

OFFICE OF HOLY UNCTION

As sung in the Church on Thursday of the 6th Week of Great Lent

Preparation

The sacrament table is prepared on the Tetrapod in the midst of the Church, upon which is placed a bowl containing pure olive oil and another vessel with pure red wine. Several wands for the anointing shall be prepared. The Gospel Book and blessing cross are also placed on the table.

In some communities seven candles are also placed on the table, lighting one candle after each successive Gospel is read.

The Priest(s) vest in exorasson, epitracheilion, and phelonion. Going before the Sacrament Table he says.

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

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

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. 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, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, 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 ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, 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 143

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Thy faithfulness answer me, in Thy righteousness! Enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for no man living is righteous before Thee. For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou hast done; I muse on what Thy hands have wrought.

I stretch out my hands to Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of Thy steadfast love, for in Thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to Thee I lift up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to Thee for refuge! Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God! Let Thy good Spirit lead me on a level path. For Thy name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble. And in Thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am

Thy servant.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to Thee, O God! (3x)

THE LITTLE LITANY

Priest: Again and again in peace let us pray to he Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (*After each petition*)

- ❖ 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.

Choir: 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.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: The alleluia is in the Sixth Tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy displeasure

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PENITENTIAL TROPARIA

(*Tone 6*)

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 upon 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, Since Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies, For Thou art our God, and we are Thy people; We are the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy name.

Now and ever and unto 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 the Who art the salvation of the Christian people.

Reader:

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified in Thy sentence and blameless in Thy judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sins did my mother conceive me. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will return to Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Thy deliverance.

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a

broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thine altar.

CANON

In full practice, the Canon, exapostalarion, and Praises would be sung here.

However, for the sake of brevity, they have been omitted here.

THE GREAT LITANY

Priest: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy. *(After each petition)*

Priest: 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 the salvation of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ That this oil may be blessed by the power, operation, and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ For the servants of God here present, 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.
- ❖ For deliverance from all tribulation, 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.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE OIL

Priest: O Lord, who in your mercy and pity heal the afflictions of our souls and bodies, sanctify this oil, Master, that it may be for those who are anointed with it for healing and relief of every passion, bodily disease, stain of flesh and spirit and every evil; that through it your all-holy Name, of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may be glorified now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE TROPARIA AT THE BLESSING OF THE OIL

While the priest pours the wine into the olive oil, the choir sings the following troparia.

Tropar Tone 4

Blind of my spiritual eyes, I come to Thee, O Christ As did the man blind from his birth, and I cry to Thee in penitence, "Thou art the shining light of those in darkness."

Tropar Tone 3

By Thy divine intervention, O Lord, raise Thou up my soul, Which by every kind of sin and unbecoming deeds so grievously is paralyzed, As Thou of old didst upraise the paralytic, that being saved, I may cry to Thee, "Grant healing unto me, O Christ Compassionate."

To St James — Tropar Tone 2

As the Lord's disciple, O righteous one, Thou didst receive the Gospel; As martyr Thou dost possess that which is unwritten, Thou hast boldness as the brother of God; as hierarch, thou hast power in prayer. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

Tropar Tone 4

The Only-Begotten Word of God the Father, Who in latter days has come to us, O God- bearer James the first pastor and teacher of those in Jerusalem, And a faithful steward of spiritual mysteries: wherefore, O Apostle, we all

honor Thee!

To St. Nicholas — Tropar Tone 3

In Myra, thou, O Saint, didn't show thyself a true priest, For in fulfilling Christ's Gospel, O ven'erable one, Thou didst lay down thy life for thy people, and save the innocent from death! Wherefore thou art as a great initiate in the grace of God!

To St. Demetrius — Tropar Tone 3

The world has found in thee a mighty champion in dangers, O endurer of pain, Who overcame the heathen! For as thou didst humble Lyarus' pride, and in strife make Nestor brave, So, Saint Demetrios, entreat Christ our God to bestow in us great mercy!

To St. Panteleimon — Tropar Tone 3:

O holy endure of pain and physician Panteleimon, Intercede with the merciful God, That He may grant unto our souls forgiveness of our offences!

To All the Unmercenary Healers — Tropar Tone 8

O holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, Visit ye our weaknesses, Freely ye have received, freely give to us!

To St. John the Theologian — Tropar Tone 2

Who shall declare thy grandeur, O Virgin saint? For thou dost overflow with wonders and pourest forth healing, And as theologian and friend of Christ, thou dost intercede for our souls!

Theotokion — Tone 2

Fervent Intercessor and Wall impregnable, Source of mercy and Refuge of the world, To thee we earnestly do cry, "O Theotokos, Sov'reign Lady, speedily come to us and deliver us from danger, Thou who alone art quick to intercede!"

THE FIRST EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: Let Thy mercy be upon us, as we

have set our hope on Thee.

Choir: Let thy mercy be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Choir: Let thy mercy be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.

Reader: Let Thy mercy be upon us...

Choir: ... as we have set our hope on Thee.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Catholic Epistle of the Holy Apostle James.

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord -- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? 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 will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
(Jas 5:10-16, NKJV)

Priest: Peace be unto thee, reader.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I will sing to Thee of mercy and judgment, O Lord.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE FIRST GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel! Peace be unto all!

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord! Glory to Thee!

Priest: Let us attend!

At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side."Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side."But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion."So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him."On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:25-37, NKJV)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee.

THE FERVENT LITANY

Priest: Have mercy on us, according to Thy great mercy, we beseech Thee, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (3x)

Priest: Again, we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God here present, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

❖ Again we pray for the forgiveness of their every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.

Priest: For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and to Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE FIRST PRAYER

Priest: Again and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Priest: Thou Who art Unoriginate, Eternal, the Holy of Holies, Who didst send down Thine Only-begotten Son to heal every infirmity and all manner of disease, both of our souls and bodies: send down Thy Holy Spirit, and sanctify this oil; and cause it to be for Thy servants, who are anointed therewith, unto perfect deliverance from their sins, unto inheritance of the kingdom of heaven. [For Thou art God great and wonderful, Who keepest Thy covenant and Thy mercy unto those who love Thee; Who givest deliverance from sins through Thy holy Child, Jesus Christ; Who regeneratest us from sin; Who enlightenest the blind, raisest up those who are cast down; Who lovest the righteous and showest mercy unto sinners; Who leadest us forth again out of darkness and the shadow of death, saying to those in bonds, "Come forth"; and to those in darkness, "Be ye unveiled." For the light of the knowledge of Thine Only-begotten Son shone in our

hearts, since for our sakes He appeared on earth, and dwelt among men; and to those who accepted Him, He gave power to become the children of God; granting to us sonship through the laver of regeneration, and made us to have no participation in the tyranny of the Devil. And inasmuch as it hath not pleased Him that we should be purified by blood, but by holy oil, He gave us the image of His Cross, that we may be a flock of Christ, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; and didst purify us by water, and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit. Do Thou Thyself, O Master Lord, give us grace in this ministration, as Thou gavest it to Moses, Thine accepted, and to Samuel, Thy beloved, and to John, Thine elect, and to all those who from generation to generation have been well-pleasing unto Thee. And so make us also to be ministers of the new Covenant of Thy Son upon this oil, which Thou hast made of Thine Own through the precious blood of Thy Christ; that putting away worldly lusts, we may die unto sin and live unto righteousness, being clothed upon with our Lord Jesus Christ through the anointing of sanctification of this oil which we desire to use. Let this oil, O Lord, be an oil of gladness, an oil of sanctification, a royal raiment, an armor of might, an averting of every diabolical operation, an inviolable seal, a rejoicing of the heart, an everlasting gladness; that those also who are anointed with this oil of regeneration may be terrible to adversaries, and may shine in the radiance of Thy saints, having neither spot nor wrinkle; and that they may be received into Thine eternal rest, and gain the prize of the calling from on high.] For Thine it is to show mercy and to save us, O God, our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thine all-holy, and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Second Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song. / He has become my salvation.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song. / He has become my salvation.

Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song. / He has become my salvation.

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song...

Choir: ...He has become my salvation.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one 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, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. (*Rom 15:1-7, NKJV*)

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest!

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I will sing of Thy mercy, O Lord, forever.

THE SECOND GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be to all!

Choir: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend!

At that time Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;" for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (*Luke 19:1-10, NKJV*)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord. Glory to Thee.

THE SECOND PRAYER

Priest: Again and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Priest: O God, great and most high, Who art worshipped by all creation, Source of wisdom, Abyss of goodness truly unfathomable, and boundless Sea of benignity; do Thou Thyself, O Master Who lovest mankind, the God of the eternal and the marvelous, Whom none among men by thinking can comprehend, look upon us, and hearken unto us, Thine unworthy servants, and wheresoever we bring this oil in Thy great name, do Thou send down Thy gift of healing, and the remission of sins, and heal Thy servants in the

plenitude of Thy mercy. Yea, O Lord, Thou good physician, Who alone art merciful and lovest man, Who repentest Thee of our wickedness, Who knowest that the intention of a man inclineth unto evil from his youth up, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he should return and live, Who for the salvation of sinners, being God, didst become incarnate, and didst become a Creature for Thy creatures. Thou hast said, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance," Thou art He Who sought the lost sheep, Thou art He Who diligently sought the lost drachma, and found it, Thou didst say, "He that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out," Thou art He Who didst not loathe the harlot who rained her tears upon Thy precious feet, Thou didst say, "As often as thou fallest, arise, and thou shalt be saved," Thou art He Who saith, "There is joy in Heaven over one sinner who repenteth." Do Thou Thyself, O Benign Master, look down from the height of Thy sanctuary, overshadowing us sinners, and Thine unworthy servants at this hour, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and abide in these Thy servants who acknowledge their transgressions, and draw near to Thee in faith, and accepting them in Thine own love to man, whether they have transgressed in word or deed or thought, forgiving them, do Thou cleanse them, make them pure from every sin, and, abiding ever present with them, preserve them all the remaining years of their lives, that walking in Thy statutes, they may never become a derision to the devil, and that by them Thine all-holy name may be glorified. For Thine it is to show mercy and to save us, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thine all-holy, and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE THIRD EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: The Lord is my light and my

Savior! / Whom shall I fear?

Choir: The Lord is my light and my Savior! / Whom shall I fear? *Reader:* The Lord is the defender of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

Choir: The Lord is my light and my Savior! / Whom shall I fear?

Reader: The Lord is my light and my Savior!...

Choir: ...Whom shall I fear?

Priest: Wisdom!

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

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, You are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging 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 bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. (1Cor 12:27-13:8, NKJV)

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest!

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE THIRD GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be to all!

Choir: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend.

At that time, Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans." But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. (*Matt 10:1, 5-8, NKJV*)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord. Glory to Thee.

THE THIRD PRAYER

Priest: Again and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Priest: Almighty Master, Holy King, Who chastenest and yet slayest not, Who raisest up those who fall, and restores those who are cast down, Who relievest the bodily afflictions of men: We beseech Thee, our God, that Thou wilt direct Thy mercy upon this oil, and upon those who are anointed therewith in Thy name, that it may be to them for healing of soul and body,

for the cleansing and removal of every passion, and of every infirmity and wound, and 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 banish every hidden ailment. Be Thou the physician of Thy servants, raise them up from the bed of sickness, and from their couch of vexation whole and perfectly restored, granting them, through Thy Church, to be well-pleasing unto Thee, and to work Thy will.] For Thine it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE FOURTH EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon is in the Fourth Tone: In the day when I shall call upon Thee, /speedily hear me.

Choir: In the day when I shall call upon Thee, /speedily hear me.

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

Choir: In the day when I shall call upon Thee, /speedily hear me.

Reader: In the day when I shall call upon Thee ...

Choir: ... speedily hear me.

Priest: Wisdom!

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

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, You are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."I will be a

Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2Cor 6:16-7:1, NKJV)

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest!

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I waited patiently for the Lord, and He attended to me.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE FOURTH GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be to all!

Choir: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend!

At that time, when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses." And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side. Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead." Now when He got into a boat, His

disciples followed Him. (*Matt 8:14-23, NKJV*)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord. Glory to Thee.

THE FOURTH PRAYER

Priest: Again and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Priest: O good and man-loving, compassionate and most merciful Lord, plentiful in mercy and rich in beneficence, the Father of bounties and God of every consolation, Who through Thy holy Apostles hast empowered us to heal the infirmities of the people by oil with prayer: Do Thou Thyself appoint this oil for the healing of those who are anointed therewith, for the alleviation of every infirmity and every malady, for deliverance from ills of those Who await salvation that is from Thee. Yea, Master, Lord our God, we beseech Thee, Who art Almighty, to save us all. [Thou Who healest every infirmity, heal also these Thy servants, raise them up from their couch of sickness through the mercy of Thy goodness, visit them with Thy mercies and bounties, cast out of them every ailment and weakness, that, raised up by Thy mighty hand, they may serve Thee with all thanksgiving, and that now, participating in Thine inexpressible love towards mankind, we also may hymn and glorify Thee Who performest great and wondrous, glorious, and transcendent things.] For Thine it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE FIFTH EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us /

and preserve us from this generation forever.

Choir: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Choir: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us ...

Choir: ...and preserve us from this generation forever.

Priest: Wisdom!

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

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many. (2Cor 1:8-11, NKJV)

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest!

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Reader: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever.

Choir: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE FIFTH GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be to all!

Choir: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend.

The Lord spoke this parable, "The kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom." Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish." Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them," but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept." And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'" Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps." And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'" But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'" And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut." Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'" But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'" Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. (*Matt 25:1-13, NKJV*)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord. Glory to Thee.

THE FIFTH PRAYER

Priest: Again and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Priest: O Lord our God, Who chastenest and again healest, Who raisest the poor man from the earth, and exaltest the beggar from the dunghill, the Father of orphans, and Haven of the tempest-tossed, and Physician of the

sick, Who painlessly bearest our weaknesses, and receivest our infirmities, Who showest mercy with gentleness, Who overlookest transgressions, and takest away unrighteousness, Who art quick to help, and slow to wrath, Who didst breathe upon Thy disciples and say, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit; whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them," Who acceptest the repentance of sinners, and hast power to forgive sins manifold and grievous, and grantest healing to all who continue in weakness and lingering illness, Who also hast called me, Thy humble and sinful and unworthy servant, entangled in manifold sins and wallowing in the lusts of pleasures, to the holy and sublime degree of the Priesthood, and to enter within the innermost veil, into the Holy of Holies, whither the holy Angels desire to penetrate, and to hear the evangelic voice of the Lord God, and personally behold the presence of the Holy Oblation, and to take delight in the divine and sacred Liturgy, Who hast counted me worthy to minister Thy supracelestial Mysteries, and to offer unto Thee gifts and sacrifices for our sins and for the ignorance of the people, and to mediate for Thy rational sheep, that, through Thine abundant and unspeakable love towards man, Thou mayest cleanse their iniquities: Do Thou Thyself, O most good King, attend to my prayer in this hour and on this holy day, and in every time and place, and hearken to the voice of my supplication, and grant healing to Thy servants who are weak of soul and body, giving them remission of sins and forgiveness of their transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary. [Heal Thou their incurable wounds, and every ailment and every sore, bestow upon them psychic healing. O Thou Who didst touch the mother-in-law of Peter, whereupon the fever left her, and she arose and ministered unto Thee: Do Thou Thyself, O Master, grant healing to these Thy servants, and alleviation of every consumptive illness, and be mindful of Thy rich bounties and Thy mercy.] Remember that the thought of man inclineth constantly toward evil from his youth up, and that none is to be found sinless upon earth, for Thou alone art without sin, Who didst come and save the human race, and free us from bondage to the enemy. For if Thou shouldst enter into judgment with

Thy servants, there is none that would be found pure from stain, but every mouth would be sealed, having naught to answer, for all our righteousness is like unto cast-off rags before Thee. Wherefore, O Lord, remember not the sins of our youth, for Thou art the Hope of the hopeless, and the Repose of those who labor and are heavy-laden with iniquity, and to Thee we ascribe glory, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE SIXTH EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone: Have mercy on me, O God, / according to Thy great mercy.

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

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

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

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God...

Choir: ...according to Thy great mercy.

Priest: Wisdom!

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

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual

restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (*Gal 5:22-6:2, NKJV*)

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest!

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Blessed is the man who feared the Lord. In His commandments he rejoiceth exceedingly.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SIXTH GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be to all!

Choir: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend!

At that time, Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (*Matt 15:21-28, NKJV*)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord. Glory to Thee!

THE SIXTH PRAYER

Priest: Again and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Priest: We thank Thee, O Lord our God, Who art good and lovest man, the Physician of our souls and bodies, Who painlessly bearest our infirmities, by Whose stripes we have all been healed, Thou good Shepherd, Who camest to seek the wandering sheep, Who givest consolation to the fainthearted, and life to those who are shattered, Who didst heal the flow of the woman who had an issue of blood twelve years, Who didst free the daughter of the Canaanite woman from the cruel demon, Who didst release the two debtors from their debt, and give remission of sins unto the sinful woman, Who grantest healing unto the paralytic, with the remission of his sins, Who didst justify the publican by Thy word, and didst accept the thief at his last confession, Who takest away the sins of the world, and wast nailed to the Cross: We beseech Thee, and entreat Thee, in Thy goodness loose, remit, forgive, O God, the trespasses and sins of these Thy servants, and their iniquities, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether of knowledge or of ignorance, whether of transgression or of disobedience, whether of the night or of the day, whether they be under the ban of a priest, or the curse of father or mother, whether by the glance of the eye, or a movement of the eyelid, whether through the contact of adultery or the taste of prodigality, or through whatsoever impulse of the flesh and of the spirit they have departed from Thy will, and from Thy holiness. And if they have sinned, and in like manner we also, forgive us, forasmuch as Thou art a good God Who rememberest not evil, and lovest mankind: and let not them or us fall into a dissolute life, neither to walk in ways of destruction. Yea, O Master, Lord, hearken unto me a sinner, in this hour, on behalf of these Thy servants, and

overlook their trespasses, forasmuch as Thou art a God Who callest not evil to mind. Free them from eternal torment, fill their mouths with Thy praise, open their lips that they may glorify Thy holy name, stretch forth their hands to the doing of Thy commandments. Guide their feet aright in the way of Thy Gospel, strengthening all their members and their thoughts, by Thy grace. For Thou art our God, Who hast commanded us by Thy holy Apostles, saying, "Whatsoever ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." And again, "Unto whomsoever ye remit sins, they shall be remitted, and if ye retain them, they shall be retained." And as Thou didst hearken unto Ezekiel in the sorrow of his soul, at the hour of his death, and didst not despise his supplications, so also, in like manner, give ear unto me, Thy humble, and sinful, and unworthy servant at this hour. For Thou, O Lord Jesus Christ, through Thy goodness and love towards man, didst bid us to forgive the erring their sins, even unto seventy times seven, and repentest Thee of our wickedness, and rejoices over the return of those who have gone astray. For as is Thy majesty, so also is Thy mercy, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE SEVENTH EPISTLE

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon is in the Seventh Tone: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, / nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

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

Reader: 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.

Reader: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger....

Choir: ... nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the
Thessalonians

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Thess 5:14-23, NKJV)

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest!

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SEVENTH GOSPEL

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be to all!

Choir: And to Thy spirit!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend!

At that time Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew

sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick." But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (Matt 9:9-13, NKJV)

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

THE SEVENTH PRAYER

Priest: Again and again, on bended knees, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

Priest: O Master, Lord our God, Physician of souls and bodies, Who curest temporal sufferings and healest every infirmity and every wound of men, Who desirest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he should turn again and live: for Thou, O Lord, in the ancient covenant, didst ordain repentance unto sinners, to David and the Ninevites, and to those before and after these, and likewise, at the advent of Thy dispensation in the flesh, Thou didst call not the righteous but sinners to repentance, receiving even the publican, the harlot, the thief, and great Paul, the blaspheming persecutor, through repentance. Thou didst accept in repentance Peter Thy chief Apostle, who thrice denied Thee, and gavest him a promise, saying, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I 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." Wherefore, O Good One, Who lovest mankind, being bold according to Thine undeceiving promises, we beseech Thee and implore Thee in this

present hour: Hearken to our supplication, and receive it as incense offered unto Thee, and visit these Thy servants, and if they have done aught amiss, either by word, or deed, or thought, either by night or by day, if they have fallen under the ban of a priest, or under their own anathema, or hath been embittered by an oath, and have foresworn themselves: We beseech Thee and supplicate Thee, loose, pardon, forgive them, O God, overlooking their sins and wickednesses, and all which they have committed knowingly and in ignorance. And if they have deviated aught from Thy commandments, or have sinned because they bear flesh and dwell in the world, or through the operation of the Devil, do Thou, forasmuch as Thou art a good God and lovest man, forgive, for there is not a man who shall live and sin not. For Thou alone art sinless, 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, for the inheritance of life incorruptible, and to Thee we ascribe glory, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE PRAYER WITH THE GOSPEL BOOK

The people kneel.

In some places, the people come forward to kneel as close as they can to the priest and the gospel book for the following prayer.

The Priest takes the gospel book and holds it opened with the text facing down, raised above the heads of those who are kneeling. He recites the prayer aloud. If several priests take part in the service, they also hold the gospel book.

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 unto seventy times seven, for as is Thy majesty, so also is Thy mercy, and unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship, with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thine all-holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The people stand while the priest takes up the Gospel book, and places it on a stand.

THE ANOINTING PRAYER

After the Prayer of the Gospel, the priest shall recite the following prayer.

Priest: O holy Father, Physician of souls and bodies, Who didst send Thine Only-begotten 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 ever-virgin 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 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.

THE ANOINTING OF THE FAITHFUL

PLEASE NOTE: Because Holy Unction is a Sacrament of the Orthodox Church, only Orthodox Christians may be anointed with the Holy Oil.

The faithful come forward to receive the Mystery of Anointing. They first venerate the Gospel Book and then go forward to the priest(s), telling him their name. The priest(s) anoints their forehead, cheeks, chin, and hands, saying as he does:

Priest: The blessing of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ: for the healing of soul and body of the servant(handmaiden) of God [NAME] always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

While the faithful approach to be anointed with the Holy Unction, the Choir or Reader shall sing the following:

in Tone 4.

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

Since ye have a fountain of healing, O holy Unmercenaries, Give healing to all who are in need of it, For ye have been vouchsafed the greatest gifts from the ever-flowing source, our Savior. For the Lord saith unto you, who are of like zeal with the Apostles: "Behold, I have given you power over unclean spirits, to cast them out And to heal every infirmity, and every malady." Therefore as good administrators of His commands, freely ye have received, freely give, Healing the sufferings of our souls and bodies.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Attend unto the entreaties of Thy suppliants, O all-blameless One, Quelling the fierce attacks on us, and releasing us from all affliction; For in Thee alone have we a firm and certain confirmation, And we have gained Thy protection. Let us not be put to shame, O Sovereign Lady, When we call upon

Thee; Hasten to the supplication of those who cry to Thee in faith: "Rejoice, Sovereign Lady, Thou help of all, The joy and refuge and salvation of our souls."

THE LITTLE DISMISSAL

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 He Who through His great goodness didst bid His Apostles to heal the infirm by means of oil, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate Mother, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle James, first hierarch of Jerusalem and the brother of God, and of all the Saints, heal and save you who are sick, through the anointing of this oil, and have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Choir: Amen.