Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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Simple Byzantine chant version

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

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

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

Adapted from Stepan V. Smolensky (1848 - 1909)
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The Great Litany

Simple Byzantine chant version

A - men. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Traditional Byzantine chant version - Tone 8

A - men. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

To thee, O Lord. A - men.

(If there is no deacon, while the priest is saying the prayer after the Litany, "O compassionate and merciful God," the chanters/choir may sing the following quietly & slowly, repeating as needed.)

Ky - ri - e, e - le - - son._
Lord, have mer - - - - - cy.
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Priest: . . . unto ages of ages.  Priest: Peace be to all.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.  Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

To thee, O Lord.  Lord, have mercy.  Amen.

Byzantine chant version

Amen.  And to thy spirit.  To thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.  Amen.
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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.

(Use as needed, after each petition.)

Byzantine chant version

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Byzantine Tone 8. Sung not too quickly. See below for the chant version.

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

Christ our God, plenteous in mercy.

Note: Following the singing or chanting of "Vouchsafe unto me..." the Katavasiae of the Cross are chanted for the remainder of the clothing of the newly-baptized.
A cross did Moses inscribe, when with an upright stroke of his rod he divided the Red Sea for Israel, who went on foot; then he turned and smote the sea, once again uniting it o'er Pharaoh's chariots, with transverse stroke portraying the invincible weapon. Wherefore, let us praise in song Christ our God; for He truly is glorified.

The rod is perceived as a figure of the Mystery, for by its blossoming it showed who was chosen to be priest. And for the Church that formerly was barren hath the Wood of the Cross now blossomed forth unto strength and steadfastness.
I have hearkened and heard, O Lord, of thy dispensation's most awesome mystery; and I came to knowledge of Thy works, and I sang the praise of Thy Divinity.

O Tree divine and thrice-blessed! whereon Christ God was outstretched, though He is King and Lord of all. He who once had through the tree wrought wicked beguilement, fell himself because of thee, ensnared when God was nailed unto thee in our mortal flesh, He Who granteth peace unto our souls.
When Jonah, who was in the belly of the sea monster, stretched forth his hands in the form of a cross, he prefigured the saving Passion manifestly. Hence also, when he came forth on the third day, he indicated the supernal Resurrection of Christ God, Who was crucified in the flesh and enlightened the world by His Arising on the third day.

Ode 7


But the Three Chil-dren were not struck with fear by
rage wild and bestial, nor by roaring fire; but in an echoing and dew-besprinkling breeze, they stood amidst the fire and sang: O Thou supremely praised God of our Fathers and our God, forever art Thou blessed.

Ode 8

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

O ye Children, equal in number to the Trinity, bless ye God the Father and Creator; praise ye the Word, Who descended and changed the fire into dew; and supremely exalted the All-holy Spirit, Who grant-eth life unto all for ever.
Ode 9

O The-otokos, thou art a mysti-cal par-a-dise, which being un-tilled hath blos-somed forth Christ, by Whom the life-bring-ing Tree of the Cross was plant-ed in the earth. In wor-ship-ping Him now through its el-e-va-tion, thee do we mag-ni fy.
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As many as have been baptized into Christ

have put on Christ. Alleluia!

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

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

have put on Christ. Alleluia!
As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Alleluia!
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As Many As Have Been Baptized

Traditional Antiochian melody

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As Many As Have Been Baptized

Sung 3 times

Professor Michael Hilko
(1905 - 1974)

A-men. As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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

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The Lord is my light and my salvation: Whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid?

Whom then shall I fear? shall I fear? shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid?

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.

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

Al-le-lu-ia. And to thy Spirit.

(To be sung before and after the Gospel)

Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.
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The Liturgy of the Word

13
Priest: Peace be to thee that readest.

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

14
Priest: Wisdom! ... Peace be to all.

(To be sung before and after the Gospel)

And to thy spir-it.
Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.

Byzantine chant, version 1

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Traditional Byzantine Tone 2

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

17

And to thy spir-it. Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to thee.

Byzantine chant, version 2

19
Ison
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

20

And to thy spir-it. Glo-ry to thee, O Lord, glo-ry to 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.
Priest: Peace be to all.

And to thy spirit. To thee, O Lord.

Priest: Bow your heads to the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Priest: ... unto ages of ages. (Use as needed.)

Byzantine chant version

And to thy spirit. To thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Final Litany and Dismissal

Adapted from the Russian by Professor Michael Hilko
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Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

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

A - men. Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, both now and ever and unto ages of a - ges.

A-men. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: May he ... and save us.

Father, bless. (Mas - ter, bless.) A - men.

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Byzantine chant version

Priest: ... unto ages of ages.

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

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

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

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

Priest: May he ... and save us.

Father, bless.
(Master, bless.) Amen.
God grant you
many years.

With joy!

God grant you
many years.

God grant you
many, many
years!

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