

DIVINE LITURGY

I. PREPARATION

1. **Vesting** (Performed privately, while “Khorhourt Khorin” is sung) *pg 1-4*
2. **Purification**
 - a. Washing of hands *pg 4-5*
 - b. Priest confesses his sinfulness to faithful, asking them to pray for him *pg 5-6*
3. **Accession** (Priest ascends to the altar) *pg 6-7*
4. **Prothesis**
 - a. Priest receives the gifts of the people (bread and wine) *pg 8-10*
 - b. Priest offers the gifts to God *pg 10-11*

Curtain closed symbolizing the mystery of the Incarnation.

II. SYNAXIS

1. **Censing** (Curtain is opened and priest and deacons walk among the people) *pg 11*
2. **Enarxis** (Kingdom of God is declared) *pg 11-13*
3. **Lesser Entrance** (Sourp Asdvadz is sung while the deacon brings the Gospel) *pg 13-17*
4. **Lectio**s (Readings from Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel) *pg 17-18*
5. **The Creed** (Recitation of fundamentals of our faith) *pg 18-19*
6. **Prayers After the Lectio**s (This concludes the Synaxis or teaching part of the Liturgy) *pg 19-22*

III. EUCHARIST or SACRIFICE

1. OFFERTORY “Took”

- a. **The Great Entrance** (Priest takes off his crown and slippers. Deacon brings the Gifts) *pg 22-25*
- b. **Laying of the Gifts** (Gifts are placed on the altar) *pg 25-26*
- c. **The Kiss of Peace** (The Church and faithful are one body. The faithful kiss and hug each other showing true love saying, “Krisdos ee mech mer haydnetsav/Christ is revealed amongst us” with the response, “Orhnyal eh haydnoutyunn Krisdosi/Blessed is the revelation of Christ”) *pg 27*

2. EUCHARISTIA “Gave Thanks”

- a. **Prologue** (Thanksgiving is given) *pg 28-30*
- b. **Anamnesis** (while “Sourp, Sourp” is sung, the priest repeats Christ’s words of institution, “Take, eat...”) *pg 30-32*
- c. **Epiclesis** (Priest prays for the Holy Spirit to descend into the Gifts and to make them the Body and Blood of Christ) *pg 33-34*
- d. **Diptychs** (The Church Militant remember and unite with the Church Triumphant) *pg 35-39*
- e. **Lord’s Prayer** (We have become children of God, calling out, “Our Father”) *pg 41*
- f. **Inclination** (The Priest with faithful all bow, showing their humility) *pg 41-42*
- g. **Elevation** (Raising of the Body and Blood) *pg 42*
- h. **Doxology** (Glorifying the Holy Trinity) *pg 43-44*

3. FRACTION “Broke”

- a. **Intinction** (Spiritual baptism in the life-giving Blood) *pg 44*
- b. **Fraction** (Priest breaks up bread for Holy Communion) *pg 45*

4. COMMUNION “Ate”

- a. **Prayer before Holy Communion** (Joy and thanks) *pg 45-46*
- b. **The Tasting** (Curtains open) *pg 45-47; 49-50*
- c. **Thanksgiving** (Curtains Closed) *pg 50-52*

The curtain is closed. At this point, “Der Voghormya” is inserted which is not traditionally part of the Divine Liturgy.

IV. DISMISSAL

1. **Prayer amid the Church** (Priest descends from altar) *pg 52-53*
2. **Final Gospel** (John 1:1-12; reminding us how Christ became incarnate for us) *pg 53-55*
3. **Final Blessing and Dismissal** (The faithful kiss the Gospel and take “mahs” for those that could not come to the Liturgy) *pg 55*