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*... the Liturgy is the diamond, that priceless gift from Christ. The Liturgy is the river, strengthening and refreshing, flowing from the side of Christ. The Liturgy is a golden bridge on which only it is possible to come to eternal life. Lovers of the Liturgy—this priceless diamond, this river that brings to life—remember this testament of Christ. Walk upon this golden bridge which will save you from falling into hell.*

From *Homily 4*



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## HOMILY 1

### A Great and Magnificent Gift

Today, as I promised, I will be discoursing with you on the subject of the Divine Liturgy.

Christ says, “*Take, eat; this is My body,*” and further, “*Drink of it all of you, for this is My blood of the New Covenant.*”<sup>1</sup>

The heavens are filled with a multitude of shining stars; they are all simply the sparks of God’s vestments. Of them all, the sun is the most beautiful, most radiant, and most bright. A multitude of sweet flowers cover pastures and fields; of them all, the fragrant rose is the finest and most wonderful. A multitude of rivers, brooks, lakes, and streams flow across the face of the earth; yet they all descend and run into the vast, great, and immense ocean. A multitude of splendid bright stones are hidden in the bosom of the earth; there are sapphires, emeralds, rubies, yet the glistening diamond is more wonderful, purer, and brighter than all.

So likewise, the spiritual world has stars, precious stones, and flowers of the spiritual pasture. The Orthodox Church guards a multitude of amazing stars—the hymns

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1 Matt. 26:26-28

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FOR ALL THINGS**

**AMEN.**