

Outline of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

1. Reception of hierarch
 - a. Hierarch met at door of the church
 - b. Deacon: May the Lord bless you...; All respond Amen
 - c. All sing: Blessed be the Name of the Lord (3x), OR the hymn to the Theotokos, "It is truly proper...", OR the irmos of the feast
 - d. Meanwhile, the hierarch and deacons says the prescribed prayers before the icon screen
 - e. The hierarch turns to the faithful and blesses them with his staff, and the faithful sing: God grant you many years.
2. Vesting of the hierarch:

The hierarch is seated in the middle of the church as the clergy come to him and bow. Then they bring him his vestments; the people respond "Lord, have mercy" and "Amen" as each vestment is put on.

Finally, the hierarch blesses four times (east, west, north and south) with candles, and the faithful sing: God grant you many years after the final blessing.

The Rite of Ordination for a Reader or Subdeacon takes place here, as does the presentation of a candidate for episcopal ordination.

3. "Blessed is the kingdom" and Litany of Peace
4. First Antiphon or Typical Psalm
5. Second Antiphon or Typical Psalm
6. Hymn: O Only-Begotten Son
7. Third Antiphon or Typical Psalm
8. Small Entrance
 - a. Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!
 - b. Hierarch and priests ONLY sing: Come let us worship & bow before Christ.
 - c. The hierarch says the prayer, "O Christ, you are the true light..." while blessing four times (east, west, north and south) with candles, and the faithful sing: God grant you many years after the final blessing.
 - d. The hierarch and clergy enter the sanctuary while the faithful sing the conclusion of the Entrance Hymn ("O Son of God...").
9. Troparia and Kontakia of the day
10. Hierarch: "For you are holy..." and all respond AMEN.
11. Thrice Holy Hymn
 - a. All sing "Holy God" twice.
 - b. Hierarch sings "Agios o Theos" in Greek once.
 - c. Deacon: "Give glory to Christ our God."
 - d. All sing "Glory to the Father...Now and Ever...Holy and Immortal..."
 - e. All sing the complete "Holy God."

The Ordination of a Bishop takes place here.

12. Prokeimenon
13. Epistle
14. Alleluia
15. Gospel
16. After the Gospel, Hierarch blesses; all sing “God grant you many years...”
17. Homily
18. Litany of Fervent Supplication
19. Cherubic Hymn and Great Entrance

The Ordination of a Priest takes place here.

20. The Hierarch blesses; all sing “God grant you many years...”
21. Prayer of Offering
22. Exchange of Peace
23. Nicene Creed
24. Anaphora

The Ordination of a Deacon takes place here.

25. Litany “Now that we have commemorated...”
26. Prayer before the Lord’s Prayer
27. The Lord’s Prayer
28. Prayer over Bowed Heads
29. All sing “One is Holy” as many times as needed to cover the distribution of the Lamb to the priests and deacons.
30. All pray: “O Lord, I believe and profess...”
31. All sing the Communion Hymn of the day with its proper psalm during the communion of the priests and deacons
32. “Approach with fear...”; all sing “Blessed is he who comes...”
33. The Communion Hymn or other Communion song is sung during the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful
34. After communion, the Hierarch blesses with the chalice and says “Save your people O God and bless your inheritance.” The response is sung: “For many years, Most Reverend (Arch)bishop!”, and then “We have seen the true light...”
35. “Blessed is our God...”; all respond with “Amen.” and continue with “May our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord...”
36. Prayer of Thanksgiving
37. Ambon Prayer
38. “Blessed be the Name of the Lord...”
39. Dismissal
 - a. “Glory to you, our God, glory to you!”
 - b. “Glory... now and ever and forever. Amen. Lord, have mercy (3x). Most Reverend [Arch]bishop, give the blessing!”
 - c. “May Christ our true God...”; all respond with long “Amen.”
40. “Many years” sung many times; do NOT sing “in health and happiness” until the final invocation.