



THE ORDER OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

[The Godparent carries the child. For a male child, a godfather is needed and for a female child, a godmother. If the candidate is an adult, then the sponsor will stand behind or next to the candidate.]

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: And may His grace and mercy be upon us, weak and sinful servants, in both worlds for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest: O Lord God, make us worthy of that spiritual priestly service which You entrusted to Your holy Apostles to baptize with fire and Spirit. O Lord, through the mediation of us sinners, grant salvation to the soul of this Your servant who approaches You for washing and rebirth; that **he/she** may find mercy and compassion, now and always, forever and ever. *People:* Amen.

ALTERNATE PRAYER¹

Priest: O Lord God, make us worthy, that in purity and holiness, we may attain that spiritual priestly service which You entrusted to Your holy Apostles to baptize with fire and Spirit. O Lord, through the mediation of us sinners, grant salvation to the soul of this Your servant who approaches You for washing and rebirth; that **he/she** may find mercy and compassion and offer praise to You, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit now and always, forever and ever. *People:* Amen.

¹ Taken from a longer Baptism manuscript used in the Syrian Orthodox Church at present

HYMN (KUKILION)

(Tune: Aan paithangale...)

(For Men)

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىْ اَسْئَلُكَ
اَلْحَمْدَ وَالْاِزْمَارَ

Offer male children unto the Lord —Halleluiah
Offer Him glory and honor.

Give glory to His Holy Name—Halleluiah
Worship the Lord in His Holy Courts

The Voice of God is upon the waters—Halleluiah
The God of glory thunders.

The Lord is upon the great waters—Halleluiah
His voice is majestic and powerful. **Barekmor.**

(For Women): **صَلِّىْ**

The princess stands in glory —Halleluiah
Glorious queen at - Your right hand.

You are adorned in gold of Ophir—Halleluiah
O Queen! incline - your ear.

Leave your people and your father's house. Halleluiah
The King will desire - your beauty

He is your Lord, worship Him – Halleluiah
And the daughter of Tyre will - adore Him. **Barekmor.**

Priest :- † Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Standing besides one being baptized, in Spirit, David says. Come to the Lord, all who thirst and be strengthened. Adam, poor and fallen, crying, called on Him. The Lord answered him in River Jordan. The one who had perished, The - Lord – did- re- new

Unto the ages of ages, and for ever more.

Just as Israel was saved by blood sprinkled on doorposts. May the seal of the divine and life-giving grace of rebirth. Protect us faithful ones who seek refuge. By this Eternal Light, we gaze upon the Tri-ni-ty. **Morio rahem ..**

PRAYER

Priest: O Lord, God of the heavenly hosts, bless this Your servant who is being instructed, and enlighten **his/her** mind that **he/she** may realize the vanity of this world so that, when **he/she** casts off all worldly wickedness, **he/she** may become worthy to offer glory and honor to You, now and always, forever and ever. *People:* Amen

ALTERNATE PRAYER²

Priest: O Lord, God of the heavenly hosts, bless this Your servant who is being instructed. Inscribe, O Lord, Your fear in **his/her** heart. May **he/she** be hallowed by Your might and illumined with the light of knowledge through the descent of the Holy Spirit forsaking all worldly wickedness. Enlighten **his/her** mind that **he/she** may realize the vanity of this world and become worthy to be born again, with the birth which is from on high and is of water and spirit. May **he/she** be counted among the sheep of the True Shepherd and be sealed with the sign of the Holy Spirit. May **he/she** become an honorable member of Your Holy Church and offer praise and glory to † You and to Your only begotten Son and to Your Holy Spirit now and always, forever and ever. *People:* Amen

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HYMN (YUHANON SOVO)

(Tune: Yuhanon njetti...)

Deacon: **The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

John was filled with fear; Jordan did tremble
Seraphim cried out, “Holy, Holy, Holy God
He who comes for bap-ti-sm.”

John was in awe. The River Jordan trembled. The Seraphim cried out, “Holy, Holy, Holy is God, The One who comes for Baptism.”

Deacon: **He leads me besides the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His Name’s sake.**

(fast) **He who** hallows Seraphim - Hallows the waters
He came for - Baptism - And gave new life to the
Children of Adam- by washing in water and - Spi-rit.
Barekmor.

He who hallows the Seraphim, came for baptism, blessed the waters and gave new life to the children of Adam by washing/baptism in water and spirit.

Priest :- † Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Glory to our God, Who through divine pow’r
In water and spi-rit, gladdened children of Adam,
Those who had decayed -in- sin.

Glory to the Father, and to the Only Begotten Son, and to the Holy Spirit Who by Divine power through water and spirit has gladdened the children of Adam who have decayed in sin.

Deacon: Stomen Kalos.

People: Kurielaison.

Priest: Let us all pray and beseech of the Lord, for grace and mercy.

People: O Merciful Lord, have mercy on us and help us.

Priest: Glory and thanksgiving, praise and adoration, and exaltation unceasing, truly at all times and at all hours, may we ascribe unto You, O Lord!

Priest: Praise be to Him, the Lord, who is the true and ineffable Light, who by His divine wisdom instituted and sanctified the sacrament of baptism for His spiritual flock. To Him is due all glory, honor and dominion with His Father and His Holy Spirit now at the time of the baptism of His servant and at all times and seasons and hours and all the days of our life, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

SEDRO

Priest: O Christ our God, Who did become man that You might renew Adam, Your image, who had grown old and worn out by sin, and cleanse and purify him in the font of holy baptism. You have saved us from the depths of sins and have invited us to observe Your holy commandments. You have introduced us to Your spiritual flock and by the life-giving voice proclaimed and said: “Wash yourselves and be pure. Wash away the iniquities from your hearts.” You have led us to the floods of salvation and to the wellspring of new life. O Lord, now bless this servant who has approached You to receive the seal of life so that it may preserve **him/her**. Introduce **him/her** to Your flock, and number **him/her** among Your sheep. May the light of Your countenance shine upon **him/her**, make **him/her** a son to Your Father, and make **him/her** worthy of the new birth. Remove the old man from **him/her**; clothe **him/her** with the imperishable robe. Give **him/her** full growth and stature so that through a calm and quiet life, **he/she** may become

ETHRO

Priest: Unto the abundance of Your mercies, O Lord, we offer You this sweet incense on behalf of this Your servant who has come to receive holy baptism, that **he/she** may be sealed by You unto everlasting life and may become a member of Your household and may adhere to Your holy commandments. And we will lift up praise and thanksgiving to † You and to Your Father and to Your Holy Spirit, now and always and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN (SOOMORO)

(Tune: Neerthoden...)

As a deer longs for flowing streams
So my soul longs for you, O God

*Paul, the Blessed Saint, The Lord's Apostle, said
If one comes to preach to you, Other doctrine than we knew,
Be he man or angel bright, Curs'd be he in Church's sight;
Doctrines all diverse arise, Shooting up with many lies;
Blest is he who first and last, Trusts God's truth and holds it fast.*

EPISTLE READING

Deacon: The Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans *Ahai-Barekmor*.

People: Glory be to the Lord of the Apostle, and may His mercy be upon us forever.

(Romans 5:20-6:11)

Deacon: Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in

sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ahai-Barekmor

HYMN (PETHGOMO)

Halleluiah – Halleluiah.

Cleanse – me with hyssop, and I shall be clean Wash me,
I shall be whiter than snow – **Halleluiah**

Deacon: Barekmor. With calmness and reverence and with sober minds, let us give heed and listen to the Proclamation of the living words of God, in the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, that is read to us.

GOSPEL READING

Priest: † **Peace be unto you all.**

People: May the Lord God make us worthy, with your spirit

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the life-giving proclamation from St. Luke, the Evangelist, and St. John, the Apostle, who publish the good news of life and salvation to the world.

People: Blessed is He Who has come, and is to come in the name of the Lord. Praise be to Him who sent Him for our salvation. May His grace and mercy be upon us all, forever.

Priest: Now in the time of the Incarnation of our Lord and our God and our Savior Jesus Christ, The Word of Life, God Incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary, these things did come to pass in this manner. †

People: So we believe and confess.

Priest: *(Luke 3:15-21)*³

Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison. When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized;

³ The Koodashakramam appoints Romans 5:20-6:4 and St. Luke 3:15,16; St. John 3:5-6; The Lectionary (MOC Publications 2003 ed., p. 78), however, indicates the longer selections included herein.

and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “**You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.**”

(John 3:1-8)

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Priest: † **Peace be unto you all.**

HYMN (MANEESO)

(Tune: Paadayan thinmakale...)

Wash me of my iniquities, O Lord!
Hy-ssop also shall never cleanse my sins
Mosaic water does not remo-ve them
Only sprinkling in Divine baptismal font-
And Your great mercy can wash - my - sins!

Deacon: Kurielaison.

Wash me thoroughly from my sins. Even hyssop is not able to wash me clean from the sins I have committed. The symbolic water according to the Law is also not enough to wash me from my sin. Yet, it is only possible through the sprinkling in the Divine Baptismal font and your great mercy.

SILENT PRAYER

*Priest: Giver of light who enlightens the bodies and souls, who said, "From darkness light shall shine forth," who gave blissful purification by the water of salvation, and granted divine consecration through the holy oil and unity with our Lord Jesus Christ by receiving His Holy Body and Blood. O merciful Lord, who has called this Your servant, by divine invitation, from the darkness of deception to the way of life-giving teachings; we beseech You Lord, to inscribe **his/her** name in the Book of Life.*

(WRITE NAME IN BAPISTMAL REGISTER)

*Count **him/her** among the congregation of your worshippers, and may the light of Your countenance shine on him/her. May the victorious Cross of Jesus Christ be sealed in **his/her** heart and mind that **he/she** may flee from the vanities of this world and escape all the wickedness of the adversary by keeping Your divine commandments.*

PRAYER

*Priest: Grant **him/her**, O Lord Your divine breath, which Your Only Begotten Son breathed upon His holy disciples.*

[The Priest breathes on the face of the child thrice, in the form of a Cross] ❖❖❖

Drive away from **his/her** mind the residues of idolatry. Prepare **him/her** to receive Your Holy Spirit and new birth through water and Spirit. Make **him/her** worthy of the remission of sins through Your Only Begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; with Him and with Your Holy Spirit glory and honor and power are due to You; now and at all times, forever and ever. *P: Amen.*

[And the priest turns to the candidate and signs on his/her forehead three times without oil saying:]

Priest: **[Name]** is signed

Deacon: Barekmor:

Priest: † In the name of the Father

People: Amen.

Priest: † And of the Son

People: Amen.

Priest: † And of the living and Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting

People: Amen.

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Deacon:

Kurielaison.

SILENT PRAYER

Priest: I call upon You, Lord God Almighty, through Your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Drive away, O Lord, all the evil sprits and banish all their opposing and secret works so that, by the abiding of Your Holy Spirit, this soul that has been presented unto You may be received with purity and holiness. Shine forth, O Lord, and grant power to the words of faith which are pronounced in the name of Your Anointed One. May we not speak with vain lips, but with Your grace and with Your power, which delivers the world from the evil one.

PRAYER OF ADJURATION (EXORCISM)

[Now the priest turns to the West towards the candidate and the candidate turns to the East, and he pronounces over them this PRAYER OF ADJURATION, and he makes nine signs of the Cross over them saying:]

Priest: We call upon You, O Lord our God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, while we lay our hand upon this Your child whom we seal in Your Holy and exalted Name. May all demons, and unclean spirits be driven away from Your child and image, who is Your creation and the work of your hands. Hear us O Lord and cleanse this Your servant from the snares of the adversary.

Listen ✠ to me, you perverse, unclean and rebellious one who oppresses this creature of God.

Enemy of righteousness who violates the holy and divine law, I adjure ✠ you by the glory of the great king and command you to depart with dread and be subject to the authority of the Almighty Lord by Whose command the earth is firmly founded on the waters, and the sand is placed as the boundary for the seas.

I adjure you ✠ by God, Who has all authority in heaven and on earth, by Him Who created all things and by Whose providence they are preserved, by Him Who sustains the heavenly beings and strengthens those who are on the earth.

I adjure you ✠ in the name of the Redeemer Who sent the legion of demons into swine and drowned them in the water. I adjure you in the name of God Who drowned the hard-hearted Pharaoh, his horsemen, and chariots in the depths of the sea.

I adjure you ✠ by Jesus Christ, Who with power and divine authority ordered the deaf and dumb spirit saying: “Get out of the man and dare not enter into him again.”

Stand in fear of the dreadful name of God ✠ of Whom the created angels and archangels tremble; in Whose presence all the heavenly powers and ministers stand in awe; Whom the cherubim and seraphim dare not behold; in Whose presence the sky trembles and the depths shiver; the heavenly hosts worship Him with reverence and the whole universe declares His glory.

Stand in fear of the dreadful name of God ✠ Who fastened the first rebellious one in chains of darkness and sent him to hell.

Stand in fear of the judgment to come; tremble and depart. Do not approach or afflict this creature of God. ✠ Dwell not in God's creation, for it is not the dwelling place of demons, but the temple and dwelling place of the Living God Who said: "I shall dwell in them, and walk with them; I shall be their God and they shall be my people." As for you, O evil spirit, He has made you detestable and void of virtues and fuel for the unquenchable fire.

I adjure you by God ✠ Who is holy and victorious, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, depart from this servant of God and go to the pathless deserted lands where there is no water, where your dwelling place should be. Make haste, protest not: may you be uprooted and perish completely.

Be banished from God's creation, O you accursed one, unclean spirit, spirit of deception and fuel for the unquenchable flames. Make haste, and do not resist. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shall eradicate you and drive you out from His creation that you be destroyed and tormented in the tormenting fire. Whereas, He shall preserve His servant, the work of His hands till the day of salvation. All power and authority belong to Him, and to Him we lift up glory and honor now and at all times, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

AN ALTERNATE PRAYER OF ADJURATION

Priest: In Your holy name, O Lord God, I seal and cast out from this Your creation all the evil and wicked spirits. ❖ ❖ ❖. Depart, deceitful and rebellious one, and let Your servant be purified from deceitful spirits. Fear O unclean spirit, ❖ ❖ ❖ the coming judgment. Do not assail the creature of God, because **he/she** is not the dwelling place of demons, but is the temple of God. I adjure you ❖ ❖ ❖ in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to be uprooted and expelled. O unclean spirit, make haste and do not resist.

People: Amen

[The candidate is made to turn to the West and the priest turns towards the East. The Godfather/Godmother renounces Satan three times while he/she holds the left hand of the one being baptized with his/her left hand and repeats this vow three times:]

Godparent: I, **[Name]** who am being baptized, renounce you Satan, your armies, your messengers, **all the fear of you, and all of your deceitfulness.**

[The face of the candidate is turned to the East and the Priest turns to the West, while the Godfather/Godmother holds the right hand of the candidate with his/her right hand, and says the profession of faith three times:]

Godparent: I, **[Name]** who am being baptized, confess and believe in You, Lord Jesus Christ and in all the doctrines which You have divinely entrusted to the Prophets, the Apostles, and the Holy Fathers.

[The Godfather/Godmother repeats the following three times after the priest:]

Godparent: I have renounced Satan and I have confessed in Lord Jesus Christ. (3)

[The priest begins the Nicene Creed]

Priest: We believe in one true God

People: the Father Almighty / Maker of heaven and earth / and of all things, visible and invisible/

And in the One Lord Jesus Christ / the only-begotten Son of God / begotten of the Father / before all worlds / Light of Light / True God of True God / begotten, not made / being of one essence with the Father / and by whom all things were made/ †Who for us men / and for our Salvation / came down from heaven/ † And was incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary / Mother of God / by the Holy Spirit / and became Man/ †and was crucified for us / in the days of Pontius Pilate / and suffered, and died / and was buried/ And the third day rose again / according to His will / and ascended into heaven / and is seated on the right hand of His Father / and is coming again in His great glory / to judge both the living and the dead / whose kingdom shall have no end/

And in the One living Holy Spirit / the Life-giving Lord of all / who proceeds from the Father / and who with the Father and the Son / is worshipped and glorified / who spoke by the prophets and the Apostles/

And in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church / And we acknowledge one Baptism / for the remission of sins / And look for the resurrection of the dead / and the new life in the world to come. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Priest: O Lord, You sent Your Holy Spirit and created this Your servant from nothingness and brought **him/her** into existence. **He/she** has been made worthy of Holy Baptism through Your love of mankind. Establish **him/her** on the foundation of the holy Apostles, and plant

him/her as a true sapling in Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon **him/her** so that **he/she** may be worthy of the sacramental anointing. Fill **him/her** with Your divine gifts. Make Your light shine in the heart of this Your worshipper, so that **he/she** may be free from the slavery of sin.

[Now the priest puts his thumb into the oil of anointing (Siath/blessed olive oil) and signs the one being baptized on his/her forehead, saying:]

Priest: [Name] is sealed with the oil of gladness, that he/she may be worthy of adoption as son by being born again;

Deacon: Barekmor:

Priest: † In the name of the Father

People: Amen.

Priest: † And of the Son

People: Amen.

Priest: † And of the living and Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting

People: Amen.

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[The priest stands before the baptismal font. He takes warm water in his right hand and cold water in his left hand and he places the right hand over the left in the form of a Cross and says this prayer while mixing this water:]

Priest: Through the supplication of our feebleness, O Lord, we pray that this water may be mixed with the power and operation of Your Holy Spirit, so that this may be a spiritual womb and a crucible which brings forth incorruptibility. May this water be to Your servant, who is being baptized, the garment of incorruptibility and deliverance from the bonds of sins. For You are the giver of all good gifts, and to † You we offer glory, and to Your Only-Begotten Son and to Your Holy Spirit now and forever and ever.

People: Amen

[The priest covers the baptismal font with sosapa.]

HYMN (KUKOYO)

(Tune: Ke-lpin boothala...)

Listen - to this all people – Halleluiah

هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا كَمَا كَانُوا
أَقْرَبُوا مَعَهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ

1. The wa-ter was mixed by John for Ba-ptism
Christ went - down in the river, sanctify-ing it
As He came up – out of the water
Earth and heaven – gave honor to Him.
Sun and - moon did worship him, the clouds did a-dore
The Lord – was baptized and did bless all the waters
Halleluiah – Through them compassion

O, come and listen to me – Halleluiah

2. Who has – ever seen no-ble sisters, such as these
Holy – and pure Baptism and the Holy - Church
One gives birth to – spiritual children
While the other nurtures these new ones
All those born from the water – in Ba-ptism
The Church - receives and offers them unto the Lord
Halleluiah, born in the Spirit. **Barekmor.**

Priest: - † **Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost Halleluiah**

Listen to all this, All People! Halleluiah!

John mixed the waters for baptism. Christ sanctified the waters and went down into and was baptized in them. As He came up out of the water, the earth and heaven gave honor to Him. The sun and moon worship Him and the clouds adore Him, the Lord who was baptized and who sanctified all waters for the purification of the world. Haleluiah Through them, let there be compassion for all.

Come, Listen to me – Halleluiah!

Who has ever seen two noble sisters, such as the pure Baptistery and the Holy Church; the one gives birth to the new spiritual children and the other nurtures them; whomsoever the Baptistery bears from the water, the Holy Church receives and presents to the altar, Halleluiah, born in the Spirit.

[Priest removes sosappa from over the baptismal font and waves it over waters]

3. How great it is when the priest extends his right hand
Opening the font, astoun-**d**ing holy Angels
Behold mortal – standing above flames
He calls out to- the Holy Spirit
His desires are fulfilled when - the Spirit **d**escends
Sancti-fying waters for forgiveness of sins.
Halleluiah – o - Halleluiah

Unto the ages of ages, and for ever more Halleluiah

4. The Baptismal font became a fountain of life
When Father, Son, and Holy Spirit hallowed it.
 Father proclaimed – “My beloved Son”
 Son bowed down His - head for Baptism
Holy – Spirit descended on Him like – a dove
Holy – Trinity, Who gives - life to the whole world
 Halleluiah – in this we believe. **Morio rahem ...**

How miraculous is the time when the priest stretches out his hands and opens the Baptismal font! The heavenly hosts are astounded to behold the mortal standing above the flame. He calls upon the Holy Spirit to descend from above. His desire is hastily fulfilled when the Holy Spirit sanctifies the Baptistery for the remission of sins. Halleluiah, Halleluiah

When the Baptistery was sanctified by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, it became a fountain of life. The Father’s voice was heard saying, “This is my beloved Son.” The Son was bending His head to be baptized and the Holy Spirit was descending upon Him like a dove. Holy Trinity by Whom the worlds gained life, Halleluiah, Halleluiah.

Deacon: Kurielaison

SILENT PRAYER

Priest: You have given us, O Lord, the wellspring of true purification, which removes stains and marks of sins. Even now O Lord, through the intercession of us sinners, grant Your divine breath which Your Only Begotten Son breathed on His holy disciples.

PRAYER

Priest: Because You are the Savior and the Purifier and the Giver of all good things, we offer praise to † You and to Your Only Begotten Son and to Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

[Now the priest breathes three times upon the water in the form of a cross, from west to east and from south to north, praying loudly:]

Priest: Lord, turn to this water and sanctify it. ❖❖❖

Deacon: Kurielaison.

SILENT PRAYER

Priest: *O Lord, may the head of the dragon, the murderer of mankind, be crushed ❖ under the sign of Your cross. ❖ We pray to You, O Lord: Drive away from this water all the aerial and invisible demons and let not the evil spirit of darkness be hidden in this water, ❖ nor the unclean spirit of obscurity that causes mortal troubles and mental disturbance, be allowed to go down into this water with this child who is to be baptized. Put away from **him/her** all the operations of the adversary.*

PRAYER

Priest: Therefore, Your Church and Your flock redeemed by Your † Cross stand by the waters of the River Jordan humbly beseeching You and Your Father saying:

People: Have mercy on us, O God Father Almighty.

Priest: O Lord, we Your weak and sinful servants, while receiving Your grace, raise up thanks and praise unto You for all Your gifts and blessings.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Deacon: Barekmor. How awesome is this hour! How fearful is this time, my beloved, wherein the Living Holy Spirit takes wing and descends from the topmost heights of heaven and broods and rests upon this water of the baptismal font, and sanctifies it. With calmness and awe, therefore stand and pray.

People: Peace be with us and good-will be to us all.

SILENT PRAYER

[The priest bows, flutters his hands over the water and calls down the Holy Spirit:]

Priest: *Have mercy on us, O God Father Almighty; and send Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water which is being sanctified, from Your prepared dwelling place and from Your boundless bosom. He is Personal), and pre-eminent, the Lord and life-giver. He spoke through the Law and the Prophets and the Apostles. He is present in all places, fills all space, and perfects in holiness those who obey Your perfect will, not as a servant but as Lord, pure in nature, working in myriad ways, and is the well spring of spiritual gifts. He is consubstantial with You, proceeds from You and takes from Your Son. He is equal on the throne of Your Kingdom to You and to Your only begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*O Lord, turn Your face upon this water and consecrate it by the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit. Grant that this child, who is prepared for baptism, may be completely changed by taking off the old man which is corrupted by the lusts of vanity, and putting on the new man which is renewed by the image of **his/her** creator.*

Priest: Answer me, O Lord; answer me, O Lord; answer me, O Lord, and have pity and mercy on me.

Deacon: Kurielaison, Kurielaison, Kurielaison.

[At every invocation, the priest makes a sign of the cross on the water:]

Priest: O Lord God Almighty, hallow these waters and make them waters of refreshment, waters of happiness and rejoicing, waters which symbolize the Death and Resurrection of Your Only Begotten Son, and waters of sanctification. ✠ **People:** Amen.

Priest: Hallow these waters for the purification of the defilements of the body and soul, for the releasing from all bondage, for the remission of sins, and for the enlightenment of soul and body. ✠ *People:* Amen.

Priest: Hallow these waters for the washing of rebirth, for the gift of adoption as son of God, for the robe of incorruption, and for the renewal by Your Holy Spirit. ✠

People: Amen.

[The priest raises the vessel of the Holy Chrism and moves it over the water crosswise three times, saying:]

Priest: The waters saw You, O God, the waters saw You and were afraid. (*Ps. 77:17*) *Deacon:* Halleluiah.

Priest: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the glorious God thundered. *Deacon:* Halleluiah.

Priest: The Lord is over the great waters. (*Ps. 29:3*)

Deacon: Halleluiah.

Priest: † Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and always for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

[The Priest pours Holy Chrism into the water in the sign of a Cross saying:]

Priest: We pour the Holy Chrism into this water of baptism that the old man be regenerated.

Deacon: Halleluiah:

Priest: † In the name of the Father *People:* Amen.

Priest: † And of the Son *People:* Amen.

Priest: † And of the living and Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting

People: Amen.

اُغْبِئْ مَدُونَهُ، فَبَعْرُ حَلَا صَبِيرًا هُكْمَ وَصَحْفَهُ وَنَدَا
 اُنْحَرِ وَنَدَابًا صَدَهُ، كُنْعًا حَلْفًا حَسْبًا؛ †
 * اَقْلَمَهُ † حَقْلًا وَاطْرًا † اَصَمَّ † هُوَكُ؛ †
 اَصَمَّ † هُوَوَسْرُ سُرًا فَبَعْرُ حَسِيرًا وَحَلْمَ
 حَلْمَ † اَصَمَّ †

Deacon: Kurielaison.

SILENT PRAYER

Priest: O Lord God, You sent Your Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and sanctified the rushing streams of the Jordan. Now, O Lord, send Your Holy Spirit and perfect this Your servant who is being baptized, and make him/her a partaker of Your Christ and sanctify him/her by Your holy and redeeming cleansing.

PRAYER

Priest: As this child becomes triumphant and renewed into the incorruptible and blissful life, may **he/she** be worthy to be filled with the manifold gifts of grace and the power of the Holy Spirit. Along with **him/her** we confess and praise † You and Your Only Begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto you all. (†)

People: And with your spirit.

The priest fluttering and waving his right hand over water says in a loud voice each time making the sign of the cross on the water:

Priest: This water is blessed and sanctified so that it may be for the divine washing of rebirth. **Deacon:** Barekmor.

Priest: In the name of the Living Father ✠, unto life eternal –Amen.

(B'shem Aabo ✠ Hayo l'Haye...Amen)

In the name of the Living Son ✠, unto life eternal – Amen.

(B'shem Bro ✠ Hayo l'Haye... Amen)

In the name of the Living and Holy Spirit ✠, unto life eternal – Amen.

(B'shem Rooho Hayo w'Kaadisho ✠ l'Haye D' l'olam ol'min

صَدَقَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَصَفَّقَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ
وَصَدَّقَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَصَفَّقَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ
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وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ

[Then the priest makes the candidate descend into the baptismal font, and the priest stands on the East facing the West and the face of the candidate is to the East towards the face of the priest. The priest then places his right hand on the head of the candidate, and with his left hand he takes the baptismal water and pours it over the head of the candidate: he takes first from his [i.e. the candidate's] front and pours it over his head, then takes it from behind him and pours it over his head, and then takes from his left and right sides together and pours it over the head, saying:]

خَصَّبْتُ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ
وَسَلَّمَ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ
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وَسَلَّمَ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ وَبِهَوْنٍ كَمَسَتْ اِيَّاهُ

Priest: For the hope of life and for the remission of sins
[Name] is being baptized: **Deacon:** Barekmor:

Priest: † In the name of the Father **People:** Amen.

Priest: † And of the Son **People:** Amen.

Priest: † And of the living and Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting

People: Amen.

[And then the priest lifts up the baptized and gives him to his Godmother/Godmother. The Deacons say this QOLO to the tune of "The Two Worlds, O Lord:"]

HYMN (AL HODE MAMOODEESO)

(Tune: Ninnu mahimayoda...)

The King's daughter stands in glory

O Holy Church, receive now this lovely little lamb, who is born again through water and spirit in Baptism.

O daughter! Look, listen and incline your ear!

John, son of Zachariah, thus spoke concerning Holy Baptism, "I baptize in water, but the One Who is coming, does so in Spirit."

Come in peace O lamb, child of baptism, one born of water anew in the name of the Holy Trinity!

Gideon gathered his men for warfare by the waters. So also, did Christ gather His worshippers through the waters of baptism.

King's daughter stands in glory

كَلَّا صَلَاحُ صُفْصِلَ مَمَّه

Receive now, O Sacred Church, This lamb pure and innocent
Born to the Holy Spirit, From waters of Baptism

O, daughter, listen, look and incline Your ear!

مَمَّه كَلَّا سُرُؤْ هَرْكُؤْ اِبْرُؤْ

Speaking of this Baptism, John – son of Skariah spoke thus,
"I do baptize in water, He who comes – does in – Spirit."

Barekmor

Priest :- † **Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

Come in peace, O newborn lamb, Come, O Child of baptism,
Born from within the water, In the Name of Trinity

Unto the ages of ages, and for ever more.

From the waters Gideon, Did gather men for warfare
From waters of Baptism, Christ did gather worshippers.

Morio rahem ...

[And the priest takes the bottle of Chrism in his hand and he says this prayer standing upright:]

Priest: O Lord may this Your servant, who by faith and baptism has been counted among Your servants, become worthy to receive this seal and sign in Your Holy name. Grant O Lord, that **he/she** may be spiritually filled with the sweet fragrance through this Chrism, that **he/she** may become free from the rule of the hostile powers and may not be afraid of evil powers and the rulers of darkness. Show **him/her** the way to walk in the light of Your commandments that **he/she** may be worthy to become the son of Your light and by following that light **he/she** may reach Your holy presence.

[Now the priest turns to the baptized and dipping his thumb into the Chrism, signs him/her on the forehead in the form of a Cross saying:]

صَفْوُهُ، فَبَعْرُ كَصَفْوَهُا وَتَسْرُ وَصَعْنَسْرُ نُسْرُ
هَلْحُرُ وَاقْصَبْلُ وَهْرُ؛ هَعْمَلْنُرُ وَهَقْأَكُرُ
وَوَسْرُ فَبَعْرُ فُأَلْحُرُ * فَكُ * كَصَصْرُ * كَعْمَلُ
وَأَكُرُ * أَصْرُ * هَوْكُرُ * أَصْرُ * هَوْوَسْرُ سُرُ
فَبَعْرُ حَسِيرُ وَحَلْحَمُ خَلْصَمُ * أَصْرُ *

Priest: By the Holy Chrism, which is the sweet fragrance of Christ, the mark and sign of true faith and the perfection of the gift of the Holy Spirit, **[Name]** is sealed

Deacon: Barekmor:

Priest: † In the name of the Father **People:** Amen.

Priest: † And of the Son. **People:** Amen.

Priest: † And of the living and Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting

People: Amen.

[Then, he anoints the baptized person with Chrism from head to toe- the entire body]

HYMN (MESHAKO-DA-KUDISHO)

(Tune: Deivam chonnan...)

God said: "Let Aaron be anointed with the Oil of Holiness, and henceforth be consecrated." (made holy) Now, this innocent lamb, who has come for baptism, is being anointed likewise.

Truly this is the Holy Oil used to anoint this lamb, who has received baptism. The Holy Spirit blesses and openly marks this child through divine descent.

Spiritual Lamb, you have been anointed in the Name of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that you may put on the garment of glory from the water.

The Lord God spoke - A-noint Aaron with
Sacred Chrism - to consecrate him.
So, this lamb is - ano-inted with the
Sacred Chrism - as he (she) is baptized. **Barekmor.**

Priest :- † Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost

People: Unto the ages of ages, and for ever more.

[The priest leads him/her to the Sanctuary and crowns him/her with a crown and says:]

Priest: O Lord God, crown this Your servant with splendor and glory. Grant that **his/her** life be pleasing to Your majesty and be for the glory of Your holy Name, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit now and forever and ever.

People: Amen.

HYMN (SOOGEEESO)

(Tune: ... قَرَانُ وَالْأُحْصَاةُ)

Belov'd! - sing praise to the Son - Lord of all
Who binds - to you the Crown which - Kings desired
Your robe - shines as bright as snow-and your -
Beauty, sur-passes that of - Ri-ver Jordan
You rose - like an angel from - the bap-ti-smal,
Font - By strength of the Ho-ly Spirit
On your - head is placed an un - fading crown
Today, you wear the- glory - of Adam
Belo -ved, receive heaven - ly blessings
Beware, - lest Satan should take them- from - you
Your bright - garments are fitting - to your crown
That binds - the firstborn to you - through the priest

[Here, the candidate is given Holy Qurbana]

The fruit - Adam did not taste - in Para-dise is
Placed with joy today - in your mouth
Depart - in peace, O son of - baptism
Worship the † Cross which always protects you
Glory to the Father, thanks-giving to - the Son
Worship, honor to - the Spirit.

قَرَأُوا وَلَا تُحَمِّدُوا إِذْ تَرَوُنَّ حَقْوِي وَمَا * هُوَ صِدْقٌ حَقٌّ
 لَلْأَسْمَاءِ حَسْبُهَا * رَحْمَةٌ كَرِيمَةٌ كَرِيمَةٌ
 حَقٌّ * هُوَ كَرِيمٌ وَأَمَّا صِدْقٌ كَرِيمٌ *
 هُوَ كَرِيمٌ كَرِيمٌ كَرِيمٌ كَرِيمٌ * هُوَ كَرِيمٌ
 وَمَا هُوَ كَرِيمٌ *

Feero-th lo thame, Odom-b Pardaiso, Yameeno b-foomoq
 ethseem-b hadooso. Sel lok baslomo bar mamodeeso,
 vasgood Lasleebo-th hooyoo-m nathar lok. Subaho le
 Labo thaudeeso Labaro, Valrooho th-kudiso segtho
 rumaromo.

O beloved one, sing praise to the Son, who is the Lord of all who binds to you the Crown which was desired by the Kings

Your garment dazzles like bright snow and your beauty surpasses that of the River Jordan.

You have ascended today from the baptismal font in likeness of the angels by the power of the Holy Spirit.

An unfading crown is now placed upon your head, and today, you wear the glory of the house of Adam.

Receive the heavenly blessings, beloved (brothers); Safeguard, lest the Evil One should take it from you

Behold, Your radiant garments are becoming to your crown that binds the firstborn to you through the priest today

The crown that was given to you first by the priest is worthy and your garments radiant!

The fruit which Adam had never tasted in Paradise, is today placed in your mouth with rejoicing.

*Depart in peace, O son of baptism! Worship the Cross that keeps you
 Glory to the Father, Thanksgiving to the Son, and worship and
 exaltation to the Holy Spirit!*

HOOTHOMO (CONCLUDING PRAYER)

Priest: May God the Father be with you, and the adorable Son protect you and the Holy Spirit, Whom you have put on bring you to perfection and deliver you from all deceit, and may the baptism you have received abide with you forever and ever. *People:* Amen.

PRAYER OF DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace as we commend you to the grace and mercy of the Holy Trinity with the Holy Chrism you have received from the atoning baptism of Christ our God, forever and ever. *People:* Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE CROWN AFTER SEVEN DAYS

Priest: O Lord, by the grace of the spiritual mother, which is the adoption as the child of God, You have perfected this Your servant to become a **brother/sister** of Your Only Begotten Son. We humbly beseech You to guide **him/her** by your life-giving wisdom to the godly life of Your Gospel. May **he/she** increase in wisdom and stature that **he/she** may be worthy to receive the crown which You have prepared in Your heavenly kingdom for those who have virtuously departed. By the laying aside of this crown, may **he/she** not be deprived the help of Your right hand, but may **he/she** be protected, strengthened and nourished, and be worthy to receive the crown of the calling from above and offer praise to You, and to Your Only Begotten Son, and to Your Holy Spirit Who is of one essence with You, now and forever and ever. ❖❖❖

People: Amen.