

Holy Unction

Of Great & Holy Wednesday



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

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Prayer to the Holy Spirit

PRIEST: Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

O heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who are in all places and fill all things, the Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come, and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O good One.

The Trisagion Prayers

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

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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 evil.

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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

READER/PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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 and fall down before 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 (LXX 142)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; in You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant.

O Lord, give ear to my supplications and do not enter into judgment with Your servant. (2x)

Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

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 You, O God. (3x)

O our God and our Hope, glory to You.

The Little Litany

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance 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.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST: For unto You 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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Alleluia (Tone 6)

PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

READER: O Lord, rebuke me not in Your indignation, neither chasten me in Your displeasure.

PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Penitential Troparia – Tone 6

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; for laying aside all defense we sinners offer to You, as Master, this supplication: Have mercy on us.

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

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

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Open to us the door of Your compassion, O blessed Theotokos. As we set our hope in you, may we not be confounded; through you may we be delivered from all adversities, for you are the salvation of the race of Christians.

Psalm 51 (LXX 50)

Have mercy upon me, O God...

The Canon – Tone 4

The following is a common form of abbreviating the Canon.

Ode 1

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
O Master, Who with the oil of compassion gladden both the souls and bodies of mortals, and guard the faithful with oil; be lenient now to those who approach You by means of oil.

Ode 3

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
You Who alone are marvelous and merciful to faithful men; grant Your grace from above, O Christ, to those who are grievously afflicted.

Kathisma – Tone 8

Since You are a divine river of mercy, like a fathomless gulf of abundant sympathy, O Bountiful One; manifest the divine streams of Your mercy, and heal all men. Pour forth abundantly fountains of wonders and cleanse all: For resorting ever unto You, we fervently implore Your grace.

Kathisma – Tone 4

Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; the Master and Lord of all, grant healing to Your infirm servants. Be lenient and show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine.

Ode 4

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
You, O Savior, are as incorruptible myrrh, emptied of Your grace and cleansing the world: Divinely show pity and mercy to those who with faith anoint their bodily wounds.

Ode 5

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
You Who are Good, an abyss of mercy; In Your compassion, O Merciful One, show mercy through Your mercy divine on those who suffer.

Ode 6

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
O Lover of mankind, Who by Your word showed that anointing is for kings, and did perform this through Your High Priests: Save also those who suffer, by the seal of Your compassion.

Kontakion – Tone 2

You Who are the source of mercy, O exceeding Good One, deliver from every danger those who with fervent faith bow down before Your unspeakable mercy;

and, Compassionate One, taking away their maladies, grant them Your divine grace from on high.

Ode 7 – Tone 4

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
You Who in Your mercies and bounties, O Savior, only God, heal the passions of soul and torments of body for all men: Be Yourself the Physician for those who suffer from infirmities, and restore them.

Ode 8

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
You show mercy on all men, O Savior, according to mercy mighty and divine: for by this we all are gathered here, O Master, mystically remembering the condescension of Your mercies, and we have brought in faith the anointing with oil to Your servants, whom we ask You now to visit.

Ode 9

Refrain: O merciful Lord, give ear to the prayer of Your servants supplicating You.
Look down from heaven, a bountiful One, and show Your mercy unto all. Your assistance and Your strength bestow on those who draw near to You, through the divine anointing of Your priests, O You Who love mankind.

“It is Truly Right...”

It is truly right to bless you, O Theotokos, who are ever blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you.

The Little Litany

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PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

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DEACON: Calling to remembrance 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.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST: For all the powers of heaven praise You and unto You we ascribe glory: to the: Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Exapostilarion – Tone 3

In mercy, O Good One, cast Your eyes upon the prayer of us, who today are gathered in Your holy temple, to anoint with divine oil Your infirm servants.

The Praises

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp!

You have given Your grace through Your Apostles, O Good Physician, Lover of mankind, to heal the wounds and infirmities of all men through Your holy oil. Therefore, since You are compassionate, sanctify, be merciful, and cleanse from every ailment, and make worthy of Your food incorruptible, those who now with faith approach Your oil.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

O ineffable Lover of mankind, Who with Your unseen hand, as being compassionate, seal our senses with Your oil divine; look down from heaven, and give to those who in faith run to You, and ask pardon of iniquities; healing of soul and body, that they may glorify You lovingly, and magnify Your might.

Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Through anointing with Your oil, and the touch of Your priests, O Lover of mankind, sanctify Your servants from on high. Free them from infirmities. Cleanse their spiritual defilements. Wash them, O Savior, and deliver them from every scandal. Assuage their maladies. Banish their hindrances and destroy their afflictions; forasmuch as You are bountiful and compassionate.

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

Theotokion – Tone 4

O most pure royal palace much extolled, purify, I implore you, my mind defiled by every kind of sin; and make it a fitting abode for the all-divine Trinity, that I, your unprofitable servant, being saved, may magnify your power and measureless mercy.

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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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Troparion – Tone 4

O Christ, Who alone speed to help, manifest Your speedy visitation from on high upon Your suffering servants; deliver them from their infirmities and bitter pain; and raise them up again to praise and glorify You unceasingly: through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O You Who alone love mankind.

The Great Litany

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) *N.*, the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our president, all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this city, every city and countryside, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For healthful seasons, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance 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.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST: For unto You 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.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE BLESSING OF OIL

The Prayer of the Oil

The priest shall read the Prayer of Oil over the olive oil, blessing it with his right hand.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord, Who through Your mercies and bounties heal the disorders of our souls and bodies; Also sanctify this oil, O Master, that it may be effectual for those who are anointed with it, unto healing and unto relief from every passion, of defilement of flesh and spirit and every ill; and that through this may be glorified Your all-holy name: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Troparia at the Blessing of the Oil

The priest pours wine into the olive oil, while the chanters sing the following troparia.

To Jesus Christ – Tone 4

O Christ, Who alone speed to help, manifest Your speedy visitation from on high upon Your suffering servants; deliver them from their infirmities, and bitter pain; and raise them up again to praise and glorify You unceasingly: through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O You Who alone love mankind.

To Jesus Christ, the Shining Light – Tone 4

Blind of my spiritual eyes, I come to You, O Christ, as did the man blind from his birth, and I cry to You with repentance: You are the shining light of those in darkness.

To Jesus Christ, the Compassionate God – Tone 3

By Your divine intervention, O Lord, raise up my soul, which by every kind of sin and inappropriate deed is so grievously paralyzed, as You of old did upraise the paralytic; that, being saved, I may cry to You: Grant healing unto me, O Christ Compassionate.

To St. James – Tone 4

As the Lord's disciple, O righteous James, you received the Gospel; and as a martyr you possess that which is unwritten; you have boldness, as the brother of God; and as a bishop, you have power in prayer. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Another to St. James – Tone 4

The only-begotten Word of God the Father, Who in latter days has come to us, declared you, O divine James, the first pastor and teacher of those in Jerusalem, and a faithful steward of spiritual mysteries: therefore, O Apostle, we all honor you.

To St. Nicholas of Myra, the Wonder-worker – Tone 3

In Myra, O Saint Nicholas, you did show yourself a true priest; for in fulfilling Christ's Gospel, O venerable one, you laid down your life for your people, and saved the innocent from death. Therefore you are hallowed as a great initiate in the grace of God.

To St. Demetrius – Tone 3

The world has found in you a mighty champion in dangers, O endurer of pain, who overcame the heathen. For just as you humbled Lyaeus' pride and in the strife made Nestor brave, so also, Saint Demetrius, entreat Christ our God to bestow on us great mercy.

To St. Panteleimon, the Unmercenary Healer – Tone 3

O holy endurer of pain and physician Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that he may grant our souls remission of iniquities.

To the Unmercenary Healer – Tone 8

O holy Unmercenarities and Wonder-workers, visit our weaknesses; freely you have received, freely give to us.

To Saint John the Theologian – Tone 2

Your grandeur, O virgin Saint John, who shall declare? For you overflow with wonders, and pour forth healing; and as theologian and friend of Christ, you intercede for our souls.

Theotokion – Tone 2

Fervent supplicant and wall impregnable, source of mercy, refuge of the world; to you we earnestly cry: O Theotokos, Sovereign Lady, speedily come to us and deliver us from danger, you who alone are quick to intercede.

**SEVEN EPISTLES AND GOSPELS
AND SEVEN PRAYERS**

First Prokeimenon: Tone 1 - Psalm 33 (LXX 32)

Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, as we have put our trust in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise is becoming to the upright.

First Epistle Reading – James 5:10-16

My 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.

The Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 8 - Psalm 101 (LXX 100)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1x)

Verse: I will sing to You of mercy and judgment, O Lord.

First Gospel Reading – Luke 10:25-37

And behold, 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."

The Fervent Litany

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The First Prayer

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O God Who are without beginning, eternal, the Holy of Holies, Who sent your only-begotten Son to heal every infirmity and all manner of disease, both of our souls and bodies: Send down Your Holy Spirit, and sanctify this oil; and cause it to be for Your servants, who are anointed with it, a perfect deliverance from their sins, and an inheritance of the kingdom of heaven.

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O God, our God, and unto You we ascribe glory, with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Second Prokeimenon: Tone 2 - Psalm 118 (LXX 117)

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

Second Epistle Reading – Romans 15:1-7

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.

The Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 5 - Psalm 89 (LXX 88)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1x)

Verse: I will sing of Your mercy, O Lord, forever.

Second Gospel Reading – Luke 19:1-10

Then 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.”

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PRIEST: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Second Prayer

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O God, great and most high, Who are worshipped by all creation, source of wisdom, abyss of goodness truly unfathomable, and boundless sea of kindness; do You Yourself, O Master Who love mankind, the God of the eternal and the marvelous, Whom none among men by thinking can comprehend, look upon us and hear us, Your unworthy servants, and wherever we bring this oil in Your great name, send down Your gift of healing, and the remission of sins, and heal Your servants in the abundance of Your mercy. Yes, O Lord, the good physician; Who alone are merciful and love mankind; Who are made sorrowful by our wickedness; Who know that the intention of man inclines to evil from his youth up; Who desire not the death of a sinner, but that he should return and live; Who for the salvation of sinners, being God, became incarnate, and became a Creature for Your creatures. You have said, "I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance"; You are He Who sought the lost sheep; You are he Who diligently sought the lost coin, and found it; You did say, "He that comes to Me I will in no way cast out;" You are He Who did not loathe the harlot who rained her tears upon Your precious feet; and You said, "As often as you fall, arise, and you shall be saved;" You are He Who says, "There is joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents." Do You Yourself, O kind Master, look down from the height of Your sanctuary, overshadowing us sinners, and Your unworthy servants at this hour, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and abide in these Your **servants** who acknowledge their transgressions, and draw near to You in faith; and accepting them in Your own love toward mankind, whether they have transgressed in word or deed or thought, forgiving them, do now 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 Your statutes they may never become a derision to the Devil; and that by them Your all-holy name may be glorified.

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O Christ our God, and unto You we ascribe glory, with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Third Prokeimenon - Psalm 19 (LXX 18)

The Lord is my Light and my Savior, whom shall I fear?

Verse: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Third Epistle Reading – I Corinthians 12:27-13:8a

Now 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.

The Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 2 - Psalm 25 (LXX 24)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1x)

Verse: O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be put to shame.

Third Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:1, 5-8

And when He had 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.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Third Prayer

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Almighty Master, Holy King, Who chasten and yet slay not; Who raise up those who fall, and restore those who are cast down; Who relieve the bodily afflictions of men: We beseech You, our God, that You will direct Your mercy upon this oil, and upon those who are anointed with it in Your Name, that it may be to them for the 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.

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Fourth Prokeimenon - Psalm 102 (LXX 101)

In the days when I shall call upon You, speedily hear me.

Verse: O Lord, hear my prayer and my cry.

Fourth Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For 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.

The Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 2 - Psalm 40 (LXX 39)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1x)

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

Fourth Gospel Reading – Matthew 8:14-17

Now 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."

The Fervent Litany

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Fourth Prayer

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O good and compassionate and most merciful Lord, Who love mankind, plentiful in mercy and rich in kindness, the Father of gifts and God of every consolation, Who through Your holy apostles have empowered us to heal the infirmities of the people by oil with prayer: Do You Yourself appoint this oil for the healing of those who are anointed with it; for the alleviation of every infirmity and every malady; for deliverance from ills for those who await the salvation that is from You. Yes, Master, Lord our God, we beseech You, Who are Almighty, to save us all; You Who alone are the Physician of souls and bodies, sanctify us all.

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, our God, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Fifth Prokeimenon: Tone 5 - Psalm 12 (LXX 11)

You, O Lord, shall protect us, and preserve us from this generation forever.

Verse: Help, O Lord, for the godly are here no more! And faithfulness has vanished from among the sons of men.

Fifth Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

For 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.

The Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 5 - Psalm 89 (LXX 88)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1x)

Verse: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever.

Fifth Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

“Then 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.

The Fervent Litany

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Fifth Prayer

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord our God, Who chasten and again heal; Who raise the poor man from the earth and exalt the beggar from the dunghill; the Father of orphans, and Haven of the storm-tossed, and Physician of the sick; Who painlessly bear our weaknesses and receive our infirmities; Who show mercy with gentleness, Who overlook transgressions and take away unrighteousness; Who are quick to help, and slow to anger; Who breathed on Your disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whosoever sins You remit, they are remitted unto them; and take away unrighteousness;" Who accept the repentance of sinners, and have power to forgive sins manifold and grievous, and grant healing to all who continue in weakness and lingering illness; Who also have called me, Your 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, where the holy angels desire to enter and to hear the evangelical voice of the Lord God, and personally behold the presence of the Holy Offering, and to take delight in the divine and sacred Liturgy; Who have counted me worthy to minister at Your heavenly Mysteries, and to offer unto You gifts and sacrifices for our sins and for the ignorance of people, and to mediate for Your rational sheep, that, through Your abundant and unspeakable love towards mankind, You may cleanse their iniquities: Do You Yourself, O most good King, attend to my prayer in this hour and on this holy day; and in every time and place, and hear the voice of Your supplication, and grant healing to Your servants who are weak in soul and body, giving them remission of sins and forgiveness of their transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary.

Remember that the thought of man inclines constantly toward evil from his youth up, and that none is to be found sinless upon earth; for You alone are without sin, Who came and saved the human race, and freed us from bondage to the enemy. For if You should enter into judgment with Your servants, there is none that would be found pure from stain, but every mouth would be sealed, having nothing to answer; for all our righteousness is like cast-off rags before You. Therefore, O Lord, remember not the sins of our youth:

For You are the Hope of the hopeless, and the Repose of those who labor and are heavy-laden with iniquity, and unto You we ascribe glory, with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Sixth Prokeimenon: Tone 5 - Psalm 51 (LXX 50)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy.

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

Sixth Epistle Reading – Galatians 5:22-6:2

But 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.

Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 6 - Psalm 112 (LXX 111)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1x)

Verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord. In His commandments he rejoices exceedingly.

Sixth Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:21-28

Then 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.

The Fervent Litany

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Sixth Prayer

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: We thank You, O Lord our God, Who are good and love mankind, the Physician of our souls and bodies, Who painlessly bear our infirmities, by Whose stripes we have all been healed; Good Shepherd, Who came to seek the wandering sheep; Who give consolation to the fainthearted, and life to those who are shattered; Who healed the flow of the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years; Who freed the daughter of the Canaanite woman from the cruel demon; Who released the two debtors from their debt, and gave remission of sins to the sinful woman; Who grant healing to the Paralytic, with the remission of his sins; Who justified the Publican by Your word, and accepted the Thief at his last confession; Who take away the sins of the world, and were nailed to the Cross: We beseech You and entreat You, in Your goodness loose, remit, forgive, O God, the trespasses and sins of these Your 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 prodigal living, or through whatever impulse of the flesh and of the spirit they have departed from Your will and from Your holiness. And if they have sinned, and in like manner we also, forgive us; forasmuch as You are a good God Who do not remember evil and love mankind: And let not them or us fall into a dissolute life, neither to walk in the ways of destruction. Yes, O Master, Lord, hear me a sinner in this hour, on behalf of these Your servants, and overlook their trespasses, since You are a God Who call not evil to mind. Free them from eternal torment; fill their mouths with Your praise; open their lips that they may glorify Your holy name; stretch forth their hands to the doing of Your commandments. Guide their feet aright in the way of Your Gospel, strengthening all their members and their thoughts, by Your grace. For You are our God, Who have commanded us by Your holy Apostles, saying, "Whatever You bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever You loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." And again, "To whomsoever you remit sins, they shall be remitted, and if you retain them, they shall be retained." And as You heard Hezekiah in the sorrow of his soul, at the hour of his death, and did not despise his supplications, so also, in like manner, give ear unto me, Your humble and sinful and unworthy servant at this hour. For You, O Lord Jesus Christ, through Your goodness and love towards mankind, told us to forgive the sins of those who err, even unto seventy times

seven, and You are made sorrowful by our wickedness and rejoice over the return of those who have gone astray.

For as is Your majesty, so also is Your mercy, and unto You we ascribe glory, with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Seventh Prokeimenon: Tone 7 - Psalm 38 (LXX 37)

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, neither chasten me in Your anger.

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

Seventh Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23

Now 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.

Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 5 - Psalm 20 (LXX 19)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (1x)

Verse: The Lord hear you in the day of trouble. The name of the God of Jacob defend you.

Seventh Gospel Reading – Matthew 9:9-13

As 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.”

The Fervent Litany

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Seventh Prayer

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Master, Lord our God, Physician of souls and bodies, Who cure temporal sufferings and heal every infirmity and every wound of men; Who desire that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; Who desire not the death of a sinner, but that he should turn again and live: For You, O Lord, in the old Covenant, did ordain repentance for sinners, to David and the Ninevites, and to those before and after these; and likewise, at the coming of Your dispensation in the flesh, You called not the righteous but sinners to repentance; receiving even the Publican, the Harlot, the Thief, and great Paul, the blaspheming persecutor, through repentance. You accepted in repentance Peter Your chief Apostle, who three times denied You; and gave him a promise, saying, "You are Peter, and upon this rock will I build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it; and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." Therefore, O Good One, Who love mankind, being bold according to Your undeceiving promises, we beseech You and implore You in this present hour: Hear our supplication, and receive it as incense offered unto You; and visit these Your servants, and if they have done anything 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 have been embittered by an oath, and have foresworn themselves: We beseech You and supplicate You; loose, pardon, forgive them, O God, overlooking their sins and their wickedness, and everything which they have committed knowingly and in ignorance. And if they have deviated in any way from Your commandments, or have sinned because they bear flesh and dwell in this world, or through the operation of the devil, O Lord, since as You are a good God and love mankind, forgive; for there is not a man who shall live and sin not. For You alone are sinless, Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your word is truth. For You did not create man for destruction, but for the keeping of Your commandments, for the inheritance of life incorruptible.

And unto You we ascribe glory, with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

THE PRAYER WITH THE GOSPEL BOOK

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

The priest takes the Gospel book and holds it open, with the text facing down, raised above the heads of those who are kneeling. Then he recites the prayer aloud. If several priests take part in the service, they all hold the Gospel book and read the prayer silently.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Holy King, compassionate and most-merciful Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Word of the living God, Who desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live: I lay not my sinful hand upon the heads of those who approach You in sins and entreat of You, through us, remission of their sins, but Your strong and mighty hand which is in this Holy Gospel, which I (*or my fellow ministers*) hold upon the heads of these Your servants, and I (*add with them*) pray and entreat Your merciful and unconditional love of mankind, which does not remember evil, O God our Savior; Who through Your Prophet Nathan granted forgiveness to David when he repented of his iniquities, and accepted Manasses' prayer of repentance: Receive also now with Your customary love for man these Your servants, Who repent of their iniquities; overlooking all their transgressions.

For You are our God, Who have told us to forgive those who fall in sin, even unto seventy times seven, for as is Your majesty, so also is Your mercy, and unto You are due all glory, honor and worship, with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

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 the soul and body of the servant of God, N., always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

During the Anointing the choir sings the following troparion to the Unmercenary Healers and Theotokion to the Theotokos.

Troparia – Tone 4

Since you have a fountain of healing, O holy unmercenaries, give healing to all who are in need of it, for you have been granted the greatest gifts from the ever-flowing source, our Savior. For the Lord says to you, who have the zeal of 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 you have received, freely give, healing the sufferings of our souls and bodies.

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

Since you have a fountain of healing,.. *(repeat above)*

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Attend to the entreaties of your suppliant, O all-blameless One, quelling the fierce attacks on us, and releasing us from all affliction; for in You alone have we a firm and certain confirmation, and we have gained your protection. Let us not be put to shame, O Sovereign Lady, when we call upon you; hasten to the supplication of those who cry to you in faith: Hail, Sovereign Lady, help of all, the joy and refuge and salvation of our souls.

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

PEOPLE: 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. *(3x)*

Father, bless.

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, Who is going to His voluntary passion for our salvation and through His great goodness told His Apostles to heal the infirm by means of oil, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless, holy Mother, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostle James, the 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, for He is good and loves mankind.

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

Before leaving the church, the faithful may blot the places they have received the anointing with the warm water and paper towels provided. The paper towels should be placed into a basket prepared for this purpose, so that the priest may reverently dispose of paper towels later.