

# Flag Day/Dita e Flamurit

To be celebrated on November 28 or the preceding Sunday

*After the final benediction of the Liturgy, the priest may invite the children of the parish carrying small flags or an honor guard bearing the Albanian flag to the solea for the following prayers. Alternatively, if the Church has an outdoor flagpole, these prayers may take place there.*

**Priest:** Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-Creating, and Undivided Trinity, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Cantor:** Trisagion Prayers beginning with *O Heavenly King* and concluding with the *Our Father*

**Priest:** For Thine is the Kingdom...

Let us pray to the Lord.                      *or*                      Le ti lutemi Zotit.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy.                      *or*                      Mëshiro, o Zot.

**Priest:** O Zot, që bekon dhe shenjtëron, ti bekoje flamurin tone, dhe shpëtoje shtetin tonë dhe popullin tonë nga çdo rezik edhe shtrëngicë, dhe drejtoje në udhën e dritës, të lirisë dhe të përparimit nënë hien tënde, dhe vlerësona ne të pavyerit ta kremtojmë këtë ditë të lavdëruar me nder, shëndet edhe ditë të gjata këtu dhe kudo. Se ti je Perëndi mëshirëplot edhe njeridashës, dhe ty të dërgojmë lavdi, Atit edhe Birit edhe Shpirtit të Shenjtë, tani dhe përherë, dhe në jetët e jetëve.

*or*

O Lord, Who blesses and sanctifies, bless our flag and save our country and our people from every danger and poverty, lead it forward into the light of freedom and progress under Thy protection, and look not upon our shortcomings as we celebrate this glorious day with honor, health, and length of days. For Thou art full of mercy and loving-kindness and unto Thee we send up praises, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.                      Amin.

*The Choir, Cantor, or Priest, or some combination of the same then chant the following hymn thrice in Tone I. Upon each repetition, the Priest should bless with the Cross:*

Save Thy people, O Lord our God,  
and bless Thine inheritance,  
grant victory to the faithful  
over the enemy,  
and protect our state and our country  
through the might of Thy Cross.

Shpetoje, O Zot, popullin tent  
dhe bekoje trashëgimin tent,  
dhuroju besemireve  
mundje kunder armiqve,  
dhe ruaje shtetin tone  
me anen e kryqit tent.

O Zot shpëtoje popullin tënd  
dhe bekoje trashëgimin tënd,  
dhuroju shpresëtarëve fitore  
mbi barbarët dhe ruaje shtetin  
tënd me anën e Kryqit tënd.

**Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ, our God and our hope, Glory to Thee.

**Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father, bless.

**Priest:** May Christ our True God, through the intercessions of His most pure and holy Mother, of the Holy Great-Martyr and Trophy-Bearer George, of our holy Father/Mother (*Name*), patron of this holy temple, of our holy Father/Mother (*Name*), whom we commemorate today, of the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints preserve, strengthen, lead, guide, and instruct the Albanian nation and these United States of America and all who are privileged to call them home.

**Choir:** Amen.