I. Introductory Rites

Entrance into the Church

Gathering of the Local Church for the Procession

(Ideally at and from the founding parish, where an overnight vigil has been kept with the relics to be entombed.)

Greeting and Invitation to Rejoice

Procession of the Church to the Church

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

(Psalm 122)

Meeting the Builders

The Pastor Opens the Doors

Lift high the ancient portals.

The King of glory enters.

(Psalm 24)

Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

First Use of the Presider’s Chair

Invocation to Prayer and Blessing of Water

Sprinkling of the People and the Walls (Humanity and Cosmos) and Sprinkling of the Altar

II. Liturgy of the Word

The Presentation of the Lectionary to the Bishop by Readers and Psalmist

I. Nehemiah 8 (always used, with Psalm 19: “Your words, Lord, are spirit and life”)

II and III (from the Lectionary, 701-706)

Homily

Profession of Faith

III. Prayer of Dedication and the Anointings

Invitation to Prayer and Litany of the Saints

Depositing of the Relics

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn: Gloria

Opening Prayer

Concelebrated Anointing of the Altar and Walls (Christ and His People)

See the place where God lives among his people; there the Spirit of God will make his home among you; the temple of God is holy and you are that temple.

(Psalm 84)

Incensation of the Altar and the Church

An angel stood by the altar of the temple, holding a golden censer. From the hand of the angel, clouds of incense rose in the presence of the Lord.

(Psalm 138)

Covering of the Altar and the Lighting of Altar

Your light will come, Jerusalem, upon you the glory of the Lord will dawn and all nations will walk in your light, alleluia.

(Canticle of Tobias)

St. John Chrysostom

IV. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Procession of Gifts to the Chair

The First Kiss of the Altar

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer I or III

Special Preface

Special “Father, Accept”

Communion Rite

May the children of the Church be like olive branches around the table of the Lord.

(Psalm 128)

Inauguration of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

(Psalm 147)

Blessing and Dismissal