

The 350 Maronite Martyrs



Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church

Lawrence, MA

LIGHTING HYMN

Syriac: *hasyo oo-qadeesho*



Je - sus Christ, O Source of Light, in you we see light.
Ho - ly Lord, you dwell in light in realms of glo - ry.

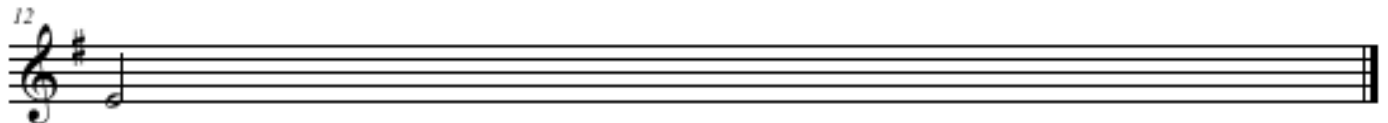
Al-le-lu-ia! Vir - gin Ma - ry, you are blest a - mong all wo - men.
Bles - sed mar - tyrs, you pro - claimed be - fore your jud - ges:
Son of God, you died and rose to give us newlife.



Tru - ly Light from Light, you shine on all cre - a - tion.
Keep us free from sin and shame; dis - pel all dark - ness.
You were cho - sen by the Lord to be his Mo - ther.
"We will not re - nounce our Lord, the Cru - ci - fied One,
Those who sleep in death have hope and con - so - la - tion.



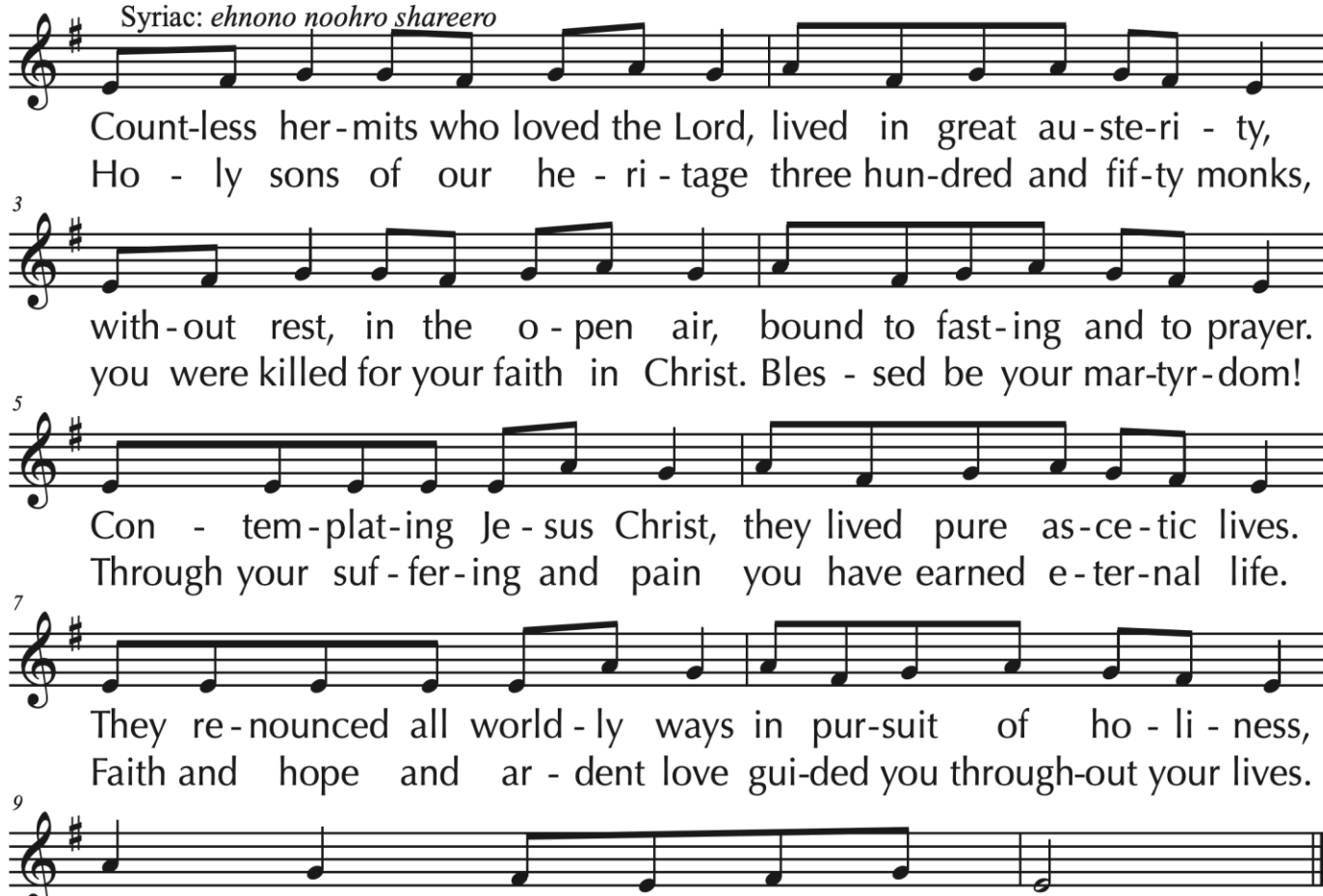
Shine your light up - on us all; grant us joy with your bright
Grant us pur - i - ty of heart; may your jus - tice guide our —
The E - ter - nal Son took flesh, dwell - ing nine months in your —
but with fer - vent love for him we will suf - fer pain and —
Je - sus, you will raise them up, for they praised the Tri - ni -



dawn.
lives.
womb.
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ENTRANCE HYMN

Syriac: *ehnono noohro shareero*



Count-less her-mits who loved the Lord, lived in great au-ste-ri - ty,
Ho - ly sons of our he - ri - tage three hun-dred and fif-ty monks,
3 with-out rest, in the o - pen air, bound to fast-ing and to prayer.
you were killed for your faith in Christ. Bles - sed be your mar-tyr-dom!
5 Con - tem-plat-ing Je - sus Christ, they lived pure as-ce-tic lives.
Through your suf-fer-ing and pain you have earned e-ter-nal life.
7 They re-nounced all world - ly ways in pur-suit of ho - li - ness,
Faith and hope and ar - dent love gui-ded you through-out your lives.
9 strong in faith, like Saint Ma - roun.
You set hea - ven, as your goal.

ENTRANCE DIALOGUE

Cel: I have entered your house, O God, and have worshiped before your throne. O King of heaven, forgive all my sins.

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Cel: Pray to the Lord for me.

May the Lord accept your offering and have mercy on us through your prayer.

DOXOLOGY

Cel: Glory ✠ be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

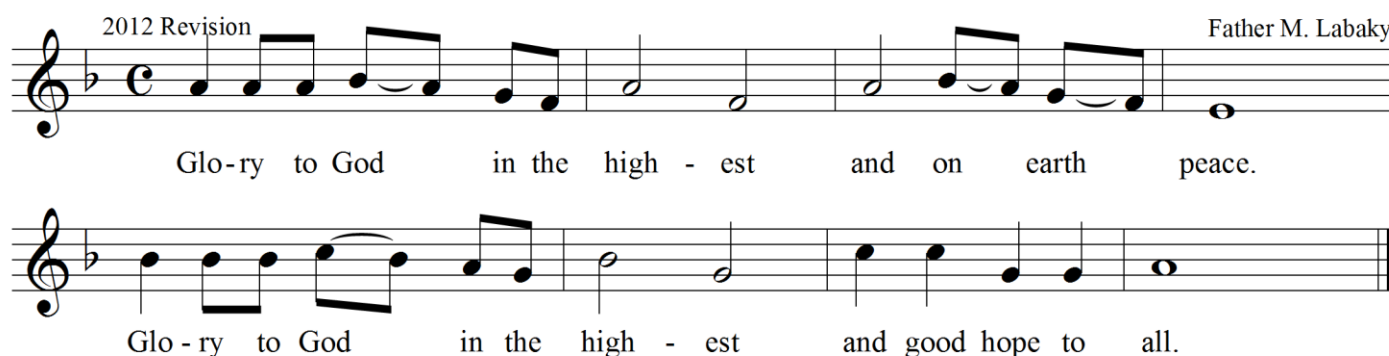
Cel: We worship you, O Christ, for you exalt the memory of your beloved ones, and we thank you, for you exalt the feast of your chosen prophets, martyrs, and confessors. Make us worthy to celebrate the feast of our martyrs, the three hundred and fifty disciples of Saint Maron who by their death witnessed to their faith in the great mystery of your incarnation, which revealed that your two perfect natures, divine and human, were united in your wonder one divine person. Lord, may their blessed memory be eternal in your sight, and may we persevere in faith like them, that we may glorify you, your Father, and your Holy Spirit, forever.

Amen.

GREETING AND HYMN OF THE ANGELS

Cel: Peace ✠ be with the Church and her children.

2012 Revision Father M. Labaky



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and good hope to all.

HOOSOYO

PROEMION

Please stand.

To the glory and honor of the Most ✠ Holy Trinity.

Cel: Let us raise glory, honor, and praise to Christ the Martyr, who shed his blood and quenched the thirst of the holy martyrs: to the One who strengthens the faithful, crowns those who persevere, and rejoices in their feast. To the Good One be glory and honor, on this feast, and all the days of our lives, and forever.

Amen.

SEDRO

Cel: O Christ our God, you revealed your ministry to your blessed apostles and established your holy Church upon them, calling them to believe in you.

Today we remember the three hundred and fifty martyrs, the disciples of our father, St. Maron, who died for the true faith as defined by the Catholic Church at the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. By their example and their words, they witnessed to their faith in you as God and man. For your sake they endured martyrdom, and joyfully accepted death because of their love for you, who died on the cross for our redemption.

Now, O Lord, we ask you, through their intercession and with the fragrance of this incense, to help us keep the faith of the holy Catholic Church, with loyalty and courage, and strive to accomplish your divine will, for you alone are our Good Shepherd, and we are your one flock. Many we walk in the steps of your righteous martyrs to receive their crown, and, with them we raise glory, thanks, and adoration to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, forever.

Amen.

QOLO

Syriac: *bo'outo d'mor ya'qoob (noohdeekee salam)*

The great - ness of your
While on the road, not
You gave the Church true
We sing to God the
love, O Lord, has gi - ven mar - tyrs
far from home, the three hun - dred and
lea - ders, Lord, and made them strong in
Tri - ni - ty, the Fa - ther, Son, and
strength and hope to fol - low you in
fif - ty monks were mar - tyred for their
faith and love to teach the word of
Spi - rit blest, our hymns of praise, for
pain and death. They looked to you and
stead - fast faith. These faith - ful sons de -
truth and light. May they con - firm us
e - ver - more. **
cried a - loud: "Now let the blood we
fen - ded truth and gave their lives so
in the faith, these stars of light that
shed for you a - dorn your crown, O
wil - ling - ly for love of Christ, true
shine so bright to guide us on the
Son of God.
God and man.
path of life.

ETRO

Cel: O Lord, may the sweet fragrance of the relics of the martyrs intercede for sinners and those who have gone astray, for the sick and the distressed, and for peace and harmony within your holy Church and throughout the world. O Lord our God, to you be glory, forever.

Amen.

TRISAGION

The congregation stands and the Trisagion is then sung three times.



Ka-dee-shat a-lo-ho, ka-de-shat ha-yel-to-no, ka-dee-shat lo -
mo - you - to I - tra - ham 'a - leyn.

Holy God! Holy Mighty One! Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us!

Cel: Holy and immortal Lord, sanctify our minds and purify our consciences, that we may praise you with purity, and listen to your Holy Scriptures. To you be glory, forever.

Amen.

The congregation is now seated.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

MAZMOORO

Syriac: *ramremain*

Ho - ly mar - tyrs re - sem - ble
Priest: *Ho - ly mar - tyrs you loved God*
3 Lord our God, you ac - cep - ted
6 trees a - long a run - ning stream, bear - ing
and des - pised this pass - ing world. For our
what the just had of - fered you; now ac -
9 fruit through their tor - ments, help - ing us in
sake, ask for mer - cy, as you pray to
cept, in your mer - cy, our pure sac - ri -
all our needs.
Christ our Lord.
fice and prayers.

SCRIPTURE READING

Lector: A reading from.... Your blessing, Father.

Cel: Glory to the Lord of Paul and the apostles! ✠ May the mercy of God descend upon the reader and the listeners, and upon this parish and her children, forever.

The appointed Scripture Reading of the Day, is proclaimed by the lector.

The congregation now stands.

FETGOMO (Gospel Acclamation)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains two phrases of 'Al - le - lu - ia!' with a melodic line that starts on a quarter rest, then moves to G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second staff is labeled 'Verse by Cantor' and contains a single phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia!' with a similar melodic line starting on a whole rest, then moving to G4, A4, B4, and C5.

*“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”*
Revelation 7:14

GOSPEL

Deacon/Cantor: Before the proclamation of the Gospel of our Savior, announcing life for our souls, we offer this incense, and ask for your mercy, O Lord.

The celebrant burns incense.

Cel: Peace ☩ be with you.

And with your Spirit.

From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint **N**, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

The celebrant incenses the Book of Gospels three times. Meanwhile, the deacon proclaims:

Deacon/Cantor: Remain silent, O listeners, for the Holy Gospel is about to be proclaimed to you. Listen, and give glory and thanks to the Word of the living God.

The celebrant begins the gospel, using the appropriate words. At the conclusion of the gospel, he sings or says:

Cel: This is the Truth, ☩ Peace be with you!

KOROZOUTO (Acclamation of Praise)

L. Hage, O.L.M.
2012 Revision

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'KoroZouto (Acclamation of Praise)'. It consists of three staves of music in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'KoroZouto' above the first note. The lyrics are: 'Lil Ma-see - hee ya-soo' at-tas - bee - hoo wal ba - ra - Praise, and bless-ings to Je - sus Christ our Lord and'. The second staff continues: 'kat min aj - lee ka la-mee-heel ha - yee la na. Lil Ma - God for giv - ing us His words of life. Praise, and'. The third staff concludes: 'see hee ya - soo' at - las - bee - hoo wal - ba - ra - kat. bless-ings to Je - sus Christ our Lord and God.'

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Profession of Faith

We believe ✠ in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the ✠ life of the world to come.

Amen.

Access to the Altar

Cel: I will go to the altar of God, to God who gives joy to my youth. Through the abundance of your goodness I will enter your house and worship in your holy temple.

Guide me, O Lord, in your fear, and instruct me in your justice.

Ee-tel-wot ma-deb-hed a-lo-ho wal-wot a-lo-ho dam-ha-deh tal-yoot. weh-nob soo-ghod tai-boo-tokh eh-'ool-lel bai-tokh wes-ghood-deb hai-yek-lod qood-shokh.

Bdeh-hel-tokh mor-yo da-ba-rain wab-za-dee-qoo-tokh a-leh-fain.

Cel: Pray to the Lord for me.

May the Lord accept your offering and have mercy on us through your prayer.

Sa-laow 'a-lai meh-tool mo-ran.

A-lo-hon qa-bel qoor-bo-nokh^{oo}-net-ra-ham 'a-lain bas-loo-tokh.

Transfer of the Offerings

Alternative *fsheeto* Father Khalil Rahme, OMM

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 18 measures. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - - - ia! Our Lord Je - sus said: "I am the Bread of Life. From the Fa - ther I was sent as Word with - out flesh to give new life. Of the Vir - gin Ma - ry I was born, tak - ing flesh as man; as good earth re - ceives a seed, her womb re - ceives me. Priest - ly hands now lift me high a - bove the al - tars" Al - le - lu - ia! Our gifts, Lord re - ceive.

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Acceptance of the Offerings

Cel: Almighty Lord and God, you accepted the offerings of our ancestors. Now accept these offerings that your children have brought to you out of their love for you and for your holy name. Shower your spiritual blessings upon them and, in place of their earthly gifts, grant them life and your kingdom.

Amen.

Commemorations

Cel: As we remember our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, and his plan of salvation for us, we recall upon this offering all those who have pleased God from Adam to this day, especially Mary, the blessed Mother of God, Saint Maron, Saint Rafka, (and Saint(s) N. (of the day).

Remember, O God, the children of the holy Church: our fathers and mothers, and our brothers and sisters, both the living and the departed, especially those for whom this sacrifice is offered, **N**. Remember also all those who share with us today in this offering.

Amen.

Incensation of the Offerings

Alternative *Imaryam yoldat aloho* Father Geoffrey Abdallah

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Hon-or Ma-ry Mo-ther of our
5 Lord and God, and with her re - mem-ber all the right-eous ones,
9 pro-phets and a - pos - tes, mar-tyrs and the priests, and the child-ren
13 of the Church, from age to age. Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Anaphora of Saint Sixtus

Rite of Peace

Doxology

The congregation stands.

Cel: Glory ✠ be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Cel: O Holy Father, grant security, peace, and everlasting love to your Church, that we may raise glory and thanks to you, and to your only Son, and to your Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Exchange of Peace

Cel: Peace to you, O Altar of God. Peace to the holy mysteries placed upon you. Peace to you, server of the Holy Spirit.

Diaconal Proclamation

Deacon: Let us give the greeting of peace to our neighbor with love and faith that are pleasing to God.

The people exchange the greeting of peace with joined hands.

Ziad Alrahbani
English Adaptation: Music Commission, USA, 1994

Too - ba lis - sa - 'ee - na ee - la sa - la - mee
Those who work for peace are tru - ly blest!

fa - in - na - hom ab - na - al - la - hee yoo d'aown.
They will be called the child - ren of God.

Prayer for the Imposition of the Hand

Cel: O Lord, you bless us and make us worthy of the eternal reward reserved for men and women of peace, and we raise glory to you, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer of the Veil

Cel: O Lord, we offer you these Holy Mysteries, that through them, you may free us from the passions of sin and enable us to work for justice, that we may raise glory to you, now and forever.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Dialogue

Cel: The love of God the Father ✠, and the grace of the only-begotten Son ✠, and the communion and indwelling of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you, my brothers and sisters, forever.

And with your Spirit.

Cel: Let us lift up our thoughts, our minds, and our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord with reverence and worship him with humility.
It is right and just.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Cel: With heart, mind, and tongue, we give you thanks, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one true God. Joined spiritually to the invisible choirs and countless ranks of angels, your faithful people glorify you with them, and three times proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Fr. M. Labaky
Revised: Music Commission, USA, 1994

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
migh - ty Lord, God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are
full of your great glo - ry. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Blest is
He who has come and will come in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature. It consists of 18 measures of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Qo - ddu son qo ddu son qo ddu son
 an tar - ra bbul qa wi yyu al i la hu ssa ba
 ot as sa ma u wal ard mam lu a
 ta ni men maj di kal - 'a zim o cha' na fil a 'a
 li mo ba ra kon il a ti bis mi rrab
 b o cha' na fil a 'a
 li.

Cel: Holy are you, God the Father, holy is your only Son, and holy is your Spirit, who is all holy. Through the incarnation of your Son you saved the world and freed it from sin and kept it safe from going astray.

Institution Narrative

The Words of Institution of Our Lord are sung in Syriac.

Cel: *And on the day before his life-giving passion, He took bread in his holy hands. He blessed ✠, sanctified, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body which is broken and given for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.*

Amen.

Cel: *In a similar way, over the chalice of wine mixed with water, he blessed ✠ and sanctified it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which will be poured out and given for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin.*

Amen.

Anamnesis

Cel: And he added these words: Whenever you share in these Mysteries, remember my death, burial, and resurrection until I come again.

We remember your death, O Lord. We profess your resurrection. We await your second

coming. We implore your mercy and compassion. We ask for the forgiveness of sins, and may your mercy rest upon us.

Cel: O Lord, we do not forget the amazing events of your plan of salvation and the fearful signs of your second coming, when you shall reward all men according to their deeds. Now your Church implores you and, through you and with you, implores your Father, saying:

Have mercy on us, Almighty Father. Have mercy on us.

Cel: O Lord, as we, your sinful children, receive your graces, we thank you for them and because of them.

We praise you. We bless you. We adore you. We glorify you. We profess our faith in you, and we ask you: Have compassion on us, O God, have mercy on us, and hear us.

Epiclesis

Deacon: How awesome is this moment, my beloved, for the living Holy Spirit descends and rests upon this offering for our sanctification. Let us stand with reverence as we pray.

Cel: *(At the same time, silently and bowing, he flutters his hands three times over the Mysteries)* O Lord, have compassion on us and on all your inheritance. Be pleased with this offering through the descent of your Holy Spirit, who proceeds eternally from you, God the Father, and who is substantially the same as your Son.

The celebrant, kneeling on both knees, extends his hands and sings in English or in Syriac:

Cel: *Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord. And may your living Holy Spirit come and rest upon us and upon this offering.*

Traditional

Ziad Alrahbani

Ký - ri - e 'lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

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Cel: That by his descent he may make this bread ✠ the Body of Christ our God.
Amen.

Cel: And make the mixture in this chalice ✠ the Blood of Christ our God.
Amen.

Cel: May these Mysteries, O Lord, ✠ allow us who share in them to find joy in your presence, and we raise glory to you, now and forever.
Amen.

Intercessions

Congregation sits.

Cel: O Lord, be an invincible fortress against false teachings for your Church and her shepherds: Francis, the Pope of Rome, Bashara Peter, our Patriarch of Antioch, Gregory, our Bishop, and all the bishops of the true faith. With blameless lives and in purity and holiness may they guide your Church and present to you a faithful people who honor your name. We pray to you, O Lord.



To each of the Intentions we respond:



Deacon: O Lord, forgive the faithful departed, especially **N.**, and all inscribed in our Book of Life who have been redeemed by the death of your only Son. And on that day when all are rescued from death, delivered from the realm of the dead, and raised from dust of the grave, the grace of your only Son will have been glorified in us and in them. Through him, we hope to find mercy and forgiveness for our sins and for theirs.

Grant rest, O God, to the departed, and forgive the sins we have committed, with or without full knowledge.

Cel: O Lord, in the resurrection on the last day when all is renewed, through your grace make us and our departed worthy of the joy of your heavenly kingdom. In us ✠ and in all things may your blessed and most honored name be glorified, praised, and exalted, with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that of your living Holy Spirit, now and forever.

As it was, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Elevation and Blessing

All stand sing

Then all recite together:

O Lord, you are the pleasing Oblation who offered yourself for us. You are the forgiving Sacrifice who offered yourself to your Father. You are the High Priest, who offered yourself as the Lamb. Through your mercy, may our prayer rise like incense which we offer to your

Father through you. To you be glory, forever.

Lord's Prayer

Cel: O Lord, open our mouths and lips, sanctify our bodies and souls, and purify our minds and consciences, so that we may call upon you, O Father of Mercies, and implore you, saying:

The celebrant and congregation extend their hands and pray in Syriac or Arabic & English:

Our Father...but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Cel: O Lord, hasten to transform all that is harmful and detrimental into that which will help and benefit us, that we may raise glory to you, now and forever.

Amen.

Penitential Rite

Cel: Peace ☩ be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Deacon: Bow your heads before the God of mercy, before his forgiving altar, and before the Body and Blood of our Savior, who gives life to those who partake of him, and receive the blessing from the Lord.

Meanwhile the priest prays quietly:

Cel: O Lord, may your graces, your blessings, and all your divine gifts descend in abundance on your Church, your parishes, and your monasteries, that we may raise glory to you, now and forever.

Amen.

Cel: The grace of the most Holy Trinity, ☩ eternal and consubstantial, be with you, my brothers and sisters, forever.

And with your Spirit.

Deacon: Let us look to God with reverence and humility, and ask him for mercy and compassion.

Invitation to Communion

Cel: Holy Gifts ☩ for the holy, with perfection, purity, and sanctity.

***Chanted:* One holy Father; One Holy Son; One Holy Spirit! Blessed be the name of the Lord, for He is One in heaven and on earth; to Him be glory, forever.**

All extend their hands in prayer and say:

Make us worthy, O Lord God, so that our bodies may be sanctified by your holy Body, and our souls purified by your forgiving Blood. May our communion be for the forgiveness of our sins and for new life. O Lord our God, to you be glory, forever.

Communion of the Celebrant Communion of the People

Blessing with the Mysteries

After communion, the celebrant blesses the congregation with the mysteries.

Cel: Again and again we thank you, O Lord, and raise glory to you for giving us your Body to eat, and your living Blood to drink. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, O compassionate and merciful One, O Lover of all people, have mercy on us.

Blessing Hymn

Thanksgiving

Cel: O Holy Father, our mouths accustomed to earthly food give you thanks for your grace that has made us worthy of this heavenly food, the Body and Blood of your only Son. Glory, power, and honor are yours, with your only Son and your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Cel: Peace ✠ be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Cel: O Christ, you are the heavenly Bread who came down and became for us the food that does not perish. At your second coming, may we not become the food of the imperishable fire. We raise glory and thanks to you, and to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Final Blessing

Cel: Go in peace, my beloved brothers and sisters, with the nourishment and blessings you have received from the forgiving altar of the Lord. May the blessing of the Most Holy Trinity accompany you: the Father ✠, and the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit ✠, the One God, to whom be glory, forever.

Amen.