

## **COMMEMORATIONS DURING DIVINE SERVICES**

- (1.) Only Orthodox Christians, and only those without impediment to receiving the Sacraments, may offer the bread of oblation for the Prothesis, loaves for Artoklasia, and Kollyva for a Saint's Day or the repose of the Departed.
- (2.) Only Orthodox Christians may be commemorated on the diskos at the Proskomedie.
- (3.) Non-Orthodox Christians (but not non-Christians) may be commemorated in the appropriate petitions of the Ektenia of Fervent Supplication at Vespers and of the Great Entrance at Divine Liturgy in the following manner.

### **AT THE EKTENIA OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION**

*For the Living:* "Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God NN. (*Orthodox Christians here*), and for NN. (*non-Orthodox Christians here*), and for all Orthodox Christians of true worship ..."

*For the Departed:* "Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church and for the servants of God NN. (*Orthodox Christians here*), and for NN. (*non-Orthodox Christians here*), and for all our fathers and brethren ..."

### **AT THE GREAT ENTRANCE**

*For the Living:* "The Orthodox servants of God NN. (*Orthodox Christians here*) and NN. (*non-Orthodox Christians here*), that they may have mercy, life ..."

*For the Departed:* "The Orthodox servants of God departed this life in the hope of resurrection and life eternal NN. (*Orthodox Christians here*) and NN. (*non-Orthodox Christians here*), the Lord God remember in his kingdom ..."

- (4.) Non-Orthodox Christians (but not non-Christians) may be commemorated at the Paraklesis and the Litiya, following the pattern given above for commemorating the Living at the Ektenia of Fervent Supplication. Keep in mind that there is no commemoration of the Departed at the Paraklesis and the Litiya.
- (5.) The Trisagion Prayers of Mercy and Funeral Service may only be served for the repose of the souls of Orthodox Christians.

(6.) The Trisagion Prayers of Mercy and Funeral Service may not be served for those who have been or will be cremated, or for those who have committed suicide, except in unique circumstances and then only with the blessing of the Diocesan Bishop.

(7.) It is traditional that the Trisagion Prayers of Mercy be served on the 1st, 3rd, 9th and 40th days after death (when counting, the day of death counts as day number one), and on the 6th month and one year anniversaries of death. Traditionally a prophoron is offered for the 9th day and the 6th month Trisagion, with kollyva offered for the 40th day and the one year anniversary.

(8.) On the prescribed Souls Saturdays, all of the Departed are commemorated by category rather than by individual names. On those days it is traditional for each family to offer a small bowl of kollyva (the size of a cereal or soup bowl) in remembrance of their own Departed.

(9.) On occasion, it is blessed to pray the Akathist for the Departed as a stand-alone service (most appropriately on a Friday evening or Saturday morning) in order to give your congregation opportunity to make general remembrance of all of the Departed -- Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox Christians, etc.

(10.) In the rare circumstance of no one being available or willing to perform the funeral for a non-Orthodox Christian, clergy may request of their Diocesan Bishop a blessing to bury the person using the special rite of burial for a non-Orthodox Christian as printed in the Euchologion.

(11.) For circumstances not addressed above, please make inquiry with your Diocesan Bishop.