

The Service of Holy Unction

Saint John the Baptist
Greek Orthodox Church

Tampa, Florida

Opening prayers

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

READER

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Three times.)*

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

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, pardon our sins. Master, forgive our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

READER

Lord, have mercy. *(Twelve times.)*

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

O come, let us worship and bow down to our King and God. O come, let us worship and bow down to Christ, our King and God. O come, let us worship and bow down to Christ himself, our King and God.

Psalm 142 (143)

READER

Hear my prayer, O Lord. Give ear to my supplication in your faithfulness. Answer me 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, and he has made me dwell in darkness like those who have long been dead. Therefore, my spirit is overwhelmed within me, and my heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old. I meditate on all your works. I muse on the works of your hands. I spread out my hands to you. My soul longs for you like a thirsty land.

Hear 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 of your loving kindness in the morning, for in you do I trust. Cause me to know wherein 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, and in your mercy, cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul, for I am your servant.

Little Litany

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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 unto Christ our God.

CHANTER / CHOIR

To you, O Lord.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful and loving God, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Alleluia and penitential troparia

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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 the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for in you we have trusted. Do not be very wrathful with us, neither remember our iniquities, but even now look down upon us, inasmuch as you are of tender compassion, and deliver us from our enemies. For you are our God, and we are your people. We are all the works of your hands, and we call upon your name.

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

Open to us the gateway of your lovingkindness, O blessed Birth-giver of God. Having set our hope in you, may we not fail, but through you may we be delivered from all adversities, for you are the salvation of all Christians.

Psalm 50 (51)

READER

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done this evil in your sight, that you may be found just when you speak and blameless when you judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part you will make me to know your wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face away from my sins and blot out all my iniquities, Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me by your generous spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways and sinners shall be converted to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation.

And my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall show forth your praise. For you do not desire sacrifice or else I would give it. You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. These, O God, you will not despise. Do good in your good pleasure to Zion. Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then you shall be pleased with burnt offering and whole burnt offering. Then they shall offer bullocks on your altar.

Canon - Ode 1

CHANTER / CHOIR

O Master, you always gladden the souls and bodies of mortals with the oil of lovingkindness, and you also safeguard your faithful by oil. Show compassion also to those who now draw near to you through the oil.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on your servants.

The whole earth is full of your mercy, O Master. Therefore we in faith do implore you that you bestow on us, who today shall be anointed mystically by your divine and precious oil, your mercy surpassing understanding.

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

You, O Lord, who loves mankind, and who through your apostles mercifully gave us a caring command to anoint in holiness your ailing servants, we pray that through their intercessions you bestow your seal of mercy on us all.

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

The only pure one, who has enriched the gulf of peace, by your perpetual intercessions to God deliver your suppliants from infirmities and afflictions, that they unceasingly magnify you.

Canon - Ode 3

CHANTER / CHOIR

You who alone are wonderful and merciful to the faithful, grant your grace from on high to your servants who are sorely afflicted, O Christ.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on your servants.

O Lord, you showed forth an olive branch unto the abating of the flood through your divine command. Save the sufferers through your mercy.

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

Brighten the lamp of your light divine and gladden through the anointing those who now in faith make haste to receive your mercy.

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

Graciously look down from on high, O Mother of the Creator of all, and through your intercessions dispel the sufferer's bitter pain.

Kathismata

CHANTER / CHOIR

Being a divine river of mercy, like a fathomless gulf of great lovingkindness, O merciful one, show forth the divine streams of your mercy and heal all. Let the fountains of miracles gush forth abundantly and cleanse all. Forever resorting unto you, we fervently implore your grace.

The physician and the help of the suffering, the redeemer and the savior of the sick, Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your ailing servants, and have compassion and mercy on those who have grievously sinned, and deliver them, O Christ, from their iniquities, that they may glorify your divine power.

Canon - Ode 4

CHANTER / CHOIR

O Savior, who like the incorruptible chrism, you emptied yourself in grace to purify the world, show mercy on the bodily wounds of those who with faith are now about to be anointed.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on your servants.

Forasmuch as you have now sealed with the seal of your mercy the senses of your servants, O Master, make impassable and inaccessible the entry of all adverse powers.

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

You who have commanded the ailing to summon your divinely ordained priests, and to be healed by prayers and the anointing with your oil, O loving Lord, save the anointed through your mercy.

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

O holy Theotokos, ever-virgin, steadfast refuge and fortress, haven and wall, ladder and bastion, have mercy and compassion on the sick, for in you alone we have sought refuge.

Canon - Ode 5

CHANTER / CHOIR

You are the fathomless mercy, O good one. Show mercy through your holy oil to the anointed, as a merciful Lord.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on your servants.

O Christ, who ineffably sanctified both our souls and bodies from on high by the divine impress of your seal, heal us all by your hand.

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

O Lord supremely good, who through your ineffable love accepted anointing with precious ointment at the hands of the sinful woman, have compassion on your servants.

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

All-praised, pure, exceedingly gracious Lady, have mercy on those who are about to be anointed with the oil divine and save your suppliants.

Canon - Ode 6

CHANTER / CHOIR

You, O Lord, who loves mankind, instituted the anointing of kings by your words, and by the hands of the high priest did accomplish same. Save also the sufferers by your seal, forasmuch as you are merciful.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on your servants.

Let no interposition of malignant demons, O Savior, touch the senses of those who are in God anointed. Hedge them under the shelter of your glory.

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

Stretch forth your hand from on high, O loving Lord, and sanctify your oil. O Savior, give it to your suppliants for healing, and release them from all their ills.

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

In your divine birth-giving, you manifested yourself as a fruitful olive tree, O Mother of the Creator, through whom the world was seen filled with mercy. Therefore save through your intercessions those who suffer.

Kontakion

CHANTER / CHOIR

Being the fountainhead of mercy, O gracious one, deliver from every adversity those who with fervent faith entreat your ineffable mercy, O most compassionate one, and take away their maladies. Grant them divine grace from above.

Canon - Ode 7

CHANTER / CHOIR

You in mercy and compassion, O Savior and only God, who heals both the passions of souls and afflictions of bodies, heal those who suffer from illnesses, O merciful one.

O Jesus, have mercy on your servants.

In the anointing of the heads of all with oil, grant the joy of gladness to all who seek the mercy of your redemption through the abundance of your mercy, O Lord.

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

Your seal is a sword against the demons, O Savior, and a fire that consumes the passions of souls through the prayers of the priests. Therefore we who have received healing in faith praise you.

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

O Mother of God, who in a divine manner held within your womb and ineffably did incarnate him who holds all things in the palm of his hand, we pray that you intercede with him to expiate those who suffer.

Canon - Ode 8

CHANTER / CHOIR

Show mercy to all, O Savior, according to your great and divine mercy. For mystically foreshadowing this rite we bring the anointing with the holy oil to the sick, whom by your power heal them all.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on your servants.

By the streams of your mercy, O Christ, and through the anointing by your priests, wash away, as merciful Lord, the pains and the wounds and the sudden assaults of suffering of those tormented by the

passions, that they may be healed through your cleansing.

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

Forasmuch as your mercy divine has decreed to us from on high, O Master, the oil of gladness as a symbol of condescension, take not away your mercy, nor overlook those who with faith continually cry out: All the works of the Lord, bless the Lord.

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

As a glorious crown, O Pure one, nature accepted your divine Son, crushing the hosts of the enemy and conquering them totally. Therefore, crowned with the joyful radiance of your grace, we sing praises unto you, All-lauded Lady.

Canon - Ode 9

CHANTER / CHOIR

Beckon from heaven, O merciful one, and show forth your mercy to all. Grant now your compassion and your strength to those who draw near to you through the divine anointing by your priests, O loving Lord.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on your servants.

O benevolent Savior, rejoicing we behold the holy oil, which by your condescension you have received, beyond the merits of the participants, symbolically imparted to those who share in the divine cleansing.

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

Show compassion and mercy, O Savior. Deliver from dread and pains. Shield from the darts of the evil one the souls and bodies of your suppliants, forasmuch as you are a merciful Lord who heals by grace divine.

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

As you receive the hymns and the supplications of your servants, all-pure Virgin, so also deliver from irksome ills and maladies those who with us flee unto your divine protection.

Hymn to the Theotokos and Exaposteilarion

CHANTER / CHOIR

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, the ever-blessed and all-pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and incomparably more glorious than the seraphim, who incorruptibly did bear God the Word, verily the Theotokos, you we magnify.

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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 unto Christ our God.

CHANTER / CHOIR

To you, O Lord.

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

In your mercy, O benevolent one, look favorably on our petitions, who have come together today in your holy temple to anoint with holy oil your ailing servants.

The Praises

CHANTER / CHOIR

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise him in the heights. To you, O God, praise is befitting.

Praise him, all you his angels. Praise him, all his hosts. To you, our God, praise is befitting.

To execute on them the judgment that is written, this glory shall be to all his saints.

You have given your grace, O reconcilable and loving Lord, through your apostles, by your holy oil, to heal the wounds and infirmities of all. Have mercy therefore on those who with faith approach to be anointed with this oil. Sanctify, show mercy, purge away from them every ailment, and make them worthy of your incorruptible bliss as our merciful Lord.

Praise the Lord in his sanctuary. Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Look down from heaven, O incomprehensible one, in your lovingkindness, and with your invisible hand seal our senses, O loving Lord. By your holy oil grant to those who with faith come to you, seeking the forgiveness of sins, and grant the healing of soul and body, that they may glorify you with profound feeling, magnifying your dominion.

Praise him for his sovereignty. Praise him according to the fullness of his majesty.

Anointed with your mercy and by your priests, O loving Lord, touch your suppliants and sanctify them from above. Heal their infirmities, purge away and cleanse their souls, O Savior, and deliver them from entangling temptations, and banish their sorrows as a compassionate and loving Lord.

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

You who are the purest palace of the King,
all-greatly praised, I implore you: cleanse my mind, stained with all manner of sin, and make it the pleasant abode of the exceedingly divine Trinity, that I, your wicked suppliant, being saved, may magnify your power and your boundless mercy.

Trisagion prayers

READER

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. *(Three times.)*

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

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, pardon our sins. Master, forgive our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

You who alone are quick to help, O Christ, show your speedy visitation from on high to your ailing servants. Deliver them from their infirmities and bitter pain. Raise them up again that they may praise and glorify you without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O loving God.

Great Litany and blessing of the oil

PRIEST

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For our Archbishop Savastianos, the honorable presbyters, the deacons in the service of Christ, for all the clergy and laity, let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For our country, the President, and all those in civil authority and public service, and for the men and women who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For the faithful in attendance who anticipate the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

That this oil may be blessed by the descent, power, and operation of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

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 unto Christ our God.

CHANTER / CHOIR

To you, O Lord.

PRIEST

For to you belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

O Lord, who in your mercy and bounties heals the disorders of our souls and bodies, sanctify this oil that those who shall be anointed with it may be healed and freed from every passion, illness of body, uncleanness of body and spirit, and from all evils, that also in this your all-holy name may be glorified. Of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Troparia of healing and of the saints

CHANTER / CHOIR

You who alone are quick to help, O Christ, show your speedy visitation from on high to your ailing servants. Deliver them from their infirmities and bitter pain. Raise them up again that they may praise and glorify you without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O loving God.

Blinded spiritually, I came to you, O Christ, as did the man born blind, crying out to you in repentance: You are the super-bright light of those in darkness.

As you raised up the paralytic, O Lord, by your divine supervision, raise up my soul now, which has been cruelly paralyzed by unseemly deeds and all manner of sin, that being saved I may cry out to you: O benevolent Christ, glory to your power.

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, you reveal the Gospel. As a martyr, you have that which surpasses utterance: the boldness as the brother of God; as a hierarch, the power to intercede. Implore Christ our God to save our souls.

The only-begotten Word of God the Father, who in these latter days sojourned among us, ordained you, O James divine, to be the first shepherd and teacher of Jerusalem and a faithful steward of spiritual mysteries. Wherefore, O Apostle, we all honor you.

In Myra, O saint, you revealed yourself as a minister of holy mysteries, for fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, venerable one, you laid down your life for your people and saved the innocent from death. For this you were canonized as a great mystic of God's grace.

The world has found in you, O victor, a mighty champion in times of dangers, and a gallant one putting the heathen to flight. Therefore, as you brought down the arrogance of Lyaeus, encouraging Nestor in the stadium, in a like manner, O Saint Demetrios, implore Christ our God that he will grant us his great mercy.

O holy champion and healer, Panteleimon, intercede with our merciful God that he may grant remission of sins to our souls.

O holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, visit our infirmities. Freely you have received, freely give to us.

Who shall declare your grandeur, O virgin, for you abound in wonders, pouring forth streams of healing and interceding for our souls, as learned in wisdom divine and as the friend of Christ.

O fervent intercessor and impregnable wall, fountain of mercy and refuge of the world, to you we earnestly cry aloud: O Lady Theotokos, come and deliver us from dangers, who alone are a swift protector.

First Epistle

James 5:10-16

PRIEST

Let us attend.

READER

Let your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have put our trust in you. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous ones.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from the Universal Epistle of St. James.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

READER

Brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed, we count them blessed to 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 them pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let them sing songs. 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 the righteous man avails much.

PRIEST

Peace be with you, the reader.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

First Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

PRIEST

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto you all.

CHANTER / CHOIR

And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Let us be attentive.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

PRIEST

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put him 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 read? 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 the priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise the 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.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

First Prayer of Healing

PRIEST

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy. We pray to you, hear us and have mercy.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and protection for the servants of God, all those who have come for this holy sacrament, and for the remission of all their sins, voluntary and involuntary.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful, loving God, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Lord, who are without beginning, eternal holy of holies, who sent down your only begotten Son to heal every infirmity and every wound of our souls and bodies, send down your Holy Spirit and sanctify this oil and cause it to be for your servants who are about to be anointed with it unto complete remission of their sins and unto inheritance of the kingdom of heaven. For you are a great and marvelous God who keeps your covenant, and your mercy to those who love you, who grants remission of sins through your divine Son, Jesus Christ. You gave us a rebirth from sin. You give light to the blind and raise up the fallen.

You love the righteous and show mercy to sinners. You renew us from darkness and the shadow of death, saying to those in captivity, come forth, and to those in darkness, uncover your eyes. For the light of

knowledge of your only begotten Son has shined in our hearts, since for our sakes he revealed himself upon earth and dwelt among men, and unto as many as accepted him, to them he gave the power to become children of God, granting us the adoption of sonship through the laver of regeneration, and setting us free from the oppression of the devil, and inasmuch as it has not pleased you that we should be cleansed by blood but by holy oil, you gave us the sign of his cross that we might become the flock of Christ, a holy priesthood, a royal nation, purifying us by water and sanctifying us by your Holy Spirit.

O Master and Lord, grant grace to this, your ministry, as you did to your servant Moses, and to Samuel, your beloved, and to John, your chosen one, and to all those who from generation to generation have pleased you. In like manner, empower us also to be ministers of the new covenant of your Son over this oil, which you have secured through his precious blood, that putting away earthly desires, we may die unto sin and live in righteousness, being clothed with our Lord Jesus Christ through the anointing with this sanctifying oil, which we are about to summon to our aid. Grant that this oil, O Lord, become the oil of gladness, the oil of sanctification, a royal robe, an armor of might, the deflecting of every satanic assault, the seal of immunity from snares, the gladness of heart, everlasting joy, that also in this they who shall be anointed with this oil of rebirth may be strong unto their adversaries and may shine in the radiance of your saints, having neither spot nor wrinkle, and that they may be admitted into your eternal rest and receive the award of the calling from above.

For yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O God, our God. And to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Second Epistle

Romans 15:1-7

PRIEST

Let us attend.

READER

The Lord is my fortress and my song. In chastening, the Lord has corrected me.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

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, 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 towards one another, according to Jesus Christ, that you may with one mind and with one mouth glorify God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And therefore, receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

PRIEST

Peace be with you, the reader.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Second Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

PRIEST

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto you all.

CHANTER / CHOIR

And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Let us be attentive.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

PRIEST

At that time, when Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through, 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 him, 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 he made haste and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, 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, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold. 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 the lost.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Second Prayer of Healing

PRIEST

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy. We pray to you, hear us and have mercy.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and protection for the servants of God, all those who have come for this holy sacrament, and for the remission of all their sins, voluntary and involuntary.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful and loving God, and unto you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

O God, great and supreme, worshipped by all creation, fountainhead of wisdom, abyss of unfathomable goodness, and boundless gulf of lovingkindness, do you, the same Master who loves mankind, the God of things eternal and of wonders, whom no man by reason alone can comprehend, look down and hear us, your unworthy servants, and wheresoever in your great name we bring this oil. Send down the gift of your healing and remission of sins and heal them in the multitude of your mercies. Yea, O Lord, who are easy to be entreated, you alone are merciful and love mankind. You are sorrowful for our evil deeds. You know how the mind of man leans toward wickedness, even from his youth.

You do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent and live. For the salvation of sinners, though being God, you became a created being for the sake of your creatures. You have said, I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. You sought the wandering sheep. You searched diligently for the lost piece of silver, and having found it, you said, He that comes to me I will not cast out. You did not abhor the sinful woman who washed your precious feet with her tears. You did say as often as you fall arise and you shall be saved. It is you who said there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

O merciful Master, look down from on high, giving us your sinful and unworthy servants shelter under the grace of the Holy Spirit in this hour, and take up your abode in these your servants, who acknowledge their iniquities and draw near to you in faith. Accept them because of your love toward mankind, forgiving them whatsoever they have done amiss, whether by word or deed or thought, and cleanse them from every sin, and abiding ever present with them, preserve them for the remaining years of their life, that walking ever in your statutes, they may in no way again become an object of joy for the devil,

so that also in these your all-holy name may be glorified.

For yours it is to show mercy, to save us, O Christ our God, and to you we ascribe glory, with your Father who is from everlasting, in your all-holy good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Third Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8

PRIEST

Let us attend.

READER

The Lord is my light and my Savior. The Lord is the defender of my life.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from the first epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

READER

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and members individually, and God has appointed these in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 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 become a 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. Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

PRIEST

Peace be with you, the reader.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Third Gospel

Matthew 10:1, 5-8

PRIEST

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto you all.

CHANTER / CHOIR

And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Let us be attentive.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

PRIEST

At that time, Jesus, having called his twelve disciples, sent them 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 receive without paying, give without paying.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Third Prayer of Healing

PRIEST

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy. We pray to you, hear us and have mercy.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and protection for the servants of God, all those who have come for this holy sacrament, and for the remission of all their sins, voluntary and involuntary.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful God who loves mankind, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

O Master, Almighty, Holy King, who chastens yet does not put to death, who supports those who fall and raises those who are downtrodden, who heals our physical afflictions, we entreat you, our God, that you bring your mercy on this oil and those who are anointed with it in your name, that it may be effectual unto the healing of soul and body, unto cleansing and deliverance from every infirmity, illness, malady, and every defilement of body and soul. Yea, Lord, send down from heaven your healing power. Touch the body, quench the fever, soothe the pain, and banish every hidden ailment. Become a physician of these, your servants. Raise them up and heal their suffering.

Grant that they may be given to the church whole and in restored health, pleasing you and abiding by your will. For yours it is to show mercy and to save us, our God, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Fourth Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

PRIEST

Let us attend.

READER

In that day when I shall call upon you. Lord, hear my prayer.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from the second epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

READER

Brethren, you are a 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 the holiness and the fear of God.

PRIEST

Peace be with you, the reader.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Fourth Gospel

Matthew 8:14-23

PRIEST

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto you all.

CHANTER / CHOIR

And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Let us be attentive.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

PRIEST

At that time, Jesus entered Peter's house. He 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 diseases and bore our infirmities. 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 entered the boat, his disciples followed him.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Fourth Prayer of Healing

PRIEST

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy. We pray to you, hear us and have mercy.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and protection for the servants of God, all those who have come for this holy sacrament, and for the remission of all their sins, voluntary and involuntary.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful God who loves mankind, and to you we send up glory, and to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

O gracious, loving, compassionate, and ever-merciful Lord, plentiful in mercy and rich in beneficence, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who through your holy apostles has empowered us to heal the infirmities of your people by oil and prayer, confirm this oil unto the healing of those who shall be anointed with it, for relief from every ailment and every malady, for deliverance from evils of those who in firm hope await salvation from you. Yea, O Master, Lord our God, we pray to you, the Almighty, that you will save us all, the only physician of our souls and bodies. Sanctify us all as healer of every malady.

Heal also these, your servants. Raise them up from their bed of pain through the mercies of your goodness. Visit them in your mercy and compassion. Cast out from them every sickness and malady that being healed by your mighty hand, they may serve you with all thanksgiving, that even now, sharing in your ineffable love, we may sing praises and glorify you, who creates great and wondrous things, both glorious and transcendent. For yours it is to show mercy, to save us, our God, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Fifth Epistle

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

PRIEST

Let us attend.

READER

You, Lord, shall protect us. Save me, Lord, for the righteous is vanishing.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from the second epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

READER

Brethren, we do not want you to be ignorant 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 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 to many persons on our behalf, for the gift granted to us.

PRIEST

Peace be with you, the reader.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Fifth Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

PRIEST

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto you all.

CHANTER / CHOIR

And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Let us be attentive.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

PRIEST

The Lord said this parable, 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 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 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 when the Son of Man shall come.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Fifth Prayer of Healing

PRIEST

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy. We pray to you, hear us and have mercy.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and protection for the servants of God, all those who have come for this holy sacrament, and for the remission of all their sins, voluntary and involuntary.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful, loving God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Lord, our God, who chastened and again healed, you raise up from the ground and dunghill the indigent, father of orphans and the haven of tempest-tossed, physician of the ailing, who without toil bears our weaknesses and accepts our infirmities. It is you, Lord, who cheerfully shows mercy and passes over our iniquities, taking away our unrighteousness, quick to help and slow to wrath. You breathed on your disciples and said, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted unto them. It is you who accepts the repentance of sinners and has the power to pardon countless and grievous sins, bestowing healing upon all who continue in weakness and long enduring illness.

It is you, Lord, who has also called me your humble, sinful, and unworthy servant, intertwined in many sins and wallowing in the pleasures of life to the holy and exceedingly lofty degree of the priesthood, and to enter within the innermost veil into the Holy of Holies, where the holy angels desire to penetrate and hear the voice of the Lord God, announcing glad tidings, and to behold with their own eyes the presence of the sacred oblation, and to enjoy the divine and sacred liturgy. You, Lord, deem me worthy to minister your heavenly mysteries, and offer you gifts and sacrifices for our sins and the ignorances of the people, and to mediate for your reason-endowed sheep, so that through your great and ineffable love for mankind, you may blot out their transgressions.

All merciful King, hear the voice of my prayer at this hour and holy day, and at all times and in all places. And to these your servants who are ailing in soul and body, grant your healing, remitting their sins and pardoning their transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, treating their incurable wounds, every ailment and malady. Give health to their souls, you who touched the mother-in-law of Peter, and having been cured of her fever, arose and ministered to you. Grant to these your servants O Master, healing and deliverance from every devastating pain. Remember your mercies and compassion, and that the mind of a man inclines toward evil from his youth, that no one is without sin upon earth, for you alone are without sin.

You who came and saved the human race and set us free from the bondage of the enemy. For if you enter into judgment with your servants, none will be found clean from stain. But every mouth shall be sealed, not having any defense. For as discarded rags is all our righteousness before you. Wherefore, O Lord, remember not the sins of our youth. For you are the hope of the hopeless and the rest of those who labor and are heavy laden with iniquity. And to you we ascribe glory with your Father who is from everlasting and your all holy good and life-giving spirit now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Sixth Epistle

Galatians 5:22-6:2

PRIEST

Let us attend.

READER

Have mercy on me according to your great mercy. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

READER

The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

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 are Christ 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.

PRIEST

Peace be with you, the reader.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sixth Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

PRIEST

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto you all.

CHANTER / CHOIR

And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Let us be attentive.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

PRIEST

Jesus 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 master's 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.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Sixth Prayer of Healing

PRIEST

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy. We pray to you, hear us and have mercy.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, and protection for the servants of God, all those who have come for this holy sacrament, and for the remission of all their sins, voluntary and involuntary.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful and loving God, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

We thank you, Lord, our good and loving God, physician of our souls and bodies, who painlessly has borne our infirmities and by whose stripes we have all been healed. You are the good shepherd who came in search of the wandering sheep. You give consolation to the fainthearted and life to the brokenhearted. You healed the flow of the woman having an issue of blood for 12 years and freed the daughter of the Canaanite woman from the cruel demon. You forgave the debt of the two debtors and forgave the sinful woman. You healed the paralytic along with the remission of his sins. You justified the publican with your word and received the thief at his last confession.

You took upon yourself the sins of the world by being nailed to the cross. We pray to you and entreat you in your goodness, loose, remit, forgive, O God, the sins of your servants and their iniquities, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether of knowledge or of ignorance, whether of excess or 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 through the sight of their eyes or their sense of smell, whether through adultery or fornication, or through whatever impulse of the flesh

and of the spirit they have alienated themselves from your will and from your holiness.

If we also have sinned in like manner, forgive us. For as much as you are a good God who remembers not evil and loves mankind, permitting us not to fall into the unclean life, neither to follow in wayward paths, yea, Lord and Master, hear me, a sinner, in this hour, in behalf of these, your servants, overlook all their trespasses, as a good and forgiving God deliver them from eternal punishment. Fill their mouths with praise of you. Open their lips that they may glorify your name. Stretch forth their hands to execute your commandments. Direct their feet aright in the way of your gospel, strengthening all their members and their thoughts by your grace.

For you are God, who through your holy apostles gave a commandment, saying, Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. And again, if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained. And as you hearkened to Hezekiah in the sorrow of his soul at the hour of his death, and did not overlook his prayer, In like manner, hear me, your humble, sinful, and unworthy servant, praying to you at this hour. For you are the Lord Jesus Christ, who in your mercy and love for mankind commanded us to forgive those who fall into sin, even unto seventy times seven, who laments for our wickedness and rejoices over the return of those who have strayed.

For as is your majesty, so also is your mercy, and to you we ascribe glory. Together with your Father, who is everlasting, and your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Seventh Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23

PRIEST

Let us attend.

READER

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger. Have mercy on me, for I am weak.

PRIEST

Wisdom.

READER

The lesson is from the first epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

PRIEST

Let us be attentive.

READER

Brethren, we exhort you, warn those who are unruly, comfort the faint-hearted, 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.

PRIEST

Peace be with you, the reader.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Seventh Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

PRIEST

Wisdom! Arise! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto you all.

CHANTER / CHOIR

And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Let us be attentive.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

PRIEST

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 the table in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And behold, 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 the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Seventh Prayer of Healing

PRIEST

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your great mercy. We pray to you, hear us and have mercy.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, pardon and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all those who have come for this holy sacrament, and for the remission of all their sins, voluntary and involuntary.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For you are a merciful and loving God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

O Master, Lord our God, physician of our souls and bodies, who soothes the chronic pains and heals every infirmity and malady of the people, who desires that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, and who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent and live. You, Lord, in the old covenant, ordained repentance for sinners, for David and the Ninevites, and to those before and after them. But also in the new dispensation of your coming in the flesh, you called not the righteous, but sinners to repentance, like the publican, the harlot, the thief, and the blasphemer and persecutor Paul the Great, receiving them all through repentance.

Peter, your great apostle, denied you three times. You received him in repentance and promised him, saying, You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. For which cause, O merciful and loving God, encouraged by your faithful promise, we pray and entreat you at this hour, hear our prayer and accept it as incense offered to you. Visit these, your servants, and if they have trespassed either in word or deed or thought, by night or by day, if they have fallen under the ban of a priest or under their own anathema, or have sworn by oath, We pray to you, loose, pardon and forgive them, O God, overlooking their iniquities and their sins, committed by them knowingly or in ignorance.

And if they have transgressed your commandments or have erred as bearing flesh and living in the world or by the prompting of the devil, forgive them as a merciful and loving God. For there is no one who lives and does not sin. You alone are without sin. Your righteousness is forever lasting and your word is truth. For you have not created man for destruction, but for the keeping of your commandments and the inheriting of life incorruptible. And to you we ascribe glory with your Father, who is everlasting, and your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Prayer of anointing

All kneel.

PRIEST

Let us pray to the Lord.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

O Holy Father, physician of our souls and bodies, you sent your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and deliver from death. Heal also these, your servants, from the ailments of their bodies and souls, and endow them with life by the grace of your Christ, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady, the Theotokos, ever-virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life-giving cross, the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven, and the supplication of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and laudable apostles, of the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs, of our saintly and God-bearing fathers, of the holy unmercenaries and healers, Cosmas and Damian and Cyrus and John, Samson and Diomedes, Mocius and Anicetus, Panteleimon and Hermolaus, Thalaleus and Tryphon, of the holy and righteous ancestors of the Lord, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints.

For you, our God, are the source of healing, and to you we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

Dismissal

All stand.

PRIEST

Wisdom! Blessed is he who is, Christ our God, always, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

Glory to our God and our hope, glory to you.

May Christ our true God, through the intercession of his all-pure and spotless Holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving cross, the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven, the prayers of the holy and righteous ancestors of the Lord, through the intercession of the glorious Saint James, the brother of God, the first bishop of Jerusalem, and of all the saints, may he have mercy on us and save us, for he is a good and loving and merciful God.

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

CHANTER / CHOIR

Amen.

PRIEST

May the Holy Trinity bless and protect and keep us all.