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Liturgy part 2

Liturgy of the Word

Praxis Objective: Youth and parishioners gain a better appreciation and understanding of the Liturgy of the Word. How does God's word not only guide the Liturgy but our daily lives?

Let Get Ready!



Watch the designated videos. Discuss these questions with your youth and share with your parish. Once you have discussed the questions.

The Liturgy of the Word Videos are presented by Fr. Anthony Perkins.

1. Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
2. Liturgy of the Word Part 1
3. Liturgy of the Word Part 2

All three videos may be found on the OYM website

<https://www.uocyouth.org/withfaithlovedrawnear>

or on our YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLPrar0VU_VdSJ3ZA0-i5ILB20HhUTZaq)

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Challenge your youth to deepen their understanding of the Liturgy and their own participation in the Liturgy of the Word.

Utilize UOC Youth! Fall & Winter Magazines to further the discussion. For our "mini" aged youth, we recommend reviewing on the books suggested in our [Additional Resources page](#)

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Liturgy of the Word?

The second part of the Liturgy is called the Liturgy of the Word, because God's Word - the epistle and the Gospel - are read during this part of the Liturgy. It begins with the Litany of peace, the three antiphons, the entrance with the Gospel book, the Tropars, "Holy God" (the "trisagion" or thrice-holy hymn) and concludes with the scripture readings, sermon, and litanies for the living, the dead, and the catechumens (those who are preparing to be baptized).



Anything Special?

Have you noticed anything special about this part of the Liturgy?



Epistle

Have you ever read the epistle during the Liturgy? What is it like? When other people read are you able to understand what is being read?



Gospel

Do you ever read the Gospel before or after liturgy to take time and think about it?



What can I do?

- Read the Litany of Peace and think about all of the various needs and people that we pray for. Personalizing and internalizing what is going on in the conversation helps us in our prayer.
- Read the festal antiphons in advance - how are they related to the feast day and the psalms.
- Why do we venerate the Gospel in the small entrance? Why do we hold candles during the Gospel? Re-read the epistle and Gospel after the Liturgy alone or as a family - spend timeread the comments in the Orthodox Study Bible to help you.
- Take notes after the Gospel and during the sermon. Ask you priest, parents, or youth ministry workers any questions you may have.
- The prokemenon is another small part of the Liturgy of the Word. The prokemenon is taken from the psalms. See if you can find where in the psalms each week's prokemenon is from and read the entire psalm.



Use the area below to note any questions you have for your priest or youth ministry leader/teacher.