

## Order for Holy Confession

Blessed is our God ...

- In peace let us pray to the Lord
- For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls
- For the servant of God (Name) and for the forgiveness of their every sin, voluntary or involuntary,
- That the Lord God will grant them remission of sins and grant them time for repentance,
- That they and we may be spared from all affliction, wrath, danger and distress, let us pray to the Lord
- Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, God, in Your grace
- Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.
- For to You belong all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always..

### **Penitent:**

Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I confess before You all that is in my heart and mind, both hidden and known, that I have committed to this day. Wherefore I beg of You, the righteous and merciful Judge, remission and the grace to sin no more.

### **Priest:**

My (brother/sister), whatever brings you before God and to me, you relate not to me, but to God, in whose presence you stand.

My spiritual child, what you have confess to me, I who am lowly and a sinner, have no earthly power to remit, but God alone. But because of that divine word, spoken to the Apostles, after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying, "If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any they are retained; we make bold to say, whatever you have confessed to me, and whatever you have failed to relate, may God forgive you in this present life and the age to come.

Through Nathan the Prophet, God forgave David the King, when he confessed his sin; and Peter when he bitterly lamented his denial; and the women in sin when she washed His feet with her tears; and the publican and the prodigal. May He now, through me the sinner, forgive you of everything, both in this life and the age to come, and present you uncondemned at His dread judgment seat. Having no further care, go in peace.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen