

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

*Priest:* Hearken unto us, O God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that be far off at sea; and be merciful, be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us. *For Thou art a merciful God, and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*

People: Amen.

### ***The Daily Dismissal***

*Priest:* *Wisdom.*

People: Father, bless.

*Priest:* + *"He Who Is" is blessed, even Christ our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages!*

People: Amen. Confirm, O God, the holy Orthodox faith and Orthodox Christians unto ages of ages.

*Priest:* *Most holy Theotokos, save us.*

People: More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without corruption thou gavest birth to God, the Word. True Theotokos, we magnify thee!

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

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. (3x) Father, bless.

*Priest:* May Christ our true God *[for the day of the week]*, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostles; of St. Herman of Alaska; of \_\_\_\_\_, whom we commemorate today; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints: Have mercy on us and save us for He is good and loveth mankind!

*[Intone "Many years!" and sprinkle those present with Holy Water.]*

## ***The Service for the Blessing of a New Home***



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*The Priest brings a vessel of Holy Water and a sprinkler, as well as oil in a small vessel, and the censer. On each of the four walls (inside), there should be traced a Cross. Then, putting on his Epitrachelion (and Phelonion, if he wishes), he begins:*

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

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, our 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.

All: 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 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 ages of ages.*

Reader: 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.

## ***Psalm 100/101***

Reader: Of mercy and judgment will I sing unto Thee, O Lord; I will chant and have understanding in a blameless path. When wilt Thou come unto me? I have walked in the innocence of my heart in the midst of my house. I have set no unlawful thing before mine eyes; the workers of transgressions I have hated. A crooked heart hath not cleaved unto me; as for the wicked man who turned from me, I knew him not. Him that spoke privately against his neighbor did I drive away from me. With him whose eye was proud and his heart insatiate, I did not eat. Mine eyes were upon the faithful of the land, that they might sit with me; the man that walked in the blameless path, he ministered unto me. The proud doer dwelt not in the midst of my house; the speaker of unjust things prospered not before mine eyes. In the morning I slew all the sinners of the land, utterly to destroy out of the city of the Lord all them that work iniquity.

### ***Litany of Fervent Supplication***

*Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy!*

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

*Priest: Again we pray that He will send down His blessing upon this house and upon His servant(s), \_\_\_\_\_, and everyone that is about to live in it in piety, and that He will send unto them His Angel of mercy, who will preserve and protect them from every evil thing, and will guide them to the performing of every virtue and the fulfilling of the Holy Commandments of Christ; and that He will protect them from famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion or civil war, and from sudden death; and that that He will grant them health and will encompass them with length of day, and will grant them abundance in every good thing, let us all say: O Lord, hear us and have mercy.*

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

*Priest: Again we pray for all our brethren and for all Christians.*

## ***The Holy Gospel***

*The Priest stands facing the east.*

*Priest: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.*

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

*Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel!  
+ Peace be unto all.*

People: And to thy spirit.

*Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke [19:1-10].*

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

*Priest: Let us attend.*

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

*Reader: 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!*

## ***Psalm 90/91***

*Reader: He who dwells in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him. For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunters and from every troubling word. With His shoulders will He overshadow thee, and under His wings shalt thou have hope. With a shield will His truth encompass thee; thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day, nor for the thing that walks in darkness, nor for the mishap and demon of noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh unto thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and thou shalt see the reward of sinners. For Thou, O Lord, art my hope. Thou madest the Most High thy refuge; no evils shall come nigh unto thee, and no scourge shall draw nigh unto thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. On their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Upon the asp and basilisk shalt thou tread, and thou shalt trample upon the lion and dragon. For he hath set his hope on Me, and I will deliver him; I will shelter him because he hath known My Name. He shall cry unto Me, and I will hearken unto him. I am with him in affliction, and I will rescue him and glorify him. With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will show him My salvation.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to Thee, O God. (3x)

## ***Troparion, Tone 8***

All: As salvation came unto the house of Zacchaeus at Thine entrance, O Christ, and likewise now at the entrance of Thy sacred ministers, and, with them, Thy holy Angels, do Thou grant Thy peace unto this house and mercifully bless it, saving and illumining all that are about to live in it.

*And a table is prepared, covered with a fine cloth, and on it the Book of the Gospels, the Cross, lit candles, and the vessels of Holy Water and oil. The Priest stands, facing east, and says:*

*Priest: Let us pray to the Lord!*

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, Who wast pleased to enter under the roof of Zacchaeus the Publican, and didst bring salvation unto him and all his house: Do Thou Thyself now also preserve unharmed by any evil thing them that have desired to live here, and offer unto Thee prayers and supplications through us who are unworthy, blessing them and this habitation, and keeping their life always free from snares, abundantly granting them, by Thy blessing, every good thing that is profitable for them. For unto Thee are due all glory, honor and worship, together with Thy Father Who is without-beginning, and Thy Most-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.*

People: Amen.

*Priest: + Peace be unto all.*

People: And to thy spirit.

*Priest: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.*

People: To Thee, O Lord.

*Priest: O Master, Lord our God, Who lives on High and looks down upon the lowly; Who didst bless the house of Laban at the entrance of Jacob, and the house of Potiphar at the coming of Joseph; Who blessed the house of Abinadab with the carrying in of the Ark; and Who, in the days of the Advent in the flesh of Christ, our God, granted salvation to the house of Zacchaeus: Bless also this house, and encompass with the fear of Thee them that are about to live in it, and keep them unharmed by adversaries; and send down Thy blessing from Thy dwelling on High, and bless and increase every good thing in this house. For Thine it is to be merciful and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

People: Amen.

*The Priest blesses the oil three times with the Sign of the Cross, and says:*

*Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

O Lord, our God, look down now with mercy on the prayer of Thy lowly and unworthy servant, and send down the Grace of Thy Most-holy Spirit on this oil, and sanctify it, that it may be for the sanctification of this place and on this house that has been constructed, and for the expelling of every contrary power and satanic snare: *For Thou art He that blesses and sanctifies all things, O Christ, our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.*

People: Amen.

*The Priest takes the Holy Water and sprinkles, with it, all the walls of the house in crosswise form, and all its rooms, saying:*

*Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, by the sprinkling of this Holy Water, let every evil demonic activity be put to flight. Amen.*

*And taking the oil, the Priest anoints, with it, the walls of the house where the Cross was traced – in its middle, beginning with the eastern wall of the home, then the western wall, and after this the northern wall, ending with the southern wall, saying at each:*

*Priest: This house is blessed through the anointing of this Holy Oil, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Lit candles are set before each Cross on each wall.*

### ***Sticheron, Tone 5***

All: Bless this house, O Lord, and fill it with Thine earthly good things. And keep unharmed from every evil circumstance them that are about to live in it with piety. And grant unto them every heavenly abundance and Thine earthly blessing. And as Thou art compassionate, have mercy, according to Thy great mercy.