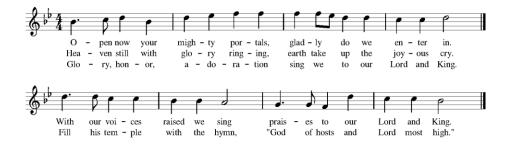
Blessing and Dedication of the Sts. Sergius and Bacchus Chapel



"' God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.""

Opening Hymn

Open Now Your Mighty Portals



The chapel blessing begins outside the Iconostasis doors. The celebrant greets the people, saying:

Greeting

 \tilde{V} . In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Ř. Amen.

 \tilde{V} . The grace and peace of God be with all of you in his holy place..

R. And also with you.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Blessing and Springling with Holy Water

Then the celebrant blesses water with which to sprinkle the people as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of their baptism, and to purify the walls of the chapel.

 \tilde{V} Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is a day of rejoicing. For we have come together to offer this new chapel to God.

We ask that he bless us with his grace and, by his power, bless this gift of water. As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this chapel, may it become a sign of our repentance, a reminder of our baptism, and a symbol of the cleansing of these walls. But first let us call to mind that we ourselves, who are bound here in faith and love, are the living Church, set in the world, as a sign and witness of God's love for all.

All pray in silence for a brief period. The celebrant then continues:

V God of mercy, you call every creature to the light of life, and surround us with such great love that when we stray you continually lead us back to Christ our head.

For you have established an inheritance of such mercy, that those sinners, who pass through water made sacred, die with Christ and rise restored as members of his body and heirs of his eternal covenant.

Bless + this water; sanctify it.

As it is sprinkled upon us and throughout this chapel make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism, by which we become one in Christ, the temple of your Spirit.

May all here today and all those in days to come, who will celebrate your mysteries in this chapel, be united at last in the holy city of your peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

🕅 Amen.

Blessing of the Iconostasis

O Lord our God, you created us after your own Image and Likeness; you redeemed us from our sins through the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, he took upon himself the form of a servant and became man; and through him we are refashioned in your own blessed image;

We venerate your saints as showing us your image and likeness, and we adore and glorify you as our Creator. Therefore, we pray you, send forth your blessing upon this Iconostasis, and with the sprinkling of blessed water bless and make holy these Icons to your glory, in honor and remembrance of your Saints.

And grant that this blessing will come upon all who venerate these Icons, and offer their prayers to you as they contemplate them.

Through the grace and love of your only begotten Son, with whom you are blessed together with your Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and forever.

R Amen.

The celebrant sprinkles each icon with holy water.

Bless this Icon of [*Name*] and make it holy by the power of your Spirit, through the sprinkling of this blessed water: in the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessing of the Chapel and Altar

When the blessing of the Iconostasis is finished, the doors are opened and the celebrant sprinkles the people then passes through the chapel, sprinkling the walls with the holy water; then he sprinkles the altar. After the sprinkling the celebrant goes to the chair and says:

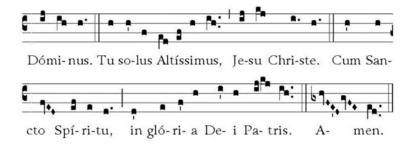
³ May God, the Father of mercies, dwell in this place of prayer.
May the grace of the Holy Spirit cleanse us, for we are the temple of his presence.

🕅 Amen.

Gloria



se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni- am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus



Opening Prayer

V. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord,

Fill this place with your presence, and extend your hand to all those who call upon you.

May your word here proclaimed and your sacraments here celebrated strengthen the hearts of all the faithful.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

The whole people gathered as one in the open space before the Water Gate, and they called upon Ezra the scribe to bring forth the book of the law of Moses which the LORD prescribed for Israel. On the first day of the seventh month, therefore, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak until midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it (for he was standing higher up than any of the people); and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen. amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. As the people remained in their places, Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!" And the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Hush, for today is holy, and you must not be saddened." Then all the people went to eat and drink, to distribute portions, and to celebrate with great joy, for they understood the words that had been expounded to them.

 \dot{V} . This is the Word of the Lord.

Ř. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19:8-10,15)



The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

Ř. Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

Ř. Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my hear; find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Ř. Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Reading 2 (I Cor 3:9-13, 16-17)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: You are God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person: For the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

 \tilde{V} . This is the Word of the Lord.

Ř. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Ez 37:27)

"Alleluia" is not said during Lent



My dwelling-place shall be with them, says the Lord And I will be their God and they will be my people.



Gospel (*Jn 4*, 19-24)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

 \dot{V} . A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

The celebrant and the people trace the cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

Ř. Glory to you Lord.

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

 \tilde{V} . This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Ř. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

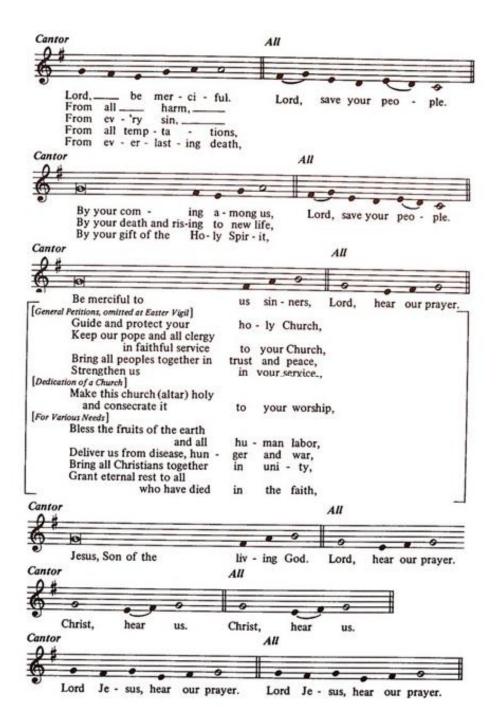


DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL

Litany of the Saints

 \tilde{V} . Let us ask the saints to support our prayers to God the Father almighty, who has made the hearts of his people faithful temples of his Spirit.

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Blessed Kateri Tekak -	with - a,	
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 \tilde{V} Lord, may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints make our prayers acceptable to you.

May this chapel, which we dedicate to your name, be a house of salvation and grace where Christians gathered in fellowship may worship you in spirit and in truth and grow together in love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

🕅 Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Father in heaven, source of holiness and true purpose, it is right that we praise and glorify your name.

For today we come before you to dedicate to your lasting service this place of prayer, this temple of worship, this sanctuary in which we are nourished by your word and your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.

The Church is fruitful, made holy by the blood of Christ: a bride made radiant with his glory, a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith, a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy, your chosen vineyard: its branches envelop the world, its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross, reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favored, the dwelling place of God on earth: a temple built of living stones, founded on the apostles with Jesus Christ as its corner stone. The Church is exalted, a city set on a mountain: a beacon to the whole world, bright with the glory of the Lamb, and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord,

send your Spirit from heaven to make this chapel an ever-holy place, and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism overwhelm the shame of sin; here may your people die to sin and live again through grace as your children.

Here may your children, gathered around your altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb, and be fed at the table of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may prayer, the Church's banquet, resound through heaven and earth as a plea for the world's salvation.

Here may the poor find justice, the victims of oppression, true freedom.

From here may the whole world clothed in the dignity of the children of God, enter with gladness your city of peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Blessing of the Chrism

The celebrant comes to the table before the altar where he pours the prepared essential oils into the cruet of olive oil.

 V Let us pray that God our almighty Father will bless this oil so that all who are anointed with it may be inwardly transformed and come to share in eternal salvation.

After a moment of silent prayer, the consecratory prayer is offered.

Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given us in your love: we thank you for life itself and for the sacraments that strengthen it and give it fuller meaning.

In the Old Covenant you gave your people a glimpse of the power of this holy oil and when the fullness of time had come you brought that mystery to perfection in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

By his suffering, dying, and rising to life he saved the human race. He sent your Spirit to fill the Church with every gift needed to complete your saving work.

From that time forward, through the sign of holy chrism, you dispense your life and love to all. By anointing them with the Spirit, you strengthen all who have been reborn in baptism. Through that anointing you transform them into the likeness of Christ your Son and give them a share in his royal, priestly, and prophetic work.

Extending his hand toward the chrism, the celebrant continues.

And so, Father, by the power of your love, make this mixture of oil and perfume a sign and source † of your blessing. Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on our brothers and sisters who will be anointed with it. Let the splendor of holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil.

Above all, Father, we pray that through this sign of your anointing you will grant increase to your Church until it reaches the eternal glory where you, Father, will be the all in all, together with Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

R Amen.

Anointing of the Altar and Walls

The celebrant, standing before the altar says:

We now anoint this altar and this chapel.My God in his power make them holy,visible signs of the mystery of Christ and his Church.

The celebrant anoints the altar and then the walls of the chapel.

Incensing of the Altar and Chapel

When the anointing is finished, the celebrant places the censer on the altar and puts incense into it. He prays:

V Lord, may our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.

As this building is filled with fragrance so may your Church fill the world with the fragrance of Christ.

He incenses the altar; then incenses the people and the main body of the chapel. The altar is covered with a cloth and the candles needed for the celebration of Mass are arranged and lit.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

If an **Offertory Hymn** is played or sung, omit the following.

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Ř. Blessed be God for ever.

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Ř. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

 \dot{V} . Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

V Lord. accept the gifts of your Church which we offer with joy. May all your people gathered in this holy place come to eternal salvation by these mysteries.

Grant this through Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

Preface and Sanctus (Dedication of a Church)



R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father of holiness and power, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, your Son. For you have blessed this work of our hands and your presence makes it a sanctuary of prayer; nor do you ever refuse us welcome when we come in before you as your pilgrim people.

In this house you realize the mystery of your dwelling among us; for in shaping us here as your holy temple you enrich your whole Church, which is the very body of Christ, and thus bring to fulfillment the vision of your peace, the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

And so, with all your angels and saints, who stand in your temple of glory, we praise you and give you thanks, as we sing:

Sanctus VIII (De Angelis)



in nómi-ne Dómi-ni. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

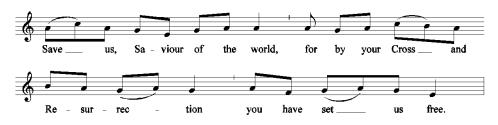
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer (I)

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The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

 \tilde{V} . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

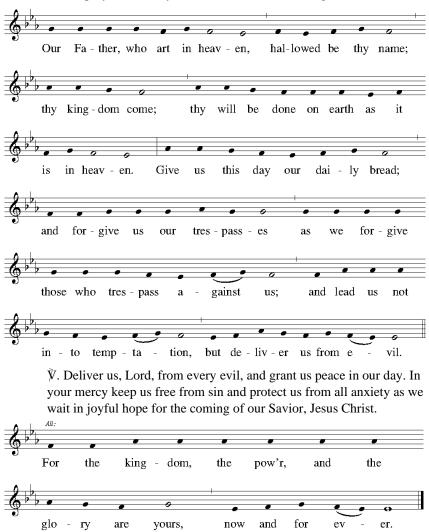
Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord's Prayer

 \dot{V} . We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



<math> V. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

Ř. Amen.

Exchange of Peace

 \tilde{V} . The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

 \tilde{V} . Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:

Agnus Dei VIII (De Angelis)



 \tilde{V} . This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Ř. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

To those receiving Communion, the celebrant says:

℣. The body of Christ.

R. Amen.

Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament

After the communion, the blessed sacrament is left on the table of the altar. The celebrant says the following prayer after communion:

℣. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord, May your truth grow in our hearts by the holy gifts we receive. May we worship you always in your holy temple and come to rejoice with all the saints in your presence.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Ř. Amen.

When the prayer is completed, the celebrant places the blessed sacrament in the tabernacle, the door of which remains open. Then he puts incense in the censer, and incenses the blessed sacrament. Finally, after a brief period during which all pray in silence, the celebrant closes the door. The lamp, which will burn perpetually before the blessed sacrament is lit.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

 \tilde{V} . Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

V The Lord of earth and heaven has assembled us before him this day to dedicate this house of prayer.
May he fill us with the blessings of heaven.

R. Amen.

God the Father wills that all his children scattered through the world become one family in his Son.
May he make us his temple, the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

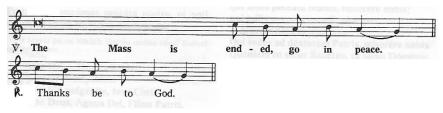
W May God free us from every bond of sin, dwell within us and give us joy.
May we live with him for ever in the company of all his saints.

R. Amen.

 \tilde{V} May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Dismissal



Closing Hymn

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

