

# The Analysis of the Divine Liturgy

## A. THE PREPARATION (PROSKOMIDE)

### A1. THE VESTING

*The Hymn of Vesting* (O Mystery deep . . .). *The Bidding for Mercy* (Let us request . . .). *The Psalm of Vesting* (Let thy priests . . .). *The Prayer of Vesting* (O Jesus Christ . . .). *The Prayers over the Vestments* (Put, O Lord . . .).

### A2. THE PURIFICATION

*The Lavabo* (I will wash . . .). *The Bidding for Intercession* (Let us make the Holy Mother . . .). *The Prayer of Intercession* (Receive O Lord our supplications . . .). *Confession* (I confess before God . . .). *The Prayers for Forgiveness* (May God the Almighty . . .).

### A3. THE ACCESSION

*The First Psalm of Entrance* (Cry unto the Lord . . .). *The Bidding of the Church* (Through the Holy Church . . .). *The Prayer in the Temple* (In the midst of this temple . . .). *The Second Psalm of Entrance* (I will go in before the altar . . .). *The Litany in the Sanctuary* (Let us bless the Father . . .). *The Prayer in the Sanctuary* (In this dwelling of holiness . . .). *Chant before the Melody* (Chosen of God . . .). *The Prayers to the Holy Spirit* (Almighty, beneficent . . .).

### A4. THE PROTHESIS

*The Melody* (According to the proper of the day). *The Words of the Prothesis* (Remembrance of our Lord . . .). *The Prayer of the Prothesis* (O Lord our God . . .). *The Psalm of the Prothesis* (The Lord reigneth . . .). *The Words of the Annunciation* (The Holy Spirit shall come . . .).

## B. THE SYNAXIS (MIDDAY OFFICE)

### B1. THE CENSING

*The Hymn of Censing* (In this sanctuary of votive . . .). *The Prayer of Censing* (I offer incense . . .). *Hymn of the Church* (Rejoice exceedingly . . .).

### B2. THE ENARXIS

*The Blessing of the Enarxis* (Blessed be the Kingdom . . .). *The Monogenes* (Only-begotten Son . . .). *The Introit* (According to the proper of the day). *The Prayer of the first Antiphon* (O Lord our God whose power . . .). *The Midday Responsory* (According to the proper of the day). *The Midday Chant* (According to the proper of the day). *The Prayer of the Second Antiphon* (O Lord our God, save . . .). *The Prayer of the Third Antiphon* (O thou that hast taught . . .).

### B3. THE LESSER ENTRANCE

*The Prayer of the Lesser Entrance* (O Lord our God who hast . . .). *The Trisagion* (Holy God, holy and mighty . . .). *The Prayer of the Trisagion* (O God the holy one . . .). *The*

*Great Litany of the Synaxis* (For the peace of the whole world . . .). *The Prayer with Open Arms* (O Lord our God, accept . . .).

#### **B4. THE LECTIONS** (*According to the proper of the day*)

*The Midday Psalm. The Prophet. The Messedi (Prokimenon). The Apostle. The Alleluia. The Gospel.*

#### **B5. THE PROFESSION OF THE FAITH**

*The Creed* (We believe in one God . . .). *The Anathema* (As for those who say . . .). *The Doxology after the Creed* (As for us, we shall glorify . . .).

#### **B6. THE PRAYERS AFTER THE LECTIONS**

*The Litany after the Lections* (Again in faith let us beseech . . .). *The Prayers after the Lections* (Our Lord and Saviour Jesus . . .). *The Blessing of Dismissal of the Synaxis* (May the Lord God bless . . .).

### C. THE EUCHARIST

#### **C1. THE OFFERTORY**

*C1a. THE GREAT ENTRANCE. The Dismissal of the Catechumens* (Let none of the catechumens . . .). *The Hymn of the Great Entrance* (The body of the Lord . . .). *The Prayer of the Great Entrance* (None of us that are bound . . .). *The Bidding of the Hagiody* (Sing psalms unto the Lord . . .). *The Hagiody* (*According to the proper of the day*). *The Responsoy before the Cherubicon* (In the sun has he set . . .). *The Cherubicon* (We represent the cherubim . . .). *The Responsoy of the Great Entrance* (Lift up your gates . . .).

*C1b. THE LAYING OF THE GIFTS. The Litany of the Offertory* (Again in faith and purity . . .). *The Prayer of the Offertory* (Lord God of hosts . . .).

*C1c. THE KISS OF PEACE. The Greeting* (Peace unto all). *The Bidding of the Kiss of Peace* (Greet ye one another . . .). *The Hymn of the Kiss of Peace* (Christ in our midst . . .).

#### **C2. THE ANAPHORA**

*C2a. THE PROLOGUE. The Responsoy of the Prologue* (Ye who stand with faith . . .). *The Responsoy of the Anaphora* (Let us stand in awe . . .). *The Preface* (It is verily meet and right . . .). *The Hymn of the Preface* (And we offer unto thee . . .).

*C2b. THE ANAMNESIS. The Sanctus* (Holy, holy, holy . . .). *The Remembrance* (Holy, holy, holy art thou . . .). *Hymn to the Father* (Heavenly Father who didst . . .). *The Hymn of Praise* (In all things blessed art . . .). *The Prayer of Humble Access* (We do verily praise thee . . .).

*C2c. THE EPICLESIS. The Hymn to the Son* (Son of God . . .). *The Prayer of the Epiclesis* (We bow down and beseech . . .).

*C2d. THE DIPTYCHS. The Hymn to the Holy Spirit* (Spirit of God . . .). *The Litany of General Intercessions* (Of the holy apostles . . .). *The Prayer of General Intercessions* (Through this grant love . . .). *The Litany of Special Intercessions* (Thanksgiving and glory . . .). *The Prayer of Special Intercessions* (Be mindful, Lord . . .).

*C2e. THE LORD'S PRAYER. The Litany of the Lord's Prayer* (By all the saints . . .). *The Prayer of the Paternal Name* (O God of Truth . . .). *The Dominical Prayer* (Our Father . . .). *The Embolis* (Lord of lords, God of gods . . .).

*C2f. THE INCLINATION. The Prayer of Inclination* (O Holy Spirit, who art . . .).

*C2g. THE ELEVATION. The Hymn of Elevation (One is holy . . .). The Prayer of Elevation (Look down from heaven . . .).*

*C2h. THE DOXOLOGY. The Blessing of the Holy Trinity (Blessed art thou holy Father . . .). The Hymn of the Doxology (Holy is the Father . . .).*

### **C3. THE FULFILMENT**

*C3a. THE INTINCTION. The Prayer of Intinction (O Lord our God, thou hast . . .). The Exhortation to Communion (In holiness let us taste . . .).*

*C3b. THE FRACTION. The Bidding for Psalmody (Sing psalms unto the Lord . . .). The Prayer of Fraction (What blessing and what thanksgiving . . .).*

### **C4. THE COMMUNION**

*C4a. THE PRAYERS BEFORE COMMUNION. The Hymn of Communion (Christ the sacrifice . . .). The Prayers of Communion (Holy Father who hast . . .).*

*C4b. THE TASTING. The Prayer of the Tasting (In faith do I believe . . .). The Hymn of Communion (O thou who didst prepare . . .). The Prayer after Communion (Save thy people O Lord . . .).*

*C4c. THE THANKSGIVING. The Hymn of Glory (We have been filled . . .). The Bidding of Thanksgiving (Having received again . . .). The Hymn of Thanksgiving (We give thanks to thee . . .). The Prayers of Thanksgiving (We thank thee O Father . . .).*

## **D. THE CONCLUSION**

### **D1. THE PRAYER AMID THE CHURCH**

*The Prayer of Saint Chrysostom (O Lord that blessest them . . .). The Prayer of Completion (Thou art the perfection . . .).*

### **D2. THE LAST GOSPEL**

*The Gospel according to John (In the beginning . . .). The Bidding of the Cross (By the holy Cross . . .). The Prayer of the Cross (Guard us, O Christ . . .).*

### **D3. THE DISMISSAL**

*The Anthem of Dismissal (I will bless the Lord . . .). The Blessing of Dismissal (Be ye blessed . . .). The Psalm of Dismissal (My soul shall make its boast . . .).*



Title page of St. John's Gospel, Havovtsthar Gospels, A.D. 1214.

## The Words of Institution

And while they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body". And he took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many, for the remission of sins. But I say to you, from now on I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I will drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom". (Matthew 26:26-29)

And while they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, this is my body". Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, and they all drank of it; and he said to them, "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I say to you, I will not drink anymore of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I will drink it anew in the kingdom of God". (Mark 14:22-25)

And taking the cup, he gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. I say to you that henceforth I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for many; do this in remembrance of me". Likewise he took the cup after the supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you". (Luke 22:17-20)

The Lord Jesus, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me". Likewise he took also the cup after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; drink it, in remembrance of me". As often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes. (I Corinthians 11:20-26)

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