

Great Entrance

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*The Bishop takes the censer from the First Deacon, stands under the arch of the Holy Doors and censes the Diskos.*

*Protodeacon: May the Lord God remember your Episcopate in His Kingdom.*

*Bishop: May the Lord God remember your Diaconate in His Kingdom.*

*The First Deacon receives the censer from the Bishop, kissing his hand.*

*The Bishop takes the Diskos from the Protodeacon and offers the commemorations:*

*Bishop: Our Patriarch \_\_\_\_\_, [full title], priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and all our brethren in Christ, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

A - men \_\_\_\_\_ .

A - men.

A - men \_\_\_\_\_ .

*The Bishop places the Diskos on the Altar Table.*

*The Protodeacon rises, follows the Bishop through the Holy Doors, takes his place to the righthand side of the Altar Table.*

*The First Deacon hands the censer to the Bishop. The Senior Priest comes to stand in front of the Ambo.*

*The Bishop censes the Chalice and gives up the censer.*

*The First Deacon takes the censer from the Bishop and goes around the Altar Table to the right side.*

*The Bishop takes the Chalice from the Senior Priest, who kisses his hand, saying:*

*Senior Priest: May the Lord God remember your Episcopate in His Kingdom, now and ever and unto ages of ages..*

*The Senior Priest moves back to stand in his own place in the right-hand line of Priests.*

*Bishop: Our (President) and all civil authorities of this country and those serving in its Armed Forces, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

*The Orthodox servant(s) of God, \_\_\_\_\_, that (he, she, they) may have mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, pardon and remission of their sins, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. The Orthodox servant(s) of God departed this life in the hope of the resurrection and eternal life, \_\_\_\_\_, may the Lord God remember in His kingdom, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

*May the Lord God remember all of you Orthodox Christians in His Kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*

*[When the Bishop completes his commemorations, he blesses + the People with the Chalice]*

*People: Amen.*

A - men \_\_\_\_\_ .

A - men.

A - men \_\_\_\_\_ .

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That we may re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_, re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ the King of all,  
That we may re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_, re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ the King of all,  
That we may re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_, re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ the King of all,

who \_\_\_\_\_ comes in - vi - sib - ly up - borne  
who comes in - vi - sib - ly up - borne  
who \_\_\_\_\_ comes in - vi - sib - ly up - borne

by the an - ge - lic, an - ge - lic hosts \_\_\_\_\_  
by the an - ge - lic, an - ge - lic hosts \_\_\_\_\_  
by the an - ge - lic, an - ge - lic hosts \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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Meanwhile, the Bishop, assisted by the Protodeacon and the other Deacons, places the Chalice upon the Altar Table, as the Bishop prays:

Bishop: The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices and placed it in a new tomb.

The Priests follow the Bishop in through the Holy Doors and take their places at the Altar Table.

The Fan-bearers go in the Deacon's Doors.

The Deacons remove the veil from the Diskos and Chalice and place them on the Altar Table.

Bishop: In the tomb with the body, in Hades with the soul as God, in paradise with the thief and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit, were You, O boundless Christ, filling all things. Bearing life and more fruitful than paradise, brighter than any royal chamber: Your tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of our resurrection.

The Bishop takes the Aer from the shoulder of the First Deacon, wraps it around the open censer and then places it over the Chalice and Diskos, saying:

Bishop: The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices and placed it in a new tomb.

The Bishop puts on his Miter, takes the censer from the First Deacon and censers the Gifts, saying:

Bishop: Do good to Zion, O Lord, with Your goodwill, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built. Then You will delight in the sacrifice of righteousness, in offering and whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer young bulls on Your altar.

The Bishop returns the censer to the First Deacon; then he bows his head and says:

Bishop: Remember me, brother(s) and fellow-minister(s).

Clergy: May the Holy Spirit descend on you, and the power of the Most High overshadow you.

Protodeacon: May the Holy Spirit Himself minister together with us all the days of our life. Remember me (us), holy Master.

Bishop: + May the Lord direct your steps.

Deacons: Remember us, holy Master.

Bishop: + May the Lord God remember you in His kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Protodeacon: Amen.

The Deacons kiss the Bishop's hand.

The First Deacon stands at the eastern side of the Altar Table and censers the Bishop after which he gives the censer to the Server; both of them make a metania to the East, turn and bow to the Bishop, who blesses them. The First Deacon leaves the Sanctuary by the North door to be ready to give the Litany when the People finish the Cherubic Hymn. The censer is put away NOTE: Priests are ordained here. The Bishop goes through the Holy Doors and takes the Dikirion and Trikirion. When the People finish singing, the Bishop blesses with the Dikirion and Trikirion once to the center as the People sing:

The musical score consists of three staves: Soprano (top), Alto (middle), and Bass (bottom). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Eis pol - la et - i, dhes - po - ta". The Soprano staff has a fermata over the word "dhes". The Alto and Bass staves have a fermata over the word "po".

The Bishop hands the Dikirion and Trikirion back to the Sub-deacons and returns to the Sanctuary.

The Sub-deacons carry the Dikirion and Trikirion into the Sanctuary by way of the two Deacon's Doors and return to their places at the Altar Table. The Candle-bearer and Crozier-bearer return to their places on the Solea to either side of the Holy Doors, facing the center. The First Deacon moves to stand in front of the Holy Doors and offers the Litany. The Bishop and Priests say the silent prayer