

PECK

Bishops Entrance and Vesting

1. Meet Bishop with Mantia and Klobuk

Let us pray to the Lord. (after blessing censer from Bishop)

Sticharion: Your soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for he has clothed you with the garment of salvation: He has covered you with a robe of gladness as a bridegroom he has set a crown on you; and as a bride adorns herself with jewels, so he has adorned you.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Epitrahil: Blessed is God who pours out His grace upon His priests, as myrrh upon the head that runs down the beard, the beard of Aaron, that runs down to the hem of his robe.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Zone: Blessed is God who girds you with strength and makes your way blameless. He made your feet like hind's feet, and let you secure on the heights.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Right Cuff: Thy right hand, O Lord, has been glorified in power. Thy right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemies in the greatness of Thy majesty, Thou hast overthrown Thine adversaries.

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Left Cuff: Thy hands have made and fashioned me. Give me understanding that I may learn Thy commandments.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Palitza: Gird Thy shield upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and in Thy beauty go forth and prosper and reign because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness. Thy right hand shall guide thee wondrously, always now, and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Sakkos: Thy High Priest, O Lord, shall clothe themselves with righteousness, and Thy holy ones shall rejoice with joy, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Omophor: When Thou had taken upon Thy shoulders human nature, which had gone astray, O Christ, Thou didst bear it unto Thy God and Father, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Cross: Whosoever will come after me, let him take up his cross, and follow me, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1st Panagia: May God create in thee a clean heart and renew a right spirit within thee, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

2nd Panagia: May thy heart utter good words and thou shall speak of thy deeds unto the king, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Mitre: The Lord has set upon thy head a crown of precious stones: Thou asked life of him and he shall give thee length of days, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Blessing Candles: May thy light so shine before men that they may see thy good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven, always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Entrance Prayers and the Vesting

When the priest desires to perform the Divine Mystery, he must first be at peace with all, have a pure heart, fast from the preceding evening, and remain in a proper spirit until the Service. When the time comes, he and the deacon enter the church and bow before the Holy Doors three times.

DEACON: *Bless, Master.*

PRIEST: *Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*

DEACON: *Amen.*

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most-holy Trinity: have mercy on us. O Lord: cleanse us from our sins. O Master: pardon our transgressions. O Holy One: visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

DEACON:

Amen.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for laying aside all excuse, we sinners offer to Thee, as to our Master, this supplication: have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, have mercy on us, for in Thee have we put our trust. Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look down on us even now, since Thou art compassionate, and deliver us

from our enemies; for Thou art our God, and we are Thy people; we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O blessed Theotokos, open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in you, that we may not perish but be delivered from adversity through you, who are the salvation of the Christian people.

They go before the icon of Christ, and kissing it, say:

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

They also kiss the icon of the Theotokos, saying:

Make us worthy of mercy, O Theotokos, Fountain of Tenderness. Look on us sinful men and reveal your power as always, for we have put our hope in you. Rejoice! we cry to you, as once did Gabriel, the leader of the bodiless hosts.

The priest bows his head and recites this prayer:

PRIEST: *O Lord, stretch forth Thy hand from Thy holy dwelling place on high, and strengthen me for this, Thine appointed service, that standing without condemnation before Thy throne, I may offer the bloodless sacrifice. For Thine is the power and the glory unto ages of ages. Amen.*

They turn and bow to the people, then enter the sanctuary saying:

DEACON: *I will enter Thy house, I will worship toward Thy holy temple in the fear of Thee. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of my enemies; make my way straight before Thee. For there is no truth in their mouth; their heart is destruction, their throat is an open sepulchre, they flatter with their tongue. Judge them, O God, let them fall by their own counsels; because of their many transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against Thee. But let all who take refuge in Thee rejoice, let them always sing for joy; and do Thou dwell in them, that those who love Thy name may exult in Thee. For Thou blessest the righteous, O Lord, Thou coverest us with good will as with a shield.*

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They bow three times before the Altar, kiss the Holy Gospel, the Altar, and the Cross. Then each takes his robe (*stikharion*) and, bowing three times towards the East, says silently:

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy on me.

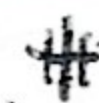
Vesting of Deacon

The deacon, with his robe and stole (*orarion*) in hand, goes to the priest and bows his head, saying:

DEACON: *Bless, Master, the robe and the stole.*

The priest blesses:

PRIEST: *Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*



DEACON: *Amen.*

The deacon goes to the side of the sanctuary. Vesting himself with the robe, he recites this prayer:

DEACON: *My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He has clothed me with the garment of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of gladness; as a bridegroom He has set a crown on me; and as a bride adorns herself with jewels, so He has adorned me.*

After kissing the stole, the deacon places it on his shoulder. As he puts on the cuffs, he recites the following:

DEACON: (Right) Thy right hand, O Lord, has been glorified in power. Thy right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemies. In the greatness of Thy majesty Thou hast overthrown Thy adversaries.

(Left) Thy hands have made and fashioned me. Give me understanding that I may learn Thy commandments.

Then the deacon goes to the Table of Preparation, and sets the Holy Vessels in place for the priest.

Vesting of Priest

The priest blesses his own robe:

PRIEST: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

He vests himself with the robe, saying:

PRIEST: My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He has clothed me with the garment of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of gladness; as a bridegroom He has set a crown on me; and as a bride adorns herself with jewels, so He has adorned me.

He blesses the stole, and says as he vests:

PRIEST: Blessed is God, who pours out His grace upon His priests, as myrrh upon the

head, that runs down the beard, the beard of Aaron, that runs down the border of his robe.

He blesses the belt, and says as he vests:

PRIEST: Blessed is God, who girds me with strength and makes my way blameless. He made my feet like hinds' feet, and set me secure on the heights.

As he puts on the cuffs, he recites the following:

PRIEST: (Right) Thy right hand, O Lord, has been glorified in power. Thy right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemies. In the greatness of Thy majesty Thou hast overthrown Thy adversaries.

(Left) Thy hands have made and fashioned me. Give me understanding that I may learn Thy commandments.

If he has been awarded the shield, he puts it on, saying:

PRIEST: Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and in Thy beauty. Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness. Thy right hand shall guide Thee wondrously always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

He blesses the chasuble (*phelonion*), and says as he vests:

PRIEST:

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Thy priests, O Lord, shall clothe themselves with righteousness, and Thy saints shall rejoice with joy always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Bring BOWL, WATER, TOWEL

The priest then washes his hands, saying:

PRIEST:

I wash my hands in innocence, and go about Thy altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of praise, and telling all Thy miracles. O Lord, I love the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwells. Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with blood-thirsty men, men in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. But as for me, I walk in my integrity; deliver me, and have mercy on me. My foot stands on level ground; in the churches I will bless the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF PREPARATION

The Liturgy of Preparation

Bowing three times before the Table of Preparation, the priest and deacon recite silently each time:

O God, cleanse me, a sinner, and have mercy on me.

Also: *By Thy precious Blood Thou hast redeemed us from the curse of the law. By being nailed to the Cross and pierced with a spear, Thou hast poured immortality upon men. O our Savior, glory to Thee!*

IF PRIEST
LIFTS HANDS,
CRAR UP

DEACON: *Bless, Master.*

PRIEST: *Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*

DEACON: *Amen.*

The priest takes the prosphora in his left hand and the spear in his right, and makes the Sign of the Cross over the seal three times, saying each time:

PRIEST: *In remembrance of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

The priest pierces the prosphora with the spear to the right of the seal, and cutting along the right side, says:

DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

PRIEST: *As a sheep led to the slaughter*

DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

Cutting the left side, the priest says:

PRIEST: *or a blameless lamb before its shearers is dumb, so He opens not His mouth.*

DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

Cutting the upper side:

PRIEST: *In His humiliation His judgment was taken away.*

DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

Cutting the lower side:

PRIEST: *Who shall declare His generation?*

The deacon then points to the Holy Bread with his hand and stole, and says:

DEACON: *Take up, Master.*

The priest, piercing the prosphora on the bottom right side and cutting, then lifts out the Holy Bread, saying:

PRIEST: *For His life is taken up from the earth.*

The priest inverts the Holy Bread, placing the seal upon the paten, while the deacon says:

DEACON: *Sacrifice, Master.*

The priest cuts the Holy Bread cross-wise, taking care not to cut through the seal, and says:

PRIEST: *Sacrificed is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, for the life of the world and its salvation.*

The priest inverts the Holy Bread again so that the seal is on top, while the deacon says:

DEACON: *Pierce, Master.*

The priest pierces the right side of the Holy Bread under the letters IC and says:

PRIEST: *One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness, and his witness is true.*

POUR WINE & WATER INTO CHALICE

The deacon takes the wine and water and says to the priest:

DEACON: *Bless, Master, the holy union.*

The deacon, after the priest's blessing, pours the blessed wine and water into the cup.

2nd The priest takes the second prosthora into his hand and says:

PRIEST: *In honor and memory of our most blessed Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary. Through her prayers, O Lord, accept this sacrifice upon Thy heavenly altar.*

The priest removes a triangular particle of the prosthora and places it on the right side of the Holy Bread, saying:

PRIEST: *The Queen stood on Thy right side, arrayed in golden robes, all glorious.*

3rd The priest takes the third prosthora and says:

PRIEST: *Of the honorable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John.*

The priest removes a particle and places it on the left side of the Holy Bread making it the first particle of the first row. Removing a second particle from this same prosthora and placing it below the first, he says:

PRIEST: *Of the holy and glorious prophets: Moses and Aaron, Elijah and Elisha, David and Jesse, the three holy children, Daniel the prophet, and all the holy prophets.*

Removing a third particle from this same prosthora and placing it below the second, he says:

PRIEST: *Of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles Peter and Paul, (of the Twelve and of the Seventy), and all the holy apostles.*

Removing a fourth particle from this same prosthora and placing it next to the first particle (thus making the top of a new row), he says:

PRIEST: *Of our fathers among the saints and hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; Athanasius and Cyril; Nicholas of Myra in Lycia; (Peter, Alexis, Jonah, and Philip of Moscow; Nicetas, Bishop of Novgorod; and Leontius, Bishop of Rostov;) and of all the holy hierarchs.*

Removing a fifth particle from this same prosthora and placing it below the fourth (second row), he says:

PRIEST:

Of the holy apostle and archdeacon, the First Martyr Stephen; of the holy Great Martyrs; Demetrius, George, Theodore of Tyre, and Theodore Stratelates. And of the Women Martyrs: Thecla, Barbara, Kyriake, Euphemia, Paraskeve, and Catherine. And of all the holy martyrs.

Removing a sixth particle from this same prosphora, and placing it below the fifth (second row) he says:

PRIEST:

Of the venerable and God-bearing Fathers: Anthony, Euthymius, Sabbas, Onuphrius; Athanasius of Athos, (Anthony and Theodosius of the Caves in Kiev; Sergius of Radonezh and Seraphim of Sarov, and Barlaam of Khutinsk). Of the venerable Mothers: Pelagia, Theodosia, Anastasia, Eupraxia, Fevronia, Theodulia, Euphrosyne, and Mary of Egypt. And of all the holy and venerable Fathers and Mothers.

Removing a seventh particle from this same prosphora, and placing it next to the fourth (thus making another row), he says:

PRIEST:

Of the holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries: Cosmas and Damian, Cyrus and John, Panteleimon and Hermolaus, and of all the holy unmercenary saints.

Removing an eighth particle from this same prosphora and placing it below the seventh (third row), he says:

PRIEST:

Of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of Saint _____ (of the church); and of Saint _____, whom we commemorate today; (of the holy Methodius and Cyril, Equals to the Apostles and Teachers of the Slavs; of the holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles). And of all the saints; by their prayers visit us, O God.

Removing a ninth particle from this same prosphora and placing it below the eighth (third row), he says:

PRIEST:

Of our fathers among the saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

The priest takes a particle from the fourth prosphora, and placing it at the foot of the Holy Bread (at the letters NIKA), he says:

PRIEST:

Remember, O Master, who lovest mankind the whole Episcopate of the Orthodox Church, Our Metropolitan _____, our Bishop _____, the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, the whole priestly and monastic order; all of our brotherhood, which Thou hast called into Thy communion through Thy compassion, O gracious Master.

The priest then remembers any other living faithful, removing a particle from this fourth prosphora for each and placing it next to the first, saying with each name:

PRIEST: Remember, O Lord, Thy servant (handmaid) _____.

The priest takes a particle from the fifth prosphora, and placing it below the above row, remembers the departed, saying:

PRIEST: In blessed memory and for the remission of sins of the most holy patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, and all monastics; and of all Orthodox and God-fearing rulers; and of all blessed founders of this holy church (or holy monastery).

The priest then remembers any other departed faithful, removing a particle from this fifth prosphora for each and placing it next to the first, saying with each name:

PRIEST: Remember, O Lord, Thy servant (handmaid) _____.

When he finishes remembering the departed, the priest says this prayer:

GET CENSER

PRIEST: Remember all of our Orthodox fathers and brethren who have departed in the hope of resurrection to eternal life in Thy communion, O Lord who lovest mankind.

The priest then remembers the bishop who ordained him, and concludes the remembrance:

PRIEST: Remember, O Lord, my unworthiness also, and forgive me all my sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

The deacon presents the censer to the priest, saying:

DEACON: Bless, Master, the censer. Let us pray to the Lord.

The priest recites the Prayer of Incense:

PRIEST: We offer Thee incense, O Christ our God, for an odor of spiritual fragrance. Receive it upon Thy heavenly altar, and send down upon us in return the grace of Thine all-holy Spirit.



DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord. HOLD CENSER

The priest censers the star and places it over the Holy Bread, saying:

COVER CENSE STAR

PRIEST: And the star came and stood over the place where the young child was.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

The priest censers the first veil and places it over the paten, saying:

PRIEST: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, He is girded with strength. The world is established; it shall never be moved. Thy throne is established from of old; Thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O God, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods have lifted up their roaring. Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty. Thy decrees are very sure; holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, for evermore.

COVER
CENSE
DISKUS
VEIL

DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord. Cover, Master.*

The priest censes the second veil and places it over the chalice, saying:

PRIEST: *Thy virtue has covered the heavens, O Christ, and the earth is full of Thy praise.*

COVER
CENSE
CHALICE
VEIL

DEACON: *Let us pray to the Lord. Cover, Master.*

The priest censes the large veil and places it over both the paten and the chalice, saying:

PRIEST: *Cover us with the shelter of Thy wings, and drive away from us every foe and adversary. Give peace to our lives, O Lord, have mercy on us and on Thy world, and save our souls, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.*

COVER
CENSE
AER

⊕ *Always, now & ever ...*

The priest then takes the censer and censes the Offerings, saying three times:

CENSE X3

PRIEST: *Blessed is our God, who is thus well-pleased: Glory to Thee.*

After each of the above, the deacon concludes:

DEACON: ⊕ *Always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Both bow before the Offerings three times. The deacon then takes the censer from the priest and says:

DEACON: *For the precious gifts now offered, let us pray to the Lord.*

RAISE
ORAR

PRIEST:

O God, our God, who didst send the Heavenly Bread, the food of the whole world, our Lord and God Jesus Christ, to be our Savior, Redeemer, and Benefactor, blessing and sanctifying us: Bless this Offering, and accept it upon Thy heavenly altar. Remember those who offered it and those for whom it was offered, for Thou art good and lovest mankind. Preserve us blameless in the celebration of Thy divine mysteries. For sanctified and glorified is Thy most honorable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The priest then concludes the Liturgy of Preparation with the Dismissal:

PRIEST: *Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!*

DEACON: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. (3) Father, bless.

PRIEST: (Sundays: *May He who rose from the dead Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most pure Mother; of our father among the saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; and*

of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

The deacon censes the Offering; then he goes to the altar and censes around it cross-wise, saying:

DEACON: *In the tomb with the body/and in hell with the soul/in paradise with the thief/and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit/wast Thou, O boundless Christ, filling all things.* **TOBL**

Then he recites Psalm 51 (50) ("Have mercy on me, O God") as he censes the iconostas, the church, the altar again, and the priest. He gives the censer to a server, and joins the priest before the altar. They bow three times while saying:

OPEN RD O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men. (2)

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

The priest kisses the Holy Gospel; the deacon, the altar. The deacon then bows his head to the priest and says:

IF NO DEACON SERVING, GO TO "BLESSED IS THE KINGDOM..."

Get Blessing w/ ORAR for the LORD to act.

DEACON: It is time to begin the service to the Lord. Bless, Master.

The priest blesses him, saying:

PRIEST: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Pray for me, Master. **START WALKING**

PRIEST: May the Lord direct your steps.

DEACON: Remember me, holy Master.

PRIEST: May the Lord God remember you in His Kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

The deacon leaves the sanctuary. He goes before the Holy Doors, and bowing three times, says silently:

DEACON: O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. (X3)

ORDER FOR CENSING - RD Closed

[A] (TOBL) IP & S

then: P, Clergy, Servers

→ OUT DDoors: Iconos. - RD R, Rside, Oside (FESTAL icon)

CHURCH R, Rside, Oside, A, AMBO, CONGREG & CHOIR

then: RD R & O

→ IN DDoors [A] P