

Troparion of the Feast

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WHEN THOU, O LORD WAS BAP - TIZED IN THE JOR - DAN,
 THE WORSHIP OF THE TRINITY WAS MADE MAN - I - FEST; FOR THE
 VOICE OF THE FA - THER BARE WIT - NESS TO THEE, AND CALLED THEE
 HIS BE - LOV - ED SON! AND THE SPIR - IT, IN THE FORM OF A DOVE
 CON - FIRMED THE TRUTH - FUL - NESS OF HIS WORD. O CHRIST OUR GOD WHO
 HAS RE - VEALED THY - SELF AND HAS ENLIGHTENED THE WORLD GLO - RY TO THEE!

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church Prayers for the Blessing of Homes during Theophany

The following items should be prepared before the service at the home altar or on a clean table (with table cloth) in a central room of the house:

- A bowl filled with holy water or an empty bowl to which the Priest can add water
- An icon, a Bible, a lit candle or lamp
- A list of names of those whom you would like to remember in prayer, first those fallen asleep, then the living, including immediate family members.

Open the doors and turn lights on in every room so that the priest and the hosting family can move freely from room to room. Turn off radios, televisions, stereos, and cell phones.



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

Reader: Amen. 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.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine are the Kingdom, 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.

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. Bless them and this house. Keep their lives 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-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

People: And to thy spirit.

Priest: Bow your heads unto the Lord.

People: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Master, Lord our God, who livest on high and lookest 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 didst bless the house of Abinidab with the carrying of the Ark, and who, in the days of the coming in the flesh of Christ, our God, didst grant salvation unto the house of Zacchaeus: Do Thou Thyself bless also this house; compass with the fear of Thee them that live in it, and keep them unharmed by adversaries; 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 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 shall now bless the whole house with Holy Water, being led by a household member bearing a candle if possible while all sing the troparion printed on the back of the leaflet, repeating it until the whole house is blessed.)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again, we pray for our parents, family, and friends, and for all faithful Christians departed this life before us in the hope of Resurrection, especially _____ who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x).

Priest: Again, we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of sins for the servants of God _____.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Again, we pray that the Lord will send down His blessing upon this house and on His servant(s) _____, that He will send unto *them* His angel of mercy, who will preserve and protect *them* in every virtue to fulfill the holy commandments of Christ, that He will protect *them* from famine, destruction, earthquake, fire, flood, the sword, invasion of enemies, and from every death-bearing wound, and that He will grant *them* health, length of days and abundance in all good things, let us say, O Lord hear our prayer and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x).

Priest: Again we pray for all the brethren and for all Christians.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x).

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, Thou hope of all the ends of the earth and be merciful, O Master, regarding our sins, and have mercy on us, for Thou art a good God and the Lover of mankind, and unto Thee we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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, the Holy Hierarch Athanasius of Alexandria, _____, and the holy ancestors of Christ, Joachim and Anna, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Then the Priest proclaims:

Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, and furtherance in all good things, to Thy servant(s) _____, who dwell(s) here; and preserve *them* for many years!

People: (sung) God grant you many years. God grant you many years. God grant you many, many, many years!