

Scripture readings

All of these passages reflect the Church's belief in the reality of Christ's death and Resurrection and of the benefits that we derive from them, namely, the resurrection of our body on the last day, and the promise of incorruption and immortality.

Prayers and Dismissal

Following the readings, the small litany that was said earlier is repeated, and the priest offers a prayer for the repose of the deceased. The priest asks the "God of spirits and of all humankind" to grant rest to the soul of the deceased, "now asleep in a place of light, a place of renewed life, a joyous place...". The Dismissal prayer of the Funeral Service once again introduces the hope of the resurrection as the priest calls upon the intercessions of the all-holy Theotokos, the holy Apostles, the holy Fathers, the three Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and of the holy and righteous Lazarus, the friend of

Christ who was raised from the dead by our Lord. After this prayer the faithful sing "May your memory be eternal".

The Kiss of Peace and Anointing

Following the dismissal prayer comes the moment of our final farewell greeting to the deceased. As the people come forward to look upon the deceased, the choir or chanters sing hymns that invite them to offer a kiss to the one who has reposed in the faith while they pray for the Lord to give the person rest. The kiss given to the deceased is an expression of love for the departed, but it is also an affirmation that the one who has fallen asleep is worthy of the fulfilment of God's promises having lived a life of faith and known the grace of God.

After the people and the family have come and offered their final greeting, the priest anoints the body in the sign of the Cross with oil and earth.

Finally, the Graveside Service

In the Orthodox religion, burial is the most common form of committal service. It consists of a brief prayer ceremony (including the chanting of the Trisagion) at the graveside which is followed by the mourners placing soil on top of the coffin or casket before it is lowered into the ground. Traditionally, the mourners then share a meal between themselves to celebrate the life of the deceased.

As with every aspect of a Seasons Funeral, the Final Committal can be tailored to your requirements.

For a life worth celebrating

Talk to your arranger about further ways to personalise the funeral service of your departed loved one. For you, we want to make it a wonderful life-long memory.

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Our Macedonian funeral arrangers and directors take pride in organising funerals for Macedonian families with careful attention and respect to all customs, rituals, faith-based protocols and any specially tailored requirements.

What matters most to us is guiding you toward the most memorable and fitting tribute possible to the person we are to farewell. This means we surpass the basics of a Macedonian service and truly tailor your service to the faith and cultural background of the deceased, their family and their friends. We seek to touch everyone who attends, and reflect to all, the unique spirit of the departed.

Seasons also know the smallest details are hugely important. When it comes to your flowers, photos and religious icons, as well as advising you on olive oil, wine, wheat and bread, your arranger will ensure every detail is exactly as wished.

Seasons are proud to have a long association with Fr Vesko and Fr Stanko and the Macedonian community in Western Australia. Your personal Seasons funeral arranger will work closely with you and your priest to plan the funeral service. Because each priest has slightly different requirements, you will appreciate having an experienced funeral arranger who understands the importance of the individual Orthodox Christian funeral rites.

The Highlights of a Seasons Macedonian Funeral Service

What makes a Seasons Macedonian Funeral Service an incomparable tribute is the care we take to offer choices appropriate to cultural traditions.



A Seasons Macedonian Funeral Service offers thoughtful choices to create a fitting tribute.

- ~ A Funeral Mass at your church of choice ~
- ~ Traditional and non-traditional music ~
- ~ A funeral procession past the family home or a place special to the loved one ~
- ~ A conductor familiar with Macedonian traditions ~
- ~ Meticulous attention to the smallest of details like flowers, photos and religious icons ~
- ~ 24 hour, 7 days a week contact with your arranger or conductor ~

The Macedonian Funeral Service

Although traditionally a Macedonian funeral service passes through three distinct traditional tributes, Seasons are extremely conscious that many families seek to remember a unique loved one with a unique service. To fulfil your needs our arranger will work closely with you to individualise each component of the service as much as possible.

First, the Vigil service

The traditional prayer service for the deceased is called Trisagion (last viewing). Trisagion is usually conducted by the priest at the place where the deceased lies on the evening before the funeral. Traditionally, Trisagion is also on the day of the funeral, at the graveside following the funeral service, and at memorial services.

Then, the Funeral Mass

The priest censes the deceased and the faithful, as well as the Holy Altar Table and icons through hymn. Each hymn has its own particular melody and they are sung in the order of the eight modes or tones. These hymns and their changing melodic modes express the mixed emotions of grief and consolation that come from the loss of a loved one and in our affirmation of our hope in God's promise of rest for the departed and eternal life.