

# Holy Wednesday Service of Holy Unction

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(Cues correspond to the Velon Unction Service Book. See [www.newbyz.org/files/holy\\_wednesday\\_unction\\_greek.pdf](http://www.newbyz.org/files/holy_wednesday_unction_greek.pdf).)

**Intone the short responses in the service, such as “Lord, have mercy,” “To You, O Lord,” “Amen,” etc. on the fundamental tone established by the priest.)**

*Alleluaria. Plagal 2nd Tone.*

Al - le - lu - i - a. Al -  
le - lu - i - a.

**Verses (Intone after the first and second sets of Alleluias.):**

1. O Lord, rebuke me not in Your anger, neither chasten me in Your wrath.
2. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak.

## THE TROPARIA

(Note key signature is chromatic. Flat all A's.)

*Troparia. Plagal 2nd Tone.*

**B.** Have mer-cy on us O Lord, have mer-cy on us, for we sin-ners, de-void of all de-fense, of-fer to  
You, as Mas-ter, this sup-pli - ca-tion; have mer-cy on us. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. Have mer-cy on us, O Lord, for in You we have trust-ed; do  
not be ver-y wrath-ful with us, nei-ther re-mem-ber our in - iq - ui-ties; but e-ven now, look  
down up - on us, in-as-much as You are of ten-der com - pas - sion, and de - liv-er us from our  
en-e-mies; for You are our God, and we are Your peo-ple; we are all the work of Your

Hands, and we call up - on Your Name. Now and ev - er, and to the Ag - es of ag-es. A - men.  
 O - pen to us the gate-way of your lov-ing kind-ness, O Bless-ed Birth-giv - er of God. Hav-ing  
 set our hope in you, may we not fail; but through you, may we be de - liv-ered from all ad-  
 - ver - si - ties; for you are the sal - va - tion of all Chris - tians.

(Intone short responses.)

THE CANON — ODE ONE

*Ode 1. 4th Tone.*

**C.** O Mas - ter, You al-ways glad-den the souls and bod-ies of mor-tals, with the oil of lov-ing kind-ness,  
 and You al-so safe-guard Your faith-ful by oil. Show com-pas-sion al-so to those, who now draw  
 near to You through the Oil. Lord Je-sus, have mer-cy on Your ser-vants. The whole earth  
 is full of Your mer-cy, O Mas-ter. There-fore, we in faith do im - plore You, that You be-  
 - stow up - on us, who to - day shall be a - noint-ed mys-ti - cly by Your Di - vine and pre-cious  
 Oil, Your mer-cy, which sur - pass-es un-der - stand - ing. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it You, O Lord, Who loves man-kind, and Who through Your A-

- pos-tles mer-ci-ful - ly gave us a car-ing com-mand to a - noint in ho-li-ness Your ail-ing ser-vants,  
 we pray that through their in-ter - ces - sions, You be-stow Your seal of mer-cy on us all. Now and  
 ev-er, and to the Ag - es of ag - es. A - men. The on - ly Pure one, who has en-  
 - riched the gulf of peace, by your per-pet-u - al in - ter-ces - sions to God, de - liv-er your sup-pli-ants  
 from in - firm-i - ties and af - flic - tions, that they may un - ceas - ing - ly mag-ni-fy you.

### ODE THREE

#### *Ode 3. 4th Tone.*

**D.** You, Who a-lone are won-der-ful and mer - ci-ful to the faith - ful, grant Your Grace  
 from on High to Your ser-vants, who are sore - ly af - flict-ed, O Christ. Lord Je-sus, have  
 mer-cy on Your ser-vants. O Lord, who of old showed forth an ol-ive branch un-to the a-  
 - bat-ing of the Flood through Your Di - vine com-mand, save the suf - fer - ers, through Your  
 mer-cy. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. Bright-en the lamp of  
 Your light Di - vine, and glad-den through the a - noint-ing, those who now in faith, make haste to re-

- ceive Your mer-cy. Now, and ev-er, and to the Ag - es of a - ges. A - men.  
 Gra-cious-ly look down from on High, O Moth - er of the Cre - a - tor of all, and through your  
 in - ter - ces - sions, dis - pel the suf - fer - ers' bit - ter pang.

THE KATHISMATA

*Kathisma. Plagal 4th Tone.*

**E.** Be - ing a Di - vine riv - er of mer - cy, like a fath - om - less gulf of great lov - ing -  
 - kind - ness, O Mer - ci - ful One, show forth the Di - vine streams of Your mer - cy, and heal all.  
 Let the foun - tains of mir - a - cles gush forth a - bun - dant - ly, and cleanse all; for  
 ev - er re - sort - ing un - to You, we fer - vent - ly im - plore Your Grace.

*Another. 4th Tone.*

**F.** The Phy - si - cian and the Help of the suf - fer - ing, the Re - deem - er and the  
 Sav - ior of the sick, Mas - ter and Lord of all, grant heal - ing to Your ail - ing ser - vants; have com -  
 - pas - sion and mer - cy, on those, who have griev - ous - ly sinned, and de - liv - er them, O  
 Christ, from their in - iq - ui - ties, that they may glo - ri - fy Your Di - vine pow - er.

ODE FOUR

*Ode 4. 4th Tone.*

G. O Sav-iour, who like the in-cor - rupt - i - ble Chris-m, You emp-tied Your - self in  
 Grace to pu-ri-fy the world, show mer-cy on the bod-i-ly wounds of those, who with  
 faith, are now a - bout to be a - noint-ed. Lord Je-sus, have mer-cy on Your ser-vants, For-as-  
 - much as You now have sealed with the seal of Your mer-cy the sens - es of Your  
 ser-vants, O Mas-ter, make im-pass-a - ble and in - ac - ces-si-ble the en - try of all  
 ad - verse pow-ers. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.  
 You, Who have com - mand - ed the ail - ing to sum-mon Your di - vine-ly or - dained Priests,  
 and to be healed by prayers and the a - noint - ing with Your Oil, O Lov-ing Lord,  
 save the a - noint-ed, through Your Mer-cy. Now and ev-er, and to the Ag - es of  
 Ag - es. A - men. All - Ho-ly The-o - to - kos, Ev - er-Vir - gin, stead-fast Ref-uge and  
 For-tress, Ha - ven and Wall, Lad-der and Bas - ti-on, have mer-cy and com - pas-sion on the  
 sick; for in you a - lone we have sought ref - uge.

ODE FIVE

*Ode 5. 4th Tone.*

**H.** You are the fath-om-less mer-cy, O Good One; show mer-cy through Your Ho-ly O-il to the a-  
 - noint - ed, as a Mer - ci-ful Lord. Lord Je-sus, have mer-cy on Your ser - vants.  
 O Christ, Who in - ef - fa-bly sanc-ti-fied both our souls and bod-ies from on High, by the Di-vine im-  
 - press of Your Seal, heal us all, by Your Hand. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. O Lord, su - preme-ly Good, Who, through Your in - ef-fa-ble  
 love, ac - cept-ed a - noint-ing with pre-cious oint-ment at the hands of the sin - ful  
 wom-an, have com - pas-sion on Your ser-vants. Now and ev-er, and to the Ag - es of  
 Ag - es. A - men. All-praised, pure, ex - ceed-ing-ly gra-cious La - dy, have mer-cy on  
 those, who are a - bout to be a - noint-ed with the O - il Di - vine, and save your sup-pli-ants.

ODE SIX

*Ode 6. 4th Tone.*

**I.** You, O Lord, Who loves man-kind in-sti - tut - ed the a - noint-ing of kings by Your words; and by the  
 hands of High Priests did ac - com - plish same. Save al - so the suf - fer-ers by Your  
 Seal; for-as - much as You are Mer-ci-ful. Lord Je-sus have mer-cy on Your ser - vants.



Let no in - ter - po - si - tion of ma - lig - nant de - mons, O Sav - iour, touch the sens - es of those, who are in God a - noint - ed; hedge them un - der the shel - ter of Your glo - ry. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. Stretch forth Your hand from on High, O Lov - ing Lord, and sanc - ti - fy - ing Your O - il, O Sav - ior, give it to Your sup - pli - ants for heal - ing and re - lease them from all their ills. Now and ev - er, and to the Ag - es of Ag - es. A - men. In your Di - vine Birth - giv - ing, you man - i - fest - ed your - self as a fruit - ful ol - ive - tree, O Moth - er of the Cre - a - tor, through whom the world was seen filled with mer - cy. There - fore save, through your in - ter - ces - sions, touch - ing those who suf - fer.

KONTAKION

*Kontakion. 2nd Tone.*



**J.** Be - ing the Foun - tain - head of mer - cy, O gra - cious One, de - liv - er from eve - ry ad - ver - si - ty those, who with fer - vent faith en - treat Your in - ef - fa - ble mer - cy, O most com - pas - sion - ate One; and tak - ing a - way their mal - a - dies, grant them Di - vine Grace from a - bove.

ODE SEVEN

*Ode 7. 4th Tone.*

**K.** You, Who in Your mer-cy and com - pas-sion, O Sav-ior and on-ly God, heals both the pas-sions of souls and af - flic-tions of bod - ies, heal those, who suf-fer from ill-ness, O Mer - ci-ful One. Lord Je-sus, have mer-cy on Your ser-vants. In the a - noint-ing of the heads of all with Oil, grant the joy of glad-ness to all who seek the mer-cy of Your re - demp - tion, through the a - bun-dance, O Lord, of Your mer-cy. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. Your Seal is a sword a-gainst de-mons, O Sav - ior, and a fire, that con - sumes the pas-sions of souls, through the prayers of the Priests. There - fore, we who have re - ceived heal - ing in faith praise You. Now and ev - er, and to the Ag - es of Ag - es. A - men. O Moth-er of God, who in a di-vine man-ner held with-in Your womb, and in - ef - fa-bly did in - car-nate Him, Who holds all things in the palm of His hand, we pray that you in - ter - cede with Him, to ex - pi - ate those who suf - fer.



ODE EIGHT

*Ode 8. 4th Tone.*

**L.** You, Who in Your mer-cy and com - pas - sion, O Sav-ior and on-ly God, heals both the pas - sions of souls and af - flic - tions of bod-ies, heal those, who suf - fer from ill - ness, O Mer-ci-ful One. Lord Je-sus, have mer-cy on Your ser - vants. In the a - noint-ing of the heads of all with O-il, grant the joy of glad-ness to all who seek the mer-cy of Your re - demp-tion, through the a - bun - dance, O Lord, of Your mer-cy. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it. Your Seal is a sword a-against de-mons, O Sav-ior, and a fire, that con-sumes the pas-sions of souls, through the prayers of the Priests. There-fore, we who have re - ceived heal-ing in faith praise You. Now and ev - er, and to the Ag - es of Ag - es. A - men. O Moth - er of God, who in a di - vine man-ner held with - in Your womb, and in - ef - fa-bly did in - car-nate Him, Who holds all things in the palm of His hand, we pray that you may in - ter - cede with Him, to ex - pi - ate those who suf - fer.

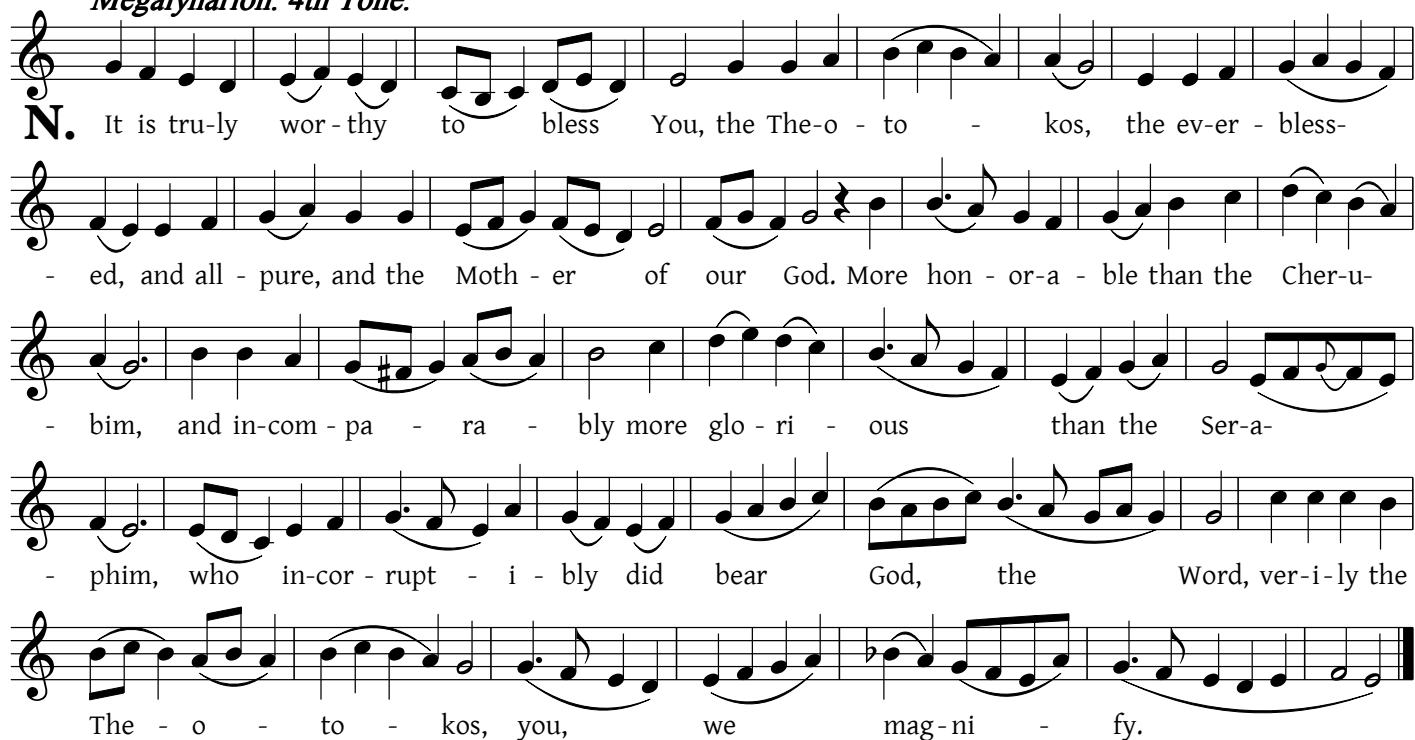
ODE NINE

*Ode 9. 4th Tone.*

**M.** Beck-on from Heav - en, O Mer-ci-ful One, and show forth Your mer-cy to all. Grant now, Your com -  
 - pas - sion and Your strength to those who draw near to You, through the Di - vine a -  
 - noint-ing by Your Priests, O Lov-ing Lord. Lord Je-sus, have mer-cy on Your ser-vants. O Be -  
 - nev - o-lent Sav - iour! Re - joic-ing, we be - hold the Ho-ly O - il, which by Your con-de -  
 - scen-sion You have re-ceived, be-yond the mer - its of the par - tic - i - pants, sym-bol-ic-ly im -  
 - part-ed to those, who share in the Di - vine cleans-ing. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it. Show com - pas - sion and mer - cy, O Sav-iour; de - liv-er from  
 dread and pains; shield from the darts of the E - vil One, the souls and bod-ies of Your  
 sup - pli-ants, for-as-much as You are a Mer-ci-ful Lord, who heals by Grace Di-vine. Now and  
 ev-er, and to the Ag - es of Ag - es. A - men. As You re-ceive the hymns and the sup-pli -  
 - ca-tions of your ser - vants, All-pure Vir-gin, so al - so de - liv-er from irk - some  
 ills and mal - a - dies those, who through us, flee un - to your Di - vine pro - tec - tion.

MEGALYNARION

*Megalynarion. 4th Tone.*

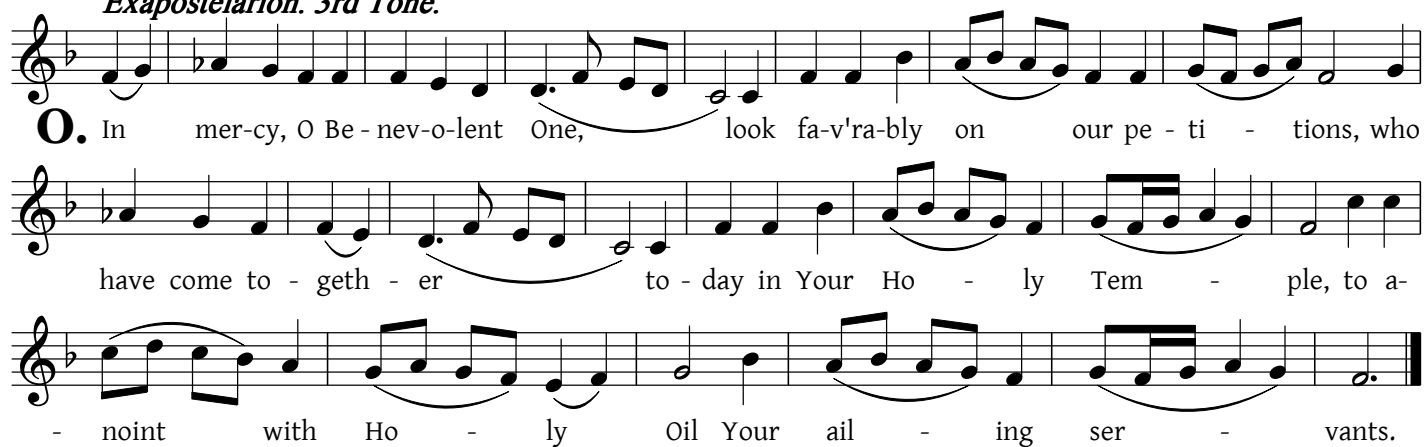


**N.** It is tru-ly wor - thy to bless You, the The-o - to - kos, the ev-er - bless - ed, and all - pure, and the Moth - er of our God. More hon - or-a - ble than the Cher-u - bim, and in-com - pa - ra - bly more glo - ri - ous than the Ser-a - phim, who in-cor - rupt - i - bly did bear God, the Word, ver-i-ly the The - o - to - kos, you, we mag - ni - fy.

(Intone short responses.)

THE EXAPOSTELARION

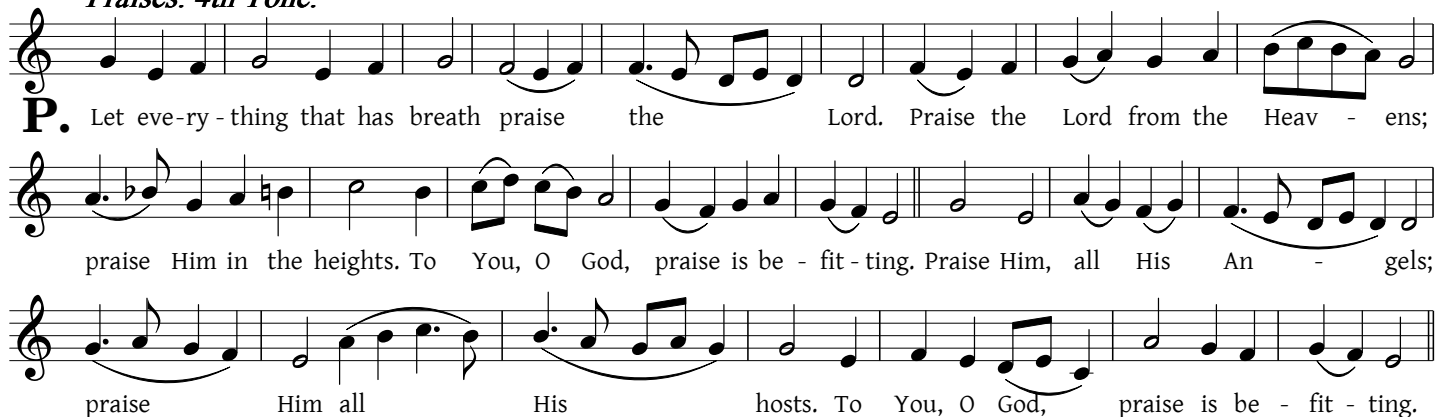
*Exapostelarion. 3rd Tone.*



**O.** In mer-cy, O Be - nev-o-lent One, look fa-v'ra-bly on our pe - ti - tions, who have come to - geth - er to - day in Your Ho - ly Tem - ple, to a - noint with Ho - ly Oil Your ail - ing ser - vants.

THE PRAISES

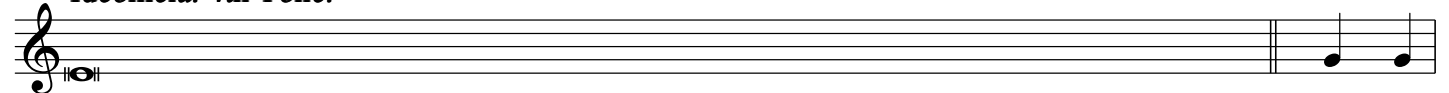
*Praises. 4th Tone.*



**P.** Let eve-ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the Heav - ens; praise Him in the heights. To You, O God, praise is be - fit - ting. Praise Him, all His An - gels; praise Him all His hosts. To You, O God, praise is be - fit - ting.

IDIOMELA HYMNS

*Ideomela. 4th Tone.*



**Q.** To execute on them the judgment that is written. This glory shall be to all His Saints. You have



giv-en Your Grace, O rec-on - cil - a-ble and Lov-ing Lord, through Your A - pos-tles, by Your Ho-ly



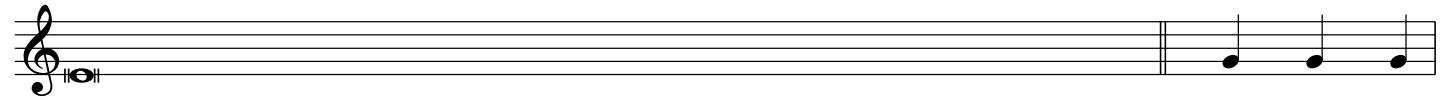
Oil, to heal the wounds and in - fir-mi-ties of all. Have mer-cy, there-fore, on those, who with faith ap-



- proach to be a-noint-ed with this Oil; sanc-ti-fy, show mer-cy, purge them from eve - ry ail-ment, and



make them wor - thy of Your in - cor - rupt - i - ble bliss, as our Mer - ci - ful Lord.



Praise the Lord in His Sanctuary. Praise Him in the firmament of His power. Look down from



Heav-en, O In-com-pre - hen - si-ble One, in Your lov - ing kind-ness; and with Your in - vis-i-ble



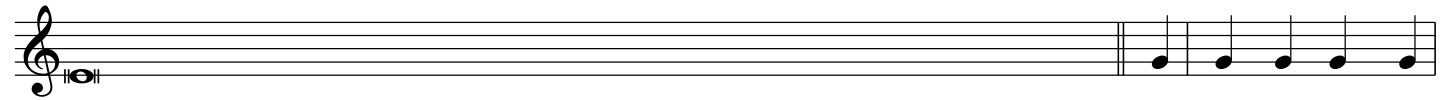
Hand, seal our sens-es, O Lov-ing Lord. By Your Ho-ly Oil grant to those, who with faith come to



You, seek-ing the for-give-ness of sins; and grant the heal-ing of soul and bod - y, that they may



glo - ri - fy You with pro - found feel - ing, mag - ni - fy - ing Your do - min - ion.



Praise Him for His sovereignty. Praise Him accord-ing to the fulness of His Majesty. A - noint-ed with Your



mer - cy, and by Your Priests, O Lov-ing Lord, touch Your sup - pli - ants and sanc-ti-fy

them from A - bove. Heal their in - fir-mi-ties; purge a-way and cleanse their soul, O Sav-iour, and de-  
 - liv-er them from en - tan-gling temp-ta-tions. Soothe their pain; ex-pel ad-verse sit - u - a-tions; and  
 ban-ish their sor-rows, as a com - pas-sion-ate and Lov-ing Lord. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; now and ev-er, and to the Ag - es of Ag - es. A - men.  
 You, who are the pur-est Pal-ace of the King, O great-ly-praised, I im - plo-re you; cleanse my mind,  
 stained with all man-ner of sin, and make it the pleas-ant a - bode of the ex - ceed-ing-ly Di-  
 - vine Trin - i - ty; that I, your wick - ed sup - pli - ant, be - ing saved, may  
 mag - ni - fy your pow - er, and your bound - less mer - cy.

(Intone short responses.)

THE TROPARION

*Troparion. 4th Tone.*

**R.** You, Who a - lone are quick to help, O Christ, show Your speed-y vis-it - a-tion from on  
 High to Your ail - ing ser - vants; de - liv-er them from their in - fir-mi-ties, and bit - ter  
 pain; raise them up a - gain, that they may praise and glo-ri-fy You with-out ceas-  
 - ing, through the prayers of the The-o - to - kos, O on-ly Lov - ing God.

(Intone short responses, repeat the troparion [R] on the previous page, then continue to the troparia below.)

*Troparia. 4th Tone.*



**S.** Be-ing blind-ed spir-it-ual - ly, I come to You, O Christ, as did the man that, born blind,



cried out to You in re - pent - ance: "You are the su-per - bright Light of those in dark-

*3rd Tone.*



- ness." As You res - ur - rect-ed up the par-a - lyt-ic O Lord, by Your Di - vine su-per-



- vi - sion, raise up my soul now, which has been cru-el-ly par - a - lyzed by un-



- seem-ly deeds and all man-ner of sin; that, be - ing saved, I may cry out to



*4th Tone.*

You, Lord: "O Be - nev - o-lent Christ, glo-ry to Your Pow-er!" As a dis - ci-ple of the Lord, O



right-eous one, You re-ceived the Gos - pel; as a Mar-tyr you have that, which sur - pass-es



ut - ter-ance; the bold-ness, as the broth - er of God; as a Hi - er-arch, the pow-er to in-ter-



*4th Tone.*

- cede. Im-plore Christ our God to save our souls. The On-ly-Be - got - ten Word of God the



Fa-ther, Who in these lat - ter days so-journed a - mong us, or - dained You, O James the Di-

- vine to be the first shep-herd and teach-er of Je - ru - sa - lem, and a faith-ful

stew - ard of spir-it-u-al mys-ter - ies. Where-fore, O A - pos-tle, we all hon - or you.

*3rd Tone.*

In My-ra, O Saint, You re-vealed your-self as a Ho-ly min-is - ter of Ho - ly Mys-ter-

- ies. For ful - fil - ling the Gos - pel of Christ, O Ven-er-a-ble one, you laid down your

life for your peo-ple, and saved the in - no - cent from death, and for this, you were

*3rd Tone.*

can-on-ized as a great mys-tic of God's Grace. The world has found in you a vic-tor, a

might-y cham-pi-on in times of dan-ger, and a gal-lant one put-ting the hea-then to

flight. There-fore, as you brought down the ar-ro-gance of Ly - ai-os, en - cour-ag-ing Nes-tor in the

sta-di - um, in a like man-ner, O Saint, Great-Mar-tyr De - me-tri-os, be - seech Christ our God, that

*3rd Tone.*

He will grant to us His great mer-cy. O Ho-ly Cham-pi-on and heal-er Pan-te-le - i - mon, in-ter-



cede with our Mer - ci - ful God, that He may grant re - mis - sion of sinsto our souls. O

*Plagal 4th Tone.*



Ho - ly un - mer - ce - nar - ies and won - der - work - ers, vis - it our in - fir - mi - ties; free - ly you have re -

*2nd Tone.*



- ceived, free - ly give to us. Who shall de - clare your gran - deur, O Vir - gin? For you a - bound in



won - ders, pour - ing forth streams of heal - ing, and in - ter - ced - ing for our souls, as learned in

*2nd Tone.*



wis - dom Di - vine, and as the friend of Christ. O fer - vent In - ter - ces - sor, and im - preg - na - ble Wall,



foun - tain of Mer - cy, and ref - uge of the world, to you we ear - nest - ly cry out: "O La - dy, The - o -



- to - kos, come and de - liv - er us from dan - gers, who a - lone are a swift Pro - tec - tor."

**(At this point the seven epistles, gospels, and prayers are read.**

**Intone the short responses. When the readings are finished, the**

**prayer of anointing is said. The dismissal then proceeds.**

**As the faithful approach the solea and receive the sacrament of Holy Unction, chant the following troparia on the next page.)**



THE TROPARIA OF THE DISMISSAL

*Dismissal Troparia. 4th Tone (from D).*



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



Havi ng the Foun-tain of heal - ing, O Ho-ly Un - mer- ce - nar-ies, you be - stow heal-ing



on all who ask of it; for you were deemed wor - thy of ex - ceed-ing-ly



great gifts, from the per - pet - u - al Source of Christ, the Sav - iour. For the



Lord has said to you, as e - quals in zeal to the A - pos- tles: "Be - hold, I have



giv - en you au - thor-i - ty o-ver un- clean spir - its, to cast them



out, and to heal eve-ry in - fir-mi-ty and eve-ry mal - a - dy. There-fore,



hav - ing faith - ful - ly fol-lowed His Com - mand - ments, free - ly



you have re - ceived, and free-ly give, heal-ing the ills of our souls and bod - ies."

Now and ev - er, and to the Ag - es of Ag - es. A - men.

Re - gard the prayers of your sup - pli - ants, O Im - mac - u - late one,

ceas - ing the fierce tu - mult with - in us, re - leas - ing us from all an - guish. For

you a - lone we have as a se - cure and firm an - chor,

and have ac - quired your pro - tec - tion; may we not be a - shamed, O

La - dy, when we call up - on you. Has - ten to the pe - ti - tions of

those, who faith - ful - ly cry out: "Hail, O La - dy, the help of all; the

joy and shel - ter, and sal - va - tion of our souls."

END OF SERVICE