Presanctified Liturgy

Altar

*The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is offered in St Elisabeth’s in the simplest possible form without Old Testament readings or Epistle and Gospel.*

*The priest’s entrance prayers take place just before the 9th Hour. The curtain is closed. On the Holy Table is placed the Artophorion and a single lit candle. The empty discos, spear and spoon are placed on the left of the Holy Table. On the Proscomede, there is an empty chalice, folded veils and star on the left with a vessel containing mixed wine and water on the right. An opened red cloth covers the right hand corner of the Proscomede. The priest concludes the 9th Hour from before the closed holy doors. He enters the altar, prostrates twice before the Holy Table, kisses the Gospel and edge of the Holy Table as usual and prostrates a third time. The server opens the curtain and the priest blesses with the Gospel Book over the Antimins as usual.*

***Priest***: + **Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of he Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.**

Choir: **Amen**

*The priest exits through the north door and stands before the closed holy doors for the prayers during Psalm 103 (Shortened version)*

***Reader:*** **O come let us worship God our King. O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God. O come let us worship and fall down before Christ himself our King and our God.**

**Psalm 103 (short form)**

***Choir:*** **Bless the Lord O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art magnified exceedingly.**

Refrain: **Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Confession and majesty hast Thou put on.**

Choir: **Bless the Lord O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art magnified exceedingly.**

Refrain: **Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Upon the mountains shall the waters stand.**

Choir: **Bless the Lord O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art magnified exceedingly.**

Refrain: **Wondrous are Thy works, O Lord. Between the mountains will the waters run.**

Choir: **Bless the Lord O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art magnified exceedingly.**

Refrain: **Wondrous are Thy works O Lord. In Thy wisdom hast Thou made them all, Hast Thou made them all.**

Choir: **Bless the Lord O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art magnified exceedingly.**

Refrain: **Glory to The, O Lord, Who has made them all, Who has made them all.**

Choir: **Bless the Lord O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. O Lord my God, Thou art magnified exceedingly.**

Refrain: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

***Reader:*** **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee O God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to The O God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to The O God.**

*The Priest enters through the south door and stands before the Holy Table*

**The Great Litany follows with Lenten responses**

***Priest:* In peace let us pray to the Lord**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For the peace from above and the salvation of our souls let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For this holy temple, and for those that with faith, reverence and the fear of God entre herein, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For our great lord and father, His Holiness, Patriarch Kyrill, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia; our lord the Very most Reverend Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; for our lord, the Right Reverend Bishop Irinei; for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all he clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For this land, for our sovereign lady, Queen Elisabeth and all her Royal house, her government and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For the God-preserved land of Russia and for its Orthodox people both in the homelands and in the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For this parish and town, for every city and land, and the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For seasonable weathers, the abundance of he fruits of the earth and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* For those who travel by sea, land and air, the sick and suffering, captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

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

***Choir:* Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* Calling to remembrance our most holy, immaculate, exceedingly blessed, glorious Lady, Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life unto Christ our God.**

***Choir:* To Thee, O Lord**

*Priest secretly: O Lord, compassionate and merciful, long suffering and plenteous in mercy, give ear unto our prayer and attend to the voice of our supplication; work in us a sign unto good; guide us in Thy way, that we may walk in Thy truth; gladden our hearts, that we may fear Thy holy name; for Thou art great and workest wonders, Thou alone art God, and there is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord, strong in mercy and good in might, to help and comfort, and to save all that hope in Thy holy name.*

***Priest:*  For unto Thee is due all glory, honour and worship; to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever; and the ages of ages.**

***Choir:* Amen**

**The First Stasis of the 18th Kathisma**

*This is chanted simply by the Reader or member of the choir, normally only two psalms are used. During the 1st Stasis the Priest makes two prostrations before the gifts on the Holy Table, places the Gospel onto the right of the Holy Table, opens the Antimins on which he places the discos. Then he lifts the Lamb with the spear and the spoon onto the empty discos, wipes the spear and spoon, and prostrates a third time before the Holy Table.*

**Psalm 119**

**Unto the Lord in mine affliction have I cried, and He heard me. O Lord, deliver my soul from unrighteous lips and from a crafty tongue. What shall be given unto thee and what shall be added unto thee for thy crafty tongue? The arrows of the mighty one, sharpened with coals of the desert. Woe is me, for my sojourning is prolonged; I have tented with the tentings of Kedar, my soul hath long been a sojourner. With them that hate peace I was peaceable; when I spake unto them, they warred against me without a cause.**

**Psalm 120**

**I have lifted up mine eyes to the mountains, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth. Give not thy foot unto moving, and may He not slumber that keepeth thee. Behold, He shall not slumber not shall He sleep, He that keepeth Israel. The Lord shall keep thee; the Lord is thy shelter at thy right hand. The sun shall not burn thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall keep thee from all evil, the Lord shall guard thy soul. The Lord shall keep thy coming in and thy going out, from henceforth and for evermore.**

**Psalm 121**

**I was glad because of them that said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet have stood in thy courts, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city which its dwellers share in concord. For there the tribes went up, the tribes of the Lord as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there are set thrones unto judgement, thrones over the house of David. Ask now for things which are for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the prosperity of them that love thee. Let peace be now in thy strength, and prosperity in thy palaces. For the sake of my brethren and my neighbours, I spake peace concerning thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.**

**Psalm 122**

**Unto Thee have I lifted up mine eyes, unto Thee that dwellest in heaven. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, as the eyes of the handmaid look unto the hands of her mistress, so do our eyes look unto the Lord our God, until He take pity on us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for greatly are we filled with abasement. Greatly hath our soul been filled therewith; let reproach come upon them that prosper, and abasement on the proud.**

**Psalm 123**

**Had it not been that the Lord was with us, let Israel now say, had it not been that the Lord was with us, when men rose up against us, then had they swallowed us up alive. When their wrath raged against us, then had the water overwhelmed us. Our soul like a sparrow was delivered out of the snare of he hunters. The snare is broken, and we ae delivered. Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who hath made heaven and the earth.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God.**

***There follows the first Little Litany*.**

***Priest:*  Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:*  Lord have mercy**

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

***Choir:*  Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* Calling to remembrance our most holy, immaculate, exceedingly blessed. Glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life unto Christ our God.**

*Priest says secretly: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten us in Thy wrath, but deal with us according to Thy mercy, O Physician and Healer of our souls. Guide us unto the haven of Thy will; enlighten the eyes of our hearts to the knowledge of Thy truth; and grant unto us that the remainder of the present day and the whole time of our life may be peaceful and sinless, through the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the saints.*

***Priest:* For Thine is the dominion, and Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

***Choir:*  Amen.**

*During the Second Stasis which follows the priest censes round the Holy Table the priest censes three times round the Holy Table*

**The Second Stasis of the 18th Kathisma**

*This is chanted simply by the Reader or a member of the Choir and may be abbreviated*

**Psalm 124**

**They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion; he that dwelleth at Jerusalem, nevermore shall he be shaken. Mountains are around her, and the Lord is around His people from henceforth and for evermore. For the Lord will not permit the rod of sinners to be upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous stretch forth their hands unto iniquities. Do good, O Lord, unto them that are good and unto the upright of heart. But them that turn aside unto crooked ways shall the Lord lead away with the workers of iniquity; peace be upon Israel.**

**Psalm 125**

**When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion, we became as men that are comforted. Then was our mouth filled with joy, and our tongue with rejoicing. Then shall they say among the nations: the Lord hath done great things unto them. The Lord hath done great things among us, and we ae become glad. Turn again, O Lord, our captivity, like streams in the south. They that sow with tears shall reap with rejoicing. In their goings they went, and they wept as they cast their seeds. But in their coming shall they come with rejoicing, bearing their sheaves.**

**Psalm 126**

**Except the Lord build the house, in vain do they labour that build it. Except the Lord guard the city, in vain doth he watch that guardeth her; it is vain for you to rise at dawn. Ye that eat the bread of sorrow, rouse yourselves after resting, when He hath given sleep to His beloved. Lo, sons are the heritage of the Lord, the reward of the fruit of the womb. Like arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the sons of them that were outcasts. Blessed is he that shall fulfil his desires with them; they shall not put to shame when they speak to their enemies in the gates.**

**Psalm 127**

**Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, that walk in His ways. Thou shalt eat the fruit of thy labours; blessed art thou, and well shall it be with thee. They wife shall be as a fruitful vine on the sides of thy house, thy sons like young olive trees round about thy table. Behold, so shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord bless thee out of Sion, and mayest thou see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. And mayest thou see thy children’s children; peace be upon Israel.**

**Psalm 128**

**Many a time have they warred against me from my youth, let Israel now say, many a time have they warred against me from my youth, and yet they have not prevailed against me. The sinners wrought upon my back, they lengthened out their iniquity. The Lord is righteous; He hath cut asunder the necks of sinners. Let them be put to shame and turned back, all they that hate Sion. Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which before it is plucked up is withered away. Wherefore the reaper filleth not his hand, nor he that gathereth sheaves his bosom. Nor have they that passed said: the blessing of the Lord come upon you; we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God.**

***There follows the Little Litany***

***Priest:*  Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:*  Lord have mercy**

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

***Choir:*  Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* Calling to remembrance our most holy, immaculate, exceedingly blessed. Glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life unto Christ our God.**

*The Priest says secretly: O Lord our God, remember us, Thy sinful and unprofitable servants, when we call upon Thy holy, venerable name, and turn us not away in shame from the expectation of Thy mercy; but grant us, O Lord, all our petitions, which are unto salvation, and vouchsafe us to love and fear Thee with our whole heart, and do Thy will in all things.*

***Priest:* For a good God art Thou, and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.**

***Choir:* Amen**

*During the Third Stasis the priest makes two prostrations, then gives the candle to the server. The priest goes down on one knee and lifts the discos. The curtain closes as the discos is raised. The priest transfers the discos to the Proscomede holding it level with his forehead via the high place. A server meets him with the censer and candle. The priest puts the discos onto the Proscomede, and the server opens the curtain. He fills the chalice and covers as usual. He censes three times, places the candle on the Proscomede and prostrates before the covered gifts. He returns to the Holy Table, folds the Antimins and replaces the Gospel Book.*

**The Third Stasis of the 18th Kathisma**

*This is chanted by the Reader or a member of the choir selecting at least three or four psalms*

**Psalm 129**

**Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. Let mine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness. For Thy name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.**

**Psalm 130**

**O Lord, my heart is not exalted, not are mine eyes become lofty. Nor have I walked in things too great or too marvellous for me. If I were not humble-minded but exalted my soul, as one weaned from his mother, so wouldest Thou requite my soul. Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth and for evermore.**

**Psalm 131**

**Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. How he made an oath unto the Lord, and vowed unto the God of Jacob: I shall not go into the dwelling of my house, I shall not ascend upon the bed of my couch, I shall not give sleep to mine eyes, nor slumber to my eyelids, nor rest to my temples, until I find a place for the Lord, a habitation for the God of Jacob. Lo, we have heard of it in Ephratha, we have found it in the plains of the wood. Let us go forth into His tabernacles, let us worship at the place where His feet have stood. Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness. Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness, and Thy righteousness shall rejoice. For the sake of David Thy servant, turn not Thy face away from Thine anointed one. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it: of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne. If thy sons keep My covenant and these testimonies which I shall teach them, their sons shall sit for ever on thy throne. For the Lord hath elected Sion, He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself. This is My rest for ever and ever: here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. Blessing, I will bless her pursuit; her beggars will I satisfy with bread. Her priests will I clothe with salvation, and her saints with rejoicing shall rejoice. There will I make to spring forth a horn for David, I have prepared a lamp for My Christ. His enemies will I clothe with shame, but upon Him shall My sanctification flourish.**

**Psalm 132**

**Behold now, what is so good or so joyous as for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the oil of myrrh upon the head, which runneth down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, which runneth down to the fringe of his raiment. It is like the dew of Aermon, which cometh down upon the mountains of Sion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, life for evermore.**

**Psalm 133**

**Behold now, bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. In nights lift up your hands unto the holies, and bless he Lord. The Lord bless the out of Sion, He that made heaven and he earth.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to Thee our God.**

*There follows the Little Litany*

***Priest:*  Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.**

***Choir:*  Lord have mercy**

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

***Choir:*  Lord have mercy**

***Priest:* Calling to remembrance our most holy, immaculate, exceedingly blessed. Glorious Lady, Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life unto Christ our God.**

***Choir:* To Thee O Lord.**

***Priest:* For Thou art our God, the God Who hath mercy and saveth, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

***Choir:* Amen**

*The priest censes the whole altar in the usual manner for the Divine Liturgy and then the whole church. The censer should be well charged.*

***The “Lord I have cried…” is sung to the chant below in the 6th Tone***

**Lord I have cried unto Thee hear me; hear me O Lord. Lord I cry unto Thee, hear me; attend to the voice of my prayer when I cry to Thee. Hear me O Lord. Let my prayer arise before Thee like incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. Hear me O Lord.**

*And then the rest of the verses are chanted simply with the stichera inserted as laid out below which may be chanted antiphonally by the reader and /or members of the choir. For convenience, only one set of stichera is included. As we get to know the Liturgy of the Presanctified, this section may be expanded*

***The verses and stichera of the “Lord I have cried…”***

**Set, O Lord. A watch before my mouth, and a door of enclosure round about my lips.**

**Incline not my heart unto works of evil, to make excuse with excuses in sins.**

**With men that work iniquity; and I will not join with their chosen.**

**The righteous man will chasten me with mercy and reprove me; as for the oil of the sinner, let it not anoint my head.**

**For yet more is my prayer in the presence of their pleasures; swallowed up near by the rock have their judges been.**

**They shall hear my words, for they be sweetened; as a clod of earth is broken upon the earth, so have their bones been scattered nigh unto hades.**

**For unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord, are mine eyes, in Thee have I hoped; take not my soul away.**

**Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, an from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity.**

**The sinners shall fall into their own net; I am alone until they pass by.**

**With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto the Lord have I made supplication.**

**I will pour out before Him my supplication, mine affliction before Him will I declare.**

**When my spirit was fainting within me, then Thou knewest my paths.**

**In this way wherein I have walked they hid for me a snare.**

**I looked upon my right hand, and beheld, and there was none that did know me.**

**Flight hath failed me, and there is none that watcheth out for my soul.**

**I have cried unto the, O Lord; I said: Thou art my hope, my portion in the land of the living.**

**Attend unto my supplication, for I am brought very low.**

**Deliver me from them that persecute me, for they are stronger than I.**

**Bring my soul out of prison; that I may confess Thy name.**

**The righteous wait patiently for me until Thou shalt reward me.**

**Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord, O Lord*,* hear my voice.**

**Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

**If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.**

**For Thy name’s sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.**

**Walk about Sion O ye people/ and encompass her./ Give glory unto Christ, / for He is our God who has delivered us from all our iniquities.**

**From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope in the Lord.**

**Walk about Sion O ye people/ and encompass her./ Give glory unto Christ, / for He is our God who has delivered us from all our iniquities.**

**For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.**

**Ye heavens be glad, sound the trumpets ye foundations of the earth./ shout for joy, O ye hills,/ for behold, Emmanuel hath nailed our sins to the Cross./ He hath put death to death by raising Adam, / because He loveth mankind.**

**O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise Him all ye peoples.**

**Ye heavens be glad, sound the trumpets ye foundations of the earth./ shout for joy, O ye hills,/ for behold, Emmanuel hath nailed our sins to the Cross./ He hath put death to death by raising Adam, / because He loveth mankind.**

**For He hath made His mercy prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,** (*here the doors open and Priest and servers exit the North door with the incense. He cense the open gates, the Saviour and the Mother of God and waits)*

**Let us praise the Virgin Mary, glory of all the world and doorway to heaven,/ who, begotten of man, hast borne the Lord./ She is the adornment of the faithful and proclaimed by the heavenly hosts./ She it is who, as temple of the Godhead, hath broken down the wall of enmity / and shown forth the way unto the Kingdom.**

**now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen**

***Priest:*** **Wisdom, upright** *(+ with censer then gates lintel, Saviour and Mother of God. Enter, cense front of the Holy Table, put censer into left hand, turn, kiss little icon of the Saviour, bless servers, kiss little Icon of the Mother of God, re-entre the altar, wait for the servers to return to the high place, bow, kiss Gospel and edge of the Holy Table and the censer is re-charged. The priest stays before the Holy Table.*

***(There follows “O Joyous Light”… “and Let my prayer”)***

***There follows the Prayer of St Ephraim (Simple form)***

**O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition and idle talking give me not.** *(Prostration)*

**But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience and love bestow upon me Thy servant.** *(Prostration)*

**Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my failings and not to condemn my brother: for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen** *(Prostration)*

***The doors are closed***

***There follow the Litanies of Fervent Supplication; of the Catechumens and the two little Litanies of the Faithful as in the Divine Liturgy of St John.***

***The doors are opened***

***There follows the Great Entrance as the Reader and / or members of the choir sing “ Now the Powers of heaven…”***

***As the Priest enters the Altar he chants “Let us draw near in faith and become communicants of life eternal. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

***And the Reader / members of the choir sing “Let us draw near…”***

***There follows the Prayer of St Ephraim (Simple form)***

**O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition and idle talking give me not.** *(Prostration)*

**But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience and love bestow upon me Thy servant.** *(Prostration)*

**Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my failings and not to condemn my brother: for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen** *(Prostration)*

***The doors close and the curtain is drawn half way for the Litany before the Lord’s Prayer which follows as normal.***

***The curtain is drawn fully after the Lord’s Prayer and the words “Let us attend, the Presanctified Holies are for the holy”***

***The Priest’s communion during which the Reader/ Members of the choir chant simply…***

Reader / Choir: **O taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

***The curtain and doors open and the priest exclaims as usual, “With the fear of God, with faith draw nigh”***

***In response the Reader / Choir chant simply***

Reader/ Choir: **I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

***After the communion of the faithful the priest re-enters the altar, turns as usual and says “O Lord save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.”***

***In response the Reader / Choir chant simply***

Reader / Choir: **Taste ye the heavenly Bread and the Cup of Life, and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: **Always now and ever and unto the ages of ages.**

Reader / Choir: **Amen**

Reader / Choir: **Let our mouth be filled…** *(as in Divine Liturgy)*

***There follows the Litany of thanksgiving as usual, the Prayer before the Ambon and the end of the Liturgy as usual.***

***The thanksgiving prayers are as usual except that, instead of the Troparia and Kontakia of St John Chrysostom or St Basil we use the following of St Gregory:***

Reader / Choir: **Thou who hast received of God divine grace from on high, O glorious Gregory, and hast been fortified by His power, thou didst will to walk according to the Gospel; wherefore, thou hast received Christ the reward of thy labours. Entreat Him that He save our souls.**

**Glory be…**

**Thou hast shown thyself to be a leader like unto the Chief Shepherd Christ, O Father Gregory, guiding flocks of monks into the heavenly sheepfold, and from whence thou didst teach the flock of Christ His commandments. And now thou dost rejoice with them and dance in the heavenly mansions.**