

Blessings

Sanctification of Water

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Send down grace from heaven, O Giver of Life, and sanctify this water, and make it to be a purification of all impurity. (3X)

Let us pray.

O God greatly-exalted, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who alone does wonders which cannot be numbered; Whose voice is upon the many seas, and beholding Whom the waters are afraid, and the deeps agitated, and the water roars greatly; Whose way is in the sea and path in the vast deep, and Whose footsteps cannot be known; Who, through the baptism of Your Only-begotten Son Incarnate, and the descent upon Him of the All-holy Spirit in the form of a dove, and by Your paternal voice, did sanctify the streams of Jordan: We, Your unworthy servants, now humbly ask and entreat You: Send down the grace of the All-holy Spirit upon this water, and bless, purify and sanctify it with Your heavenly benediction, and grant unto it the grace and blessing of Jordan, and the power of purification of all impurity, and expelling of demons and all their assaults and snares. And by the power, operation and grace of the All-holy Spirit, manifest it to be to all Your servants who with faith shall drink of it, receive it and be sprinkled with it, for the remission of sins, release from passions, the expelling of every evil, an increase of virtue, the healing of infirmities, the blessing and sanctification of homes and of every place, the expelling of hurtful and all pernicious things, and the acquisition of Your grace: For You bless and sanctify all things, O our God, and to You we send up glory, with Your only-begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O Lord, Who sanctified the waters of Jordan by the manifestation of Your Christ: Incline Your ear and hear me, and bless us all who by the bending of our necks express obedience to You; and enable us to be filled with Your sanctification by the reception of this water; and may the same be to us for health in our souls and bodies: For You are our sanctification, and to You we send up glory, with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest immerses a Cross in the water, in the form of the Cross, while singing:
O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries. And, by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation! (3X)

The Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal.

Blessing of Water

Let us pray.

The Priest makes the sign of the Cross three times as he prays:
O God greatly-exalted, Who does wonders which cannot be numbered: Come now to Your servants who are asking You, O Master, and send Your Holy **X** Spirit, and **X** sanctify this **X** water; and grant Your servant who shall drink of it, receive it and be sprinkled with it, release from passions, remission of sins, healing of infirmities, and freedom from every evil thing; grant *him*

also the confirmation and sanctification of *his* home, the purification of all impurity, and the expelling of devilish snares: For blessed and glorified is Your all-honorable and majestic Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

You have revealed Yourself today to the universe and Your Light, O Lord, is signed upon us who praise You: You are come and are manifest, O Light inaccessible.

May He Who deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, and furtherance in all things, to Your servants, *N, N, ...* who dwell here, and preserve them for many years!

Many years! (3X)

Blessing of a Home

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your
Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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

When You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the
worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice
of the Father bore witness to You, and called You His
beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove,
confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our
God, You have revealed Yourself and have enlightened
the world, glory to You!

Let us pray.

O God our Savior, the True Light, Who were baptized
in the Jordan by John to renew all people by the
waters of regeneration, and Who condescended to

enter under the roof of Zacchaeus, bringing salvation to him and to all his house: As the same Lord, also keep safe from harm those who dwell here; Grant to them Your blessing, purification and health of body; Grant all their petitions that are for their salvation and eternal life; For You are blessed, together with Your eternal Father and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the dwelling with Holy Water.

Blessing of a New House

The Priest places Holy Water, an aspergillum, and oil in a small vessel on a table covered with a clean white cloth and upon which is also placed a small Gospel and Cross and two lighted candles. Vested in a stole, the Priest traces a Cross on each of the four walls inside the house and then, facing the East, prays:

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Lord, have mercy. (12X)

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

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: * my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, * and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: * His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; * nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; * nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall

fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; * but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold * and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, * even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, * lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: * I will set him on high, because he hath known my Name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: * I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, * and shew him my salvation. *Qui habitat* (Ps 91).

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3X)

As salvation came to the house of Zacchaeus at Your entrance, O Christ, and likewise now at the entrance of Your sacred ministers, and, with them, Your holy Angels, grant Your peace to this house and mercifully bless it, saving and illumining all that are about to live in it.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, Who were pleased to enter under the roof of Zacchaeus the Publican, and brought salvation to him and all his house: Preserve,

now, unharmed by any evil thing, them that have desired to live here, and offer to You prayers and supplications through us who are unworthy, blessing them and this habitation, and keeping their life always free from snares, abundantly granting them, by Your blessing, every good thing that is profitable for them. For unto You is due all glory, honor and worship, together with Your Father Who is without beginning, and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Master, Lord our God, Who live on High and look down upon the lowly; Who blessed the house of Laban at the entrance of Jacob, and the house of Potiphar at the coming of Joseph; Who blessed the house of Abinadab with the carrying in of the Ark; and Who, in the days of the Advent in the flesh of Christ, our God, granted salvation to the house of Zacchaeus: Bless also this house, and encompass with the fear of You them that are about to live in it, and keep them unharmed by adversaries; and send down Your blessing from Your dwelling on High, and bless and increase every good thing in this house: For Yours it is to be merciful and to save us, O our God, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest blesses the oil three times with his right hand, saying: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

O Lord, our God, look down now with mercy on the prayer of Your lowly and unworthy servant, and send down the Grace of Your Most-holy Spirit on this oil, and sanctify it, that it may be for the sanctification of this place and this house [that has been constructed], and for the expelling of every contrary power and satanic snare: For You are He that blesses and sanctifies all things, O Christ, our God, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest take sprinkles all the walls of the house and every room cross-wise with Holy Water, saying:
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, by the sprinkling of this Holy Water, let every evil demonic activity be put to flight. *Amen.*

After sprinkling the whole house, the Priest anoints the walls of the house with oil in the places where the sign of the Cross was traced, beginning at the Eastern wall of the house, then the Western, then the Northern, and finally the Southern wall, saying at each:
This house is blessed through the anointing of this Holy Oil, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

After completion of the anointing, lighted candles are placed before each anointed cross on each wall.

The People say or sing:
Bless this house, O Lord, and fill it with Your earthly good things. And keep unharmed from every evil circumstance them that are about to live in it with piety. And grant to them every heavenly abundance and Your earthly blessing. And, as You are compassionate, have mercy, according to Your great mercy.

Facing the East, the Priest announces the Gospel Lesson:
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According
to St. Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus, who was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was; and could not because of the crowd, because he was short in stature. And he ran 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 saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must stay at your house." And he made haste, and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, that he was going 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 taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore to him fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "This day salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." *Lk 19:1-10.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Priest may cense the whole house.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we implore You, hear us and have mercy.

Lord, have mercy (3X).

Again we pray that He will send down His blessing on this house and on His servant(s), *N*, and everyone that is about to live in it in piety, and that He will send to them His Angel of mercy, who will preserve and protect them from every evil thing, and will guide them to the performing of every virtue and the fulfilling of the holy commandments of Christ; and that He will protect them from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion or civil war, and from sudden death; that that He will grant them health and will encompass them with length of day, and will grant them abundance in everything. Let us all say: O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Lord, have mercy (3X).

Hear us, O God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off on the sea; and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, to us sinners and have mercy on us. For You are a merciful God, the Lover of mankind, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal.

Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, and furtherance in all things, to Your servants, *N, N, ...* who dwell here, and preserve them for many years!

Many years! (3X)

Blessing of Candles

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the True Light, Who enlightens every man that comes into the world: Pour out Your blessing on these candles and hallow them by the light of Your Grace. Grant, O Merciful One: that as these lights, kindled with a visible flame, scatter the darkness of night, so also may our hearts, by an invisible fire, that is, enlightened by the glowing of the Holy Spirit, avoid the blindness of all manner of sin; so that we may see those things that are pleasing to You and beneficial for our salvation, with the cleansed eye of our soul; so that we, having overcome the darkness of this world, may be granted attainment to the light that never fades; For You are our Savior and to You do we send up glory, with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the candles with Holy Water.

Blessing of Salt

Let us pray.

O God our Savior, Who came into Jericho to the Prophet Elisha, and healed the injurious water with salt: Bless now this salt and change it into the sacrifice of gladness; For You are our God, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessing of New Wine

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Who are good and love mankind, look upon this wine, and upon those who partake of it, and bless it as You blessed Jacob's well, and the pool of Siloam, and the chalice of Your holy Apostles. And as You blessed six water pots and changed water into wine, when You came into Galilee, and manifested Your glory to Your holy Disciples and Apostles: So now, the same Lord, send down Your Holy Spirit upon this wine and bless it in Your holy Name; For You bless and sanctify and increase all things, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessing of Palms on Palm Sunday

Let us pray.

The Priest censes the palms cross-wise as he prays:
O Lord our God, Who sit upon the cherubim, You have reaffirmed Your power by sending Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His Cross, Burial, and Resurrection. When He came into Jerusalem to suffer His voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and in the shadow of death took boughs of trees and branches of palms as signs of victory, thus foretelling His Resurrection. O Master, keep and preserve us who, in imitation of them, carry palms and branches in our hands on this eve of the Feast. As we join the crowds and the children who sang "Hosanna" to You, may

we, with hymns and spiritual songs, attain the life-creating Resurrection on the third day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the palms with holy water.

Blessing and Confirmation of a Marriage

The Priest inquires of the man:

Have you, *N*, a good, free and unconstrained will and a firm intention to keep unto yourself as wife this woman, *N*, whom you see here before you?

The man shall answer:

I have.

The Priest inquires of the woman:

Have you, *N*, a good, free and unconstrained will and a firm intention to keep unto yourself as husband this man, *N*, whom you see here before you?

The woman shall answer:

I have.

May the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the all-holy, consubstantial and life-creating Trinity, one Godhead, and one Kingdom, bless you.

Bless them, O Lord our God, as You blessed Abraham and Sarah. Bless them, O Lord our God, as You blessed Isaac and Rebecca. Bless them, O Lord our God, as You blessed Joachim and Anna. Bless them, O Lord our God, as You blessed Zacharias and Elizabeth.

Preserve them, O Lord our God, as You preserved Noah in the ark. Preserve them, O Lord our God, as You preserved the three Holy children from the fire. Let that gladness come upon them which the blessed Helena had when she found the precious Cross.

Remember them, O Lord our God, as You remembered the Forty Holy Martyrs, sending down upon them crowns from heaven. Remember them, O Lord our God, and the parents who have nurtured them, for the prayers of the parents make firm the foundations of houses.

Grant them fair children and concord of soul and body, O Lord our God, and let them behold their children's children around their table like a newly-planted olive orchard, that, obtaining favor in Your sight, they may shine like the stars of heaven, in You.

May He Who by His presence at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee declared marriage to be an honorable estate, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother, of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Blessing and Sanctification of Icons

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

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O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
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Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us
worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our
God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ
Himself, our King and our God!

Let us pray.

O Lord Almighty, God of our Fathers, glorified and worshiped in the Holy Trinity, Whom neither mind is able to comprehend nor word able to express, Whom no one among men has ever seen: As we have learned from the Holy Scriptures, thus we believe and thus we confess You, God the Father without beginning, and Your Son, one in essence, co-enthroned with Your Spirit. In the Old Law, You revealed Yourself to Your Patriarch Abraham in the image of the three Angels, and in the latter days after the Incarnation of the Only-begotten Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, from the Ever-virgin Mary, in the Baptism by John in the Jordan, in the truly-bright Transfiguration on Tabor, in the most-glorious Ascension on the Mount of Olives, You showed us the image of the Most-holy Trinity; You instructed us also to honor the wonderworking Image Not-Made-By-Hands of our Lord Jesus Christ depicted on the towel and sent to Abgar, the Prince of Edessa, which healed him and many others sick with the wounds of sickness; You did not reject, but accepted also the images and likeness of Your holy Saints. Look down now, also, on *this* Icon which Your servants have fashioned in honor and glory of You, [One in Trinity, the Holy and Glorious God,] [and Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,] [and Your most-pure and truly-blessed Mother, our Sovereign Lady, the Most-holy Mother of God and Ever-virgin Mary,] and in memory of Your St. *N*, and bless *it* and sanctify *it* and grant *it* healing power, that *it* may drive away every snare of the devil, that *it* may cause the prayers of all diligently praying before *it* to be heard: that they may draw down Your mercy and love for mankind, and that they may receive Grace. For You are our sanctification, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O eternal, invisible and incomprehensible Lord, Who in ancient times, in the Old Law, commanded that in the Tent of the Testimony and Temple of Solomon there be made likenesses of the cherubim of wood, gold and embroidery, and Who now accepts images not only in remembrance of Your saving benefactions and divine manifestations to the Human race, made in honor and glory of Your most-holy Name, but also do not reject those fashioned in remembrance of and in imitation of Your holy Saints, attend to our humble prayer: Bless *this* Icon and sanctify *it*, and grant *it* grace and power to drive out demons and to heal all infirmities; For You are He that blesses and sanctifies all things, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, together with Your Father Who is without beginning, and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the icon with Holy Water, saying:
This icon is sanctified by the grace of the All-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this holy water: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (3X)

The Priest censes, venerates, and kisses the icon as the People sing the Troparia of the Saint or event depicted by the icon. The Priest then pronounces the Dismissal for the Feast or Saint.

Sanctification and Blessing of Service Vessels

The chalice, paten, and ciborium with their coverings are placed on the credenza, which is covered with a white cloth. The Priest vests, censes them cross-wise, and then prays:

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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

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

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O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!

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Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

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Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; * He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; * He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; * Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Dominus regit me* (Ps 23).

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3X)

Let us pray.

Our Master, Lord God Almighty! Having given to Your servant Moses the law, the statutes and rituals, You commanded that vessels of gold and silver be fashioned and sanctified in the sanctuary, which was

erected to the glory of Your all-holy Name, for the bringing forth of various sacrifices to You, our true God (since these were the shadow and image of our present true bloodless sacrifice). O Lord, Who love mankind, bless at this present time this paten, chalice, and ciborium with their coverings, and sanctify them with the power, action and grace of Your all-holy and life-creating Spirit, so that on them may be brought forth the true, living, bloodless and verbal sacrifice, the all-holy Flesh of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who for our sake and for the sake of our salvation offered Himself once as a Sacrifice upon the altar of the Cross. For unto You with Him and Your all-holy good and life-creating Spirit is due all glory, honor and worship, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O Lord our God, look down upon the prayer of Your unworthy servant and send down the abundance of Your blessings on these vessels, and sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit in the sprinkling of this Holy Water, making them worthy receptacles of the most-pure Body and most precious Blood of Your Christ. For You are the fountain of sanctification, and unto You we send up glory, honor and worship, together with Your Only-begotten Son and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest, sprinkles the vessels with Holy Water, saying:
These vessels are sanctified by the grace of the All-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water,

in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (3X)

If he is going to celebrate, the Priest takes up the vessels, carries them to the Altar, and begins the service. If he is not going to celebrate, the Priest pronounces the usual Daily Dismissal, and carries the vessels into the Sacristy.

Blessing of New Church Vessels

Vessels such as censers, offering plates, water vessels, and sprinklers may be blessed together or individually.

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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

Lord, have mercy. (12X)

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

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us
worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our
God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ
Himself, our King and our God!

Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity:
* I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not
slide. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; * try my
reins and my heart. For Thy lovingkindness is before
mine eyes: * and I have walked in Thy truth. I have
not sat with vain persons, * neither will I go in with
dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil
doers; * and will not sit with the wicked. I will wash
mine hands in innocency: * so will I compass Thine
altar, O Lord: That I may publish with the voice of
thanksgiving, * and tell of all Thy wondrous works.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, * and
the place where Thine honor dwelleth. Gather not my
soul with sinners, * nor my life with bloody men: In

whose hands is mischief, * and their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: * Redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: * in the congregations will I bless the Lord. *Judica me, Domine* (Ps 26).

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3X)

Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, God of our fathers, Who have said through Your chosen vessel, the Apostle Paul, that all Your creation is good and nothing is rejected, which is sanctified by prayers and Your divine word: we humbly pray! Mercifully look down upon our prayer and upon *these* vessels which Your servants have provided to the glory of Your all-holy Name and to the service of this holy altar and, with Your heavenly blessing and the prayer of us, Your unworthy slaves and servants, mercifully bless and sanctify, and make *them* to be worthy of service before Your holy altar, bestowing upon the donors Your heavenly grace, granting them remission of sins and making them communicants of Your kingdom. For You are the God of mercy, compassion and love of mankind, and to You we send up glory, together with Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We humbly implore You, O Lord our God! Look down upon our prayer, and send down Your blessing upon *these* vessels and through the sprinkling of this holy water bless and sanctify *them* making *them* worthy of service to Your holy altar. For You are our sanctification, and to You we send up glory, together with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the vessels with holy water, saying:
These vessels are blessed by the grace of the All-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this holy water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* (3X)

The Priest says the Daily Dismissal and takes the vessels into the sacristy.

Blessing of a New Tabernacle

Any vessel or pyxis intended to contain the Divine Mysteries of Christ is placed on the credenza, which is covered with a white cloth. The Priest vests, censes it cross-wise, and then prays:
Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your
Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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

Lord, have mercy. (12X)

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

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us
worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our
God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ
Himself, our King and our God!

Lord, remember David, * and all his afflictions: How he
swore unto the Lord, * and vowed unto the mighty God
of Jacob: "Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of

my house, * nor go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to mine eyes, * or slumber to mine eyelids, Until I find out a place for the Lord, * an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.” “Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: * we found it in the fields of the wood. We will go into His tabernacles: * we will worship at His footstool.” Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest; * Thou, and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; * and let Thy saints shout for joy. For Thy servant David's sake * turn not away the face of Thine anointed. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; * He will not turn from it: “Of the fruit of thy body * will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep My covenant and My testimony that I shall teach them, * their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.” For the Lord hath chosen Zion; * He hath desired it for his habitation. “This is My rest for ever: here will I dwell; * for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: * I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: * and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David to bud: * I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame: * but upon himself shall his crown flourish.”
Memento, Domine (Ps 132).

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3X)

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Who has the heavens as a throne and the earth for a footstool: Even all the universe cannot contain You, neither can the minds of Angels

or men comprehend the magnitude of Your glory nor worthily tell of You. However, for the sake of merciful compassion and love for mankind, You permitted Yourself unspeakably to be contained within a Virgin's womb and became man, remaining true God, to appropriate man to Yourself under the visible guise of bread and wine, giving Your own Flesh and Blood to the faithful. But since You are God, existing everywhere and fulfilling all, yet as God and as man, in heaven on the right hand of the Father, and on earth desiring truly to be present in the most-pure mysteries only by Your Flesh and Blood: therefore, I now humbly implore You, look down mercifully upon our prayer and upon this vessel which was made to Your glory, and send down upon it Your heavenly blessing; Bless, purify and sanctify it so that it may be a worthy receptacle, even a new tomb and treasure box for Your holy and life-creating mysteries of Your most pure Body and sacred Blood. For You are our sanctification, and to You we send up glory with Your Father Who is without beginning, and Your most holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, incline Your ear and hear me, as You promised for the sake of mercy and love for mankind to be with us without interruption till the end of time, and send the grace of Your most pure Spirit; and through the sprinkling of this holy water, bless and sanctify this vessel, which was made to be a repository for the divine mysteries of Your Flesh and

Blood. For You are He Who blesses and sanctifies all things, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, with Your Father Who has no beginning, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the vessel with holy water, saying:
This tabernacle is sanctified by the grace of the All-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* (3X)

The Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal, places the Holy Tabernacle on the Altar, and places the Divine Sacrament in it.

Blessing of Altar Coverings

Vestments for the Altar and credenza (altar linens, veils, etc.) are placed on the credenza, which is covered with a white cloth. The Priest vests, censes them cross-wise, and then prays:
Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Lord, have mercy. (12X)

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

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; * the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, * that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: * Thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; * the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, * yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure: * holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever. *Dominus regnavit (Ps 93).*

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3X)

Let us pray.

O Lord God, Father Almighty, Who command Your servant and lawgiver Moses on Mount Sinai to prepare various adornments, coverings and vestments to be used at services at the ark of the covenant and at Your lawful sanctuary: We diligently implore You now, as You then compassionately accepted those things and sanctified them by the hand of Aaron, mercifully accept even these things and by the hand of me, a sinful servant, through Your Holy Spirit: Bless, purify, sanctify and make them worthy to cover and adorn the divine altar and sacrificial table of Your Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For from You on high is given all good, and every perfect gift descends; and to You we send up glory together with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear me, Your unworthy servant, and bless, purify and sanctify these covering vestments to be used for the holy altar and sacrificial table of Your Christ, through Your all-sanctifying grace, in the sprinkling of this Holy Water. For You are He Who

blesses and sanctifies all things, O our God, and to You we send up glory, together with Your Only begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles them with Holy Water, saying:
These coverings are sanctified by the grace of the All-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* (3X)

The Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal and covers the Altar and credenza with the coverings.

Blessing of New Priest's Vestments

The new vestments are placed on the credenza, which is covered with a white cloth. The Priest vests, censes them cross-wise, and then prays:

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Lord, have mercy. (12X)

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

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is * for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, * that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: * that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, * and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, * even life for evermore. *Ecce, quam bonum (Ps 133).*

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3X)

Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, Who set in motion from the beginning all that is profitable for the human race; Who willed that temples should be erected to Your holy Name by hands of men, and that these should be consecrated to Your glory, and that these places should be called the abode of Your Glory; Who through Your servant Moses commanded that the vestments of the high priests, the priests, and the Levites, and other various adornments should be made for the magnificence and beauty of Your sanctuary and altar: Now mercifully hear our supplication and bless, purify and sanctify this *name of vestment* in honor of and to the glory of Your most-holy Name, for the adornment and splendor of the servants of Your Holy Altar and the preparation of Your Holy Mysteries, through me, Your humble and unworthy servant, that they may be shown worthy of every doxology to Your most-holy Name; and for Your priestly servants who shall be vested therein, that they be a deliverance and protection from all snares and temptation of enemies, that they be for a means of pleasing You, for worthy service of Your Holy Mysteries, and for the ministration of Your Grace and mercies: Through the Grace and compassion and love for mankind of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your Most-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Master, God Almighty, Giver of all good things and Fountain of sanctification: Look down even now on our prayers and this *name of vestment* prepared for the adornment and splendor of Your priestly servers, and make them, by the grace of Your Most-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, to be blessed, holy and sanctified, and all those who shall vest themselves with them, to be worthy to serve Your Holy Mysteries and to please You at all times. For You are our sanctification, and to You we send up glory, together with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the vestment with Holy Water, saying: This *name of vestment* is sanctified by the Grace of the Most-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* (3X)

There is no dismissal if the Priest will immediately use the new vestment—he carries it into the vestry, vests in it, and proceeds with the service. If no service is follows, the Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal and places the vestment on the Altar.

Blessing of Furnishings

For pews, lecturns, reader's stand, etc.

O Creator and Author of the human race, Giver of spiritual grace and giver of eternal salvation, Who did instruct that all things would be done unto Your glory: Look down upon the labors of Your humble servants. Send down Your blessings from on high on these furnishings, which exemplify the fruitful efforts of Your

faithful servants, and are offered in order that they may beautify Your Holy House. For You bless and sanctify all things, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessing of a Crucifix to be Worn

The Priest places the crucifix on the Altar before the celebration of the Eucharist, Matins, the Hours, or Vespers and then, before the Dismissal, the Priest says:

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Treasury of Blessings and Bountiful Giver of Life, Who are in all places and fill all things: Come abide in us, cleanse us of every sin, and save our souls, O Good One.

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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

If the cross is blessed at any other time, the Priest prays:
Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of
ages. *Amen.*

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your
Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.
Grant victory to the Orthodox Christians over their
adversaries, and by the virtue of Your Cross, preserve
Your habitation.

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

As You were voluntarily crucified for our sake: Grant
mercy to them that are called by Your Name; Make all
Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them
victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them
the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate
before the Creator: Do not despise the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call
upon you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to
intercede for us, O Mother of God and Blessed Virgin
Mary, for you always protect those who honor you.
Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the crucifix with Holy Water, saying:
This Emblem of the Cross is blessed and sanctified by
the Grace of the Most-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling
of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* (3X).

The Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal.

Blessing of a Medal

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of
ages. *Amen.*

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your
Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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

Let us pray.

O Lord our King, Sovereign of all, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who commanded Moses, Your servant, to place the images of the Cherubim in the holy Tabernacle upon either side of the mercy-seat: Grant, we ask You, O our King, to send down the grace of Your Holy Spirit and Your Angel upon this medal and, in Your fatherly goodness, bless and sanctify it, and grant that whoever wears it, mindful of the mystery which it represents, may be kindled with devout affections and increase in holiness of life; endow it with the aid of Your protection against all snares of the Enemy, and make it to be a guardian of soul and body; through the grace, and compassion, and love of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who loves mankind: For unto You are due honor and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the medal with Holy Water, saying:
This image is sanctified by the Grace of the Most-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* (3X)

The Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal, mentioning the Saint represented by the medal.

Blessing of a Prayer Book or Bible

Let us pray.

O Holy Master, omnipotent Father, God from all eternity, Who gave Your servant Moses the Tablets on which You were graciously pleased to inscribe the statutes of the Law, that all living beings might keep them: Bless now and sanctify this book, which contains within it Your holy law and the glorification of Your Name, and of the Mother of God and Blessed Virgin Mary, and all Your Saints. Grant us, through Your abundant compassion, so to use it, that it may serve for the healing and salvation of our souls: For You are a God of mercies and bounties, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Priest sprinkles the book with Holy Water.

Blessing of Any Object

The usual beginning

Let us pray.

O Creator and Author of the human race, Giver of spiritual grace and Bestower of eternal salvation: Send down Your Holy Spirit with a blessing from on high upon this *name of object*: that, fortified by the power of heavenly protection, it may be a help unto bodily salvation, defense, and aid to those who use it. For You bless and sanctify all things, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the object with Holy Water, saying:
This *name of object* is sanctified by the Grace of the Most-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* (3X)

The Priest pronounces the Daily Dismissal.

Blessing of a Vehicle

Let us pray.

Hear our prayer and bless this vehicle with Your holy right hand, O Master, Lord our God, sending down upon it Your Guardian Angel: that all who journey in it may be preserved safely and shielded from every evil end. As the Ethiopian man, riding in the chariot and reading Your holy prophecy, was granted faith and grace through Your Apostle, so now manifest the path of salvation to Your servants who shall travel by this vehicle: that with Your helping grace they may be clothed with good works and, after the completion of this life, may be granted everlasting joy in Your heavenly kingdom; For Yours are the might, and the kingdom, and the power, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles the vehicle with Holy Water.

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of heaven; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy Martyr Christopher; and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Blessing of Animals

O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. *Ps 104:24.*

The animals and owners enter in procession as the People sing
All Things Bright and Beautiful:

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

Refrain

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

Refrain

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Refrain

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O Lord, give us humility to thank You for the creation of animals, who can show affection which sometimes puts us to shame. Enlarge our respect for these Your creatures, of whom we are the guardians, and give us a sense of responsibility towards all Your creation, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, "And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there

any more be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the token of the covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.” And God said unto Noah, “This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.” *Gen 9:8-17.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. * O Lord my God, Thou art very great: * Thou art clothed with honor and majesty. * Thou sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. * They give drink to every beast of the field: * the wild asses quench their thirst. * By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, * which sing among the branches. * Thou watereth the hills from Thy chambers: * the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works. * Thou causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, * and herb for the service of man: * that he may bring forth food out of the earth; * And wine that maketh glad the heart of man. * O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! * In wisdom hast Thou made them all. *Benedic, anima mea (Ps 104:1, 10-15, 24).*

The animals are brought forward and blessed, the Priest saying:
Almighty God: Bless this Thy creature, *N*, and all who
are involved in *his* care and protection. *Amen*.

When all of the animals have been blessed, the Priest gives the
final blessing and dismissal:
May Almighty God, the Creator of the Universe, the
Redeemer of all Creation, and the life-giving Spirit, **X**
bless you all, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Blessing of Warriors Going into Combat

Blessed is our God, now and ever, and unto ages of
ages. *Amen*.

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

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!
O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!
O Master, pardon our transgressions!
O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your
Name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3X)

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

Our Father Who is in heaven, holy is Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And
forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

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

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance:
Grant victory over our adversaries and, by virtue of
Your Cross, preserve Your inheritance.

Let us pray.

O Master, Lord God of our fathers, we ask You and we
humbly implore You: Mercifully behold the supplication
of us, Your unworthy servants. As of old You deigned
to ascend with Moses, Your well-pleasing servant,
leading Your people Israel from Egypt to the promised
land: Go now with these Your servants, *N, N, ...* and
with these warriors, and be their Helper and Defender,
and preserve them both at day and at night inviolate
and unharmed from every evil circumstance, malady,
famine and flood, and every fear. And, as You
strengthened Joshua the son of Nun by the cross-wise
raising of Moses' hands upon Amalek and upon the
Canaanite kingdom warring against them, that they
might be prevailed against, and thus laid waste to Zeb,
and Zebec and Salmana, and all their princes; and as
You aided Gideon with three hundred chosen men to
vanquish the multitudes of Midian: Grant now these
Your faithful servants strength, power and courage, aid

and protection. And, like as You assisted the first among Christian sovereigns, Constantine, to conquer Your defiant foes by a heavenly manifestation: Mercifully now grant triumph and victory over our enemies to these Your faithful servants; Encompass them in warfare from all directions with Your Angel; Arm them with the power and defense of the precious and life-creating Cross, in the Name of You, God the Father, and Your beloved Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and Your most holy and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Who hearkened unto Moses who raised his hands to You, and strengthened the people of Israel against Amalek, and allowed the sun to stop as a sign of victory for the embattled Joshua the son of Nun: Hear now our entreaty for these warriors gathered here, and bless and strengthen them; Grant them courage against the opposing foes; Send them a radiant Angel; Remove from Your servants now going out to battle, and from every one of us, all famine and destruction, and deliver us from the fire, sword and invasion of enemies, and from every adverse uprising. Be their co-traveler and grant them all their petitions which are unto salvation: Teach them and give them understanding; Save, defend, protect, purify and fill them with spiritual joy; Be the protector and defender of their souls and bodies; and, since You are good and merciful and love mankind, grant them forgiveness of sins in the day of judgment. Be merciful unto them and unto us all, and bless us all the days of our life: that receiving aid and

protection and deliverance from You, we may ever render, without hindrance, glory and thanksgiving to You; For You are a Fortress and Firm Foundation for Your people, and to You we send up glory, with Your Only-begotten Son, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest turns to the fighting men and blesses them with his right hand, praying:

The blessing of the Lord be upon you all: Take courage and let your hearts be strengthened; Place your trust in the Lord, for He shall vanquish our foes. *Amen.*

The Priest sprinkles them all with Holy Water cross-wise while the People say or sing:

O Lord, as You aided meek David to vanquish the foreigner: Assist Your faithful people and, with the armor of the Cross, crush down our enemies. Show us Your mercy of old, O Merciful One: that they may truly know that You are God; that we who trust in You may triumph, diligently entreating Your most pure Mother to grant us peace and great mercy.

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of his most pure Mother, by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross, by the protection of the holy and great angelic leaders Michael and Gabriel, and of all the Bodiless Hosts of heaven, of the holy Great-martyrs George, Demetrius, Procopius, Theodore Stratelates and Theodore Tiro, and of all His Saints, have mercy on you and strengthen you in the day of battle, and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.