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*A Sermon for Thanksgiving Day*

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- + Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the “one thing needed”: Your eternal Kingdom.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the Name of God is proclaimed.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.
- + Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.
- + Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.
- + Lord, it is good to be here! Amen.

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