

## Thanksgiving-Always Thank God

**Psalm 25/26:7-That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.** (KJV)

The Lord gives us more than we will ever know for which we should be thankful. If we center our hearts and minds in the Lord God we will always be thankful. Every moment of everyday we have reasons to thank the Lord God for our lives. Each breath and each thought are reasons to give thanksgiving to the Lord God. Our beating hearts and the blood flowing in our bodies merit thanks to the Lord.

**Psalm 49/50:14-Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High.** (KJV)

Being able to see, hear, feel and touch others are a basis for joyful thanksgiving. The freedom to learn and worship in God's Holy Church inspires thanksgiving. Receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Christ calls for endless thanksgiving. We have reason to be always thankful for God's constant nourishment of our souls. We would be ungrateful if we did not thank God for the ability to pray at all times.

**Psalm 68/69:30-I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.** (KJV)

Our thoughts and our voices are means to offer thanksgiving to the Lord God. Singing in God's Holy Church beautifies expressions of collective thanksgiving. The love of God is expressed in acts of thanksgiving to God and to our neighbor. Daily thanksgiving to God and joy and peace in life are inseparable experiences. We can never repay God for all given to us but we can always certainly be grateful.

**Psalm 94/95:2-Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.** (KJV)

Every Divine Liturgy is a collective expression of thanksgiving to the Lord God. Believers coming together in God's Holy Church unite in common thanksgiving. Hearts filled with thanksgiving to God overflow with abundant gratitude and joy. God's faithful carry the thanksgiving to God into daily life following the Liturgy. Love and charitable acts in personal relationships actualize thanksgiving to God.

**Psalm 99/100:4-Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.** (KJV)

When difficulties and challenges arise in life, believers find reasons to be thankful. God's goodness exists when life's challenges, hardships and difficulties arise. Faithful and serious believers are thankful to God for all circumstance in life. God is within reach of believers at every moment and welcomes thanksgiving. Do not let a day pass without giving thanks to the Lord God for all His blessings.

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