

THE LITANY FOR THE CATECHUMENS

*Beginning on Sunday, March 13th
and for the five following Sundays, through April 17th,
at the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel by Deacon Dan,
Father Steve will call the catechumens forward to the solea
to be prayed for by the entire community.*

Priest: Pray to the Lord you catechumens!

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Let us, the faithful, pray for the catechumens, that the Lord will have mercy on them.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will teach them the Word of His Truth, revealing to them the Gospel of righteousness.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: That He will unite them to His holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help them, save them, have mercy upon them and protect them, O God, by Your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Catechumens, bow your heads unto the Lord!

Choir: To You, O Lord!

The Prayer for the Catechumens

Priest: O Lord our God, You dwell in the heavens and are the creator and maker of all things. You desire that all people should be saved and come to

the knowledge of the Truth! Look upon these, Your servants, the catechumens (*names*) who have bowed their heads in humility before You. Call them to eternal life and grant them the light yoke of the Gospel. Enlighten their hearts, confirm them in faith, strengthen them in hope and make them perfect in love. Make them precious members of Your Christ, who gave Himself up as a ransom for our souls.

That with us they too may glorify Your all-honorable and majestic name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The priest then offers the Cross of our Savior to be kissed by the catechumens with reverence and love before they return to the pews.

Priest: Let us, the faithful, again in peace pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: O God, You have visited our lowliness in mercy and compassion. You have set us, Your lowly, sinful and unworthy servants, to serve at Your holy altar, before Your holy glory. Strengthen us for this service with the power of Your Holy Spirit and grant words to our lips that we may call down the grace of Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts about to be offered.

And grant that always guarded by Your power we may give glory to You, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

And the rest of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.