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# The Birth of a Child

## The Naming of the Child

## The Absolution of the Woman

### If she has given birth to a male child

At the end of forty days. The Prayer of Thanksgiving is said, and incense is offered.

PRESBYTER:

Let us give thanks to the beneficent and merciful God, the Father of our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. For He has covered us, helped us, guarded us, accepted us to Him, spared us, supported us, and has brought us to this hour.

Let us also ask Him, the Lord our God, the Pantocrator, to guard us in all peace this holy day and all the days of our life.

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| DEACON: |  |
| Pray. | Prosevexasté. |
| PEOPLE: |  |
| Lord have mercy. | Kyrié eleison. |

PRESBYTER:

O Master, Lord, God the Pantocrator, the Father of our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we thank You for everything, concerning everything, and in everything. For You have covered us, helped us, guarded us, accepted us to Yourself, spared us, supported us, and hast brought us to this hour.

DEACON:

Pray that God have mercy and compassion on us, hear us, help us and accept the supplications and prayers of His saints, for that which is good, on our behalf, at all times\*, and forgive us our sins.

\*(in the presence of a bishop, add:) and keep the life and standing of our honoured father, the high priest, Papa Abba \_\_\_\_, and his partner in liturgy, our father the (metropolitan) bishop, Abba \_\_\_\_.

PEOPLE:

Lord have mercy.

PRESBYTER:

Therefore, we ask and entreat Your Goodness, O Lover of mankind, grant us to complete this holy day, and all the days of our life, in all peace with Your fear.

All envy, all temptation, all the work of Satan, the counsel of wicked men and the rising up of enemies, hidden and manifest, (he bows his head toward the East and signs himself, saying,) take them away from us, (he turns toward the west from his right and makes the sign of the Cross over the people, or if a bishop is present, he signs and says,) and from all Your people, and from this font, and from this holy place that is Yours.

But those things which are good and profitable do provide for us, for it is You Who have given us the authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, by the grace, compassion and love of mankind, of Thine Only Begotten Son, our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Through Whom the glory, the honour, the dominion, and the adoration are due to You, with Him, and the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, Who is of One Essence with You, now, and at all times, and unto the age of all ages. Amen.

People:

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| We worship You, O Christ, with Your Good Father and the Holy Spirit, for You have {come} and saved us. (Have mercy on us.) | Ten oo‑osht Emmok: O Pi Khristos: nem Pek Yot en Aghathos: nem pi Pnevma Eth‑owab: je {Ak ee} ak soti emmon. (Nai nan.) |

### Titus 2:12-3:8

A chapter from the Epistle of our teacher Paul to the Hebrews. His blessing be upon us. Amen.

But of the Son he says:

*Your throne, O God, is unto ages of ages.*

*The scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your Kingdom.*

*You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;*

*therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.*

And:

*You, Lord, in the beginning, laid the foundation of the earth.*

*The heavens are the works of your hands.*

*They will perish, but you continue.*

*They all will grow old as a garment,*

*As a mantle, you will roll them up,*

*and they will be changed;*

*but you are the same.*

*Your years will not fail.*

The grace of God the Father be with you all. Amen.

The Trisagion is chanted (see page ##), and the presbyter prays the Prayer of the Goepsl (see page ##).

## The Absolution of the Woman

## The Absolution of the Mother before Making the Child a Catechumen

### If she has given birth to a male child

## The Making of a Catechumen

## Holy Baptism

### The Hallowing of the Waters of Baptism or the Liturgy of the Word

### The Laying on of Hands or the Anaphora

### The Sealing with Holy Myron (Chrism)

### The Releasing of the Water

## The Loosing of the Girdle of Those Who Have Been Baptised