

## **Orthodox Prayer Book**

### **THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

#### ***Prayer of St. Basil the Great***

Lord Christ our God, King of the ages and Creator of all, I thank Thee for all the blessings Thou hast granted me and for the communion of Thy pure and life-giving Mysteries. I pray Thee, therefore, good Lord and Lover of men, guard me under Thy protection and within the shadow of Thy wings; and grant me with a clear conscience till my last breath worthily to partake of Thy holy Things for forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. For Thou art the Bread of Life, the Source of Holiness, the Giver of all that is good, and to Thee we send up the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.  
Amen.

#### ***Prayer of St. Symeon the Translator***

O Thou Who givest me willingly Thy Flesh for food,  
Thou Who art fire, and burnest the unworthy,  
Scorch me not, O my Maker,  
But rather pass through me for the integration of my members,  
Into all my joints, my affections, and my heart.  
Burn up the thorns of all my sins.  
Purify my soul, sanctify my mind;  
Strengthen my knees and bones;  
Enlighten the simplicity of my five senses.  
Nail down the whole of me with Thy fear.  
Ever protect, guard, and keep me  
From every soul-destroying word and act.  
Sanctify, purify, attune, and rule me.  
Adorn me, give me understanding, and enlighten me.  
Make me the habitation of Thy Spirit alone,  
And no longer a habitation of sin,  
That as Thy house from the entry of communion  
Every evil spirit and passion may flee from me like fire.

I offer Thee as intercessors all the sanctified,  
The Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts,  
Thy Forerunner, the wise Apostles,  
And Thy pure and immaculate Mother.  
Receive their prayers, my compassionate Christ.  
And make Thy slave a child of light.  
For Thou alone art our sanctification, O Good One,  
And the radiance of our souls,  
And to Thee as our Lord and God as is right  
We all give glory day and night.