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## THE CREED

- ★ I believe in one God, Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
- ★ And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not created, of one essence with the Father, through whom all things were made.
- ★ Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.
- ★ He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried.
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- ★ And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom shall have no end.
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- ★ In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
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**PRIEST:** Then bow before Him and worship Him.

**ALL:** We bow before the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; Trinity One in Essence, and Undivided.

**PRIEST:** Blessed is God Who desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of Truth; both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

*(Originally recited after the Baptism and Psalm 31, and before the Chrismation.)*

**PRIEST:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST:** Blessed are You, Lord God Almighty, Fountain of Blessings, Sun of Righteousness, Who made to shine forth for those in darkness a light of salvation, through the manifestation of Your Only Begotten Son and our God, granting unto us, though we are unworthy, blessed cleansing in Holy water, and divine sanctification in the Life-effecting Anointing; Who has been well-pleased to regenerate these Your servants through Water and the Spirit, giving them forgiveness of voluntary and involuntary sins: do You Yourself, Sovereign Master, Compassionate King of All, bestow upon them also the Seal of Your Holy omnipotent and adorable Holy Spirit, and the Communion of the Holy Body and Most precious Blood of Your Christ. Keep them in Your sanctification. Reconfirm them in the Orthodox faith. Deliver them from the Evil One and his devices. Preserve their souls, through Your saving fear, in purity and righteousness, that in every work and word, being acceptable before You, they may become children and heirs of Your heavenly Kingdom. For You are our God, the God of Mercy and Salvation, and to You we send up Glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

**ALL:** Amen.

## COMMUNION PRAYERS

**ALL:** I believe and confess Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body, and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of my sins and for life eternal. Amen.

Receive me today, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your Mystical Supper. I will not reveal Your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief I confess to You: Remember me in Your Kingdom.

**PRIEST:** Approach with the fear of God, faith, and love.

*The Faithful come forth to receive the Eucharist. After returning to the pew, it is good to silently recite the following **Prayer of Thanksgiving**.*

Glory to You, our Lord, glory to You. (3x)

Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let Your sacred Body be unto me for eternal life and Your precious Blood for forgiveness of sins. Let this Eucharist be unto me for joy, health and gladness. And in Your awesome Second Coming make me, a sinner, worthy to stand at the right hand of Your glory; through the intercession of Your pure Mother and of all Your Saints. Amen.

*(Additional prayers are on pp. 40-42 of the Holy Cross Liturgy Book.)*

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