THANKSGIVING DAY DIVINE LITURGY

ANTIPHON I: (Psalm 67:1, 6, 3, 7)

May God show kindness and bless us and make his face smile on us!

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

The soil has given its harvest, God, our God, has blessed us.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

Let the nations praise you God, let all the nations praise you.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

May God bless us, and let him be feared to the very ends of the earth.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

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

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Birthgiver of God, O Savior, save us!

ANTIPHON II: (Psalm 145:10, 15, 19, 21)

Lord, all your creatures thank you, and your faithful bless you.

Through the intercessions of all your saints, O Savior, save us!

Patiently all creatures look to you to feed them throughout the year.

Through the intercessions of all your saints, O Savior, save us!
ANTIPHON II (Continued):

Those who fear him need only to ask to be answered; he hears their cries for help and preserves them.

Through the intercessions of all your saints, O Savior, save us!

The Lord's praise be ever in my mouth, and let every creature bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Through the intercessions of all your saints, O Savior, save us!

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

Through the intercessions of all your saints, O Savior, save us!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and Word of God, who are immortal and deigned for our salvation to be incarnate of the holy Birthgiver of God and ever-virgin Mary, who without change became man and being crucified, O Christ God, you trampled death by death. You that are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

ANTIPHON III: (Psalm 65:4, 9, 11)

Fill us with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Give victory to Orthodox Christians over the enemy and preserve your people by your cross.

You visit the earth and water it, you load it with riches: God's rivers brim with water to provide their grain.

O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Give victory to
ANTIPHON III (Continued):

Orthodox Christians over the enemy
and preserve your people by your
cross.

You crown the year with your bounty, abundance
flows wherever you pass!

O Lord, save your people and bless
your heritage. Give victory to
Orthodox Christians over the enemy
and preserve your people by your
cross.

The meadows are dressed in flocks, the valleys
are clothed in wheat; what shouts of joy, what
singing!

O Lord, save your people and bless
your heritage. Give victory to
Orthodox Christians over the enemy
and preserve your people by your
cross.

ENTRANCE HYMN: (Psalm 66) (Psalm 67:6,7)

Priest:
Acclaim the Lord, all the earth, serve the
Lord gladly, come into his presence with
songs of joy!

People:
The soil has given its harvest, God, our God,
has blessed us. May God bless us, and let
him be feared to the very ends of the earth.

Tropar:

O Lord, save your people and bless your
heritage. Give victory to Orthodox
Christians over the enemy and preserve
your people by your cross.

Kontak:

O Christ God, who of your own free will,
was lifted up onto the cross. Bestow your
mercy upon the new people that bear your
name. Make Orthodox Christians glad in
your power, giving them victory over the
enemy. That thus your help shall be a
weapon of peace and uncontestable victory.
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EPISTLE:

Prokimenon: (Psalm 145:7)
They will celebrate your generous kindness
and joyfully acclaim your righteousness.

Verse: (Psalm 145:12)
Let mankind learn your acts of power, and
the majestic glory of your sovereignty!

The Reading is from the letter of James (1:16-27)

Make no mistake about this, my dear brothers:
it is all that is good, everything that is perfect,
which is given us from above; it comes down from
the Father of all light; with him there is no such
thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his
own choice he made us his children by the message
of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-
fruits of all that he created.

Remember this, my dear brothers: be quick to
listen but slow to speak and slow to rouse your
temper; God's righteousness is never served by
man's anger; so do away with all the impurities
and bad habits that are left still in you---ac-
cept and submit to the word which has been planted
in you and can save your souls. But you must do
what the word tells you, and not just listen to
it and deceive yourselves. To listen to the word
and not obey is like looking at your own features
in a mirror and then, after a quick look, going
off and immediately forgetting what you looked
like. But the man who looks steadily at the per-
fect law of freedom and makes that his habit---
not listening and then forgetting, but actively
putting into practice---will be happy in all that
he does.

Nobody must imagine that he is religious
while he still goes on deceiving himself and not
keeping control over his tongue; anyone who does
this has the wrong idea of religion. Pure, unspoilt
religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this:
coming to the help of orphans and widows when they
need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the
world.

Alleluia Verses:

Let the nations praise you, O God, let all the
nations praise you! (Psalm 67:3)
Alleluia Verses (Continued):

Let the nations shout and sing for joy, since you dispense true justice to the world! (Psalm 67:4)

The earth will acknowledge your ways and all the nations will know of your power to save. (Psalm 67:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (6:25-34).

And Jesus said to the crowds, "That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his life span? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God cloths the grass of the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will be not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say: 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?' It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

COMMUNION HYMN: Tone 8 (Psalm 1:5)

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their message to the ends of the world. Alleluia.