

THANKSGIVING DAY DIVINE LITURGY

ANTIPHON I: (*Psalm 67:1, 6, 3, 7*)

May God show kindness and bless us and make his face smile on us!

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

The soil has given its harvest, God, our God, has blessed us.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

Let the nations praise you God, let all the nations praise you.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

May God bless us, and let him be feared to the very ends of the earth.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

ANTIPHON II: (*Psalm 145:10, 15, 19, 21*)

Lord, all your creatures thank you, and your faithful bless you.

Through the intercessions of all your saints, O Savior, save us!

Patiently all creatures look to you to feed them throughout the year.

Through the intercessions of all your saints, O Savior, save us!

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ANTIPHON II (Continued):

Those who fear him need only to ask to be answered; he hears their cries for help and preserves them.

Through the intercessions of all  
your saints, O Savior, save us!

The Lord's praise be ever in my mouth, and let every creature bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Through the intercessions of all  
your saints, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Through the intercessions of all  
your saints, O Savior, save us!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and Word of God,  
who are immortal and deigned for our  
salvation to be incarnate of the holy  
Birthgiver of God and ever-virgin Mary,  
who without change became man and being  
crucified, O Christ God, you trampled  
death by death. You that are one of  
the Holy Trinity, glorified together  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
save us.

ANTIPHON III: (Psalm 65:4, 9, 11)

Fill us with the good things of your house, of  
your holy temple.

O Lord, save your people and bless  
your heritage. Give victory to  
Orthodox Christians over the enemy  
and preserve your people by your  
cross.

You visit the earth and water it, you load it  
with riches: God's rivers brim with water to  
provide their grain.

O Lord, save your people and bless  
your heritage. Give victory to

ANTIPHON III (Continued):

Orthodox Christians over the enemy  
and preserve your people by your  
cross.

You crown the year with your bounty, abundance  
flows wherever you pass!

O Lord, save your people and bless  
your heritage. Give victory to  
Orthodox Christians over the enemy  
and preserve your people by your  
cross.

The meadows are dressed in flocks, the valleys  
are clothed in wheat; what shouts of joy, what  
singing!

O Lord, save your people and bless  
your heritage. Give victory to  
Orthodox Christians over the enemy  
and preserve your people by your  
cross.

ENTRANCE HYMN: (*Psalm 66*) (*Psalm 67:6,7*)

Priest:

Acclaim the Lord, all the earth, serve the  
Lord gladly, come into his presence with  
songs of joy!

People

The soil has given its harvest, God, our God,  
has blessed us. May God bless us, and let  
him be feared to the very ends of the earth.

Tropar:

O Lord, save your people and bless your  
heritage. Give victory to Orthodox  
Christians over the enemy and preserve  
your people by your cross.

Kontak:

O Christ God, who of your own free will,  
was lifted up onto the cross. Bestow your  
mercy upon the new people that bear your  
name. Make Orthodox Christians glad in  
your power, giving them victory over the  
enemy. That thus your help shall be a  
weapon of peace and uncontestable victory.

EPISTLE:

Prokimenon: (*Psalm 145:7*)

They will celebrate your generous kindness  
and joyfully acclaim your righteousness.

Verse: (*Psalm 145:12*)

Let mankind learn your acts of power, and  
the majestic glory of your sovereignty!

The Reading is from the letter of James (1:16-27)

Make no mistake about this, my dear brothers:  
it is all that is good, everything that is perfect,  
which is given us from above; it comes down from  
the Father of all light; with him there is no such  
thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his  
own choice he made us his children by the message  
of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-  
fruits of all that he created.

Remember this, my dear brothers: be quick to  
listen but slow to speak and slow to rouse your  
temper; God's righteousness is never served by  
man's anger; so do away with all the impurities  
and bad habits that are left still in you---ac-  
cept and submit to the word which has been planted  
in you and can save your souls. But you must do  
what the word tells you, and not just listen to  
it and deceive yourselves. To listen to the word  
and not obey is like looking at your own features  
in a mirror and then, after a quick look, going  
off and immediately forgetting what you looked  
like. But the man who looks steadily at the per-  
fect law of freedom and makes that his habit---  
not listening and then forgetting, but actively  
putting into practice--will be happy in all that  
he does.

Nobody must imagine that he is religious  
while he still goes on deceiving himself and not  
keeping control over his tongue; anyone who does  
this has the wrong idea of religion. Pure, unspoilt  
religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this:  
coming to the help of orphans and widows when they  
need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the  
world.

Alleluia Verses:

Let the nations praise you, O God, let all the  
nations praise you! (*Psalm 67:3*)

Alleluia Verses (Continued):

Let the nations shout and sing for joy,  
since you dispense true justice to the  
world! (*Psalm 67:4*)

The earth will acknowledge your ways and  
all the nations will know of your power  
to save. (*Psalm 67:2*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to  
Matthew (6:25-34).

And Jesus said to the crowds, "That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his life span? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God cloths the grass of the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say: 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?' It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

COMMUNION HYMN: Tone 8 (*Psalm 1:5*)

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and  
their message to the ends of the world. Alleluia.