

The Divine Liturgies of Both Saint John Chrysostom as well as of Saint Basil the Great

Priest: Blessed is the kingdom (*cf. Mark 11:10*) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (*cf. Matthew 28:29*), now and ever and to the ages of ages (*Ephesians 3:21*).

People: Amen. (*1 Chronicles 16:36; Psalm 106:48*)

The Great Litany or Litany of Peace

Petitions for Peace (3):

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord (*Acts 8:24*).

People: Lord, have mercy (*cf. Deuteronomy 4:31; Daniel 9:9; Matthew 15:22; 20:30*).

Deacon: For the peace from above (*Philippians 4:7*) and for the salvation of our souls, (*1 Peter 1:9*) let us pray to the Lord (*Acts 8:24*).

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world (*cf. Zechariah 1:11*), for the welfare of the holy churches of God (*1 Corinthians 15:9*), and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Related Scripture passages

“Strive first for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” (*Matthew 5:33*).

“The Kingdom of God is within you” (*Luke 17:21*).

“The Kingdom of God is ... righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (*Romans 14:17*).

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (*John 14:27*).

“In me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world” (*John 16:33*).

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (*Philippians 4:6-7*).

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful!” (*Colossians 4:15*).

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (*Galatians 5:22-23*).

Petitions for the Church and its faithful (3):*

Priest: For this holy house (*cf. Psalm 93:5*) and for those who enter it with faith, (*Hebrews 11:1; James 2:20*), reverence (*Leviticus 19:30; Hebrews 12:28*), and the fear of God (*2 Corinthians 7:1*), let us pray to the Lord (*cf. Acts 8:24*).

People: Lord, have mercy.

**[Deacon: For all pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord (cf. Acts 8:24).*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our [Archbishop] (cf. 1 Timothy 3:1-7) [Metropolitan Tikhon, for our Archbishop Benjamin,] for the honorable Presbytery [Priesthood], (Titus 1:5-6), the Diaconate (1 Timothy 3:8-13) in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people [laity], let us pray to the Lord (cf. Acts 8:24).

People: Lord, have mercy.

Petitions for the Country and its people (3):

Deacon: For or this country, its President, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces [on land, at sea, and in the air], let us pray to the Lord (cf. Acts 8:24).

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every [monastery,] city and countryside, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord (cf. Acts 8:24).

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For seasonable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful [temperate] times [seasons], let us pray to the Lord (cf. Acts 8:24).

People: Lord, have mercy.

Related Scripture passages

“Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, to the ages” (*Psalms 93:5*).

“How lovely is your house, O Lord Almighty. My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising you! Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked” (*Psalms 84:1,2,4,10*).

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and serene lives in all piety and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior...” (*1 Timothy 2:1-3a*).

“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city....pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper” (*Jeremiah 29:7*).

“Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime. It is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain and plants of the field to everyone” (*Zechariah 10:1*).

Petitions for the safety, protection, and salvation of all (3):

Deacon: For travelers by sea, land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord (cf. Acts 8:24).

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord (*cf. Acts 8:24*).

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us (*Psalm 109:26*), have mercy upon us (*Psalm 51:1*), and keep [protect] us (*Psalm 32:7; 40:11 and 2 Thessalonians 3:3*), O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Commitment to Christ with the Church Universal:

Deacon: Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed (*Luke 1:46*), and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints (*Revelation 8:3*), let us commend [commit] ourselves and each other, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord (*Psalm 25:1*).

Priestly Prayer:

Priest (in a low voice): O Lord our God, Whose power is incomparable, Whose glory is incomprehensible, Whose mercy is immeasurable, and Whose love for man is inexpressible: Look down on us and on this holy house (*Psalm 93:5*) with pity [compassion], O Master, and impart the riches of Thy mercy and Thy compassion (*Ephesians 2:4*) to us and to those who pray with us.

Priestly Doxology (Exclamation):

Priest: For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit (*cf. Matthew 28:29*), now and ever and to the ages of ages (*1 Timothy 1:17*).

People: Amen (*1 Chronicles 16:36; Psalm 106:48*).

Scripture passages related to Doxology

“To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen” (*1 Timothy 1:17*).

“The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for His heavenly Kingdom. To Him be glory to the ages of ages. Amen” (*2 Timothy 4:18*).

“To Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can imagine, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations and to the ages of ages. Amen” (*Ephesians 3:20-21*).

“To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority before all ages and to the ages of ages. Amen” (*Jude 25*).

“To the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing, honor, glory and power to the ages of ages” (*Revelation 5:13*).

Small Litany After the First Antiphon

Deacon: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Priestly Prayer:

Priest (in a low voice): O Lord our God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance (*Psalm 28:9*). Preserve the fullness of Thy Church, sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house (*Psalm 26:8*), glorify them in return by Thy Divine power (*2 Peter 1:3*), and forsake us not (*Psalm 27:9-10*) who put our hope in Thee (*cf. Psalm 39:7; 71:5; 1 Timothy 1:1; 1 John 3:3*).

Priestly Doxology (Exclamation):

Priest: For Thine is the might, and Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (*cf. Matthew 28:29*), now and ever and unto ages of ages (*Ephesians 3:21*).

Small Litany After the Second Antiphon

Deacon: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Commemorating our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

Priestly Prayer:

Priest (in a low voice): O Thou Who hast given us grace with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and didst promise that where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name (*Matthew 18: 19-20*) Thou wouldst grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the petitions of Thy servants as may be expedient for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of Thy truth (*1 Timothy 2:4*), and in the world to come life everlasting (*Luke 18:30*).

Priestly Doxology (Exclamation):

Priest: For Thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit (*cf. Matthew 28:29*), now and ever and unto ages of ages (*Ephesians 3:21*).