

I. The Rite of Anointing of the Sick / Holy Unction

A. Remnant of Matins

1. Monastic Opening:
 - a. “Blessed is our God...”
 - b. Trisagion
 - c. “Our Father...”
 - d. LHM (12x)
 - e. “Come let us worship...”
2. Psalm 142/3: “Hear my prayer, O Lord...”
3. Little Litany
4. Alleluia (Tone 6) and Penitential Troparia
 - a. “Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us...” Glory...
 - b. “Have mercy on us, O Lord, for in you have we trusted...” N&E...
 - c. “Open to us the door of your loving-kindness...”
5. Psalm 50/51
6. Canon (Tone 4) [Acrostic: “The Prayer of the Oil, a Song of Arsenius”]
7. Exaposteilarion
8. Praises: Psalm 148, 149, 150 (Tone 4) with Stichera
9. Trisagion & Our Father
10. Troparion (Tone 4)
 - a. “You alone are a speedy Helper, O Christ...”

B. Blessing of Oil

1. Litany of Peace (Great Litany w/ petitions for blessing of Oil & Healing)
2. Preparation of Oil
 - a. Some mix wine with oil
 - b. Prayer over the Oil: “O Lord, in your mercy and compassion, you heal the afflictions of our souls and bodies: sanctify now this oil...”
3. Troparia
 - a. Christ as Healer
 1. “You alone are a speedy Helper, O Christ...” (Tone 4)
 2. “Spiritually blind, O Christ, I come to you...” (Tone 4)

3. "My soul is paralyzed by many sins..." (Tone 3)
- b. St James
 1. "As a disciple of the Lord, O Righteous James..." (Tone 2)
 2. "The only-begotten Word of God the Father..." (Tone 4)
- c. St. Nicholas (Tone 3): "To the people of Myra, O Holy one, you showed..."
- d. St. Demetrios (Tone 3): "The world has found in you a champion great in suffering..."
- e. St. Panteleimon (Tone 3): "O Holy Victor and healer Panteleimon..."
- f. Unmercenary Saints (Tone 8): "O holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers..."
- g. St. John the Theologian (Tone 2): Who shall declare your greatness..."
- h. Theotokion (Tone 2): "O fervent intercession and impregnable wall..."

C. Anointing(s)

1. First Anointing
 - a. Prokeimenon (Tone 1): "Let your steadfast Love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope on you." Ψ : Rejoice in the Lord, O Ye Righteous! Praise befits the upright.
 - b. Epistle: James 5:10-16
 1. References Job as an example of suffering and patience
 2. Job as proof of the Lord's compassion and mercy
 3. Prayer in response to sickness and suffering; prayer of elders (presbyters) and anointing with oil;
 4. Prayers for healing connected with confession and forgiveness of sins; praying for one another, that you may be healed.
 - c. Alleluia (Tone 8): "I will sing of loyalty and justice; to you, O Lord, will I sing!
 - d. Gospel: Luke 10:25 (Good Samaritan)
 1. Great Commandment

2. Binding of wounds; pouring of wine and oil
 3. "Go and do likewise"
 - e. Litany of Fervent Supplication
 1. Asks for "mercy, life, peace, health, salvation & remission of sins"
 2. And "that he/she may be pardoned every transgression."
 - f. Prayers & Anointing
 1. Prayer before Anointing: "You are without beginning ... send down your holy spirit and sanctify this oil; and grant that it may bring full pardon from sin to your servant..."
 2. Anointing – crosswise w/ swab: brows, nostrils, cheeks, lips, breast, both sides of the hands
 3. Prayer of Anointing (said during each anointing): "O Holy Father, Physician of souls and bodies ... heal also your servant... through the intercessions ... For you are the fountain of healing..."
2. Second Anointing
- a. Prokeimenon (Tone 2): The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. $\bar{\nu}$: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.
 - b. Epistle: Romans 15:1-7
 1. The strong out to bear the infirmities of the weak
 2. Please your neighbor, not self; receiving each other as Christ received us
 - c. Alleluia (Tone 5): I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.
 - d. Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)
 1. Entering into the home of "a sinner."
 2. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
 - e. Litany of Fervent Supplication (same as above)
 - f. Prayers and Anointing
 1. Prayer before anointing: "O great and most-high God ... look down upon us and hear us ... send down the gift of your healing

and forgiveness of sins wherever, in your great name, we bring this oil and heal him/her in the abundance of your mercy..."

2. Anointing w/ accompanying prayer (same prayer as 1st Anointing)
3. Third Anointing
 - a. Prokeimenon (Tone 3): The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? Ψ : The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
 - b. Epistle: I Corinthians 12:27-13:8 (Body of Christ & Love is...)
 1. "Brethren, you are the body of Christ..."
 2. "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful..."
 - c. Alleluia (Tone 2): In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame.
 - d. Gospel: Matthew 10:1, 5-8 (Sending out of Disciples)
 1. Jesus gives authority over demons and over diseases to his apostles
 2. "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons"
 3. Lost sheep of Israel
 4. "Freely you received, freely give."
 - e. Litany of Fervent Supplication (same as above)
 - f. Prayers and Anointing
 - g. Prayer before anointing: "O Master...you chastise but do not kill, you raise the fallen and restore those who are cast down...direct your mercy on this oil...that it may be for the healing of souls and bodies, for purification, and for the removal of every passion, disease, infirmity, and every defilement of body and spirit..."
 - h. Anointing w/ accompanying prayer (same as 1st Anointing)
4. Fourth Anointing
 - a. Prokeimenon (Tone 4): Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call! Ψ : Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you!
 - b. Epistle: II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Temple of the Living God)

1. Temple of the Lord; Sons and daughters of God
2. “Since we have these promises: let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.”
- c. Alleluia (Tone 2): I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined his ear to me and heard my cry.
- d. Gospel: Matthew 8:14-23 (Healing of St. Peter’s Mother-in-Law)
 1. Healing of St. Peter’s mother-in-law, followed by others who brought the sick to Christ
 2. In order to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah: “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”
 3. His disciples *followed* him
- e. Litany of Fervent Supplication (same as above)
- f. Prayers and Anointing
- g. Prayer before anointing: “O good Lord who loves mankind, compassionate and greatly merciful... who through the apostles has given us power to heal the infirmities of your people through oil and prayer: make this oil to be for the healing of those who are anointed with it... raise him/her up from the bed of sickness ... so that, having been raised up by your mighty hand, he/she may serve you with thanksgiving; and that we too... may hymn and glorify you...”
- h. Anointing w/ accompanying prayer (same as 1st Anointing)
5. Fifth Anointing
 - a. Prokeimenon (Tone 5): Do you, O Lord, protect us, guard us ever from this generation. *∇*: Help, Lord; for there is no longer any that is godly.
 - b. Epistle: II Corinthians 1:8-11 (God as Deliverer, Answerer of prayers)
 - c. Alleluia (Tone 1): I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.
 - d. Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 (Wise & Foolish Virgins)
 1. Reference made to oil
 2. Imminence of the Lord’s coming

- e. Litany of Fervent Supplication (same as above)
 - f. Prayers and Anointing
 - 1. Prayer before anointing: “O Lord our God, you chastise and heal us again ... you breathed on your disciples and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit: if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.’ You accept the repentance of sinners and have authority to forgive many and grievous sins ... You have called me...your unworthy servant...to administer your heavenly mysteries ... Incline your ear ... grant healing to your servant ... and pardon of his/her transgressions...”
 - 2. Anointing w/ accompanying prayer (same as 1st Anointing)
6. Sixth Anointing
- a. Prokeimenon (Tone 6): Have mercy, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Ψ : Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
 - b. Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Fruit of the Spirit)
 - 1. Crucifixion of passions and desires by those who belong to Christ
 - 2. Live and walk in the Spirit
 - 3. Restoring those overtaken in trespasses, with a spirit of gentleness
 - 4. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ
 - c. Alleluia (Tone 6): Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!
 - d. Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 (Healing of Canaanite woman’s daughter)
 - 1. “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (cf. 3rd Gospel)
 - 2. Cleverness and faith of Canaanite woman (dogs/scraps, etc.)
 - 3. Christ heals the girl
 - e. Litany of Fervent Supplication (same as above)
 - f. Prayers and Anointing
 - 1. Prayer before anointing: “We thank you, O Lord our God, who are good and love mankind ... who easily bore our diseases, through

whose stripes we have all been healed ... O Good Shepherd, you came to seek the wandering sheep ... you freed the daughter of the Canaanite woman from the grievous demon. [...] We pray and entreat you, O God: in your goodness, lose, remit, pardon the sins and transgressions of your servant ... Yea, O Lord and Master, ... hear the prayer of me, a sinner, on behalf of your servant (name) and overlook all his/her transgressions, for you are a God who does not remember evil..."

2. Anointing w/ accompanying prayer (same as 1st Anointing)

7. Seventh Anointing

- a. Prokeimenon (Tone 7): O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor chasten me in your wrath. Ψ : Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing.
- b. Epistle: I Thessalonians 5:14-23
 1. "admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all."
 2. "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
 3. "May the God of peace himself sanctify you ... and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- c. Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13 ("I came not to call the righteous...")
 1. Many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus
 2. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
- d. Litany of Fervent Supplication (same as above)
- e. Prayers and Anointing
 1. Prayer before anointing: "O Master ... you cure chronic illnesses and heal every disease and every infirmity... you desire that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth ... you

appointed repentance for sinners ... hear our prayer, receive it as incense offered before you; visit your servant (name). If he/she has sinned ... been excommunicated ... embittered by an oath or cursed himself/herself... we pray and entreat you: loose, pardon, and forgive him/her ... You created humanity not for perdition, but for the keeping of your commandments and the inheritance of eternal life...”

2. Anointing w/ accompanying prayer (same as 1st Anointing)

D. Absolution & Dismissal

1. Prayer w/ Gospel book (writing down) on head of sick person, all priests (except first) with their hand on the book: “O holy King ... you desire not the death of a sinner, but that he should repent and live: it is not my sinful hand that I lay upon the head of him/her who approaches you and asks, through us, for the forgiveness of his/her sins, but it is your strong and mighty hand, which is in this, your holy gospel ... I pray and entreat your merciful love for mankind ... accept also this your servant (name) who repents of his/her own sins, and overlook his/her transgressions...”
2. Litany of Fervent Supplication
3. Troparia (Tone 4):
 - a. Glory... “You have a fountain of healing, O holy unmercenaries...”
 - b. N&E... “Regard the prayers of your servants, O all-pure One...”
4. Dismissal: “May Christ our true God ... through the prayers of Apostle James...”