

Order of Blessing of a New Organ

The people shall gather in the Church where a new organ is to be blessed for divine worship. A Procession shall enter the Church as *Rejoice, O Holy Church!* Ուրախ լին Սուրբ Եկեղեցի is chanted.

Bishop: Յաւմտն Հօր եւ Որդւոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ. ամէն:
(In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

My dear brothers and sisters, we have come together to bless this new organ, installed so that the celebration of the liturgy may become more beautiful and solemn. The purpose of music in the liturgy is above all to give glory to God and to lead us to holiness. Thus the music of the organ wonderfully expresses the new song that Scripture tells us to sing to the Lord. To sing this new song is to live rightly, to follow God's will eagerly and gladly, and, by loving one another, to carry out the new commandment that Jesus gave us.

Deacon: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians. (3:12-17)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. If one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Psalm 150

After every verse of the psalm, the Congregation shall respond:

R/(people) *Park Kez Der Asdvadz Mer* (Glory to you O Lord our God).

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

R/(people) *Park Kez Der Asdvadz Mer*

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

R/(people) *Park Kez Der Asdvadz Mer*

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

R/(people) *Park Kez Der Asdvadz Mer*

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

R/(people) *Park Kez Der Asdvadz Mer*

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

R/(people) *Park Kez Der Asdvadz Mer*

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

R/(people) *Park Kez Der Asdvadz Mer*

Intercessions

In exultation, brothers and sisters, let us glorify the all-powerful God for his countless favors and, as Saint Paul counsels, let us give him thanks, singing his praises with hearts and voices.

R/(people) *Orhnyal eh Asdvadz* (Blessed is God).

Father, all holy, king of heaven and earth, source of all perfection, inspirer of all sacred music, we praise you for your great glory. Let us bless the Lord.

R/(people) *Orhnyal eh Asdvadz*

Lord Jesus Christ, splendor of the Father's glory, you came among us as one of us to take away sin and to enrich the redeemed with your grace; we give you glory for your great mercy. Let us bless the Lord.

R/.(people) *Orhnyal eh Asdvadz*

God the Holy Spirit, you dwell in our hearts and build us up into the one Body of Christ; we honor you for the mystery of your presence in the Church. Let us bless the Lord.

R/.(people) *Orhnyal eh Asdvadz*

Holy Trinity, one God, beginning and end of all things, the heavens and the earth sing a new song to you; we adore you for your unsearchable blessedness. Let us bless the Lord.

R/.(people) *Orhnyal eh Asdvadz*

Bishop: Lord God, your beauty is ancient yet ever new, your wisdom guides the world in right order, and your goodness gives the world its variety and splendor. The choirs of angels join together to offer their praise by obeying your commands. The galaxies sing your praises by the pattern of their movement that follows your laws. The voices of the redeemed join in a chorus of praise to your holiness as they sing to you in mind and heart. We your people, joyously gathered in this church, wish to join our voices to the universal hymn of praise. So that our song may rise more worthily to your majesty, we present this organ for your blessing: grant that its music may lead us to express our prayer and praise in melodies that are pleasing to you, through the grace and loving kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ and life-giving Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

At this time the Organist plays for the first time and the Congregation sings together:

Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



Ա — — մէն — — ա — լէ — լու — — իա, — — ա — լէ — լու — — իա. ա — լէ — — լու իա,
A — men a — le — loo — ya, a — le — loo — ya, a — le — loo — ya.

Bishop: Օրհնեցի եւ սրբեցի զերգեհոնս այս Սուրբ Գրիգոր Նարեկացի Եկեղեցոյ. նշանաւ սուրբ Խաչիւս եւ սուրբ աւետարանաւս եւ աւուրս շնորհիւ, ամուսմբ Հօր եւ Որդոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ. այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից.

(Blessed and sanctified be the organ of St. Gregory of Narek Church, by the sign of the Holy Cross and Holy Gospel and by the grace of this day, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.)

REPEAT THREE TIMES.

Օրհնութիւն եւ փառք Հօր եւ Որդոյ եւ Հոգւոյն Սրբոյ. այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. Ամէն:

(Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen)

Deacon: Սուրբ Խաչիւս աղաչեցուք զՏէր, զի սովաւ փրկեացէ զմեզ ի մեղաց, եւ կեցուցէ շնորհիւ ողորմութեան իւրոյ: Ամենակալ Տէր Աստուած մեր, կեցո եւ ողորմես:

(Through the Holy Cross let us beseech the Lord, that he may keep us from sin and save us by the grace of his mercy. Almighty Lord our God, save us and have mercy.)

Bishop: Պահպանիչ եւ յոյս հաւատացելոց, Զրիստոս Աստուած մեր, պահես զժողովուրդս քո, ընդ հովանեաւ սուրբ եւ պատուական Խաչիւնդ քով ի խաղաղութեան. փրկես՝ յերեսելի եւ յամերետոյթ թշնամւոյն: Արժանաւորես՝ զոհութեամբ փառաւորել զքեզ ընդ Հօր եւ ընդ Սրբոյ Հոգւոյն, այժմ եւ միշտ եւ յաւիտեանս յաւիտենից. ամէն:

(Defender and protector of the faithful, O Christ our God, keep your people, under the shadow of your holy and precious cross in peace. Deliver them from the enemy, visible and invisible. Make us worthy to with thanksgiving glorify you with the Father and Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.)