*After the Cherubic Hymn hath been finished, he who is to be ordained Priest is led by an Archdeacon, or another Deacon, in the same manner, and after the same exclamations of Command and Command, as at the ordination of a Deacon, through the Holy Door, to the Holy Attar, before the Bishop, at the right hand side thereof The Bishop signeth him with his hand, in the form of a cross ; and he is led thrice round the Altar, as is described in the Office for making a Deacon, while all within the Sanctuary sing the following Hymns:*

**O holy Martyrs, /**

**who fought the good fight and have received your crowns : /**

**Entreat ye the Lord //**

**that our souls may be saved.**

*Then those who are outside the Altar sing the same, once. And he who is to receive the Laying on of Hands kisseth the four corners of the Holy Table, maketh a prostration before the Holy Table, and then kisseth hand and knee (Palitsa) of the Bishop.*

**Glory to thee, O Christ our God, /**

**the Apostles' boast, /**

**the Martyrs' joy, //**

**whose preaching was the consubstantial Trinity.**

*And again, he kisseth the four corners of the Holy Table, maketh a prostration before the Holy Table, and then kisseth hand and knee (Palitsa) of the Bishop.*

**Rejoice, O Isaiah! /**

**A Virgin is with child, /**

**and shall bear a Son, Emmanuel, /**

**both God and man: /**

**and Orient is his name ; //**

**whom magnifying we call the Virgin blessed.**

*After the final circuit, the candidate maketh a prostration before the Bishop, and then kisseth his palitsa and hand.*

*Then he who is to be ordained bendeth both knees, and placeth his palms cross- wise upon the Holy Altar, and the Bishop layeth the end of his stole upon the head of him who is to receive the Laying-on of Hands, and blesseth him, thrice, upon the head. And when the principal Priest hath said:*

Let us attend.

*The Bishop, laying his hand upon his head, pronounceth, aloud, in the hearing of all those who stand in the Church:*

**The grace divine, which always healeth that which is infirm, and completeth that which is wanting, elevateth through the laying-on of hands, *N.*, the most devout Deacon, to be a Priest. Wherefore, let us pray for him, that the grace of the all-holy Spirit may come upon him.**

*Then the Proto-Deacon saith in a low voice:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*And the Priests within the Sanctuary sing:* Lord, have mercy, *thrice on the right side, and again thrice on the left side.*

*And the Singers without, in the right and left Choirs, sing:* Kyrie eleison *(thrice, slowly), while the Bishop reciteth, secretly, the following Prayer:*

O God, who hast no beginning and no ending; who art older than every created thing; who crownest with the name of Presbyter those whom thou deemest worthy to serve the word of thy truth in the divine ministry of this degree: Do thou, the same Lord of all men, deign to preserve in pureness of life and in unswerving faith this man also, upon whom, through me, thou hast graciously been pleased to lay hands. Be favourably pleased to grant unto him the great grace of thy Holy Spirit, and make him wholly thy servant, in all things acceptable unto thee, and worthily exercising the great honours of the priesthood which thou hast conferred upon him by thy prescient power.

*Exclamation:* For thine is the majesty, and thine are the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

***Choir:*** Amen.

*And the Proto-Deacon saith, in a low voice:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Then the Priest, in a low voice, reciteth the Litany of Peace.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, *N.* of *N.,* his priesthood, assistance, maintenance, peace, health and salvation; and for the works of his hands, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

For the servant of God, *N.*, who now hath received the Laying-on of Hands to the

Priesthood, and for his salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

That the God who loveth mankind will vouchsafe unto him a pure and blameless ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

For this land, its authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

For the God-preserved Russian Land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

That He may deliver His people from enemies both visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

For this city (or this town, or this holy monastery), for every city and country, and the faithful that dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

***Choir:*** Lord, have mercy.

Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

***Choir:*** To thee, O Lord.

*While this is being done, the Bishop, blessing, thrice, him who is receiving Ordination, keepeth his hand on the Candidate's head, and prayeth, secretly:*

O God great in might and inscrutable in wisdom, marvelous in counsel above the sons of men: Do thou, the same Lord, fill with the gift of thy Holy Spirit this man whom it hath pleased thee to advance to the degree of Priest; that he may be worthy to stand in innocency before thine Altar; to proclaim the Gospel of thy

kingdom; to minister the word of thy truth; to offer unto thee spiritual gifts and sacrifices; to renew thy people through the laver of regeneration. That when he shall go to meet thee, at the Second Coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus

Christ, thine Only-begotten Son, he may receive the reward of a good steward in the degree committed unto him, through the plenitude of thy goodness.

*Exclamation:*

***Bishop:*** **For blessed and magnified is thine all-holy and majestic Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.**

***Choir:*** Amen.

*Then they raise up the Candidate, and bring the Priests stole; and taking the Deacon’s orarion from him that hath received the Laying-on of Hands, the Bishop*

*endueth him with the priestly stole, after he hath blessed it; and he that receiveth it kisseth it, and the hand of the Bishop. And the Bishop layeth it about his neck, saying, loudly:*

***Axios!***

*And they within the Sanctuary sing the same:*

**Axios!** *Thrice*

*And the Singers without, in both Choirs, sing also:*

**Axios!** *Thrice*

*The Bishop then, in like manner, endueth him with the zone, and he kisseth it, and the hand of the Bishop, and girdeth himself. And the Bishop saith:*

**Axios!**

*And they within the Sanctuary and they without do the same.*

*Thus they do also with the phelonion: and with the Service-Book, which is given*

*to him as his guide in the holy ministry; for he saith not from memory the Prayers, but readeth them.*

*Then they sing as usual, and the Priest who hath received the Laying-on of*

*Hands goeth forth, after he hath kissed the Bishop’s omophorion and his hand, and*

*kisseth the Archimandrites, and all his fellow-clergy, on the shoulder; and*

*taketh his place among the Priests.*

*And immediately after the consecration of the Eucharist, if a Priest hath been ordained at this same Liturgy, the Bishop now biddeth him to draw near, and taking the Holy Bread and breaking the portion XC from the top thereof where the cross is, he giveth it to him, saying:*

Receive thou this pledge, and preserve it whole and unharmed until thy last breath, because thou shalt be held to an accounting therefor in the second and terrible Coming of our great Lord, God, and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*And taking it, the Priest kisseth the Bishop's hand, and withdrawing he standeth behind the Holy Altar; and placing his hand on the Holy Altar, he prayeth, saying:*

*Psalm 50: Have mercy on me, O God….*

*And when: Holy things are for the holy: is to be said, he who hath received Ordination restoreth the Bread, and the Bishop layeth it on the holy diskos; and the newly ordained Priest is communicated before the other Priests.*