

## GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION

*The Order of the Procession of the Epitaphios on Holy and Great Friday.*

(When the singing of the Great Doxology gets to the final "Holy God" the procession begins. The procession is conducted in the following order: The Altar Boys precede with the processional standards, candles, fans, and Cross. Then comes the Cross of the Crucified Lord, followed by the Bier containing the Epitaphios. It is followed by the Clergy, Chanters, Choir and Laity carrying candles. The procession makes four stops and offers four supplications in the following order:)

**(The Choir sings "Holy God" slowly until the 1st stop)**

**PRIEST:** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee, harken and have mercy.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** Let us pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians; for our Archbishop *N.* and our Bishop *N.*, for Priests, Deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** For thou art a merciful God who lovest mankind and to thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**(The Choir sings "Holy God" slowly until the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop)**

**PRIEST:** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** Let us pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God, the pious members of this Parish, the Parish Council, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Youth, the Choir, the Chanters, the Altar Boys~ those teaching and those being taught in the Sunday School and Greek School and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** For thou, O God, art a God of mercy, and unto thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**(The Choir sings "Holy God" slowly until the 3rd stop)**

**PRIEST:** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** Let us pray for the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God and for the unity of all men.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** For thou art the King of Peace and the Saviour of our souls, and unto thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**(The Choir sings "Holy God" slowly until the 4th stop)**

**PRIEST:** Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** Let us pray for those who have fallen asleep before us from the beginning of time; for pious rulers; Orthodox Patriarchs, Hierarchs, Priests, Deacons, Monks and Nuns; the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy temple; and for all our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, the Orthodox, departed this life before all who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord: and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** For thou art the Resurrection, and the life, and the Repose of thy departed servants, O Christ our God, and unto thee we ascribe glory, together with thy Father who is from everlasting, and thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen. May their memory be eternal! May their memory be eternal! May their memory be eternal! (the choir sings the memorial hymn eonia afton)

**(Then the Choir sings "Holy God" slowly as all of the Faithful pass under the Epitaphios and enter the Church. The Choir continues to sing "Holy God" until the Epitaphios is returned to its place in the front of the Church.)**

**(The Service continues as it appears in the Holy Week Service Book.)**