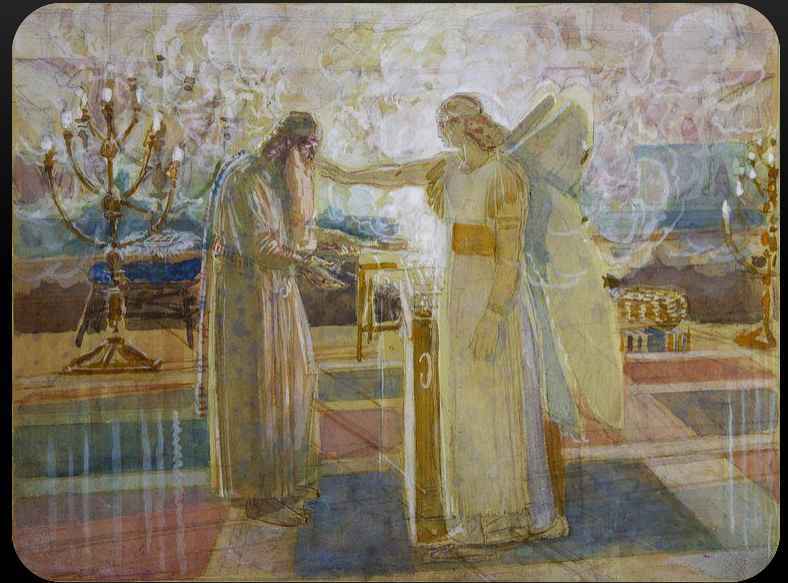


**“... his lot  
fell to burn  
incense”**

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 <sup>(1)</sup>

- 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 <sup>(2)</sup>

- 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:

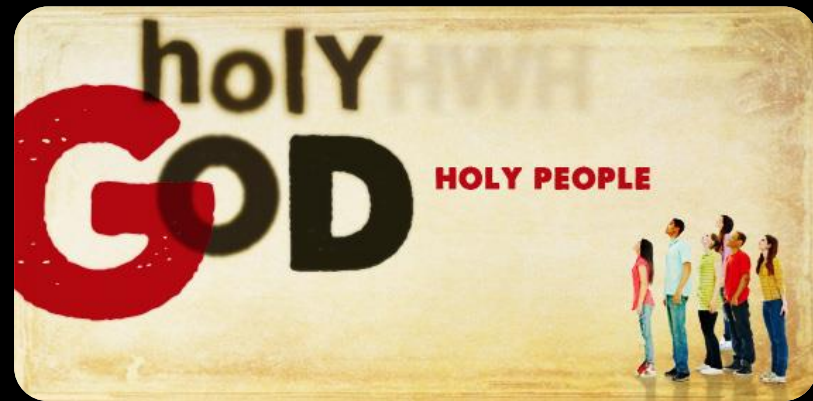
“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” *Matthew 5:16*



# 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

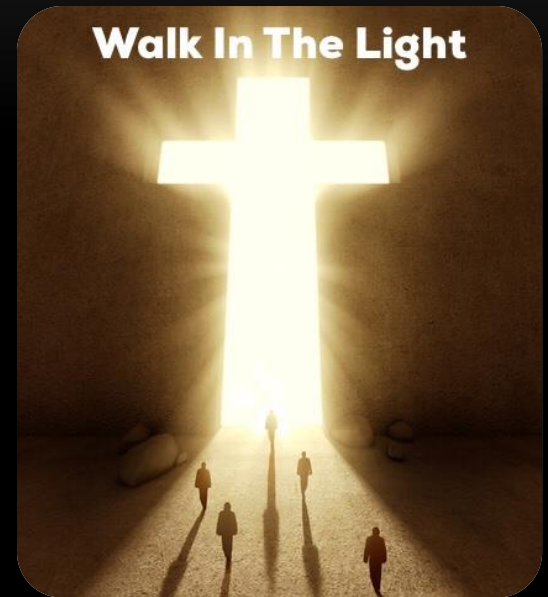




## II. The Aims of Worship (4)

### 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*



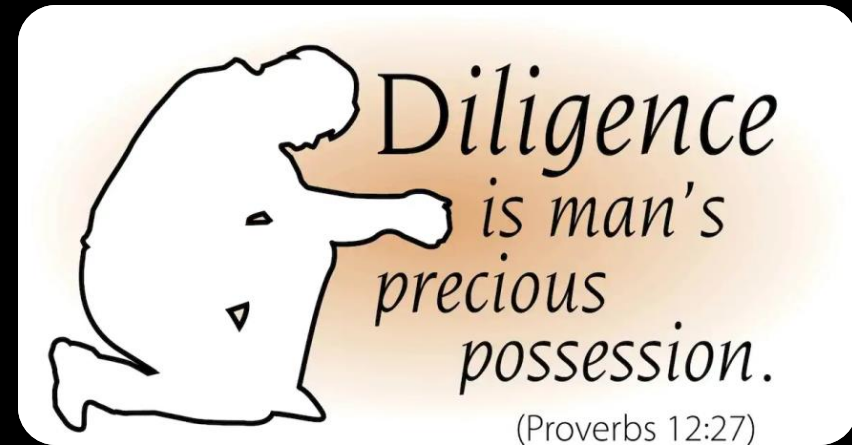
# III. How to Worship (1)

## 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*