

Special Hymns for

# The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts



In Greek and English  
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## THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS\*

An Outline for Choirs

### I. Vespers

- A. Psalm 103/104  
(Psalm settings end with “Glory to the Father...” and threefold “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to You, O God.”)
- B. The Litany of Peace  
(a series of petitions with responses of “Lord, have mercy.”  
“To You, O Lord” and “Amen” finish the responses.)
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer and Psalm Readings – First Setting of the Kathismatos  
(Psalms 119 – 123)
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer and Psalm Readings – Second Setting of the Kathismatos  
(Psalms 124 – 128)
- E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prayer and Psalm Readings – Third Setting of the Kathismatos  
(Psalms 129 - 133)
- F. 4<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Psalms 140 – 141 “Lord I Have Cried” (Kyrie Ekekraxa), Censing
- G. The Entrance -- “O Joyful Light” (Fos Ilaron) – Old Testament Readings
- H. The Censing -- **“Let My Prayer Be Set Forth”\*** is  
sung as a response to the priest's blessings.

### II. The Divine Liturgy

- A. The Litany of Fervent Supplication (“Lord, have mercy,” etc.)
- B. The Litany of the Catechumens (“Lord, have mercy,” etc.)
- C. The Prayers of the Faithful (Inaudibly given by the priest)
- D. In Place of the Cherubic Hymn – **“Now Do the Powers of Heaven”\***
- E. The Completion Litany (“Lord, have mercy” and “Grant this, O Lord”) and Prayers
- F. Holy Communion – “One is Holy” and **“Taste and See”\***
- G. Psalm 33, after Communion – **“I Shall Bless the Lord at All Times”\***
- H. Prayers and Dismissal

**\*This booklet contains only the special hymns that are specific to the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. The settings of “Kyrie Ekekraxa,” which will differ in the appointed tone of the service, and “Fos Ilarion” can be downloaded from the Vespers page of New Byzantium Publications:**

[www.newbyz.org/vespers](http://www.newbyz.org/vespers)

The tones for “Kyrie Ekekraxa” are as follows:

First Week of Lent:	Wednesday, πλ. δ' (Plagal 4 <sup>th</sup> );	Friday, πλ. α' (Plagal 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Second Week of Lent:	Wednesday, α' (1 <sup>st</sup> );	Friday, δ' (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Third Week of Lent:	Wednesday, α' (1 <sup>st</sup> );	Friday, βαρύς (Grave)
Fourth Week of Lent:	Wednesday, δ' (4 <sup>th</sup> );	Friday, βαρύς (Grave)
Fifth Week of Lent:	Wednesday, πλ. δ' (Plagal 4 <sup>th</sup> );	Friday, πλ. β' (Plagal 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Sixth Week of Lent:	Wednesday, πλ. α' (Plagal 1 <sup>st</sup> );	Friday, πλ. δ' (Plagal 4 <sup>th</sup> )
Holy Monday:	α' (1 <sup>st</sup> )	
Holy Tuesday:	α' (1 <sup>st</sup> )	
Holy Wednesday:	α' (1 <sup>st</sup> )	

## AT THE CENSING

### ΚΑΤΕΥΘΥΝΘΗΤΩ Η ΠΡΟΣΕΥΧΗ ΜΟΥ

Ἦχος α'

Sakellarides, arr. N. Takis

Κα-τευ-θουν - θή - τω ἡ προ - σευ - χή μου, ὡς θυ-  
Ka - tef - thin - thi - to i pro - sef - chi mou, os thi-

- μί - α - μα ἐ - νώ-πι-όν σου, ἔ-παρ-σις τῶν χει-  
- mi - a - ma e - no-pi-on sou, e-par-sis ton chi-

- ρῶν μου, θυ - σί - α ἐ - σπε - ρι - νή,  
- ron mou, thi - si - a e - spe - ri - ni.

## LET MY PRAYER BE SET FORTH

First Tone

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Let my prayer be set forth as in - cense be - fore You; the

lif - ting of my hands as an eve - ning sa - cri - fice.

IN PLACE OF THE CHERUBIC HYMN  
 NYN AI ΔΥΝΑΜΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΟΥΡΑΝΟΝ

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Sakellarides

Very Slowly

Nūn αἱ Δυ - νά - μεις τῶν οὐ - ρα - νῶν σὺν ἡ - μῖν ἄ - ο - ρά -  
 Nin e Dhi - na - mis ton ou - ra - non sin i - min a - o - ra -

- τως λα - τρεύ - ου - σιν. Ἰ - δού γὰρ εἰ - σπο -  
 - tos la - trev - ou - sin. I - dhou ghar i - spo -

- ρεύ - ε - ται ὁ Βα - σι - λεύς, ὁ Βα - σι - λεύς τῆς δό - ξης.  
 - ref - e - te o Va - si - lefs, o Va - si - lefs tis dho - xis.

Ἰ - δού θυ - σί - α μυ - στι - κή, τε - τε - λει - ω - μέ - νη, δο - ρυ - φο - ρεῖ - ται.  
 I - ghou thi - si - a mi - sti - ki, te - te - li - o - me - ni, dho - ri - fo - ri - te.

Πί - στει καὶ πό - θω προ - σέλ - θω - μεν, ἵ - να μέ - το -  
 Pi - sti ke po - tho pro - sel - tho - men, i - na me - to -

- χου ζω - ῆς αἰ - ω - νί - ου γε - νώ - με - θα. Ἄλ - λη -  
 - chi zo - is e - o - ni - ou ghe - no - me - tha. Al - li -

- λού - ἱ - α. Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἱ - α. Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἱ - α.  
 - lou - i - a. Al - li - lou - i - a. Al - li - lou - i - a.

**IN PLACE OF THE CHERUBIC HYMN  
NOW DO THE POWERS OF HEAVEN**

Plagal Fourth Tone

N. Takis

**Very Slowly**

Now do the pow-ers of heav - en in - vis - i - bly at -  
- tend with us. For be - hold ye, the King of Glo-ry  
en - ters in. ye, be - hold ye the King! The King of Glo - ry  
en - ters in. Be-hold the mys-ti-cal sac-rif - ice that has been ac -  
- com - plished is es - cort - ed in. Let us with faith draw near, that  
we may be par - ta - kers of ev - er - las - ting life. Al-li - lu - i -  
- a. Al - li - lu - i - a. Al - li - lu - i - a.

**COMMUNION HYMN FOR THE PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY**  
**ΓΕΥΣΑΣΘΕ ΚΑΙ ΙΔΕΤΕ - TASTE AND SEE**

Psalm 34:8 LXX

Plagal Fourth Tone

Sakellarides, Adapted by N. Takis

**Lento**

Γεύ - σα - σθε καὶ ἴ - δε - τε ὅ - τι χρι - στὸς ὁ Κύ - ρι - ος.  
Ghev - sa - sthe ke i - dhe - te o - ti chri - stos o Ky - ri - os.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἰ - α. Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἰ - α. Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἰ - α.  
Al - li - lou - i - a. Al - li - lou - i - a. Al - li - lou - i - a.

Psalm Verses Intoned Between the Refrains of the Communion Hymn

1. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever on my lips.
2. My soul shall glory in the Lord. Let the meek hear and rejoice.
3. Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name forever.
4. Approach the Lord and be enlightened and your face shall never be shamed.
5. The angel of the Lord will stand guard around those who fear the Lord and save them.
6. Blessed is the man who hopes in him.
7. Fear the Lord all you his faithful ones, and those who fear him shall want for nothing.

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN  
IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT"**

**ΕΥΛΟΓΗΣΩ ΤΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΟΝ ΕΝ ΠΑΝΤΙ**

Ἦχος β' - Second Tone

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*drone* Εὐ-λο - γή-σω τὸν Κύ-ρι-ον ἐν παν - τὶ και - ρῶ δι - ἅ παν-τὸς ἡ  
Ev - lo - ghi - so ton Ky - ri - on en pan - di ke - ro dhi - a pan - dos i

ἁ-νε-σις ἀν - τοῦ ἐν τῷ στό - μα-τί μου. Ἄρ-τον οὐ - ρά-νι-ον, καὶ πο-  
e - ne - sis af - tou en to sto - ma - ti mou. Ar - ton ou - ra - ni - on ke po -

- τή - ρι-ον ζω-ῆς γεύ-σα-σθε καὶ ἴ - δε-τε ὅ-τι χρι - στος ὁ Κύ - ρι -  
- ti - ri - on zo - is ghef - sa - sthe ke i - dhe - te o - ti chri - stos o Ky - ri -

- ος. Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἱ - α. Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἱ - α. Ἄλ - λη - λού - ἱ - α.  
- os. Al - li - lou - i - a. Al - li - lou - i - a. Al - li - lou - i - a.

**I SHALL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES**

*drone* I shall bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be ev-er on my lips. Taste the

heav - en - ly Bread and the Cup of Life, and see that the Lord is

good. Al - le - lu - i - a. Al - le - lu - i - a. Al - le - lu - i - a.

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