

Procession of the Holy Icons - Sunday of Orthodoxy

It is customary for the procession of the Holy Icons to take place immediately after the Prayer behind the Ambon in the following order:

- a. The Priest assigns laymen to carry the icons of Christ, the Theotokos and the Saints, preceded by the Altar boys who carry candles and the Cross, proceed from the Altar area as in the Great Entrance while the Choir sings "Holy God..." repeatedly.
- b. When the Priest reaches the Solea, the Choir sings the Troparion of the First Sunday of Lent: "Thy pure image we venerate..." (Nassar, 594; Kazan, Triod. Vol. 2:1 1)
- c. Then the Priest leads the faithful in reciting in a loud voice the excerpt from the Synodikon (Confession of Faith) of the Day of Orthodoxy as follows:

As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught,...as the Church has received... as the teachers have dogmatized,...as the Universe has agreed,... as Grace has shown forth,...as Truth has revealed,...as falsehood has been dissolved,...as Wisdom has presented,...as Christ Awarded,...thus we declare,...thus we assert,...thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor as Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.

(Louder) This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this is the Faith which has established the Universe.

- d. The Choir sings the Prokeimenon (three times): "Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art our God, who alone doest wonders."
- e. Troparion of the First Sunday in Lent: "Thy pure image do we venerate.."
- f. Dismissal as usual.