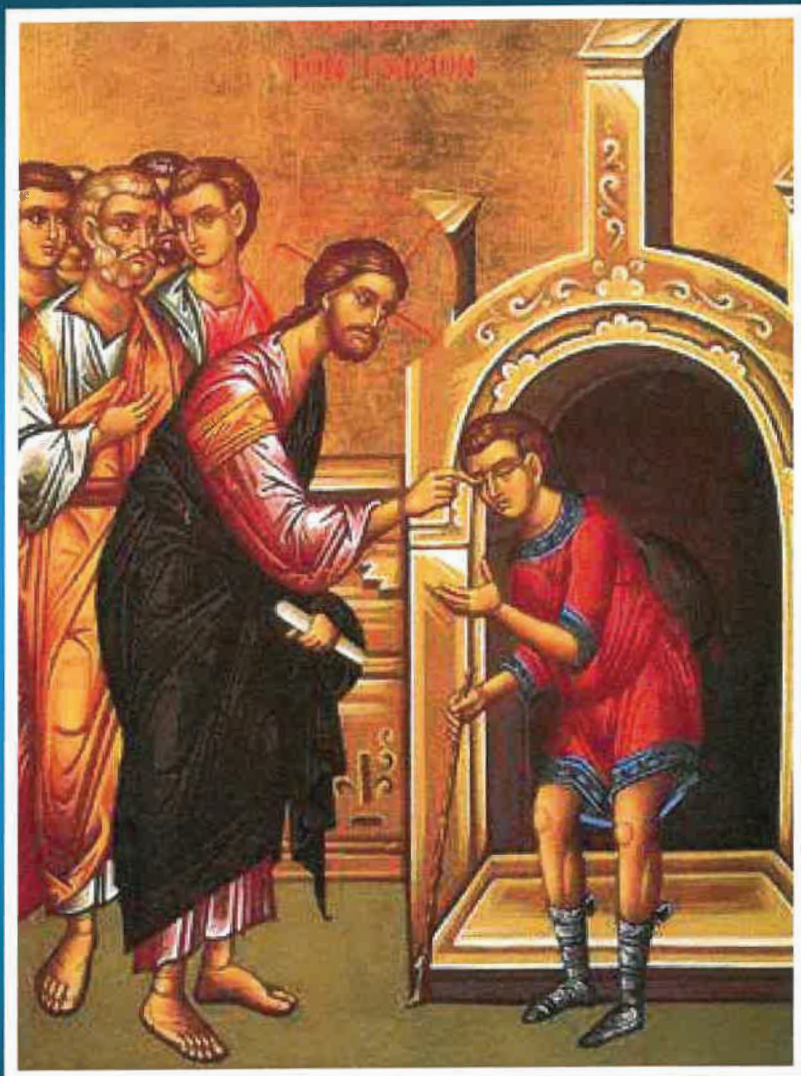


Great & Holy Wednesday



The Sacrament of Anointing
for healing and forgiveness of sins



Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The congregation prays the *Trisagion* Prayers:

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

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

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, 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, both now and forever, and to the 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 Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

Come, let us worship God, our King, and bow down before Him.

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

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

The congregation prays Psalm 142 together:

Psalm 142

- O Lord, hear my prayer;
 in Your truth, give heed to my request,
 and in Your righteousness, answer me;
- And enter not into judgment with Your servant,
 since of all the living, no one is righteous in Your
 sight.
- The enemy has hunted me down;
 he has crushed my life into the ground;
- He has forced me to live in darkness
 like those long dead.
- My spirit faints with grief,
 and within me, my heart was in despair.

- I recalled the days of old,
I meditated on all Your deeds,
I pondered the works of Your hands.
- I stretched out my hands to You;
like a parched land, my soul thirsts for You.
- Make haste to answer me, O Lord:
my spirit has failed me.
- Do not turn Your face away from me,
lest I be like those who go down into the pit;
- Grant that I may hear of Your steadfast love at dawn,
for I have put my hope in You.
- O Lord, teach me the way I should go,
for I have lifted up my soul to You.
- O Lord, deliver me from my enemies:
for it is to You that I have fled for refuge.
- Teach me to do Your will,
for You are my God;
- May Your good Spirit lead me over level ground.
- For the sake of Your Name, O Lord,
You will keep me alive.
- In Your righteousness,
You will deliver me from affliction.
- And in Your loving kindness,
You will destroy my enemies,
- And bring to nothing all those who grieve my soul,
for I am your servant.

Hymns of Repentance

(Tone 6)

Chanter: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

(Verse) O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath. (*Psalm 6:1*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

(Verse) Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak.
(*Psalm 6:2*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for in You have we placed our trust. Do not be very angry with us; do not remember our iniquities; but even now look down upon us in Your tender compassion, 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.

Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Open to us the gateway of Your loving-kindness, O blessed *Theotokos*. Having set our hope in you, may we not be disappointed; but through you, may we be delivered from all adversities, for you are the salvation of the Christian people.

The congregation prays Psalm 50 together:

Psalm 50

- Have mercy on me, O God,
in the greatness of Your love;
- In the abundance of Your tender mercies,
wipe out my offense.

- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin,
- For I am well aware of my iniquity,
and my sin is before me always.

- It is You alone I have offended,
I have done what is evil in Your sight.
- Wherefore You are justified in Your charges,
and triumphant in Your judgment.

- Behold, I was born in iniquities,
and in sins my mother conceived me.
- But You are the Lover of Truth:
You have shown the depths and secrets of Your
wisdom.

- Wash me with hyssop, and I shall be pure.
Cleanser me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- Let me hear sounds of joy and feasting:
these bones that were afflicted shall rejoice.

- Turn Your face away from my offenses,
and wipe off all my sins.
- A spotless heart create in me, O God!
Renew a steadfast spirit in my breast.

- Cast me not afar from Your face;
take not Your blessed Spirit out of me.
- Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and let Your guiding Spirit dwell in me.

- I will teach Your ways to sinners,
and the wicked shall return to You.
- Deliver me from blood guilt, O God, my saving God,
and my tongue will joyfully sing of Your justice.

- O Lord, You will open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
- Had you desired sacrifice, I would have offered it,
but You will not be satisfied with whole burnt offerings.

- Sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit;
a crushed and humbled heart God will not spurn.
- In Your kindness, O Lord, be bountiful to Sion;
may the walls of Jerusalem be restored.

- Then will You delight in just oblation,
in sacrifice and whole burnt offerings.
- Then shall they offer calves upon Your altar.

The Great Litany

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our Archbishop (*Name*), the honorable presbyterate, the diaconate in the service of Christ, and for all the clergy and the people let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our country, the president, and all those in public service, that they might be strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For favorable weather, 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 land, sea, and air, for those who are sick and the suffering, the captives, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the faithful in attendance here today, who anticipate receiving the healing grace of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this *oil*, that it will be blessed by the descent, power, and action of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the servants of God who have come to receive this holy sacrament, and for their visitation by God, that the grace of the Holy Spirit may come upon them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the *Theotokos* and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord, in Your mercy and compassion, You heal the many afflictions of our souls and bodies. Make this *oil* holy, that those who will be anointed with it may be healed and freed from every passion, every physical illness, any disease of body and soul, and from all evils; that in this, we may glorify Your All-Holy Name.

For to You belongs all glory, honor and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.



The First Epistle

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Reader: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, for we have put our trust in You. Rejoice in the Lord, all you who are righteous. (*Palm 32:1, 22*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the universal Letter of St. James (*James 5:10-16*)

Deacon: Let us listen attentively!

Reader: Brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is 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 be no that you may not fall under condemnation. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters 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 man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

Priest: Peace be to you, the reader!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



The First Gospel

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

Priest: Peace be with you all!

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (*Luke 10:25-37*)

Priest: Let us listen attentively!

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Deacon: At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you understand it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And He said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on *oil* and wine; then he set him on

his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

The First Prayer

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beg You; hear us, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, peace, life, health, salvation, visitation, and for the protection of Your servants who have come for the celebration of this holy sacrament, and for the remission of their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Holy of Holies, everlasting and without beginning, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, to heal every disease and infirmity of our souls and bodies. Send Your Holy Spirit upon this *oil* to make it holy, so that Your servants who will be anointed with it may receive full remission of

their sins and the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven. For You are great and marvelous, O God, steadfast in Your covenant and Your mercy to those who love You, granting remission of sins through Your divine Son, Jesus Christ. You grant us rebirth that we may be set free from sin. You give light to the blind and raise those who have fallen. You love the righteous but pity the sinner. Out of darkness and the shadow of death, You have restored us to life, saying to those in bondage to death, "Come forth!" (*John 11:43*) and to those in darkness, "Open your eyes!" (*Psalms 119:18*) For the light of the knowledge of Your only-begotten Son has illumined our hearts. For our sake, He revealed Himself to the world and dwelt among us. To all who accepted Him, He gave the power to become children of God, granting us adoption through the washing of rebirth in baptism and freeing us from the tyranny of the Evil One. He did not require that we be purified only by blood, but gave us the sign of His cross in holy *oil* that we might become Christ's flock, a royal priesthood and a holy nation, purifying us by water and sanctifying us by the Holy Spirit. O Lord and Master, grant the gift of Your grace to this, Your ministry, as You did to Moses Your servant, and to Samuel Your beloved, and to John Your chosen one; and indeed, to all those who have pleased You in each generation. Deem us worthy also to be servants of Your Son's New Testament upon this *oil*, a covenant that You have secured for us by His precious blood. Thus, casting off worldly lusts, may we be dead to sin and alive to righteousness, clothing ourselves in our Lord Jesus Christ by being anointed with this sanctifying *oil*. Lord, let this *oil* be an *oil* of joy, an *oil* of holiness, a royal robe and a breastplate of armor deflecting every satanic assault. May it be a seal of

immunity, gladness of heart, and everlasting joy! Thus will those who are anointed with this *oil* of renewal be formidable to their adversaries as they radiate the splendor of the saints, free of any spot or wrinkle; and may they be admitted to Your eternal rest, having received the prize of their high calling.

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O God, and to You do we offer glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.



The Second Epistle

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastised and corrected me. (*Psalm 117: 14, 18*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. (*Romans 15:1-7*)

Deacon: Let us listen attentively!

Reader: Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please

ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, in order to build him up. For Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by patience and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of patience and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Priest: Peace be to you, the reader!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Second Gospel

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

Priest: Peace be with you all!

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (*Luke 19:1-10*)

Priest: Let us listen attentively!

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Deacon: At that time, Jesus entered and was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So Zacchaeus made haste and came down, and received Jesus joyfully. And when people saw this they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it to them four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man came to seek and to save those who are lost.”

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

The Second Prayer

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beg You; hear us, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, peace, life, health, salvation, visitation, and for the protection of Your servants, who have come for the celebration of this holy

sacrament, and for the remission of their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O great and most high God, Whom all creation worships: You are the fountain of wisdom, the fathomless abyss of goodness and the boundless ocean of loving-kindness. O loving Master, You are the God of everlasting wonders, Whom no human mind will ever be able comprehend. Look upon us, Your unworthy servants, and hear us; and wherever in Your great Name we bring this *oil*, send down the gift of Your healing and remission of sins; and in Your abundant mercy, make us whole. Gracious Lord, You are easy to entreat. You alone are merciful and loving, and grieve over our sins, knowing that as mortals our thoughts incline to evil from our youth. However, You do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent and live. For the salvation of sinners You became human and though being God, You became created for the sake of Your creation. You said: "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (*Matthew 9:13*). It is You who sought the lost sheep. It is You who searched diligently for the lost silver coin until You found it. You declared: "I will not reject anyone who comes to me" (*John 6:37*) and so You did not detest the harlot when she washed Your precious feet with her tears. You said: "As often as you fall, arise and be saved" (*Micah 7:8*) And again: "There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents" (*Luke 15:10*). Compassionate Master,

look down upon us sinners, Your unworthy servants, from Your holy sanctuary on high, and draw us together under the sheltering grace of Your Holy Spirit. Abide in these, Your servants, who are aware of their failings and draw near to You in faith. Accept them and forgive them in Your compassion, whether they have sinned in word, deed or thought. Cleanse them of all sin. Abide in them and preserve them for the rest of their lives, that they may no longer be an object of joy for the Evil One and that, in them, Your all-holy Name may be glorified.

For it is Yours to show mercy and to save us, O Christ our God; and to You we offer glory, together with Your Father, Who is without beginning, and Your all-holy good, and life-creating Spirit, always now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.



The Third Epistle

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Reader: The Lord is my Light and my Savior. The Lord is the defender of my life. (*Psalms 26:1*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. (*1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8*)

Deacon: Let us listen attentively!

Reader: Brethren, you are the Body of Christ and individually, you are members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and have all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; love is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Priest: Peace be to you, the reader!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Third Gospel

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

Priest: Peace be with you all!

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (*Matthew 10:1,5-8*)

Priest: Let us listen attentively!

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Deacon: At that time, Jesus called His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, so give without pay.”

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

The Third Prayer

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beg You; hear us, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, peace, life, health, salvation, visitation, and for the protection of Your servants, who have come for the celebration of this holy sacrament, and for the remission of their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

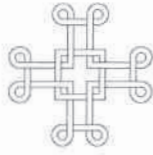
People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Master almighty and holy King: You chastise us but do not put us to death; You support those who fall and raise up those who are downtrodden. You heal us of our bodily afflictions. We beg You, our God, bring Your mercy to bear upon this *oil* and upon those who are anointed with it in Your Name. May this *oil* be for the healing of the souls and bodies of all those anointed with it, ridding them of every illness and weakness and cleansing them of every defilement of flesh and spirit. Yes, Lord: send forth Your healing power from Heaven. Touch the body; check the fever and banish any hidden malady. Be the Physician of Your people. Raise them up from their bed of pain and suffering and restore them to Your Church healthy and whole that they might please You by doing Your will.

For You are the God who has mercy and who saves us and to You do we offer up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.





The Fourth Epistle

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Reader: In that day when I call upon You, O Lord, hear my prayer. (*Psalm 55:9; 142:1*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. (*2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1*)

Deacon: Let us listen attentively!

Reader: Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Priest: Peace be to you, the reader!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Fourth Gospel

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

Priest: Peace be with you all!

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (*Matthew 8:14-23*)

Priest: Let us listen attentively!

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Deacon: At that time, Jesus entered Peter's house, and saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever; He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and served Him. That evening they brought to Him many who were possessed with demons; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the Prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." Now when Jesus saw great crowds around Him, He gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead." And when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

The Fourth Prayer

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beg You; hear us, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, peace, life, health, salvation, visitation, and for the protection of Your servants, who have come for the celebration of this holy sacrament, and for the remission of their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O good and loving, compassionate and merciful Lord: You are great in mercy and rich in goodness. You are the Father of mercy and God of all consolation. Through Your holy apostles, You have empowered us to heal the sicknesses of Your people with *oil* and prayer. Lord, may this *oil* be for the healing of those anointed with it in faith and for relief from distress of all those who await Your salvation. Yes, Master almighty, O Lord our God, we beg You: save us all! You are the only Physician of our souls and bodies: sanctify us all! As the One who heals every malady, heal these Your servants, gathered before the throne of Your glory. In Your mercy and goodness, raise them up from their bed of pain. Visit them in Your mercy and compassion. Raise them up by Your mighty hand that they may serve You in gratitude, sharing in Your love, a love that is beyond words to

describe, that we may praise and glorify You, the glorious and great Author of amazing and wondrous things.

For Yours it is to have mercy and to save us our God, and to You we offer up glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.



The Fifth Epistle

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Reader: You, O Lord, shall protect us. Save me, O Lord, for the righteous are vanishing. (*Psalm 11: 7, 1*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. (*2 Corinthians 1:8-11*)

Deacon: Let us listen attentively!

Reader: Brethren, we do not want you to be ignorant of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Why, we felt that we had received the death sentence; but that was to make us rely not on ourselves

but on God who raises the dead; He delivered us from so deadly a peril, and He will deliver us; on Him we have set our hope that He will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us in answer to many prayers.

Priest: Peace be to you, the reader!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Fifth Gospel

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

Priest: Peace be with you all!

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (*Matthew 25:1-13*)

Priest: Let us listen attentively!

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Deacon: The Lord told this parable, “Then the Kingdom of Heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five of them were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no *oil* with them; but the wise took flasks of *oil* with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

Then all those maidens rose 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 replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly, 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."

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

The Fifth Prayer

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beg You; hear us, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, peace, life, health, salvation, visitation, and for the protection of Your servants, who have come for the celebration of this holy sacrament, and for the remission of their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

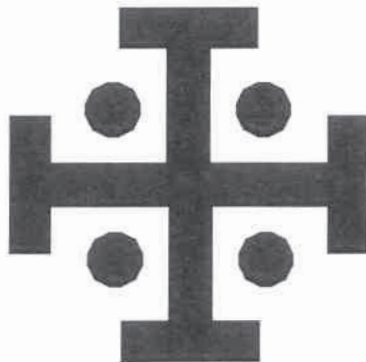
Priest: O Lord our God, You both chasten and heal us. You lift the beggar up off the ground and the indigent

off the trash heap. You are a Father to orphans and a haven to those tossed by the storms of life. You are the Physician of the sick and ailing, gently bearing our weaknesses and enduring our afflictions. You cheerfully show us mercy. You pass over our iniquities and take away our unrighteousness. You are quick to help and slow to anger. After Your resurrection from the dead, You breathed upon Your disciples and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven" (*John 20:23*). You accept the repentance of sinners and have the authority to pardon countless sins and grievous transgressions, granting healing to all who must endure debility and lingering sickness. Lord, it is You who have called me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, caught up in many sins and a slave to the pleasures of this fallen world, to the sacred and lofty order of the priesthood, enabling me to enter beyond the inner veil, into the Holy of Holies, where the holy angels long to look and hear the Good News of the voice of the Lord our God and to see with their own eyes the presence of the holy Offering and delight in the divine and sacred Liturgy. You have judged me worthy to celebrate Your holy mysteries, to intercede for Your spiritual flock, to bear gifts and offerings for my own sins and for the failings of Your people, that through Your great and unspeakable love, You might blot out their transgressions. Most gracious King, hear the voice of my prayer at this hour and on this holy day and in every time and place and give heed to the voice of my supplication. Heal these, Your servants, who are sick in both soul and body, granting them forgiveness of their sins and pardon of their every transgression, committed willingly or unwillingly, treating their incurable wounds

and all manner of illness and disease. As You touched the mother-in-law of Your apostle Peter and her fever left her so that she could get up and serve You, so Master, grant to these Your servants healing and relief from the devastation of pain and suffering. In Your abundant compassion and mercy, remember that the human mind tends toward evil from youth and that no one who walks upon the earth is without sin. You alone are without sin and have come to redeem the human race, freeing us from slavery to the Evil One. For if You were to enter into judgment against Your people, no one would be found free of filth; every mouth would be stopped, unable to make any defense, for in contrast to You, O Lord, all our righteousness is but cast-off rags. Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth.

For You are the hope of the hopeless, and rest for those who labor and are burdened with sin, and to You do we offer up glory, together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.





The Sixth Epistle

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Reader: Have mercy on me, according to Your great mercy. Create in me a clean heart, O God. (*Psalm 50:1, 10*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians. (*Galatians 5:22-6:3*)

Deacon: Let us listen attentively!

Reader: Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ.

Priest: Peace be to you, the reader!

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Sixth Gospel

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

Priest: Peace be with you all!

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (*Matthew 15:21-28*)

Priest: Let us listen attentively!

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Deacon: At that time, Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

The Sixth Prayer

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beg You, hear us, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, peace, life, health, salvation, visitation, and for the protection of Your servants, who have come for the celebration of this holy sacrament, and for the remission of their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: We thank You, O Lord, our good and loving God, the Physician of our souls and bodies: You painlessly bore our illnesses and it is by Your wounds that we are healed. You are the good shepherd who went in search of the stray lamb. You give comfort to the faint-hearted and life to those who are broken-hearted. You cured the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years and freed the daughter of the Canaanite woman from a cruel demon. You forgave the two debtors what they owed and pardoned the woman caught in sin. You healed the paralytic and granted him forgiveness of his sins. You justified the tax-collector with but a word and accepted the confession of the dying thief hanging on the cross next to You. You took upon Yourself the sins of the entire world and nailed them to the Cross. It is You that we beg and You that we

implore: in Your goodness, O God, loose, remit and pardon the sins of these Your servants. Grant them forgiveness of all of their trespasses, committed in disobedience to Your will, whether in full knowledge or in ignorance, willingly or unwillingly, whether in the darkness of the night or the light of day. In whatever way we have become alienated from Your will and Your holiness, whether by sexual promiscuity or adultery, whether by the sight of our eyes or any of our other senses, whether by the ban of a priest or the curse of a mother or father; in whatever manner we have sinned, as our good and loving God, grant us forgiveness. Do not allow us to sink into a life of filth or pursue the path of destruction. O Lord and Master, in this hour, hear me a sinner, pleading on behalf of Your people: overlook all of their trespasses. As a good and loving God, deliver them from eternal punishment. Fill their mouths with praise of You and open their lips that they may always glorify Your holy Name. Apply their hands to the carrying out of Your commandments. Direct their feet, that they might walk the path of Your Gospel. Strengthen their minds with Your grace. For You are our God who through Your apostles commanded us, saying: “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven” (*Matthew 18:18*). And again, “If you forgive the sins of anyone they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone they are retained” (*John 20:23*). As You listened to Hezekiah at the hour of his death and did not spurn his prayer, so I beg You at this hour: hear me, Your lowly, sinful and unworthy servant as I pray to You. For in Your loving kindness, O Lord Jesus Christ, You commanded that we should forgive those who fall into

sin seventy-times seven times. You lament and grieve over our wickedness and rejoice over the return of those who have strayed.

For as is Your majesty, so is Your mercy, and to You do we offer up glory, together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.



The Seventh Epistle

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Reader: O Lord, rebuke me not in Your anger. Have mercy on me, for I am weak. (*Psalm 6:1, 2*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. (*1 Thessalonians 5:14-23*)

Deacon: Let us listen attentively!

Reader: Brethren, we exhort you, admonish those who are unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that none of you

repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast to what is good, abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Priest: Peace be to you, the reader!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Seventh Gospel

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

Priest: Peace be with you all!

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (*Matthew 9:9-13*)

Priest: Let us listen attentively!

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

Deacon: At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in the house,

behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when He heard it, He said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came, not to call those who are righteous, but those who are sinners to repentance.”

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You!

The Seventh and Final Prayer

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beg You; hear us, and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, peace, life, health, salvation, visitation, and for the protection of Your servants, who have come for the celebration of this holy sacrament, and for the remission of their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Master, Lord our God, the Physician of our souls and bodies, You heal chronic pain and all manner of disease and infirmity among Your people. You desire that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of

the Truth. You do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent and live. Lord, in the Old Testament, You ordained repentance for sinners, for David the king and for the people of Ninevah; and for those before and after them. But in the dispensation of Your coming in the flesh, You did not call the righteous to repentance but sinners like the tax-collector, the sinful woman, the blasphemous thief and Paul, the great persecutor, receiving them all through repentance. You accepted and commissioned Peter through repentance and even though, as Your chief apostle, he denied You three times, You promised him, saying: "You are Peter and upon this rock I shall build my Church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven" (*Matthew 16:18*). Given courage by Your faithful promises, O good and loving Lord, we pray to You and beg You: hear our prayer; accept it as incense offered up before You; and at this hour, visit Your servants; and if they have trespassed Your commandments in word, deed or thought, whether in the darkness of the night or the light of day, remit, forgive and pardon them, O God, overlooking all of their offenses and transgressions, whether they were committed knowingly or in ignorance. And if they have violated Your commandments or gone astray in any way because they are mortal, living in the world, bearing flesh and often prompted by the Devil, forgive them as our good and loving God. For there is no one who lives and does not sin. You alone are without sin. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and

Your word is truth. You did not create humanity to be lost, but to keep Your commandments and to inherit eternal life.

To You O Lord Jesus Christ our God do we offer glory, together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all-holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.



The Prayer of the Anointing:
A Prayer to God our Father

Priest: O Holy Father, the Physician of our souls and bodies, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to heal every disease and deliver us from death. Lord, heal these, Your people, from every physical and spiritual illness that besets them and by the grace of Your Christ, grant them life. We ask this through the intercessions of our most holy and pure Lady, the *Theotokos* and ever-virgin Mary; by the power of Your precious and life-giving Cross; the protection of all the angels in Heaven; the supplications of the holy, glorious prophet and forerunner, John the Baptist; the prayers of the holy,

glorious and praiseworthy apostles, especially St. Paul the Apostle whose name our church bears; the prayers of the holy and victorious martyrs; the prayers of our holy and God-bearing fathers; the prayers of all the saints who are renowned as healers and who worked without accepting payment: Kosmas and Damianos, Cyrus and John, Samson and Diomedes, Mokias and Aniketos, Panteleimon and Hermolaos, Thalelios and Tryphon; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all Your saints.

For You, O God, our God, are the source of all forgiveness and healing and to You do we give glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

Priest: Wisdom! Blessed is He Who Is, Christ our God, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, our God and our hope, glory to You.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of our most-pure Lady, the *Theotokos* and ever-virgin Mary; by the power of His precious and life-giving Cross; through the intercessions of all the angelic Powers of Heaven; of the honorable and glorious prophet and forerunner, John the Baptist; of the holy, glorious, and praise-worthy Apostles, especially St. Paul the Apostle, whose name our church

bears; of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs; of our just and God-bearing Fathers; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; the prayers of Saint James, the Brother of God and first Bishop of Jerusalem; of *(Name)* whose memory we celebrate today and of all Your saints, have mercy on us and save us, as a good and loving and merciful God.

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

People: AMEN!



An offering tray is then passed by the ushers, a brief sermon is preached, and the following hymns commemorating Christ and the saints are sung while the congregation comes forward to be anointed for healing and the forgiveness of their sins.

Tone 4

You alone are quick to help us, O Christ our God. Look upon Your ailing servants and grant them Your heavenly protection. Free them from illness, disease and bitter pain. Raise them up, we beg You, that they might sing praises and glorify You unceasingly; through the prayers of the *Theotokos*, O loving Lord.

Tone 4

Spiritually blind, with the eyes of my soul darkened by sin, I come to You, O Christ, like the man born blind, and cry out to You in repentance: You are the light of the world who illumines those in darkness.

Tone 3

My soul is grievously crippled and paralyzed by the multitude of my sins and dishonest actions. Raise me up and heal me as You once raised up the paralytic so that having been saved, I may cry out to You, "O compassionate Christ, glory to Your power!"

***A hymn to honor St. James,
the first bishop of Jerusalem and brother of God***

Tone 8

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous James, you received the Gospel and as a martyr you remained steadfast in your faith. With boldness as the Lord's brother and as a bishop intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

A hymn to honor St. Nicholas

Tone 3

O St. Nicholas of Myra, you have shown yourself to be a true priest; for you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ by giving your soul for your people and saved the innocent from death. Therefore you have been sanctified as a great mystic of the grace of God.

A hymn to honor St. Demetrios

Tone 3

The world has found in you a great champion in times of danger. You were victorious and routed the barbarians.;

for you brought to nothing the bragging of Lyaïos and encouraged Nestor in the stadium. O saint and great martyr Demetrios, beg Christ our God for us to grant us His great mercy.

A hymn to honor St. Panteleimon

Tone 3

O holy champion and healer Panteleimon, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of our sins.

A hymn to honor all of the saints known for healing

Tone 4

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

O holy saints who labored in healing others without payment, you are a fountain of healing, granting healing to all who ask; for you were found worthy of receiving great gifts from Christ our redeemer, the inexhaustible fountain. The Lord said to you, equal in zeal to the Apostles, "Behold, I have given you power over unclean spirits and to cure all manner of sickness and infirmity." As followers of His commandments, having received freely, so we beg you to give freely, healing the suffering of our souls and bodies.

A hymn to honor the Theotokos

Both now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Give regard to the prayers of your supplicants, O most-pure *Theotokos* and put a stop to the evils that befall us, relieving us from all distress. As a sure and steady anchor you are our protection. O Lady, hasten to heed the prayers of those who cry out to you in faith for you are the joy and refuge of our souls.

Jesus called the 12 to Him and sent them out two by two,
giving them authority over unclean spirits.
So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
They cast out many demons and anointed with *oil*
many who were sick and healed them.

- Mark 6:7, 12-13



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