Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Prepared in the Tradition of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

(A-M E-N.)

Priest: Expel from him ... in his heart. (3x)

Priest: Blessed is God ... ages of ages.

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Lord, have mercy. Amen.

(Simple Byzantine chant version)

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(Note: The Troparion of Theophany may be chanted or sung while the priest is censing the church and baptismal font.)
When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.

The voice of the Father did bear witness unto Thee, and called Thee.
And the Spirit, His beloved Son.

in the form of a dove, did confirm the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who didst appear and illuminate the world, glory to Thee, O Lord.
When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the
voice of the Father bore witness to Thee calling
Thee—His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the
likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word.

O Christ—our God, who hast appeared
and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Final Ending
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Great Litany

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom
... unto ages of ages.

Adapted from
Stepan V. Smolensky
(1848 - 1909)

When the bishop is present, sing this first as he is being commemorated. Then sing Lord, have mercy at the end of the petition.

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The Great Litany

Simple Byzantine chant version

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

To thee, O Lord.

Traditional Byzantine chant version - Tone 8

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us ... by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

To thee, O Lord.
Priest: Great art thou, O Lord, ... to hymn thy wonders. (3x)

Priest: Wherefore, O King of thy Holy Spirit. (3x)

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Byzantine chant version

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Priest: Let us attend!

Byzantine Tone 8. Sung not too quickly. For the chant version, sing only the melody line.

Priest: Blessed is God

... ages of ages.

A-men. Lord, have mercy. A-men. And to thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

A-men.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Priest: The servant of God is shorn ...

... the Holy Spirit.

Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

To thee, O Lord. A-men.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

A-men.

Byzantine chant version

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And to thy spirit. To thee, O Lord. A-men.
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Priest: The servant of God N. is clothed ... the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Byzantine Tone 8. Sung not too quickly. For the chant version, sing the melody only.

Vouchsafe unto me a robe of light, O thou who clothest thyself with light as with a garment:

Christ our God, plentiful in mercy.

Note: Following the singing or chanting of "Vouchsafe unto me...," the Katavasiai of the Cross are chanted for the remainder of the clothing of the newly-baptized.
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Ode 1

Byzantine Tone 8

Ver-i-ly, Mo-ses hav-ing struck with his rod,

hor-i-zon-tal-ly, cleav-ing the Red Sea and

caus-ing Is-ra-el to cross on foot, then hav-ing

struck it trans-verse-ly bring-ing it to-geth-er o-ver

Phar-aoh and his char-i-ots, did trace the Cross, thus

sym-bol-iz-ing that in-vin-ci-ble weap-on.

Where-fore, do we praise Christ our God,

for that he hath been glo-ri-fied.
Ode 3

The rod is taken as a symbol of the mystery;

for by its budding, it designeth the Priest.

But now the tree of the Cross hath blossomed forth with might and steadfastness to the hitherto barren Church.

Ode 4

I have heard, O Lord, of the mystery of thy dispensation, and have contemplated thy works.

Wherefore, have I glorified thy Godhead.
Ode 5

O thou thrice-blessed Tree, where-on the Lord Christ the King was stretched, and through which he who was beguiled by the tree fell, having been beguiled by thee, by the God that was nailed upon thee in the flesh, who granteth safety to our souls.

Ode 6

When Jonah in the belly of the whale did stretch forth his hands in the form of a cross, he did fore-shadow clearly the passion of salvation;
and when he came out on the third day, he did symbolize the world-transcending Resurrection of Christ, nailed upon thee in the flesh, and illuminating the world by his third day Resurrection.

The mad command of the infidel tyrant hath shaken the nations, breathing forth threats and blasphemies loathed of God. But the three youths were not terrified by the bes- tial terror,
nor the consuming fire; for being together amidst the

fire blown forth by a dewy breeze, they were

singing: O thou exceedingly praised,

blessed art thou, God of our fathers.

O ye youths, equal in number to the Trinity,

bless the Father, the God Creator;

praise the Word which did descend and turn the fire

to a dewy breeze; and exalt more and more
the all-holy Spirit, who giveth life
to all forevermore.

Thou art the mystical paradise,
O Theotokos; for that thou,

being untilled, didst bud forth Christ, by whom was
planted on earth the life-giving tree of the Cross.

Wherefore, as we adore it being elevated,
we magnify thee.
Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of thy mystical supper; for I will not speak, for I will not speak of thy mystery to thine
enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did
Judas; but like the thief will
I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, re-
member me, O Lord, in thy king-
dom.
1. Byzantine Tone 1

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ

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

2. Byzantine chant version, Tone 1

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ

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

Al-le-lu-ia!
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
As Many As Have Been Baptized
(Sing three times only, without the Glory/Both now)

Traditional Antiochian melody

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism
As Many As Have Been Baptized
(Sing three times only, without the Glory/Both now)

Professor Michael Hilko
(1905 - 1974)

A-men. As many as have been baptized into Christ

have put on Christ. Alleluia!
**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**The Prokeimenon**

Psalm 26:1

**Simple Byzantine chant version**  
Christopher Holwey

**Byzantine chant version, Tone 3**

NOTE: The Byzantine chant version in Tone 3 is traditionally done antiphonally, as follows:

- Chanter A: Chants the Prokeimenon
- Chanter B: Repeats the Prokeimenon
- Chanter A: Chants the Verse, and the first half of the Prokeimenon
- Chanter B: Chants the second half of the Prokeimenon with the third ending
Priest: Peace be to thee that readest.

(To be sung before and after the Gospel)

Priest: Wisdom! ... Peace be to all.

* When the bishop is serving and gives the peace before the reading of the Gospel, the choir responds Many years, master (once) rather than And to thy spirit. Then, at the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel, the choir sings Many years, master (once) immediately followed by the usual Glory to thee, O Lord, glory to thee.
Simple choral version

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Priest: Wisdom! ... Peace be to all.

And to thy spir-it.

Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.

Byzantine chant, version 1

Traditional Byzantine Tone 2

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

And to thy spir-it.

Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.

Byzantine chant, version 2

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

And to thy spir-it.

Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.
Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

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

A-men. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. A-men. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May he ... and save us.

Father, bless. Amen.

(Master, bless.) Amen.
Byzantine chant version

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

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of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May he ... and save us.

Father, bless. (Master, bless.) Amen.