

## TEMPLE TERMINOLOGY

### ARCHITECTURE OF THE TEMPLE (THE CHURCH BUILDING)

**Ámvon.** The centre of the *soléa*, in front of the Holy Doors.

**High Place.** The *bēma*, or area behind the holy table where the bishop's throne is.

**Holy Altar.** The *hierón*, or area behind the *iconostasis*, sometimes called the sanctuary.

**Holy Doors.** The *oréa píli*, the central doors of the *iconostásis*, wrongly called royal doors.

**Holy Table.** The table of sacrifice, sometimes called the altar.

**Iconostásis.** The icon screen linking the nave to the Holy Altar.

**Nárthex.** The entry hall of the temple.

**Nave.** The main body of the temple, where the worshippers stand.

**Próthesis.** The small table on which the bread and wine are prepared.

**Soléa.** The platform in front of the *iconostasis*.

**Throne.** The bishop's *cáthedra*, in the high place (*bēma*) or adjacent to the Holy Altar.

### HOLY OBJECTS USED IN THE DIVINE LITURGY

**Aër.** The dense cloth used to cover the chalice and the diskos.

**Antídora.** Portions of the *prósphoron* distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**Antimēnsion.** The embroidered cloth icon of the burial of Christ signed by the bishop.

**Chalice.** The *potērion*, or cup holding the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

**Dískos.** The circular dish that holds the Precious Body, sometimes called the paten.

**Kalima.** The red cloth that covers the chalice, held under the mouths of communicants.

**Prósphoron.** The loaf from which the Priest cuts the Lamb and commemorative pieces.

**Star, Spear, Spoon, Sponge.** Used in preparing the Precious and Holy Gifts.

**Zēon.** The cup of hot water emptied into the chalice just before Holy Communion.

### PARTS OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

**Anámnesis.** The narrative of the Last Supper, etc., in the Priest's *Anaphorá*.

**Anaphorá.** The priestly prayer of offering, sometimes called the Eucharistic Canon.

**Epíclesis.** The invocation of the Holy Spirit in the *Anaphorá*.

**Proskomēdia.** The service of preparing the gifts of bread and wine.

### CLERGY ROLES AND VESTMENTS

**Orárion.** The strip of cloth that the deacon lifts for litanies, sometimes called the stole.

**Prótos.** The main celebrant of the Divine Liturgy, the bishop (or in his absence, the priest).

## OUTLINE OF THE DIVINE LITURGY (ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ST. BASIL)

**Kairón.** Clergy preparatory prayers outside the iconostasis.

**Vesting Prayers** of the deacon and the priest.

**PROSKOMĒDIA.** Preparation of the gifts of bread and wine.

**Great Censing** of the Holy Table, the Altar, the iconostasis, and the entire temple.

**Preparation and Opening Dialogue.** *'O Heavenly King ... It is time for the Lord to act'*

### LITURGY OF THE CATECHUMENS

*'Blessed is the Kingdom'*

**Litany of Peace.** *'In peace, let us pray to the Lord'*

Three (3) **Antiphons**, followed by **Little Litanies.** *'Again and again, in peace ...'*

**The LITTLE ENTRANCE** with the Book of the Gospels.

Prayer of the *Triságion* (Thrice-Holy Hymn). *'O holy God, who restest in the holy place ...'*

**Triságion.** *'Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us'*

**Prokeímenon** and **Alleluia** verses.

**Epistle.** Read from the centre of the nave.

**Gospel.** Read from the *ámvon*, facing the people.

**Homily.** Application of the Gospel reading.

**Litany of Fervent Supplication.** *'Let us all say with our whole soul ...'*

**Litany of the Catechumens.** *'Pray to the Lord, ye catechumens'* (omitted during *Pascha*).

### LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

**First and Second Litanies of the Faithful.** *'As many as are of the faithful ...'*

**Prayer of the Cherubic Hymn.** *'No one who is bound ...'*

**Cherubic Hymn** (*'Let us who mystically ...'*) and **GREAT ENTRANCE** with bread and wine.

Dialogue of Concelebrant Priests (if any).

**Litany of Supplication** (or of the **Precious Gifts**). *'Let us complete our prayer ...'*

Blessing of the people and **Symbol of Faith** (or **Creed**). *'I believe in one God ...'*

*'Let us stand aright ... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ... Let us lift up our hearts'*

**HOLY ANAPHORÁ.** *'It is meet and right to hymn thee ...'* (JC) or *'O Existing One ...'* (B).

Including *'Holy, Holy, Holy'*, **Anámnesis** (Last Supper), **Epiclesis** (Calling down the Holy Spirit). **Theotókion** (Hymn to the *Theotokos*) and **Commemorations**.

**Litany before the Our Father.** *'Having commemorated all the saints ...'*

**Our Father.** *'... who art in heaven ...'* and *'Peace be to all'*

Preparation of the Precious Gifts: dividing the Lamb, filling the chalice. *'I believe ...'*

**Holy Communion** of the clergy and the people.

**Litany of Thanksgiving.** *'Stand upright. Having partaken ...'*

**Thanksgiving Prayer.** *'We give thanks unto thee ...'*

**Prayer Behind the Ámvon.** *'O Lord, who blessest those who bless thee ...'*

Prayer at the Consumption of the Holy Gifts (at the *próthesis* table in the Holy Altar).

**Dismissal.** *'May [he who is risen from the dead], Christ our true God ...'*