

The Divine Liturgy

Organization, Mechanics, Readings & Parts

St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church

The Divine Liturgy

Parts

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

Raising of the Incense

1. The Prayer of Thanksgiving
2. The Mystery of Incense
3. The major Litanies
4. The procession of Incense
5. EFNOTI NAI NAN
(Have mercy upon us ,O God)
6. Litany of the Gospel.
7. The 5 minor Litanies.
8. The 3 Absolutions .
9. The blessing and departure.

Evening & Morning



1. The Thanksgiving Prayer



•Every prayer starts with thanking the Lord.

(Eph. 5:20) "Giving thanks always for all things unto God "

•The priest stand outside God's door prostrates as a humble request that God accept his prayers, for himself and the people - bareheaded.

2. The Mystery of Incense

5 spoonful of incense.

1. Abel [offer the 1st born].
2. Noah [offer of every pure animal, bird].
3. Melchizedek [bread & wine].
4. Aaron [offer sacrifices for himself & his people].
5. Zacharias [offer incense in the sanctuary].

The priest goes around the altar 3 times with censer (silently praying)



3. The major Litanies



- **Pm Incense + am.SAT.**

The Litany of the departed (the Reposed)

- **Am Incense**

The Litanies of the sick (except Sat.)

The travelers (except Sun./ Feasts) w/o Oblations

The offering (@ the altar facing E)

- The priest offers incense while the congregation recites:
The Gloria - The Trisagion - Hail to you - The doxology
The introduction to the Creed - The Creed.

4. The Incense Circuit



Raising the incense:

out side the sanctuary

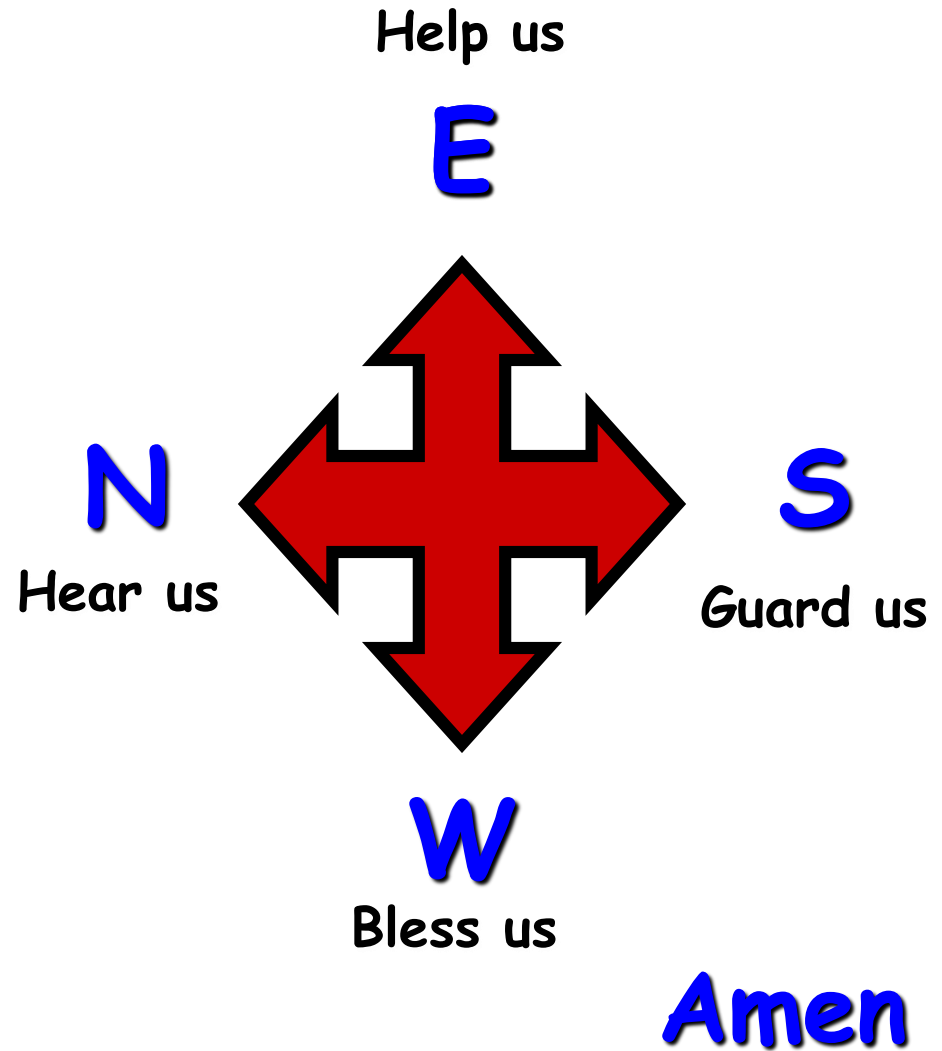
N (St.Mary) Hail you
O full of grace.

W Hail to the choir
of the angels.

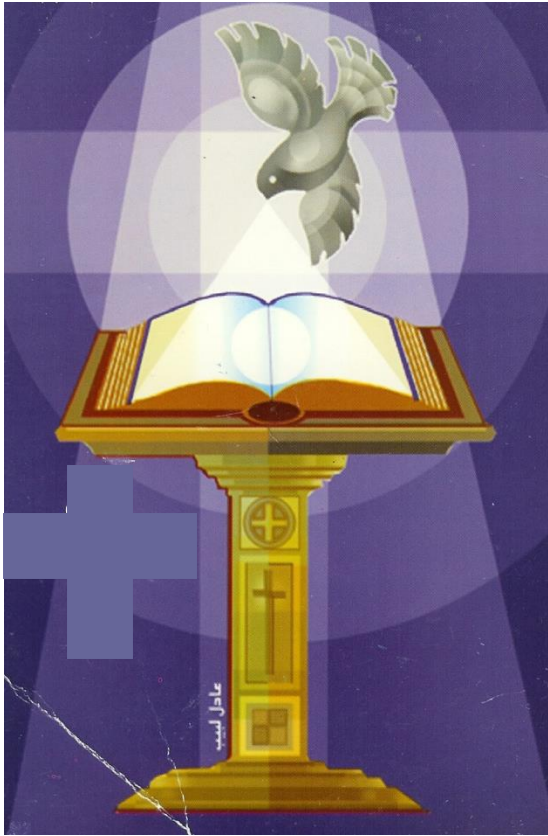
S Hail to John ... the
priest the son of the
priest.

E Let us worship our
Savior.

5. EFNOTI NAI NAN (Have mercy upon us, O God)



6. Litany of the Gospel



Pray for the holy gospel

Blessed be He who comes in the name of the Lord.



Prayer of Simon the Elder

- The priest goes around the alter with the censer saying; *"Lord, now You letting Your servant depart in peace."*

7. The 5 minor Litanies

Peace : Remember, O Lord, the peace of Your one,... Church.

Lord have mercy

Fathers: Remember, O Lord, our blessed ... Papa abba Shenouda the III and his spiritual brothers.

Lord have mercy

Holy places: Remember, O Lord, the salvation of this Yours holy place.

Lord have mercy

Waters, Plants, Fruits: Graciously accord, O Lord, to bless ...

Lord have mercy x3

Assemblies : Remember, O Lord, Assemblies, ...bless them.

Lord have mercy

+But let Your people be in blessing 1000's...

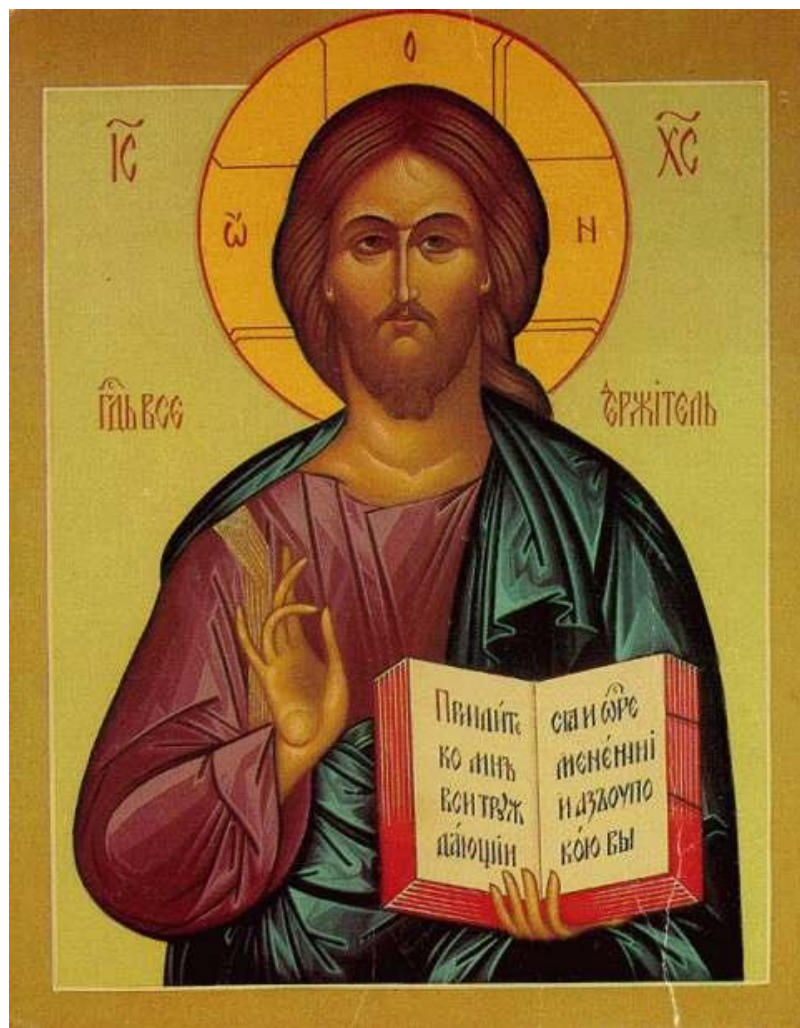
8. The 3 Absolution & Submission

Blessing O King of peace, grant us Your peace...



Dismissal

Go in peace. The Lord be with you all. Amen.



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The Preparatory

The priest recites inaudibly:

Lord, Who knows the hearts of all, Who is Holy, and Who rests amid the saints ... that I may begin, ...

- 1. Clergy dressing.
- 2. Altar preparation
(Clothing the Altar)
- 3. The prayer of the hours.
- 4. Priest washing his hands.

The Preparatory

1. Clergy dressing:

The priest make the sign of the ✠ on his/deacons garments.

Praying Ps.29 "I will exalt You, O Lord for You have lifted me up"

Ps.92 "The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty"



2. Altar preparation (Clothing the Altar): Unwrapping of the utensils (Corporate, Paten, Star, Chalice, Spoon)



3. The prayer of the hours:

Non-fasting 3rd/6th ~ **Fasting** 3rd/6th/9th ~ **Feasts**
none.

4. Priest washing his hands **3X** :



1st (Ps. 50:7) "Purge me with hyssop and I shall clean"

2nd (Ps. 50:7) "Make me to hear joy and gladness"

3rd (Ps. 25:6,7) "I shall wash my hands in innocence"

THE AGPEYA



The Coptic Prayer Book
Of the Seven Hours



The Offertory

The Offertory

- 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.

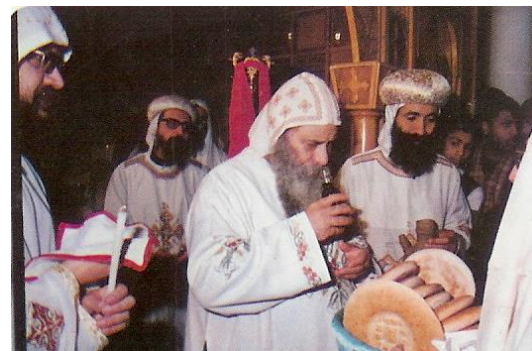


The Offertory

1. Selection of the Lamb



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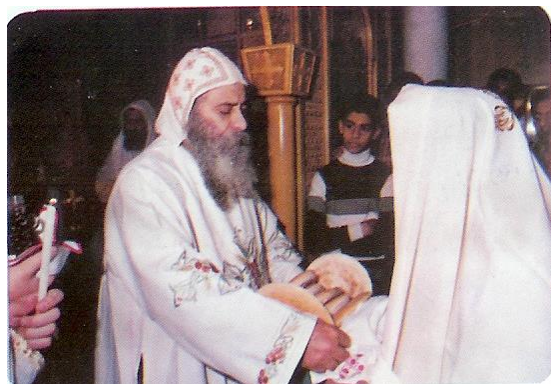
Examining the wine



Jacob blessing

Sacrifice of Melchizedick Round /5 holes

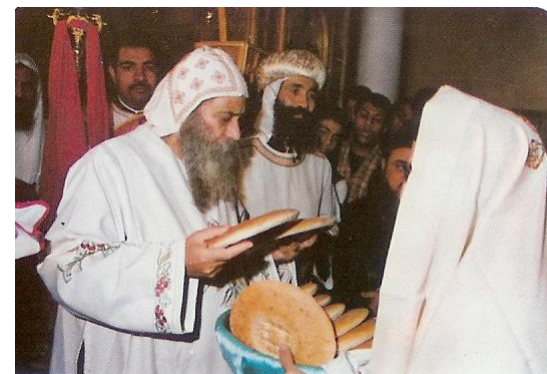
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Sacrifice of Abraham



Sacrifice of glory



Comparing the Korban



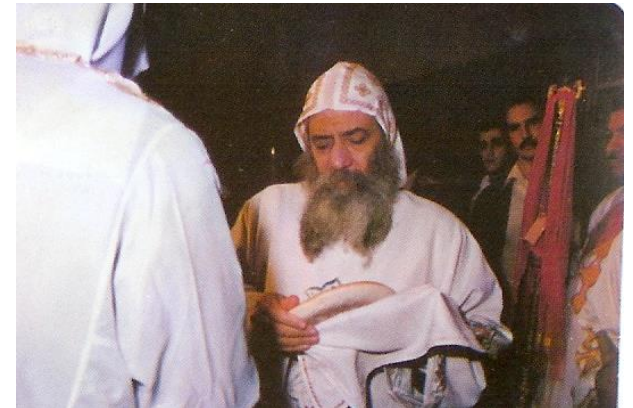
The Offertory

2. Baptism of the Lamb



+ wrapping
the Lamb

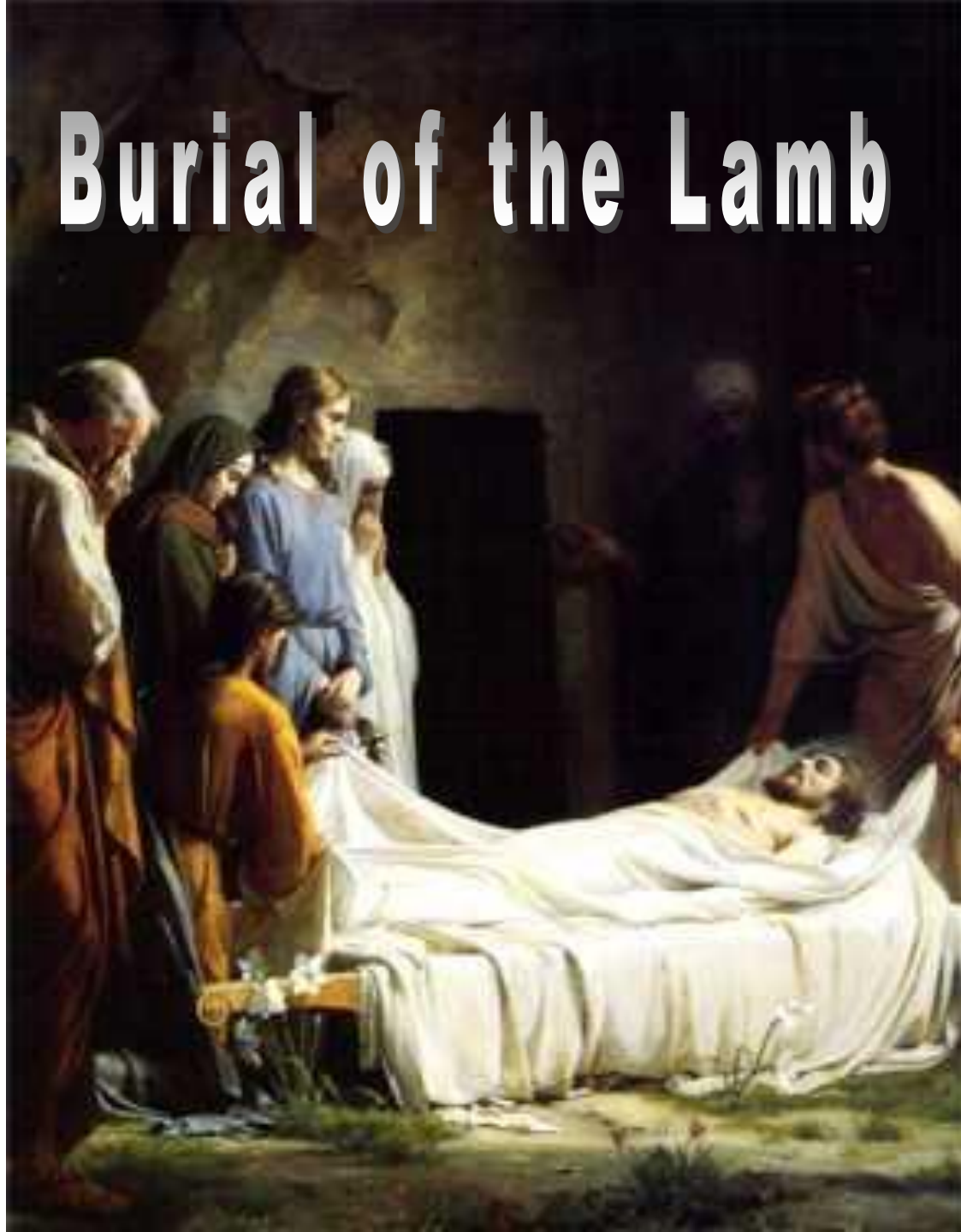
+ cross on
the Lamb



Glory & Honor

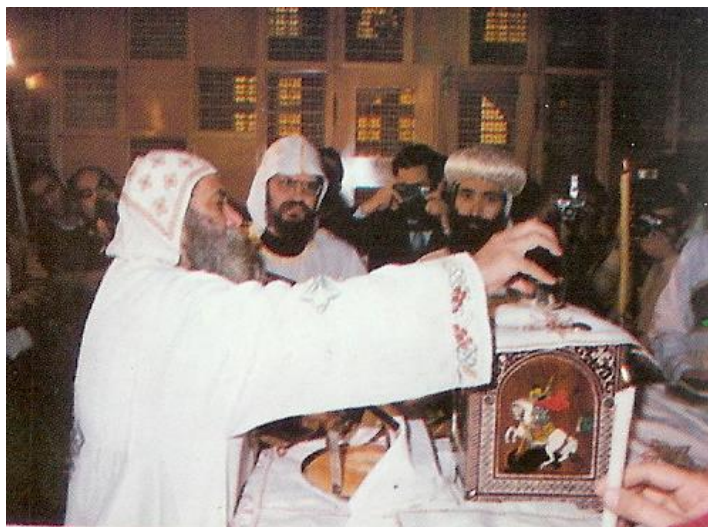


Burial of the Lamb

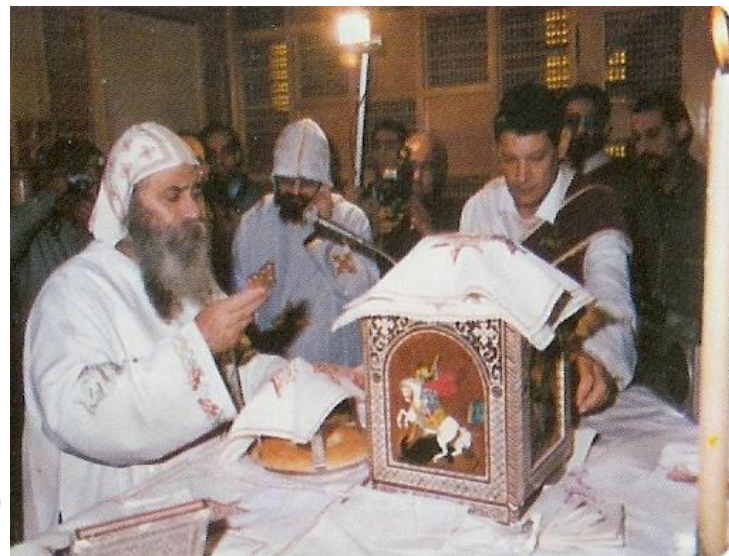


The Offertory

3. Burial of the Lamb.



+ Burial of
the Lamb &
Purling the
wine / water
then placing
the
Abrospherin
& Seal







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 ...





5. The psalm and The Gospel

The Litany of the Gospel



**Glory to
You
O Lord**

*"Lord, now You letting Your
servant depart in peace."*





The Prayer of the Veil

Asking Forgiveness



Inaudibly: O God, ... we pray & entreat Your goodness ... that this mystery - for washing away of our sins - not be unto condemnation.

Three Long Litanies for:

- 1- The Peace.** "Again, let us ask ... the peace of Your ... church..."
- 2- The Fathers.** "Again ... We ask and entreat Your goodness, ... remember O lord, our honored patriarch ..."
- 3- The Assemblies.** "Again, let us ask ... our assemblies ... Bless them."

4. The Liturgy of the Faithful

Start with the reciting of the Creed

- 1. The prayer of Reconciliation**
- 2. The Anaphora (Lifting up of hearts)**
- 3. The prayer of Institution**
- 4. The 7 Litanies**
- 5. The Commemoration of the Saints**
- 6. The Fraction prayer**
- 7. The Confession of the priest / deacon**
- 8. Communing - Washing the Utensils**

Dismissing the angel.

1 - Reconciliation



Washing of the Hands



Shaking Water



Folding the Prosphereine



Reconciliation



Uncovering the Altar



The Kiss of Peace



Silver Gospel behind the Throne

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake... Matt 28: 2-4



2- Anaphora

*Offer, offer, offer
in order, Stand with
trembling, look
towards the East.
Let us attend.*



**The Lord be
with You all**



**Exchanging
Corporals**



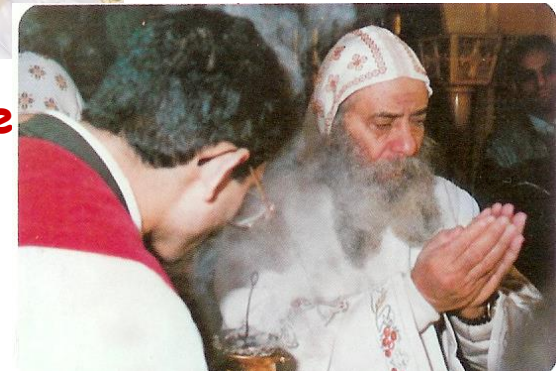
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Was incarnate



Pointing to bread & wine



Incensing Hands



He Took Bread



He Broke It



3-Institution Prayer

*He instituted for us this great
Mystery of godliness.*



**He Mixed It of
Wine & Water**



**The Prayer of the
descent of the Holy
Spirit {Invocation}**

**Worship
God in fear
& Trembling**

I believe

**Again,
I believe,
Amen.**



And this Bread



And This Chalice



- For every time you shall eat of this Bread & drink of this cup you:

Amen x3

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

- *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)

4-The Seven 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

5- Commemoration of the Saints

6- The diptych

7-Preface to the Fraction

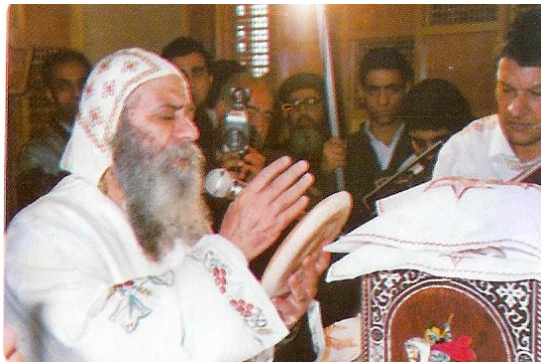
Lead us throughout the way into Your Kingdom.

Peace be with all

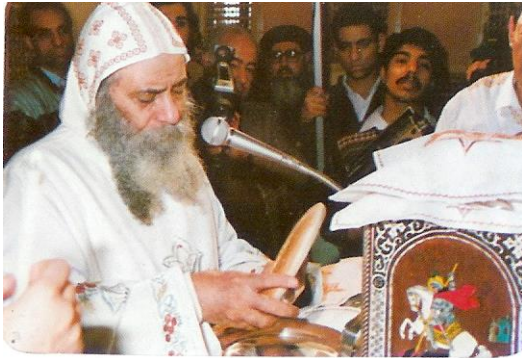


8-The Fraction

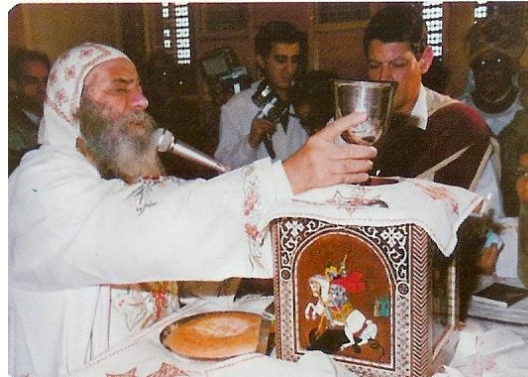
O Master, Lord our God, the Great, the Eternal,
Who is wondrous in glory; ...



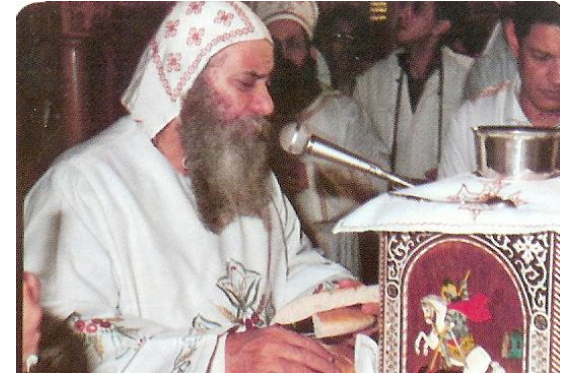
1.The Holy Body



Fraction 1



2.The Precious Blood



3.Those of Christ



Fraction 2



Fraction 3

Our Father ...

Deacon: to the priest
Saved, Amen. And with your spirit.
to the people
In the fear of God, let us attend.

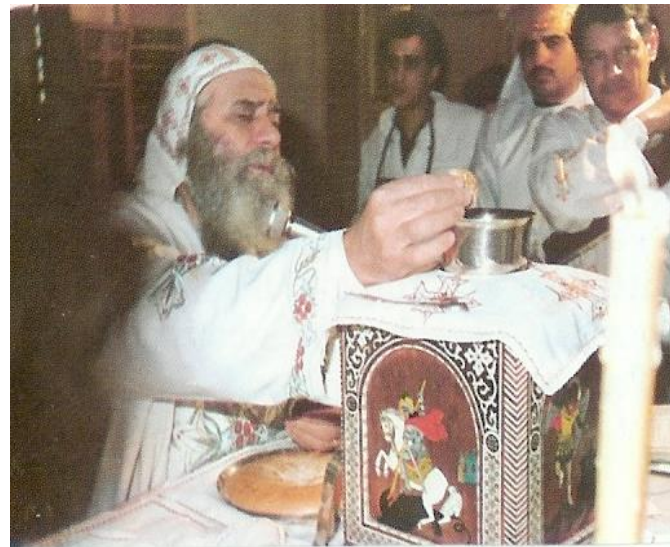
Absolution and Submission



The True Body
+ Precious Blood



The Spadikon in
the Chalice



The Holies are
for the Holy

The Holy ... of
Jesus Christ

The Body... is
true Amen.

9-The Confession



10. Communing



The Holies are for the Holy



Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Thanksgiving after Communion



Communing the Holy Body

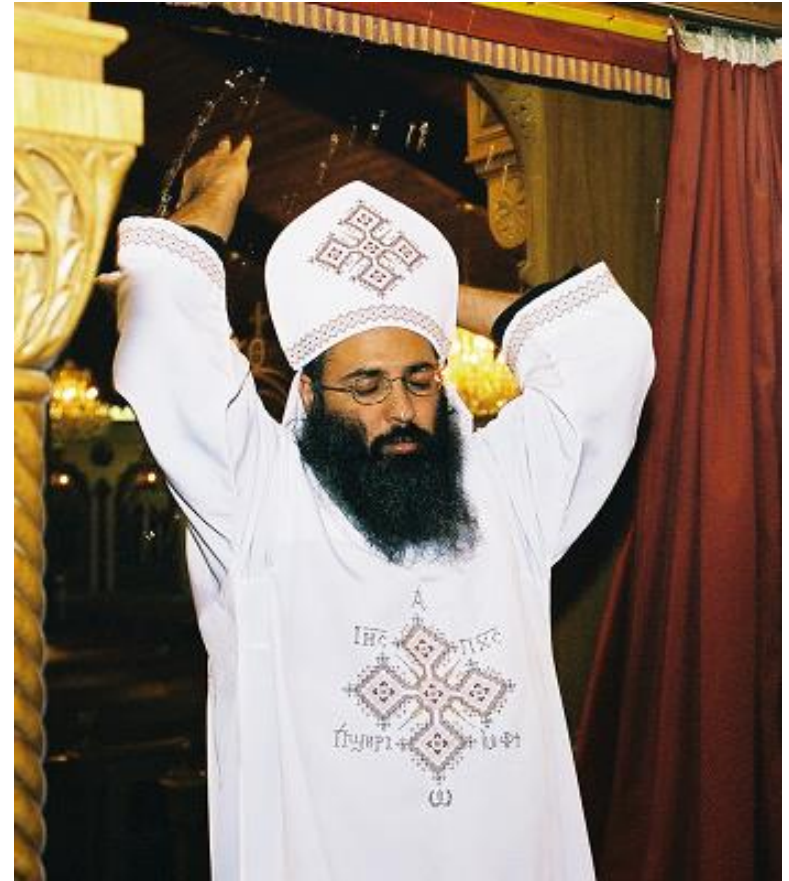


Communing the Precious Blood



Washing the Utensils

Dismissing the angel (Judges 13:20)



O ANGEL OF THIS SACRIFICE, FLYING UP TO THE HIGHEST WITH THIS HYMN, REMEMBER US BEFORE THE LORD, THAT HE MAY FORGIVE US OUR SINS.