

Psalms (Septuagint numbering) mentioned in the Byzantine Church Dedication Rites as drawn from *Barberinianus Graecus 336* published in Vincenzo Ruggieri, "Consacrazione e dedicazione di chiesa secondo Il Barberinianus graecus 336," *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 54 (1988): 79-118.

Consecration (Καθιερώσεως)

Psalm 83 (one or more times)¹

"How lovely is your dwelling place"
during cleaning of the altar with lukewarm water

Psalm 131 (one or two times)²

"O Lord, Remember in David's favor all the hardships he has endured."³
during the drying of the altar table

Psalm 132⁴

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"⁵
during anointing with myron of the altar.

Psalm 92 (one or more times)⁶

"The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty"⁷
covering of altar with new cloth

Psalm 25 (one or more times)⁸

"Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity."⁹

Dedication (ἐγκαινία)

Psalm 23.7: "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up O ancient doors!"¹⁰
Sung in the narthex, at the main doors of the church.

¹ Greek text: Ruggieri 87, line 114; Italian trans., p. 95.

² Greek text: Ruggieri 87, line 131; Italian trans., p. 96.

³ Especially relevant 131:16 "its priests I will clothe with salvation."

⁴ Greek text: Ruggieri 88, line 140-1; Italian trans., p. 96.

⁵ Especially relevant 132:2 "it is like precious oil on the head."

⁶ Greek text: Ruggieri 88, line 145; Italian trans., p. 96.

⁷ This first line is indicated in the text.

⁸ Greek text: Ruggieri 88, line 149; Italian trans., p. 96.

⁹ This first line is indicated in the text. Especially relevant is Line 25:6 "I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, singing a song of Thanksgiving."

¹⁰ Greek text: Ruggieri 92, line 34-5; Italian trans., 98.

Psalms mentioned in the Armenian Rite of Dedication; extracted from Michael Daniel Findikyan, "The Armenian Ritual of the Dedication of a Church," *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 64 (1998): 75-121 at 110-113.

Psalm 25:8 "O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell"

(during introductory canons)

Psalm 119-121 (three times each)

119 "In my distress I cry to the Lord"

120 "I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come?"

121 "I was glad when the said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

(during Rites of Entry: the outside procession to door of church)

Psalm 117 (three times) "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good"¹¹

(during introit)

Psalm 119-120-121 (see above)

(during procession to the foot of the bema)

Psalm 83 "How lovely is your dwelling place" (three times)

(during elevation of altar)

Psalm 83:4 "Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your

praise." (three times)

(during exaltation of altar)

Psalm 22 "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want".¹²

(Sng during installation of altar)

Psalm 25: "Vindicate me O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity."

(during purification of altar)

Psalm 22 (see above)

(during anointing of altar.

Psalm 99: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."¹³

(during exterior consecration)

Psalm 92 "The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty."

(during dressing of altar)

Psalm 42: "Vindicate me O God and defend my cause."¹⁴

(during concluding canon 1)

Psalm 137: "I give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart."¹⁵

(during concluding canon 2)

Psalm 115 "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." (see above).

(during concluding canon 4)

¹¹ Especially relevant: 117:19: "open to me the gates of righteousness"

¹² Especially relevant: 22:5 "You prepare a table for me in the midst of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

¹³ Especially relevant: 100:4 "enter his with thanksgiving and his courts with praise".

¹⁴ Especially relevant: 42:4 "then I will go to the altar of God".

¹⁵ Especially relevant: 137: 2 "I bow down before your holy temple."