CHRISMATION

After the newly-baptized is clothed, the Priest says this prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord God Almighty, the source of blessings, the Sun of righteousness, who have made the light of salvation shine for those in darkness through the appearing of your Only-Begotten Son and our God, and have granted us, unworthy though are, the grace of blessed cleansing by holy Baptism, and divine sanctification by life-giving Anointing. And you have now been well-pleased to make your newly-enlightened servant to be born again through water and Spirit, and have granted him/her forgiveness of sins both voluntary and involuntary. Do you then, Master, compassionate, universal King, grant him/her also the Seal of the gift of your holy, all-powerful and adorable Spirit and the Communion of the holy Body and precious Blood of your Christ. Keep him/her in your sanctification; confirm him/her in the Orthodox Faith; deliver him/her from the evil one and all his devices, and by your saving fear guard his/her soul in purity and righteousness; so that being in every deed and word well-pleasing to you, he/she may become a child and heir of your heavenly Kingdom.

Priest exclaims: Because you are our God, a God who has mercy and who saves, and to you we give glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

And after the Prayer he anoints the newly baptized with the holy Myron, making a sign of the Cross on the forehead, the eyes, the

ПОСЛЕДОВАНИЕ СВЯТАГО МВРОПОМАЗАНИЯ

И по еже облещи его молится священник, глаголя молитву сию:

Благословён еси Господи Боже Вседержитель, источниче благих, солнце правды, возсиявый сущим во тьме свет спасения, явление единороднаго Твоего Сына и Божа нѧшего: и дарова́вый нам недостойным блаженное очищение во святѣй водѣ, и божественное освящение в животворящем помазании: йже и ныне благоволи́вый пѧки роди́ти раба Твоегѡ новопросвѧщення [или рабу Твоѧ новопросвѧщенную] [или рабов Твоїх новопросвѧщенных] водою и Духом, и вольных и невольных грехов оставлѣнное тому дарова́вый. Сам Владыко, Всемощию благотвори́бне, даруй тому и печа́ть вѧр святѧ го и всесильнаго, и покланяемаго Твоего Духа, и причашение святѧго Тела и честныѧ Хропе Христѧ Твоегѡ. Сохрани его в Твоєм освѧщеніи, утверди в правосла́вной вёре, изба́ви от лукаваго, и всех начинанй его: и спасительным Твоим стрѧхом в чистотѣ и правде душу его соблюдъ, да во всѧком дёле и слове благоугодя́й Тебе, сын и наслѣдник будет Небеснаго Твоегѡ Царствия.

Иерей возглашает: Йяко Ты еси Бож наш, Бог ёже миловати и спасати, и Тебе сла́ву возглѧваєм, Отцѧ, и Сыну, и Свѧтому Ду́ху, ныне и приѧно, и во вёки веков.

Лик: Ами́нь.

И по молитве помазует крестьявшагося святым муром, творя креста образ: 

На челе, и очесех, и ноздрех, и устах, и
nostrils, the mouth, the two ears, the breast, the hands and the feet, and saying:


[In many places it is the custom for the Priest to place the baptismal Cross, after blessing it in the Baptismal Water, round the neck of the newly baptized and to give them a lighted candle. See Appendix.]

Then the Priest, having washed his hands, censes the Font, going round it in a circle, with the Godparent and the Newly-baptized following and standing opposite him, while we chant:

**Choir:** As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (thrice)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Reader:** Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone. [Psalm 26]

The Lord is my enlightenment and my Saviour; * whom shall I fear?

**Verse:** The Lord is the defender of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

**Deacon:** Wisdom.
Reader: The reading is from the Epistle of Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Deacon: Let us attend.

The Epistle of Paul to the Romans [6:3-11]

Reader: Brethren, as many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death. We were buried then with him through baptism to death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For one who has died has been justified from sin. If then we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer lords it over him. As to dying, he died once and for all; as to living, he lives for God. Consequently, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Priest: Peace be unto thee.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom. Let us attend.

Reader: Alleluia.

Deacon: Wisdom, aright! Let us hear the holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: The reading is from the holy Gospel.
according to Matthew.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: Let us attend.

[Matthew 28: 16-20]:

Priest: At that time the eleven Disciples journeyed to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had commanded them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus drew near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. And see, I am with you all days until the end of the age. Amen’.

Litany

Deacon: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for our Great Lord and father, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill; and our lord the Very Most Reverend Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad; and our lord the Very Most Reverend Archbishop Alypy; and our lord the Most Reverend Bishop Peter; and all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for this land [of the United States], its authorities and armed
forces; for the God-preserved Russian land

Choir: Lord have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and forgiveness of sins for the servant of God, the Sponsor N.

That he/she may be kept in the faith of a pure confession, in all godliness and in the fulfilling of the commandments of Christ all the days of his/her life.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (thrice)

Deacon: Again we pray for the newly enlightened servant of God N.

Priest: For a merciful God art Thou, 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 the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

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

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (thrice) Father, bless.