

The Badarak concludes with the Word of God in the Gospel according to St. John [1:1-14]. the Last Gospel with the litany and prayer were introduced into the Liturgy as late as the end of the seventeenth century. At the beginning of the same century John 21:15-19 began to be read. Later this passage was substituted by the present passage on the example the Roman Catholic rite, which had become familiar to Armenians in Cilicia as the Crusaders passed through on the way to Jerusalem.

Parts of the Badarak: After Communion is the THANKSGIVING

The Choir: (sharagan Lu-tsak)

We have been filled with your good things, O Lord, by tasting of your Body and Blood. Glory in the highest to you who have fed us
You who continually feed us, send down upon us your spiritual blessing.
Glory in the highest to you who have fed us.

The Deacon: Again in peace let us beseech the Lord.

The Choir: Lord, have mercy.

The Deacon: Having again received in faith of the divine, holy, heavenly, immortal, pure and incorruptible mystery, give thanks to the Lord.

The Choir: (sharagan Ko-ha-namk uz-ken)

We give thanks to you, Lord, who have fed us at your table of immortal life; distributing your Body and your Blood for the salvation of the world and for life to our souls.

The Priest: (this prayer is recited in secret by the priest)**Conclusion of the Divine Liturgy: Thanksgiving, Prayer and Gospel**

We thank you, Father almighty, who did prepare for us the holy Church as a haven, a temple of holiness, where the name of the holy Trinity is glorified.
Alleluia.

We thank you, Christ the King, who did grant us life through your life giving and holy Body and Blood, grant us forgiveness and your great mercy.
Alleluia.

We thank you, Spirit of Truth, who have renewed the holy Church. Keep her without blemish through the faith in the Trinity from henceforth for evermore.
Alleluia.

We give thanks to you, O Christ our God, who have granted us this tasting of your goodness for holiness of life. Keep us thereby holy and without blemish, dwelling in and about us by your divine providence.

Be our shepherd in the field of your holy and benevolent will, whereby being defended against every opposition of the Slanderer, we may be made worthy to hear your voice alone and to follow you, the only good and valiant and true Shepherd, and to receive from you the place prepared for us in the kingdom of heaven, our God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who are blessed with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Peace to all.

To you, the unsearchable, inscrutable, triune selfhood, the creator, container and indivisible consubstantial holy Trinity, is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The curtain is opened. The priest takes the holy Gospel in his hands and bowing down three times, he kisses the holy altar. Coming down into the middle of the church together with the deacons, he says:

The Priest: The Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

O Lord, who bless those who bless you and hallow those who put their trust in you; The Choir: Blessed is God.

Save your people and bless your inheritance. Guard the fullness of your Church. The Choir: Amen.

Sanctify those who have greeted in love the beauty of your house. Glorify us with your divine power and forsake not those who put their trust in you. The Choir: Amen.

Grant peace to the whole world, to churches, to priests, to Christian rulers and to their armed forces, and to all your people. The Choir : Amen.

For all good gifts and all perfect bounties come down from above, from you, the Father of light; and to you is befitting glory, dominion and honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Choir (three times):

Ps 113:2

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth for evermore.

The Priest:

You are the perfection of the law and of the prophets, O Christ God our Savior, who did fulfil all your economies willed by the Father. Fill us also with your Holy Spirit.

the last gospel read at the end of the Liturgy each Sunday is today's reading John 1:1-14, the gospel is followed by the Blessing and Dismissal.

The Deacon: Glory to you, O Lord our God.
By the holy cross let us beseech the Lord, that through it he may deliver us from sins and save us by the grace of his mercy.
Almighty Lord our God, save us and have mercy on us.

The Priest:
Guard us, O Christ our God, in peace under the shadow of your holy and venerable Cross. Deliver us from the enemy visible and invisible. Make us worthy to give you thanks and to glorify you together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Choir: (Psalms 34:1) (Orh-neh-tsee-tsus mer)
I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall at all times be in my mouth.

The Priest:
Be blessed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.
Depart in peace and the Lord be with you all. Amen.

Psalm 34

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the LORD;
let the poor hear and be glad.
Magnify the LORD with me;
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him and be radiant,
and your faces may not blush for shame.
This poor one cried out and the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and he saves them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him.
⁰ Fear the LORD, you his holy ones;
nothing is lacking to those who fear him.
¹ The rich grow poor and go hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, children, listen to me;
I will teach you fear of the LORD.
Who is the man who delights in life,
who loves to see the good days?

Keep your tongue from evil,
your lips from speaking lies.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the LORD are directed toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
The LORD's face is against evildoers
to wipe out their memory from the earth.
The righteous cry out, the LORD hears
and he rescues them from all their afflictions.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted,
saves those whose spirit is crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him from them all.
He watches over all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.
Evil will slay the wicked;
those who hate the righteous are condemned.
The LORD is the redeemer of the souls of his servants;
and none are condemned who take refuge in him.

Footnotes:

- a. Psalm 34 A thanksgiving in acrostic form, each line beginning with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. In this Psalm one letter is missing and two are in reverse order. The psalmist, fresh from the experience of being rescued (Ps 34:5, 7), can teach the "poor," those who are defenseless, to trust in God alone (Ps 34:4, 12). God will make them powerful (Ps 34:5-11) and give them protection (Ps 34:12-22).