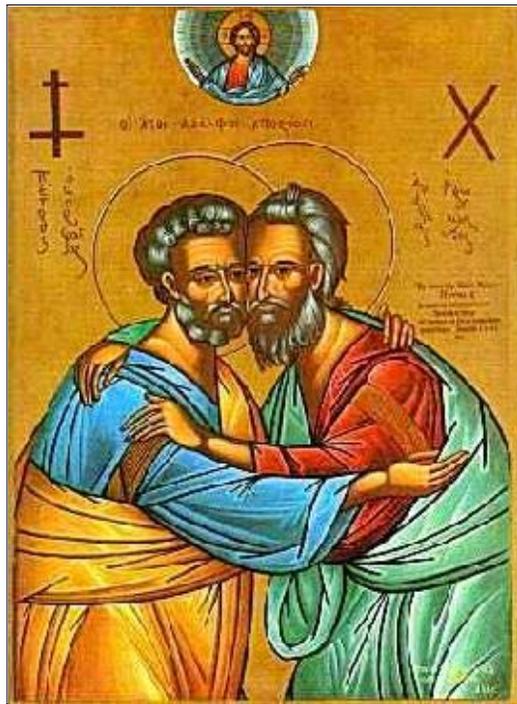


## "Eastern Presuppositions" and Western Liturgical Renewal

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*Peter (patron of Rome) and Andrew (patron of Constantinople) embracing!*

In this essay I would like to offer some reflections on the dynamics of modern liturgical renewal, especially in its earlier theoretical phases anterior to Vatican II and in its aftermath. I have always been intrigued by the interplay of history and tradition, and how they have been employed, indeed exploited, for the purposes of promoting ecclesial agendas. I shall concentrate specifically on how my own area of specialization, eastern liturgy, has been exploited in the modern western liturgical movement and the reforms of the Roman rite leading up to and consequent to the Second Vatican Council.

Since I am an historian, and historians tell stories, let me begin with one. The periodical *Petrayki Ekklesia*, official organ of the Greek Orthodox Eparchy of Piraeus, edited by the Protosyncellus of the diocese under Metropolitan Kallinikos, whose name is on the masthead, published in March, 1977 a photo of a Greek Orthodox priest celebrating the Orthodox eucharist *versus populum* at an altar placed on the floor of the nave in front of the traditional iconostasis of the enclosed Byzantine sanctuary. The accompanying blurb states: "The liturgy was celebrated in the center of the church in the ancient way (*sto kentro tou Naou kata ton archaiprepi tropo*)" (1)

More important than this fact is the method of argument: startling liturgical innovation unheard of in any eastern tradition is justified by appeal to ancient tradition--just as was done in the western liturgical movement to support the *versus populum* position. That the facts may not justify this appeal to the past is irrelevant, just as is totally irrelevant the appeal to the past among those in the Catholic west today who controvert the *versus populum* position by trying to show it was not in fact as traditional in antiquity as its promoters would claim.

In either case, the facts are beside the point. The dynamics involved have nothing to do with conclusions from liturgical history. Rather, it is a question of seeking precedents in earlier

tradition for what one has already decided to do. We are dealing, in short, with the strategies reformers employ to claim authority for their views.

### **Eastern Catholicism at Vatican II**

This is the intellectual context in which I would like to consider the role of early and eastern liturgy in the Roman rite liturgical reforms carried out under the mandate of Vatican II. Anyone old enough to remember those heady days knows of the role played by the Melkite Catholic bishops at the Council. Courageous, intelligent, innovative leadership was of course not limited to the Melkite bishops.

Two things were, however, peculiar to the Melkites at Vatican II: first, the disproportion between the conciliar leadership they exercised and their numbers--one patriarch and a mere sixteen bishops awash in a Latin sea; second, the truly remarkable imaginative and universal vision they showed.

In addition to being among the first to state categorically that the Council should avoid definitions and condemnations, the list of important items of general import on the Vatican II and postconciliar agenda that the Melkite bishops were the first to propose is simply astonishing: liturgy in the vernacular; eucharistic concelebration and communion under both species in the Latin liturgy; the permanent diaconate; the establishment of what ultimately became the Synod of Bishops held periodically in Rome; the Secretariat (now Pontifical Council) for Christian Unity; new attitudes and a less offensive ecumenical vocabulary in dealing with non-Catholic Christians, especially the Orthodox churches; the recognition and acceptance of eastern Catholic communities for what they are, distinct churches," not just Indian reservations called "rites," an ecclesiology ultimately canonized by the Council documents concerning the eastern Catholic churches.' (2)

The rest is, of course, history.

But it would not have been history had the Council fathers, overwhelmingly Roman, not eastern Catholic bishops, not been receptive to these proposals. How they became so is the result of a long process of maturation, comprising two fundamental phases: a perceived need, and the search for solutions consonant with tradition.

The first, the perceived need for liturgical change and renewal, is obvious to anyone who was alive at that time. Present-day nostalgia for what is inaccurately referred to as the Tridentine rite is the luxury of those who, not having been around at that time, do not have their thought processes inconvenienced by such things as facts. The need for liturgical renewal was obvious to everyone at Vatican II except the foolish. What interests me here is the second point: the strategies the reformers used as they went about it, and especially the role played by eastern liturgy in this process.

The first thing to note is that the Vatican II "preferential option" for the east was by no means something one could have automatically anticipated. A prime mover of the modern Catholic liturgical movement, Prosper Gueranger of Solesmes (1805-1875) treated eastern liturgy with derision and contempt.

Chapter IX of his monumental *Institutions liturgiques* is full of outrageous statements like: "One must note in the Greek liturgy a particular quality which admirably denotes the degradation of the Church that employs it. This quality...is a crude immobilism that renders it impervious to any progress.... The Greek Church has become impotent at renewal in its own core, since schism and heresy have paralyzed it at the heart. (3) In brief, the eastern rites are the liturgical "families of a degenerate Christianity." (4)

Gueranger's tirade, of course, had nothing to do with the east, as is clear from the peroration of his indictment of all things eastern: "In the light of the evils of Christianity in the east, the churches of the west should hold strongly to the liturgical unity which alone has been able not only to deflect, but even render impossible, the schism and heresy which led to those evils." (5) That gives away the game: Having decided that the dioceses of France should abandon their particular neo-Gallican liturgical usages in favor of the Roman rite, Gueranger chose to slander the east in order to firm up his plaidoyer for uniformity.

### **The Myth of Eastern Liturgy**

With all this negativity at the very origins of the liturgical movement, what could have induced the Council fathers of Vatican II to turn eastward for positive paradigms to imitate? The answer, I think, is what I would call "the myth of eastern liturgy."

The philosopher Karl Popper said the world as we know it is our interpretation of observable facts in the light of theories of our own invention. In other words, we invent our world even while we think we are just observing it and reporting on it.

Of nothing is this truer than of the western use of eastern liturgy. I have often been tempted to write a book entitled *Inventing Eastern Orthodoxy*, in which one chapter would have to be "Inventing Eastern Liturgy." For the western study and exploitation of eastern liturgy has gone through several phases, each taking as its point of departure not anything in eastern liturgy, but the felt needs of the viewer.

The process began in the sixteenth century. The first serious studies and translations of eastern liturgies were apologetic in intent, done mostly by German Catholics actively engaged in the Reformation upheaval, like Georg Witzel (d. 1573), Johannes Cochlaeus (Dobeneck) (d. 1552), and the Dominican Ambrose Pelargus (Storch) (d. 1561). (6) Their aim was to defend Catholic theological positions with ammunition from the east. (7)

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the baton passed to France and Italy, in the period of what David Knowles called "the great historical enterprises"--the projects of the Maurists like Jean Mabillon and of the Jesuit Bollandistes in Brussels (8)--and, for eastern liturgy, the Dominican Jacques Goar (d. 1653), Jean Morin (d. 1659), Isaac Habert (d. 1668), bishop of Vabres, Eusebe Renaudot (d. 1720) in France; and in Rome, Leo Allatius (d. 1669), a Greek from Chios, and two related Maronites, Joseph Simon (d. 1768) and Joseph Louis Assemani (d. 1782).

But by the middle of the eighteenth century things had begun to sour, when the presumed superiority of Latin liturgical usages, famously formulated in the *Praeantia ritus latini* of Benedict XIV's brief *Etsi pastoralis* (May 26, 1742), was actively fostered by the papacy of the day. (9) We have already seen how this was later exploited by Prosper Gueranger in his fight for the Romanization of the liturgy in France: disparaging eastern liturgy became a means of enhancing Roman usage. (10)

Less than two generations later, in the debacle of World War I, the Benedictine-fueled Catholic liturgical movement will turn Gueranger's equally Benedictine revival romanticism on its head, and Catholic enthusiasts like the Benedictines of Amay/Chevetogne, among them Olivier Rousseau, one of the early historians of the liturgical movement, will produce an equally romantic lyrical vision of eastern liturgy that has lasted more or less until our own day. (11)

My point in reviewing all this is not to sketch a history of the (largely western) study of eastern liturgy (though there is need for one), but simply to evoke the complications and pitfalls that stand in the way of any serious attempt to analyze closely any slice of the human cultural reality. This should not deter us; it should, however, induce us to proceed with care, and without the customary

superficiality with which profound matters are usually treated by those innocent of cultural history and the hermeneutical necessities it imposes.

### **Western Needs and Eastern Liturgy**

With this background, let us return to our *status quaestionis*: What have eastern liturgies contributed to the contemporary western understanding and renewal of Christian worship? In his recent excellent article in *Worship*, Frederick R. McManus, one of the "greats" of liturgical renewal in the United States, unwittingly carried out on me a preemptive strike. (12) I was in the process of putting my thoughts together on this subject when his article arrived to steal some of my thunder.

In that article, McManus describes the Vatican II liturgical renewal's "fresh breadth and flexibility" as flowing "from a genuine return to evangelical and patristic sources." (13) The Vatican II reform was not just an updating or *aggiornamento*, but a return to the "venerable traditions of the early post-biblical centuries." (14) That is what made the reform an organic and traditional development out of the existing tradition, and not a modernist revolution, as some of the contemporary ignorant try to portray it.

The mandate of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* was that the rites "be restored to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers" (no. 50).

Therein lies not only the solution, but also the problem. As McManus goes on to show, Pius V used the same language in 1570 in the liturgical restoration following the Council of Trent, when he spoke of restoring the *Missale Romanum* "to the pristine norm of the holy Fathers." (15) For Pius V as for Vatican II, the issue was not, of course, a sort of conservative archeologism, seeking to return to an irrecoverable past. Rather, as McManus so well formulates it, "There is no commitment to one century or other, but only a search for the best sources and the best Christian thought, especially in the first few centuries. It is a matter of restoration and recovery, scrutinizing the past precedents for what can be pastorally sound liturgy in the present." (16)

I think this is not much different in spirit from what I said some years ago on the same topic: "In liturgical renewal the work of the historian is to remove obstacles to understanding produced by a misreading of the past. Historical scholarship cannot tell the church what it must do. It can only help the church to see what it could do if those in the pastoral ministry deemed it feasible." (17)

Does this mean that history provides us models for imitation? Not necessarily; for the church is never guided by a retrospective ideology. The past is always instructive but never normative. What its study, like all study, should provide is an understanding of Tradition, that essential continuity that can legitimately be labeled "Tradition" with a capital "T," riding above the ebb and flow of the shifting tides of "traditions" with a small "t," Tradition is not history, nor is it the past.

Tradition is the church's self-consciousness now of that which has been handed on to it not as an inert treasure, but as a dynamic principle of life. It is the church's contemporary reality understood genetically, in continuity with what produced it. The very basis of the church's pastoral activity is to re-present, faithfully but afresh for each new circumstance and age, the will and message of its founder not only at its point of origin, but at every moment of the continuum at which that will and message have been manifested.

So we study the history of Tradition not because we are interested in reviving the past, but in order to promote a contemporary understanding of Christian life in terms of its origins and evolution, an understanding that challenges myths and frees us from the tyranny not just of any one frozen slice of the past, but also from the tyranny of the latest cliché, so that we can move ahead to solutions suitable for today in faithful freedom, faithful to living Tradition that is always

beholden to but never prisoner of the past.

### Catholic Romance with the Christian East

It is in this context that we must understand the modern western Catholic romance with the Christian east and its liturgies. I believe the west has tended to define eastern liturgy in terms of what it perceives itself as lacking. It would be easy to make a list of things in the pre- and post-Vatican II Roman Catholic liturgical renewal that were directly inspired by the east: the restoration of Holy Week and the Easter Vigil under Pius XII; liturgy in the vernacular; the *Spirit-epiclesis*

in the new anaphoras; eucharistic concelebration; communion under both species; the permanent (and married) diaconate; the recomposition of the ancient unity of Christian initiation in the rite of Christian initiation of adults; revisions in the ordination and confirmation rites; and, the (in my view largely unsuccessful) (18) attempts to restore the liturgy of the hours.

It would be equally easy to show that what was being done was not so much an imitation of existing eastern usage, as deciding what should be done on the basis of several factors, above all perceived pastoral need, and then finding justification and support in patristic and eastern precedents as interpreted--even reinterpreted--in the light of those perceived present needs.

There is of course nothing whatever remarkable about such a process. What the west did with the east is what historians do with the past: they interpret it in the light of present aims and needs. In other words, the western view of eastern liturgy, the commonplaces of its virtues, are simply a mirror of our own deepest longings. The qualities we identify in eastern liturgy are those we think the west has lost.

Olivier Rousseau of Amay-Chevetogne, one of the first historians of the liturgical movement, wrote: "Among Catholics it is a truism that the Orthodox Church has preserved the liturgical spirit of the Early Church, and that it continues to live this spirit, to drink from it as from its purest source.... So there can be no question of a 'liturgical movement' in the Orthodox Church. This Church has never departed in its piety and its offices from the liturgical spirit of the Early Church, to which it has always remained faithful." (19) Rousseau was writing in 1944, towards the end of World War II, when the liturgical movement among francophone Catholics drew much of its inspiration from contacts with the Orthodoxy of the Russian emigration that had found refuge in France in the aftermath of the Bolshevik Revolution of 1918.

This wave of Catholic romanticism for the east so impressed the more naive Greeks that Zoe in Athens published a book entitled *Nostalgia for Orthodoxy*, (20) anthologizing citations from western authors in praise of Orthodox liturgy and spirituality. But of course this book missed the whole point. Catholics then and now who have become entranced by eastern liturgy were and are not seeking a "return" to an Orthodoxy to which they had never belonged.

That is the same mistake Catholics used to make before the birth of Catholic ecumenism, when they thought the Orthodox had to "return" to Rome, as if they had ever "belonged" to Rome in the first place. Present day Orthodoxy in no way represents "the past" of western Christianity, whose roots are as equally apostolic and autonomous as those of any eastern church.

Rather, these western Christians were engaged in "imagining" an Orthodoxy, just as modern Greece likes to "imagine" that it is the sole repository of the classical hellenic heritage, (21) and just as Edward W. Said showed, apropos of the Middle East, that nineteenth-century western orientalist "imagined" an Orient that is not a place but an idea, an idea that is basically an invention of the European orientalist. (22)

All this is nothing more than the movement known as romanticism, part of humanity's ongoing

attempt to recreate for itself a better present out of an imagined ideal past, perhaps out of the fear that, having lost yesterday, we have no today.

### **Dross Among the Gold**

The romantic vision of eastern liturgy is based on several presuppositions, the essentials of which are an idealization of "the Golden Age of the Fathers" and the spirit of its liturgy, the suspicion that the west has lost this spirit, and the supposition that the east has (23) preserved it intact. But in fact, the "Golden Age of patristic liturgy" is itself a creation of the same romanticism. When one reads what the fathers have to say about liturgy, one sees that even in those presumably halcyon days that gold was mixed with dross. A few anecdotes from my "Golden Age" file should suffice to dispel this myth.

John Chrysostom in Antioch (before 398), (24) Ambrose in Milan (339-397), (25) Augustine (d. 430) in North Africa, (26) and Caesarius of Arles (503-542) (27) all bemoan the alcoholic vigils of their clergy and flocks. Augustine even had to admonish the newly baptized youngsters not to show up drunk at vespers on Easter evening! (28)

Chrysostom in Constantinople (398-404) accuses his congregation of roaming around during church services; of either ignoring the preacher (30) or pushing and shoving to get nearer to hear him, (31) when not bored or downright exasperated with him;(32) of talking, especially during the scripture lessons ; (33) of leaving before the services are over; (34) and, in general, of causing an uproar and acting as if they were in the forum or barbershop-or worse still, in a tavern or whorehouse (35)-his words, not mine.

The women cause distractions by the way they deck themselves out in finery, makeup, and jewelry. (36) The youth, whom Chrysostom calls "filth rather than youth," spend their time in church laughing, joking, talking, he says. (37) The large crowd at the Easter Vigil is more a mob than a congregation, he tells us. They come to church like they go to the baths or the forum, without devotion or spiritual profit. "It would be better to stay at home," the exasperated Chrysostom concludes. (38)

The way the sexes behave in church just exacerbated the general scandal of church-going in Constantinople, according to Chrysostom. The presider greets those in church with "peace," but the reality he has to face is more, he says, like "all-out warfare" everywhere. "Great is the tumult, great the confusion here in church. Our assemblies differ in nothing from a tavern, so loud is the laughter, so great the disturbance, just as in the baths, in the markets, with everyone shouting and causing an uproar... [In church] we behave more impudently than dogs, and pay as much respect to God as to a whore.... The church ... is no different from the forum... nor probably even from the stage, from the way the women who assemble here adorn themselves more wantonly than the unchaste ones there. Hence we see that many profligates are enticed here by them, and if anyone is trying or intending to corrupt a woman, I suppose no place seems better than the church. (39)

"For indeed," he continues, "if one could see what is said by men and women at each synaxis, you would see that their talk is filthier than excrement." (40) Chrysostom says things were so bad they needed a wall in church to keep the men and women apart! (41) Similarly, Augustine in North Africa complains that in church the men move in and out, chattering and making dates with their lady friends, (42) as indeed Augustine himself did before his conversion, according to his own *Confessions*. (43)

So there was no "Golden Age of patristic liturgy" except in our daydreams. Even if there had been, present-day eastern usage certainly has not preserved it--indeed, it has preserved some of the very abuses the fathers of that supposed "Golden Age" railed against with force, such as the decline in frequent communion. Far from being a bastion of immovable tradition, preserving

intact the liturgy of apostolic times, the east was the main source of change, responsible for practically every single liturgical innovation from Jesus until the Islamic conquests, which stifled this remarkable creativity.

But of course all that is beside the point; for we are dealing here not with past facts but with present perceptions. These perceptions tell us not about the past, nor about the east, but about ourselves. So the only relevant question is: Why has the western liturgical movement, itself a product of nineteenth century romanticism, like the Benedictine revival, the Oxford Movement, and so many other aspects of western religious culture of the day--hy has it had an ongoing romance with the Christian east? In other words, what do the liturgies of the east tell us about ourselves?

### Witness of the East

Time will permit me to select only a few of those qualities we perceive eastern liturgy as possessing in ways that the west lacks. Since they have been expressed before, they will appear commonplace, but that does not make them any less true. I can only offer, *en toute simple*, a personal witness, the witness of one who after a lifetime of study has lost all romanticism and illusions about the Christian east, but whose personal piety has been profoundly stamped by a lifetime of praying and studying according to its liturgical rhythms.

#### *1. Eastern liturgy balances a high Christology with a tender devotion for the eminently knowable, human, kenotic Christ.*

East and west have different images of Christ. The liturgies of the Christian east remain indelibly marked by the trinitarian and Christological controversies of the period of the first seven councils, and certain liturgical attitudes current in the contemporary west remain totally alien to the eastern liturgical spirit. For the Christian east, Christ remains the awesome *Pantokrator*, before whose sacred mysteries the worshiper bows down in reverential awe.

But Christ is also the *philanthropos* *chelovekoljubec*, the one who loves humankind, loved us, indeed, unto death on the cross. He is the kenotic Jesus of Russian piety, the Jesus of Philippians 2: 6-11, "who, though his state was divine, did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself (*ekenosen*)

to assume the condition of a slave" This text is emblematic of Slavic Orthodox piety, a piety both distinct from and--in my view--more balanced than that of the Greeks, who reserve their emotional devotionism for the Mother of God and the saints. (44)

The exquisite dialectic of this Philippians text, moving back and forth between Jesus' divine glory *ab aeterno*, his self-abasement, and his glorification by the Father, mirrors perfectly the tension in the Byzantine liturgy between Christ as both *Pantokrator* and *Philanthropos-Theos*.

Among the Slavs this awesome Byzantine vision of *Christ-Pantokrator* is strikingly balanced by the Slavonic Canon to the Most Sweet Jesus (*Sladchaishchemu Gospodu nashemu Iisusu Khristu*) in the Slavonic Book of Hours or *Ierejskij Molitvoslov*, a devotional text that cedes nothing to the intimate love for Jesus expressed in western devotion to the Sacred Heart, as Joseph Ledit showed clearly enough in his little book on the Byzantine liturgical theme of the wound in Christ's side. (45)

The sources of this liturgical Christology, at least in the Byzantine cast, is the focus of the liturgy on the paschal mystery, which is not just resurrectional, but comprises the entire passover of Jesus from death to new life. I say the Byzantine east, because Syrian (especially East-Syrian) and Armenian Christology is more radically incarnational, and as such its liturgical piety shares with the Christian west the centrality of Christmas. But I do not need to repeat here what I have

already written elsewhere on the paschal orientation of Byzantine worship.

Though there is nothing here to which the Latin Christian would not subscribe, I do not think contemporary western Christological piety is as successful in holding these realities together in dynamic tension. The west tends toward Christological schizophrenia, a sort of post-mortem Nestorianism. Its piety ricochets from an excessive familiarity to an excessive neo-Chalcedonianism, from Christology-from-above to Christology-from-below. This is just a roundabout way of saying that western piety tends to be historicizing, and its familiarity with the human Jesus leaves the God-man receding back into the divinity, as Joseph Jungmann described in his famous essay on Teutonic Arianism. (47)

## *2. Eastern liturgy is radically trinitarian.*

Western Christology runs the danger of disturbing the trinitarian structure of Christian piety. All Christians, of course, believe in the Holy Trinity. But here I am talking about a community's actual faith consciousness and its liturgical expression, which in the liturgies of the Christian east is, in my view, incomparably superior to what was traditional in the Latin west. Recent attempts to enrich the pneumatological and epicletic structure of western eucharistic prayers have not fully remedied this problem, which is one not of texts but of mentality.

Here, too, of course, one must avoid cliches and know what one is talking about. The decidedly Christological stamp of the old Roman Canon is a sign of great antiquity. This eucharistic prayer, obviously formulated before the impact of the late fourth-century pneumatological resolution at Constantinople 1 (381 A.D.), reflects a primitive eucharistic theology much older than almost any extant eastern anaphora except Addai and Mari and the no-longer used UrChrysostom and UrBasil, *pace* the common myth that everything eastern is automatically older.

Nevertheless, eastern prayer is explicitly and consciously trinitarian in ways that western liturgical prayer is not. I am not talking about phrases, the repetition of trinitarian formulae like doxologies, but about the *liturgie profonde*, which in the east simply cannot be regularly prayed without the attentive worshiper becoming imbued with a piety that remains trinitarian through and through. That, in my view, is simply not true of the west, where the Holy Spirit, though professed, is just not a *conscious operative* factor in a radically Christological liturgical piety.

## **3.**

*Eastern liturgy retains a sense of the absolute and awesome holiness, transcendence and unknowability of God, who is to be worshiped for that reason alone.*

Nothing is so foreign to the western mentality as the ancient prayers of the Assyro-Chaldean tradition which simply pray to God without asking him for anything, as in the beautiful Collect of the Lakumara Hymn: "For all your benefits and graces to us past recompense, Lord, we confess and glorify you without ceasing in your triumphant Church full of all helps and all blessings: for you are the Lord and creator of all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever." (48)

Such "liturgical indifference" is refreshing in the face of the incessant western mania to thematize and instrumentalize liturgy for its own ends, so that one can "get something out of it." Like the reply of George Leigh Mallory when asked why he climbed Mount Everest--"Because it is there," he answered"--the Christian east prays to God simply because he is. One constantly hears in the west that people do not go to church because "they don't get anything out of it anymore." What one "gets out of it," let me repeat what I have said on other occasions, is the inestimable privilege of glorifying almighty God.

For the Christian east, the church's liturgy is not something we appropriate to our needs by

reducing it to the level of our own banality. Rather, it is the church's ideal of prayer to which we must rise. We are not the measure of the liturgy; the church's liturgy is the yardstick that measures us.

#### ***4. Eastern liturgy is holistic.***

Eastern liturgy has created and retained a synthesis of ritual, art, church, design, and symbolic structure that may at times seem inflexible, but which permits it to do what liturgy is supposed to do without the self-consciousness of present-day liturgy in the west. For liturgy serves no purpose outside itself.

Like a living language, it cannot be reduced to sociology or anthropology; it cannot be invented or created; it simply is. Although it has a history, as I am well aware, having spent my life retracing it, that history cannot be accelerated and overridden. In the west, the Protestant Reformation tried to do so, with results that are available for all to see.

Here too, if the west would learn something pastoral from the east, it must stop getting tripped up in its own clichés. Liturgy should avoid repetitions? Repetition is of the essence of ritual behavior. Liturgy should offer variety? Too much variety is the enemy of popular participation. Liturgy should be creative? Indeed--but whose creativity? Most contemporary western liturgical creativity is just one more cover for a neo-clericalism. The liturgical "creators" do not mean the creativity of the People of God, but of the celebrant and of the liturgical-establishment professionals.

There is a sameness and a familiarity and a repetitiveness that is at the very basis of day-to-day human culture. Men and women who wish to gather to praise God must learn a similar regularity and consistency, or their prayer will not survive. Our people are sick to death of professional coteries constantly reinventing the wheel.

So liturgy must change, will change, has always changed, just as living languages like English change. But they do not change just because some self-proclaimed liturgist gets up one bright morning and decides to change them. The process is much more subtle and unique, and follows its own laws and rhythms, not yours or mine.

#### ***5. Eastern liturgy offers an escape from the "medieval impasse."***

The more I study liturgy and liturgical theology across the east-west divide, the more I am convinced that the spectre of late medieval western scholasticism still haunts us. Let me say from the start that the western middle ages and its scholasticism deserve to be treated with the same scientific objectivity and respect as any other historico-cultural period. I have no patience with those who raise the shibboleth of scholasticism without ever having read a line of Peter Lombard, Albert, Thomas, Bonaventure or Scotus--indeed, would not know enough Latin to do so even if their life depended on it. I was educated in scholastic philosophy in the days when every student had his own copy of the *Summa* in Latin, and read it. So I am not the enemy of any period in cultural history. Such an approach to history is fatuous in the extreme.

But the more I study the history of east-west relations from the late scholastic period on, the more I am convinced that it furnished an ever more aggressive Catholic west with a narrowing of vision that rendered it incapable of understanding the east.

It is enough to read the extraordinary incomprehension and arrogance with which the Latins treated the Armenians of Cilicia during the Crusades. The Armenians, always more open and lacking the chauvinism and bigotry of the Byzantines after Trullo (692 A.D.) and of the medieval Latins, were quite prepared to accept communion with the Latins provided their integrity was not

violated.

Anyone who reads that history with openness and objectivity can only conclude that the Armenian Apostolic Church, when confronted with the obtuseness of the Latins, was fully justified in rejecting a communion which threatened not only their integrity, but the very survival of their age-old tradition. (50) The contentions in large part concerned the liturgy and its theology. One problem for the Latins were the liturgical intercessions for the Mother of God and the saints in the Armenian anaphora, where, as in the Byzantine Chrysostom anaphora, one continued to pray "for" Mary and the saints indifferently, along with the rest of the departed. Here as elsewhere, modern studies have shown that the Armenians had preserved the ancient tradition, (51) and that the Latins were simply wrong.

The same can be said for the hylomorphic theory of the sacraments, one more Latin novelty foreign to the undivided church of the first millennium. The issue is not that the Latins do not have the same right as everyone else to theologize about their own tradition, and to explain it as they wish within the parameters of the common apostolic faith. The issue is the tendency of the Latins in the late scholastic period to elevate their own medieval departures from the common tradition into a norm, *then use it to challenge those who had simply continued to believe as they always had.* (52)

*6. The East is our best reminder that Tradition is integral and indivisible.*

Any view of "Tradition" has to take account of the whole Tradition, not just its currently accepted "official" expression. I think the way liturgical theology is presently done too often violates this principle, marshaling what agrees with preconceived conclusions and ignoring everything else. That just will not do; and that is a message both western and eastern students of liturgy need to hear.

Problems in the history of the theological tradition are resolved not by western references to the Council of Trent or eastern flights of fancy concerning "sobornost" and "eucharistic ecclesiology," salted with a couple of commonplaces from some patristic anthology of long overworked proof-texts, but by the careful, close reading of *all* the sources, and attempting to fit *all* the tesserae into the mosaic.

If nothing visible on earth is so divine and heavenly as liturgy, nothing is so down to earth as the hard daily grind of digging out and painstakingly analyzing line by line all its textual sources.

In the modern theological enterprise, there is no longer "confessional scholarship," but just plain scholarship. Ideology is the enemy of all understanding. That does not mean that we abandon our faith; that Catholics cease to be Catholics and Orthodox or Protestants cease to be what they are. It does mean that the modern theological enterprise is scientific and common, seeking the truth wherever it is found and regardless of whom it pleases or displeases, or whose theses it confirms or weakens. *Lex orandi legem statuat credendi* is an adage so profound and so true that we have barely begun to plumb its depths. We cannot turn it on its head and make it the hostage of an ideology.

### **Between Myth and Reality**

Before concluding, I hope you will allow some personal reflections from one who has played no small part in western scholarship on eastern liturgy over the past generation, but who long ago abandoned the contemporary clichés with which the liturgical life of the Oriental churches are usually described.

Though I am an academic Orientalist who loves the Christian east and has dedicated his entire

scholarly life to the study of its traditions with the express aim of understanding them sympathetically and fostering and preserving them, I am not one of those romantics who considers the east--for heaven only knows what imagined reasons--to possess some sort of traditional superiority, a deeper spirituality, a more ancient and traditional monasticism, a more faithfully apostolic liturgy.

Those are nothing but cliches, most of them long discredited among those who have some real historical knowledge and practical experience of the Christian east. I am also one who resolutely rejects the *Religionsgeschichtliche* approach to Christian liturgy, resisting all attempts to reduce its study to anthropology or ritual studies.

That being said, however, I hold with equal firmness that Christian liturgy, eastern or western, must be studied with the same seriousness, objectivity, and historico-critical distance with which men and women of science study anything. Objectivity and distance do not mean without faith and love. They do mean without hypocrisy, self deception or dissimulation, and without spinning the webs of myth (here I use the term in its pejorative modern sense) and neo-gnosticism behind which the contemporary Orthodox east sometimes tries to hide.

Only in modern times have Christians tried to study eastern liturgy objectively, for itself, and on its own terms, and across the entire spectrum of its history and in all its manifestations, rather than as a source for something else. From my own study, I have gleaned some firm conclusions that I think the Catholic west needs to hear.

Every coin has two sides. I have mocked the notion of "the Golden Age of patristic liturgy." Everything I said was true, but it was partial; for I neglected to mention the truly great preaching which gave rise to thunderous applause; the psalmody which resounded through basilicas like the roar of the sea; the wonderful hagiopolite Holy Week and Cathedral Offices so lovingly described by Egeria; the continuous prayer of the desert monks that so captivated the visiting Cassian; and the stunning stational processions of Constantinople that stupefied the Arab prisoner Harun ibn-Yahya at the court of Byzantine Emperor Basil 1 (867-886). (53)

### Positive and Negative

If there is a positive side to the negative coin, there is an equally negative side to the positive coin. If I have highlighted some virtues of the east by contrasting them with some defects of the west, I assure you I could continue the discourse in the other direction, for there is plenty, even in matters liturgical, that the east could learn from the west.

Like all of us, eastern Christendom and its liturgies exist on that thin line of the dialectic between myth and reality, between what we want or pretend to be, and what we are. If eastern liturgies present us with the picture of a glorious ideal, that ideal is inadequately realized. I already cited Olivier Rousseau, who said "there can be no question of a 'liturgical movement' in the Orthodox Church," because "the Orthodox Church has preserved the liturgical spirit of the Early Church, and continues to live by this spirit, to drink from it as from its purest source. This Church has never departed in its piety and its offices from the liturgical spirit of the Early Church, to which it has always remained faithful." (54) That is the myth. The reality, however, is quite different, as is perfectly clear from anyone who reads some of the young Orthodox activist priests in post-communist Russia, or diaspora writers like the late Alexander Schmemmann.

Eastern Christianity finds itself in a profound crisis from which it has not yet found the means to extricate itself, and even more preoccupying is the refusal of so many to recognize this situation, or their attempts to distract attention from it by lashing out, with a chauvinistic xenophobia altogether too traditional in Russian and Balkan history, against enemies, real or imagined, who are presumed culpable for whatever is wrong.

Eastern Christianity has not yet learned to face modernity, a lesson learned in the west only with great pain and many failures. The inroads of secularism, the disarray of Protestantism in western Europe, the precipitous decline in religious practice among Catholics, the stupefyingly vapid superficiality of so much of modern western culture with its consequent banalization of much in Catholic religious and liturgical culture and the resulting conservative backlash--all these are but a short list that could be extended almost *ad infinitum*. How much of it could have been avoided is moot: second-guessing history is always a fatuous exercise.

In addition to the failures, important lessons have been learned, important values acquired, hopefully with some permanence. Despite fearful reactions and attempts to turn back the clock, such efforts surely will not succeed, since Vatican II Catholics have succeeded in facing the modern world. For the most part they have done so, I believe, with courage, honesty, integrity and imagination.

It is impossible to overemphasize how important it was to do that, if Christianity is to have a future in the modern secularized world. For Christians, the only "ideal period of liturgy" is the one they are living in. A nostalgic vision of Christian tradition was a basic error of the Protestant Reformation, the notion that there was some ideal evangelical past to which one could return.

Some lovers of eastern liturgy make the same mistake, playing the same "pick a century" game. The only difference is that they pick the classic patristic age of late antiquity, whereas the Protestant Reformers opted for apostolic times. But Paul tells us in Second Corinthians 6:2, "Behold, *now* is the acceptable time ... *now* is the day of salvation."

### Western Virtues

Why, then, this renewed western nostalgia for a better liturgical past, this idealization of Trent or the east? I think that Latin Catholics, largely ignorant of the riches of their own living tradition, make the mistake of looking elsewhere for what they already have in their own closet. I am dismayed at how utterly incapable contemporary western Catholics are of understanding and marketing the riches of their own tradition.

Stuck in the late middle ages and stymied by this medieval captivity, the Catholic west has stalled the great movement of patristic *ressourcement* initiated in postwar France by authors like Congar, Danielou, and de Lubac, the heroes of my youth. (*Mine too--Gerard Serafin!*)

How many ever dip into a volume of the great collection *Sources chretiennes* or *The Fathers of the Church*?

I say: Turn again to the fathers and mystics at the root of the unparalleled Latin tradition. Meditate on the Rule of St. Benedict, and the great Bernard of Clairvaux. Read de Lubac's *Exegese mideivale*.

Let us rediscover where we came from before it is too late. The west does not need to turn east, nor does it need to return to a medieval or Tridentine past. It needs to return to its roots. Latin Christianity is just as apostolic, ancient, traditional, patristic, spiritual and monastic as that of the east. I am not really convinced all Catholics know and believe this.

That does not mean we have nothing to learn from the east. One can learn from everyone. If the eastern churches are beginning only now to face the problems of modernity, it is the fault of the circumstances in which these churches have been forced to live, either as minority confessions in an at-best tolerant Islamic world, or for the past three generations under Communist persecution.

But it would be wrong to think that eastern Christianity does not have within itself the spiritual means to cope with modernity. As we have seen, eastern liturgy--and liturgy is simply the mirror

to eastern Christianity's inner world--has preserved from the storehouse of its past elements that are not only desperately needed, but also of great appeal to modern men and women: an attachment and profound rootedness in what is best in its own past; a deeply reverential spirit; a sense of the utter transcendence and holiness of God; a high Christology; the only truly integral and effective pneumatology in Christian history; an emphasis on the local church; and the consequent synodal or sobornal structure of church *koinonia* and governance.

But the east also needs the modern and typically "western" virtues of flexibility; the ability to cope with change as a law of our modern culture; objectivity, openness, fairness, self-criticism; and a sense of the unity of modern global culture in which no one is or can remain an island. If Christianity is to survive as a viable lifestyle attractive to modern men and women, it will not be as an obscurantist, anti-intellectual culture of folklore and ritualism, sustained by the rejection of modernity and change.

This is true for all of us: the choice is there for those able to make it. In the meantime, what the west needs to do is not turn nostalgically to the east for solutions to its own problems, but to penetrate once again into the riches of its own storehouse, to bring out from it things both old and new. A Christian culture that produced Chartres and Mont Saint Michel, Cyprian, Augustine and Cassian, Benedictine monasticism and Citeaux, Francis of Assisi and Dominic, Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, Charles de Foucauld, the two Saint T(h)eresas and Mother Teresa, and Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II, does not have to apologize to or imitate anybody except Jesus Christ.

#### Notes

1- *Peiraiki Ekklesia*

70:177 (March, 1997), 74. Those who watched on television the Pope's historic visit to Romania in 1999 will not have failed to notice that the Orthodox patriarchal Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 9, in the public square, was celebrated *versus populum*. The so-called "Innovators" or *Ohnovlentsy* tried to introduce the same practice into the Russian Orthodox Church in the 1920s, but the radical stance of that Soviet controlled splinter movement led to its rejection by the Orthodox despite the fact that, as is usually the case with self-proclaimed reformers, some of its ideas were not without merit.

2- See Robert F. Taft, "Eastern Catholic Churches (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*)," in Adrian Hastings, ed., *Modern Catholicism: Vatican II -and After* (London: SPCK/New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), 135140, esp. 135-36.

3- Prosper Gueranger, *Institutions liturgiques*, 2nd ed., 4 vols. (Paris/Brussels: Societe generale de librairie catholique, 1878) 1:226-27

4- *Ibid.*, 1:229

5- *Ibid.*, 1:23 1

6- See Anselm Strittmatter, "Missa Treverensis seu Sancti Simeonis Syracusani," *Studia Gratiana* 14 (1967), 495-518, esp. 508, note 9; Angelus Walz, "Pelargus, LThK 8:251-2; idem, "Ambrogio Pelargo a Trento," in *Il Concilio di Trento e la riforma tridentina. Atti del Conpengo storico internazionale. Trento 2-6 settembre 1963* (Rome: no publisher given, 1965): 11, 749-66.

7- In this same context we should place the 1563 *editio princeps of the Apostolic Constitutions* (Venice: Ex officina Jordani Zilati, 1563) by the Spaniard Francesco Torres (d. 1584). Torres, whose name is usually Latinized as Franciscus Turrianus or Torrens was born at Herrara in the diocese of Valencia, c. 1509; assisted at the Council of Trent as papal theologian; entered the Jesuits in 1566; and died at Rome in 1584. See Marcel Metzger, ed., *Les Constitutions apostoliques*, vol 1. SC 320 (Paris: Cerf, 1985), 75;

Giovanni Mercati, "Note on the Manuscripts of the Apostolic Constitutions used in the editio *Princeps*," *Journal of Theological Studies*

15 (1914), 453-54. Torres later published the first Latin translation of the same invaluable document (Antwerp: Ex officina Christophori Plantini, 1578) See Carlos Sommervogel, *Bibliothèque de la Compagnie de Jésus*. 11 vols. (Brussels: O. Schepens/Paris: A. Picard, 1830-1932) 8:115, no. 3.

8- See Paul Peeters, *Œuvre des Bollandistes. Subsidia Hagiographica* 24 (Brussels: Societas des Bollandistes, 1942).

9- Giuseppe Maria Croce, *La Badia Greca di Grottaferrata e la rivista "Roma e l'Oriente."* 2 vols. (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1990): 1, 13-15, note 60.

10- Beyond the Catholic world, which is the focus of our interest here, by the end of the same nineteenth century we witness another swing of the pendulum, as the Anglicans and Orthodox enter the field. The Oxford school of eastern liturgy develops as part of the Oxford Movement for re-catholicizing the Church of England (Hammond, Swainson, Brightman, Conybeare). More important, the great Russian Orthodox school is born, the first serious and systematic study of liturgy in the Orthodox world apart from Petro Mohyla and the Reform of Nikon in the seventeenth century.

Names like Almazov, Dmitrievskij, Krasnosel'tsev, Muretov, Orlov, Petrovskij, Skaballanovich, Turaev, have rendered it hazardous today to undertake any serious scientific study of Byzantine liturgy without knowing Russian. On this school, see the excellent new study of Peter Galadza, "Liturgy and Life: The Appropriation of the 'Personalization of Cult' in East-Slavic Orthodox Liturgiology, 1869-1996," *Studia Liturgica* 28 (1988), 210-23 1.

The Russian Orthodox school was not without its limitations, determined by ideological *a priori*s. Elements in Italo-Greek manuscripts which departed from Orthodox usage were sometimes viewed as "latinizations," when, in fact, as we know from our modern studies of the history of the Byzantine rite, periphery manuscripts far from the center simply preserve older usages. I detail all this in Robert F. Taft, *The Byzantine Rite. A Short History* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1993); also available in French: *Le rite byzantin. Bref historique* (Paris: Cerf, 1996), and Italian: *Storia sintetica del rito bizantino*. *Collana di pastorale liturgica* 20 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1999).

11- In postwar Germany, however, where the Baumstark school of comparative liturgy began to use texts rather than rose-colored glasses as the lenses through which to view eastern liturgy, things began to acquire a more realistic perspective. On Baumstark and *oeuvre*, see Fritz S. West, *Anton Baumstark's Comparative Liturgy in its Intellectual Context* (Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International, 1988); idem, *The Comparative Liturgy of Anton Baumstark* (Bramcote: Grove Books, 1995); *Comparative Liturgy: Years after Anton Baumstark (d. 1948). International Congress at the Pontificio Istituto orientale/centro di Studi Ezio Aletti, Rome, 25-29 September 1998*, Gabriele Winkler and Robert F. Taft, eds., *Orientalia Christiana Analecta* (Rome: Edizioni Orientalia Christiana, forthcoming); Robert F. Taft, "Anton Baumstark's Comparative Liturgy Revisited," to appear in the volume just noted; idem, "Comparative Liturgy Fifty Years after Anton Baumstark (d. 1948): A Reply to Recent Critics," *Worship* 73:6 (November 1999), 521-540. As the writings of West have shown, Baumstark, too, had his ideological presuppositions, and his work must be viewed in the context of the intellectual history of his day.

12- Frederick R. McManus, "Back to the Future: The Early Christian Roots of Liturgical Renewal," *Worship* 72 (1998), 386-403.

13- *Ibid.*, 386.

14- *Ibid.*, 387.

15- Pius V, *Quo primum*, July 14, 1570, cited in *ibid.*, 390.

16- Ibid, 400.

17- Robert F. Taft, "Response to the Berakah Award: Anamnesis," *Worship* 59 (1985), 304-325, here 311-314; reprinted as chapter 15 of idem, *Beyond East and West: Problems in Liturgical Understanding* (Rome: Edizioni Orientalia Christiana, 1997; second, rev. enlarged ed).

18- See Robert F. Taft, "The Divine Office: Monastic Choir, Prayer Book, or Liturgy of the People of God? An Evaluation of the New Liturgy of the Hours in its Historical Context," in Rene Latourelle, ed., *Vatican II: Assessment and Perspectives Twenty-five Years After (1962-1987)*, 3 vols. (New York/Mahwah, NJ: Pautist Press, 1989) 2:27-46; reprinted as chapter 14 of Taft, *Beyond East and West*. In this case the lack of success was--as I explain in that study--due in part to the reformers' refusal to accept recommendations based on eastern precedents.

19- Olivier Rousseau, OSB, *Histoire du mouvement liturgique*. Lex orandi 3 (Paris: Cerf, 1945], 188; English translation, *The Progress of the Liturgy* (Westminster, Md.: Newman Press, 1951).

20- Elias D. Mastrogiannopoulos, *He Nostalgia tes Orthodoxias* (Athens: Zoe, 1956); English trans., *Nostalgia for Orthodoxy* (Athens: Zoe, 1959).

21- See for instance Richard Clogg, *Aniatolica. Studies in the Greek East in the 18th and 19th Centuries*. Variorum Collected Studies Series (Aldershot: Variorum, 1996).

22- Edward W. Said, *Orientalism* (London: Routledge Kegan, 1978).

23- This is an idealization of which I, too, have been guilty. See, for example, *Beyond East and West*, 145.

24- *Homily on the Martyrs*, PG 50:663-4 (= CPG 4359); Robert F. Taft, *The Liturgy of the Hours in East and West: The Origins of the Divine Office and its Meaning for Today* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1993; second, rev. ed.), 170.

25 -*De Helia et ieiunio* 62, CSEL 32.2:448-49 = PL 14:719AB.

26- *Confessions* VI.2.2, CSEL 33:114-16.

27- *Sermo* 55, 1-5, CCSL 103:241-44 = SC 243:476-85.

28- *Sermo* 225, 4, PL 38:1018. See *Sermo* 252, 4, PL 38:1174; *In ep. Joh. tract.* 4, 4, PL 35:2007; see *Sermo* 252, 4, PL 38:1174.

29- *In Mt hom.* 19, 7-9, PG 57:283-5.

30- *In Mt hom.* 32133, 6, PG 5 7:3 84-5.

31- Sozomen, *Historia ecclesiastica*

VIII, 5.2, GCS 50:357,1 I15 = PG 67:1528BC; a less circumstantial account of the same in Socrates, *Hist. eccles.*

VI, 5.5, GCS neue Folge 1:317 = PG 67:673B. On the location and posture of the preacher in this period, see Alejandro Olivar, *La predicacion cristiana antigua*. Biblioteca Herder, Seccio de teologia y filosofia 189 (Barcelona: Herder, 1991), 72636; see Chrysostom, *In Ioh hom.* 3, 1. PG 59:37.

32- *De sacerdotio* V, 8, Jean Chrysostome, *Sur le sacerdoce (Dialogue et Homilie)*, ed., Anne-Marie Malingrey. SC272 (Paris: Cerf, 1980), 302-5 = PG 48:677.

33- Origen had made the same complaint over a century earlier. See *In Gen hom.* 10, 1; *In Er hom.* IZ 2, GCS 29:93, 263-64. Caesarius of Aries complains of the same abuse repeatedly. See *Sermones* 55, 1, 4;

72,

1; 73, 1-5; 78, 1; 80 1; CCSL 103:241-44, 303, 306-9, 323, 328-89 = SC 243:476-85; 330:180-81, 190-99, 237-44, 256-57.

34- This problem was evident also in Antioch. See Chrysostom, *De baptismo Christi* 4, 1, PG 49:370-71 (CPG 4335), and in Egypt, at least according to Ps. Eusebius of Alexandria (5-6th c.), *Sermo 16 De die dominica*,

PG 86:416 (= CPG 5525); see Francois N. Nau, "Notes sur diverses homolies pseudoepigraphiques, sur les oeuvres attributes A Eusuebe d'Alexandrie et sur un nouveau manuscrit de la chaine *contra Severianos*," *Revue de lorient chritien* 13 (1908), 406-434. Caesarius in Arles ran out after them, according to his *Vita 1, 27: Passiones vitaeque sanctorum aevi Merovingici et antiquorum aliquot*, ed. B. Krusch. Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum III (Hanover: Hahn, 1896), 46667.

35- See the Chrysostom citations that follow.

36- *In Mt hom.* 73174, 3, PG 58:677.

37- *In Acts hom.* 24, 4, PG 60:190.

38- *In Acts hom.* 29, 3, PG 60:218; see also *In Mt hom.* 19, 79, PG 57:283-5.

39- *In I Cor Hom.* 36, 5-6, PG 61:313-14.

40- *In Mt hom.* 88189, 4, PG 58:780-8 1, see also 676-77.

41- *In Mt hom.* 73174, 3, PG 5 8:67 7.

42- *Enarr. in ps.* 39, 8, CCSL 3 8:430-3 1. 43 III, iii.5, CCSL 27:29.

44- On this question see Robert F. Taft, "Russian Liturgy, a Mirror of the Russian Soul," in *Studi albanologici, balcanici, bizantini e orientali in onore di Giuseppe Valentini*, S.I. Studi albanesi, Studi e testi VI (Florence: Leo S. Olschki Editore, 1986), 413-435.

45- Joseph Ledit, *La plaie du cote* (Rome: Pontificio Istituto Orientale, 1970).

46- For instance, Taft, *The Liturgy of the Hours*, chap. 17; idem, *Beyond East and West*, chaps. 3, 8, 9; idem, *Eastern Rite Catholicism: Its Heritage and Vocation* (Glen Rock, NJ: Paulist Press, 1963; reprinted New York: John XXIII Ecumenical Center, Fordham University, 1976/Scranton: Center for Eastern Christian Studies, University of Scranton, 1988).

47- Joseph A. Jungmann, "The Defeat of Teutonic Arianism and the Revolution in Religious Culture in the Early Middle Ages," in idem, *Pastoral Liturgy* (New York: Herder and Herder, 1962), 1 -101. More recently and at greater length on the same cultural shift, see James C. Russell, *The Germanization of Early Medieval Christianity* (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994)

48- *Missel chaldeen* (Paris: Eglise catholique chaldeenne, 1982), 50; Frank E. Brightman, *Liturgies Eastern and Western* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1896), 254.

49- This answer is often attributed to Hillary, but its true source is the British climber Mallory, who lost his life on Everest in June of 1924.

50- See Claudio Gugerotti, *I riti di ordinazione e la Cilicia armena*. Orientalia Christiana Analecta (Rome: Edizioni Orientalia Christiana, forthcoming).

51- Robert F. Taft, "Praying to or for the Saints? A Note on the Sanctoral Intercessions-

Commemorations in the Anaphora: History and Theology," in Michael Schneider, Walter Berschin, eds., *Ab Oriente et Occidente (Mt 8, 11). Kirche aus Ost und West. Gedenkschrift für Wilhelm Nyssen* (St. Ottilien: EOS-Verlag, 1996), 439-455.

52- On this, see Robert F. Taft, "The Eiclesis Question in the Light of the Orthodox and Catholic Lex Orandi Traditions," in Bradley Nassif, ed., *New Perspectives on Historical Theology: Essays in Memory of John Meyendorff*

(Grand Rapids, MI/Cambridge, UK: Eerdmans Publishing, 1996), 210-237; idem, "Ecumenical Scholarship and the Orthodox-Catholic Eiclesis Dispute," *Ostkirchliche Studien* 45 (1996), 201-226. 53 Taft, *The Byzantine Rite*, 35. 54 Rousseau, *Histoire du mouvement liturgique*, 188.

55- Henri de Lubac, *Exegese medievale. Les quatre sens de literature*, part 1, vols 1-2, part II, vols. 1-2. *Theologie* 4 1, 42, 49 (Paris: Aubier, 1959-1964). See *Medieval Eegesis. Vol. 1: The Four Senses of Scripture*, trans. Mark Sebanc (Grand Rapids, Mi.: W. B. Eerdmans, 1998).

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