

The Dismissal

Priest: May He Who condescended to be baptized in the river Jordan by the Forerunner and Prophet John, for our salvation, through the intercessions of His immaculate Mother, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is our good and loving Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest: Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health and salvation, and the furtherance of all good things to all Your servants (Names) who dwell herein, and preserve them for many years.

People: God grant you many years.

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The People approach the Priest to venerate the Cross, and as each approaches the Priest sprinkles Holy Water onto his or her face.

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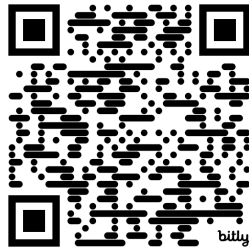
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Order for the Blessing of Homes at Theophany

It is a joy to bless your home. Please prepare with the following in mind:

At a table:

* an icon

* a Bible

* a lit candle

* a list of names of those whom you would like remembered in prayer, first those fallen asleep and then living. Please label this clearly.

All TVs, radios, and other sources of sound turned off. Open the doors and turn on lights in all rooms. Please secure pets as necessary.

If possible, have someone lead the priest throughout the home.

If the visit is after dark, please have an outside light turned on.

This visit is a good opportunity to ask questions or discuss matters of faith. The priest is there to serve you.

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins.

Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory; of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O God our Savior, the True Light, Who was baptized in the Jordan by the Prophet John, and Who did deign to enter under the roof-

tree of Zacchaeus, bringing salvation unto him and unto his house: do You, the same Lord, keep safe also from harm those who dwell herein; grant to them Your blessing, purification and bodily health, and all their petitions that are unto salvation and Life everlasting; for blessed are You, as also Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your All-Holy, Good and Life; creating Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The priest shall now bless the whole house with Holy Water, being led by household members carrying a lighted candle and incense, while all sing the following hymn, repeating until the whole house is blessed.

All: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who has revealed Yourself, and has enlightened the world, glory to You.

Returning to the original place, the priest intones the following litanies:

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your great goodness, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: We pray for our parents, family, and friends, for all Orthodox believers departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: We pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servants of God that dwell here and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

People: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O You, who have given us grace with one accord to make our common supplications unto You, and promised that when two or three are gathered together in Your name You would grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the petitions of Your servants as may be expedient for them granting us in this world the knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

For You are a good God and You love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.