

The Great Encomium

After the Hierarch says the prayer: “Among the first, remember, O Lord...” the protodeacon or first deacon recites the following:

And our lord, Most Reverend [name], Archbishop (or Bishop) of [his diocesan title], who is offering these Holy Gifts to the Lord our God, our lord, Most Blessed Herman, Archbishop of Washington and New York, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, and the Most Reverend Metropolitans, Archbishops, and Bishops, and every Priestly and Monastic Order, for our God-beloved and God-protected land, its civil authorities and armed forces, for the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of God’s Holy Churches, for the salvation and aid of all who with diligence and the fear of God labor and serve, for the healing of those lying in infirmity, for the repose, refreshment, blessed memory and the forgiveness of sins of all previously departed Orthodox, for the salvation of the people here present, and of each of those they have in mind, and for all mankind.