

## On the Divine Liturgy

### Did the Old Testament Foretell The Divine Liturgy?

Many events that took place in the New Testament (the birth of Jesus, the death of Jesus, etc.) were foretold in the Old Testament. The partaking in communion for the remission of sins is no different. In the Old Testament, approximately 700 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah wrote:

*I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs [seraphim – angels] were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” (Isaiah 6:1-7)*

The reference of Holy, Holy, Holy (The Trinity), the mentioning of the house filled with smoke (incense) and most importantly, the coal touching Isaiah’s lips and taking away his sin, all are representative of what we experience when we partake in communion during the Divine Liturgy.

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### From the Fathers

We must not act like children and constantly ask God for minor things. When we are asking for something which can be humanly accomplished, we must try, as much as we can, to do it ourselves. We should only turn to God when we, as human beings, are unable to achieve what we desire.

Elder Paisios the Athonite



Please remember in your prayers:

*Priest George, Charles, Marianna, Michael, Kristen, Barbara  
and all those serving in our Armed Forces*

## Ss Constantine & Helen

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Sunday of the Holy Fathers

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Commemoration of: Sts. Julitta & Kyrikos, Martyrs

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### Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

*Ton Synanarhon Logon* (Hymn of the Day) Tone 5

*Yperdedoxasmenos Ei* (Hymn of the Fathers) Tone 8

*You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O most compassionate, glory to You.*

*Tou Stavrou Sou* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.*

### Kontakion

*Prostasia ton Christianon* Tone 2

*Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for you unfailingly defend, O Theotokos, those who honor you.*

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### Epistle Reading

Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

*We welcome Fr. Paul Burholt to celebrate the Liturgy with us,  
along with Matushka Gabriela.*

### Today

A Memorial will be offered for the repose of the souls of Nikola (20 years) and Stephan (30 years) Komnenavich.

### THE CONVERTED MISER

There is a delightful story of a converted miser. One day a neighbor appealed to him for help. The miser decided to prove the genuineness of his conversion by giving him a ham.

On his way to get it, the devil whispered in his hear: "Give him the smallest one you have." A mental struggle ensued, and finally the miser took down the largest one he had.

"You are a fool," the devil said.

The farmer replied, "If you don't keep still, I'll give him every ham in the smokehouse. "

### To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*