

*25th Anniversary  
Divine Liturgy*

28 September 2014



*Ascension of Our Lord  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
Williamsburg Virginia*

*The Bishop will be greeted at the door with a traditional welcoming with bread and salt as symbols of hospitality.*

*When the Bishop enters the church, blessing the people,  
the people sing:*

**God grant you many years...**

STAND WHEN THE CELEBRANTS ENTER AND DURING THE INCENSATION.

***OPENING HYMN***

**HOLY THIS MOMENT**

**Holy this moment;**

**Joyous voices singing;**

**Rising to the heavens**

**And Your throne above.**

**:We sing of wondrous blessings.**

**Our cup is overflowing.**

**Our song will tell the world:**

**Jesus is Love.:**

**Ever reposing**

**On the holy altar;**

**Chalice of redemption**

**For eternal bliss.**

**:Christ died to save all mankind**

**Heirs to the sin of Adam;**

**His cross redeemed the just**

**From hell's abyss.:**

## THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*DEACON:* Most Reverend Bishop give the blessing.

*PRIEST:* Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**R: Amen.**

SIT

### LITANY OF PEACE

*DEACON:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For our holy father Francis, Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For our most reverend Metropolitan William, for our God-loving Bishop Kurt, for the venerable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For our government and all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For this city, for every city, community, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering, the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your Grace

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**R: To you, O Lord.**

*PRIEST:* For to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, and honor, and worship, now and ever and forever:

**R: Amen.**

## FIRST ANTIPHON

**R:** Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to his name, give to him glorious praise.

*Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

**R:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

*Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

## SECOND ANTIPHON

**R:** Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us; let your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

*O Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!*

STAND

## HYMN OF THE INCARNATION

**R:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

**O** only-begotten Son and Word of God, who, being immortal, deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and became man without change; you were also crucified, O Christ our God, and by death have trampled Death, being One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us

## THIRD ANTIPHON

**R:** Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

*O Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!*

*DEACON:* Wisdom! Be attentive!

### ENTRANCE HYMN

**R:** Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. O  
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you:  
Alleluia!

SIT

### Troparion (Tone 7)

You have destroyed Death by your cross;\* you opened Paradise to the thief. \* The sorrow of the women you turned to joy.\* You commanded your Apostles to proclaim to all:\* Christ our God, has arisen, \* granting great mercy to the world.

### Kontakion (Tone 7)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

No longer can the might of Death rule over men;\* Christ has come, destroying and crushing its power. \* The Abyss is now in chains. \* The prophets with joy unite in proclaiming:\* The Savior has appeared, saying to those who believe: \* Come forth, faithful to the resurrection.

**PRIEST:** For you are holy, our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever  
**DEACON:** And forever.

**R:** Amen.

STAND

## TRISAGION THRICE-HOLY HYMN

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.**

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**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.**

## THE READINGS

*DEACON:* Let us be attentive!

*PRIEST:* Peace be to all.

*DEACON:* Wisdom! Be attentive!

## PROKEIMENON

**May the Lord will give strength to his people; May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

V- Give the Lord, you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power.

*DEACON:* Wisdom!

*READER:* The reading is from the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth.

*DEACON:* Let us be attentive!

SIT

## THE EPISTL

**2 Cor 6:1-10**

STAND

**ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

V- It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to make music to your name, O Most High.

V- To proclaim Your love in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night.

*PRIEST:* Wisdom, let us stand and listen to the holy Gospel.  
Peace be to all!

**R: And to your spirit.**

*DEACON:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke

**R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

*PRIEST:* Let us be attentive!

**THE GOSPEL**

**Lk 5:1-11**

**R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

*The Bishop takes the dikirion and the trikirion and blesses the people as the people sing:*

**God grant you many years**

SIT

**THE HOMILY**

SIT

## LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

*DEACON:* Let us all say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* O Lord almighty, God of our Fathers, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, We pray you, hear and have mercy.

**R: Lord, have mercy. (3)**

*DEACON:* Again we pray for our holy father Francis, Pope of Rome, and for our most reverend Metropolitan William, for our God-loving Bishop Kurt, for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**R: Lord, have mercy. (3)**

*DEACON:* Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.

**R: Lord, have mercy. (3)**

*DEACON:* Again We pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

**R: Lord, have mercy. (3)**

*PRIEST:* For you are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

STAND

## CHERUBIKON - CHERUBIC HYMN

**R: Let us, who mystically represent the Cherubim, and sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now set aside all earthly cares.**

*DEACON:* May the Lord God remember in his kingdom all you Christians of the true faith, always, now and ever and forever.

*PRIEST:* May the Lord God remember in his kingdom our holy father Francis, Pope of Rome, our most reverend Metropolitan William, and our God-loving Bishop Kurt, the entire priestly, diaconal, and monastic order, our government and all in the service of our country, and the ever memorable founders and benefactors of this holy church. May the Lord God remember all you Christians of the true faith, always, now and ever and forever.

**R: Amen. That we may receive the King of All,  
invisibly escorted by angelic hosts.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*DEACON:* For the precious gifts placed before us, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*PRIEST:* Lord God Almighty. . . .ever and forever.

**R: Amen.**

*PRIEST:* Peace be to all.

**R: And to your spirit.**

*DEACON:* Let us love one another that with one mind We may profess.

DEACON: [The doors! The doors!] In wisdom let us be attentive!

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, the only-begotten, born of the Father before all ages. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in essence with the Father; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. He rose on the third day according to the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he is coming again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of Life, who proceeds from the Father. Together with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified; he spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I profess one baptism for the remission of sins. I expect the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*DEACON:* Let us stand aright; let us stand in awe; let us be attentive to offer the holy Anaphora in peace.

**R: Mercy, peace, a sacrifice of praise.**

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

**R: And with your spirit.**

*PRIEST:* Let us lift up our hearts.

**R: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*PRIEST:* Let us give thanks to the Lord,

*PRIEST:* It is proper and just to. . .singing, shouting, crying aloud, and saying the triumphal hymn:

**R: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory; hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.**

*PRIEST:* We also cry out with these blessed powers, .....and gave it to his holy disciples and apostles saying: TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

**R: Amen.**

*PRIEST:* Likewise, he took the chalice after supper, saying: DRINK OF THIS ALL OF YOU; THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

**R: Amen.**

*PRIEST:* Offering you, your own, from your own. Always and everywhere.

**R: We praise you, we bless you, we thank you,  
O Lord, and we pray to you, our God.**

*PRIEST:* Especially for our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

**R: It is truly proper to glorify you, O Theotokos, the ever-blessed, immaculate, and the mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.**

*PRIEST:* Among the first, O Lord, remember our holy father Francis, Pope of Rome, our most reverend Metropolitan William, our God-loving Bishop Kurt. Preserve them for your holy churches, in peace, safety, honor, and health for many years as they faithfully impart the Word of your truth.

**R: And remember all your people.**

*PRIEST:* And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and praise your most honored and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**R: Amen.**

*PRIEST:* May the mercies of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

## LITANY

*DEACON:* Now that We have commemorated all the saints, again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*DEACON:* For the precious gifts offered and consecrated, that our God who loves us all may receive them on his holy, heavenly, and mystical altar as an aroma of spiritual fragrance, and send down upon us in return his divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

**D:** That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**R:** Lord, have mercy.

**D:** Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

**R:** Lord, have mercy.

**D:** That the whole day [or: evening] be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us beseech the Lord.

**R:** Grant this, O Lord.

**D:** For an angel of peace, a faithful guide and guardian of our souls and bodies, let us beseech the Lord.

**R:** Grant this, O Lord.

**D:** For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.

**R:** Grant this, O Lord.

**D:** For what is good and beneficial to our souls and for peace in the world, let us beseech the Lord.

**R:** Grant this, O Lord.

**D:** That we may spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.

**R:** Grant this, O Lord.

**b** For a peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before the fearsome judgment-seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

**R:** Grant this, O Lord.

**D:** O izbavitisja nam ot vsjakija skorbi, hñiva i nuzdy, Hospodu pomolimsja.

**L:** Hospodi pomiluj.

**D:** Zastupi, spasi, pomiluj i sochrani nas Bože Tvojeju blahodatiju.

**L:** Hospodi pomiluj.

**D:** Dne vseho soveršenna, svjata, mirna i bezhr'išna, u Hospoda prosim.

**L:** Podaj, Hospodi.

**D:** Anhela mirna, v'irna nastavnika, i chraniel'a duš i t'iles našich, u Hospoda prosim.

**L:** Podaj, Hospodi.

**D:** Proščenija i ostavljenija hr'ichov i prehr'išenij našich, u Hospoda prosim.

**L:** Podaj, Hospodi.

**D:** Dobrych i poleznych dušam našim, i mira mirov'i, u Hospoda prosim.

**L:** Podaj, Hospodi.

**D:** Pročeje vremja života našeho vo mir'i i pokajaniij skončati, u Hospoda prosim.

**L:** Podaj, Hospodi.

**D:** Christianskija končiny života našeho bezbol'iznenny, nepostydnyj, mirny i dobroho otv'ita na strašnim sudišči Christov'i, prosim.

**L:** Podaj, Hospodi.

*DEACON:* Asking for unity in the faith and for communion in the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ, our God.

**R. To you, O Lord.**

*PRIEST:* And make us Worthy, O Master, that We may with confidence and without condemnation dare call you "Father," God of heaven, and say:

**R. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

*PRIEST:* For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**R. Amen.**

*PRIEST:* Peace be to all. R. And to your spirit.

*DEACON:* Bow your heads to the Lord.

**R. To you, O Lord.**

*PRIEST:* We give you thanks. . .now and ever and forever.

**R. Amen.**

*DEACON:* Let us be attentive!

*PRIEST:* Holy Gifts to holy people! ,

**R. One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save**

Accept me today as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God, for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I profess you:

Remember me, O Lord,  
when you come in your kingdom.

Remember me, O Master,  
when you come in your kingdom.

Remember me, O Holy One,  
when you come in your kingdom.

May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of soul and body.

O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious body and your life-giving blood, which, I pray, make me Worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens.  
Praise him in the highest. Alleluia!

*DEACON:* Approach with fear of God and with faith.

**R.** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
The Lord is God and has revealed himself to us.

## HOLY COMMUNION

(People approach to receive Communion.)

STAND

*PRIEST:* Save Your people, O God, and bless your inheritance.

**R: We have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit; We have found the true faith; and we worship the undivided Trinity, for the Trinity has saved us.**

*PRIEST:* Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

**R: Amen.**

**May our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord, so that we may sing of your glory. For you have deemed us worthy to partake of your holy, divine, immortal, pure, and life-creating mysteries. Keep us in your holiness, so that all the day long we may live according to your truth.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*DEACON:* Arise! Now that we have received the divine, holy, most pure, immortal, heavenly, life-creating, and awesome mysteries of Christ, let us worthily thank the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*PRIEST:* We thank you, O Master, Benefactor of our souls, who love us all, that this day you have deemed us worthy of your heavenly and immortal mysteries. Through the prayers and intercession of the glorious Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary and of all your saints, make straight our path, confirm us all in fear of you, guard our life, and safeguard our steps. For you are our sanctification, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy

*PRIEST:* Let us forth in peace.

**R. In the name of the Lord.**

*DEACON:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

### **AMBON PRAYER**

*PRIEST:* Lord, blessing those who bless you and sanctifying those who trust in you, save your people and bless your inheritance. Preserve the fullness of your Church, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house, glorify them in return by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you. Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to the priests, to our government, and to all your people. For all generous giving and every perfect gift is from above, Coming down from you, the Father of Lights; and we give glory, thanksgiving, and worship to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**R. Amen.**

### **PANACHIDA**

*Memorial Service for the Faithful Departed*

*CELEBRANT:* Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

**R: Amen.**

**Troparia - Tone 4:**

**With the souls of the just brought to perfection, give rest, O Savior, to the souls of your servants, keeping them for the blessed life with you, for you love mankind.**

**In the place of rest which is Yours, O Lord, where all Your saints repose, give rest to the souls of Your servants, for You alone love mankind.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: You are the God Who descended into the realm of death and ended the sorrow of the captives; give rest, also, to the souls of your servants, O Lord.**

**Now and ever and forever. Amen.**

**O Virgin, the only pure and immaculate, You gave birth to God; intercede for the salvation of the souls of Your servants.**

**Litany for the Deceased:**

*DEACON:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, We pray you, hear us and have mercy.

**R: Lord, have mercy. (Three times)**

*DEACON:* Let us pray for the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God, and that their every transgression, committed deliberately or through human frailty, be forgiven them.

**R: Lord, have mercy. (Thee times)**

*DEACON:* Let us also pray that the Lord God commit their souls to the place where the just repose.

**R: Lord, have mercy. (Three times)**

*DEACON:* For the mercy of God, for the kingdom of heaven, and for the remission of their sins, let us beseech Christ, the Immortal King and our God.

**R: Grant it, O Lord.**

*DEACON:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**R: Lord, have mercy.**

*CELEBRANT:* O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of Satan, and granted life to Your World. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the souls of Your departed servants, in a place of light, joy, and peace, where there is no

pain, sorrow, nor mourning. As a kind and gracious God, forgive every sin committed by them in word, deed, or thought, since there is no person who lives and does not sin. You alone are without sin, Your justice is everlasting justice, and your word is the truth. For You are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of Your departed servants, and we glorify you, together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**R: Amen.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever.**

*PRIEST:* The blessing of the Lord be upon you through his grace and loving kindness, always, now and ever and forever.

**R. Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

*PRIEST:* Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope, glory to you.

**R. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Most Reverend Bishop give the blessing.**

*PRIEST:* May Christ, our true God risen from the dead have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of His most pure Mother, and of the holy, glorious and illustrious apostles; of our holy father John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, and through the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

**R. Amen.**

