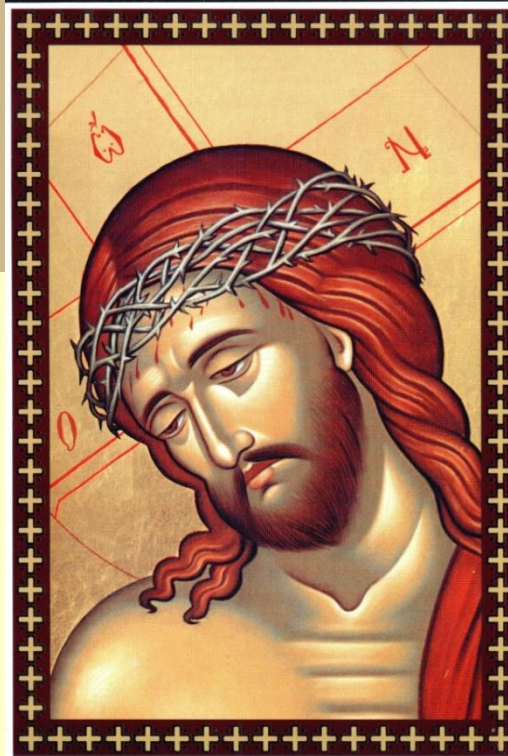


# Introduction to Liturgical Services

## The Divine Liturgy

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Wine → His Blood  
(Jn.17:1) "My hour has come"

Water → Wine  
(Jn.2:4) "My hour has not come"



# Our Lord Jesus Christ Instituting the Eucharist



(1co 11:23- 25) “That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took **bread**; And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “Take, eat; this is **My body** which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me”. In the same manner He also took **the cup** after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in **My blood**. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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- ◆ **The popular liturgies used by our Coptic Church:**
  - ◆ **The Liturgy of St. Basil.**
  - ◆ **The Liturgy of St. Gregory.**
  - ◆ **The Liturgy of St. Cyril.**

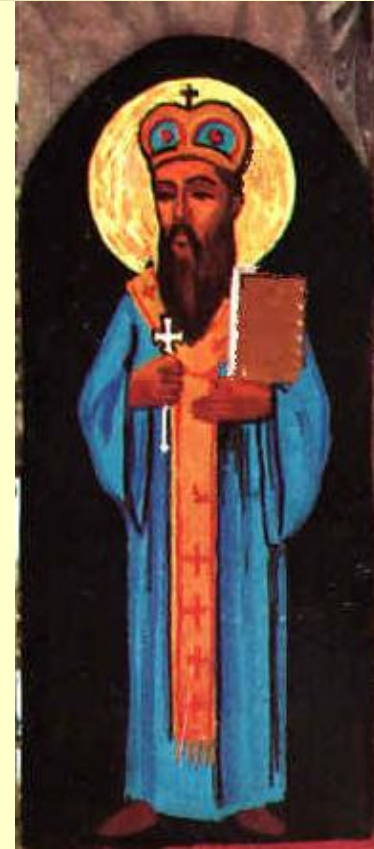
# The Eucharistic Liturgy



St. Cyril the Great



St. Gregory the  
Nazianzen



St. Basil the Great

# Liturgy of St. Basil

## The Prayer of Reconciliation:

"O God, the Great, the Eternal, who formed man in incorruption; ..."  
Worship God in fear and trembling.

# Liturgy of St. Gregory

## The Prayer of Reconciliation:

"O You, THE BEING, who were and who abide forever, ... and co-creator with the Father"  
Worship the Lamb, the Logos of God.

# Liturgy of St. Cyril

## The Prayer of Reconciliation:

"O God of love and giver of the oneness of hearts..."  
Worship God in fear.



# The Eucharistic Liturgy

☐ Liturgy:

is from the Greek word **Leitourgia** = public service.  
Liturgy = Leites (Public) + Ourgia (service).



**☐ Rites = “Tuks”**

**from the Greek word ‘taxis’= System.**

**The System of the Holy Service = The Holy symbolical movements, performance, recitation of verbal prayers, the performing of the holy symbols, the shape of the church, utensils, the ranks of the priests and the garments they wear, every motion and/or action.**

**(1 Cor. 14:40) "Let all things done decently and in order"**





## Litanies = Intercessory Prayer [audible or In-audible].

- ◆ **The litany of the Reposed** is prayed during Vespers, that is at sun-set, to remind the believers that our lives on earth shall one day come to an end
- ◆ **The litany of the Sick** is said in the morning because the church is like a hospital which opens it's door for the sick and cures them, as St. John Chrysostom described it.
- ◆ **The litany of the Travelers** is prayed in the morning because, in the past, people would only travel in the morning light when it was safe to do so.  
"When the sun rises man goes out to his work and to his labour until the evening" (Ps. 104:22-23)

## The short Litanies;

- 1. Remember, O Lord, the peace of Your one,... Church.*
- 2. Remember, O Lord, our blessed ... Papa abba ....*
- 3. Remember, O Lord, the orthodox hegumens, priests...*
- 4. Remember, O Lord, to have mercy upon us all.*
- 5. Remember, O Lord, the salvation of this Yours holy place.*
- 6. Graciously accord, O Lord, to bless (Waters- Plants- air)  
Lord have mercy x3*
- 7. Remember, O Lord, Assemblies, ...bless them.  
Lord have mercy*

Liturgy of St. Basil            7 Litanies

Liturgy of St. Gregory        10 Litanies

Liturgy of St. Cyril            17 Litanies

# The procession of Incense



**After the priest finishes praying the Litanies.**

**@ the door of the sanctuary: East**

1- We worship You O Christ our God, with Your gracious Father and the Holy Spirit, for You have come and saved us.

2- But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy ...

3- Before the angels I will sing praises to You ...

**@ the Virgin's icon: North**

We greet you with Gabriel the angel, saying "Peace be with you, O full of grace, the Lord is with you"

**@ Toward the people West**

Hail to the hosts of angels and my father the apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints.

**@ St John the Baptist icon South**

Hail to John, son of Zacharias, hail to the priest the son of the High.

☐ Anamnesis = a Greek word = re-  
calling or re-enacting.

◇ For every time you shall eat of this Bread & drink of this cup you;

*Amen x 3*

1. Preach My death. *We preach Your death.*
2. Confess My resurrection. *Your Holy resurrection*
3. Remember Me until I come. *We remember You till  
You come. (2nd coming)*

*We praise You (O Lord God the Father)*

*We bless You (O Christ the Son God)*

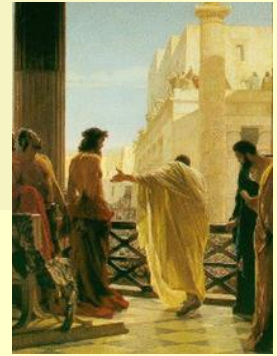
*We thank You (O Holy Spirit for your gifts)*

• Eucharist is an anamnesis of the redeeming action of Christ in the mysterious sense that it is still active and continuous.



# Nine hours of abstaining

= the Lord's nine hours of sufferings on the day of crucifixion



9 a.m. = 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Beginning of Trail



12 p.m. = 6<sup>th</sup> Hour The Crucifixion



3 p.m. = 9<sup>th</sup> Hour gave up His Spirit

5 p.m. = 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Taken from the Cross



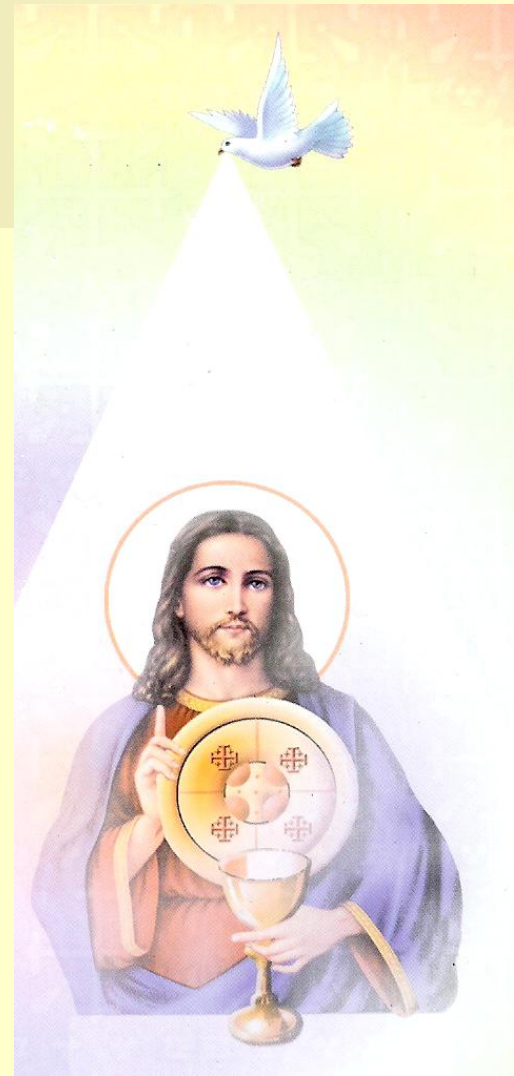
6 p.m. = 12<sup>th</sup> hour Burial of Christ





## The Divine Liturgy

- ◆ Raising of the Incense  
Vespers / Matins.
- ◆ The Preparatory.
- ◆ The Offertory.
- ◆ The Catechumen.  
(The Liturgy of the word)
- ◆ The Anaphora.  
(The Liturgy of the faithful)



The upper room in Zion:  
(Mark 14:15) "A large upper room furnished and prepared"

# ❄ Raising of Incense



- ❑ Raising the incense is an angelical praises
- ❑ The incense altar was outside the Holy of Holies.
- ❑ The veil (Christ body torn down via the cross).
  - (Heb. 10:20) "the veil, that is to say, His flesh"

## THE ALTAR OF INCENSE

- ❑ Raising the incense can be performed on its own (blessing), but its mandatory prior to liturgies at least prime incense.





† If there is another priest present, the priest goes to the priest & takes his blessing before beginning the procession.



# The Preparatory

## 1. Clergy dressing:



## 2. Altar preparation



## 3. The prayer of the hours:

THE AGPEYA



The Coptic Prayer Book  
Of the Seven Hours

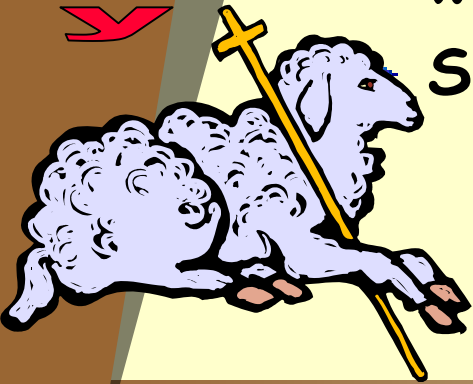


## 4. Priest washing his hands 3X :

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- 1. Selection of the Lamb.
- 2. Baptism of the Lamb, wrapping the Lamb, cross on the Lamb. "Glory & Honor"
- 3. Burial of the Lamb. (Purling the wine / water Abrospherin & Seal )  
Servant Absolution.



**“May the Lord choose a Lamb without blemish”**



**Jacob's Blessing**



**Selection of the Lamb**



# The Offertory

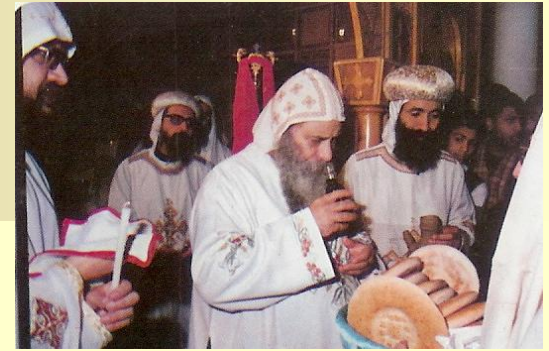
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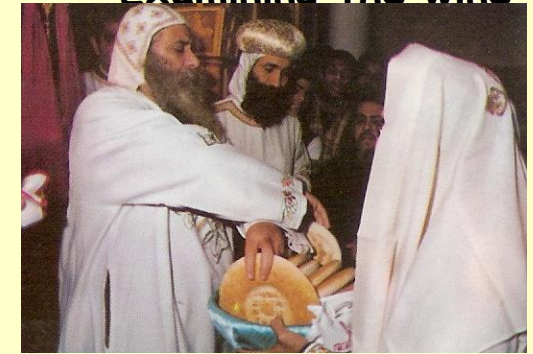
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Sacrifice of Melchizedick Round /5 holes

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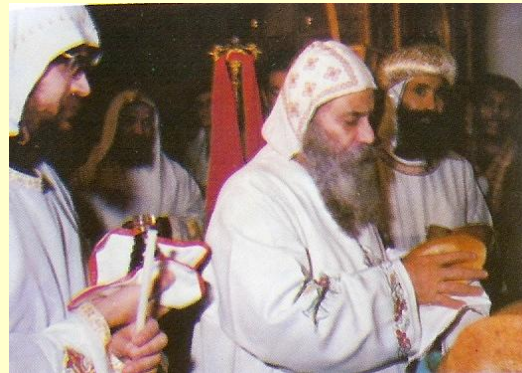
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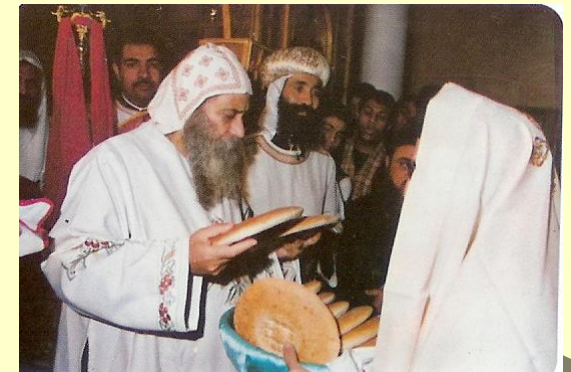
Jacob blessing



Sacrifice of Abraham



Sacrifice of glory



Comparing the Korban



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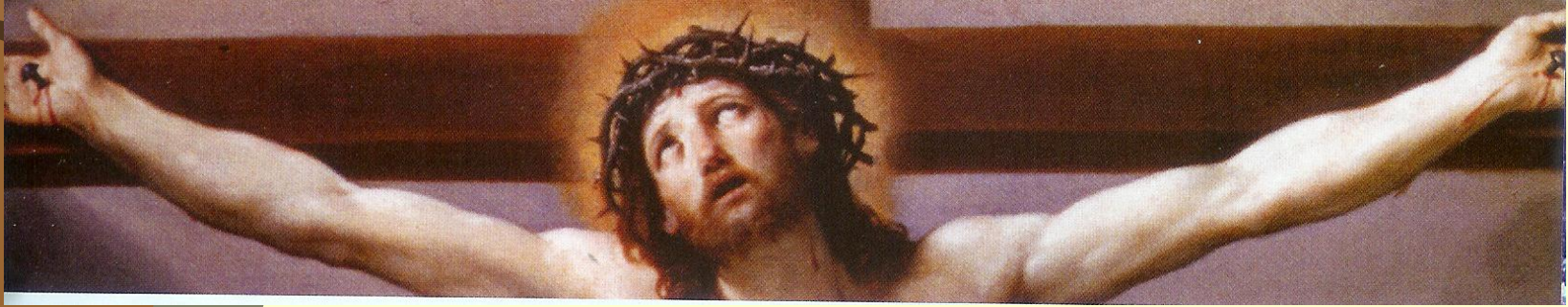
**Baptism of the Lamb.**



**Glory & Honor**

**wrapping  
the Lamb**





+ Cross on  
the Lamb.  
+The Lamb on  
the Cross.



Glory & Honor

# Burial of the Lamb







Servant Absolution

# The Liturgy of The Word Catechumen

## 1. The Katameros readings:

1. The Pauline Incense
2. The Catholicon (Reading)
3. The Praxis Round of Incense
4. The Synaxarium

## 2. The Gospel:

1. The Litany of The Gospel
2. Gospel round around the Altar
3. Psalm & Gospel

## 3. Concluding the Catechumen:

1. The Sermon
2. The Prayer of the Veil
3. Asking Forgiveness
4. The three long Litanies

# The Catechumen

Readings from the Katameros:

## 1. The Pauline Letters

[1st rounds of incense during the reading of the Pauline] (3X+1return)

## 2. The Catholicon

[No round of incense]

## 3. The Book of Acts (The Praxis)

[A second round (3X)of incense during the reading of the Praxis]

## 4. The Synaxarium

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal ...

