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# **BAPTISM**

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- INTRODUCTORY PRAYER -

**PRIEST:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** May His mercy and compassion be upon us, weak and sinful, in both worlds forever and ever. Amin.

**PRIEST:** Make us worthy, O Lord God, of that spiritual priestly service which You entrusted to Your Holy Apostles to baptize with fire and Spirit. Now also, O Lord, grant that through the mediation of us sinners, salvation be bestowed upon the soul of Your servant who approaches You for washing and rebirth; that **he/she** may find mercy and compassion, now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin

- QUQLION FOR MALES -

- QUQLION FOR FEMALES -

————— PETHGOMO —————

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Bring your male off 'rings unto the Lord - Halleluyah  
Unto the Lord bring honour and glory

The King's daughter stood in glory – Halleluyah  
And the Queen at Your right hand.

Bring honor to the name of the Lord - Halleuyah  
Worship the Lord in His Holy Court

You who are adorned in the gold of Ophir – Halleluyah  
Listen, my daughter, see and heed these words:

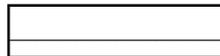
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters - Halleluyah  
The God of glory thunders

Leave your people and your father's house. – Halleluyah  
For the King will des`i`re your beauty

The Lord is upon the great waters – Halleluyah  
The Voice of the Lord is glorious and pow`erful. *Barekmor.*

Worship Him for He is your Lord – Halleluyah  
And the daughter of Tyre will worship Him. *Barekmor.*

**PRIEST:** Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



1. David stands here in spirit by those who are to be baptized  
Let us hear him say "All you who thirst come to the Lord  
Be strengthened and be clothed in might!"  
After Adam fell he cried out to God with a sigh  
God answered Adam and came to the rushing waters of Jordan  
And renewed him who had fallen into co-rrup-tion.

**PEOPLE:** Unto the ages of ages and forevermore.

2. May the seal of grace be a protection for us who believe.  
Just as the Hebrews were saved by sprinkling blood on their doorposts  
May the grace of this divine washing which gives new life  
Save us who take refuge in this baptism  
So that by the eternal light we may see the Tri-ni-ty

*Lord have mercy upon us and help us!*

- PRAYER -

**PRIEST:** O Lord of the heavenly hosts, bless this Your servant who is being instructed and enlighten the eyes of **his/her** mind that **he/she** may realize the vanity of this world, so that by casting off all works which bring death, **he/she** may offer up glory and honor to You, now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

- QANON -

**READER:** The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. (*Ps. 23:1-2a*)

John was shaken and - the Jordan trembled  
The - Se-raphim cried, - "Holy, Holy, Holy is  
God who came to be baptized

**READER:** He leads me besides still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His Name's sake.  
(*Ps. 23:2b-3*)

He Who sanctifies - all the Seraphim  
Came - to - be baptized - to sanctify the waters  
That (Adam's children) (we) might be born again. Barekmor.

**PRIEST:** Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**PEOPLE:** Unto the ages of ages and forevermore.

Praise the Father, Son - and Holy Spirit  
Who - by - divine pow'r - renews those grown old by sin  
Through water and the Spirit  
  
*Stoumen Kalos, Kurielaison*

- PROMION -

**PRIEST:** Let us all pray and beseech the Lord for mercy and compassion.

**PEOPLE:** O merciful Lord, / have mercy upon us / and help us.

**PRIEST:** Make us worthy, O Lord God, to offer unto You praise and thanksgiving, glory and unceasing exaltation, continually and at all times and all seasons. Glory to Christ, the True and Ineffable Light, Who by His glorious wisdom set apart and purified the mystery of baptism for His spiritual flock. To Him belongs glory, honor, and thanksgiving at this time of the baptism of His servant, and at all times, feasts, seasons, hours, and all the days of our lives, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

- SEDRO -

**PRIEST:** O Christ our God, You have gathered us together, we who had gone astray in sin, and invited us to observe Your holy commandments. You have introduced us to Your spiritual flock, and by the life-giving voice proclaimed and said: "Wash yourselves and be pure. Wash away the iniquities from your hearts." [Isaiah 1:16] And You have fulfilled this by leading us to the floods of salvation and to the spring of life. At this time, O Lord, bless this servant who has approached You to receive the sign of life so that it may preserve **him/her**. Introduce **him/her** to Your flock and number **him/her** among Your sheep. Sign **him/her** with the light of Your countenance. Make **him/her** a **son/daughter** to Your Father and worthy of new life. Remove the old self from **him/her** and clothe **him/her** with the imperishable robe. Give **him/her** full growth and stature, so that through a calm and quiet life **he/she** may be made worthy of a good and Christian end. We offer up glory and thanksgiving to You and to Your Father and to Your Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin

- QOLO -

1. By Your Cross, protect, O Lord,  
Those who come for baptism

2. Of this baptism, John spoke:  
"I baptize you with water  
But the one who is to come  
Will baptize with the Spirit"

3. The Pow`er which is hidden  
Even from all the Watchers  
Came to be baptized by John  
Who stood at the riverbank

4. Our Lord came to be baptized  
And John came to bear witness  
From above the Father spoke:  
"This is my belov`ed Son."

*Lord have mercy upon us and help us!*

- 'ETRO -

**PRIEST:** Unto the abundance of Your mercy, O Lord, we offer this fragrant incense on behalf of this Your servant who has come to receive Holy Baptism. May You sign **him/her** unto everlasting life and may **he/she** become a member of Your household and adhere to Your holy commandments. And we will offer up glory and thanksgiving to You and to Your Father and to Your Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and forever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

- ZUMORO -

As a deer longs for flowing streams  
So my soul longs for you,- O -God.

- PAULINE EPISTLE -

READER: The reading is from the epistle of St. Paul the Apostle, to the Romans, *Barekmor*.

PEOPLE: Glory be to the Lord of the Apostle / and may His mercy be upon us, forever.

READER: **[Romans 5:20-6:4]** Ahai, Law came in, to increase the trespass; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.  
*Barekmor*.

————— GOSPEL —————

- PETHGOMO -

Halleluyah, Halleluyah  
May the king rejoice in Your strength, O Lord  
And greatly rejoice in Your salvation.  
Halleluyah

DEACON: *Barekmor*. With stillness, fear, and purity, let us attend and listen to the good news of the living words of God, in the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, that is read to us.

PRIEST: † Peace be unto you all.

PEOPLE: May the Lord God make us worthy / with your spirit.

PRIEST: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the life-giving proclamation from St. Luke the Evangelist and St. John the Apostle, who proclaims the good news of life and salvation to the world.

PEOPLE: Blessed is He who has come / and is to come. Glory be to Him / who sent Him for our salvation, and His mercy be upon us all, forever.

PRIEST: Now at the time of the Incarnation of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, God who was incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary, these things did come to pass in this manner.

PEOPLE: We believe and confess.

**PRIEST:** [St. Luke 3:15-16] As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

[St. John 3:5-6] Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Peace be unto you all +

- MANITO -

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity [Ps. 51:2]

What can wash away the sins I have committed?

The power of hyssop cannot cleanse me

Neither can the waters of the law, a type of baptism.

Only the sprinkling and crucible of the divine bath

And the riches of its great mercy can wash my sins!

*"Kurielaison" is chanted by the people until the priest completes the inaudible prayer.*

- INAUDIBLE PRAYER -

*Giver of light who enlightens souls and bodies, who said, "Let there be light shining forth out of darkness," and it shined in our hearts; who gave salvific cleansing by the waters of blessing, divine sanctity by the holy anointing, and union with our Lord Jesus Christ by the partaking of His Holy Body and Blood; who has now by the divine calling, called Your servant from darkness and deception to the knowledge of your truth, O Merciful Lord. Write **his/her** name in Your Book of Life.*

*[Write the name in the baptismal register]*

*Count **him/her** among those who fear You, and may the light of Your countenance be signed upon **him/her**. May the Cross of Christ be imprinted on **his/her** heart and mind, and deliver **him/her** from all the wickedness of the enemy, so that **he/she** may flee from the vanities of this world and walk in Your holy commandments.*

- AUDIBLE PRAYER -

**PRIEST:** Grant **him/her**, O Lord, Your divine breath, which Your Only Begotten Son breathed upon His holy apostles.

*[The Priest breathes in the form of a Cross on the child 3x] □□□*

**PRIEST:** Remove from **his/her** mind the remnants of idolatry by preparing **him/her** to receive Your Holy Spirit, so that **he/she** may be made worthy of the baptism of new birth. Make **him/her** worthy of the remission of sins through Your Only Begotten Son, our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ; with Him, and with Your Holy Spirit, glory and honor and power are due to You; now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

*[Without oil, the priest signs the candidate's forehead 3x with a cross saying:]*

**PRIEST:** [Name] is signed... In the name of the Father...and of the Son... and of the Living and Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting.

**PRIEST:** Amin.

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————— RITE OF ADJURATION —————

- INAUDIBLE PRAYER -

*I call upon You, Lord God Almighty, through Your Only Begotten Son, our Lord and God Jesus Christ, in order to expel all evil spirits and to banish all their oppositional and hidden works, so that this soul which approaches You may receive the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit with purity and sanctity. Reveal, O Lord, and strengthen Your word of faith which we pronounce in Your name, so that we may speak, not with vain lips, but by Your grace and with the power which liberates the world from the evil one.*

- PRAYER OF ADJURATION -

*[The priest turns West facing the candidate and the candidate turns to the East. The priest crosses the candidate 9x and pronounces the Prayer of Adjuration]*

**PRIEST:** We call upon You, O Lord our God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, as we lay our hand upon this Your creation *[the priest lays his hand on the head of the candidate]* and sign in Your Name, which is most holy above all, so that all demons and all evil and impure spirits may depart from Your creation and image, the work of Your hands. Hear us, O Lord; rebuke them severely and purify this Your servant from all the works of the enemy.

Now, listen, you perverse, impure, and rebellious one, who torments this creature of God:

I command you ☐ by the glory of the Great King, depart with dread, O enemy of all justice and violator of the law, and be subject to the authority of the Almighty Lord, by Whose command the earth is firmly founded on the waters and the sand is placed as the boundary for the seas.

I command you ☐ by God Who has all authority in heaven and on earth, by Him Who created all things and preserves them, by Him Who sustains those in heaven and strengthens those on earth;

I command you ☐ by God Who cast the legion of demons into the abyss through the swine and Who drowned the hard-hearted Pharaoh, his horsemen, and his chariots in the Red Sea;

I command you ☐ by Jesus Christ, Who with power and divine authority ordered the deaf and dumb spirit, saying: "Get out of this man and do not enter into him again."

☐ Fear the dreadful name of God before Whom the created angels and archangels tremble; in Whose presence all the heavenly powers and ministers stand in awe; Whom the Cherubim and Seraphim dare not look upon; in Whose presence the sky trembles and the depths shiver.

☐ Fear the terrifying name of God Who sent the first rebellious one to hell bound with chains of darkness.

□ Fear the judgment that is to come; tremble and depart. Do not approach this creature of God! Do not persecute this work of God's hand! Do not dwell in this creation of God, for it is not the place of demons, but the temple and dwelling place of the Living God Who said: "I shall dwell in them, and walk with them; I shall be their God and they shall be My own people." As for you, O evil spirit, He has made you deplorable, desolate and food for the fire.

By the holy, pure, and victorious God -- the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit -- I command you: □ depart from this servant of God and go to the place where you belong, the desolate and deserted lands where there is no water. Make haste and do not resist, for God will uproot you, eradicate you, and you will perish completely.

O accursed one, impure spirit, spirit of deception, and fuel for the flames, depart □ from this creation of God! Make haste and do not resist! For God--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit--will eradicate you completely by expelling you from the whole of His creation and burning you in the unquenchable fire.

As for the work of His hand, He will preserve **him/her** until the day of salvation, for all power and authority belong to Him, and to Him we offer up glory, now and always, forever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amin.

- ALTERNATE PRAYER OF ADJURATION -

PRIEST: In Your holy name, O Lord God, I sign and cast out □ □ □ every evil and wicked spirit from this Your creation and the work of Your hand. O Lord, rebuke the crooked and proud one, and purify Your servant from the spirits of deception.

O impure spirit, fear □ □ □ the coming judgment. Do not approach this creation of God, because **he/she** is not the dwelling place of demons, but is the temple of God.

I command you □ □ □ in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to be expelled and eradicated. Make haste and do not resist, O filthy spirit!

PEOPLE: Amin

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- RENUNCIATION OF SATAN -

*The candidate faces the West & the godparent holds the left hand of the child with his/her left hand & renounces Satan on his/her behalf:*

PRIEST: I, [NAME] / who am being baptized / renounce you Satan, / all your armies, / all your messengers, / all fear of you, / and all of your deceitfulness.

- ADHESION TO CHRIST -

*The candidate faces the East & the godparent holds the right hand of the child with his/her right hand & accepts Christ on his/her behalf:*

PRIEST: I, [NAME] / who am being baptized, / confess and believe in You, / O Christ my God, / and in the whole teaching / which You have divinely handed down / through the Prophets, / the Apostles, / and the Holy Fathers.

- NICENE CREED -

**PRIEST:** We believe in One True God,

**PEOPLE:** The Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth, / and of all things visible and invisible; And in the One Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only-Begotten Son of God, / begotten of the Father before all worlds, / Light of Light, / True God of True God, / begotten, not made, / being of one essence with the Father, / and by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men and for our salvation / came down from heaven;

† And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of the Holy Virgin Mary, / Mother of God, / and became man;

† And was crucified for us / in the days of Pontius Pilate / and suffered, and died, and was buried;

† And on the third day, He rose again / according to His will, / and ascended into heaven, / and sits at the right hand of the Father, / and shall come again in His great glory / to judge both the living and the dead, / whose kingdom shall have no end;

And in the one Living Holy Spirit, / the life-giving Lord of all, / Who proceeds from the Father, / and Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, / Who spoke through the prophets and apostles;

And in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; / and we confess one baptism for the remission of sins, / and look for the resurrection of the dead / and the new life in the world to come / Amin.

- INAUDIBLE PRAYER -

*O Lord, You sent Your Holy Spirit and created this Your servant from nothingness into existence. Through Your love for humanity, **he/she** has been made worthy of Holy Baptism. Establish **him/her** on the foundation of the Holy Apostles, and plant **him/her** as a true sapling in Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon **him/her** so that **he/she** may become worthy of the mystery of anointing. Fill **him/her** with Your divine gifts. Make Your light shine in the heart of this Your worshiper, so that **he/she** may be free from the slavery of sin.*

- AUDIBLE -

*[The priest dips his thumb into the oil of anointing and signs the child on his forehead]*

**PRIEST:** **[Name]** is signed with the oil of gladness, that **he/she** may be made worthy of adoption as a **son/daughter** by being born again:

In the name of the Father...and of the Son...and of the Living and Holy Spirit, unto life eternal.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

*[The priest stands before the baptismal font. He takes warm water in his right hand and cold water in his left hand and he places the right hand over the left in the form of a Cross and says this prayer while mixing this water:]*

**PRIEST:** Through the supplication of our feebleness, O Lord God, mix the power and operation of Your Holy Spirit in this water, so that this may become a spiritual womb and a crucible which brings forth immortality. Grant that this water may be for your servant, who is being baptized in it, both an incorruptible spiritual garment and liberation from the bond of sin by Your good will and by the love for humankind of Your Only-begotten Son and through the operation of Your Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin

*[A cross is placed in the water and the water is covered with a sushefo]*

- QUQOYO -

1. Listen - to this all people - Halleluyah

John mixed - the baptismal waters which Christ entered  
The Lord - sanctified them and was baptized in them  
As He rose up - out of the water  
Heaven and earth - gave honor to Him  
The sun - and moon worship him; the clouds give glory  
To Him - who sanctified the waters that the world  
Halleluyah - may be purified

2. O, come - and listen to me - Halleluyah

Who has - seen two sisters as beautiful as these?  
The pure - Baptism and the One, True Holy Church?  
One gives birth to - spi`ri`tual children  
While the other - nurtures these newborn  
And when - Baptism brings forth the child through water  
The Church - receives this spi`ri`tual child and offers  
Halleluyah - **him/her** unto the Lord. *Barekmor.*

**PRIEST:** Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Halleluyah

*[Priest removes sushefo from over the baptismal font and waves it over waters]*

3. Brethren - see this wondrous miracle when the priest

Extends - his hand and unveils the baptismal font  
Angels on high - are struck with wonder  
As this human - stands above the flame  
He calls - the Spirit to descend from heaven and  
At once - God hears and fulfills his will and hallows  
Halleluyah - the waters for him

**PEOPLE:** Unto the ages of ages and forevermore. Halleluyah.

*[The Priest hands the sushefo and the cross to the assistant]*

4. The spring - of life, baptism, is opened and is

Hallowed - by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
The Father said - "My belov`ed son"  
The Son bowed His - head for baptism  
While the - Spirit descended on Him like a dove  
Truly - we believe in the glor'ous Trinity  
Halleluyah - by Whom the worlds live

*Lord have mercy upon us and help us!*

*"Kurielaison" is chanted by the people until the priest completes the inaudible prayer.*

**- INAUDIBLE PRAYER -**

*You have given us, O Lord, the wellspring of true purification, which removes the stains and marks of sin. Even now, O Lord, through the intercession of us sinners, grant Your divine breath which Your Only Begotten Son breathed on His holy disciples.*

**- AUDIBLE PRAYER -**

**PRIEST:** As You are the Savior and the Purifier and the Giver of all good things, we offer praise to You and to Your Only Begotten Son and to Your Holy Spirit, now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

**PRIEST:** O Lord, turn to this water and sanctify it.

*"Kurielaison" is chanted by the people until the priest completes the inaudible prayer.*

**- INAUDIBLE PRAYER -**

*[The priest breathes on the waters in the form of a cross 3x during this inaudible prayer]*

*O Lord, crush the head of the dragon, the killer of humankind, under the sign of Your cross ☩.*

*We pray to You, O Lord: ☩ Drive away from this water all the aerial and invisible demons and do not let a demon of darkness conceal himself in this water.*

*☩ Do not let any evil spirit bringing obscurity of purpose and rebellion of thoughts descend into the water along with this child who is to be baptized. And drive away from **him/her** all the operations of the adversary.*

**- AUDIBLE PRAYER -**

**PRIEST:** Therefore, Your Church and Your flock redeemed by Your Cross stand by the abundant rushing waters of the River Jordan with compunction, and beseech You and through You and with You to Your Father saying:

**PEOPLE:** Have mercy upon us, O God, Father Almighty.

**PRIEST:** Also, Lord, we Your weak and sinful servants give thanks unto You, and confess Your goodness toward all and on behalf of all.

DEACON: Barekmor. How solemn is this hour, and how awesome is this time, my beloved, wherein the Living Holy Spirit takes wing and descends from the most elevated heights of heaven, and broods and rests upon these baptismal waters, sanctifying them. In stillness and fear, let us stand and pray!

*"Kurielaison" is chanted by the people until the priest completes the inaudible prayer.*

- INAUDIBLE PRAYER -

*Have mercy upon us, O God, Father Almighty! From Your prepared dwelling place and from Your boundless bosom, send upon us and upon this water, which is being sanctified, Your Holy Spirit: Who is Personal, pre-eminent, the Lord and life-giver; Who spoke through the Law, the Prophets, and the Apostles; Who is present in all places; Who fills all spaces; Who perfects holiness in those who obey Your perfect will, not as a servant but as Lord, pure in nature, working in many ways, the spring of spiritual gifts, of one essence with You, proceeding from You and taking from Your Son; Who is equal on the throne of Your Kingdom, and equal with Your only begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

- AUDIBLE PRAYER -

PRIEST: Answer me, O Lord; answer me, O Lord; answer me, O Lord, and have compassion and mercy upon me.

Kurielaison, Kurielaison, Kurielaison.

*[At every invocation, the priest signs the baptismal waters with the cross, touching the top, bottom, left and right sides of the water in the font at each mention of "water"]*

PRIEST: O Lord God Almighty, make this water *[top]* the water of comfort, the water *[bottom]* of joy and gladness, the water *[left]* which symbolizes the Death and Resurrection of Your Only Begotten Son, and the water *[right]* of purification.

PEOPLE: Amin.

PRIEST: And make this water *[top]* the water for the purification of the defilement of flesh and spirit, the water *[bottom]* for the liberation from all bondage, the water *[left]* for the forgiveness of sins, and the water *[right]* for the illumination of soul and body.

PEOPLE: Amin.

PRIEST: And make this water *[top]* the water for the washing of rebirth, the water *[bottom]* for the gift of adoption as children of God, the water *[left]* for the garment of incorruption, and the water *[right]* for the renewal through Your Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amin.

*[The priest raises the bottle of the Holy Chrism and lifts it over the water in the form of a cross 3x and the bells are rung when the Chrism is elevated.]*

**PRIEST:** The waters saw You, O God! The waters saw You, O Lord, and were afraid.

**PEOPLE:** Halleluyah.

**PRIEST:** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the many waters.

**PEOPLE:** Halleluyah.

**PRIEST:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

*[The Priest pours the Holy Chrism into the water in the sign of a Cross saying:]*

**PRIEST:** We pour the Holy Chrism (myron) into this water of baptism that the old person may be made anew...

**PEOPLE:** Halleluyah:

**PRIEST:** In the name of the Father *[top]* and of the Son *[bottom]* and of the Living *[left]* and Holy *[right]* Spirit, unto life eternal.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

*"Kurielaison" is chanted by the people until the priest completes the inaudible prayer.*

**- INAUDIBLE PRAYER -**

*O Lord God, Who sent Your Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and sanctified the floodwaters of the River Jordan, perfect this Your servant who is being baptized, and make him/her have fellowship with Christ, being purified by Your salvific washing...*

**- AUDIBLE PRAYER -**

**PRIEST:** So that by becoming glorious through being renewed and filled with Your grace, and keeping Your divine gifts which are entrusted to **him/her**, both we and your servant who is being baptized may praise You and confess You and Your Only Begotten Son and Your Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto you all.

**PEOPLE:** And to your spirit.

*[The priest waves and flutters his right hand over the baptismal waters and makes the sign of the cross 3x on the water while saying the following in a loud voice]*

**PRIEST:** This water is blessed and sanctified so that it may be for the divine washing of rebirth...

In the name of the Living Father ☩ unto life;...

In the name of the Living Son ☩ unto life;...

In the name of the Living and Holy Spirit ☩ unto life eternal.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

*[The priest walks to the opposite side of the baptismal font and faces the West. He then makes the candidate, who faces East, descend into the baptismal font. He places his right hand on the candidate's head and with his left hand pours the baptismal waters from the east, from the west, from the north, and then from the south on the candidate.]*

**PRIEST:** In the hope of life and for the remission of sins:

[NAME] is baptized in the name of the Father...and of the Son...and of the Living and Holy Spirit, unto life eternal.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

*[The priest lifts up the baptized and gives them to their Godparent.]*

- QOLO -

1. *The King's daughter stands in glory*  
Holy Church, open your arms  
Receive this innocent lamb  
Which is born of the Spirit  
From the baptismal waters
2. *Listen, my daughter, see and heed these words:*  
Of this baptism, John spoke:  
"I baptize you with water  
But the One Who is to come  
Will baptize with the Spirit." *Barekmor.*

**PRIEST:** Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

3. Come in peace, O newborn lamb  
Come, O child of baptism  
You were born through water in  
The name of the Trinity

**PEOPLE:** Unto the ages of ages and forevermore.

4. From the waters, Gideon  
Chose his men for the battle;  
From the baptismal waters  
Christ gathered His worshippers  
*Lord have mercy upon us and help us!*

————— **HOLY CHRISMATION** —————

*[And the priest takes the bottle of Chrism (myron) in his hand and he says this prayer standing upright:]*

**PRIEST:** O Lord, may Your servant who has been counted among your worshippers through faith in baptism receive this holy seal and sign in Your Name, so that being spiritually filled with the sweet fragrance of this Chrism (myron) **he/she** may not be seized by the hostile armies. And from henceforth, may **he/she** not be afraid of the evil powers and rulers of darkness, but by walking in Your light may **he/she** become a **son/daughter** of light, and by following You may **he/she** come to You.

*[Now the priest turns to the baptized and dipping his thumb into the Chrism (myron), signs him/her on the forehead in the form of a Cross saying:]*

**PRIEST:** By the Holy Chrism (myron), which is the sweet fragrance of Christ, the mark and seal of the true faith and the perfection of the gift of the Holy Spirit, **[NAME]** is sealed...In the name of the Father...and of the Son...and of the Living and Holy Spirit, unto life eternal.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

*[Then, he anoints the baptized person with Myron (chrism) from head to toe- the entire body while the following Manito is chanted]*

**- MANITHO -**

1. God com-manded - "A-noint Aaron with this Holy Oil

To be sanctified" [Ex. 29:21]

Now this pure lamb - is anointed with this Holy Oil

At his/her baptism. *Barekmor.*

**PRIEST:** Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** Unto the ages of ages and forevermore.

2. This is the oil - which visibly anoints this pure lamb

Who has been baptized,

While the Spirit - signs him/her mystically and divinely

And dwells within him/her

**OR**

**[MANITHO IN PROSE]**

*Let your heart be strengthened and fortified! [Ps 27:14]*

**PRIEST:** By the grace of baptism, you are now seen in this world in the form of light. Be strengthened by the power from above through the Holy Spirit. Despise and turn away your face from the old self who is corrupted by the pleasure and desire of sin. Until now, you were dealing with those passions of error. But now, by receiving the Word of Life amongst the unbelievers, realize that you are quickly approaching the new life which is coming and is promised to the faithful, and you shall be made worthy to reign with Christ according to the abundance of His great mercy.

————— **CROWNING** —————

*[The priest leads him/her to the and crowns him/her with a crown and says:]*

**PRIEST:** O Lord God, crown this Your servant with splendor and glory. Grant that his/her life be pleasing to Your majesty and be for the glory of Your Holy Name, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin

- SUGITO -

1. **Brother/Sister** - sing praise to the Lord - who fashioned a crown - which kings of this world - would envy
2. **Brother/Sister** - your robes shine like snow - and your brightness is - more beautiful than the Jordan
3. By the - pow'r of the Spirit - you ascended like - an angel from your - baptism
4. Today, - you wear on your head - an unfading crown - and the glory of Adam's race
5. **Brother/Sister** - keep watch that Satan - may not steal from you - heaven's blessings which you received
6. Your robes - and crown are splendid - which the First-Born Son - made for you today, through the priest
7. Today - the fruit of Eden - Adam did not taste - is placed in your mouth - with gladness
8. Go forth - in peace my brother/sister - who has been baptized; - and worship the Cross - which guards you.
9. Glory - be to the Father; - praise be to the Son; - worship to the Holy Spirit

*[Here, the newly baptized and chrismated person receives Holy Qurbana.]*

*[Here, the newly baptized and chrismated person is brought into the sanctuary and kisses the corners of the altar. The hymn "Blessed are the good servants" may be sung at this time and the bells may be rung.]*

- PRAYER FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE CROWN -

**PRIEST:** O Lord, lead this your servant by Your life-giving wisdom through the evangelical life, Your servant whom You have made a perfect brother/sister to Your Only-begotten Son by adoption through his/her spiritual mother. May he/she receive this crown in Your heavenly kingdom which is prepared for those who live virtuously. By the removal of this crown, may he/she not be deprived of the help of Your right hand, but rather may it protect, strengthen, and raise him/her. May he/she receive the crown of the calling from above and may he/she glorify You, and Your Only Begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit Who is of one essence with You, now and always, forever and ever. □□□

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

- HUTOMO PRAYER -

**PRIEST:** May God the Father be with you, and the adorable Son guard you, and the Holy Spirit, Whom you have put on, perfect you and deliver you from all harm, and may the baptism you have received abide with you forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

- PRAYER OF DISMISSAL -

**PRIEST:** Go in peace as we entrust you to the grace and mercy of the Holy Trinity with the Holy Chrism (myron) you have received from the absolving baptism of Christ our God, now and always, forever and ever.

**PEOPLE:** Amin.

