

# HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

Liturgical Commission of the St. Nicholas Eparchy of Chicago

## Notes

### ENTRANCE OF HIERARCH:

When Hierarch enters the temple, the **Deacon** incenses and proclaims: "Wisdom! Master, bless!"

**Choir or Cantor:** We praise the name of the Lord from the East to West.

Then, the **Deacon** proclaims: "May the Lord bless you from Zion, so that you may see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life, now and ever and unto ages of ages."

**Choir or Cantor:** Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord now and forever. (1 or 3 times). During Paschal time, the choir or cantor sings "Christ is Risen" (arrangement or 3 times)

When Hierarch arrives in front of iconostas for entrance prayers, the choir or cantor sing "It is truly right" (slowly) or "The Angel cried out..." during Paschal time or the Irmos if it is a feast day.

At this time, the Deacon and Hierarch pray the Entrance Prayer in front of the iconostas with the curtain and Royal Doors closed. At the end of the prayers, the Hierarch blesses the faithful, and the **choir or cantor sing:**

"Ton despotin ke arkhiverya imon, kiriye filateh, ispola eti despota."

### VESTING OF HIERARCH

After every petition by the deacon or priest, the **choir and cantor** answer "Amen. or Lord, have mercy."

Blessing with Dikiri and Trikiri by Hierarch. After every proclamation by Hierarch of each direction the **choir or cantor** sing a short version of "Mnohaya lita / "God grant you many years!"

### BEGINNING OF DIVINE LITURGY

Pastor of the parish or highest ranking Presbyter and Deacon ask for Hierarch's blessing to begin the Divine Liturgy. They enter the Holy Place through the east door, and the deacon opens the curtain and the Royal Doors. The curtain and Royal Doors remain open for the Divine Liturgy.

### LITTLE ENTRANCE

The **Deacon or Priest** proclaims, "Wisdom! Stand aright!" Then, the clergy sings "Come let us worship and fall down before Christ" stopping before "Son of God"

2nd blessing by hierarch with dikiri and trikiri: After every proclamation by hierarch on each direction **choir or cantor** sing a short version of "Mnohaya lita"

**Clergy** then continues to sing "Son of God..." (3 times) entering the Holy Place.

After the third time, the choir or cantor sings a long "Ispola eti despota.. Then the propers of the day are sung.

### TRISAGION

The **choir or cantor** sings the trisagion. After the 2nd time, the **clergy** sings "Agios." After the clergy finishes singing, the **choir or cantor** continue to complete the Trisagion prayer.

### GOSPEL READING

After the gospel reading, Blessing by hierarch with dikiri and trikiri. **Choir or cantor** sings a shortened "Ispola eti despota."

### GREAT ENTRANCE

After the singing of "That we may receive...", Blessing of hierarch with dikiri and trikiri." **Choir or cantor** sings a shortened "Ispola eti despota."

### AFTER COMMUNION

We add "Many years, O Master" before "We have seen the true light..."

### CONCLUSION

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, at "Glory be.." we add "Master, give the blessing" to the end of the prayer.

After the last "Amen." and a short "Ispola eti despota."