

# LITURGICS TUTORIAL

## PRACTICUM IN WORSHIP, PREACHING AND THE ART OF CHANT

CHAPEL OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY (4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

THURSDAY, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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Every Thursday morning (8:00-10:00 a.m.) the Liturgics Tutorial (Practicum in Worship, Preaching and the Art of Chant) is held at the Chapel of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Faculty of Theology (4<sup>th</sup> floor). This obligatory Tutorial is fully incorporated in the undergraduate curriculum of both Schools of the Faculty of Theology. The Tutorial operates under the direction, regulation, and supervision of the competent faculty members of the Department of Worship, Archeology, and Art, in collaboration with their counterparts from the School of Theology. At this weekly worship gathering (*synaxis*), all the members of the Faculty (professors, students, administrative and other personnel), as well as the entire University community, are afforded the opportunity to experience the living, liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church and to assemble “in one place” before the Triune God in prayer and thanksgiving. At the same time, the Tutorial aims at offering an applied overview of the three core Liturgics courses (Introduction and Sources, History and Theology, and the Byzantine Liturgical Tradition), as well as other relevant courses of the curriculum (Homiletics, Ecclesiastical Music-Hymology, Hagiography-Heortology). The Tutorial constitutes a seedbed and a model for the exact and orderly celebration of and participation in Orthodox Liturgical praxis, and, simultaneously, it functions as laboratory intended on initiating specialized investigation in new areas of research.

In particular, the program of the Tutorial includes the following:

1. The celebration of the Divine Liturgies of the Byzantine Rite currently in use (Liturgies of Basil the Great, John Chrysostom, and of the Presanctified Gifts).
2. The re-presentation of ancient Liturgies (i) of the West Syrian type and (ii) of the Alexandrian Rite (i. Liturgy and Presanctified of James, the Liturgy of the “Apostolic Constitutions” and ii. Liturgies of St Mark and of Gregory the Theologian).
3. An acquaintance with the services according to both the Cathedral and the Monastic Rite, namely, (i) of the Daily Office and (ii) of the Liturgical Year (i. Matins, Hours, Vespers, Great and Small Compline, Pannychis, Tritheke and ii. the Great Canon, the Supplicatory Canons, the Salutations, the “Great Week” of Saint Demetrios).
4. The full and conscious participation in the Sacramental Mysteries and other Sanctifying Acts (Unction, Lesser Blessing of the Waters, Memorial Service).

5. Contact with the liturgical practice of other Christian communities in their places of worship (Roman Catholic and Armenian tradition). During these visits, students are chaperoned by faculty members.

6. The participation of students in antiphonal and responsorial chanting and the singing of hymns, adagio and presto, from the classical and later repertoire, of all types and genres (papdic, sticheraric, heirmologic).

7. Preaching by final year students, according to all homiletic types (lower homily, higher homily, oration) and all themes/topics (pericopies of Holy Scripture, the liturgical year, church services, etc.).

The Services, Liturgies, Sacraments, and Sanctifying Acts are celebrated on the basis of the booklets issued in the “Liturgical Texts (*Keimena Leitourgikes*)” series and published by our School’s late professor of Liturgics, Joannes Phountoulis. This series currently numbers 20 booklets as follows:

1. Tritheke
2. Pannychis
3. Divine Liturgy of the Apostle Mark
4. Ordination of Presbyter
5. Divine Liturgy of James the Brother of the Lord
6. Monastic Vespers
7. Order at the Foundation of a Church
8. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
9. Great Hours of the Eve of Pentecost
10. Monastic Matins
11. Service of the Lesser Blessing of the Waters
12. Divine Liturgies of Basil the Great and John Chrysostom
13. Divine Liturgy of the “Apostolic Constitutions”
14. Service at the Fear of an Earthquake
15. Service of Unction
16. The Twenty-four Hour Horologion
17. “Great Week” of Saint Demetrios
18. Divine Liturgy of the Armenian Church
19. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts of James the Brother of the Lord
20. Memorial Service

The booklets of the series “Liturgical Texts” have been published jointly in three inclusive volumes as follows:

1. VOLUME 1: *Services of the Daily Office* (booklets: 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 16 and 17).
2. VOLUME 2: *Themes of the Euchologion* (booklets: 4, 7, 11, 14, 15 and 20).
3. VOLUME 3: *The Divine Liturgies* (booklets: 3, 5, 8, 12, 13, 18, and 19).