and his knowledge of Your ways. And we will glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 29

Cel: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise. Give to the Lord the glory due His name; adore the Lord in holy attire.

Cong: **The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon leap like a calf and Sirion like a young bull.**

Cel: The voice of the Lord strikes fiery flames; the voice of the Lord shakes the desert, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadish.

Cong: **May the Lord give strength to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify our God of wonder and amazement. He planted His holy ones on the mountain tops as sentinels to announce His mighty deeds. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: O God, when You created the universe, You placed the sun, moon and stars in the heavens to mark the passage of time. In wonder and amazement, we look upon these lofty lights in the sky, and our thoughts turn to You. You chose young Simon to build a dwelling high above earth, for he was an astonishing sight that turned our eyes and hearts from earth to the place of Your glory.

When Simon set to work on his pillar, he dug deep foundations; for the deeper the foundations, the higher the building will rise. Simon's foundation was prayer, austerity and constant penance. Unbelievers were converted by his preaching. A monastery and city grew up around his pillar. What was once a desert wasteland became a sanctuary of prayer and devotion for multitudes. As the crowds increased, so did his prayer and fasting. He healed the sick, reconciled the angry, brought peace to the troubled and demanded justice for the poor and imprisoned. When he was censured for his extravagant way of life, he pointed to the praying crowds below and said: "God has put to use even my foolish extravagance."

Now, O Lord, let the light of St. Simon rouse Your Church to prayer, fasting and good works. Let our amazement at his way of life remind us of Your amazing and wonderful deeds. Make Your Church

that city set high on a mountain to enlighten and guide all who seek You. And we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: Lord, as the fragrance of our incense rises to Your heavenly dwelling, remember St. Simon and the signs You showed through him. Join our prayers to his and grant peace and concord to the world, deliverance for the oppressed and dignity to mankind. Then Your Church will bless You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: God established His holy ones on pinnacles and mountain tops. For the Lord dwells on the high places in the land.

Cel: People of earth pay heed. Raise your eyes and lift your hearts to the high places in the land where the Lord has made His dwelling.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Exodus 33:7-11 Nehemiah 9:6, 12-15

Song of Songs 3:6-11 1 John 2:12-17

Hebrews 13:7-15

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: He is like a man who made his home on a mountain top. All who saw him gave praise to God.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 5:1-12

Evangelist Luke 12:16-21

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: All the earth, praise the Lord; bless the Most High in the land.

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COMMONS

COMMON OF THE VIRGIN MARY

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, make us worthy to knock at Your door with confidence, to enter Your house with diligence and to worship You with humility. Accept our prayers and answer our petitions, and we will give glory to You with joy, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

MARY'S CANTICLE (Luke 1)

Cel: My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior.

Cong: For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed.

Cel: God, Who is mighty, has done great things for me; holy is His name.

Cong: His mercy is from age to age on those who fear Him.

ALL: He has upheld Israel, His servant, ever mindful of His mercy; even as He promised our fathers, promised Abraham and his descendents forever.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: Let us glorify, honor and praise the majesty of God Who humbled Himself and exalted the humble

Virgin; Who became man and saved mankind; the most High Whose meekness exalted the humble; glory and honor are due to Him, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: As we praise and glorify with hymns the blessed ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, we ask her to petition her divine Son, saying: O Lord, through the prayers of Your Mother, keep away from earth and all its inhabitants the scourge of wrath; eliminate all its dangers and disturbances; protect us from war, captivity, famine and plague. Have compassion on our weaknesses, comfort our sick, help the poor and deliver the oppressed; enable us to lead holy lives; give rest to the faithful departed and grant us a happy death that we may glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Blessed are you, O Holy Mother, and glorious are you in your virginity, because in all purity, you brought forth the divine Son of the Father.

Cel: It is fitting to remember the holy virgin Mary, because she carried in her womb God, Who sustains the universe.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Judith 13:17-20 Job 28:12-23 Wisdom 6:12-21
Acts 7:44-50 Hebrews 7:1-10 James 3:13-18

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: Blessed is the Fruit of your womb.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 12:46-50
Evangelist Luke 9:23-27
Apostle John 19:25-30

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Praise, thanksgiving and blessings to Christ Jesus for giving us His words of life; to His Father Who sent Him to redeem us; and to His Living Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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COMMON OF THE ANGELS

(November 8)

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord, You order all things in heaven and on earth to Your purpose. In this plan, the angels serve Your will and accomplish Your wonderful deeds. May the angels who minister in heaven aid us on earth. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to You be glory, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 103

Cel: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being bless His holy name!

Cong: The Lord has established His throne in heaven and His kingdom rules over all.

Cel: Bless the Lord, all you His angels, you mighty in strength who do His bidding, obeying His spoken word.

Cong: Bless the Lord, all His works, everywhere in His domain. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the King of ages Who brought all things in heaven and on earth under His dominion; the One Whom angels and

archangels serve and cherubim and seraphim call "Holy, holy, holy." To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: Today the Church recalls the nine ranks of angels described in holy scripture. The prophets speak of cherubim and seraphim. The apostle Paul names principalities, dominions, powers, thrones and virtues. To these, scripture adds angels and archangels. And since all things serve God's will, the name given to each group describes its purpose in God's plan. For the angels are spirits created to accomplish God's will in heaven, just as man is created for God's will on earth. And as nature reveals the Mystery of God, the angels also reflect His being. The name Michael means "Who is like God;" Gabriel means "the Power of God;" and Raphael means "the Healing of God." Thus, the angels are like mirrors that reflect the goodness and benevolence of God Who remains hidden. To the voices of all the heavenly hosts we join our own to praise and confess You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Qolo

Cel: The sea trembled and the land shook when Michael descended to the earth.

Cong: John saw an angel standing at an altar with a gold censer; its fragrance ascended to the throne of God.

Cel: The heavenly assembly chants: salvation, wisdom, honor and power to the Lord of all.

Etro

Cel: Lord Jesus, grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit. May we, like the angels of heaven, do Your will and enter Your holy dwellings to praise You, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Angels and archangels are messengers of God. They
speak silent words to the spirit of the world and
encourage mankind on its journey.

Cel: Cherubim and seraphim surround the throne of God.
They encircle the crystal sea where all crowns bow to
the glory of God.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men
before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us
and be attentive to our prayer.

READINGS

Genesis 28:10-15 Judges 13:2-8 Zechariah 1:12-17
Hebrews 1:1-9 Ephesians 1:15-23 Revelation 8:1-5
Revelation 22:12-16

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: I confess You, O Lord, with all my heart; in the
presence of the angels, I raise my song to You.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 13:36-43

Evangelist Luke 12:8-12

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **With the hymn of the angels we acknowledge You and say: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of powers!**

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COMMON OF A SAINT

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, make us worthy to knock on Your door with confidence, to enter Your house with diligence and to worship You with humility. Accept our prayers and answer our petitions, and we give glory to You with joy, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM ("Glory to God" or other appropriate psalm)

Cong: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth and good will to men. Praise the Lord all you nations, glorify Him all you peoples, for steadfast is His mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and peace on earth and good will to men.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to glorify, praise and confess the Father Who chose faithful children to inherit His kingdom; the Son Who came to call them all by name; the Holy Spirit Who guided them on the path of holiness. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Christ our God, You are glorified by the memory of Your saints who accomplished Your will in the world and inherited the promise. They have heard the Shepherd's voice say: "Come, blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning." They fed the world with Your words of life. They clothed the world in the garment of eternal glory. They visited and tended the world with the Father's own tender love. Today, O Lord, we commemorate the feast of holy _____, Your chosen saint(s). Through the example of Your saints, may Your Church rise to the heights of perfection, love Your gospel as they loved it and feed and clothe the world as the saints did. Send worthy sentinels to Your Church in every age; fill every generation of her children with saintly lives. Then, all Your Church will gather in the land prepared for her, the new and spiritual Eden, and sing Your praises. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to You be glory forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: God, Whom Moses saw in the bush, and Ezekiel upon the chariot, is offered upon the altar; the people receive Him, and through Him, life.

Cel: God, Whom the cherubim and seraphim serve with great fear is offered upon the altar; the people receive Him, and through Him, life.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

(They are taken from those of the respective day.)

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The just man shall flourish like a palm tree; like a Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

(See the reading for the day)

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Praise, thanksgiving and blessings to Christ Jesus for giving us His words of life; to His Father Who sent Him to redeem us; and to His living Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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COMMON OF A PROPHET

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord, hear the prayer of Your Church as we call upon the memory of the prophets who spoke in Your name. May our worship be pleasing in Your sight that we may see Your signs, heed Your words and thank You for Your salvation. Glory be to You, forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 146

Cel: Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will sing praise to the Lord all my life. I will sing praise to my God while I live.

Cong: **Put not your trust in princes, in man, in whom there is no salvation. When his spirit departs, he returns to the earth; all his plans perish.**

Cel: Happy is the man whose hope is in the Lord Who made heaven and earth; Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.

Cong: **He keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free and gives sight to the blind.**

ALL: **The Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord protects strangers, the orphan and widow He sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, glorify and confess the Author of our salvation Who sent prophets with His message; the Son Who took flesh and became the message; the Holy Spirit Who discerns the Word of God. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Lord God, You created us in Your image to serve You in innocence and purity. All created things lived in peace and harmony as You intended. But in our simplicity we learned sin and forgot your love and kindness. We betrayed Your image in us, and we created our own foolish wisdom. But, though we forgot You, You could not forget us, because You are our Father. You sent us messengers, prophets who spoke in Your name, to remind us of our true inheritance. Some were ignored, others ridiculed, still others we put to death. Their symbols and parables haunted creation, for we could not rest until our true nature was restored. Jeremiah, David, Isaiah, Ezekiel—each came in his own turn. With piercing words and burning admonitions, they roused creation from its slumber. Finally, the Message that they witnessed to became a man, and God's own Word brought us back to life, the life You intended for us from the beginning.

Today Your Church celebrates the feast of the Prophet _____, whom You sent to prepare us for Your Word. Through his intercession may Your Church never fall into the slumber of sin. May she remain Your prophetic voice, giving life to creation and life to all her children. For the world still groans in sin. It takes delight in despair and flees from hope. Father, keep Your image alive in us always that we may praise and thank You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The prophets are like doves that greet the dawn with
songs of praise. As the doves greet the dawn, the
prophets greet the Lord's coming.

Cel: The sweet song of the sparrow is like the harp of King
David. The sparrow marks the coming of day, and the
songs of David announce renewal.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men
before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us
and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 2 Kings 2:9-14 Isaiah 6:1-8
Jeremiah 20:7-9 Ezekiel 2:1-10, 3:1-3 Ezekiel 34:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-4 (This should not be substituted by
another epistle.)

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: There is no prophet in the land; there is no one left to
read the signs and admonish the people.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 5:1-12; 5:17-20; 11:11-15; 13:13-17

Evangelist Luke 4:22-30

Apostle John 1:19-28

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Thanksgiving to our Lord. He searched us out and found us. Even when we wandered, He claimed us as His own. Blessed is God in His prophets and messengers.

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COMMON OF AN APOSTLE

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O God, make us worthy to recall the proclamation of the gospel that saved us and brought life to the world. May Your words of life prepare us to keep this memorial with reverence and honor. And we will praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 19

Cel: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. Day pours out the word to day, and night to night imparts knowledge.

Cong: **Not a word nor a discourse whose voice is not heard; through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.**

Cel: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

Cong: **The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; they are more precious than gold, sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb.**

Cel: Though Your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, yet who can detect failings? Cleanse

me from my unknown faults! From wanton sin especially, restrain Your servant.

Cong: Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before You, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Father Who spoke at creation and scattered chaos and darkness; the Son Who commissioned twelve apostles and sent them out with His word; the Holy Spirit Who confirmed their announcement with power and majesty. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Lord God, in Your plan of salvation You established a people of twelve tribes as truth and wisdom in the world. Your Son chose twelve apostles as symbols of the fullness and perfection of the new Israel, Your Church. The foundations of Your city will bear their twelve names, and they shall sit on twelve thrones to measure the nations with the gospel. You promised them hardship, persecution and rejection. Their words would fall among rocks and thorns, but a remnant would preserve the message entrusted to them: "For whoever hears you, hears Me. Whoever accepts you, accepts Me."

And now, O Lord, we remember Your chosen apostle _____, whose words scattered the darkness of life without Your gospel. He was the lamp placed high on the stand. He was the salt preserving the kingdom. His was the preaching and the message; His was the mission to spread the news of life to the ends of the earth. In this

way, all people would come to know Your love and kindness, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O Lord, as the mission of the apostles pleased You, may our service and prayers in their memory please You and enrich Your Church. Make the hearts of her children the good earth that received the word of God and let it thrive. May the chaos and darkness of the world not harden our hearts, but strengthen and encourage us to embrace the gospel's promise of life. May that holy news enlighten our minds and guide our actions so that all may know Your love for mankind. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to You be glory, forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The apostles who witnessed the gospel and shed their blood for Your sake plead along with us for Your mercy to obtain reconciliation.

Cel: The apostles who proclaimed Your gospel throughout the world sing praises to You, O Lord; grant us Your grace.

Cong: The just Simon was declared the Rock of Faith, and your foundations, O Church, were placed upon the cornerstone.

READINGS

Exodus 4:1-12 Ezekiel 2:1-10, 3:1-9 Maccabees 3:1-9
Acts 16:16-34 1 Corinthians 12:27-31, 13:1-3
1 Corinthians 4:1-16 Ephesians 4:5-16

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him Who brings good news announcing peace and salvation!

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Evangelist Mark 6:7-13
Apostle Matthew 9:35-38; 28:16-20
Apostle John 15:18-27; 17:1-8

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Blessed is Christ Whose gospel gladdens the hearts of mankind, Whose news of life crushes despair and confusion.

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COMMON OF A MARTYR

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, in Your plan of salvation You willed that Your Church would suffer and endure hardship for proclaiming the truth. In every age You provide the blood of courageous martyrs who pour their lives into the life of the Church. Now make us worthy to celebrate their memory and to glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 118

Cel: In my straits I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is with me; I fear not. What can man do against me?

Cong: **The Lord is with me to help me, and I shall look down upon my foes. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put trust in man.**

Cel: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. For the Lord delivers all who call upon Him.

Cong: **I was hard pressed and was falling, but the Lord helped me. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the Father Who created all things; the Son Who planted a grapevine to fill the cup of life; the Holy Spirit Who sustains the suffering and persecuted. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: O Lord God, You are blessed by the memory of those who love You and suffer for that love. Today we honor the feast of Your chosen martyr _____, whose intercession we turn to. May those who witnessed to Your name without fear now come to give courage to Your Church wherever she is persecuted for Your name's sake.

It is with the blood of martyrs that the parched earth of faithfulness is watered.

The blood of martyrs became the living stream that made all things prosper and grow.

The blood of martyrs became the lamp that dispelled the darkness and filled the whole house with light.

When taken before judges and magistrates, the martyrs fulfilled the Lord's words. When questioned before courts and tribunals, the Holy Spirit answered for them. They left their accusers amazed and speechless. No disciple is greater than his master, so the martyrs shared in the cross of Christ, eating the Lord's body and drinking His blood.* Today the Church recalls their memory to their children as a witness of faith and a lesson of patient endurance. Blessed is God

*The original Syriac text reads, literally: "...eating the Lord's dying and drinking his rising."

Who remains with His Church. To Him be glory, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O God, as You accepted the blood of martyrs who witnessed to the faith, accept the prayers and offerings of Your Church and keep her faithful. Strengthen her sails against the storms of persecution. Encourage her children against the waves of hopelessness and despair. Confirm and direct her leaders, for she looks to Your saving cross as her mast. O Strength of the persecuted, guide Your Church through the storm to the safe harbor of Your kingdom. There, with all Your saints and martyrs, we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The martyrs are like trees planted near springs of water; the trees yield fruit, and the martyrs pour forth help.

Cel: O elect of God, who loved Him and despised this passing world, beseech Christ with us to grant His mercy.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Wisdom 4:7-17 Sirach 51:7-11 Maccabees 12:38-46
Romans 8:12-17 Romans 8:18-27 Hebrews 5:7-10
1 Peter 2:21-25 Acts 8:1-3 Revelation 7:9-19

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: Constancy and strength are from the Lord; those who rely on them are the children of God.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 8:23-27; 24:1-14

Evangelist Mark 4:35-41; 8:14-21; 13:9-13

Evangelist Luke 6:27-34

Apostle John 12:24-28; 15:1-5; 16:1-4

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOTO

Cong: Blessed is God in our trials. Praised is God in our afflictions. Exalted is God in our victory. At all times let us give thanks to God.

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COMMON OF A MONK OR HERMIT

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord, make us worthy to share in the joyful memory of the monks and hermits You send in every age to strengthen Your Church. Grant us spiritual songs and praises that recall their devotion and rekindle their faith. As their lives once pleased You, may our observance of their memory now glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 6

Cel: O Lord, reprove me not in Your anger, nor chastise me in Your wrath. Have pity on me, O Lord, for I am languishing.

Cong: **Heal me, O Lord, for my body is in terror; my soul, too, is terrified. How long before You answer my prayer?**

Cel: I am wearied with sighing; every night I flood my bed with weeping; I drench my couch with tears. My eyes are dimmed with sorrow; they have aged because of all my foes.

Cong: **Depart from me all evildoers, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping; the Lord has heard my plea; the Lord has accepted my prayer.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to glorify, praise and confess the one holy Father Who summoned faithful followers to lead a solitary life; the only Son Who taught them the ways of perfection; the one Holy Spirit Who crowned their struggles with miraculous deeds. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**
Sedro

Cel: Blest and glorified are You, Lord God, in the memory of Your saints. Now Your Church remembers the holy monk/hermit _____, whose prayers are with us today. Through their trials and struggles, they have overcome their mortal enemy and have attained the place prepared for them by the Savior. In their zeal, they took the gospel to heart and became perfect, as their Father in heaven is perfect. Following in the footsteps of Christ, they became examples of faith and courage to all people.

When the world slept, they kept vigil.

When the world ate and drank, they fasted.

When the world sang and danced, they mourned
for their sins.

When the world lured them with rewards, they
sought the one priceless pearl.

Forsaking everything, they sought a treasure that no thief could steal and no moth could destroy. Their home was a desert cave; their city was a lasting one, built on a mountain; their family was the Lord, for they lived to accomplish His will. They dwelt in remote and desolate places so the Lord could fill the remote and desolate places of their hearts. For this reason, the Church preserves their memory as an example for her children and gives thanks to the Lord. For He is exalted by those who choose the solitary life, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One;
Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: The hermits put no faith in the world and its
judgment. To them, the day was dark as night. They
followed a Light unseen by the world.

Cel: The hermits fled the noise of the world to hear the
voice of the Lord. They put no faith in the world and its
gods, but relied on the Lord and gave Him the merit.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men
before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us
and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Exodus 34:27-32 Deuteronomy 8:1-5

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 Joshua 23:14-16

Wisdom 6:12-20 Acts 4:32-37 Romans 12:9-21

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Galatians 6:11-18

Ephesians 6:10-17

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: At the setting of the sun, I implored Your mercy; and
at daybreak, I called upon Your name.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 3:1-12; 4:1-11

Evangelist Mark 3:31-35; 6:7-13; 6:30-33

Evangelist Luke 9:23-27; 9:57-62

Apostle John 3:1-8; 12:44-50

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: **Praise and thanksgiving to Christ Jesus Whose kingdom is among us. He sends hermits and monks that all may know He has overcome the world!**

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COMMON OF A CONFESSOR

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Lord God, make us worthy to celebrate this feast of our faith which has been passed down to us from the apostles. You willed that Your Church would raise up worthy witnesses to the faith bequeathed to her. As we remember their confession of truth, we also bless You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 147

Cel: Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise Your God, O Zion. For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your children within you.

Cong: He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat He fills you. He sends forth His command to the earth; swiftly runs His word!

Cel: He spreads snow like wool; frost He strews like ashes. He scatters His hail like crumbs; before His cold the waters freeze.

Cong: He sends His word and melts them; He lets His breeze blow and the waters run. He has proclaimed His word to Jacob, His statutes and ordinances to Israel.

ALL: He has not done this for any other nation; His ordinances He has not made known to them. Alleluia!

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: May we be worthy to praise, confess and glorify the God of truth Who rescued us from falsehood; His Son Who became truth and taught us to avoid deception; the Holy Spirit Who shows the truth to those who call upon Him. To the Good One are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: O Lord, You said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." But from the beginning we fled from Your truth and have devised truths of our own. When You asked Moses to speak Your words of truth, he dissembled and objected. When You revealed Your truth to Jonah, he ran, thinking he could flee from You. When You taught Your divine wisdom to Solomon, he became as one who knew no wisdom.

As the Church commemorates the feast of Your confessor _____, we petition You in the names of all worthy witnesses of Your divine truth. Among them were doctors of the faith who guided Your Church through the deceptions of heresy. Others were renowned for their gift of teaching Your truth. There were instructors, catechists, preachers and doctors of the Church. With Your wisdom they taught young and old with deeds if not with words. With Your knowledge they instructed Christians in the faith and warned them of the devil's deception. Holy fathers, saintly religious and renowned teachers have preserved the true faith handed down to us in synods and councils. May their memory protect and guard the Church so that she may remain Your word of truth in the world and confess You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Etro

Cel: O Lord, be pleased with the memorial we observe today. May the confessors who adorned Your holy Church maintain her in the true faith. May she be the refreshing fragrance of truth in the world. As this incense is consumed by fire, may we be consumed by the fire of love for Your Church and be purified for Your purpose. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, glory to You, forever.

Cong: Amen.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: Today the Church rejoices in the memory of her confessors. The joyful congregations of faithful sing glory to God.

Cel: No joy on earth compares with the joy this feast brings to the Church. As she remembers the saints, she sings glory to God.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

Proverbs 10:6-18 Wisdom 4:7-14 Ezekiel 18:1-9
1 Peter 3:8-17 Ephesians 4:25-32
2 Timothy 2:20-26 Philippians 4:4-9

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: The Lord said, "My child, give Me your heart and let your eyes keep to My ways."

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the . . .

Apostle Matthew 10:28-33; 23:1-12

Evangelist Mark 9:38-42; 10:35-45

Evangelist Luke 9:23-27

Apostle John 14:1-7; 17:24-26

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Thanksgiving to God for His words of truth. Let us apply our hearts to His teaching.

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APPENDIX

JESUS, THE MEMORIAL OF GOD'S LOVE*

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Paschal Lamb, You immolate Yourself continually on the altars of the Church and are now distributed as a Food for famished souls. Grant us to participate in the fruits of Your sacrifice and to feed our souls with Your Body and Blood so that we grow in Your likeness and give You glory in this life and in the future, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 78

Cel: Listen to this law, My people, pay attention to what I say; I am going to speak to you in parable and expound the mysteries of our past.

Cong: **What we have heard and known for ourselves, and what our ancestors have told us must not be withheld from our descendents, but be handed on by us to the next generation. That is the titles of the Lord, His power and the miracles He has done.**

Cel: He gave our ancestors strict orders to teach it to their children, and these in turn were to tell it to their chil-

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dren so that they too would put their trust in God, never forgetting God's achievements, and always keeping His commands.

Cong: Admittedly, when He struck the rock, waters gushed, torrents streamed out, but bread, can He give us that, can He provide food for His people?

Cel: God gave orders to the skies above, He opened the doors of heaven, He rained down manna to feed them, He gave them the wheat of heaven; men ate the bread of immortals, He sent them more food than they could eat.

Cong: The people came to their senses and sought Him earnestly remembering that God was their Rock, God the Most High, their Redeemer.

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: Praise and thanksgiving to the Lamb, Who willingly accepted to become the paschal victim, the One Who has made of His Body and Blood a Food and Drink and Who is the Life of the world and the Pledge of resurrection. To Him, the Good One, are due glory and honor, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sedro

Cel: Lord Jesus, Savior of the world and Redeemer of mankind, You had mercy on our human condition. You vested Yourself in our humanity, so that we might vest ourselves in Your divinity. You became man to divinize us. From heaven You were proclaimed the Son of Man, and taking everything from us except sin, You bore all the sins of the world. Your love for us impelled You to become the Paschal Lamb, as You fulfilled the laws of Passover and realized all its sym-

bols. Moses ordered that the lamb be immolated, that it be eaten, that its bones not be broken nor that anything of it be left over. This was an image of You, the true Paschal Lamb. Whereas Elijah the prophet brought down onto Baal and his priests the consuming fire, You revived and renewed us by the fire of Your bread. Abraham offered a perishable meal, the cup of salvation and eternal life. You gave us Your Body as Food and Your Blood as Drink, as a source of forgiveness and blessings and a pledge of glorious resurrection.

We beseech You, O Lord God, to accept this incense which we now offer as a prayer for the hungers of the human family. Extend Your peace and announce the good news throughout the whole world. Grant a holy life to all of us gathered before Your altar from the four corners of the world. May we pass to the life where the sun shines forever, confident that the fire of damnation will not consume us, because the aroma of Your holy body will emanate from us. Lead us to the garden of rest, joy and consolation, where we will be invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb. With Your celestial choir and chosen ones we proclaim, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!" With the loving Father and the life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: Lord, You never leave Your people unaided. Give us our daily bread and make us one around Your living altar, because we are the guests of the Banquet You have prepared for us.

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God, Who delivered Your people from hunger and death on their way to the Promised

Land by giving them the bread from heaven. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O Strong One, Who multiplied the loaves for the crowds and satisfied the hunger of Your pilgrim Bride through Your Bread and Wine. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O Immortal One, Who are Fire and Spirit, and Who sanctified our oblations and Your mortal servants through the Water, the Bread and the Wine. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: God, Whom Moses saw in the bush and Ezekiel upon the chariot, is offered upon the altar, the people receive Him and through Him, life.

Cel: God, Whom the cherubim and the seraphim serve with great fear, is offered upon the altar, the people receive Him and through Him, life.

Cong: O God, Who in Your mercy accepted the sacrifice of the just men, accept in Your mercy our sacrifice and be pleased with our prayers.

READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 Acts 2:42-47

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: Do not work for the food that cannot last, but for the food that endures to eternal life.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle John 6:51-58.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: Praise, thanksgiving and blessings to Christ Jesus for giving us His words of life; to His Father Who sent Him to redeem us and to His living Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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VOCATION SUNDAY

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as we begin and until we conclude and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O Christ, the high Priest Who gave the Priesthood to mankind forever, make us worthy to approach the treasury of Your mercy and to worship in Your presence. We petition You for an increase of ministers to Your vineyard. Grant them to share in the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that they may bless, forgive, nourish and grant life to Your people. And we will glorify You, now and forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

Cel: Peace be with the Church and her children.

PSALM 118

Cel: Open to me the gates of justice: I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord. This gate is the Lord's; the just shall enter it. I will give thanks to You, for You have answered me and have been my Savior.

Cong: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

Cel: O Lord, grant salvation! O Lord, grant prosperity! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and He has given us light. Join in procession with leafy boughs up to the horns of the altar.

Cong: **You are my God, and I give thanks to You; O my God,
I extol You. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His kindness endures forever.**

HOOSOYO (Incense)

Proemion

Cel: **May we be worthy to render praise and worship to the
good Shepherd Who tends His Church and makes it a
treasury of blessings for mankind; the divine Architect
Who fashioned a Church on earth in the likeness of the
heavenly gathering of saints; the careful Provider Who
sees to the needs of His people and never lets them
stray from the watchful eye of His loving care. To Him
are due glory and praise at this time and at all times,
moments, hours and days of our lives, now and
forever.**

Cong: **Amen.**

Sedro

Cel: **O Christ our Lord, You observed the Pasch and by it
perfected the law. You instituted Your meal as a living
memorial of Your sacrifice on the cross. Before the
meal You washed the feet of Your apostles, and by this
washing, You manifested Your love for us. This was a
call to service for those who lead and a sign that every
function is an accomplishment of the command to love
our brothers and sisters. On that glorious Pasch, You
made Yourself the new Paschal Lamb. You granted us
the bread which overcomes death and gives life. You
wanted this bread to be renewed forever when You
said, "Do this in memory of Me until I come again."
Your meal has become the new banquet to which You
invite all men, so that they may come and satisfy their
hunger. This is a promise of the Banquet in heaven
that Your Father will host for You and for Your
Church. You offered the sacrifice of Yourself as the
firstborn of creation. You made Your apostles and
their successors priests of the new covenant, and**

through their hands, Your pure sacrifice is offered to the Father. From the farthest east to the farthest west, Your name is honored among the nations, and in every place a pure sacrifice is offered to Your divinity. Now, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the apostles, we humbly ask You to provide Your Church holy priests to distribute Your Mysteries, to spread Your teachings, to feed those who walk toward You, to console the sorrowful and to guide those who have gone astray, that the name of Your Father may be praised, His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as in heaven, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Etro

Cel: O Lord, accept this incense which we offer for an increase of vocations to Your Church. Grant her priests to serve Your holy altar and her religious to walk in the footsteps of Your disciples, for the harvest of the faithful is rich but the laborers of the ministry are few. And we will praise You, Your Father and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen

TRISAGION

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cong: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cel: Holy are You, O God; Holy are You, O Strong One; Holy are You, O Immortal One. Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Let us sing the psalm of glory and may God bless us.

Cel: Praise and glorify the Lord!

MAZMOORO

Cong: God ordained faithful servants for the service of His altar, priests whose lives praise the Bridegroom at the Mystery which never ends.

Cel: The industrious servant, toiling in the master's vineyard, will be brought by the Bridegroom to the joy which never ends in the kingdom.

Cong: You accepted the offerings made by righteous men before us, now accept, Lord, our offering, comfort us and be attentive to our prayers.

READINGS

1 John 3:1-2

Cantor: Praise be to God always!

Cong: Alleluia, Alleluia.

FETGOMO

Cantor: Full authority is yours: Go and call all nations to be My disciples.

Cong: Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Cel: Peace be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Cel: Let us be attentive to the gospel of life and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by the Apostle John 10:11-18.

Cel: This is the truth. Peace be with you.

KOROZOOTO

Cong: The Lord chose twelve apostles to fill the earth with His good news. And they have gathered all nations to the true faith of His gospel. Glory be to Him!

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ALL: We believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, 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 men 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANAPHORAE

PREANAPHORA

TRANSFER OF THE GIFTS

After the homily, the offerings are carried in procession and presented to the celebrant. During the procession, the congregation sings or recites the following hymn:

Cong: I am the Bread of Life, said Our Lord. I have come to the world for the life of men. The Father sent Me, Word without flesh, and like the good grain of wheat in rich soil, the womb of Mary received Me. The hands of the priests carry Me in procession to the altars. Alleluia, accept our offering.

OR

Alleluia, O Mother of the Life, petition your divine Son to keep away from us all the effects of evil, to preserve us from all animosity and to strengthen us on our way. On this day of your memory, we give praise to your only Son, our Savior. Alleluia, accept our prayers.

ACCESS TO THE ALTAR

As the celebrant approaches the altar, he chants or recites:

Cel: I have entered Your house, O God, and I have worshipped in Your temple. O King of glory, forgive all my sins.

Cong: O King of glory, forgive all our sins.

Facing the congregation, the celebrant raises the offerings, saying:

Cel: Almighty and wondrous God Who accepted the offerings of the just, accept these gifts from Your faithful who have chosen them from among their possessions and presented them to You and to Your holy

name as a pledge of their sincere love. Give them in exchange of their perishable gifts an imperishable kingdom. Amen.

The celebrant places the offerings on the altar and says one of the following:

Cel: O God, You accepted the sacrifice of Abel in the wilderness and that of faithful Abraham on the mountain and the widow's mite in the temple. Accept our offerings, and in Your mercy remember the living and the dead for whom we pray. Amen.

OR

Cel: O God, we remember our Lord Jesus Christ and His plan of salvation. We recall all who have pleased You from the beginning to the present, especially the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Maron, (*the patron of the Church, _____*). We offer this sacrifice in which we commemorate the members of our families, the living and the dead, children of the holy Church and especially Your servant _____, for whom we present this sacrifice.

The celebrant burns incense.

Cel: I burn this incense to praise and honor the most holy Trinity. Lord have mercy on us.

The congregation sings or recites the incense hymn.

Cong: In Your clemency and kindness, O Lover of penitent sinners, accept this incense which the faithful of Your Church offer to praise You and make atonement. As You accepted the sacrifice of Abraham on the mountain and as the sweet smelling incense of Aaron, Your priest, pleased You, may our incense be pleasing, O Lord, and forgive us in Your abundant mercy.

ANAPHORA OF ST. JOHN MARON, FIRST PATRIARCH

RITUAL OF PEACE

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross as he says:

Cel: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

He continues with his hands extended:

O good and merciful God, You have given us this spiritual table through our Lord Jesus Christ. As You accept this spotless oblation, grant us the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Make us worthy to approach Your sanctuary with a sincere heart and a clear conscience. Give us the peace which Your Son gave to His disciples, so that we too, while greeting each other with a holy kiss, may glorify Your all-powerful grace, your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

The celebrant touches the altar and the offerings, saying:

Cel: Peace to you, O holy altar of the Lord. Peace to the holy Mysteries placed upon you. (*In concelebration:* Peace to you, O priests of God.) Peace to you, O server of the Holy Spirit.

The server or celebrant gives the sign of peace to the congregation.

Cantor: Let each one of us give the greeting of peace to his neighbor in charity and loyalty that we may please the Lord.

After the sign of peace has been exchanged, he says:

Cantor: Let us stand devoutly for the gifts are about to be offered, and heavenly glory is about to be revealed. The Holy Spirit will overshadow the Mysteries.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: DIALOGUE

The celebrant blesses the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Cel: May the love of God the Father, the grace of the only-begotten Son and the unity and indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

The celebrant raises his hands and says:

Cel: Let us raise our thoughts, our minds and our hearts.

Cong: They are raised to You, O Lord.

Cel: Let us praise and worship the Lord.

Cong: It is right and proper.

Cel: Father, unsearchable Lord of all generations, You sent the Lord Jesus Who is equal to You. As Your Word, He is the brightness of Your fire and the image of Your all-powerful being. Through Him You created the generations in Your grace, and with You He is praised in splendor. Through Him the Mystery of Your Trinity, hidden from the ages, appeared to us. Through Him You revealed to us that You are the Father. By Your own voice You taught us that He is Your beloved Son. Through His revelation Your Spirit instructed us that You are one being, without division.

O Lord, the powers and angels serve Your greatness and glorify You in victorious praise. We also, weak and sinful but made worthy through the gift of Your grace, join our voices with theirs to say:

Cong: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who has come and will come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The celebrant continues:

Cel: Holy are You, Father, Son and Spirit. The spiritual assembly glorifies Your Trinity, blesses Your hiddenness and exalts Your wondrous being. Glory to You Who raised our race in Your goodness. You joined the voices of earthly creatures with those of heavenly creatures. You sent Your beloved Son for our salvation, and He became man by the Virgin Mary.

The celebrant recites or chants:

On the night He was handed over to accomplish the salvation of the world and to free our imprisoned souls from their captors, in the presence of His apostles He revealed the power that belonged to God. He took bread in His hands and showed it to You, Father. He gave thanks, + blessed and sanctified. He broke and divided it among His apostles, saying: Take and eat. This is My Body which is broken and given for you and for many unto the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.

Cong: Amen.

The celebrant makes a profound bow and continues:

Cel: Also over the cup He completed the Mystery of salvation as He mixed wine and water. He concealed within it the power of His life-giving Word through which He always sanctified. He gave thanks, + blessed and sanctified, saying: Take, drink from it all of you. This is My Blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many unto the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.

Cong: Amen.

MEMORY OF THE PLAN OF THE SON

The celebrant makes a profound bow. He then continues:

Cel: Every time you are enriched by this divine sacrifice, I

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am among you. Though seated upon the throne, I am dwelling in the bread and the cup. When you are gathered to observe this Mystery, remember My death and proclaim My resurrection until I return.

Cong: O God, we remember Your death, we witness that You arose from among the dead, and we await Your return. May Your mercy come upon all of us.

The celebrant crosses his hands over his chest and continues:

Cel: O Lord, when we celebrate this Mystery, we do not sacrifice sheep, nor do we sprinkle ashes for the purification of Your gathering. In the presence of the Father, we offer You, O divine Son, for You are acceptable with Him and the Holy Spirit. You are the priest, the sacrifice and the refresher of the dead. You are offered by us, and You accept the offering. For this, Your Church petitions You, saying:

Cong: Have mercy on us, almighty God.

Cel: We Your servants, O Lord, realize the graces we have received and thank You for them.

Cong: We praise You; we bless You; we adore You. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and hear us.

Cantor: Let us stand in silence for the Holy Spirit will descend and sanctify our oblation.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The celebrant kneels on both knees. He kisses the altar after each of the following petitions. He then extends his hands:

Cel: Hear me, O Lord; hear me, O Lord; hear me, O Lord.

Cong: Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy.

The celebrant rises and imposes his right hand over the bread, saying:

Cel: May the gates of heaven be opened and the light be revealed, that Your Holy Spirit may dwell and hover

over me and this oblation, that the sins and debts of those who receive it may be forgiven.

Cong: Amen.

He then imposes his right hand over the cup, saying:

Cel: And over the Mystery which is in the cup, that the sins and debts of those who receive it may be forgiven.

Cong: Amen.

The celebrant extends both hands and continues:

Cel: Through this Mystery may sinners be justified and the angry be reconciled. May those in distress find relief and the sorrowing be consoled. May the sick be healed and penitents come to worship. May the prophets be remembered, the apostles be revered, the martyrs reign and the confessors exalt. May the angels rejoice and may Your divinity be honored, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

INTERCESSIONS

The celebrant or other minister prays the intercessions below, or he may choose to compose intercessions which better suit the occasion and needs of the local community. As he prays, he extends his hands.

Cel: We offer this holy oblation for Your Church. She abides in Your hope, looks for Your salvation and awaits Your kingdom.

Cong: Lord have mercy.

Cel: Instruct the bishops and make them worthy preachers of Your kingdom: especially _____, Pope of Rome, our Patriarch, _____, and _____, our Bishop. Let them spend their lives as true shepherds of the flock entrusted to them.

Cong: Lord have mercy.

Cel: Remember the priests, deacons and all orders of Your Church who are diligent in their ranks and watchful of their flocks. May they receive their just reward.

Cong: **Lord have mercy.**

Cel: Remember Christian leaders who love the Lord. Grant peace to their countries and crown their faith with good works.

Cong: **Lord have mercy**

Special intentions may be added at this point.

Cel: Remember, O Lover of mankind, our brothers and sisters, the children of baptism, who left this world. May Your Body and Blood be a pledge of life and a fire which burns away all debts. May they rest in Your dwelling of light and happiness.

Cong: **Lord have mercy on them.**

The celebrant concludes:

Cel: Merciful Lord, grant us to walk in Your ways and to do Your will. Forgive the sins and faults of all Your flock. Make us worthy of a faithful Christian death that we may stand at Your side with the saints. By Your grace, the will of Your beloved Father and the action of Your living Spirit, now and forever.

Cong: **As it was, is now and shall be forever.**

FRACTION AND CONSIGNATION

The celebrant blesses the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Cel: May the mercy of God the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with us.

Cong: **Amen.**

The celebrant raises the host over the cup and says:

Cel: We have believed, and we have offered, and now we seal, sign + and break this oblation.

He breaks the host and places half on the paten; he breaks a particle from the remaining half and dips it in the cup. He blesses the cup with it, saying:

We sign + the cup of salvation and thanksgiving with the purifying ember which glows with heavenly Mysteries.

He then makes three crosses on the halves on the paten with the particle. He begins on the top of the larger piece, then on the right of it, then on the smaller portion, saying:

In the name of the Father Who is the life of all the living +

In the name of the Son Who proceeds from Him to restore them life +

And in the name of the Holy Spirit + the beginning and end of all things.

He places the particle into the cup and continues:

You have united, O Lord, Your divinity with our humanity and our humanity with Your divinity; Your life with our mortality and our mortality with Your life. You have assumed what is ours, and You have given us what is Yours for the life and salvation of our souls. To You be glory, forever.

Cong: Through the Mystery of the resurrection of Christ our Lord, we beseech forgiveness. We proclaim, blessed is Christ Who, by His crucifixion, saved us from oppression. God the Holy One, Who is honored and merciful, honors the memory of His Mother Mary, the queen of the universe and glorifies the memories of His saints and His faithful. Alleluia, praise the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The congregation stands.

The celebrant extends his hands and says:

Cel: Holy Father, through these Mysteries may Your peace

dwelt in our hearts and Your faith abide in our minds. May Your cross be a guard and a pledge to Your Church. May Your truth be announced as Your prayer is proclaimed:

Cong: Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed be Your name; Your kingdom come; Your 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. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

The celebrant concludes:

Cel: O Lord, make us participants in Your holy Mysteries. Join us to the assemblies of those who glorify You. Keep us from the power of the evil one, for Yours is the kingdom.

Cong: Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Cantor: Bow your heads before the God of mercy and ask forgiveness.

The celebrant imposes hands over the congregation, saying:

Cel: May glory continuously rise to the Trinity from all ranks, all places of honor, all voices and all beings, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cantor: Let us all look to God in awe and with faith.

The following psalm-prayer is optional and silent:

Cel: Holy are You, almighty God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. I raise my eyes to You. As the eyes of the servants to their lords, so our eyes look to You for mercy. Have mercy, O Lord, in Your goodness, and in Your great mercy wipe away my sins. My soul hopes in You, and in Your shadow I take

refuge. Because man has trampled me, O Lord, deliver me and make me victorious.

The celebrant raises his voice:

Cel: Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

COMMUNION

The celebrant bows and takes the paten in his right hand and the cup in his left. He crosses the right arm over the left, raises the offerings and says or chants:

Cel: Holy things for the holy, with perfection, purity and sanctity.

Cong: **One Holy Father; one Holy Son; one Holy Spirit. Blessed be the name of the Lord, for He is one in heaven and on earth. To Him be glory, forever.**

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross, bows and strikes his chest, saying:

Cel: Sanctify our bodies, O Lord, with Your holy Body and purify our souls with Your forgiving Blood.

OR

Cel: Make me worthy, O Lord, to receive Your sacred Body and precious Blood. They will be my strength to avoid sin, to walk in the path of justice and nourishment for eternal life. Amen.

The celebrant receives communion by intinction. He takes half of the large host from the paten and dips it into the cup.

Before receiving he says:

Cel: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be for the forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life, that I may walk in the way of truth.

If the celebrant chooses, he may bless the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Cel: Your servants and worshippers await Your gifts of life. Bless them + with Your victorious cross and protect

them from evil. O Lord, our God, to You be glory, forever.

Cong: **Your glory, O Lord, is exalted above the heavens and in the whole universe.**

The celebrant raises the paten and cup:

Cel: Our Lord said, "I am the life-giving bread. Whoever receives Me in faith inherits life."

The celebrant or other minister distributes the Eucharist under both species using intinction. As he distributes, he says:

Cel: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are given to you for eternal life.

The communicant responds: **Amen.**

During communion the congregation sings a suitable hymn.

After communion, the celebrant raises the paten over the cup, faces the congregation and says:

Cel: We render always glory and thanksgiving to You, O Lord, for giving us Your Body to eat and Your Blood to drink.

Cong: **O Lover of mankind, have mercy on us.**

THANKSGIVING AND CONCLUSION

The congregation is seated.

The celebrant or other minister consumes what remains of the offerings. The ablutions usually follow at this point. However, if it be more convenient, the celebrant may choose to perform the ablutions after the liturgy. If he so chooses, the vessels are covered with the veil and set aside.

If the ablutions are performed at this time, they may be done by the celebrant, deacon or subdeacon as he says the following in silence:

Cel: May God with the angels and saints accept the sacrifice which we have offered and give peace to the faithful

departed. Guard me, O Lord, from all evil and protect me forever. Amen.

OR

Cel: Wipe away my faults, O Lord, with the sponge of Your mercy. And in Your kindness forgive the sins which I have committed. O King of heaven and Giver of life, grant that I may serve in Your eternal kingdom with your loved ones, the pure and the just, forever.

After the ablutions, the celebrant says the prayer of thanksgiving:

Cel: We praise Your lordship, O merciful Father, as we receive Your grace. For You have made us worthy to approach Your holy table and to share in Your life-giving Mysteries. Join us to Your saints, so that we may glorify You, Your only-begotten Son and Your living Spirit, forever and ever.

Cong: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The congregation stands.

The celebrant blesses the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Cel: O Christ, King of glory, we entrust to You the keeping of our lives. Grant each of us his daily needs. In Your great power, sustain the aged. In Your protective care, moderate the young. With Your divine teaching, instruct the children. Seal us with Your reconciling cross + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to You be glory forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

OR: SOLEMN BLESSING (page 173)

While the congregation sings a hymn of thanksgiving or an appropriate psalm, the celebrant kisses the altar and prays:

Cel: Remain in peace, O altar of God, and I hope to return

to you in peace. May the sacrifice which I have offered upon you forgive my sins, help me to avoid faults and prepare me to stand blameless before the throne of Christ. I know not whether I will be able to return to you again to offer sacrifice. Guard me, O Lord, and protect Your holy Church, so that she may remain the way of salvation and the light of the world. Amen.

**ANAPHORA OF ST. CYRIL,
BISHOP OF JERUSALEM**

RITUAL OF PEACE

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross as he says:

Cel: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

He continues with his hands extended:

O merciful Father, You are peace and love. You are the Lord of all who love peace. Fill us with humility and hope that we may possess true faith and embrace in the Spirit with the fullness of Your love. Glory and power are Yours, forever.

Cong: **Amen.**

The celebrant touches the altar and the offerings, saying:

Cel: **Peace to you, O holy altar of the Lord. Peace to the holy Mysteries placed upon you. (In concelebration: Peace to you, O priests of God.) Peace to you, O server of the Holy Spirit.**

The server or celebrant gives the sign of peace to the congregation.

Cantor: **Let us give the greeting of peace to our neighbor in charity that we may please the Lord.**

After the sign of peace has been exchanged, he says:

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: DIALOGUE

The celebrant blesses the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Cel: May the love of God the Father, the grace of the only-begotten Son and the unity and indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Cong: **And also with you.**

The celebrant raises his hands and says:

Cel: Let us raise our thoughts, our minds and our hearts.

Cong: **They are raised to You, O Lord.**

The celebrant extends his hands:

Cel: Let us confess and praise the Lord.

Cong: **It is right to confess and praise Him.**

Cel: It is right to confess and praise You, for You are the Creator and Lord of all. Earth glorifies You, for it is Your footstool. It honors You in the Church which sings Your praises. Heaven glorifies You, for it is Your throne. It magnifies You in the Church of the first-born who are inscribed in the book of life. There the cherubim and seraphim proclaim:

Cong: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who has come and will come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The celebrant continues:

Cel: Holy Father, You beget the Son. Holy Son, You come from the Father. Holy Spirit, You proceed and give life. O Holy One Who sanctifies all, come to sanctify us that we may be prepared to stand at the Lord's table of life. He willed to become a man and to take our human condition as His own. Yet, He was not deprived of His glory nor estranged from His divinity.

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The celebrant recites or chants:

Before His saving passion, He took bread in His holy hands. He blessed, + sanctified and gave it to the gathered disciples, saying: This is My Body which is for you and for all believers for everlasting life.

Cong: Amen.

The celebrant makes a profound bow and continues:

Cel: Then He mixed wine and water into the cup of life. He blessed, + sanctified and gave it to the gathered disciples, saying: This is My Blood which seals and ratifies the covenant of My death for you and for all believers for eternal life.

Cong: Amen.

MEMORY OF THE PLAN OF THE SON

The celebrant makes a profound bow. He then continues:

Cel: Then He made them sharers in His holy Body and Blood, as He commanded them: Whenever you share in this bread and this cup, remember to do this as a memorial of My death until I come again.

Cong: O God, we remember Your death, we witness that You arose from the dead, and we await Your return.

The celebrant crosses his hands over his chest and continues:

Cel: O Holy Lord Jesus Christ, in Your plan of salvation You have granted us this pledge of life. We glorify You in Your passion and death. We rejoice in Your salvation and in the memory of Your wondrous resurrection. We implore Your mercy, so that when You come on the last day, You will not send us away from You. For we are not ashamed of Your passion, nor do we reject Your holy name. We confess You with confidence. Let the light of Your face shine upon us, the Church which You chose from among the nations. With a glad voice she cries out to You and to Your Father, saying:

Cong: Have mercy on us, almighty God.

Cel: We Your servants, O Lord, realize the graces we have received and thank You for them.

Cong: We praise You; we bless You; we adore You. Hear us, O Lord.

Cantor: How wonderful is this moment! The Holy Spirit comes to descend upon us and upon these Mysteries.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The celebrant flutters his hands over the offerings as he says:

Cel: O Lord, have mercy, for we are created in the very likeness of Your majesty. Let Your Holy Spirit come in honor and glory and power. May He hover over these gifts and abide in our hearts.

The celebrant kneels on both knees. He kisses the altar after each of the following petitions. He then extends his hands.

Hear me, O Lord; hear me, O Lord; hear me, O Lord.

Cong: Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy.

The celebrant rises and imposes his right hand over the bread, saying:

Cel: As we bless and sanctify the Body of Christ, may Your Holy Spirit complete this bread.

Cong: Amen.

He then imposes his right hand over the cup, saying:

Cel: As we bless and sanctify the Blood of Christ, may Your Holy Spirit complete the mixture of this cup.

Cong: Amen.

The celebrant extends both hands and continues:

Cel: May the Holy Spirit purify and sanctify us. May we share in His divinity and become sharers with Him in the kingdom.

Cong: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

INTERCESSIONS

The celebrant or other minister prays the intercessions below, or he may choose to compose intercessions which better suit the occasion and needs of the local community. As he prays, he extends his hands.

Cel: O Lord, accept the sacrifice we offer for the peace and safety of Your Church and for the strength of our just shepherds: _____, the Pope of Rome, _____, our Patriarch, and _____, our Bishop.

Cong: Lord, answer us.

Cel: We also pray for the honor of her priests, the virtue of her deacons and for the pardon of all her children.

Cong: Lord, answer us.

Cel: O Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and have mercy on those who have gone astray. Remember the poor, the strangers, the orphans and all who rely on You, for we confess that You are a good God and the Lover of mankind.

Cong: Lord, answer us.

Cel: May this year be a fruitful one; bless it with abundance, for You sustain creation at all times. Preserve us from war and famine. Protect us from those who are strangers to the fear of the Lord.

Cong: Lord, answer us.

Cel: We remember the saints, especially the most honored Virgin-Mother of God, Mary, John, Your forerunner, St. _____, and all the saints. Through their prayers look upon us with a merciful eye and a kind face.

Cong: Lord, answer us.

Special intentions may be added at this point.

Cel: O First-Born of the living and Lord of the dead, we petition You for those who have departed this life by

Your command, especially _____. Remember them kindly, for they are created in Your image.

Cong: **Grant rest, O Lord, to all the departed.**

The celebrant continues:

Cel: O Knower of Mysteries and Judge of our thoughts, erase our sins that we may worthily stand before You without guilt. Show us the bright way of life that leads to the harbor of safety. May Your name be praised among us, forever and ever.

Cong: **As it was, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

FRACTION AND CONSIGNATION

The celebrant blesses the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Cel: May the mercy of God the Father and of our Savior Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with us.

Cong: **Amen.**

The celebrant raises the host over the cup and says:

Cel: We have believed, and we have offered, and now we seal, sign + and break this oblation.

He breaks the host and places half on the paten; he breaks a particle from the remaining half and dips it in the cup. He blesses the cup with it, saying:

We sign + the cup of salvation and thanksgiving with the purifying ember which glows with heavenly Mysteries.

He then makes three crosses on the halves on the paten with the particle. He begins on the top of the larger piece, then on the right of it, then on the smaller portion, saying:

In the name of the Father Who is the life of all living +
In the name of the Son Who proceeds from Him to
restore them life +

And in the name of the Holy Spirit + the beginning and end of all things.

He places the particle into the cup and continues:

You have united, O Lord, Your divinity with our humanity and our humanity with Your divinity; Your life with our mortality and our mortality with Your life. You have assumed what is ours, and You have given us what is Yours for the life and salvation of our souls. To You be glory, forever.

Cong: **Father of truth, behold Your Son, a sacrifice pleasing to You. Accept this offering of Him Who died for me. Behold His Blood shed on Golgotha for my salvation; it pleads for me. For His sake accept my offering. Many are my sins, but greater is Your mercy. When placed on a scale, Your mercy prevails over the weight of the mountains known only to You. Consider the sin and consider the atonement; the atonement is greater and exceeds the sin. Your beloved Son sustained the nails and the lance because of my sins, so in His sufferings You are satisfied and I live.**

Glory be to the Father Who sent His Son for our sake; adoration to the Son Who, by His crucifixion, redeemed us; thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit through Whom the Mystery of our salvation was brought to fullness. Blessed is God Who, in His love, gave us life. To Him be glory. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The congregation stands.

The celebrant extends his hands and says:

Cel: **O Father, we worship You, the Source of life and Fullness of love. When You saw us in danger, You searched us out. You sent us prophets to call us back to You. Finally, You spoke to us through Your own Son. He left us these Mysteries and instructed us in discipleship. He taught us to call upon You by name, saying:**

Cong: Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed be Your name; Your kingdom come; Your 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. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

The celebrant concludes:

Cel: O Lord, dominion, power, honor and glory are Yours. You saved us and forgave us in Your great mercy. We praise and bless You, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Cantor: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Cong: In reverence we bow to You, O Lord.

The celebrant imposes hands over the congregation, saying:

Cel: O God, with Your lofty arm and Your mighty power, bless Your inheritance, that we may be admitted to Your holy Mysteries without sin. May these Mysteries fill us with fervent faith, that we may praise You, forever.

Cong: Amen.

Cantor: Now let us look to God with reverence and faith and ask Him for mercy.

The following psalm-prayer is optional and silent:

Cel: Holy are You almighty God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. I raise my eyes to You. As the eyes of the servants to their lords, so our eyes look to You for mercy. Have mercy, O Lord, in Your goodness, and in Your great mercy wipe away my sins. My soul hopes in You, and in Your shadow I take refuge. Because man has trampled me, O Lord, deliver me and make me victorious.

The celebrant raises his voice:

Cel: Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

COMMUNION

The celebrant bows and takes the paten in his right hand and the cup in his left. He crosses the right arm over the left, raises the offerings and says or chants:

Cel: Holy things for the holy, with perfection, purity and sanctity.

Cong: **One Holy Father; one Holy Son; one Holy Spirit. Blessed be the name of the Lord, for He is one in heaven and on earth. To Him be glory, forever.**

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross, bows and strikes his chest, saying:

Cel: Sanctify our bodies, O Lord, with Your holy Body and purify our souls with Your forgiving Blood.

OR

Cel: Make us worthy, O Lord, to receive Your sacred Body and precious Blood. They will be my strength to avoid sin, to walk in the path of justice and nourishment for eternal life. Amen.

The celebrant receives communion by intinction. He takes half of the large host from the paten and dips it into the cup.

Before receiving, he says:

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be for the forgiveness of my sins and for eternal life, that I may walk in the way of truth.

If the celebrant chooses, he may bless the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Your servants and worshippers await Your gifts of life. Bless them + with Your victorious cross and protect them from evil. O Lord, our God, to You be glory, forever.

Cong: Your glory, O Lord, is exalted above the heavens and in the whole universe.

The celebrant raises the paten and cup:

Cel: Our Lord said, "I am the life-giving bread. Whoever receives Me in faith inherits life."

The celebrant or other minister distributes the Eucharist under both species using intinction. As he distributes, he says:

Cel: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are given to you for eternal life.

The communicant responds: **Amen.**

During communion the congregation sings a suitable hymn.

After communion, the celebrant raises the paten over the cup, faces the congregation, and says:

Cel: We render always glory and thanksgiving to You, O Lord, for giving us Your Body to eat and Your Blood to drink.

Cong: O Lover of mankind, have mercy on us.

THANKSGIVING AND CONCLUSION

The congregation is seated.

The celebrant or other minister consumes what remains of the offerings. The ablutions usually follow at this point. However, if it be more convenient, the celebrant may choose to perform the ablutions after the liturgy. If he so chooses, the vessels are covered with the veil and set aside.

If the ablutions are performed at this time, they may be done by the celebrant, deacon or subdeacon as he says the following in silence:

Cel: May God with the angels and saints accept the sacrifice which we have offered and give peace to the faithful departed. Guard me, O Lord, from all evil and protect me forever. Amen.

OR

Cel: Wipe away my faults, O Lord, with the sponge of Your mercy. And in Your kindness forgive the sins which I have committed. O King of heaven and Giver of life, grant that I may serve in Your eternal kingdom with Your loved ones, the pure and the just, forever.

After the ablutions, the celebrant says the prayer of thanksgiving:

Cel: O Lord, hear the requests of Your servants, heal the wounds of Your people and accept the petitions of Your flock. May the Blood which has touched our lips, more sacred than the blood which kept Israel from destruction, save us from every sin and failing. May Your right hand rest upon us, that we may praise You, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

Cantor: Let us go forth in peace, accompanied by God's blessing.

DISMISSAL

The congregation stands.

The celebrant blesses the congregation with the hand cross, saying:

Cel: Go in peace, beloved sons and daughters. May the blessing of God, + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, protect and guide us to eternal life.

Cong: Amen.

OR: SOLEMN BLESSING (page 173)

While the congregation sings a hymn of thanksgiving or an appropriate psalm, the celebrant kisses the altar and prays:

Cel: Remain in peace, O altar of God, and I hope to return to you in peace. May the sacrifice which I have offered upon you forgive my sins, help me to avoid faults and prepare me to stand blameless before the throne of

Christ. I know not whether I will be able to return to you again to offer sacrifice. Guard me, O Lord, and protect Your holy Church, so that she may remain the way of salvation and the light of the world. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Cel: O compassionate and merciful God, as You accepted the offerings of the fathers of the old and new covenant, accept this holy sacrifice which we have offered and grant:

The congregation responds Amen after each petition.

forgiveness to sinners,
bread to the poor,
health to the sick,
hope to the brokenhearted,
consolation to the depressed,
rest to the dead,
freedom to the imprisoned,
companionship to the travelers,
protection, guidance and unity to Your Church,

The celebrant concludes:

Guide the religious and civic leaders of this world and remove from it hatred, indifference, trials and afflictions, so that all nations may live in peace and harmony. Forgive the shortcomings of this community and all mankind, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Light, St. Maron and all the saints, + Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

