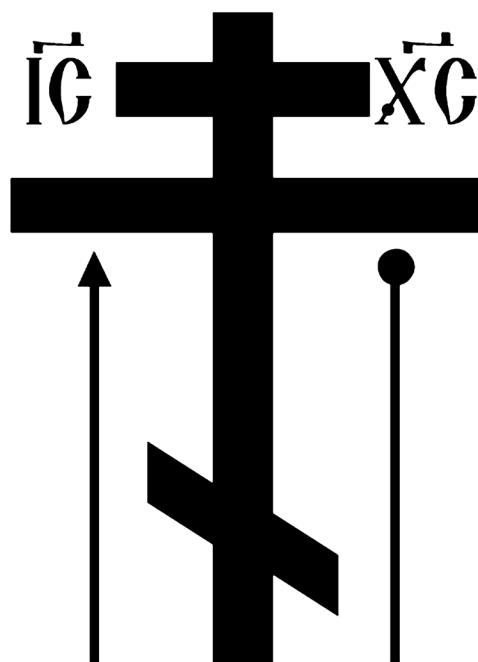


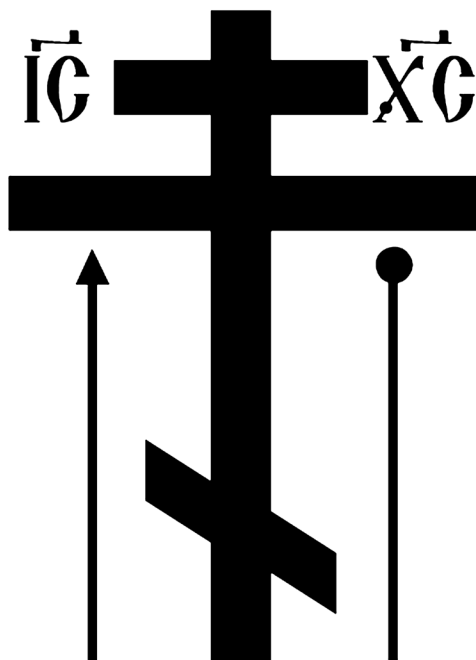


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Prayer at the Making of a Catechumen

The priest looseth the girdle of the person who desireth illumination, and removeth it, and putteth it off from him, and placeth him with his face toward the east, clothed in one garment only, barefooted, and with head uncovered, and with his arms hanging by his sides; and the priest breatheth thrice in his face; and signeth his brow and his breast thrice.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

He layeth his hand upon his head, saying:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: In Thy name, O Lord God of truth, and in the name of Thine Only-begotten Son, and of Thy Holy Spirit, I lay my hand upon Thy servant *Name*, who hath been found worthy to flee unto Thy holy name, and to take refuge under the shelter of Thy wings. Remove far from him—her his—her former delusion, and fill him—her with the faith, hope and love which are in Thee; that he—she may know that Thou art the only true God, with Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and Thy Holy Spirit. Enable him—her to walk in all Thy commandments, and to fulfill those things which are well pleasing unto Thee; for if a man do those things, he shall find life in them.

Inscribe him—her in Thy Book of Life, and unite him—her to the flock of Thine inheritance, that Thy holy name be glorified in him—her together with that of Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and of Thy life-giving Spirit. Let Thine eyes ever regard him—her with mercy, and let Thine ears hearken unto the voice of his—her supplication. Make him—her to rejoice in the works of his—her hands, and in all his—her generation; that he—she may give thanks unto Thee in worship, and glorify Thy great and exalted name, and praise Thee continually all the days of his—her life.

Exclamation

For all the hosts of Heaven praise Thee, and Thine is the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

First Prayer of Exorcism

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: The Lord layeth thee under ban, O Devil: He Who came into the world, and dwelt among men, that He might overthrow thy tyranny and rescue mankind; Who also upon the Tree did triumph over the adverse powers, when the sun was darkened and the earth did quake, and the graves were opened, and the bodies of the saints arose; Who also destroyed Death by death, and overthrew him who exercised the dominion of Death, that is thee, the Devil. I adjure thee by God, Who hath revealed the Tree of Life, and Who hath arrayed in ranks the Cherubim and the flaming sword which turneth everyway to guard it: Be thou under ban. For I adjure thee by Him Who walked upon the surface of the sea as it were dry land, and laid under His ban the tempests of the winds; Whose glance drieth up the deep, and Whose interdict maketh the mountains to melt away; for He now through us doth lay thee under ban. Be afraid, begone, and depart from this creature, and return not again, neither hide thyself in him—her, neither seek thou to meet him—her, nor to influence him—her, either by night or by day; either in the morning or at noonday; but depart hence to thine own Tartarus, until the Great Day of Judgment which is prepared. Fear God Who sitteth upon the Cherubim and looketh upon the deeps, before Whom tremble Angels, Archangels, Thrones,

Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the many-eyed Cherubim and the six-winged Seraphim; before Whom tremble heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein. Begone, and depart from this sealed, newly-chosen warrior of Christ our God; for I adjure thee by Him Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, and maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire: Begone, and depart from this creature, with all thy powers and angels.

Exclamation

For glorified is the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Second Prayer of Exorcism

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: God Who is holy, terrible and glorious, Who is unsearchable and inscrutable in all His works and might, Who hath foreordained for thee, O Devil, the penalty of eternal punishment: He, through us, His unworthy servant, doth command thee and all thy confederate hosts, to depart from him—her who hath been newly-sealed in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our true God. Therefore I adjure thee, O most crafty, impure, vile, loathsome and alien spirit, by the might of Jesus Christ, Who hath all power in heaven and on earth, Who said unto the deaf and dumb demon: Come out of the man, and in nowise enter thou a second time into him: Depart! Acknowledge the vainness of thy might, which hath not power even over swine. Call to mind Him Who, at thy request, commanded thee to enter into the herd of swine. Fear God, by Whose decree the earth is established upon the waters; Who hath made the heavens, and hath set the mountains with a line, and the valleys with a measure; and hath set the sand for a bound to the sea, and a firm path in the mighty water; Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke; Who coverest Himself with light as with a garment; Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters; Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof, so that it shall not be turned back for ever and ever; Who calleth for the water of the sea, and poureth it out on the face of the earth: Begone, and depart from him—her who hath made himself—herself ready for holy Illumination. I adjure thee by the saving Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His precious Body and Blood, and His terrible Coming-again: for He shall come, and shall not tarry, to judge the whole earth; and He shall chastise thee and thy confederate hosts with fiery Gehenna, committing thee to outer darkness, where the worm ceaseth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Exclamation

For of Christ our God is the dominion, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Third Prayer of Exorcism

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord of Sabaoth, O God of Israel, Who healest every ailment and every wound: Look upon Thy servant; prove him—her, and search him—her, and drive out of him—her all activity of the Devil; rebuke the unclean spirits and expel them, and purify the works of Thy hands; and exerting Thy penetrating power, speedily crush down Satan under his—her feet; and give him—her victory over him, and over his foul spirits; that, having obtained mercy from Thee, he—she may be vouchsafed Thine immortal and heavenly Mysteries, and may send up glory to Thee, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and

unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Fourth Prayer of Exorcism

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Thou Who art, O Sovereign Lord; Who hast created man in Thine Own image and likeness, and hast bestowed upon him the power of life eternal; Who likewise disdainest not those who have fallen away through sin, but hast provided salvation for the world through the incarnation of Thy Christ: Do Thou Thyself, delivering also this Thy creature from the bondage of the enemy, receive him—her into Thy heavenly kingdom. Open the eyes of his—her understanding, that the light of Thy Gospel may shine brightly in him—her. Yoke unto his—her life a radiant angel, who shall deliver him—her from every snare of the adversary, from encounter with evil, from the demon of the noonday, and from evil visions.

The priest breatheth upon his mouth, brow, and breast, saying:

Expel from him—her every evil and impure spirit which hideth and maketh its lair in his—her heart.

This he saith thrice.

The spirit of error, the spirit of guile, the spirit of idolatry, and of every lustful desire; the spirit of deceit and of every uncleanness which operateth through the prompting of the Devil. And make him—her a rational sheep in the holy flock of Thy Christ, an honourable member of Thy Church, a son—daughter and heir of Thy Kingdom; that having lived in accordance with Thy commandments, and preserved inviolate the seal, and kept his—her garment undefiled, he—she may receive the blessedness of the saints in Thy Kingdom.

Exclamation

Through the grace and compassions and love for mankind of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The priest turneth to the one who is to be baptized to face the west, unclad, bare-footed, having his hands uplifted, and he saith:

Dost thou renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his angels, and all his service, and all his pride?

The catechumen or his sponsor, answereth, and saith: I do.

The priest saith a second time:

Dost thou renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his angels, and all his service, and all his pride?

And he answereth: I do.

The priest saith a third time:

Dost thou renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his angels, and all his service, and all his pride?

And he answereth: I do.

The priest questioneth the catechumen:

Hast thou renounced Satan?

And the catechumen or his sponsor answereth him: I have.

The priest asketh him again:

Hast thou renounced Satan?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

The priest asketh him a third time:

Hast thou renounced Satan?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

Then the priest saith:

Blow and spit upon him.

And when this is done, the priest turneth him to face the east, having the hands lowered, and the priest saith:

Dost thou unite thyself unto Christ?

The catechumen, or his sponsor, answereth, saying: I do.

The priest saith a second time:

Dost thou unite thyself unto Christ?

He answereth a second time: I do.

The priest saith a second time:

Dost thou unite thyself unto Christ?

He answereth a third time: I do.

Then the priest saith to the catechumen:

Hast thou united thyself unto Christ?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

The priest saith: Dost thou believe in Him?

The catechumen saith: I believe in Him as King and God.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from the heavens, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried; and arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

When he hath finished the Holy Symbol, the priest again saith to him:

Hast thou united thyself unto Christ?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

The priest saith: And dost thou believe in Him?

The catechumen saith: I believe in Him as King and God.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty...

And when he hath finished the Holy Symbol a second time, the priest saith to him a third time:

Hast thou united thyself unto Christ?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

The priest saith: And dost thou believe in Him?

The catechumen saith: I believe in Him as King and God.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty...

And when the Holy Symbol is completed a third time, the priest inquireth of the catechumen, saying:

Hast thou united thyself unto Christ?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

The priest inquireth again:

Hast thou united thyself unto Christ?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

The priest inquireth a third time:

Hast thou united thyself unto Christ?

The catechumen answereth: I have.

The priest saith: Bow down also before Him.

And the catechumen boweth, saying:

I bow down before the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, one in essence and indivisible.

Then the priest saith:

Blessed is God, Who willeth that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The priest saith this prayer:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Master, Lord our God: Call Thy servant *Name*, to Thy holy Illumination, and vouchsafe unto him—her that great grace, Thy holy Baptism. Put off from him—her the old man, and renew him—her unto life eternal; and fill him—her with the power of Thy Holy Spirit, in the unity of Thy Christ, that he—she may be no longer a child of the body, but a child of Thy Kingdom. Through the good will and grace of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The Order of Holy Baptism

The priest entereth the altar and vesteth himself in white vestments, and epimanikia (cuffs). And when he hath lighted all the candles, he taketh the censer, goeth to the font, and censeth round about it; and having given the censer to be held, he maketh a reverence.

Then the deacon saith:

Bless, master.

The priest exclaimeth:

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The deacon saith the litany from the ambo.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy temple, and for them that with faith, reverence, and the fear of God enter herein, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon: For our Archbishop *Name*; for the venerable priesthood, the deaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.*

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this land, its authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the suffering Russian land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He may deliver His people from enemies visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That this water may be sanctified through the power and action and descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That there may be sent down into it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That there may come upon this water the purifying action of the Trinity Who is transcendent in essence, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That we may be illumined by the light of understanding and piety, through the descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That this water may prove effectual unto the averting of every snare of enemies, both visible and invisible, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That he—she who is baptized therein may be made worthy of the kingdom incorruptible, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For him—her who is now come unto holy Illumination, and for his—her salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That he—she may prove himself—herself to be a son—daughter of light, and an heir of eternal good things, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That he—she may be a member and partaker of the death and resurrection of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That he—she may preserve his—her baptismal garment and the pledge of the Spirit pure and blameless unto the dread Day of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That this water may be to him—her a laver of regeneration, unto the remission of sins, and a garment of incorruption, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the Lord God may hearken unto the voice of our supplication, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That He may deliver him—her and us from all tribulation, wrath and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our most holy, most pure, most blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To Thee O Lord.

While the deacon saith this litany, the priest saith to himself this prayer, secretly:

O Compassionate and Merciful God, Who triest the hearts and reins, and Who alone knowest the secrets of men (for nothing is hidden before Thee, but all things are laid bare and manifest before Thine eyes); Thou Who knowest all things concerning me, regard me not with loathing, neither turn Thy countenance away from me; but overlook mine iniquities at this present hour, O Thou who disregardest man's sins in his repentance. And wash away the vileness of my body, and the pollution of my soul. And sanctify me fully by Thine all-perfect, invisible might, and by Thy spiritual right hand; lest, while I proclaim liberty unto others, and administer this rite with perfect faith in Thine unutterable love for mankind, I myself may become the base slave of sin. Yea, O Master, Who alone art good and loving toward mankind, let not Thy humble servant be led astray; but send Thou down upon me power from on high, and strengthen me in the administration of Thine impending Mystery, which is both great and most heavenly; and create the image of Thy Christ in him—her who now desireth to be born again through my wretchedness. And build him—her up upon the foundation of Thine apostles and prophets, that he—she may not be overthrown; but implant him—her as a plant of truth in Thy Holy Catholic

and Apostolic Church, that he—she be not plucked out. That, as he—she increaseth in piety, through him—her may be glorified Thine all-holy name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

It should be known, that he doth not exclaim, but he saith, "Amen" to himself.

Prayer for Blessing of the Water

Priest: Great art Thou O Lord, and marvelous are Thy works, and there is no word which sufficeth to hymn Thy wonders. (*Thrice*)

For Thou, of Thine Own will, hast brought into being all things which before did not exist, and by Thy might Thou upholdest creation, and by Thy providence Thou orderest the world. When Thou hadst joined together the universe out of four elements, Thou didst crown the circle of the year with four seasons. Before Thee tremble all the powers endowed with intelligence. The sun hymneth Thee, the moon glorifieth Thee, the stars meet together before Thy presence. The light obeyeth Thee, the deeps tremble before Thee, the water springs are subject unto Thee. Thou hast stretched out the heaven as it were a curtain; Thou hast established the earth upon the waters; Thou hast compassed the sea about with sand; Thou hast shed abroad the air for breathing. The angelic hosts serve Thee; the choirs of the archangels worship Thee; the many-eyed Cherubim and the six-winged Seraphim, as they stand round about and fly, veil their faces in fear before Thine unapproachable glory.

For Thou, Who art God inexpressible, without beginning and ineffable, didst come down upon earth, and didst take on the semblance of a servant, and wast made in the likeness of man; for, because of the tender compassion of Thy mercy, O Master, Thou couldst not endure to see mankind oppressed by the devil, but Thou didst come and didst save us. We confess Thy grace, we proclaim Thy mercy, we conceal not Thy benevolence. Thou hast delivered the nature of our race; by Thy birth Thou didst sanctify a Virgin's womb. All creation doth magnify Thee Who hast revealed Thyself. For Thou, O our God, hast appeared on earth, and hast dwelt among men. Thou didst hallow the streams of Jordan, sending down from heaven Thy Holy Spirit, and didst crush the heads of the dragons that lurked there.

Wherefore, O King Who lovest mankind, come Thou now through the descent of Thy Holy Spirit, and sanctify this water. (*Thrice*)

And grant unto it the grace of redemption, the blessing of the Jordan; make it a fountain of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, the absolution of sins, a remedy of ailments, the complete destruction of demons, unassailable by hostile powers, filled with angelic might. Let those who would ensnare Thy creature flee far from it; for we have called upon Thy name, O Lord, and it is wondrous and glorious, and terrible unto adversaries.

Then he signeth the water thrice with the sign of the Cross, dipping his fingers in the water and breathing upon it he saith:

Let all adverse powers be crushed beneath the sign of the image of Thy Cross. (*Thrice*)

We pray Thee, O God, that every aerial and obscure phantom may withdraw from us; and that no demon of darkness may conceal himself in this water; neither let any evil spirit that instilleth darkening of intentions and rebelliousness of thought descend into it with him—her who is about to be baptized. But do Thou, O Master of all, show this water to be the water of redemption, the water of sanctification, the purification of flesh and spirit, the loosing of bonds, the remission of sins, the illumination of the soul, the laver of regeneration, the renewal of the spirit, the gift of adoption to sonship, the garment of incorruption, the fountain of life. For Thou hast said, O Lord; Wash you, and be ye clean; put away evil from your souls. Thou hast bestowed upon us from on high a new birth through water and the Spirit. Wherefore, O Lord, manifest Thyself in this water, and grant that he—she who is baptized therein

may be transformed, that he—she may put away from him—her the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and put on the new man, and be renewed according to the image of Him Who created him—her; that being buried, after the pattern of Thy death, in baptism, he—she may, in like manner, be a partaker of Thy Resurrection; and having preserved the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, and increased the measure of grace committed unto him—her, he—she may receive the prize of his—her high calling, and be numbered with the firstborn whose names are written in heaven, in Thee, our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

For unto Thee is due glory, dominion, honour and worship, together with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

And the priest breatheth thrice upon the vessel of oil, and signeth it thrice with the sign of the Cross, as it is held by the deacon.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

The priest saith the prayer:

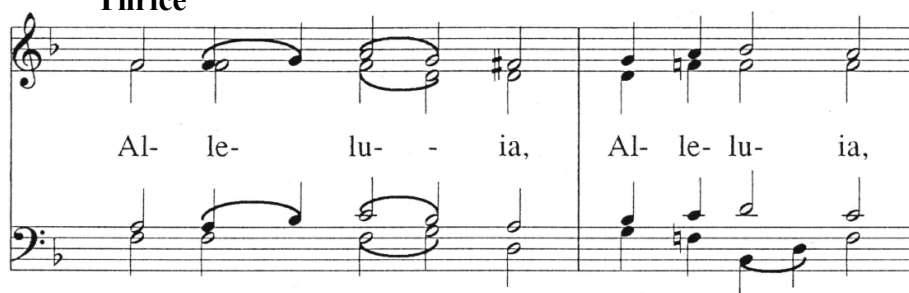
O Master, Lord God of our fathers, Who didst send unto them that were in the ark of Noah the dove, having in its beak a twig of olive, the token of reconciliation and of salvation from the flood, the foreshadowing of the mystery of grace; and didst provide the fruit of the olive for the fulfilling of Thy holy Mysteries; Who thereby fillest them that were under the Law with Thy Holy Spirit, and perfectest them that are under grace: Do Thou Thyself bless also this holy oil with the power, and operation and indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit, that it may be an anointing unto incorruption, an armour of righteousness, to the renewing of soul and body, to the averting of every assault of the devil, to deliverance from all evil of those who shall be anointed with it in faith, or who are partakers thereof; unto Thy glory, and the glory of Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Alleluia

Thrice



The priest, chanting Alleluia thrice with the people, maketh three signs of the Cross in the water with the oil. Then he exclaimeth:

Blessed is God, Who enlighteneth and sanctifieth every man that cometh into the world, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Then the person who is to be baptized is presented. The priest taketh of the oil with two fingers, and maketh the sign of the Cross upon his brow and breast, and between the shoulders saying:

The servant of God, *Name*, is anointed with the oil of gladness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And he signeth his breast and between the shoulders.

On the breast, saying: Unto the healing of soul and body.

On the ears: Unto the hearing of faith.

On the hands: Thy hands have made me and fashioned me.

On the feet: That he—she may walk in the path of Thy commandments.

When his whole body is anointed, the priest baptizeth him, holding him upright, and looking toward the east, saying:

The servant of God, *Name*, is baptized, in the name of the Father, Amen. And of the Son, Amen. And of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

At each invocation he immerseth him, and raiseth him again. And after the Baptism the priest washeth his hands, chanting with the people:

Psalm 31, in Tone V

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,/ and whose sins are covered./ Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not sin,/ and in whose mouth there is no guile./ Because I kept silence,/ my bones are waxed old through my crying all the day long./ For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me,/ I was reduced to misery while the thorn stuck fast in me./ Mine iniquity have I acknowledged,/ and my sin have I not hid./ I said: I will confess mine iniquities before the Lord against myself./ And Thou forgavest the ungodliness of my heart./ For this shall every one that is holy pray unto Thee in a seasonable time;/ moreover, in a flood of many waters/ shall they not come nigh unto him./ Thou art my refuge from the affliction which surroundeth me;/ O my Rejoicing,/ deliver me from them which have encircled me./ I will instruct thee and teach thee in this way which thou shalt go;/ I will fix Mine eyes upon thee./ Be ye not as the horse or as the mule/ which have no understanding;/ whose jaws thou must hold with bit and bridle,/ lest they come nigh unto thee./ Many are the scourges of the sinner,/ but mercy shall encircle him that hopeth in the Lord./ Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous;// and glory, all ye that are upright of heart.

Then, as the priest putteth the baptismal robe on the newly-baptized person, he saith:

The servant of God, *Name*, is clothed with the robe of righteousness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Troparion, in Tone VIII

Grant unto me the robe of light,/ O Thou Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment,// Christ our God, plenteous in mercy.

Sacrament of Chrismation

When he hath robed the newly-enlightened, the priest prayeth, saying this prayer:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God Almighty, Source of all good things, Sun of Righteousness, Who shinest forth upon them that were in darkness the light of salvation through the manifestation of Thine Only-begotten Son and our God; and Who hast given unto us unworthy ones blessed purification through hallowed water, and divine sanctification through life-giving Chrismation; Who now, also, hast been pleased to regenerate Thy servant that hath been newly-enlightened by water and the Spirit, and grantest unto him—her remission of sins, whether voluntary or involuntary. Do Thou Thyself, O Master, compassionate King of kings, grant also unto him—her the seal of the gift of Thy holy and almighty and adorable Spirit, and the communion of the holy Body and the precious Blood of Thy Christ. Keep him—her in Thy sanctification, confirm him—her in the Orthodox faith, deliver him—her from the evil one, and all his crafty actions. And preserve his—her soul in purity and uprightness, through the saving fear of Thee; that he—she may please Thee in every deed and word, and may be a son—daughter and heir of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Exclamation

For Thou art our God, the God Who showeth mercy and saveth, 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 ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

And after this prayer, he anointeth with the holy myrrh the person who hath been baptized, making the sign of the Cross: On the brow, the eyes, the nostrils, the lips, both ears, the breast, the hands, the feet, saying with each anointment:

The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Priest taketh the newly-enlightened one by the hand which he covereth with his epitrachelion, accompanied by the sponsors, and leadeth them around the font thrice.

And they chant: As many as have been baptized unto Christ.

As Many As Have Been Baptized

Thrice

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'As ma- ny as have been bap- tized in- to Christ have put on Christ. Al- le- lu- - ia. Glory.. Both Now.. A- men. Have put on Christ. Al- le- lu- - ia. As ma- ny as have been bap- tized in- to Christ'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signature (one sharp), time signature (4/4), and lyrics placed below the notes. The first system is marked 'Thrice'. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system also ends with a repeat sign. The fourth system ends with a final double bar line.

As ma- ny as have been bap- tized in- to Christ

have put on Christ. Al- le- lu- - ia.

Glory.. Both Now.. A- men. Have put on Christ.

Al- le- lu- - ia. As ma- ny as have been bap- tized in- to Christ



Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, in Tone III

Reader: The Lord is my Light and my Saviour: whom then shall I fear?



Reader: The Lord is the defender of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid?

Choir: The Lord is my Light and my Saviour: whom then shall I fear?

Reader: The Lord is my Light and my Saviour.

Choir: Whom then shall I fear?

Epistle

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren: Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection; knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He

liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

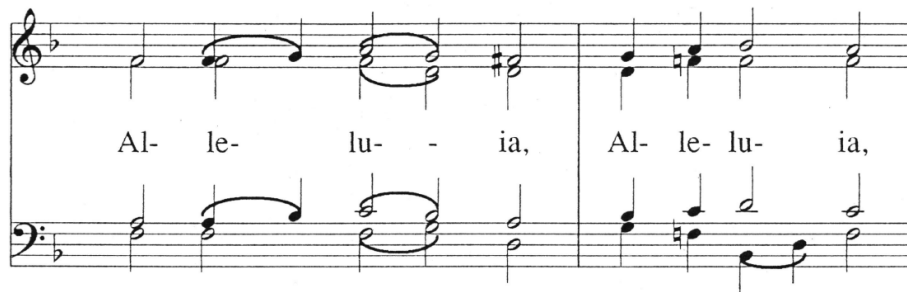
Priest: Peace be unto thee.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom, let us attend!

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Deacon: Wisdom! Aright! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

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

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: At that time: the eleven Disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came, and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world. Amen.

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

Ablution

The priest looseth the robe of the baptized person, saying this prayer:

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Thou Who, through holy baptism, hast given unto Thy servant *Name* remission of sins, and hast bestowed upon him—her a life of regeneration: Do Thou Thyself, O Master and Lord, be pleased to illumine his—her heart with the light of Thy countenance continually. Keep the shield of his—her faith unassailed by the enemy. Preserve pure and unpolluted the garment of incorruption wherewith thou has covered him—her, upholding inviolate in him—her, by Thy grace, the seal of the Spirit, and showing mercy unto him—her and unto us, according to the multitude of Thy compassions.

Exclamation

For blessed and glorified is Thy most honourable and majestic name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

A Second Prayer

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Master, Lord our God, Who through the font bestowest heavenly Illumination upon them that are baptized, Who hast regenerated Thy newly-enlightened servant by water and the Spirit, and hast granted unto him—her remission of his—her sins, whether voluntary or involuntary: Lay Thine almighty hand upon him—her and preserve him—her by the power of Thy goodness. Maintain inviolate the pledge of the Spirit, and make him—her worthy of life eternal, and of Thy favour.

Exclamation

For Thou art our sanctification, 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.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: He—She who has put on Thee, O Christ our God, boweth also his—her head with us, unto Thee; keep him—her ever a warrior invincible in every attack of those who assail him—her and us; and make us all victors, even unto the end, through Thy crown incorruptible.

For Thine it is to show mercy and to save, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thine unoriginate Father, and Thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Then the priest dippeth the sponge in pure water, and sprinkleth the one who has been baptized, saying:

Thou art justified, thou art illumined, thou art sanctified. Thou art washed in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Spirit of our God.

And with the sponge he washeth the face and head, and breast, and rest of the places where the anointing was done, saying:

Thou art baptized. Thou art illumined. Thou hast been anointed with Chrism. Thou art sanctified. Thou art washed: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer at the Cutting of the Hair

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Master, Lord our God, Who has honoured man with Thine own image, Thou hast fashioned him from a rational soul and a comely body (insomuch as the body serveth the rational soul): for Thou didst set the head on high, and endow it with the chiefest portion of the senses which, nevertheless, impede not one another; and Thou hast covered the head with hair, that it be not injured with the changes of the weather, and hast fitly joined together all his members, that with them all he may give thanks unto Thee, the Great Artificer. Thou Thyself, O Master, through Thy chosen vessel, the Apostle Paul, hast given us a commandment that we should do all things to Thy glory: Bless now Thy servant *Name*, who is come to make a first offering shorn from the hair of his—her head, and likewise his—her Sponsor; and grant that they may all meditate on Thy law, and do those things which are well-pleasing to Thee.

Exclamation

For a merciful God art Thou, and the Lover of 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 ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Then the priest saith this prayer:

O Lord our God, Who through the fulfillment of the baptismal font by Thy goodness dost sanctify them that believe on Thee: Bless this child here present, and let Thy blessing descend upon his—her head. And as Thou didst bless David the King by the hand of the Prophet Samuel, bless also the head of Thy servant, *Name*, by the hand of me a sinner, inspiring him—her with Thy Holy Spirit; that as he—she increaseth in stature, and even unto venerable old age, he—she may send up glory unto Thee, and behold the good things of Jerusalem all the days of his—her life.

Exclamation

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

Choir: Amen.

And he sheareth the hair cruciformly, saying:

The servant of God, *Name*, is shorn, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Choir: Amen.

Litany

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

Choir: Lord have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Deacon: For our Archbishop *Name*; for the venerable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Deacon: For this land, its authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Deacon: For the suffering Russian land and its Orthodox people both in the homeland and in

the diaspora, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Deacon: That He may deliver His people from enemies visible and invisible, and confirm in us oneness of mind, brotherly love and piety, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, and for the salvation of the servant of God, *Name*, the Sponsor.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Deacon: Again we pray for the newly-illuminated servant of God, *Name*, that he—she may be kept in the faith of a pure confession, in all piety, and in the fulfilling of the commandments of Christ all the days of his—her life.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Exclamation

Priest: For a merciful God art Thou, and the Lover of 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.

Choir: Amen.

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother; of the holy glorious and all-praised Apostles; of Saint *Name*; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

Choir: Amen.

Many Years

Deacon: A prosperous and peaceful life, health and salvation, and good success in all things, grant, O Lord, to Thy newly-illuminated servant *Name*, and preserve him—her for many years!

Twice

God grant him her ma- ny years, God grant him her ma- ny years,

This system contains the first two measures of the musical score. It is written for a two-part setting (treble and bass clef) in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'God grant him her ma- ny years, God grant him her ma- ny years,'. The first measure has a repeat sign, and the second measure has a repeat sign. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

God grant him her ma- ny ma- ny years!

This system contains the next two measures of the musical score. It continues the two-part setting. The lyrics are 'God grant him her ma- ny ma- ny years!'. The first measure has a repeat sign, and the second measure has a repeat sign. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

Third Time

Save him her O Christ God, save him her O Christ God, save

This system contains the next two measures of the musical score. It continues the two-part setting. The lyrics are 'Save him her O Christ God, save him her O Christ God, save'. The first measure has a repeat sign, and the second measure has a repeat sign. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

him her O Christ God!

This system contains the final two measures of the musical score. It continues the two-part setting. The lyrics are 'him her O Christ God!'. The first measure has a repeat sign, and the second measure has a repeat sign. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

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