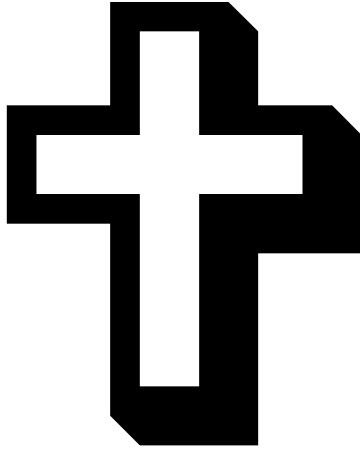


**Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church**

**THE ORDER OF  
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*[The Godparent carries the child.  
For a male--a man; for a female--a woman]*

**INITIAL PRAYER**

**Priest:** Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** And on us weak and sinful servants  
may His mercy and compassion be bestowed  
in both worlds for ever and ever. Amen.

**Priest:** Make us worthy, O Lord God, of that spiritual priestly service which Thou hast entrusted to Thy holy Apostles to baptize with fire and Spirit. Grant, O Lord, that through the mediation of us sinners, salvation be given to the soul of this Thy servant who approaches Thee for washing and rebirth; and **he/she** may find mercy and clemency. Now and always and forever.

**People:** Amen

**Choir:**           **HYMN (KUKILION)**  
*(Aan Paithangale..)*

*[For Men]*

Male children give unto the Lord—Halleluiah  
Bring unto the Lord Glory and honor.

Holy Name Thou do magnify—Halleluiah  
Worship Lord in His Holy Temple.

Voice of God is upon waters—Halleluiah  
Lord of Glory thunders above.

His voice ocean echoes over—Halleluiah  
Lord is heard in might and majesty.

*[For Women]*

Kings daughter stands in glory—Halleluiah  
And at Thy right standeth the princess.

Adorned art thou in gold of ophir—Halleluiah  
O bride of King, incline thine ear.

King shall dot on Thy beauty—Halleluiah  
Leave Thy household and Thy people.

Daughter of Sur-adore Him—Halleluiah  
For He is Thy – Lord, ever.

**Barekmor- Shubaho...**

Sayeth King David beside child of baptism  
Come to the Lord, those who thirst, and get strengthened  
Adam, poor and fallen, groaning called on Him  
Lord answered him in River Jordan  
Lord made him all anew-  
He was fallen in deso-lation. **Men Olam...**

Hebrews were saved by blood – sign above doors  
So with grace of rebirth, Godly and life – giving  
For us faithful who seek refuge in this  
Seal of grace protect us all  
We gaze on Holy Triune God-by this Eternal Glory.  
**Moriyo rahem...**

## **PRAYER**

**Priest:** O Lord of the heavenly powers, bless this Thy servant who is being instructed, and enlighten **his/her** mind that **he/she** may understand the vanity of this world and by forsaking all worldly wickedness **he/she** may offer Thee glory and honor, now and for ever

**People:** Amen

**Choir:**           **HYMN (Yuhanon sovo)**

*The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

John was afeared; Jordan was trembling  
Cried out Seraphim; “Holy, Holy, Most Holy  
God who comes for bap-t-ism.”

*He leads me besides the still waters. He restores my  
soul. He leads me in right paths for His Name’s sake.*

Blessings the waters – baptized was He, for  
New life for Adam – in water and in Spirit  
He who sanctifi-es Seraphim. **Barekmor...  
Shubaho... Men Olam**

Children of Adam – killed by grievous sins  
Glory be to Him – Holy Trinity renews  
Baptism by divine power.

**Deacon:** Stoumen Kalos

**People:** Kurielaison.

## **PROMEON (Preface)**

**Priest:** Let us all pray and beseech the Lord for mercy and compassion

**People:** O Merciful Lord, have mercy on us and help us.

**Priest:** Glory and thanksgiving, praise and adoration, and exaltation unceasing, truly at all times and all hours, may we ascribe unto Thee, O Lord!

**Priest:** Praise to Thee, O Lord, who art the true and ineffable Light, who by Thy divine wisdom instituted and sanctified the sacrament of baptism for His spiritual fold. To thee be glory, honor and dominion with His Father and His Holy Spirit at this time and at all times and seasons and hours and all the days of our life, forever.

**People:** Amen.

## **SEDRO**

**Priest:** O Christ our God, Thou hast saved us from the abyss of sins and has invited us to observe of Thy holy commandments. Thou hast introduced us to Thy spiritual fold and by the vivifying voice proclaimed and said: “wash yourselves and be pure, wash away the iniquities from your hearts”. Thou hast led us to the floods of salvation and to the wellspring of new life. O Lord, now bless this servant who has approached Thee to receive the seal of life so that it may preserve **him/her**. Introduce **him/her** to Thy fold, and number **him/her** among Thy sheep. May the light of Thy face be reflected on **him/her**, make **him/her** a

**son/daughter** to Thy Father, and make **him/her** worthy of the new birth. Remove the old man from **him/her** clothe **him/her** with the imperishable robe. Give **him/her** full growth and stature so that through a calm and quiet life **he/she** may become worthy of a righteous end and of Christian consummation. And he and we may send up glory and praise to Thee and to Thy Father and to Thy Holy Spirit, now and always forever.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** From God may we receive remission of debts and forgiveness of sins, in both worlds forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**Choir:**

**HYMN (KOLO)**

(kaakkuka nadha sleebayal)  
Protect, O, Lord by Thy Cross  
Children seeking baptism.

Thus spake John – son of Scariah  
Touching Holy Baptism  
In water do I baptize  
He who comes – does in – Spirit.

John son of – Zachariah  
Stood by the – River Jordan  
Hither came – for baptism  
Power un-known to the angels.

He came, stood – by the – River  
To witness, John the Baptist  
“This is my belo-ved Son”

Called out Father from Heaven **Moriyo...**  
**ETHRO (Prayer with Incense)**

**Priest:** To the abundance of Thy mercy, O Lord, we offer Thee this incense on behalf of this Thy servant who has come to receive holy baptism, that **he/she** may be sealed by Thee to everlasting life and may become a member of Thy Household and may adhere to Thy holy commandments. And we will offer praise and thanksgiving to Thee and to Thy Father and Thy Holy Spirit, now and always and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**Choir:** **HYMN (SOOMORO)**

As a deer longs for flowing streams  
So my soul longs for you, O God

**Deacon:** The Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans – *Ahai-Barekmor*

**People:** Glory be to the Lord of the Apostle, and His mercy be upon us—forever

**Deacon:**

***EPISTLE: Romans 5:20-6:4***

<sup>20</sup>Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, <sup>21</sup>so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that as many of us as



were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. *Ahai-Barkemor.*

**Choir:**                    **HYMN (PETHGOMO)**

Halleluiah – Halleluiah  
Cleanse – me with hyssop, and I shall be clean  
Wash me, I shall be whiter than snow – Halleluiah

**Deacon:** Barekmor. With calmness and reverence and with sober minds, let us give heed, and listen to the Gospel of the living words of God, in the Holy Evangelion of our Lord Jesus Christ, that is ---read to us

**Priest:** + Peace be unto you-- all.

**People:** May the Lord God make us worthy – With thy spirit

**Priest:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the life-giving announcement from Luke, the evangelist who publishes the good news of life and salvation to the world.

**People:** Blessed is He who has come, and is to come in the name of the Lord. Praise be to Him who sent Him for our salvation. May His grace and mercy be upon us all- forever

**Priest:** Now in the time of the Incarnation of our Lord and our God and Saviour Jesus Christ, The Word of Life, God Incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary, these things did come to pass in this manner.

**People:** We believe and confess.

**GOSPEL READING**

**Priest:** *(Luke 3:15-16)*

<sup>15</sup>Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, <sup>16</sup>John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

*(John 3:5-6)*

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Priest:** + Peace be - unto you all.

**Choir:**           **HYMN (MANEESO - Song of Praise)**

Clean-se me of my evil, O Lord!  
Hy-ssop shall never purge of my sins  
Cov-enant water, that sign, never remo-ves them  
Sprink-ling of Godly baptismal water-  
And Thy great mercy-can do!

**Deacon:** Kurielaison...

**SILENT PRAYER**

**Priest:** *O Thou giver of light who enlightens the bodies and souls, who said, "From darkness light shall shine forth. You gave purification by the water of salvation, and granted divine consecration through the holy oil; and unity with our Lord Jesus Christ by participation*

*in His Holy Body and Blood. O merciful Lord, you have called this your servant, by divine invitation, from the darkness of deception to the way of path of life-giving teachings; we beseech You Lord, to inscribe his/her name in the Book of Life. Count **him/her** among the Congregation of your worshippers, and may the light of Your countenance be imprinted on **him/her**. May the victorious cross of Jesus Christ be sealed in **his/her** heart and mind that **he/she** flees from the vanities of this world and escapes all the wickedness of the adversary by keeping your divine commandments.*

### **PRAYER**

**Priest:** Grant **him/her**, O Lord Thy divine breath, which Thine Only Begotten Son breathed up on his holy disciples.

*[The Priest breathes on the face of the child thrice, in the form of a Cross]*

✠✠✠ Remove all remnants of idolatry from **his/her** mind. Prepare **him/her** to receive Thy Holy Spirit, so that **he/she** may be made worthy of the baptism of new birth. Make **him/her** worthy of the remission of sins through Thy Only Begotten Son, our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ; with Him and with Thy Holy Spirit glory and honor and power are due to Thee; now and at all times for ever and ever...

*[And the priest turns to the infant and signs on his/her forehead three times without oil]*

**Priest:** [Name] is signed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the living and Holy Spirit, to the everlasting life: Barekmor:  
Bashmodaabo... ✠✠✠ Amen

**People:** Kurielaison...

### **SILENT PRAYER**

**Priest:** *I call upon Thee, Lord God Almighty, through Thy Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in order to expel all evil spirits and to banish all their opposing and secret works, so that this soul, which approaches Thee, may receive the coming down of Thy Holy Spirit, with purity and holiness. Shine forth, O Lord, and give power to the words of faith, which we pronounce in Thy Name so that we may speak not with vain lips but with Thy grace and Thy power, which liberate the world from the evil one.*

### **PRAYER OF ADJURATION (EXORCISM)**

*[Now the priest turns to the West towards the infant and the infant turn to the East, and he pronounces over them this PRAYER OF ADJURATION, and he makes nine signs of the Cross over them]*

**Priest:** We call upon Thee, O Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, while we lay our hand upon Thy creature whom we seal in Thy Name which is most holy and exalted, so that all demons, devils and unclean spirits may be driven away from Thy creature and image, who is Thy creation and handiwork. Hear us, O Lord rebuke them and cleanse this Thy servant from the snares of the adversary. You, ✠hear, O perverse, unclean and rebellious one who vexes this creature of God, I adjure you, the enemy of all

righteousness who violates the holy and divine law, by the glory of the great king. Depart hence with dread and be subject to the Almighty Lord Who by His command has fixed the earth over the water and placed the sand as the boundary of the sea. I adjure you ✠ by Him, who has all authority in heaven and earth, by Him Who created all things and by Whose providence they are preserved, by Him Who sustains the heavenly beings and strengthens those who are on the earth. I adjure you ✠ by Him who sent the legion of demons in to the abyss through the swine, Who made the hard-hearted Pharaoh with his chariots and soldiers to be drowned. I adjure you ✠ by Him Who with divine power and authority ordered the deaf and dumb spirit saying: "Get out from this man and dare not enter into him again." Stand in fear of the dreadful Name of God ✠ of Whom all the created angels and archangels are afraid, in Whose presence all the heavenly powers and ministers stand in fear, Whom the Cherubim and Seraphim dare not behold in Whose presence the sky trembles and the abyss shivers. Stand in awe of the dreadful Name of God Who sent the first rebellious one to hell bound with the chains of darkness. Stand in fear ✠ of the judgment to come; tremble and depart. Do not approach ✠ or afflict the creature of God. Dwell not in God's creation, for it is not the dwelling place of demons, but the temple of the Living God. He has said: "I shall dwell in them, and walk with them and I shall be their God and they shall be my people." As to you, He has made you, O evil spirit, detestable and void of virtues, fuel for the unquenchable fire. I adjure you ✠ by God Who is holy and victorious, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Depart from the servants of God and go to the

pathless deserted lands where there is no water, where your dwelling place should be. Make haste, protest not: may you be uprooted and perished completely. Be banished ✕ from God's creation, O you accursed one, unclean spirit, the spirit of deception and fuel for the unquenchable flames. Make haste, and do not resist. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit shall eradicate you completely by driving you out from the whole creation and torment you in the unquenchable fire. Whereas, He shall preserve this His handiwork till the day of Salvation. All power and authority belong to Him, and to Him we lift up glory and honor now and at all times, forever and ever.

### **AN ALTERNATE PRAYER OF ADJURATION**

**Priest:** In Thy holy name, O Lord God, I seal and I expel all evil and wicked spirits from this Your creation, who is Thy handiwork ✕ ✕ ✕. Rebuke the deceitful and proud one and purify Thy servant from the deceitful spirits. Fear O unclean spirit ✕✕✕ the coming judgment. Do not assail the creature of God, because it is not the dwelling place of devils but is the temple of God. I adjure you ✕ ✕ ✕ in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Be uprooted and expelled, O unclean spirit, make haste and do not resist.

*[The child is made to turn to the West and the priest turns towards the East. The Godfather/Godmother renounces satan three times while he/she holds the left hand of the infant with his/her left hand and repeats this vow three times]*

**Godfather/Godmother:**

**I, [Name] who am being baptized, renounce**

**you satan, your armies, your messengers, all  
the fear of you, and all of your deceitfulness.**

*[The face of the infant is turned to the East and the Priest turns to the West, while the Godfather/Godmother holds the right hand of the infant with his/her right hand, and says the profession of faith three times]*

**Godfather/Godmother:**

**I, [name] who am being baptized, assent and believe in Thee, Lord Jesus Christ and in all the doctrines which have been divinely entrusted by Thee through the Prophets, the Apostles, and the Holy Fathers.**

*[The Godfather/Godmother repeats the following three times after the priest]*

**Godfather/Godmother:**

**I have renounced satan and I have confessed in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

*[The priest begins the Nicene Creed]*

**Priest:** We believe in one true God

**People:** The Father Almighty- Maker of heaven and earth- and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ- the Only Begotten Son of God- begotten of the Father- before all worlds- Light of Light- Very God of Very God- begotten, not made- being of the same substance with the Father- and by whom all things were made-

+ Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
+ And was incarnate of the holy Virgin Mary- Mother of God- by the Holy Ghost- and became man  
+ And was crucified for us- in the days of Pontius Pilate- and suffered, and died- and was buried,

And the third day rose again- according to His will- and ascended into heaven- and sits at the right hand of the Father- and shall come again in His great glory- to judge both the living and the dead- whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the One, Living, Holy Spirit- the life-giving Lord of all- Who proceeds from the Father- and Who with the Father, and the Son- is worshipped and glorified-Who spoke through the prophets and the apostles.

And in the One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church- And we acknowledge one baptism- for the remission of sins- and look for the resurrection of the dead- and the new life in the world to come. Amen.

### **SILENT PRAYER**

**Priest:** *O Lord, Thou sent Thy Holy Spirit and created this Thy servant from nothingness and brought into existence. He/she has been made worthy of the Holy Baptism through Thy love of mankind. Establish him/her on the foundation of the holy Apostles, and plant him/her as a true sapling in Thy holy church. Send Thy Holy Spirit upon him/her so that he/she may be worthy of the sacramental anointing. Fill him/her with Thy divine gifts. Make Thy light dawn in the heart of this Thy worshipper, so that he/she may be free from the slavery of sin.*



*[Now the priest puts his thumb into the Oil of Gladness and signs the infant on his forehead]*

**Priest:** [Name], is sealed with the oil of gladness for everlasting life, that he/she maybe worthy of adoption as son/daughter by being born again, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Living Holy Spirit;  
**Barekmor; Bashmo daabo ❖❖❖ Amen.**

**People:** Kurielaiso...

*[After entering the baptistery, the clothes of the infant are removed. The priest stands on the West side of the baptismal font facing east. He takes warm water in his right hand and cold water in his left hand and he places the right hand over the left in the form of a Cross and says this prayer while mixing this water]*

**Priest:** Through the supplication of our feebleness, O Lord, we pray that this water may be mixed with the power and operation of Thy Holy Spirit, so that this may be a spiritual womb and a crucible which brings forth incorruptibility. May this water be to Thy servant who is being baptized, the garment of incorruptibility and dispensation from the bonds of sins. By Thy good will and by the love of mankind of Thy Only Begotten Son, and by the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People:** Amen

*[The priest covers the baptismal font with the Sosappa]*

**Choir:**            **HYMN (KOOKOYO) Shma hode Kulhoom**

**Listen to me all people – Halleluiah**

Water – was poured out by John for ba-ptism  
Immer-sed Christ in the river, sanctify-ing it  
From the water – as He came ashore  
He was honored – by earth and heaven  
Sun did – submit all this beams, adore-d the stars  
Lord who – sanctified river waters and spring-s all  
Halleluiah-o-Halleluiah

**O, come and listen to me – Halleluiah**

Si-sters noble, who has ever seen a-s these  
Holy – divine baptism and the Holy - Church  
One begets new – spiritual children  
While the other nurtures those young ones  
Child sp-iritual from water, begets bapt-ism  
Receiving it, Holy Church, offers it a-non  
Halleluiah, before Almighty.

**Barekmor... Shubaho...**

*[Here, the priest waves the Sosappa over the baptismal font]*

Priest of God when he opens bap-ti-smal font  
Astoun-ded Heavenly Hosts behold this mo-rtal  
Standing above-frightening fire  
And calls out to- Most Holy Spirit  
Anon- answers Holy Ghost and desire ful-fils  
Graciou-sly sanctifies for remission o-f sins  
Halleluiah- Holy Baptism.

**Men Olam...**

Bap-ti-smal font was open, fountain – of all life  
Father – Son and Holy Ghost made it all ho-ly  
Shouted Father – “This my loving Son”  
Bowing His head – Son immersed in it  
Holy – Spirit descended upon Him li-ke dove

Blesse-d Trinity source of all life in thi-s world  
Halleluiah – sole refuge for us.

**Moriyo rahem...**

**People:** Kurielaison...

**SILENT PRAYER**

**Priest:** *Thou hast given us, O lord, the well spring of true purification, which removes stains and marks of sins. Even now O Lord, through the intercession of us sinners, grant Thy holy inspiration which Thy Only Begotten Son breathed on His holy disciples.*

**PRAYER**

**Priest:** Because Thou art the Savior and the purifier and the Giver of all good things, we offer praise to Thee and Thy Only Begotten Son and to Thy Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People:** Amen

*[Now the priest breathes three times upon the water in the form of a cross, from West to East and from South to North]*

**Priest:** Lord, Thou turn to this water and sanctify it. ✠✠✠

**People:** Kurielaison.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**Priest:** *O Lord, may the head of the dragon, the murderer of mankind, be crushed ✠ under the sign of Thy cross. ✠ Drive away the aerial and invisible demons flee away. We pray Thee, O Lord: let not the evil spirit of darkness be hidden in this water, ✠ nor the unclean*

*spirit of obscurity that causes mortal troubles and mental disturbance, be allowed to go down into this water with the one who is to be baptized. Put away from him/her the operations of the adversary.*

### **PRAYER**

*[The priest lifts up his hands]*

**Priest:** Therefore, Thy Church and Thy flock redeemed by Thy Cross while standing by the waters of the river Jordan humbly beseech Thee and by Thee and along with Thee Thy Father saying: *Laboo---k Kad-Om 'ro*

**People:** Have mercy on us, God Father Almighty.

**Priest:** We also, O Lord, Thy weak and sinful servants, while receiving Thy grace, raise up thanks and praise unto Thee, by and for all your gifts and blessings.

### **INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Deacon:** Barekmor. How awesome is this hour! How awe-inspiring is this time, my beloved, when the Living Holy Spirit takes wing and descends from the topmost heights of heaven, brooding and hovering over this baptismal water and sanctifies it! With fear and trembling therefore, stand ye and pray.

### **SILENT PRAYER**

*[The priest bows, flutters his hands over the water and calls down the Holy Spirit]*

**Priest:** *Have mercy on us, O God Father Almighty; and send Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water which is being sanctified, from Thy prepared dwelling place*

*and from Thy boundless bosom. He is Personal (qnumoyo), and pre-eminent, the Lord and life-giver. He spoke through the Law and the Prophets and the Apostles. He is present in all places, fills all space, and perfects in holiness those who obey Thy perfect will, not as a servant but as Lord, pure in nature, working in myriad ways, and is the well spring of spiritual gifts. He is consubstantial with Thee, proceeds from Thee and takes from Thy Son. He is equal on the throne of Thy Kingdom to Thee and to Thine only begotten Son, our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

**Priest:** Answer me, O Lord, answer me, O Lord; answer me, O Lord, and have pity and mercy on me.

**People:** Kurielaison, Kurielaison, Kurielaison.

*[At every invocation, the priest makes a sign of the cross on the water]*

**Priest:** O Almighty Lord God, make this water to be water of comfort, water of joy and gladness, water which symbolizes the death and resurrection of Thy Only Begotten Son, and water of sanctification. ✠

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Make this water to be that which cleanses from the defilement of body and soul, releases from all bondage, forgives sins, and enlightens the body and the soul. ✠

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Make this water to be a bath of rebirth, gift of adoption as child of God, the garment of incorruption, and renewal by Thy Holy Spirit. ✠

**People:** Amen.

*[The priest raises the vessel of the Holy Mooron and moves it over the water crosswise three times]*

**Priest:** O God, the waters saw Thee;  
O Lord, the waters saw Thee, and were afraid.  
(Ps. 77:17)

**Deacon:** Halleluiah.

**Priest:** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters,  
The glorious God thundered,  
The Lord is over the great waters. (Ps. 29:3)

**Deacon:** Halleluiah.

**Priest:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit; From everlasting and unto the age of ages.

**People:** Amen.

*[The Priest pours Holy Mooron into the water in the sign of a Cross]*

**Priest:** We pour the Holy Mooron into this water of baptism that the old person be regenerated.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the living and Holy Spirit unto life everlasting.  
-Barekmor Bashmo.... ✠ ✠ ✠

**People:** Amen.

**People:** Kurielaison.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**Priest:** *O Lord God, who sent Thy Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and sanctified the rushing streams of the Jordan, make perfect this Thy servant who is being baptized, and make him a partaker with Christ by being purified by Thy salvific cleansing.*

**Priest:** So that becoming triumphant, by being renewed and filled with Thy grace, and being endowed with Thy divine gifts, **he/she** and we may praise Thee and confess Thee and Thy Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** Peace be unto you all.

**People:** And with your spirit.

*[The priest fluttering and waving his right hand over water says in a loud voice each time making the sign of the cross on the water]*

**Priest:** This water is blessed and sanctified that it may be for the divine washing of rebirth

**Deacon:** Barekmor

**Priest:** ✠ In the name of the living Father, unto life –

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** ✠ In the name of the living Son, unto life –

**People:** Amen.

**Priest:** ✠ In the name of the living and Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting –

**People:** Amen.

*[Then the priest positions the infant into the baptismal font, and the priest stands on the East facing the West and the face of the infant is to the East towards the face of the priest. The priest then places his right hand on the head of the infant, and with his left hand he takes the baptismal water and pours it over the head of the infant: he takes first from his (i.e. the infant's) front and pours it over his head, then takes it from behind him and pours it over his head, and then takes from his left and right sides together and pours it over the head]*

**Priest:** [Name], is baptized in the hope of life and for the remission of sins.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the living Holy Spirit, unto life everlasting;

Barekmor;

Bashmo Daabo ... ✠✠✠

*[And then the priest lifts up the infant and gives him to his Godfather/Godmother]*

**Choir:**            **HYMN (Al hode mamookees)**

**King's daughter stands in glory**

Sacred Church, receive-thou now

Lovely little one, this lamb

Born again through the- water

By Spirit of Baptism

**O, daughter, listen, look-And incline Thy ear**

Thus spoke John-son of Scariah

Touching Holy Baptism

In water do I baptize



He who comes-does in Spirit  
**Barekmor... Shubaho**

In Trinity's holy name  
Born of water all anew  
Little lamb of-Baptism  
We welcome Thee, O, welcome!

**Men Olam...**

Gathered men for warfare then  
Tested in water-Gideon  
Worshippers Christ did rescue  
Through water-by the Spirit. **Moriyo rahem...**

*[ And the priest takes the vessel of Mooron in his hand  
and he says this prayer standing upright]*

**Priest:** O Lord, may this your servant, who by faith and baptism has been counted among your servants become worthy to receive this seal and sign in Your Holy name. Grant O Lord, that **he/she** is spiritually filled with the sweet fragrance through this Mooron, **he/she** may become free from the rule of the hostile powers and, henceforth, **he/she** may not be afraid of evil powers and the rulers of darkness. Show **him/her** the way to walk in the light of your commandments that **he/she** may be worthy to become the **son/daughter** of Thy light and by following light **he/she** may reach Thy holy presence.

*[Now the priest dips his thumb into the Moroon, and turns to the infant, and signs him/her three times on the forehead in the form of a Cross]*

**Priest:** By the Holy Mooron, which is the sweet fragrance of Christ, the sign and seal of the true faith and the perfection of the gift of the Holy Spirit, (*Name*), is sealed, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Living and Holy Spirit unto life everlasting.  
Barekmor Bashmo Dabo.... ✠✠✠ Amen

*[Then, he anoints the infant with Mooron from head to toe- the entire body]*

**MANEESO** (*in prose*)

**Priest:** Let your heart be strengthened and fortified by the graceful washing you are seen in the world in the form of light. Be strengthened by the power from above through the Holy Spirit. Hate and turn away your face from the old person who is corrupted by the pleasure and desire of error. So far, you were dealing with those works. Receiving the word of life among the unbelievers, realize now that you are hastening the new life, which is coming and is promised to the faithful, and you shall be worthy to reign with Christ according to the abundance of his great mercy.

*[OR]*

**Choir:** **HYMN (Meshaho – da – kudisho)**

Almighty spoke – Aa-ro-n anoint with  
Chrism sacred – that he comes holy  
This lamb is now – ano-inted with the  
Chrism sacred – as he (she) gets baptized

Chrism – this is – now used to anoint  
Truly this lamb – as he (she) gets baptized  
Holy Spirit – ble-sses this child in  
Godly descent – all in mystery

**PRAYER OF CROWNING**

*[Now, the priest crowns the infant with a crown, and the infant is taken into the Sanctuary]*

**Priest:** O Lord, crown this Thy servant with splendor and glory  
and let **his/her** life be pleasing to Thy majesty and for  
the glory of Thy holy Name, the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit forever.

**People:** Amen.

**Choir:** **HYMN (SOOGESO)**

*(Nruparum Mohichoru...)*

Crown adorns Thy head – kings had sought for it  
Adore, Almighty, thou be-loved one

Thy raiment dazzles – just as spotless snow  
Thy beauty surpasses – River Jordan

Strengthened by Spirit – like an angel bright  
Thou rise from the water of baptism

Crown adorns Thy head – withers not away  
Thou dost own the glory of Adam's house

Blessing, thou dear one, of Heaven, is thine  
Watch out! lest satan may steal it from thee

Dispensed through the priest – by the Holy One  
Thy crown brilliant, Thy raiment radiant!

*[Here, the infant is given Holy Qurbana]*

Fruit of Paradise – escaped Adam’s lips  
With joy, that is placed in Thy mouth today

Child of baptism – go forth in glory  
Worship the Cross which always keepeth thee

Praise to Thee Father, worship unto Son  
Holy Spirit, praise and glory to Thee!

*[The priest says the \*Prayer For the Removal of the Crown  
(P. 29)]*

### **HOOTHOMO (Concluding Prayer)**

**Priest:** May God the Father be with you, and the Adorable Son protect you. The Holy Spirit whom you have put on may perfect you and deliver you from all deceit, and may the baptism you have received abide in you forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

### **PRAYER OF DISMISSAL**

**Priest:** Go in peace while we commend you to the grace and mercy of the Holy Trinity with the Holy Mooron you have received from the atoning baptism of Christ our God, forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**\* PRAYER FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE CROWN  
AFTER SEVEN DAYS**

**Priest:** O Lord, lead this Thy servant by the wisdom and power of Thy life-giving Holy Spirit to the evangelical life. Thou has perfected **him/her** as a **brother/sister** of Thine Only Begotten Son from the Spiritual Mother, that is the adoption as the child of God. Let **him/her** receive in the heavenly kingdom this Crown which is preserved for those who attain a blessed end. Let **him/her** not lose the help of Thy right hand, as this crown is removed from **him/her**. But rather, may **he/she** gain strength and growth by it. May **him/her** receive the crown of the Heavenly call and glorify Thee and Thy Only Begotten Son and Thy Holy Spirit who is consubstantial with Thee, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.



