Resource Sheet 42

The Liturgy to the Gospel/Homily

Starter: The leader needs small, light ball. Throws the ball to the student, and he/she should make a question to a word. For example: teaches says "prosphora", possible question: "What is the name of the bread, we use for the Divine Liturgy?". Then student gives ball back to the teacher and he/she throws it to another student and etc. Words for the game: Liturgy, wine, prosphora, litany, priest, Proskomedie, sanctuary, Sunday, Heaven, angels.

Reading:

Master and Lord our God, You have established in heaven the orders and hosts of angels and archangels to minister to Your glory. Grant that the holy angels may enter with us that together we may serve and glorify Your goodness. For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Activity:

Fill in the missing words and expressions, using the Glossary below:

Glossary: God, Liturgy, hearts, life of Jesus Christ,

Key:

Now comes the high point of the first half of the Liturgy - we will hear an epistle and a gospel reading. The Epistle usually comes from the letters of St. Paul, where he is explaining to us our faith. The Gospel includes words and stories from the life of Jesus Christ himself. "Let us attend" the priest will say. This is not a time for us to sit down, relax and let your mind wander. It is a time to sit at the edge of your seat, waiting expectantly for divine words of guidance, nourishment, encouragement, correction and strength. Remember, God is speaking to us through these readings! St. John Chrysostom wrote, "The Scriptures were not given to us that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them in our hearts." As you listen to the readings, ask yourself, "What is God trying to say to me? How can I apply these teachings in my life? Am I ready to follow Christ?" ¹

¹ Source of the text (with shortenings): http://www.schwebster.org/sermons/2015-sermons/a-teaching-divine-liturgy