

### ***Troparion, Tone 1***

**All:** When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity wast made manifest. For the voice of the Father bear witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our God Who hast revealed Thyself, and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

**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 John to renew all mankind by the waters of regeneration, and Who condescended to enter under the roof of Zacchaeus, bringing salvation to him and to all his house: As the same Lord, also keep safe from harm those who dwell herein (names); grant to them Thy blessing, purification and health of body; grant all their petitions that are for their salvation and eternal life; for Thou art blessed, together with Thine eternal Father and Thy Most-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

**People:** Amen.

*(The head of the household with candle now leads the priest through the house while repeatedly singing the Troparion.)*

**Priest:** *May He Who deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.*

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** *“Grant rest eternal and blessed repose, O Lord...”*

**All:** *“Memory eternal...(3x)”*

**Priest:** *“Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life...”*

**All:** *“God, grant them many years...(3x)”*

# **The Blessing of Homes at Theophany**



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## How to Prepare a Home for the Visit of the Priest

When the priest comes to bless the family and the home after Theophany, the following preparations should take place:

A table—generally the dining room or kitchen table—should be covered with a clean white cloth.

*On the table should be:*

1. An Orthodox icon
2. A lighted church candle in a candle holder placed in front of the icon
3. A small bowl or open dish into which the holy water can be poured
4. A small container of holy water brought by the family from the church
5. A list of first names of all those who live in the household (as well as other family members to be prayed for, both living and departed), clearly printed on a piece of paper

*Out of simple courtesy, these other rules should be followed:*

1. All radios, TVs, etc., should be turned off.
2. All who are present in the house should come together and stand by the table until the very end of the service.
3. Those who are able should join in the singing of the hymns and responses of the service.
4. The gift for the priest (if any) should be prepared beforehand but not placed on the table with the holy objects. It may be given discreetly to the priest at the conclusion of the service.

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

**People:** Amen. Glory to Thee, O God; glory to Thee! O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things; Treasury of blessings, and Giver of Life, come and abide in us; and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x) 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 Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x) 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

**Priest:** *For Thine are 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 ages of ages.*

**People:** Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12x) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!