



THE CHURCH

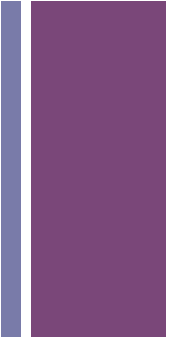
The LITURGY, Sacraments & Fellowship

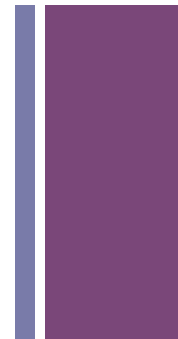


THE LITURGY

- You are closer to God in the Liturgy than anywhere else.
- The Eucharist is the mystery of thanksgiving.
- The Holy Communion is your single biggest source of power.
- In the Liturgy we are attending our own wedding feast.
- *Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:54*





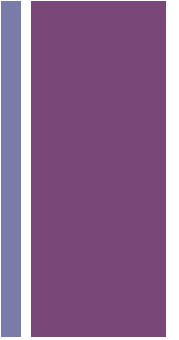


■ The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the altar being made terrible to the devil.

St. John Chrysostom



Is my attitude to the mass
important?



■ ENTER WITH A SPIRIT OF **THANKSGIVING.**

■ ENTER WITH A SPIRIT OF **REPENTANCE.**

+ Are you bored in Liturgy?

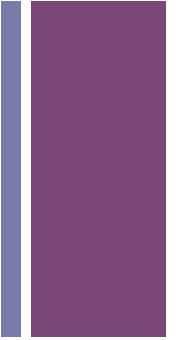
- If I can't pray in my own room alone how can I pray with my brothers and sisters?



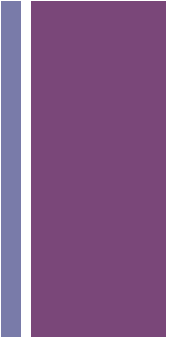


You cannot wait to be in the mood of prayer: you have to use the spur of your Prayer Rule to force yourself to pray.

Sergei Fudel



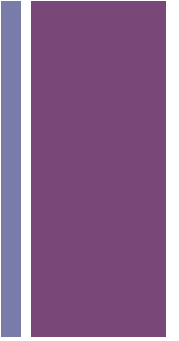
+ The Liturgy needs YOU.



- YOU ARE NOT A SPECTATOR.
- YOU ARE AS IMPORTANT TO THE LITRUGY AS ABOUNA.

The Readings

- Do we see them as the less important part?
- The readings are the WORDS of the Groom about Himself.
- We must be there!
- I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently(early) will find me. Proverbs 8:17



WE BELIEVE IN.



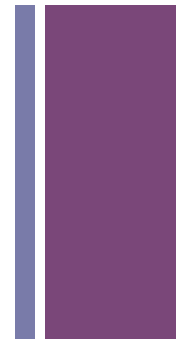
The Prayer of Reconciliation



- O God, the Great and the Eternal, who formed man in incorruption; and death which entered the world by the envy of the devil, **You have destroyed**, by the Life-giving manifestation of Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ. You have filled the earth with the heavenly peace; by which the hosts of Angels glorify You saying: 'Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on earth and Goodwill toward men'.



The Prayer of Reconciliation



Greet one another with a holy kiss,

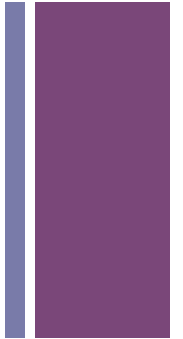
(Lord have mercy)³

Yes, Lord who is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, hear us and have mercy on us.

Offer, offer, offer in order. Stand with trembling. Look toward the east.

Let us attend

+ The Heavenly Hymn



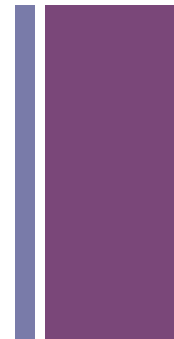
- ...when we disobeyed Your commandments by the guile of the serpent, we fell from eternal life and were exiled from the Paradise of Joy. **You have not abandoned us** to the end; but have always visited us through Your Holy Prophets..



The Consecration



- **HE BROKE** it and gave it to his own holy disciples and saintly apostles saying...
- WE ARE RELIVING NOT RE-ENACTING THIS.





Worship God in fear and
trembling.

+ The priest prays inaudibly..

- And we ask You, O Lord, our God, we, Your sinful and unworthy servants; we worship you by the pleasure of your goodness; that Your Holy Spirit descend upon US and upon these gifts..

+ Last Chance..

Amen Amen Amen. I believe, I believe, I believe; that this is so in truth Amen...

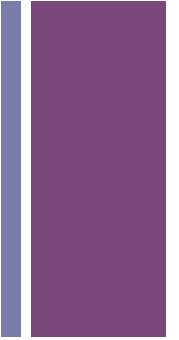
REPENT.



+ Praise God in all His saints..



+ THE SACRAMENTS



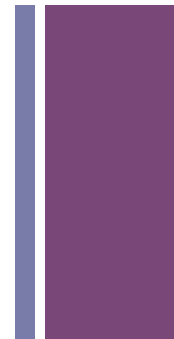
TODAY..

- COMMUNION

- BAPTISM

- THE HOLY MYRON

- CONFESSION



*The sacraments are personal.
They are means whereby God's
grace is appropriated to every
Christian individually.*

Bishop K. Ware



Communion is PERSONAL



Take drink of IT all of **you**; for this is MY BLOOD of the New Covenant which is shed for **you** and for many...

- WE BECOME A PART OF HIM!!
- We are personally at the last supper.

+ Baptism is PERSONAL

- You die and rise again with Christ.
- HE KNOWS YOU BY NAME.
- Weren't we a little young?



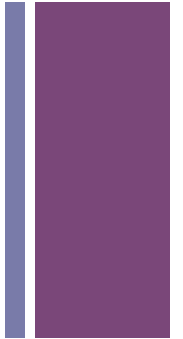


The Holy myron is PERSONAL

- A personal Pentecost just for you!!!



+ Confession is PERSONAL



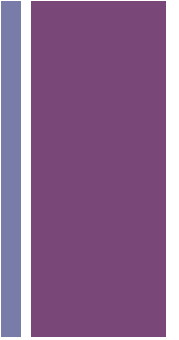
- Because SIN is personal!

- JOY JOY JOY!

- FROM HONESTY SPRINGS FORTH
HEALING.



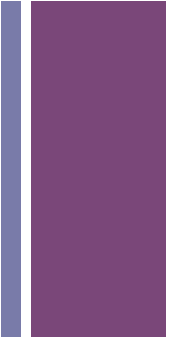
FELLOWSHIP



- Are YOU a member of the Church?
- PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.
- DO YOU HAVE A SPIRITUAL GUIDE?



SO WHAT NEXT?



- ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE LITRUGY.
- USE THE SACRAMENTS.
- START THINKING ABOUT SPIRTUAL GUIDES.
- ... **KNOW GOD MORE!**