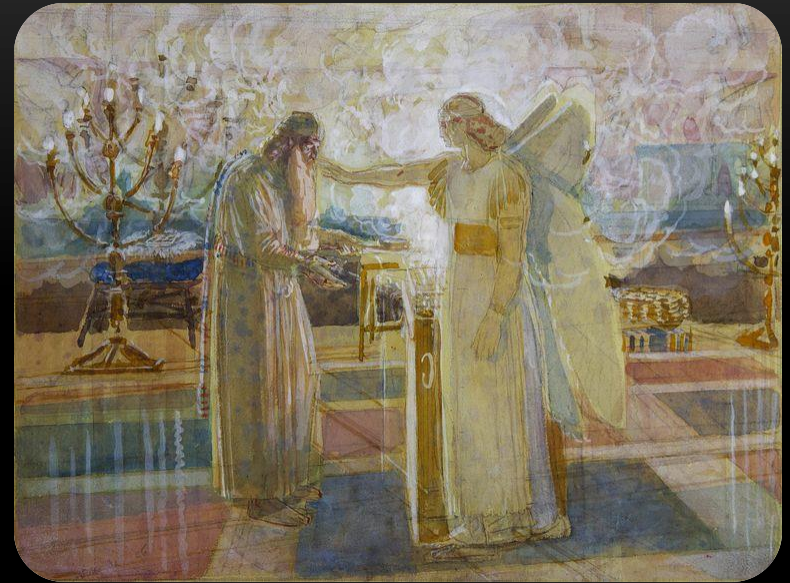


**“... his lot
fell to burn
incense”**

Luke 1:9



**What are
the aims of
true
worship?**



Highlights

- The inside and the outside aspects of the true worship
- The aims of worship
- How to worship



I. The Inside and Outside Aspects of Worship ⁽¹⁾

- Zacharias' service inside the temple was complemented by his life outside of it.
- “And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless” *Luke 1:6*



I. The Inside and Outside Aspects of Worship ⁽²⁾

- For every aim we try to attain inside the church, a mirror reflection should be observed outside of it



II. The Aims of Worship (1)

1. The Glorification of God:

- For His goodness and His mercy that endures forever
- Remembering His salvation
- The act of praise and thanksgiving



II. The Aims of Worship (2)

1. The Glorification of God: (cont.)

- The outside reflection should be our good deeds:

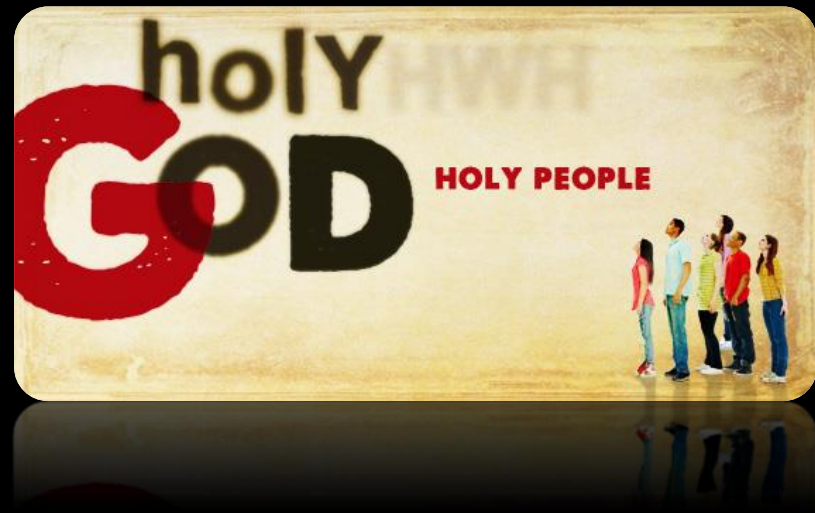
“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” *Matthew 5:16*



II. The Aims of Worship (3)

2. Attaining Holiness:

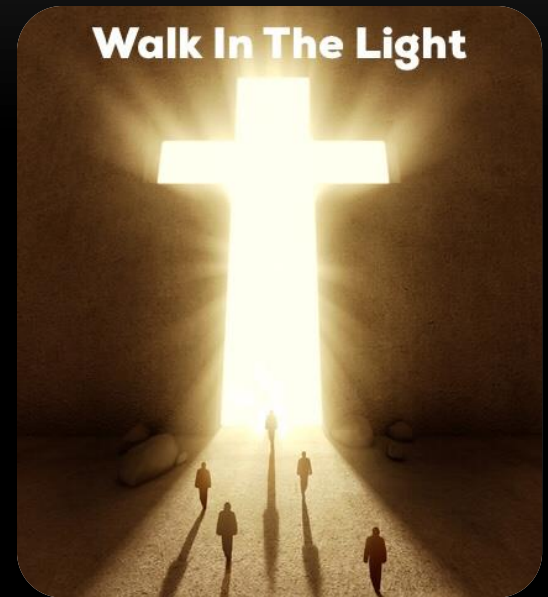
- Comes to us by drawing towards the Holy One
- The Sacraments, the long prayers, the readings, the incense are all means for our sanctification



II. The Aims of Worship (4)

2. Attaining Holiness: (cont.)

- The outside reflection should be in abstaining from the filth of sin and the circumstances that facilitate it



II. The Aims of Worship (5)

3. Unity of the Body of Christ:

- With God: attaining the mind of Christ, abiding in Him through the Sacrament of Communion
- With others: the same bread, the act of reconciliation, the same liturgy, Agpeya, praying towards the East, the same fasts and feasts, etc.



II. The Aims of Worship ⁽⁶⁾

3. Unity of the Body of Christ: (cont.)

- The outside reflection is shown in the life of peace between the members of the Body



II. The Aims of Worship (7)

4. The Act of Offering:

- Worship is an act of offering in its essence. It is a gift given to the person of the Beloved
- Offering time, effort, money, and oneself are all expected



II. The Aims of Worship (8)

4. The Act of Offering: (cont.)

- That is why it should be the best that a man can offer and according to God's expectations
- The outside aspect is the life of selfless service to all

We serve God, by serving others



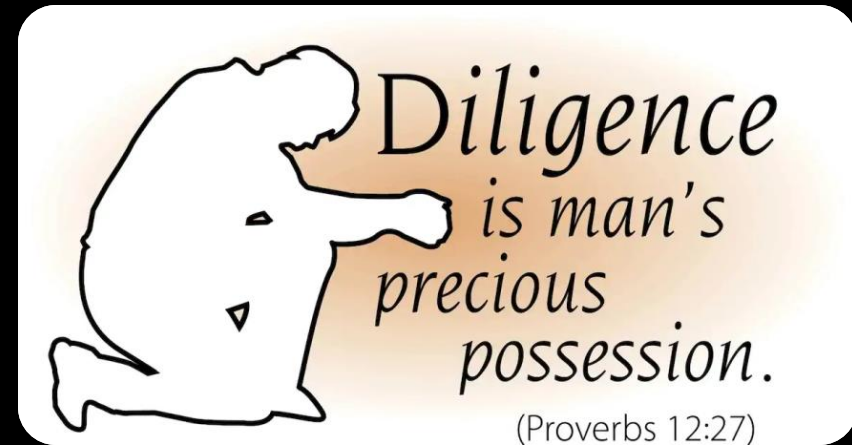
III. How to Worship (1)

1. Diligently:

- “I love those who love me,

And those who seek me
diligently will find me”

Proverbs 8:17



III. How to Worship (2)

2. Joyfully:

- “Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing” *Psalms 100:1-2*



III. How to Worship (3)

3. With a penitent heart:

- The daily struggle against sin
- The daily prayers and the regular confession

4. With Understanding:

- What we do, why we do it and how to do it



III. How to Worship (4)

5. In Truth:

- According to the Faith of the One Holy Church and its Holy Tradition



6. With Fear and Reverence:

“Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling”

Psalm 2:11