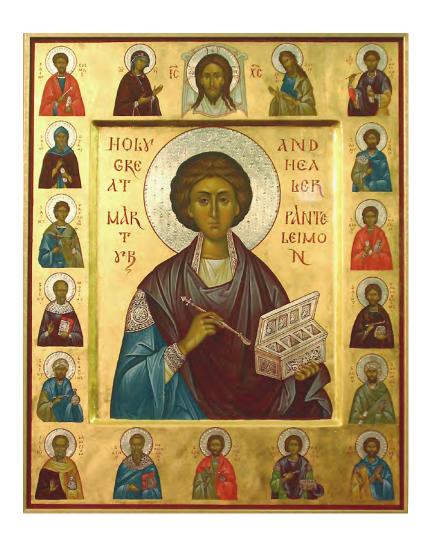
Mystery of Holy Unction



Celebrated Holy Wednesday Evening

OCA Guidelines for Holy Unction

The following directions, from the Guidelines for Clergy (Orthodox Church in America, 1998), address various issues surrounding the celebration of Holy Unction and are considered normative.

The services of healing through anointing of the sick must be understood and experienced as corporate acts of worship. See: On Spiritual Life in the Church, Encyclical, page 5.

- 1. The Mystery of Holy Unction is administered to Orthodox Christians for the healing of soul and body. It may be for a particular person or for a number of persons gathered together.
- 2. While especially appropriate for the sick and dying, the Mystery of Holy Unction is intended for the living. Those who are already dead must not be anointed with this Holy Unction.
- 3. It should be understood that the service is primarily for those who are ill in body and in soul and are able to be present if the service is performed in public. Otherwise, the priests ought to go to the bedside of the person for whom the healing is sought.
- 4. This mystery is bestowed on those who have confessed and are at peace with God in their souls. One cannot expect to receive healing without repentance; confession precedes the healing.
- 5. If it is not possible to use the full order of service to anoint a person who has fallen ill, an abridged form that has been approved for use by the diocesan hierarch may be used.
- 6. In some dioceses, deaneries, and parishes, for the benefit of the local Orthodox community, it has become a custom, although not prescribed by the Typikon, to celebrate this mystery on fasting and festal seasons. Although it is not prescribed in the Triodion, one such example is the celebration of the mystery on Great and Holy Wednesday for the entire gathered community.
- 7. Normally, oil which has been sanctified at a previous celebration of the Mystery of Holy Unction is not reserved for the subsequent anointing of the sick, but should be burned in an oil lamp or poured over the body of the person for whom it had been offered if that person dies.
- 8. The custom of allowing the faithful to take oil home with them to anoint others should not be encouraged since the usual ministrant of the Mystery of Holy Unction is of the priestly rank.
- 9. If garments and the like are brought forward at the service, they may be sprinkled with holy water, but should not be anointed with the sanctified oil.

THE MYSTERY OF HOLY UNCTION

The Priest makes a full censing, beginning by censing around the table of the Holy Oil, and concluding before it. Then facing east, he says:

PRIEST: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen. Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

PRIEST: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Psalm 142

O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth.

He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled.

I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land.

Quickly hear me, O Lord, my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope.

Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul.

Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge.

Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me.

In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies.

And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. (3)



Litany

DEACON: Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

To Thee, O Lord.

PRIEST: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 6

PRIEST: Alleluia, in the Sixth Tone.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRIEST: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy wrath.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRIEST: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Troparia

(During Holy Week, instead of the following, Troparion of the Bridegroom, page 4) Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for laying aside all excuse, we sinners offer to Thee, as to our Master, this supplication: Have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

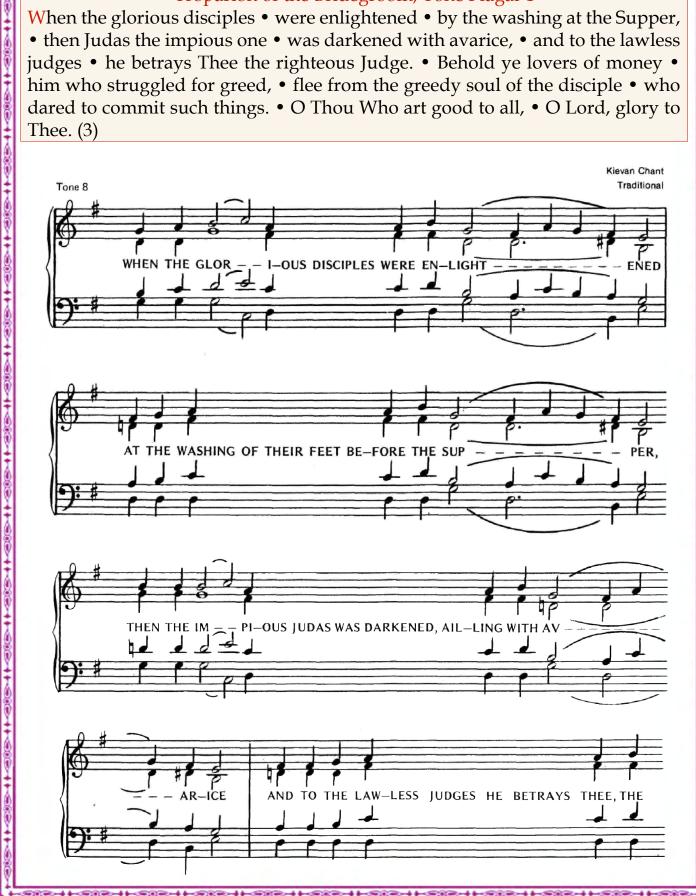
O Lord, have mercy on us, for in Thee have we put our trust. Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look down on us even now, as Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies; for Thou art our God, and we are Thy people; we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy name.

Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Blessed Theotokos, open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in thee, that we may not perish, but be delivered from adversity through thee. For thou art the salvation of the Christian people.

Troparion of the Bridegroom, Tone Plagal 4

When the glorious disciples • were enlightened • by the washing at the Supper, • then Judas the impious one • was darkened with avarice, • and to the lawless judges • he betrays Thee the righteous Judge. • Behold ye lovers of money • him who struggled for greed, • flee from the greedy soul of the disciple • who dared to commit such things. • O Thou Who art good to all, • O Lord, glory to Thee. (3)





Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice.

Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me.

I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness.

O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased.

A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings.

Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

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Kanon, Tone 4

Of which the acrostic is: The Prayer of the Ou, u song of thecenes.

The Eirmoi and the Refrains are chanted, as usual, while it is customary for the clergy to intone the

EÍRMOS: When of old Israel crossed the depths of the Red Sea with dry steps, by the crosswise stretching forth of Moses' hands the host of Amalek was defeated in the Wilderness.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Thou Thyself, O Master Who ever comfortest the souls and bodies of man with the oil of loving-kindness, and Who preservest the faithful with oil, now show compassion through the Oil to them that draw near unto Thee.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Having been anointed today with Thy precious and divine Oil, we entreat Thee with faith, that Thy mercy beyond understanding be granted to us, for the whole earth is filled with Thy mercy, O Master.

 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Entreating Thine Apostles, whom Thou didst mercifully command to minister Thy priestly anointing on Thine ailing servants, do Thou Who lovest Mankind, have mercy on all by Thy seal.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Pure One, who didst give birth to the fathomless Abyss of Peace, deliver thy servants from afflictions and sorrows, by thine unceasing prayers unto God, that they may unceasingly magnify thee.

Note: The following Katavasia is sung after each Ode according to the Kievan Trebnik of Metropolitan Peter Mogila:

KATAVASÍA: O Christ plenteous in mercy: Raise up Thy servants from sickness. For with fervor we make haste to Thee, Merciful Redeemer, Master of All, Lord Jesus.



ODE 3

Eírmos: Thy Church rejoiceth in Thee, O Christ, crying out: "Thou art my strength, O Lord, my refuge and my confirmation." Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Rain down from on high, O Christ, Who alone art wondrous and merciful unto faithful men, Thy grace unto those that suffer grievously.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Abating the flood of old, O Lord, Thou didst show forth an olive branch as a divine token of Thy saving mercy to those that are suffering.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Yearning with faith, are those who hasten to Thy mercy; through the anointing enlighten them in Thy mercy with the lamp of divine light.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Even from on high, O Mother of the Creator of All, look down favourably, and by thy prayers release from bitter pain those that are afflicted.

KATAVASÍA: O Christ plenteous in mercy: Raise up Thy servants from sickness. For with fervor we make haste to Thee, Merciful Redeemer, Master of All, Lord Jesus.

Note: In older editions of the Trebnik there is appointed a Little Litany after the 3rd, 6th, 8th and 9th Odes, as at Matins.

Sessional Hymns (Kathísmata)

Tone 8, to the special melody, "The pastoral reed"

As Thou art a divine river of mercy, a depth of abundant loving-kindness, O Compassionate One, make manifest the divine streams of Thy mercy, and heal all. Pour forth abundantly fountains of miracles, and wash all. For ever making haste unto Thee, we fervently entreat Thy grace.

Another, Tone 4, to the special melody, "O Thou that wast lifted up"

O Physician and Helper of those that are in sufferings, O Redeemer and Saviour of those that are in afflictions: Do Thou Thyself, O Master and Lord, grant healing unto Thine afflicted servants; show compassion, have mercy on those who have grievously sinned, and deliver them, O Christ, from their iniquities, that they may glorify Thy divine power.



ODE 4

EIRMOS: Upon seeing Thee uplifted upon the Cross, O Sun of Righteousness, the Church stands with all her array, meetly crying out: "Glory to Thy power, O Lord." Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Renew and cleanse the world, O Saviour Who art the incorrupt Myrrh, by pouring out Thy grace; be compassionate and merciful, in a manner befitting God, unto those that, in faith, anoint the sores of the body.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Master, sign now the senses of Thy servants with the tranquility of Thy mercy's seal, and make impassable and inaccessible the entrance of all adverse powers.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Free from suffering and save, O Thou Who lovest Mankind, the ailing whom Thou hast commanded to summon Thy divine priestly ministers, and to be saved by their prayers and anointing with Thine oil.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Thou art a mighty shelter and fortress, refuge and rampart, ladder and bulwark, O Most-holy, Ever-Virgin Theotokos: Have mercy and compassion on those that are afflicted. For unto thee alone have they fled for refuge.

KATAVASÍA: O Christ plenteous in mercy: Raise up Thy servants from sickness. For with fervor we make haste to Thee, Merciful Redeemer, Master of All, Lord Jesus.

ODE 5

EÍRMOS: As a light Thou hast come unto the world, O my Lord, A holy light which turneth from the darkness of ignorance Those who with faith sing praises to Thee.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Having an abyss of mercy, O Good One, and through Thy divine mercy, O Merciful One, be merciful unto those that suffer, as Thou art deeply-compassionate.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Ever heal us all by Thy hand, O Christ, Who, in manner beyond words, hast sanctified our souls and bodies from on high by the divine impression of Thy seal.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

O Most-good Lord, by Thine unspeakable love Thou didst accept the anointing with myrrh from the harlot: Have compassion now on Thy servants.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Inscribing hymns to thee, Pure, and Most-good Sovereign Lady, we beseech thee to have mercy upon those that are anointed with the divine Oil, and to save thy servants.

Katavasía: O Christ plenteous in mercy: Raise up Thy servants from sickness. For with fervor we make haste to Thee, Merciful Redeemer, Master of All, Lord Jesus.

ODE 6

EÍRMOS: "I will sacrifice to Thee with a voice of praise, O Lord," The Church crieth aloud unto Thee, Having been cleansed from the blood of demons by the blood Which, out of mercy, flowed from Thy side.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Let those that suffer be saved by Thy seal, O Thou Who lovest Mankind, and Who didst show by Thy words that anointing with oil is for kings, and that this is performed by high priests.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Anointed with divine oil, O Savior, let no interfering act of bitter demons touch the senses of those sealed therewith. But surround them with the shelter of Thy glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Stretch forth Thy hand from on high, O Thou Who lovest Mankind, and having sanctified Thine oil, O Saviour, grant it to Thy servants for health and deliverance from every sickness.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Mother of the Creator, thou hast appeared as a fruitful olive tree in thy divine temple, through which the world is shown full of mercy. Therefore, by thy touching through prayers, save those that are suffering.

KATAVASÍA: O Christ plenteous in mercy: Raise up Thy servants from sickness. For with fervor we make haste to Thee, Merciful Redeemer, Master of All, Lord Jesus.

Kontakion, Tone 2 (to the special melody, "Seeking things above)

As Thou art the exceedingly-good Fountain of mercy, do Thou deliver from every calamity those that with fervent faith fall down before Thine unspeakable mercy, O deeply-compassionate One. And taking away their infirmities, do Thou grant unto them Thy divine grace from on high.

ODE 7

E(RMOS: The children of Abraham in the Persian furnace • burning with love of godliness more than the flame, • Cried out: "Blessed art Thou • In the temple of Thy glory, O Lord."

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Now be the Physician for these persons that suffer in afflictions, and Thyself heal them, for Thou Who alone art God, O Saviour, and in Thy mercy and compassions Thou healest the spiritual sufferings and bodily wounds of all.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Gladness and joy give to all whose heads are anointed with the oil of Anointing, granting those that seek it, the mercy of Thy deliverance, O Christ, through the richness of Thy mercy, O Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

O Saviour, Thy seal is a sword against demons, and the prayers of priests are a fire that doth burn passions of the soul. Therefore, we who are receiving healing faithfully sing Thy praises.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Free from sufferings and have mercy, we beseech thee O Thou, the Mother of God, who didst receive in thy womb in a manner befitting God Him that holdeth all things in the hollow of His hand, and didst give flesh to Him ineffably.

KATAVASÍA: O Christ plenteous in mercy: Raise up Thy servants from sickness. For with fervor we make haste to Thee, Merciful Redeemer, Master of All, Lord Jesus.

ODE 8

EÍRMOS: Daniel stretched forth his hands, and stopped the gaping jaws of the lions in the den, • And the Children, zealots of godliness, • Having girded themselves with virtues, • Quenched the force of the fire, crying out: • "Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord."

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

According to Thy great and divine mercy, O Saviour, have mercy on all. For this cause we have all gathered together, mystically representing the condescension of Thy compassions, in faith bearing the anointing with oil to Thy servants, whom do Thou also visit.



Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Release from the torment of violent sufferings and the onslaught of afflictions, those that are anointed by Thy Priests, O deeply-compassionate Lord, and wash away their pains and wounds with the streams of Thy mercies, O Christ, that being saved they may glorify Thee with thanksgiving.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Signed upon us through Thy divine mercy, O Master, is the mark of condescension and tranquility from on high; withdraw not Thy mercy, neither reject those who ever cry out in faith: "Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord."

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Even nature accepted, as a most-glorious crown, thy divine birthgiving, O Pure Lady, which crushed the hosts of the enemies, and vanquished them with might. Therefore, crowned with festal brightness by thy grace, we hymn thee, O mostlauded Sovereign Lady.

KATAVASÍA: O Christ plenteous in mercy: Raise up Thy servants from sickness. For with fervor we make haste to Thee, Merciful Redeemer, Master of All, Lord Jesus.

ODE 9

Virgin, • Even Christ the Cornerstone, • Who hath bound together Nature that

1:--ided • Therefore, rejoicing, we magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Now bestow Thy help and strength to those that approach Thee, through the divine anointing of Thy priests, O Thou Who lovest Mankind, and look down from Heaven showing forth Thy mercy to all, O Compassionate One.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Imparted symbolically unto those who have participated in the divine font, is the divine oil which we behold with rejoicing, O Most-good Saviour, which by Thy divine condescension Thou hast accepted, beyond the merits of them that are recipients.

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

With rejoicing, we have seen the divine oil, O Most-good Saviour, which by Thy divine condescension Thou hast accepted, beyond the merits of them that are recipients, and which Thou hast symbolically imparted unto those who have participated in the divine font.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

O Savior, be Thou compassionate and have mercy, deliver from dangers and afflictions, rescue from the arrows of the evil one the souls and bodies of Thy servants, as Thou art a merciful Lord, Who healest by divine anointing.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Save and deliver from cruel passions and affliction, through thy prayers, O Virgin, us thy servants who make haste to thy protection, and accept our hymns and prayers, O Most-pure One.

Exaposteilárion

In mercy, O Good One, • with Thine eyes look down upon • the supplication of us who today • have come together in Thy holy temple • to anoint with Divine Oil • Thine afflicted servants. (3)

Praises Psalm 148

Intone antiphonally: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest; to Thee is due praise, O God.

Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts: to Thee is due praise, O God.

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them for ever, yea, for ever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses.

Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,

The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,

The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,

Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all the judges of the earth,

Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Psalm 149

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples;

To bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with manacles of iron,

To do among them the judgment that is written; this glory shall be to all His saints.

Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Stichera, Tone 4 to the special melody, "Thou hast given a sign"

Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

Thou hast given Thy grace through Thine Apostles, O Lover of Mankind Who art easy to be entreated, to heal the wounds and sicknesses of all men through Thy holy oil. Therefore, as Thou art deeply-compassionate, have mercy upon those who now draw near in faith to Thine oil, cleanse them from all sickness, and count them worthy of Thine incorruptible Food, O Lord.

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

O Incomprehensible One Who art deeply-compassionate, O Lover of Mankind, Who with Thine invisible hand sealest our senses with Thy divine oil: Look down from heaven, and give to those that faithfully make haste unto Thee, and entreat remission of transgressions, healing of both soul and body, that with love they may glorify Thee, magnifying Thy dominion.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute.

Through the anointing with Thine oil, and the touch of Thy priests, O Lover of mankind, sanctify Thy servants from on high. Free them from sicknesses and cleanse them from spiritual defilement. Wash them, O Saviour, and deliver them from greatly-entangling temptations.

Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. Let every breath praise the Lord.

Allay their afflictions, banish all obstacles, and resolve their sorrows, as Thou art compassionate and greatly-merciful.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THEOTOKION: O most-pure Palace of the King, O greatly-extolled One, purify my mind defiled by every sin, I entreat thee, and make it a fair abode of the Most-divine Trinity, that being saved, I, thine unprofitable servant, may magnify thy power and boundless mercy.

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

PRIEST: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Troparion, Tone 4

Thou Who alone art quick to help, O Christ, make manifest Thy speedy visitation from on high unto Thy suffering servants. Deliver them from sicknesses and bitter pain, and raise them up, that they may sing praises unto Thee and, without ceasing, glorify Thee, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Thou Who only lovest Mankind.

Here oil and wine are poured into the lampada and the candles are lit.

Great Litany

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. (After each petition)

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Metropolitan Tikhon, for our Archbishop Benjamin, for the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For this Oil, that it may be blessed by the power, operation, and descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

For the servants of God that have come to this holy Mystery, and for the visitation of God upon them; and that the grace of the Holy Spirit may come upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may be delivered from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

To Thee, O Lord.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Oil.

PRIEST: O Lord Who, through Thy mercies and compassions, healest the disorders of our souls and bodies: Do Thou Thyself, O Master, sanctify this oil, that it may be effectual unto those that are anointed with it for healing, and for the relief of every passion, of defilement of flesh and spirit, and of every ill; and that Thy most-holy Name may be glorified thereby: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Troparia Troparion, Tone 4

Thou Who alone art quick to help, O Christ, make manifest Thy speedy visitation from on high unto Thy suffering servants. Deliver them from sicknesses and bitter pain, and raise them up, that they may sing praises unto Thee and, without ceasing, glorify Thee, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Thou Who only lovest Mankind.

Kontakion of the Blind Man, Tone 4

I come to Thee, O Christ, • blind from birth in my spiritual eyes • and I call to Thee in repentance: • Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!

Kontakion of the Paralytic, Tone 3

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, • as Thou didst raised up the paralytic of old, • so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; • so that being saved I may sing to Thee: • "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

Troparion of the Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord, Tone 4

As the Lord's disciple thou hast received the Gospel, O righteous James; • as a martyr thou hast unfailing courage; • as God's brother, thou hast boldness; • as a hierarch, thou hast the power to intercede. • Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord, Tone 4

When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father, • came to live among us in these last days, • He declared thee, venerable James, to be the first shepherd and teacher of Jerusalem • and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries. • Therefore, we all honor thee, O Apostle.

Kontakion of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Tone 3

Thou hast revealed thyself, O saint, in Myra as a priest, • for thou fulfilledst the Gospel of Christ • by giving up thy soul for thy people, • and saving the innocent from death. • Therefore thou art blessed as one become wise in the grace of God.

Troparion of the Great Martyr Demetrios of Thessaloniki, Tone 3

The entire world has found thee to be a great champion in times of peril; • for thou puttest the heathen to flight, O victorious one. • As thou didst bring to naught the boasts of Lyaéus, and gave courage to Nestor in the stadium, • in the same way, O Holy Great Martyr Dimítrios, • entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.

Troparion of the Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon Tone 3

Holy Passion-bearer and healer Panteleimon, • entreat the merciful God, • to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Troparion of the Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Tone 8

Holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, • heal our infirmities. • Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Kontakion of the Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, Tone 2

Who shall declare thy greatness, O Virgin disciple? • For as a fountain of healing thou didst flow with miracles, • interceding for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion, tone 2

O fervent intercession and impregnable wall, O fountain of mercy, O refuge of the world: we cry out unto thee: go before in anticipation, O Theotokos, sovereign Lady, and deliver us from misfortunes, O thou who alone art a speedy intercession.

READINGS AND PRAYERS First Portion

DEACON: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

DEACON: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we have hoped in Thee.

CHOIR: Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we have hoped in Thee.

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Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise is meet for the upright.

CHOIR: Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we have hoped in Thee.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord.

CHOIR: According as we have hoped in Thee.

DEACON: Wisdom.

The Reading is from the Universal Epistle of James.

DEACON: Let us attend.

First Epistle, James 5:10-16

Brethren, take the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy who endure. You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the purpose of the

Lord, that the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by earth, nor by any other oath; but let your "Yea" be yea, and your "Nay" be nay, lest you fall into condemnation. Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. And if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your sins one to another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. For the effectual prayer of a righteous man avails much.

PRIEST: Peace be to thee.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

Note: All Alleluias for this service are sung only twice.

Alleluia in the Eighth Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Of mercy and judgment will I sing unto Thee, O Lord.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Deacon: Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

DEACON: Let us attend.

First Gospel, Luke 10:25-37

PRIEST: At that time a certain lawyer approached Jesus...

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Litany

DEACON: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: That they may be forgiven every sin, voluntary and involuntary, let us

Lord have mercy. (3)

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That they may be forgiven every sin, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy. (3)

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God, Who loveth mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

First Prayer

PRIEST: O Thou Who art without beginning, eternal, and the Holy of Holies, Who didst send down Thine Only-begotten Son to heal every infirmity and every wound of our souls and bodies: Do Thou send down Thy Holy Spirit and sanctify this Oil; and cause it to be for Thy servants, who are to be anointed, perfect deliverance from them sins, and for the inheritance of the Heavenly Kingdom.

For Thou art a great and wondrous God, Who keepest Thy covenant and Thy mercy unto them that love Thee, granting deliverance from sins through Thy Holy Child, Jesus Christ, Who regenerateth us from sin, enlighteneth the blind, setteth aright them that are cast down, loveth the righteous, and is merciful to sinners, Who bringeth us

forth again out of darkness and the shadow of death, saying unto them that are in darkness. "Be unveiled" (For He shone in our hearts the light of the knowledge of His countenance when, for our sakes, He revealed Himself on earth and dwelt among men. And unto them that accepted Thee, He gave the power to become children of God; and He has granted us sonship through the font of regeneration, causing us to have no part in the dominion of the devil). For Thou wast not pleased that we should be cleansed through blood, but hast given, through holy Oil, an image of His Cross, that we may be a flock of Christ, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, cleansing us by water, and sanctifying us by Thy Holy Spirit. Do Thou Thyself, O Master and Lord, grant grace unto us in this Thy ministry, as Thou didst give unto Moses, Thy servant, unto Samuel, Thy beloved, and unto John, Thine elect, and unto all who in every generation have been acceptable unto Thee. And so make us to be ministers of Thy new testament upon this Oil, which Thou hast made Thine own through the precious Blood of Thy Christ, that, putting away worldly lusts, we may die unto sin and live unto righteousness, that we may be clothed in Him through the anointing of sanctification of the Oil which we are about to apply. Let this Oil, O Lord, be the Oil of gladness, the Oil of sanctification, a royal garment, the breastplate of power, the averting of every diabolical action, the seal against snares, the joy of the heart, and eternal gladness, that they who are anointed with this Oil

of regeneration may be terrible to adversaries and may shine in the brightness of Thy Saints, having neither spot nor blemish. And may they attain unto Thine eternal rest, and receive the prize of their high calling.

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For Thine it is to have mercy and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy most-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Second Portion

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone. The Lord is my Strength and my song, and He is become my Salvation.

Choir: The Lord is my Strength and my song, and He is become my Salvation.

With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

Choir: The Lord is my Strength and my song, and He is become my Salvation.

The Lord is my Strength and my song, and He is become my Salvation.

The Lord is my Strength and my song.

Choir: And He is become my Salvation.

Priest: Wisdom.

The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Priest: Let us attend.

Second Epistle, Romans 15:1-7

Brethren: We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor for his good, for building up. For even Christ pleased not Himself, but as it is written: "The not to please ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor for his good, for building up. For even Christ pleased not Himself, but as it is written: "The reproaches of them that reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatsoever things were written before, were written for our instruction, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another as Christ also received you to the glory of God.

PRIEST: Peace to thee.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

Alleluia in the Fifth Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing for ever.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

DEACON: Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

DEACON: Let us attend.

Second Gospel, Luke 19:1-10

PRIEST: At that time Jesus entered Jericho...

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Litany

Deacon: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: That they may be forgiven every sin, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy. (3)

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God, Who loveth mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Second Prayer

Priest: O God, Great and Most-high, Who art worshiped by all creation, Fountain of Wisdom, and, in truth, unfathomable Abyss of Goodness and boundless Sea of Compassion: Do Thou Thyself, O Master, Lover of Mankind, God of things eternal and wonderful, Whom no man contemplating is able to comprehend, look upon us, and hearken unto us, Thine unworthy servants, and wherever in Thy great Name we bring this Oil, do Thou send down Thy gift of healing and remission of sins, and heal them according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Yea, O Lord Who art easy to be entreated, Who alone art merciful and the Lover of Mankind, Who repentest concerning our evil deeds; Who knowest that the thoughts of man incline unto evil from his youth; Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but that

he should return and live, Who for the sake of us sinners, being God, wast incarnate, and for Thy creature wast Thyself fashioned. Thou art He that hast said: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance;" Thou art He that didst seek the lost sheep; Thou art He that didst diligently seek the lost coin, and found it; Thou art He that hast said, "He that cometh to Me, I will not cast out;" Thou art He that did not despise the harlot who watered Thy precious feet with tears; Thou art He that hast said, "As often as thou fallest, arise, and be saved;" Thou art He that hast said, "There is joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Do Thou Thyself, O deeply-compassionate Master, look down from the height of Thy sanctuary, overshadowing us, Thy sinful and unworthy servants, at this hour, with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and abide in Thy servants, who acknowledge their iniquities, and draw near unto Thee in faith. And, accepting them in Thine own love for mankind, forgiving them in whatever they have sinned, whether by word or deed or thought, do Thou cleanse them, and make them pure from every sin. And, being ever present with them, preserve them all the remaining years of their life, that, walking according to Thy statutes, they may never become an object of mockery to the devil; and that, in them, Thy most-holy Name may be glorified.

For it is Thine to have mercy and to save us, O Christ God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy most-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Third Portion

Deacon: Let us attend.

PRIEST: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit. over one sinner that repenteth." Do Thou Thyself, O deeply-compassionate Master,

Amen.

And to thy spirit.

DEACON: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone. The Lord is my Light and my Savior; Whom, then, shall I fear?

CHOIR: The Lord is my Light and my Savior; Whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the Defender of my life; of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

CHOIR: The Lord is my Light and my Savior; Whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is my Light and my Savior.

CHOIR: Whom then shall I fear?

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading is from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Third Epistle, 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8

Brethren: Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God has set some in the Church: first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that

some in the Church: first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helpful deeds, administrations, various kinds of tongues. Are all Apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the best gifts; and yet I show unto you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I become as | sounding brass or a clashing cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I distribute all my goods, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love is longsuffering, and is kind; love envieth not; love exalteth not itself, is not boastful; doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own way, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth in the truth; loveth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth.

PRIEST: Peace to thee.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

Alleluia in the Second Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be put to shame.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Deacon: Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

DEACON: Let us attend.

Third Gospel, Matthew 10:1, 5-8

PRIEST: At that time, when Jesus had called unto Him His twelve disciples...

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Litany

DEACON: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: That they may be forgiven every sin, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy. (3)

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God, Who loveth mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Third Prayer

PRIEST: O Master Almighty, Holy King, Who chastenest and killest not; Who supportest them that are falling and raisest up them that are cast down; Who settest aright the bodily afflictions of men: We entreat Thee, O our God, that

Thou wilt send down Thy mercy upon this Oil, and upon them that are anointed with it in Thy Name, that it may be unto them for the healing of soul and body, and for the cleansing and transformation of every passion, and of every sickness and wound, and of every defilement of flesh and spirit. Yea, O Lord, send down from Heaven Thy healing power; touch the body, quench the fever, soothe the suffering, and make every weakness to melt away. Be the Physician of Thy servants. Raise them up from their sickbed, and from their couch of suffering whole and perfectly restored, granting unto them to be well-pleasing in Thy Church, and ones that do Thy will.

For Thine it is to have mercy and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Fourth Portion

DEACON: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

DEACON: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone. In the day when I call upon Thee, quickly hearken unto me.

CHOIR: In the day when I call upon Thee, quickly hearken unto me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee.

CHOIR: In the day when I call upon Thee, quickly hearken unto me.

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In the day when I call upon Thee.

CHOR: Quickly hearken unto me.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Fourth Epistle, 2 Corinthians 6:16 - 7:1

Brethren: Ye are the temple of the living God. As God hath said: "I will dwell in them, and walk in them;" and "I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore, "Come out from among them, and be separate," saith the Lord. "And

touch not the unclean thing, and I will accept you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters," saith the Lord almighty. Having therefore these promises, O beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

PRIEST: Peace to thee.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

Alleluia in the Second Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

With patience, I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

DEACON: Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

DEACON: Let us attend.

Fourth Gospel, Matthew 8:14-23

PRIEST: At that time, when Jesus had come into Peter's house...

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Litany

DEACON: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: That they may be forgiven every sin, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy. (3)

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God, Who loveth mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Fourth Prayer

PRIEST: O Good Lord and the Lover of Mankind, deeply-compassionate and greatly-merciful, plentiful in mercy and rich in good things, O Father of compassions and God of every consolation, Who hast given us strength through Thy holy Apostles to heal the sicknesses of the people with oil and prayer: Do Thou Thyself confirm this Oil for the healing of them that are anointed with it, for the alleviation of every sickness and every wound, and for deliverance from evils for them that await salvation from Thee. Yea, O Master, Lord our God, we beseech Thee, O All-powerful One, to save us all and to sanctify us, O Thou Who alone art the Physician of souls and bodies. O Thou that healest every sickness, do Thou heal Thy servants.

Raise them from the bed of suffering through the mercies of Thy goodness; visit them with Thy mercies and compassions; cast out of them every sickness and weakness, that, being raised up by Thy mighty hand, they may serve Thee with all thanksgiving; and that we who now are sharing in Thine ineffable love for man, may sing praises and glorify Thee Who doest things great and wonderful, both glorious and excellent.

For Thine it is to have mercy and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Fifth Portion

DEACON: Let us attend.

PRIEST: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

DEACON: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone. Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us from this generation, and for evermore.

CHOIR: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us from this generation and for evermore.

Save me, O Lord, for a righteous man is no more.

CHOIR: Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us from this generation and for evermore.

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.

CHOIR: From this generation and for evermore.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Fifth Epistle, 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Brethren, we would not have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were pressed beyond measure, beyond strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life. But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God Who raiseth the dead; Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver us; and in Whom we trust that He will yet deliver us. You also helped by praying together for us, so that for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many persons, thanks may be given by many for you.

PRIBST: Peace to thee.

And to thy spirit.

PRIBST: Wisdom.

Alleluia in the Fifth Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing for ever.

CHOR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

DEACON: Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIBST: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIBST: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee

DEACON: Let us attend.

Fifth Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13

PRIBST: The Lord said this parable: "The Kingdom of Heaven shall be likened...

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Litany

DEACON: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Lord have mercy. (3) despaired even of life. But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God Who raiseth the dead; Who delivered us

Lord have mercy. (3)

Lord have mercy. (3)

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God.

Lord have mercy. (3)

Deacon: That they may be forgiven every sin, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy. (3)

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God, Who loveth mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Fifth Prayer

Priest: O Lord our God, Who chastenest and again healest; Who raisest the poor from the earth, and liftest up the beggar from the dunghill; O Father of orphans and Haven of the stormtossed, and Physician of them that are sick; Who didst bear the pain of our infirmities and didst accept our afflictions. Who showest mercy with gentleness. of the stormtossed, and Physician of them that are sick; Who didst bear the pain of our infirmities and didst accept our afflictions; Who showest mercy with gentleness, overlookest transgressions, and takest away unrighteousness; Who art quick to help and slow to anger; Who didst breathe upon Thy disciples and say, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If ye forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;" Who acceptest the repentance of sinners and hast power to forgive many and grievous sins; Who bestowest healing unto all that continue in weakness and long-enduring sickness; Who hast called me also, Thy humble, sinful, and unworthy servant, who am entangled in many sins and wallowing in the sweetness of passions, to the holy and exalted degree of the Priesthood, and to enter within the veil into the Holy of Holies, where the holy Angels desire to penetrate, and to hear the evangelical voice of the Lord God and behold with mine own eyes the countenance of the Holy Oblation, and to be enraptured with the divine and sacred Liturgy; Who hast counted me worthy to minister the sacred service of Thy most-heavenly Mystery, and to offer unto Thee gifts and sacrifices for our sins, and for the ignorances of the people, and to mediate for Thy rational flock, that, through Thy plenteous and ineffable love for mankind, Thou mayest cleanse their iniquities: Do Thou Thyself, O Most-good King, attend unto my prayer at this hour, and on this holy day, and in every time and place, and accept the voice of my prayer, and grant healing unto Thy servants, who are weak both in soul and body, counting them worthy of remission of sins and forgiveness of iniquities, voluntary and involuntary. Heal their incurable wounds, and every sickness and every trauma, bestowing upon them spiritual healing. O Thou Who didst touch the mother-in-law of Peter, and the fever left her, and she arose and ministered unto

Do Thou Thyself, O Master, bestow healing on Thy servants, and an alleviation of every death-bearing illness, and remember the riches of Thy compassions, and Thy mercy. Remember that the thoughts of man incline constantly toward evil from his youth up, and that not even one man is to be found sinless upon the earth; for Thou only art without sin, Who didst come and save the race of men, and didst free us from slavery to the enemy. For if Thou shouldest enter into judgment with Thy servants, there is none that would be found pure from defilement; but every mouth would be shut, having nothing to answer, for all our righteousness is as filthy rags before Thee. Therefore, remember not the sins of our youth.

For Thou art the hope of the hopeless, and the repose of them that are weary and having nothing to answer, for all our righteousness is as filthy rags before Thee.

For Thou art the hope of the hopeless, and the repose of them that are weary and heavy-laden with transgressions, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thy Father who is without beginning, and Thy most-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Sixth Portion

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy. (Psalm 50:3)

Choir: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Choir: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

Have mercy on me, O God.

Choir: According to Thy great mercy.

Priest: Wisdom.

The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

Priest: Let us attend.

Sixth Epistle, Galatians 5:22-6:2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, kindness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man fall into any sin, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man fall into any sin,

you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

PRIEST: Peace to thee.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

Alleluia in the Sixth Tone. Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed is the man that fears the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Deacon: Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

DEACON: Let us attend.

Sixth Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28

PRIEST: At that time Jesus entered into the land of Tyre and Sidon...

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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Litany

DEACON: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and forgiveness of sins for the servants of God.

Lord have mercy. (3)

DEACON: That they may be forgiven every sin, voluntary and involuntary, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy. (3)

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: For Thou art a merciful God, Who loveth mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Sixth Prayer

PRIEST: We thank Thee, Lord our God, Thou good Lover of Mankind and Physician of our souls and bodies, Who painlessly bore our infirmities, by Whose stripes we have all been healed; Thou Good Shepherd, Who camest to seek the straying sheep; Who givest consolation unto the fainthearted, and life unto the broken; Who didst heal the flow of the woman who had an issue of blood twelve years; Who didst deliver the daughter of the Canaanite woman from the cruel demon; Who didst forgive the debt of the two debtors, and gavest forgiveness unto the sinful woman; Who didst justify the Publican by Thy word, and didst accept the Thief in his last confession; Who takest away the sins of the world, and wast nailed to the Cross. Unto Thee do we pray, and we beseech Thee: Do Thou Thyself, O God, in Thy goodness loose, remit, and forgive the transgressions and sins of Thy servants, and their iniquities, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether of knowledge or of ignorance, whether of excess or of disobedience, whether of the night or of the day: or if they be under the ban of a Priest or of a father or a knowledge or of ignorance, whether of excess or of disobedience, whether of the night or of the day; or if they be under the ban of a Priest, or of a father or a mother; if by a glance of the eye, or a movement of the eyelid; or by the touch of adultery, or the tasting of fornication, or through whatever impulse of the flesh and of the spirit they have estranged themselves from Thy will and from Thy holiness. holiness.

And if we also have sinned in like manner, do Thou forgive, as the good God that remembereth not evil, and the Lover of Mankind, not leaving them and us to fall into a dissolute life, neither to walk in the paths of destruction. Yea, O Master and Lord, hearken unto me, a sinner, at this hour on behalf of Thy servants, and, as the God that rememberest not evil, overlook all their iniquities; free them from eternal torment; fill their mouths with Thy praise; open their lips to the glorification of Thy Name; stretch forth their hands to the performance of Thy commandments; guide their feet in the path of Thy Gospel, strengthening all their members and thoughts by Thy grace. For Thou art our God, Who, through Thy holy Apostles, hast commanded us, saying: art our God, Who, through Thy holy Apostles, hast commanded us, saying: "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven;" and again, "Whosoever sins ye remit, they loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven;" and again, "Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." And, as Thou didst hearken unto Ezechias in the affliction of his soul in the hour of his death,

and didst not despise his prayer, so hearken to me, Thy humble, sinful, and unworthy servant at this hour.

For Thou, Lord Jesus Christ, art He that, in Thy goodness and love for mankind, didst command to forgive even unto seventy times seven times them that fall into sins; and Thou repentest concerning our evils, and rejoicest over the return of prodigals. For as is Thy majesty, so also is Thy mercy, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thy Father Who is without beginning, and Thy most-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

Seventh Portion

DEACON: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

DEACON: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone. O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath. (*Psalm 6:2*)

CHOIR: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak.

CHOIR: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

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CHOIR: Nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading is from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians.

Priest: Let us attend.

Seventh Epistle, 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23

Brethren: We beseech you, warn them that are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all. See that none render evil for evil unto any, but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and with all. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophecy. But test all things; hold fast to that which is good. Abstain from every

evil thing. And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you perfectly in everything, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRIEST: Peace to thee.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

Alleluia in the Seventh Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CHOR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord hear thee in the day of sorrow; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

CHOIR: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

DEACON: Wisdom. Stand aright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

DEACON: Let us attend.

Seventh Gospel, Matthew 9:9-13

PRIEST: At that time, as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man named Matthew...

Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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Seventh Prayer

PRIEST: O Master, Lord our God, Physician of souls and bodies, Who restorest from transitory sufferings, Who healest every infirmity and every wound among the people, Who desirest that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, and Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he should turn back and live; for Thou, O Lord, in the Old Testament didst appoint repentance unto sinners, to David, and to the Ninevites, and to them that were before them, and likewise, at the advent of Thy dispensation in the flesh, Thou didst not call the righteous but sinners to repentance, Who didst accept the publican, the harlot, the thief, and the blaspheming persecutor, the great Paul, through repentance. Thou, through repentance, didst accept Peter, Thy foremost Apostle, who denied Thee thrice, and didst promise him, saying, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven." Therefore, we also, O Good One and the Lover of Mankind, having boldness according to Thine undeceiving promises, pray unto Thee, and supplicate Thee at this hour: Hearken unto our and if they have sinned by word or deed or intention, or in the night, or in the day, if they be under the ban of a Pricet or faller. embittered by an oath, and have cursed themselves, we entreat Thee, and we pray unto Thee: Loose, remit and forgive them, O God, overlooking their transgressions, and the sins which have been committed by them, whether in knowledge or in ignorance. And in whatsoever they have transgressed Thy commandments, or have sinned, because they bear flesh and live in the world, or because of the action of the devil, do Thou Thyself, as the good God Who lovest mankind, forgive; for there is no man that liveth and doth not sin.

For Thou only art without sin, Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy word is truth. For Thou didst not create man for destruction, but for the keeping of Thy commandments, and for inheriting life incorruptible, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Amen.



The Prayer of the Gospel

The Priest shall take the Holy Gospel and, opening it, shall turn to face the people, and hold it, with the writing down, over the heads of those who draw near, and shall say the following prayer.

PRIEST: O Holy King, compassionate and multi-merciful Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Word of the Living God, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted and live: I lay not my sinful hand upon the heads of those who approach Thee in sins, and entreat of Thee, through us, remission of their sins, but Thy strong and mighty hand which is in this Holy Gospel [which my fellow-ministers hold upon the heads of these Thy servants, and with them] I pray and entreat Thy merciful and evil-forgetting love of mankind, O God our Savior, Who through Thy Prophet Nathan didst grant remission unto David when he repented of his iniquities, and didst accept Manasses' prayer of penitence: Do Thou receive also with Thy wonted love for man, these Thy servants who repent them of their iniquities, overlooking all their transgressions. For Thou art our God, Who hast bidden us to forgive those who fall in sin, even

The Anointing Prayer

Priest: O holy Father, Physician of souls and bodies, Who didst send Thine Onlybegotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Which healeth every infirmity and delivereth from death: Heal Thou, also, Thy servants from the ills of body and soul which do hinder them, and quicken them, by the grace of Thy Christ, through the prayers of our most holy Lady, the Birth-giver of God and evervirgin Mary, through the intercession of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven, through the might of the precious and life-giving Cross, through the protection of the honorable, glorious, Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John, of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles, of the holy, glorious, and right-victorious Martyrs of our reverend and God-bearing Fathers of the holy and victorious Martyrs, of our reverend and God-bearing Fathers, of the holy and healing Unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian, Cyrus and John, Panteleimon and Hermolaus, Samson and Diomedes, Photius and Anicetas, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the Saints. For Thou art the Fountain of healing, O our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, together with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy Spirit, one in essence, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Amen.

The Anointing

The Holy Gospel shall be placed upon the Tetrapodion for the veneration of the faithful who approach to be anointed.

The priest then shall anoint all the faithful who present themselves, on the forehead and palms in the form of a cross.

NOTE: Since Holy Unction is a Sacrament of the Church, the Priest must keep in mind that only members of the Orthodox Catholic Church of Christ may receive the same. While the faithful approach to be anointed with the Holy Unction, the Choir or Reader shall sing the following in Tone 4. (The Troparia and Kontakia may also be repeated at this time.)

Troparia, Tone 4

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As ye have a fountain of healings, O holy Unmercenaries, grant healing to all those entreating it, for ye have been counted worthy of gifts truly great from the ever-flowing fountain of our Saviour. For the Lord said unto you, as unto them that are equal in zeal to the Apostles: "Behold, I have given you power over unclean spirits, so as to cast them out, and to heal every sickness and every wound." Therefore, having lived nobly according to His commandments, freely have ye received, and freely ye give, healing the sufferings of our souls and bodies.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Look down on the supplications of thy servants, O All-spotless Lady, easing the cruel attacks which are against us, and transforming all our afflictions. For we have thee alone as a sure and faithful confirmation, and have acquired Thy mediation, that we who are calling upon thee shall not be put to shame, O sovereign Lady. Make haste to the supplications of those that cry out to thee in faith: Rejoice, O sovereign Lady, thou help of all, the joy and shelter and salvation of our souls.



Dismissal

PRIEST: Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy, (3) Father, bless.

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most-pure Mother; by the power of the honorable and life-giving Cross; of the holy, glorious and all-praised Apostle James, first Bishop of Jerusalem, the Brother of God; and of all the Saints; have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and He loveth mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us.

Amen.

THE END OF THE OFFICE OF HOLY UNCTION

