

Anaphora – from Advent (November 15) through the leavetaking of the Hypapante (February 9)

Deacon: Let us stand aright! Let us stand in fear! Let us attend, that we may offer the holy oblation in peace.

People: A Mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit!

Priest: Let us lift up our hearts!

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is meet and right to worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Trinity one in essence, and undivided!

Priest: It is meet and right to give thanks to you, O God, who in days of old revealed yourself to the holy prophet Moses, and made a covenant with your chosen people Israel, a royal priesthood and holy nation. Delivering them from slavery to a cruel tyrant, you gave them their own land and nourished them with springs of water. You anointed David as king; he was from the house of Ephratha. After Israel and Judah became captives again, you promised to renew them by sending forth your prince of peace from the root of Jesse, to rule over your holy people for eternity. He was born in Bethlehem, and your heralds announced his coming in the flesh to the shepherds in the fields with song, ‘glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men’. Together with your angels, we sing your thrice-holy hymn, shouting, proclaiming, and saying:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

Priest: O Holy God, we joyfully proclaim: glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men’. In your love and compassion for humankind, you sent your only-begotten son, the divine word, true God of true God, to take on flesh and dwell among us, taking on the form of a servant. You sent your archangel Gabriel to announce your good news to Mary, the Mother of God who responded to you with joyful praise. You gave your son refuge in Egypt from his pursuers, foreshadowing his lifegiving death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. He received baptism in the Jordan by the hand of the Forerunner and Baptist John, revealing to us the renewal of Baptism of water and Spirit for the forgiveness of sins to be given to us. The elder Simeon and Prophetess Anna rejoiced at meeting our Lord and Savior, prefiguring his second and glorious coming. With awe and boldness, we gather at your holy altar in remembrance of his supper, when he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his holy disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you and for many, for the remission of sins.

People: Amen.

Priest: And likewise after supper, he took the cup, saying, Drink of it, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins.

People: Amen.

Priest: Giving thanks for his immaculate incarnation, his baptism in the Jordan, the encounter at the temple, his saving passion, death, burial, descent into Hades, resurrection, ascension into heaven, session at your right hand, and his second and glorious coming, in the flesh, like the wise men who brought him gifts in the manger of a cave, we offer you your own of your own, in behalf of all and for all.

People: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, o our God.

Father, you sanctified the virgin's womb and revealed Jesus as Your Son and anointed One at the Jordan, by the descent of the Holy Spirit. Master, now as then, sanctify us, and bless these gifts here offered [+] to be the body and blood of your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant to those who partake of them the communion of the Holy Spirit, fellowship with all of your saints, remission of sins, healing of soul and body, that we would become servants of all humankind, your witnesses who announce your good news to the ends of the earth: glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Remember, Lord, all of those who have fallen asleep and await resurrection to eternal life: fathers, mothers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics, and all the righteous perfected in faith.

Especially for our all-holy, immaculate, blessed Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.

*The people sing the appointed Theotokion.*

Priest: For St. John, Forerunner and Baptist, the holy, glorious and honored apostles; for saint N. whose memory we celebrate today, and for all your saints.

Remember, Lord, all of those who have departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord: [the priest recites the names of those remembered here; completing the censuring of the table, the deacon also recites the names of living and the dead for the duration of the prayer]

Remember all Orthodox bishops, presbyters, deacons and laity;

Remember those suffering from sickness, depression, and addiction; remember slaves, those who are exploited, those who have been abused, those who suffer persecution, and all prisoners;

Remember all widows, widowers, orphans, refugees, homeless, immigrants, strangers, and the poor, and grant them safe haven, refuge, stability, and peace;

Remember all travelers and those who are absent for a worthy cause. Remember our armed forces and all our civil authorities.

Remember, Lord, all of those for whom we offer our silent prayer:

*All observe a moment of silence.*

Priest: Among the first, remember, o Lord, our Archbishop (Metropolitan) N. and our Bishop N.. Grant them for your holy churches in peace, safety, honor, health, and length of days, rightly to divide the word of your truth.

People: And all humankind!

Priest: And grant that with one mouth and one heart we may praise your all-honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.