

## **Giving Thanksgiving to God**

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

Every day, throughout the day it is proper and beneficial to thank the Lord God. God's unending blessings exceed the full comprehension of the human mind. The blessings of God are immeasurable and not always visible to the human eye. Attentive ears will experience blessings from the Lord God that fill the heart. Joy arises in the heart due to unexpected blessings appearing from the Lord God.

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

God's blessings have continued down the through the centuries uninterrupted. The human mind can not reach back and record all of God's blessings in time. Blessings for the benefit of humans occur in all parts of the earth near and far. New blessings from God continue to be revealed and discovered by humans. The capacity to love and appreciate love is a blessing from the Lord God.

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

God's Church is an immeasurable blessing offering direct experience with God. Believers learn about blessings in Church and offer thanks in the Divine Liturgy. Thanksgiving is an integral and important part of each Divine Liturgy celebrated. All good comes from God and thanking the Lord is always totally appropriate. Grateful believers integrate giving thanks to the Lord God throughout their lives.

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

Thanksgiving Day has come to be known in parts of America as the national Slava. Taking a day in America to give thanks to God is a way to open hearts to God. Open hearts and minds to the Lord God serve to benefit the souls of believers. Grateful believers draw closer to the Lord God when giving heartfelt thanks. Pausing to give heartfelt thanks to God helps to put life in the proper perspective.

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

God never ceases to bless individuals and thanking God should never cease. Thanksgiving Day is a way to pause and look clearly at the Lord's blessings. The Lord's blessings bring joy to the heart, mind and soul of attentive believers. Hunger in the soul is always addressed by the blessings of the Loving Lord God. Thanking God is a way of acknowledging God's goodness, kindness and mercy.

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