

The Blessing of Homes at Theophany

Blessed is our God, always, now, and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Archbishop (*Name*), the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the laity, let us pray to the Lord.

That this house and that all those who dwell in it may be sanctified and blessed, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer

Peace be with all. And with your spirit.

Let us bow our heads to the Lord. To You, O Lord.

Incline Your ear and hear us, O Lord Who sanctified water when You consented to be baptized in the Jordan; bless all of us who by bowing our heads indicate our submission to You; make us worthy to be filled with Your sanctification by receiving this water and through sprinkling it; let it be, Lord, for the health of our souls and bodies.

For You are the sanctification of our souls and bodies, and to You we send up glory, thanksgiving, and worship: with Father Who has no beginning, and to the all-Holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The priest plunges the Cross into the water three times, pouring Holy Water over it:

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan river, • the worship of the Trinity was 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 sureness of these words. • You Who appeared, O Christ God, • and have enlightened the world: glory to You!

The priest offers the cross for the family to reverence, then sprinkles each room, singing:

You have appeared today, • to all the world; • and Your light, O Lord, • has shined upon us. • In this knowledge we praise You; • You have come, • You have appeared: • You are the Light unapproachable.

Litany

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beseech You: hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Again we pray for our Archbishop Isaiah, and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, forgiveness, and remission of our sins of the servants of God, of all pious and Orthodox Christians, and of the servants of God (*Names*) who live in this house, and forgive all their offenses, both voluntary and involuntary.

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Dismissal

Glory to You, O God, glory to You.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Holy father, bless.

May He Who was baptized in the Jordan by John for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless holy Mother; and of all the saints; have mercy on us and save us, for He is a good and loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God have mercy on us and save us. Amen.