
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.

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”  
(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 procession to the foot of the bema)
Psalm 83:4 “Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.”(three times)  
(during elevation of altar)
Psalm 22 “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want”,  
(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.”  
(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.”  
(during concluding canon 1)
Psalm 137: “I give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.”  
(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.”