The Office of Holy Unction
(Version 4, June, 2019)

Tone 6
Plagal Second Mode

Alleluia
Dn. John El Massih

Verse 1: O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.
Verse 2: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak.

The Penitential Troparia
Dn. John El Massih

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and we are Thy people; we are all the work of Thy hands,

and we call upon Thy Name.

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

Open the doors of mercy unto us, O Blessed Theotokos;
in that we have set our hope in thee, may we not perish, but through thee be delivered from peril; for thou art the salvation of the Christian race.

The Canon
Ode 1

O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants suppling thee.
O Master, who with the oil of compassion dost ever cheer both the souls and bodies of mortals,
and dost guard the faithful with oil; be thou clement now to those who approach thee by means of oil.

O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

The whole earth is full of thy mercy, O Master; wherefore, we who today are mystically anointed with thine oil divine,
ask in faith that thine inestimable mercy may be granted us.
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

O Lov-er of man-kind, who in pit-y for thine ail-ing ser-vants, didst com-mand thine A-pos-tles to per-form thy sac-red unct-ion, do thou, through their en-treat-i es, have mer-cy on all by thy seal.

Both now and ev-er, and un-to a-ges of a-ges. A-men.

Thou on-ly Chas-te one, who didst bear the boun-ti-ful sea of Peace; by thy con-stant in-ter-ces-sion with God de-liv-er thy ser-vants from in-fir-mi-ties and griefs,

that they may mag-ni-fy thee cease-less-ly.
O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

Thou who alone art marvelous and merciful to faithful men; grant thy grace from above, O Christ, to those who are grievously afflicted.

O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

O Lord, who of yore for thy divine token that the flood had ceased, didst show forth an olive branch, by thy mercy save those who suffer.

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Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

With a lamp of light di-vine, in thy mer-cy, O Christ, il-lu-mine with a-
onting those who now with faith hast-en to thy mer-cy.

Both now and ev-er, and un-to a-ges of a-ges. A-men.

Gra-cious-ly look down from a-bove, O Moth-er of
the Cre-a-tor of all, and through thine
in-ter-ces-sions loose the bit-ter pangs of
those who are ill.
Since Thou art a divine river flowing with mercy, an infinite abyss of abundant compassion,

show the streams of Thy mercy and heal all men, O divine-ly merciful; bounti-ffly make the foun-tains of Thy great won-ders to pour forth,

wash-ing all. For ev-er flee-ing fer-vent-ly to Thee, we ask Thy grace, - O Sav-ior.
Kathisma

Byzantine Chant Tone 4
Special melody: Thou Who wast raised up

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

O Thou Physician and quick help of the suffering,

O Thou Deliverer and Savior of the ailing,

Who art the very Lord and Sovereign over all,

grant Thy gift of healing grace to Thy servant in sickness;

to him that hath greatly sinned show compassion and mercy,

and from his faults deliver him, O Christ, that he may

glorify Thy power and might divine.

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O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants suppling thee.

Thou, O Saviour, art incorruptible myrrh, emptied of thy grace and cleansing the world: divinely show pity and mercy to those who with faith anoint their bodily wounds.

Now that the senses of thy servants are signed with the seal of the
joy of thy mercy, O Master, make inaccessible and impenetrable the entry of all adverse powers.

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

Thou who lovest man didst bid the ailing to summon thy godly priests, and by their prayers and anointing with thine own oil to be saved; of thy mercy, save those who suffer.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
O all holy Theotokos ever virgin,
strong shelter and defense, thou haven and wall, both
ladder and partition, have mercy and pity on the sick; for they have fled to thee alone.

O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

Thou who art Good, an abyss of mercy; of thy compassion, O Merciful One, show mercy through thy mercy divine, on those who suffer.
O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

O Christ, who hast ineffably sanctified our souls and bodies by thy divine impress of sealing from above, with thine own hand heal us all.

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

O Lord exceeding good, who through thine inexpressible tenderness didst accept myrrh anointing from the harlot, have pity on thy servants.
Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All lauded pure, most gracious Sovereign

Lady, have mercy on those anointed with the oil divine, and save thy servants.

Omerciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants suppling thee.

O Lover of mankind, who by thy word didst show anointing is for kings, and the same through High Priests didst perform: save also those who suffer, by the seal of thy compassion.

Holy Unction Service - Ode 6
O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants suppling thee.

Let no interposition of malignant demons, O Saviour, touch the senses of those signed with divine anointing;

but hedge them about with the shelter of thy glory.

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

Stretch forth from on high thy hand, O thou who lovethest man, and having sanctified thine oil, O Saviour, impart it to thy servants unto healing and deliverance from all ills.
Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. A-men.

O Mother of thy Creator, in thy divine temple thou hast revealed thyself a fruitful olive tree, whereby the world is found filled with mercy. Therefore by the touching of thine intercessions save those who suffer.

Kontakion

Since Thou art the fount of mercy, O Supreme Good, deliver from all misfortune and adversity those who fall down before Thine ineffable mercy in their fervent faith, take away all their maladies, and grant them divine grace from on high, O compassionate Lord.
O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

Thou who in thy mercies and bounties, O Savior, only God, dost heal the passions of soul and contritions of body of all men, be thou physician for those who suffer from infirmities, and restore them.
When the heads of all are anointed with the oil of unction, grant those who seek the mercy of thy deliverance, O Christ, the delight of joy, bestowing on them thy rich mercies, O Lord.

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

Thy seal, O Saviour, against the demons is a sword; the entreaties of priests are a fire consuming the passions of the soul; wherefore, we who receive healing, with faith praise thee.
Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Mother of God, who within thy womb in god-like manner didst hold, and ineffably didst incarnate, him who holdeth all things in his grasp; propitiate him for those who suffer, we beseech thee.

O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

Ode 8

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Thou showest mercy on all men, O Saviour,
according to mercy mighty and divine: for which
cause we all are gathered here, O Master, mysticly
representing the condescension of thy mercies, and have brought in
faith the unction with oil unto the servants,
whom also do thou visit.

O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants
supplicating thee.

Troparion

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Stichos

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By the streams of thy mercy, O Christ, and through anointing by thy priests, wash away, in that thou art compassionate, O Lord, the ills and afflictions, and the assaults of maladies of those tormented by the stress of sufferings, that saved, they may glorify thee with thanksgiving.

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it.

For as much as thy mercy divine hath been decreed to us from above, O Mas-ter, as a sym-bol of con-de-scension and of joy; with-draw not thy mer-cy, nei-ther de-spise those who ev-er cry faith-ful-ly: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord.
Both now and ev - er, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A-men.

Na-ture re - ceived thy di - vine child - bear - ing, O Pure____ One,
as a crown most glo - ri - ous which crushed the hosts of foes, and van - quished
their do - min - ion. Where - fore, crowned with the fes - tal bright - ness
of thy grace, we ex - tol__ thee, O most laud - ed Sov-reign La - dy.

Ode 9

O mer - ci - ful Lord, hear - ken to the prayer of thy ser - vants
sup - pli - cat - ing thee.

Look down from heav - ven, O Boun - ti - ful One, and show thy
mer - cy un - to all. Thine as - sis - tance and thy strength be - stow on those
who draw near to thee, through the divine unction of thy priests, O thou who loveth mankind.

O merciful Lord, hearken to the prayer of thy servants supplicating thee.

O Saviour most good, rejoicing have we seen the oil divine, which through thy god-like descent thou hast received, and, above the merits of the recipients, hast symbolically imparted to those who have shared in the laver divine.

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

Beclem, have mercy, O Saviour, deliver from terrors and pains, deliver from the darts of the evil one the souls and bodies of thy servants; since thou art a merciful Lord, who healest by grace divine.

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

As thou receivest the hymns and supplications of thy servants, O Virgin, so do thou also deliver through thine intercessions, from harsh sufferings and pain, those who, through us, O all immaculate one, flee to thy sacred shelter.
It Is Truly Meet

Dn. John El Massih

It is tru-ly meet to bless thee, O The-o-to-kos,
who art ev-er-bless-ed and all-blame-less, and the Moth-er of our
God. More hon’-ra-ble than the Cher-ub-im,
and more glo-ri-ous be-yond com-pare than the Ser-a-phim,

thou who with-out corrup-tion bar-est God the Word, and art
tru-ly The-o-to-kos, we mag-ni-fy thee.

The Little Litany

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.
To Thee, O Lord. A-men.
In Thy mercy, let Thine eye look down upon our prayer to Thee, who in Thy holy house, O Christ, are come together on this day, with the divine Oil to anoint Thy servants who are ailing,

O Lord, Who art more than good.
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Tone 4 (not too slow)

Kazan

Lord, praise ye the Lord from the heavens,

praise ye Him in the heights, to Thee, O God,

God is due our song.

Praise ye Him all His angels,

praise ye Him all His hosts,

to Thee, O God, is due our song.
This glory shall be to all His saints.

1) Thou didst give Thy grace through Thine Apostles unto Thy holy oil to heal every disease and wound of all men, O Friend of man. Hence, through Thy divine oil, hallow and have mercy on them that draw-nigh with faith and fully cleanse them from all disease and pain, vouchsafe-ing unto them Thy joy and great delight incorruptible, Thou Who art easy to entreat, 

O our Lord most compassionate.
Praise ye God in His saints, praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Stichera

2) Look down out of Heaven, O incomprehensible Friend of man, and since Thou art compassionate, stretch forth Thine invisible hand to seal the senses with Thine Oil divine, of them that doth run to Thee with faith, asking forgiveness of every fault and sin. And grant them healing both of soul and body that they might glorify Thee with longing and fervent love,

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Verse (quicker)

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Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,

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praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

**Stichera**

3) By anointing with Thine Oil and through the touch of Thy priests, O Christ, do Thou sanctify from on high Thy servants, O Friend of man; rescue them from sickness;

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wash and make them clean from all mired defilement of the soul;

free them from stumbling-blocks full of treachery; console them in their pains, O Savior; drive away all adversities; make their troubles to disappear,

**E**

in Thy mercy and tender love.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

4) Thee, the purest Palace of the King, do I implore
fervently: O all-praised Maiden, cleanse my mind, polluted with every sin, filled with all defilement.

But, O Lady, make of it a delightful dwelling-place
for the divine-ly trans-scen-dent Tri-ni-ty; that

I, thy use-less servant, being saved, may hon-or and

mag-ni-fy thine im-meas-ra-ble mer-cy and

thy do-min-ion and sov-reign-ty.
Then, Holy God. Glory/Both now. All-holy Trinity. Glory/Both now. Our Father.
After "For thine is the Kingdom . . ." sing the following Troparion.

**Byzantine Tone 4**

**Special Melody: Be quick to anticipate**

O Christ, Who alone art quick to grant Thy help unto us, be quick now to show unto Thy suffering servants Thy visitation from Heaven's heights. Free them from diseases, bitter pains, and all sufferings; raise them up to praise and glorify Thee for ever, through Thy pure Mother's prayers for us all, O only Friend of man.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

To Thee, O Lord. Amen.

(After the Prayer of Oil is read by the priest, the following troparia are sung.
* Please note: According to the Arabic, Greek, and Slavonic texts, the first troparion to be sung after the Prayer of Oil is the following, without the final ending.)

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Byzantine Chant Tone 4
Special melody: *On this day thou hast appeared*

Be - ing blind - ed in_ the_ eyes_of my soul, O Sav - ior, I come un - to Thee, _ O

Christ, as did the man who was born blind.

And in re - pen - tance I cry to Thee: Of those in
dark - ness art Thou_ the most ra - diant_ Light.

Byzantine Chant Tone 3
Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

As of old_ Thou didst_ raise up the par - a - lytic, O

Lord_ God, by Thy God - like care_ and might,

raise up my soul which is pal - sied by di - verse

sins and trans - gres - sions and by un - seem - ly

deeds and acts, that, be - ing saved, I may al - so cry_ out:
O Compassionate Redeemer, O Christ God,
glory to Thy dominion and might.

To St. James, the Brother of God
As a Disciple of the Lord, O righteous one, thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr thou art never turned away.

As the Brother of God thou hast boldness. As a hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou intercede with Christ God that He save our souls.

The Word of God, the Father's Only begetten,
came down and dwelt here in our midst in these last times.

He then appointed thee as the first shepherd of

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all holy Jerusalem, and He made thee her teacher

and a faithful steward of lofty spiritual mysteries.

For this cause, as is meet, O wondrous James, O blest Apostle, we all praise and honor thee.

To St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker

Byzantine Chant Tone 3
Special Melody: On this day the Virgin

Thou, O righteous Nicholas, in Myra truly wast shown forth as a sacred minister

fulfilling Christ's holy Gospel; for thou didst lay down thy life for thy flock and people

and, O Saint, didst save the innocent from unjust death.
Wherefore, thou wast sanctified as a great initiate of the divine grace of God.

To St. Demetrius

Byzantine Chant Tone 3
Special Melody: Thy confession

A great champion hath the whole world found thee to be

when in grave perils; for thou dost put to flight the heathen,

O victorious one. As thou didst humble Laeus's arrogance and gavest boldness to Nestor in the stadium,

thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrius, do thou entreat Christ God that we be granted great mercy.
To St. Panteleimon

O holy prize-winner and healer Panteleimon,

intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

To the Unmercenary Healers

O Holy Unmercenarities and wonder-workers,

visit our infirmities; freely ye received,

freely give to us.
Who can tell thy mighty works, O virgin Saint? For thou pour-est forth miracles, and art a source of heal-ings, and thou dost in-ter-cede for our souls, as the The-o-logian and the friend of Christ.

O fer-vent ad-vo-cate, invi-ni-cible bat-tle-ment,

foun-tain of mer-cy, and shel-ter-ing re-treat for the world,

ear-nest-ly we cry to thee: La-dy Moth-er of God, hast-en thou, and save us from all im-per-il-ment; for thou a- lone art our speed-y pro-tect-tress.
Alleluaria for the Epistle Readings

After 1st Epistle, Tone 8

Verse: Of mercy and judgment will I sing unto Thee, O Lord.

After 2nd Epistle, Tone 5

Verse: Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing for ever.

After 3rd Epistle, Tone 2

Verse: In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me not be put to shame in the age to come.
Verse: With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and he was attentive unto me.

Verse: Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing for ever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth.

Verse: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.
After 7th Epistle, Tone 2

Verse: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend Thee.

Before and After the Gospel

The Litany After Each Gospel

Before and After Each Prayer

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During the Anointing

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; since we have a fountain of healing, O holy unmercenary, give healing to all who are in need of it, for ye have been vouchsafed the greatest gifts from the ever-flowing source, our Savior. For the Lord saith unto you, who are of like zeal with the Apostles: "Behold I have given you..."
pow'r over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal 'ry infirmity, and ev'ry malady. Therefore as good administrators of his commands, freely ye have received, freely give, healing the sufferings of our souls and bodies.

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

Attend unto the entreaties of thy suppliants, O all blameless One, quelling the
fierce attacks on us, and releasing us from all affliction; for in thee alone have we a firm and certain confirmation, and we have gained thy protection.

Let us not be put to shame, O Sov’rign Lady, when we call upon thee; hasten to the supplication of those who cry to thee in faith: Hail, Sov’reign Lady, thou help of all, the joy and refuge, and salvation of our souls.
The Dismissal

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

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father, bless. Master, bless.

Amen.

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Glory forever!