Greeting

Bless, Most Reverend Master, the censer.

Wisdom.

It is truly meet to bless Thee, the Theotokos, ever-blessed and most blameless, and Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, Who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos, Thee do we magnify.

Glory …

Both now…

Lord have mercy. *(3)*

Most Reverend Master, bless.

Entrance Prayers

*As usual, except omit the prayer: I shall go into Thy House. After the choir finishes It is Truly Meet,*

*Deacon:* Eis polla eti dhespota!

Vesting

Bless, Most Reverend Master, the censer.

*If a second deacon is serving, before each prayer he says:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*Sakkosnik*

Thy soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He hath clothed thee in the garment of salvation; and with the vesture of gladness hath He covered thee; He hath placed a crown upon thee as on a bridegroom, and He hath adorned thee as a bride with comeliness.

*Epitrachil*

Blessed is God, who poureth out His grace upon His high priests, like unto 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.

*Right Cuff*

Thy right hand, O Lord, is glorified in strength. Thy right hand hath shattered enemies, and in the multitude of Thy glory hast Thou ground down the adversaries.

*Left Cuff*

The Lord’s hands have made thee and fashioned thee. May He give thee understanding, and mayest thou learn His commandments.

*Belt*

Blessed is God, who girded thee with power, and hath made thy path blameless, Who maketh thy feet like the feet of a hart, and setteth thee upon high places.

*Palitza*

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty, and bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness, and Thy right hand shall guide Thee wondrously, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Sakkos*

Thy high priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous ones with rejoicing shall rejoice, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Omophor*

When Thou hadst taken upon Thy shoulders human nature which had gone astray, O Christ, Thou didst bear it to heaven, unto Thy God and Father, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Cross*

Whosoever will come after Me, saith the Lord, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Panagia*

May God create in thee a clean heart and renew a right spirit within thee, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Miter*

The Lord hath set upon thy head a crown of precious stones; thou asked life of Him and He gaveth thee length of days, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Trikiri & Dikiri*

May thy light so shine before men that they may see thy good works and glorify our Father Who is in heaven, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Choir:* Ton dhespotin kai arkhierea imon, Kyrie, phylatte eis polla eti dhespota.

During Holy God

The revelation of the Trinity was in Jordan; for the Most‑Divine Person of the Father Himself proclaimed: He that is baptized, the same is my beloved Son. And the Spirit descended upon Him that was like unto Himself. For which cause the people shall bless Him and exalt Him unto all ages.

Commemorations

*Deacon:* And each and everyone.

*Choir:* And each and everyone.

*Bishop:* Among the first…

*Deacon:* And our Lord the Most Reverend [*Name*], Archbishop (*or* Bishop) [*his* *diocesan* *title*], offering these Holy Gifts to the Lord our God;

For the honorable priesthood and for the diaconate in Christ, and for those in the clerical and monastic order; for the God-preserved Russian land and her Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora; for our brethren confined in prisons, and in bitter labors and in every affliction; for the peace and well-being of the whole world; for the well-being of the holy churches of God; for the salvation and help of our brethren who are laboring and serving with heedfulness and the fear of God; for the healing of them that lie in infirmities; for the repose, the release in blessed memory and remission of sins of all our fathers and brethren gone to their rest before us, and the Orthodox here and everywhere laid to rest; for the salvation of the people that stand here and pray, each of them calling to remembrance their transgressions; and in behalf of all and for all.

*Choir:* And in behalf of all and for all.