

Service for a Youth's First Haircut Կանոն սափրելոյ զհերս պատանւոյն

Hymn:

Children, bless the Lord, whose name is "I am." And may the name of the Lord be blessed always.

Christ the King adorned the human race by creating light. And may the name of the Lord be blessed always.

Sons of light, give glory to the Father of light, to the only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit, forever, Amen.

Reader:

The reading is from the First Book of Samuel (16:10-13)

Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.

Deacon:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Children, bless the Lord and bless the name of the Lord.
Alleluia. Orti.

Priest:

Gospel: Matthew 10:29-32

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will. But even the hairs of your head are

all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.

Priest:

Lord God of our salvation, we pray to you. As you blessed David through the hand of the prophet Samuel, likewise now bless this child through my unworthy hand, and fill him with your Holy Spirit, so that as s/he grows up and grows older he may enjoy your goodness. In all things glory and dominion to you, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

And he cuts the hair of the child from four sides of the head, saying:

May the hair of your servant (*name*) be trimmed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

By your holy and precious Cross, O Lord, receive our prayers and save us.

Deacon:

By the holy cross let us beseech the Lord, so that through it he may save us from our sins and give us life by the grace of his mercy. Almighty Lord our God, save us and have mercy on us.

Priest:

Guardian and hope of the faithful, O Christ our God, defend and keep your people in peace under the shadow of your holy and precious cross. Save us from visible and invisible enemies. Make us worthy to glorify you with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven...