

****THE PROCESSION OF THE HOLY ICONS****

The clergy, bearing icons, now make a great entrance around the church. The altar servers carry the processional candles, the holy cross, the fans and the banners. The Procession will go around the entire church, stopping in each of the four corners, as the choir sings the Apolytikion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy leading up to each stop. The clergy then offer an ektenia.

APOLYTIKION OF THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY IN TONE **TWO**

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, / asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; / for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, / to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. / Thou hast verily filled all with joy, / since Thou didst come, O our Savior, / to save the world. (**ending**)

THE EKTENIA

(at the first stop)

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

Deacon: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan PHILIP, and for our Archbishop JOSEPH.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

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

All: Amen.

- *The Procession continues.*

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THE EKTENIA (at the second stop)

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

Deacon: Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, deacons, hierodeacons and monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and remission of sins for (the servants of God, [Names], and) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

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

All: Amen.

- *The Procession continues.*

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THE EKTENIA

(at the third stop)

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church and for (the departed servants of God, [Names], and) all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (**3x**)

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

All: Amen.

- *The Procession continues.*

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THE EKTENIA (at the fourth stop)

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for the ever-memorable Orthodox patriarchs, kings and rulers, and all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

All: Memory eternal. (3x)

Priest: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy departed servants, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine All-Holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

- *The Procession returns to the solea as the choir sings the apolytikion for the final time.*

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- *Once the Procession and the apolytikion have concluded, the presiding hierarch (if none present, the senior priest) reads the Synodicon.*

THE SYNODICON: THE AFFIRMATION OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH

As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!

THE NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Who Is So Great A God

Tone 7

Who is so gre-at a God as our Go - d; Thou art the God who
wor - kest won - ders.

4. ending

Reader:

1. Thou hast made thy power known among the peoples; with thine arm hast thou redeemed thy people.
2. And I said: Now have I made a beginning; this change hath been wrought by the right hand of the Most High.
3. I remembered the works of the Lord; for I will remember thy wonders from the beginning.