

# PROCESSION ON THE FEAST OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST AND ON THE THREE ROGATION DAYS BEFORE ASCENSION

1. The clergy and people assemble in church at the appointed hour of the morning, where they kneel and devote a few moments to humble and contrite prayer. The celebrant and his ministers are vested in amice, alb, and cincture. The celebrant wears also a stole and cope; or at least a surplice and purple stole. This same color is always used in the other processions, except on Corpus Christi, on solemn feast days, or for the procession of thanksgiving, on which days the color proper to the occurring solemnity is used. The rest of the priests and clerics wear a surplice. All stand as the following antiphon is sung:

All: Psalm 43

TONE IV



**Antiphon:** Rise up, and help us, O Lord \*  
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

**Psalm:** We have heard with our ears, O God, ↓  
our forefa-thers have told us, \*  
the deeds you did in their days,  
in the days of old.

**Gloria Patri.** Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of ages. A-men

**Antiphon:** Rise up, and help us, O Lord \*  
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

2. Then all kneel again, and two clerics who are kneeling at the altar begin the chant of the Litany of the Saints.

3. As soon as the invocation Holy Mary has been sung, all rise, and continuing the litany march out in the proper order. The cross is carried at the head of the procession; then come the faithful followed by the clergy, and last of all, the priest, vested as described above. He is accompanied by his ministers who are clothed in sacred vestments, as circumstances dictate.

4. If the procession takes a long time the litany can be repeated, or else after the last Kyrie of the litany (excluding the orations), some of the penitential or gradual psalms can be added. However, hymns or sacred songs of a joyous character should not be sung during the Rogation processions or any procession which has a penitential purpose.

5. If one or several churches are visited along the way, then, having entered the church, the litany or the psalms are interrupted, and the antiphon of the patron of that church is sung, along with the versicle and oration. On leaving the church the chanting of the litany or psalms is resumed, and the procession continues in the same order as before until it has reentered the church from which it started. Here the service ends with the final prayers and orations prescribed for the conclusion of the Litany of the Saints.

6. Should it happen that the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist is transferred to another day, the procession is held nevertheless, unless the feast falls on Easter Sunday or Monday, in which case the procession is transferred to Easter Tuesday.

# The Litany of the Saints

The Litany of the Saints is one of the oldest litanies we possess and is the model for all other Litanies. Its first recorded use was in 590 when Pope St. Gregory prescribed its usage for a public procession of thanksgiving. The Litany is a call to remember those who have gone before us and to ask their intercession. The exact list of saints has varied over time and geographical area. The form given below is a long standing traditional form of the Litany with additional saints to reflect the Orthodox Western Rite usage.

## I SUPPLICATION TO GOD

### Priest or Chanter



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



Christ Je-sus, hear us.



Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

### All:



R. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



R. Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



R. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



R. Christ Je-sus, hear us.



R. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



God, the Fa-ther of heav-en,

God, the Son, the Redeemer of the world,  
God, the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,



**R.** Have mer-cy on us.  
**R.** Have mercy on us.  
**R.** Have mercy on us.  
**R.** Have mercy on us.

## II TO THE SAINTS



Ho-ly Ma-ry

Holy Mother of God  
Holy Virgin of virgins,  
Saint Michael,  
Saint Gabriel,  
Saint Raphael,  
Saint Uriel  
All you holy Angels and Archangels,  
All you holy orders of blessed Spirits,



**R.** Pray for us.  
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Saint John the Baptist,  
Saint Joseph,  
All you holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

**R.** Pray for us.  
**R.** Pray for us.  
**R.** Pray for us.

Saint Peter,  
Saint Paul,  
Saint Andrew,  
Saints James, (the greater)  
Saint John,  
Saint Thomas,

**R.** Pray for us.  
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Saints James, (the lesser)

Saint Phillip

Saint Bartholomew

Saint Matthew

Saint Simon,

Saint Thaddeus,

Saint Matthias,

Saint Barnabas,

Saint Luke,

Saint Mark

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All you holy Apostles and Evangelists

All you holy Disciples of the Lord,

**R.** Pray for us.

**R.** Pray for us.

## **MARTYRS**

All you holy Innocents,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Ignatius (of Antioch),

Saint Polycarp,

Saint Justin,

Saint Lawrence,

Saint Vincent,

Saints Fabian and Sebastian,

Saints John and Paul,

Saints Cosmas and Damian,

Saints Gervase and Protase,

Saint Cyprian,

Saint Boniface

Saints Perpetua and Felicity,

All you holy Martyrs,

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## BISHOPS AND DOCTORS

Saint Sylvester,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Leo (the great)	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Gregory,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Ambrose,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Augustine	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Jerome	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Athanasius,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saints Basil and Gregory (of Nazianus),	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint John Chrysostom,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Martin,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Nicholas,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Patrick	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saints Cyril and Methodius	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
All you Holy Doctors,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
All you holy Hierarchs and Confessors	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.

## PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Saint Anthony,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Pachomius	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Benedict,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Bernard,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
All you holy Priests and Levites	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
All you holy Monks and Hermits	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.

## HOLY WOMEN OF GOD

Saint Ann,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Mary Magdalene,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Agatha,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Lucy,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Agnes,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.
Saint Cecilia,	<b>R.</b> Pray for us.

Saint Catherine,  
Saint Anastasia  
Saint Scholastica  
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,

**R.** Pray for us.  
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**R.** Pray for us.

### LAITY

Saints Aquila and Priscilla,  
Saint Louis,  
Saint Monica,  
Saint Maria  
All ye holy men and women, Saints of God

**R.** Pray for us.  
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**R.** Pray for us.

### SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Saint Herman of Alaska,  
Saint John of Shanghai & San Francisco,  
Saint Innocent of Alaska,  
Saint Juvenaly,  
Saint Patriarch Tikhon,  
Saint Peter the Aleut,  
Saint Raphael of Brooklyn,  
All you holy men and women  
of North America

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### III INVOCATION TO CHRIST

Be mer-ci-ful

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**R.** Spare us, O Lord.

**R.** Spare us, O Lord.



Be mer-ci-ful



From all e-vil

From all sin,  
 From your wrath,  
 From sudden  
     and unprovided death,  
 From the snares of the devil,  
 From anger,  
     hatred, and all ill-will,  
 From the spirit of fornication,  
 From lightning and tempest,  
 From the scourge of earthquake,  
 From plague, famine and war,  
 From everlasting death,  
 Through the mystery  
     of Your holy Incarnation,  
 Through Your coming,  
 Through Your nativity,  
 Through Your Baptism  
     and holy fasting,  
 Through Your Cross and Passion,  
 Through Your Death and Burial,  
 Through Your Holy Resurrection,  
 Through your  
     wondrous Ascension,



**R.**

Gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord



**R.**

De - liv-er us, O Lord

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Deliver us, O Lord.

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That You would call back  
to the unity of the Church  
all who have strayed from her fold,  
and to guide all unbelievers  
into the light of the Gospel, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would confirm and  
preserve us in  
Your holy service, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would lift up our minds  
to heavenly desires, **R.** We beseech you, hear us.

That You would render eternal  
blessing to all  
our benefactors, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would deliver our souls  
and the souls of our brethren,  
relations and benefactors  
from eternal damnation, **R.** We beseech you, hear us.

That You would  
grant and preserve  
the fruits of the earth, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would grant  
eternal rest  
to all the faithful departed, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would  
graciously hear us, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

Son of God, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

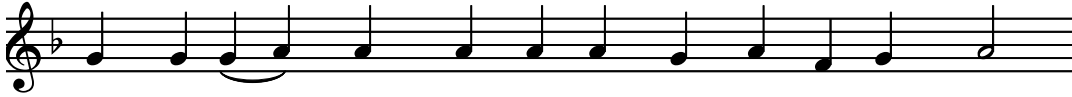
## V CONCLUSION



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world,



**R.** Spare us, O Lord.



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world,



**R.** Gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world,



**R.** Have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, hear us!



**R.** O Christ, hear us!



O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



**R.** O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



**R.** Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



**R.** Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



**R.** Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

Our Father **(in silence until)**  
And lead us not into temptation,

**R.** But deliver us from evil.

### Psalm 70 **Deus, in adjutorium**

**V.** O God, come to my assistance;  
**R.** O Lord, make haste to help me.

**V.** Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
**R.** and altogether dismayed;

**V.** Let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
**R.** Draw back and be disgraced.

**V.** Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,  
**R.** Because they are ashamed.

**V.** Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you,  
**R.** Let those who love your salvation say forever:  
"Great is the LORD!"

**V.** And may they always say: "Great is the Lord"  
**R.** All those who delight in Your salvation.

**V.** But as for me, I am poor and needy;  
**R.** Come quickly to me, O God.

**V.** You are my helper and my deliverer;

**R.** O Lord, do not delay.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of ages. A-men

**V.** Save Your servants,

**R.** Who put their hope in you, O God.

**V.** Be to us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

**R.** In the face of the enemy.

**V.** Let not the enemy prevail against us.

**R.** Nor the son of iniquity have power to harm us.

**V.** O Lord, do not repay us according to our sins.

**R.** Nor reward us according to our wickedness.

**V.** Let us pray for our Metropolitan Archbishop **N.**

**R.** The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed  
upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

**V.** Let us pray for our benefactors.

**R.** Deign to grant, O Lord, for the sake of Your Name,  
eternal life to all those who do good to us.

**V.** Let us pray for the faithful departed.

**R.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord:  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**V.** May they rest in peace.

**R.** Amen

**V.** For our absent brethren.

**R.** Save Your servants who hope in you, O my God.

**V.** Send them help, O Lord, from Your holy place.

**R.** And from Zion protect them.

**V.** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**R.** And let my cry come to you.

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

## **The Collects**

Let us pray:

O God, Whose nature is always to have mercy and to spare us, receive our petition; that we and all Your servants who are bound by the chains of sin may, by the compassion of Your goodness be mercifully absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech You, O Lord, the prayers of Your supplicants, and forgive the sins of those who confess to you: that in Your gracious goodness You may grant us both pardon and peace.

In Your loving kindness, O Lord, show us Your great mercy; that You may both free us from all our sins and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God, who by sin are offended, and by change of heart pleased, mercifully regard the prayers of Your people who call to You; and in your mercy do not give us what we truly deserve for our sins.

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Your servant, **N.**, our Bishop: and direct him according to Your clemency into the way of everlasting salvation: that, by Your grace, he may desire those things which are pleasing to You, and accomplish them with all his strength.

Most Holy God, the source of all good desire, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, Your servants, the peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of Your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Inflame, O Lord, with the fire of the Holy Spirit, our hearts and our desires; that we may serve You with a pure body and please You with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your departed servants the forgiveness of all their sins; that by our humble prayers they may obtain the paradise they have always desired.

Direct, O Lord, all our actions by Your holy inspirations and carry them on by Your gracious assistance; that every prayer and work of ours may always begin with You and by You be happily ended through Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who has dominion over the living and the dead, and are merciful to all whom You foreknow shall be Yours by faith and good works: we humbly beseech You; that those for whom we pour forth our prayers, whether this present world still detains them in the flesh, or the world to come has already received them out of their bodies, may, through the intercession of

all Your Saints, and in Your compassionate goodness, obtain the pardon of all their sins. Through Christ our Lord.

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with Your spirit.

**V.** May the almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us.

**R.** Amen.

**V.** And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace..

**R.** Amen.

## VI THE LITURGY

The vestments are now changed to red and the Liturgy now begins with the Introit followed by the ninefold Kyrie (neither the Kyrie Litany, nor the Litany of Saint Martin is used.) There is no Old Testament Lesson and the Credo is not said.

**The Introit** Diligam te, Domine, Psalm 18:7/verse 3

STONE VII



**Antiphon:** He heard my voice  
from his heavenly dwelling, Alleluia; \*  
my cry of anguish came to his ears.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Psalm.** I love you, O LORD my strength, \*  
O LORD my stronghold,  
my crag, and my haven.

**Gloria Patri.** Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,  
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**



## The Ninefold Kyrie (no Gloria)

### The Collect:

Almighty God, grant that we, who in our distress trust in your love, may by your protection, be evermore defended against all adversities; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

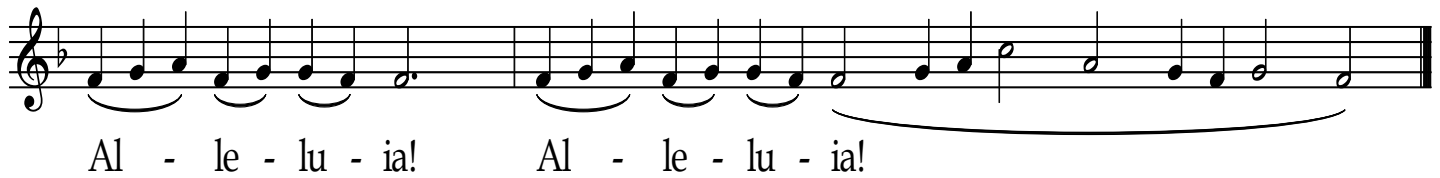
Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

### The Epistle: James 5:16-20

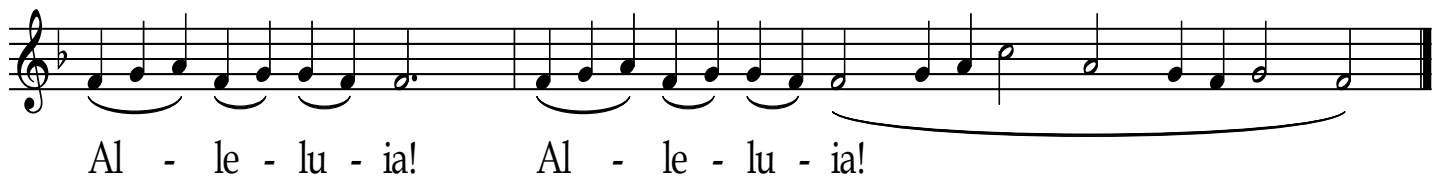
Brethren: Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## The Alleluia *Deus venerunt*, Psalm 79:9b, 10a, 8

ALLELUIA TONE I



TONE IX: LAUDATE



fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(NO Creed)

**Offertory**     **Deus laudem, Psalm 109: 30, 31**

STONE VII



I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; \*  
in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;

Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, \*  
to save his life from those who would condemn him.

Alleluia

**The Prayer over the gifts:**

O Lord, who in this Sacred Mystery has made us partakers of your divine nature, grant that as we know your truth, so may we, by your grace worthily attain to it by holy living; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

**Outside of Pascha the Preface of the Saints is used**

**The Preface of Pascha**

It is truly right and just, our joy and helpful to salvation, that we, always and everywhere give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father. Almighty and eternal God:

But especially in this season for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us everlasting life.

And therefore with the angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the array of the heavenly choirs, we sing this hymn to your glory, evermore acclaiming:

### The Communion **Luke 17: 9,10**

STONE VIII



"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; ↓  
search, and you will find; \*  
knock, and the door will be opened for you.  
For everyone who asks receives, ↓  
and everyone who searches finds, \*  
and for everyone who knocks,  
the door will be opened. Alleluia

### The Postcommunion Collect:

O Lord our God, graciously be with us in our prayers; that as we, though unworthy, receive your gifts in times of trial we may grow in love for you ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*