

## Instructions for Blessing Your Home

### Items Needed:

- **Holy Water**
- **Small Bowl**
- **Icon**
- **Candle**
- **Green leafy twigs**

- 1) **Call the Church and arrange to pick-up Holy Water.**
- 2) **Fill a small bowl with water and place it before the icon.**
- 3) **Pour some of the Holy Water into the bowl with the other water.**
- 4) **Take a small bunch of clean leafy branches from outside your home. (We suggest something sturdy that won't fall apart.)**
- 5) **Read the Following Prayer Service to bless your home.**

**Reader:** Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity have mercy on us. Lord, be gracious to our sins. Master, forgive our transgressions. Holy One, visit us and heal our infirmities, for your name's sake. Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.  
Amen.

### **Troparion, Tone I**

When You in Jordan for Your baptism were come, O Lord, then was  
revealed unto us to worship the Trinity, for lo, the Father's voice spoke to  
bear witness of You, by Name, declaring You His well-beloved Son; and  
the Spirit in form like a dove appeared to confirm the sure truth of the  
spoken Word; O Lord made manifest and light of the world, we give glory to  
You, O Christ our God.

**Reader:** O God our Savior, the True Light, Who was baptized \*in the  
Jordan by the Prophet John, and Who did deign to enter under the roof-tree  
of Zacchaeus, bringing salvation unto him and unto his house: do You, the  
same Lord, keep safe also from harm those who dwell herein; grant to  
them Your blessing, purification and bodily health, and all their petitions  
that are unto salvation and Life everlasting; for blessed are You, as also  
Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your All; Holy, Good and Life;  
creating Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### **6) Using the leafy branches, bless the whole house with Holy Water in the bowl, saying (or chanting):**

When you were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity  
was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to you,  
naming you his beloved Son. And the spirit, in the form of a dove,  
confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, who illumined the  
world, Glory to You!

**Reader:** Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health and  
salvation, and the furtherance of all good things to all Your  
servants (**Names**) who dwell herein, and preserve them for many years.

Amen.