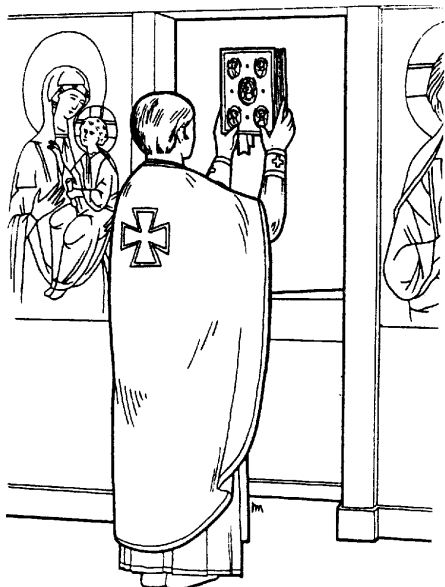


Processions, the Cross, the Lights, and the Cherubim

During the Divine Liturgy we have two processions in which the Priest and the acolytes leave the Sanctuary by the North Door of the Iconostasion, and the Priest enters the Sanctuary through the Royal Gates. When these processions are made, the acolytes each carry something.



The first procession is called THE LITTLE or LESSER ENTRANCE. This time the Priest carries the Gospel Book.

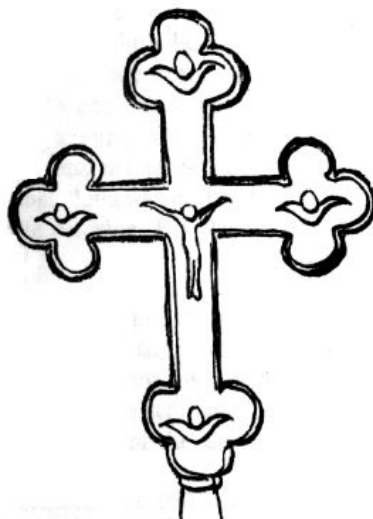
The second procession is called THE GREAT ENTRANCE. This time the Priest carries the Holy Gifts of bread and wine.



In the processions, the acolytes carry the fan, cross and lights.

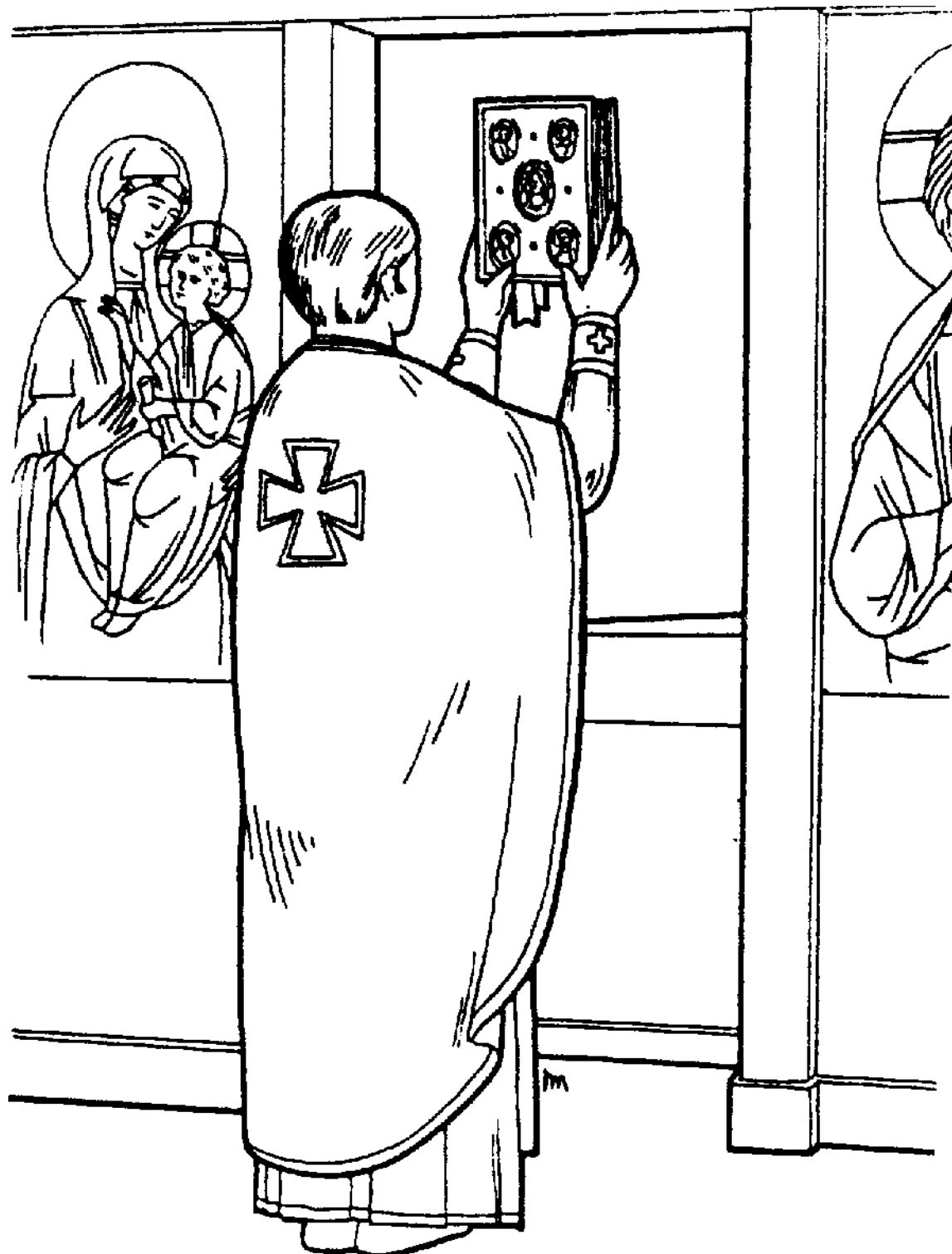


Fans - These are called EXAPTERYGA “six-winged” because they represent the Cherubim. God is always surrounded by the Cherubim. The Bible tells us that they constantly sing, “Holy Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts!” In the Cherubic Hymn we hear: “We who mystically represent the Cherubim sing the Thrice-Holy Hymn to the Life-Giving Trinity.”



The CROSS represents Christ who sacrificed Himself for us.

The LIGHTS represent the light which Christ’s Gospel brought to the world.



**The first procession of the Divine Liturgy is called
THE LITTLE ENTRANCE.**

The Priest carries the Gospel Book.

Each of the altar boys carry something, too.