

ANOINTING OF THE SICK IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS



Fr. David: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Fr. David: My dear friends, we are gathered here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is present among us. As the gospels relate, the sick came to Him for healing; moreover, He loves us so much that He died for our sake. Through the apostle James, He has commanded us: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them."

Let us therefore commend our infirmed brothers and sisters to the grace and power of Christ: that He may save them and raise them up.

Prayer Over the Oil

Fr. David: Praise to you, God, the almighty Father. You sent your Son to live among us and bring us salvation:

All: Blessed be God who heals us in Christ!

Fr. David: Praise to you, God, the only-begotten Son. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity and you heal our infirmities.

All: Blessed be God who heals us in Christ!

Fr. David: Praise to you, God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Your unflinching power gives us strength in our bodily weakness.

All: Blessed be God who heals us in Christ!

Fr. David: God of mercy, ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness of your servants whom the Church anoints with this holy oil.

All: Amen

Anointing

Fr. David anoints individually the sick person with the blessed oil. First he anoints on the forehead saying:

Through this holy anointing,
may the Lord in His love and mercy
help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Fr. David anoints the palms, saying:

May the Lord who frees you from sin,
save you and raise you up.

Response: Amen.

Prayer After Anointing

Fr. David: Father in heaven,
through this holy anointing grant our sisters and brothers comfort
in their suffering. When they are afraid, give them courage;
when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, afford them
hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy
people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

