

A DIVINE LITURGY PRAYERBOOK

THE PREPARATION:

Prayers of repentance are said by the priest for himself and the congregation in preparation for celebrating the Holy Sacrifice. Upon meeting Jesus in the mystery of the Holy Sacrifice, we wish to be cleansed of sin, and in prayer we ask God's forgiveness of our sins.

Using the Divine Liturgy book, find a prayer said during the Preparation and write it below.

1. THE PREPARATION:

Is this a prayer of asking, praise, or thanksgiving?

2. THE SYNAXIS:

The Trisagion, or "thrice holy" (*Soorp Asdvadz* in Armenian), is sung as a prayer of praise to Jesus as the Word of God. It is recited according to the proper of the day.

The prayer most often recited is for the Sundays of the Resurrection:

"Soorp Asdvadz, soorp yev anmah, vor haryar i merelotz, voghormya mez."

'Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, who didst rise from the dead, have mercy upon us.'

This prayer is recited three times.

Using the Divine Liturgy book, find another prayer of the Trisagion and write it below. (In English and Armenian)

Armenian: _____

English: _____

In the prayer of the Trisagion which you chose, what is God being praised for?

For what feast day is this prayer recited?

2. THE SYNAXIS:

The prayers after the lections are the concluding prayers of the Synaxis.

In the first prayer we ask God to forgive us our sins and for the Holy Spirit to dwell within us so "that we may be made worthy to give thee thanks and to glorify thee with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages."

In the second prayer we request peace for the whole world and to keep us from evil. We praise God by saying, "for unto the most Holy Trinity is fitting glory, dominion and honor, now and forever and unto the ages fo ages."

The theme of the first prayer is: _____

The theme of the second prayer is: _____

It should be mentioned that during the Synaxis a beautiful prayer is said that states our beliefs as Christians as set down in the Bible and taught by the Church. This prayer is called The Nicene Creed. These basic truths are the guidelines of every Christian who wishes to be a true believer and follower of Jesus. The Nicene Creed was composed by the first ecumenical council in 325 A.D. and remains an important part of the Divine Liturgy today.

3. THE HOLY SACRIFICE:

This constitutes the essential act of the Divine Liturgy. There are many beautiful prayers of asking and praise which we offer to the Lord. One example is:

"The Sanctus"

Look up this prayer of praise to the Lord in the Divine Liturgy book and write it below:

3. THE HOLY SACRIFICE:

We pray the Lord's Prayer before receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus and ask him humbly to fulfill our needs.

List four needs we ask of Jesus in the Lord's Prayer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The singing of the hymn, "Der Voghormya," asking "Lord, have mercy" is a perfect opportunity to look within ourselves and examine our consciences. Before meeting Jesus in the Holy Eucharist we wish to ask forgiveness for our sins. During this prayer, when the church is quiet, we can meditate upon the life and sufferings of Jesus, and ask him to forgive our sins, thank him for suffering and dying for us that we might be free from sin, and promise him to try to follow his commandments.

Find a hymn of thanksgiving after communion.

Write it here.

4. THE LAST BLESSING:

The Last Blessing, or "The Prayer amid the Church", is a closing prayer, spreading the blessings of the Holy Sacrifice over the whole Church of Christ and the world.

"O Lord, who blessest them that bless thee and hallowest them that put their trust in thee, sanctify them that have greeted in love the beauty of thine house."

How would you end the badarak? Write your prayer below.
