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THE PREPARATORY SERVICE

First Service
(Of Melchizedek)

Standing at the step before the entrance to the sanctuary, the priest makes the sign of the Cross and says silently:

† Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. May mercy and compassion be shown to us, weak and sinful servants, in both worlds forever. Amen.

Introductory Prayer

The priest, with hands folded on the breast and head bowed, says silently:

O merciful Lord God who love humanity, make us worthy to stand before you in purity and holiness, with understanding, reverence and spiritual preparation, that we may serve you, O Lord and Creator, for to you is due adoration from all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever. Amen.

And then he recites Psalm 51 (RSV):

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins. Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin. I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins. I have sinned against you – only against you – and done what you consider evil. So, you are right in judging me and are justified in condemning me. I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful. Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom. Remove my sin and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again. Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil. Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me. Do not banish me from your presence; do not take your Holy Spirit away from me. Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation; and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach sinners your commands, and they will turn back to you. Spare my life, O God, and save me and I will gladly proclaim your righteousness. Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you. You do not want sacrifices or I would offer them. You are not pleased with burnt offerings. My sacrifice is a humble spirit. O God, you will not reject a humble and repentant heart. O God, be kind to Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with proper sacrifices and with our burnt offerings; and bulls will be sacrificed on your altar.

Praise is due to you, O God. Bareknor.
If a bishop is present in the Sanctuary, kissing his hand, the priest says:
Bless, my Lord. (Barekmoor.)
Then he gives peace to the other priests and after that he turns to the people
spreading out his hands and saying aloud:

Priest: Pray for me, beloved brethren, that I may be worthy to
offer this Living and Holy Sacrifice for the whole Church.

Faithful: May the Lord be pleased with your prayers and sacrifice
and having accepted your offerings, grant us communion with you.

After the canonical hours are over, the lessons from the Old Testament are read
aloud by a reader and when they are finished a hymn is sung.

Meanwhile, the priest goes into the sanctuary behind the veil
and continues to pray in a low voice.

As he enters the Sanctuary, the priest says:
I will go before the altar of God, before God who is the joy of my youth
(Ps 43:4).

He bows before the Table of Life at the foot of the step, saying:
I have entered your house, O God;
and have worshipped before your altar, Heavenly King.
Pardon me all that in which I have sinned against you.

Venerating the corners of the altar, he says:
Bind our festivals, O Lord, with cords to the corners of your altar.
You are my God and I will give you thanks. You are my God and I will praise you
(Ps 118:27, 28).

The priest, kissing the middle of the altar, steps on the dargo and prepares the altar.

The Preparation of the Altar and the Offering of the Gifts

While the faithful sing the hymn, the priest prays silently:

The priest holds the host with both hands and says:
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter
and like a sheep before the shearer. He was silent;
He did not open His mouth in His humiliation

O Lord, you have made your sanctuary a pedestal to your throne;
you have established it with your own hands. The Lord shall rule forever!

Placing the host on the paten, raising the paten,
looking upward and offering the bread, he says:
O First-born of the Heavenly Father,
receive this first-fruit from the hands of your humble servant.

Pouring the wine into the chalice, he says:
Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on the tree between two thieves in Jerusalem,
and was pierced in His side with a spear and there flowed from it blood and water
to wash away the sins of all creation. He who saw it bore witness and we know that
his witness is true (Jn 19:34, 35).

Pouring water into the chalice, he says:
O Lord God, as your divinity was united with our humanity,
so unite this water with this wine.

Raising the chalice and offering it, he says:
What shall I return to the Lord for all His goodness to me?
I will take the Chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows in the presence of all His people.

The priest covers the paten and the chalice with the hepphoyos,
and then after venerating the altar, he descends the dargo.
Second Service
(Of Aaron)

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
May mercy and compassion be shown to us, weak and sinful servants, in both worlds forever. Amen.

Introductory Prayer

The priest, with hands folded on the breast and head bowed, says silently:
Make us worthy, O Lord God, to enter your high and exalted Holy of Holies with minds and hearts purified from all evil thoughts and wickedness, so that we may stand before your holy altar in purity and holiness and offer rational and spiritual sacrifices to you in true faith, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever.

The Vesting

He washes his hands and takes off his outer garment, saying: Remove from me, Lord God, the filthy garments with which Satan clothed me through the weakness of my evil deeds and clothe me with the garments which are fitting for the service of your majesty and for the glory of your Holy Name, our Lord and our God forever.

M'sone (Footwear)
(Lk 10:19; Is 52:7; Eph 6:13)
Wearing the shoe on his left foot, he says:
Lord God, put on my feet the footwear of the preparation of the Gospel of peace, that I may tread on serpents and scorpions and all the powers of the enemy forever.

Wearing the shoe on his right foot, he says:
Cast down, Lord God, under the footstool of my feet every high thing which is exalted against your knowledge, and by your help may I tread down the passions of the flesh forever.

Kuthino (Alb)
Signing the cross three times on the alb and putting it on, he says:
O Lord God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, clothe me with the robe of incorruptibility and make me worthy to please your will by virtuous conduct all the days of my life.

Hannikhe Uroto (Stole)
(Ps 18:39)
He makes the sign of the cross twice over the stole and puts it over his neck, saying:
Gird me with strength for battle and subdue and scatter all enemies before me.

Zenoro (Girdle)
(Ps 45:3; Eph 6:14)
He makes the sign of the cross once over the girdle, tying it around his waist, saying:
O Mighty One, gird your sword about your loins in splendor and majesty; your majesty is triumphant.

Zende (Sleeves)
(Ps 18:35)
Signing the cross on the left-hand sleeve twice and on the right-hand sleeve once, he says:
O Lord, make my members instruments of righteousness for all actions which are good and right. Make us holy temples and chosen vessels fit for the service of your majesty and for the glory of your holy name.

Putting it on his left hand, he says:
Teach my hands to fight and strengthen my arms as a bow of brass.

Putting it on his right hand, he says:
Let your right hand support me and your discipline instruct me.

Phaino (Cope)
(Ps 132: 9, 10; 132:16)
The priest takes the cope and signs the cross on it three times saying:
Let your priests be clothed with justice, and let your saints shout aloud for joy. Reject not the face of your anointed for the sake of your servant David.

(If a bishop is present, he goes to him, carrying the cope in his hands, and the bishop signs the cross on it.)

While putting the cope over his shoulders, he says:
Clothe your priests with salvation and your righteous with glory.
Masnaphto (Sheelamudh)
(Ps 33:8)
If the celebrant is an episcopo (bishop),
before blessing and wearing the cope, he puts on the Sheelamudh, saying:
Who will show us any good?
He shall shed the light of his countenance upon us;
you, O Lord, have put joy in my heart.

Uroro Rabo (Patraeeth)
(Ps 27:5, 6)
The bishop wears the patraeeeth over the cope, saying:
For he will hide me under his protection on the evil day
and will shelter me under the cover of his dwelling.
He will set me on the rock and from henceforth
my hand shall be lifted above my enemies.

Pectoral Cross
(Ps 34:6)
While wearing the cross around his neck, the prelate says:
Turn your eyes to him and hope in him
and you shall not be disappointed.

Mooroneetho (Amsaawadi/Crosier)
(Ps 110:2)
Taking the crosier in his left hand, the bishop says:
The Lord sent you the scepter of life from Zion
and you will rule over your enemies.

Sleebo (Hand-Cross)
(Ps 4:5)
Taking the hand-cross from which a m’aplonitho (veil) is hung,
the bishop says:
By you we will tread down our enemies
and because of your name we will trample on our foes.

The priest kneels before the altar below the dargo and prays silently:
O Lord God Almighty, to you who forgive the sins of men and do not take pleasure
in the death of sinners, I stretch out the hands of my heart and from you I beg for
the pardon of all my faults. Though I am not worthy I beseech you to preserve me
from all attacks of the enemy, my eyes from lustful looks, my ears from listening to
vain things, and my hands from doing what is wrong; that my inner being may be
moved by you, so that I may entirely belong to you and the gift of your sacred mys-
teries may be bestowed on me, now and always and forever. Amen.

Or

O Lord, who, in your grace have called me to your spiritual service and in your
mercy have encouraged me to enter this Holy of Holies and in your compassion
have strengthened me that I may stand before your Holy Table and speak to you
with confidence, bestow on me the grace of your Holy Spirit and enlighten the in-
ner eyes of my mind and remove from my soul the heavy burden of guilt and sin, so
that I may serve honorably and without stain and praise you with your Only-
begotten Son and your Holy Spirit, now and always and forever. Amen.

The priest venerates the altar and ascends the dargo.

He recites Psalm 93 (RSV):
The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with
strength. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. (Ps 93:1).
The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods
lift up their roaring. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the
waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty! Your decrees are very sure; holiness
befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.
Removing the huppyo (m’aplanitho) from the paten and placing it on his right side
and that from the chalice and placing it on his left side, he says:
Pure and Spotless Lamb, who offered your Father an acceptable sacrifice for the
pardon and salvation of the whole world, make us worthy to offer ourselves as a liv-
ing sacrifice, which is pleasing to you and is likened to your sacrifice for us, O Christ
our God, forever.
General Commemoration

He stretches out his hands crosswise, with his right hand above the left, holding the paten in his right hand and the chalice in his left.
He holds them above the tablinum and does not lower them until the prayers of the general commemoration and special intentions are finished.

The Priest silently says:

We recall the memory of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, and above all His saving economy for our sake; especially His Annunciation by the angel, His incarnation and birth in the flesh, His baptism in the Jordan, His saving Passion, His ascent on the Cross, His life-giving death, His precious burial, His glorious resurrection, His ascension into heaven, and His sitting at the right hand of God the Father. We particularly commemorate at this Eucharist, first of all, our father Adam and our mother Eve, and Mary, the holy Mother of God; the prophets and apostles, the preachers and evangelists, the martyrs and confessors, the just men and true pastors, the doctors of the true faith, the hermits and monks and those who stand to pray with us; with them, we commemorate all those who have been pleasing to you from Adam and Eve until the present day. We remember also our fathers and brethren and teachers, who taught us the Word of truth and our dead and all the faithful departed, naming particularly those who are of our own blood and the benefactors of this church, both past and present, and all who have assisted us in word or deed, much or little, and especially (N) at whose request and on whose behalf this Sacrifice is offered today.

Here he remembers those for whom the Qurbono is offered and anyone else he wishes.

OR

He may use the shorter form:

At this time of the commemoration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and His saving economy for our sake, we recall to mind at this Eucharist the Holy Mary, the Mother of God, and with her, the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and confessors. Together with them, we recall all the just and the priests, the holy fathers and doctors of the true faith, as well as our fathers, brethren, and teachers and all the faithful departed. We recall to mind, (N), for whom this Qurbono is offered as well anyone who has asked our prayers. O Lord God, in your mercy, grant pardon of offenses and forgiveness of sins to our departed forever and ever.

If the Qurbono is offered in honor of the holy Mother of God, he says:

We remember especially by name, the holy Mother of God, Mary, in whose honor and for whom this Qurbono is particularly and distinctly offered, asking that she intercede on behalf of your servant who has taken refuge in the help of her prayers. Good and merciful God, by her prayers which you hear and her supplication which you accept, in your mercy, answer the requests of him/her who has chosen to honor her memory. Keep from him/her temptations and trials and the scourge of wrath. Pardon his/her offenses and sins in your mercy by the prayer of your Mother and all your Saints. Amen.

If it is offered in honor of the Saints, he says:

We remember, Lord, Saint (N) whose memory we celebrate today that he/she may intercede for (N) who has taken refuge in the help of his/her prayers.

In your mercy, answer his/her petitions.

If it is offered for the sick, he says:

O Merciful God, have compassion on (N) and grant him/her health of soul and body by the prayers of your Mother and all your saints.

If it is offered for the departed, he says:

O God, grant rest and happiness to (N) in your mansion of light with all those who have done your holy will.

If it is offered for the relative of the priest, he says:

May my father and my mother and all my departed and all those who have fellowship with me, and all those who have asked me in my weakness, be remembered at this Qurbono, which we in our sin offer to you. You alone know their names.

Grant rest and good remembrance to them.

At each Qurbono, the priest must recite this prayer three times:

O God, you are the Qurbono and this Qurbono is offered to you. Receive this Qurbono from my sinful hands which I offer on behalf of (N),

O God, grant good remembrance and rest to my father and mother, to all my departed, to my brothers and sisters, all my family, friends, and teachers.

Kurie-eleison, Kurie-eleison, Kurie-eleison.

The priest places the chalice on the eastern portion of the tablinum and the paten on the western portion and covers them with the large veil (shushcop), saying:

The heavens are covered with the splendor of His glory;
all the earth is full of His praise (Ps 37:5).
He descends the dario and begins the prayer of incense.

Let us pray and beg for mercy and compassion from the Lord.

Merciful Lord, have mercy upon us and help us.

Make us worthy, O Lord God, to offer praise, thanksgiving, glory, honor, and exaltation without ceasing and at all times forever.

Proemion

With hands folded, he says:

Praise to the Fair Fruit who sprouted from the Virgin’s womb, and who magnified and honored the memory of His Mother in heaven and on earth. Praise to the worshipful Lord who has given glory throughout the world to the feasts of His saints and the joy of their festivals; to the Living One and Giver of Life who with His gentle voice raises the dead and gives them joy with Him in the bliss of glory. To Him belong glory, honor and adoration at this time of the offering of the Eucharist and at all times, seasons, hours, and moments of the days of our life forever. Amen.

As he sets the incense, he says:

To the honor and glory of the Holy Trinity, this incense is set by my weak and sinful hands.

Sedo

The priest takes the thurible from the thurifer and begins to incense the altar, saying:

O Creator of the world, who govern all creatures, the Blessed Shoot which budded and came up out of the dry ground, Mary, and filled the entire earth with the sweet scent of your beauty and drove away the foul odor of godlessness from every quarter by your glorious doctrine, we offer you praise, thanksgiving, and adoration.

O Lord, like Aaron the priest who offered you pure incense in the sanctuary and stayed the plague from the people of Israel, we offer this incense before you for the forgiveness of our sins, for we are weak and sinful. We also offer this incense to commemorate our father Adam and our mother Eve, as well as the holy Mother of God, Mary, and the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and the fathers and doctors of the true faith.

O Christ our God, we entreat you: receive the sweet smoke of this incense on behalf of the rich and the poor, the orphans and the widows, the weary and the afflicted, the sick and the oppressed, and all those who have charged us to remember them in our prayers to you, and on behalf of the living and for the granting of rest for the souls of departed in the heavenly Jerusalem. We will offer praise and adoration to you, Lord, and to your Father and to your Holy Spirit, now and always and forever. Amen.

When he finishes the sedo, he ascends the dario and holds the chains of the thurible together over the divine mysteries and offers incense.

First to the east side, saying:

Praise the Lord, you righteous.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God be commemorated with the smoke of incense.

Then to the west side, saying:

Praise Him all you peoples.

May the prophets, apostles and holy martyrs be commemorated with the smoke of incense.

Then to the north side, saying:

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

May the doctors and priests and the righteous be commemorated with smoke of incense.

Then to the south side, saying:

From age to age and forever. Amen.

May the holy Church and all her children be commemorated with smoke of incense.

The priest swings the thurible over the divine mysteries, twice to the left side and once to the right side, saying:

O Lord, in your compassion receive the incense of your servants and be satisfied by the smoke offered by your priests and be pleased with the service of your worshippers.

Make, thereby, a good remembrance of your Mother and all your Saints; may all the faithful departed be pardoned by it. O Christ the Son, who are worshipped and glorified with your Father and your Holy Spirit, now and always and forever. Amen.
The Preparatory Service

The priest descends the dargo, bows his head and holds the middle edge of the shushepo, and incenses the Table of Life in the middle three times, saying:

Adoration to the compassionate Father.

Then he venerates the altar.

The priest holds the edge of the shushepo and incenses the northern corner of the shushepo three times, saying:

Adoration to the merciful Son

He venerates the corner of the shushepo and holds it back, saying:

Who died on the Cross.

The priest holds the edge of the shushepo and incenses the southern corner of the shushepo three times, saying:

Adoration to the life-giving Spirit.

He venerates the altar.

Huthomo

With hands extended, the priest says:

May the just and the righteous, the prophets and apostles, martyrs and confessors, and the holy Mother of God, and all the saints, who in all generations were pleasing to you, O God, be intercessors and suppliants to you on behalf of the souls of us all.

By their prayers and supplications may wrath be removed from your people. Have mercy on the flock of your pasture and make your peace and tranquility dwell in the four quarters of the world; And, by your grace, grant rest to our faithful departed, our Lord and our God, forever. Amen.

The priest descends the dargo and once again sets the incense.

The sanctuary veil is opened.
THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The priest incenses the altar, saying.

Priest: Mary, who gave you birth and John, who baptized you, shall be intercessors on our behalf; have mercy on us, O Lord.

M' anito of Mor Severus of Antioch

The priest incenses the altar, the Gospel stand, and the faithful.

All: I will praise you, my Lord and King/Only-begotten Son and Word of the Heavenly Father/who is immortal by nature./Christ, O God,/you deigned to come down/for the life and salvation of mankind./And you were incarnate of the Blessed Virgin Mary/the pure Mother of God./Without change you became man/and you were crucified for us./By your death,/you trampled on our death and destroyed it./You are one of the most Holy Trinity/and are adored and glorified equally, with the Father and the Holy Spirit/Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Or:
The prayers of your Mother and Saints,
Intercede for us, Lord
“I will praise you, Lord and King”
Word of God and First-born
Of Heavenly Father
Who by His nature is immortal
O Son of God
For life and salvation of mankind, you deigned to come down
And you took flesh
From Virgin Mary
Pure Mother of God
Without change you became man and you were crucified
By your death, you
Trampled on our death
One in Triune God,
Worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
Lord, have mercy.
Trisagion

After venerating the altar and handing the thurible to server,
the priest leads the faithful in praying the Trisagion:

The priest puts three fingers of his left hand on the left corner of the folded
shushapho and with the first three fingers of his right hand joined together, he
touches first the tablioth, saying:

Priest: Holy are you, O God
All: Holy are you, the Mighty
Holy are you, the Immortal
Who were crucified for us, have mercy on us.

When everyone says, “Who were crucified for us,” the priest (and everyone else)
raises his right hand and makes the sign of the Cross.

Then the priest puts the first three fingers of
his right hand on the rim of the paten and says:

Priest: Holy are you, O God
All: Holy are you, the Mighty
Holy are you, the Immortal
Who were crucified for us, have mercy on us.

The priest puts his three fingers on the edge of the tablioth. When everyone says,
“Who were crucified for us,” he crosses himself for the second time.

Then the priest puts his three fingers on the chalice
and says for the third time:

Priest: Holy are you, O God
All: Holy are you, the Mighty
Holy are you, the Immortal
Who were crucified for us, have mercy on us.

When everyone says: “Holy are You, the Mighty,” he brings his fingers to the rim of the
paten. Then, when they say, “Holy are You, the Immortal,” he brings his finger to the edge
of the tablioth. And when they say: “Who were crucified for us,” he crosses himself.

During Passion Week, the Qaumo for the Evening Office (ramsha)
is sung three times in place of the Trisagion.

Monday
By your Passion, O M’sheho, you saved us from sin.
Accept our service and have mercy on us.

Tuesday
The holy Church, in deep sorrow,
by your Passion, Lord,
Rejoices at your rising and receives salvation.

Wednesday
The Dreadful Judgment, is re-told,
for those who destroy you;
But those who confess your passion,
enter your kingdom.

Phesago Thursday
M’sheho, by your Passover, you replaced the lamb
Of the Pass-over old.
By your Passover, make us joyful and
show your mercy on us.

Holy Saturday
M’sheho, by your holy death,
you destroyed our death.
Raise our departed and have mercy on us.
The Public Service

All: Kurie-eleison, Kurie-eleison, Kurie-eleison.

The Service of the Word

Before the reading from the Acts or the General Epistle.
the priest prays silently, saying:

O Lord God, receive our prayers and supplications at this time and make us worthy to keep your commandments in purity and holiness and those of your Apostles and of Paul the architect of your Holy Church, our Lord and our God forever. Amen.


Faithful: Praise to the Lord of the Apostles (of the Apostle) and let His mercy be upon us forever.

Reader: A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to (—). Bareknor.

Faithful: Praise to the Lord of the Apostle, and let His mercy be upon us forever.

The priest silently recites the following prayer before he reads the Gospel:

O Lord God, grant us the knowledge of your divine words and fill us with the understanding of your Holy Gospel, the riches of your divine gifts and the graces of your Holy Spirit; and, enable us to keep your commandments with joy and to accomplish and fulfill your will, that we may be worthy of the blessings and mercies which come from you, now and always and forever. Amen.

A server places the Gospel stand at the entrance of the sanctuary.
The priest, facing the people, sets incense.

After the priest sets the incense, the reader chants:

Reader: Bareknor. With reverence and devotion, let us listen to the living word of God which is being read before us, the holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful: May the Lord make us worthy of it.
The priest blesses the people saying aloud:

Priest: † Peace be with you.

Faithful: And with your spirit.

Priest: If the reading is from Matthew or John, the priest says:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the life-giving message from the Apostle Matthew (or John), who preaches life and salvation to the world.

If the reading is from Mark or Luke, the priest says:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the life-giving message from the Evangelist Mark (or Luke), who proclaims good tidings of life and salvation to the world.

Faithful: Blessed is He who has come and is to come.

Priest: Praise to the One who sent Him, and let His mercy be upon us forever.

Faithful: We believe and confess it.

Passion Week

During Passion Week, the following are used to introduce and conclude the reading of the Gospel.

† Μητροπολίτης Ἀντώνιος Εὐαγγελίστης, καταχωρημένος, ἐν Ιησοῦ Χριστί

† Μητροπολίτης Αἰγίν, Ἀθηναῖς Εὐαγγελίστης, καταχωρημένος, ἐν Ιησοῦ Χριστί

† Μητροπολίτης Αἰγίν, Ἀθηναῖς Εὐαγγελίστης, καταχωρημένος, ἐν Ιησοῦ Χριστί

† Μητροπολίτης Αἰγίν, Ἀθηναῖς Εὐαγγελίστης, καταχωρημένος, ἐν Ιησοῦ Χριστί

The priest blesses the people saying aloud:

Priest: Praise to the Lord. May His mercy be on me and upon you now and forever. †

Faithful: Amen.

Priest: The Holy Gospel according to the Apostle Matthew (John) or the Evangelist Mark (Luke).

Faithful: Kurie-eileison.

The priest proclaims the Gospel and concludes, saying aloud:

Priest: Adoration to the Lord †.

Faithful: Kurie-eileison.

Silent Prayer after the Gospel Reading

After the Gospel reading, the priest says silently:

Praise, thanksgiving and blessing to our Lord Jesus Christ for His words of life to us, to the Father who sent Him for our salvation, and to His life-giving Holy Spirit, now and always and forever. Amen.
The Prayer of Entrance

Reader: Staumenkalos.
Faithful: Kurie-eileon.

Standing below the chasgo, the priest says aloud:

Then the priest sets incense:

Reader: Barekmor, before the merciful Lord, and before this atoning altar, and before these divine and heavenly mysteries, incense is being set. Let us pray and beg for mercy and compassion from the Lord.
Faithful: Merciful Lord, have mercy upon us and help us.

Prayer of Absolution (Husoyo)
(Not Variable)

Priest: Merciful Lord, who forgive our sins and pardon our offenses, wipe away my great and innumerable sins and those of your faithful people. O Lord God, have pity and be merciful to us.

Lord, in your mercy, remember our souls and the souls of our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters, our elders and teachers, our departed ones and all the faithful departed, the children of the holy and glorious Church. Give rest to their souls, spirits, and bodies and shed the dew of your mercy and compassion on them. Be to us and to them, Absolution and Absolver of sins, O Christ our King, our Lord, the Lord of Glory.

Answer us, O Lord, and come to our aid and save us. In your mercy, receive our prayers and keep us free from all harm. Deliver us, Lord, from all chastisements in your loving kindness.

O Lord, remove from us the dread scourge of your wrath. Make us worthy of the end that befits a Christian and is pleasing and proper to your divinity. We will offer you praise and thanksgiving, now and always and forever.

Faithful: Amen.

Then the priest sets incense:

Reader: Barekmor, before the merciful Lord, and before this atoning altar, and before these divine and heavenly mysteries, incense is being set. Let us pray and beg for mercy and compassion from the Lord.
Faithful: Merciful Lord, have mercy upon us and help us.

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Priest: Make us worthy, O Lord God, to offer praise,
thanksgiving, glory, honor, and exaltation without ceasing
and, at all times forever.

Proemion
(Alternate forms on Pages 170-174)

Priest: Blessed is the Delightful Offering and glorious is the Sweet
Fruit who was offered for us and purified us, and who
made us holy by His sanctifying oblation. To the Lamb,
born of the Virgin who saved us by His Cross and deliv-
ered us from animal sacrifices, is due glory, honor, and
adoration at this time of the celebration of the Divine
Eucharist, and at all feasts, seasons, hours, times and all
the days of our life forever.

Faithful: Amen.

He venerates the northern corner of the shashepo,
which had been folded back, and turns it down, saying silently:
“He rose from the tomb.”
**Sedro**

*(Variable)*

**Priest:**

O Lord God Almighty, you receive the sacrifice of praise from all who offer you with a sincere heart. Accept from us, your sinful servants, this incense and draw us close to your Holy Altar. Strengthen us that we may offer you spiritual offerings and sacrifices for our sins and that of your people. Make us worthy to be an acceptable sacrifice to you. Let the Holy Spirit come upon us and these oblations and your faithful people in our Lord Jesus Christ. Together with Him, honor, glory and dominion are due to you and your Holy Spirit now and always and forever.

**Faithful:**

Amen. May the Lord accept your service, and help us through your prayers.

**Priest:**

May we receive from God pardon of offenses and forgiveness of sins in both worlds forever.

**Faithful:**

Amen.

The priest sets incense.

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**Blessing of the Censer**

*Arabic text*

**Priest:**

I, weak and sinful servant, confess and say:

Then he holds one chain with the first two fingers of his left hand and, with his right hand, he draws the sign of the Cross on the chain, saying:

† Holy is the Holy Father.

**Faithful:**

Amen.

The he holds another chain together with the one in the middle and draws the sign of the Cross on the chains saying:

† Holy is the Holy Son.

**Faithful:**

Amen.

The third time, he holds the last chain of the censer and draws the sign of the Cross over them. Then he moves his right hand around the censer, twice from left to right and once from right to left, saying:

† Holy is the living Holy Spirit, who hallows the incense of His sinful servant and extends mercy to our souls and the souls of our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters, our elders and teachers, our departed, and all the faithful departed, the children of the holy Church, in both worlds forever.

**Faithful:**

Amen.
The priest turning to the people and stretching out his hands, says:

(Bareknor) My beloved brethren and teachers, pray that this offering is accepted.

Turning to the altar, he kneels before the Table of Life, saying this prayer silently:

O Holy and Glorious Trinity, have mercy upon me. O Holy and Glorious Trinity, receive this offering from my weak and sinful hands. O God, in your compassion, grant rest and good remembrance to your Holy Mother and your Saints upon this holy and heavenly altar. O God, at this time, absolve and pardon the sins of your sinful servant. By the prayers of your Mother and all your Saints, grant help to me, who call upon you always.

O God, in your mercy, pardon and forgive the sins of all our blood relatives, our parents, brethren, elders, especially those for whom this Qurbono is offered (N). Or

O Holy Trinity, have mercy upon us. O Holy Trinity, forgive our offenses and our sins. O Holy Trinity, receive this Qurbono from my sinful hands on the spiritual altar which is above in Heaven.

O God, remit, forgive, and pardon our sins and faults and misdeeds and those of all those who call upon you and pray to you in true faith. O God, be merciful to our parents and brethren and teachers and all the faithful departed, who have gone before us and have slept in your hope, especially the living and the dead for whom this Qurbono is offered (N)."

"Here the priest mentions whomsoever he wishes to pray for, living or departed. Whenever he mentions a person's name, he must draw the sign of the Cross with his right thumb on the altar. Then he rises, venerates the altar in the middle, the north and the south. He ascends the dargo and stands with feet close together.

Reader: Bareknor, Siaumenakos.
Faithful: Kurie-ekleison.

Here begins the Anaphoro.