

CHRIST
THE HEALER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION

Anointing for healing of the sick

CHRIST HEALING THE MAN BORN BLIND



Overview

Definition of Healing in the Orthodox Church

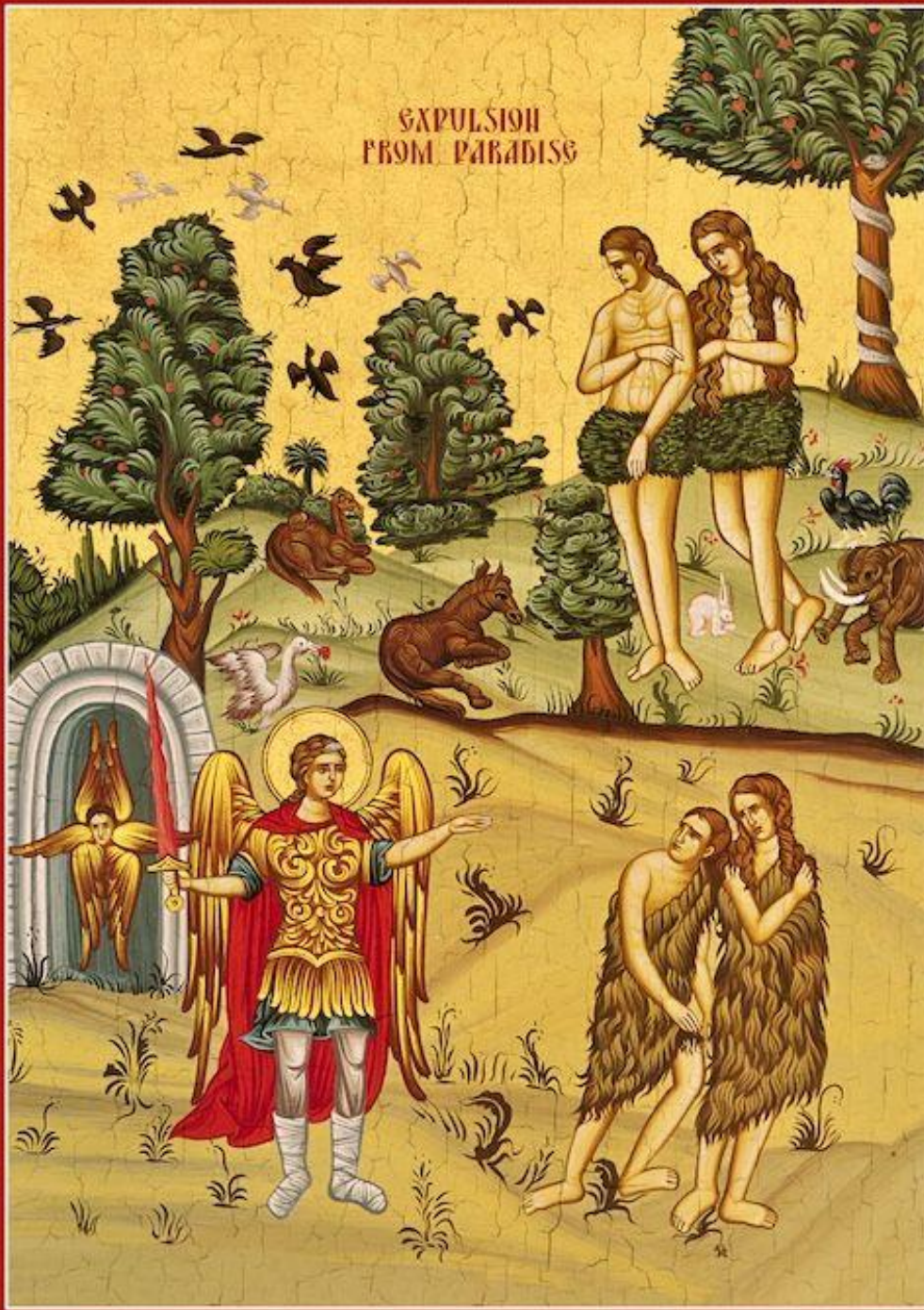
Differentiate between 2 services used in the Malankara Tradition

Address some misconceptions

Aligning ourselves with the common goal of Salvation

Let's start
from the
beginning....



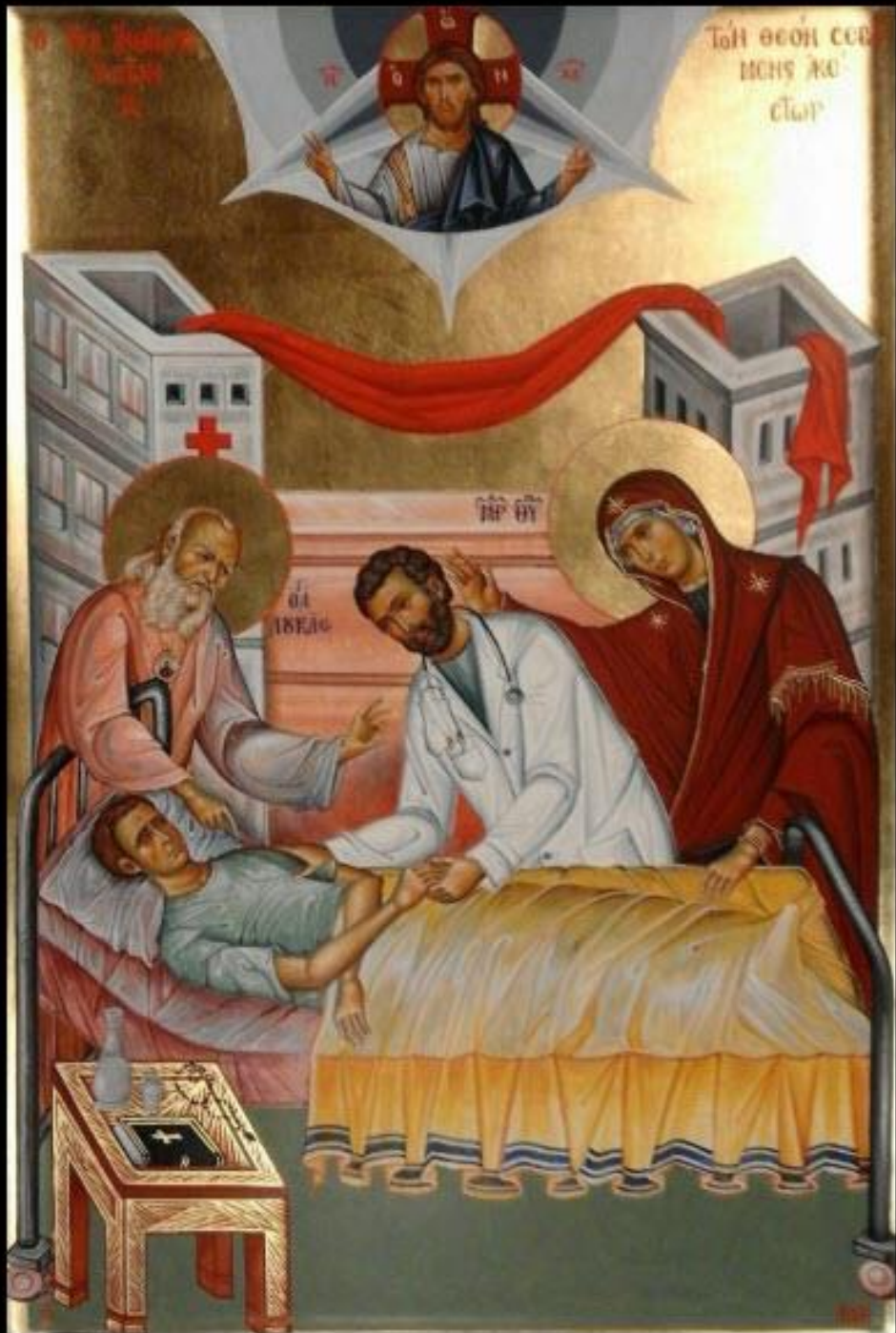


How did we
get here?



Sickness exist because of sin

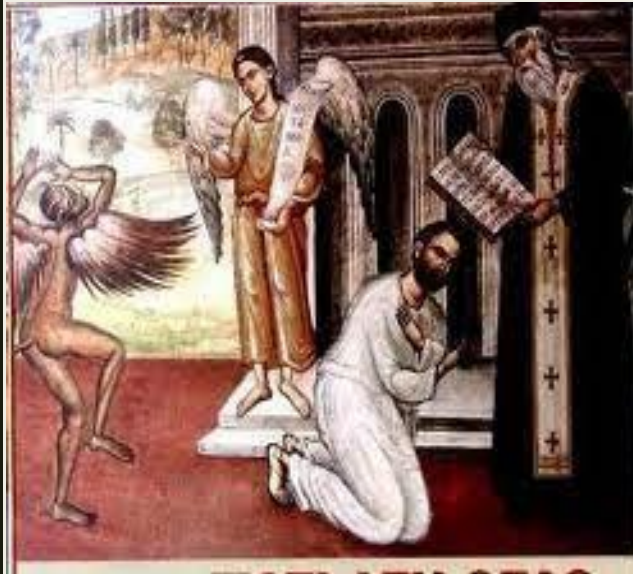
Does that mean we get sick because we are being punished for our sins?



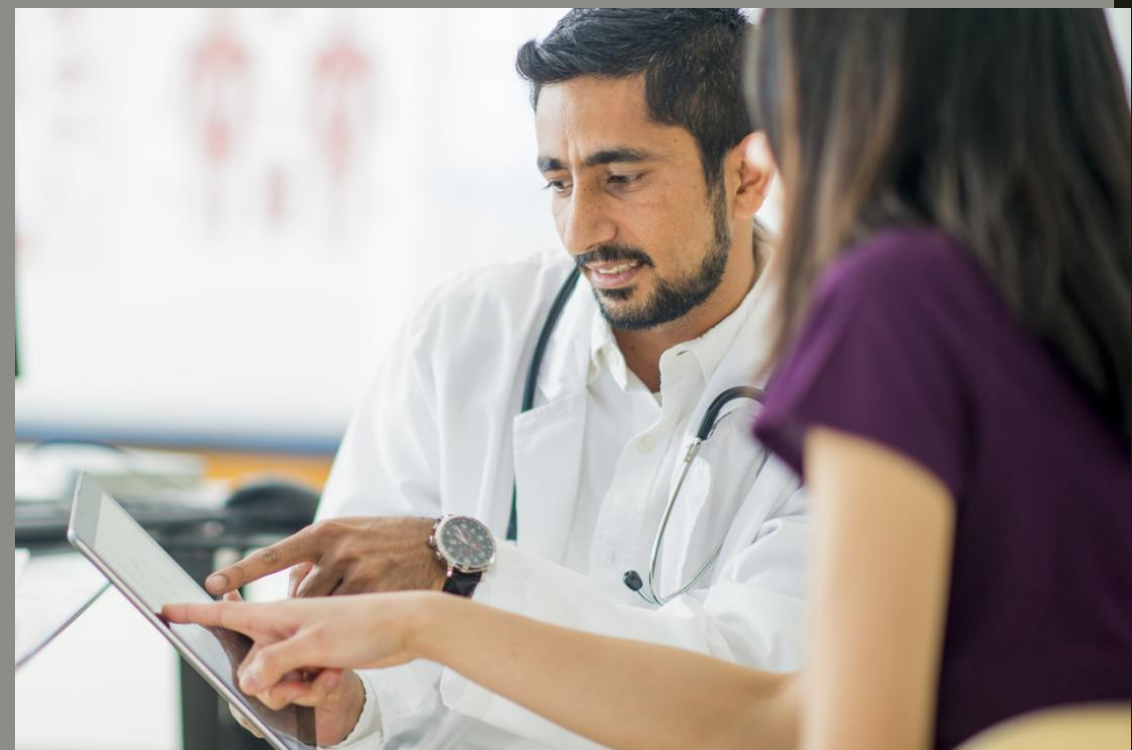
The Church looks at sickness and healing holistically



How does the Church help in the healing process?



Friends of the Church helping the healing process



Two Services of Healing used in the Malankara Tradition

The Order of the Candle *Qandilo*



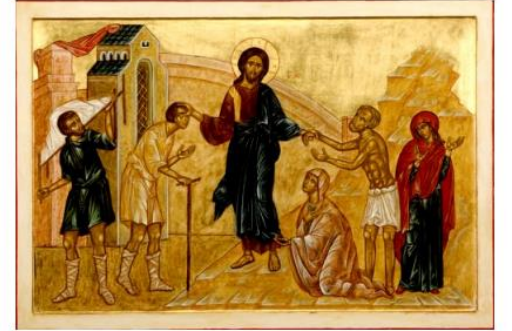
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The Order of the Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick



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James 5:14-16

¹⁴ Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.



The Order of the Candle

Qandilo



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Some facts about this service

Five services within the Order of the Candle (Qandilo)

Five candles are lit (one for each service)

The number 5 symbolizes the five wise virgins as well as the five senses



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Example of the Order of Qandilo



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General Order of the Qandilo Services

1. Qaumo
2. Opening Prayer
3. Psalm 51
4. Eniyono
5. Quqlion
6. Eqbo
7. Promieon – Sedro
8. Qolo
9. Etro
10. Pauline Epistle
11. Gospel
12. Litany
13. Prayer with oil
14. Concluding Prayer

Excerpt from the Qandilo Service

Concluding Prayer of the Fourth Service

Lord, Good One, Compassionate, Lover of men, abundantly gracious, and True, who healed and removed the pains of the sick, restored the paralyzed among the ungrateful people, and gave them life from the death of sins and gave your holy apostles the authority over evil spirits to expel them and to heal the pains and ailments and to forgive sins. Through them you have given us – the weak – this authority. Bless this oil and those who are anointed with it in true faith. Absolve O Lord their debts and forgive their sins that they committed willingly or unwillingly, with knowledge or without knowledge. Purify them from all defilements of the soul and of the body. Sanctify them by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Enlighten their minds with the splendor of Your Divine Knowledge. Make them worthy of the delights of Your Kingdom with all Your saints. For You are the house of refuge for the persecuted and the rest for those labored and become weary, the consolation for the mournful and the One who raises the fallen. To you we offer up glory and thanksgiving and to Your Father, and to your Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever.



Example of the
Anointing Service



General Order of the Anointing of the Sick

1. Qaumo
2. Opening Prayer
3. Quqlion
4. Eqbo
5. Promieon – Sedro
6. Qolo
7. Etro
8. General Epistle
9. Pauline Epistle
10. Gospel
11. Bou'tho of St. Jacob of Serugh
12. Prayer with hand over the head
13. Prayer with oil
14. Nicene Creed
15. Quqlion

Excerpt from the Anointing Service

Prayer with the Priest right hand over the head of the sick:

In Your Name, O Father and Son and Holy Spirit, I place my weak hand upon Your servant [name] so that through Your love Your mighty right hand that is full of help might overshadow him/her. May You visit him/her according to the abundance of Your mercy and Your love for mankind. Shower upon him/her Your compassion and sprinkle Your goodness upon his/her weakness. Bestow upon us Your help and gird him/her with hope and Your unconquerable truth. Remove from him/her all pains and illnesses and harmful scourges and trials that are beyond his/her strength. Give him/her the true strength that comes from You. Give joy and gladden his/her sadness by Your salvation so that he/she might rise up before You in righteousness and, without ceasing, give You thanks for Your goodness, and worship You and give glory to Your divinity, Our Lord and Our God, forever.

Some Misconceptions about this service

- “This is also known as a last rites service”
 - *FALSE. This service is for anyone needing healing*
- “This is only for people who are really sick”
 - *FALSE. Anyone can request this service*
- “The Qandilo service is only for bishops/priest and the other service is for lay people”
 - *FALSE. When there is enough resources and people, anyone can request the Qandilo service.*
- “This service guarantees healing”



Aligning ourselves with salvation

No sacrament can be done as a sole event

A full participation in the Anointing requires also a full participation in the liturgical, spiritual, sacramental, and theological life of the church

Healing and comfort may also come those who participate in the anointing, although they are not the ones being anointed

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