

# Two Different Traditions — One Catholic Church —

## ROMAN RITE TODAY

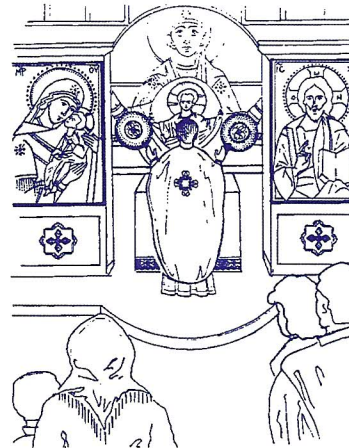
Priest faces people across the altar.



The image is: gathering around the Lord's table here and now.

## BYZANTINE RITE TODAY

Priest faces East, towards altar along with the people.



The image is: leading the people to the Heavenly Liturgy in God's Kingdom.



We like things that are new and modern, and use them in worship, too. Church buildings and services today use things from present everyday life and culture.

Prayers are kept simple, not repeated. Great care is taken to give the whole text of the service in programs or missalettes, so that the mind can grasp things clearly.



We like things that we have received from our ancestors. Services and church buildings, even new ones, are based on traditional and timeless models.

Prayers are repeated and sung. There is a lot of movement; many senses are used to get the whole self (mind and body) involved in worshipping God.

**IS ONE TRADITION BETTER THAN THE OTHER? NO!  
BOTH TRADITIONS ARE GOOD, AND BOTH ARE CATHOLIC!**

**The faith is the same, but we express it differently.**

\*Byzantine Catholics include people of the following ancestry: Albanian, Belarusian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Hungarian, Italo-Albanian, Macedonian, Melkite (Middle Eastern), Romanian, Russian, Ruthenian, Slovak, Ukrainian, but also many others.

