

ΟΔΗΓΙΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΩΡΑΝ ΤΗΣ ΛΑΤΡΕΙΑΣ

Ἡ ὥρα τῆς προσευχῆς καὶ τῆς λατρείας στὴν ἐκκλησία εἶναι τὸ πιὸ σπουδαῖο ἔργο ποὺ κάνουμε ὅλοι μαζὺ σὰν Ὁρθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, ἐπομένως ὀφείλουμε ὅλοι νὰ κάνουμε τὸ πᾶν γιὰ νὰ ἐπικρατεῖ τάξη, ἡσυχία καὶ κατάνυξη κατὰ τὴν ἱερὰν ὥραν τῆς λατρείας, πρὸ οἰκοδομῆν ὄλων τῶν πιστῶν.

Πρὸ τὸν σκοπὸν αὐτὸν προσφέρουμε τῆ ὁδηγίης ποὺ ἀκολουθοῦν, μὲ τὴν θερμὴν παράκλησιν ὅπως τηρηθοῦν κατὰ τὸ δυνατόν.

Εἴσοδος εἶ τὸν ναὸν σημαίνει εἴσοδον εἶ τὸν οἶκον τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ τοῦτο ἀπαιτεῖ ἄψογον ἐξωτερικὴν συμπεριφορὰν στὸ λόγο, στὴ στάση, ἀλλὰ πιὸ πολὺ στὴν ἐσωτερικὴν μας κατάστασιν ποὺ θὰ μᾶς βοηθήσῃ νὰ εἰσέλθουμε σὲ μιὰ κατανυκτικὴ ἀτμόσφαιρα καὶ νὰ συμβάλουμε εἰς τὴν λατρείαν ποὺ καθιστὰ τὴν παρουσίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ὄλο καὶ πιὸ αἰσθητή.

Ἡ παράδοσιν τῆς Ἐκκλησίας ἀπαιτεῖ τὸ ἐκκλησίασμα νὰ εἶναι παρὸν ἀπὸ τὴν ἀρχὴν τῆς ἀκολουθίας. Εἶναι ἀταξία λοιπὸν νὰ μπαίνουμε στὴν ἐκκλησία μετὰ τὴν ἔναρξιν καὶ ἀργὰ ὅπως ἐπικρατεῖ ἀπὸ ἀρκετοὺς. Μόνον κατὰ ἐπιείκῃαν ἐπιτρέπεται ἢ εἴσοδος μετὰ τὴν ἔναρξιν τῆς λατρείας, καὶ ἐπομένως ὅταν μπαίνουμε ἀργὰ πρέπει νὰ εἴμαστε ἀκόμη πιὸ πολὺ προσεκτικοὶ νὰ μὴν ἐνοχλήσουμε τοὺς ἄλλους ἀδελφοὺς ποὺ ἤδη εἶναι στὴ θέσιν τους καὶ προσεύχονται.

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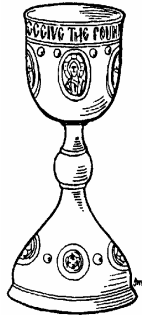
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There are several parts of the service during which no one should be moving about. Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed. These parts of the service are:



1. The Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Gospel;
2. The reading of the Gospel;
3. The Cherubic Hymn and the Great Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts;
4. The recitation of the Nicene Creed (in which the entire congregation should participate);
5. The prayers of offering "Take, eat..." and the prayers of the consecration of the Holy Gifts;
6. The Sermon;
7. Any special services (memorial services, processions, prayers).

One basic rule to follow is that, whenever the Priest is facing the people or outside of the altar, either with the censer or giving the blessing, everyone should stand wherever they are.

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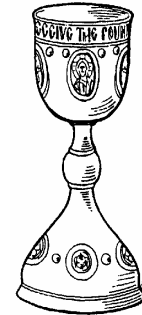
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