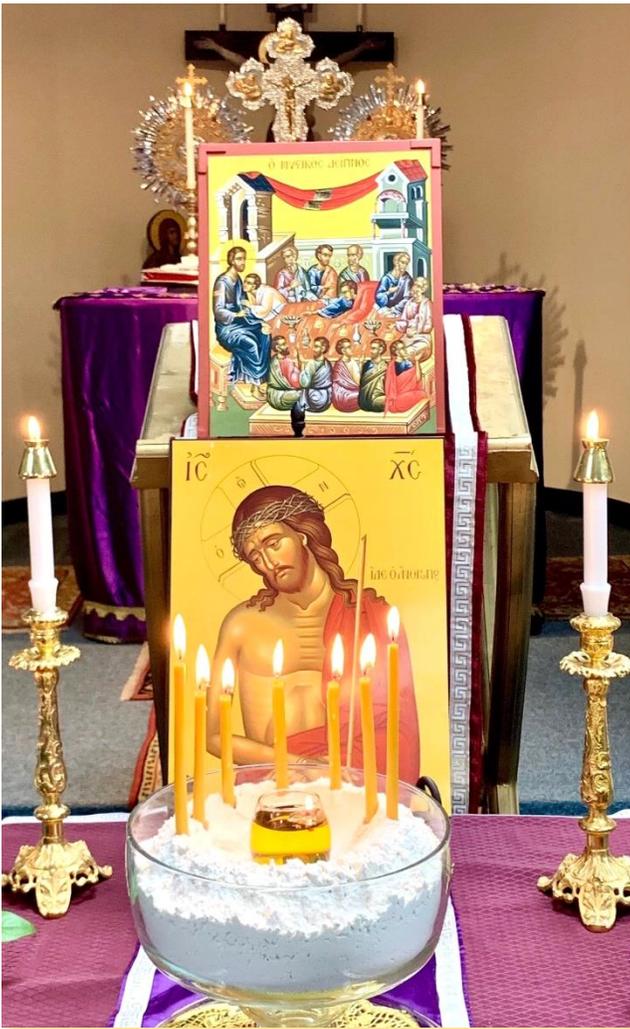


At the Nymphios Service on Holy Wednesday evening, the Church remembers the sacred Washing of Feet, the Mystical Supper (that is, the tradition of what we know as the awesome Mysteries of Holy Communion), the High Priestly Prayer, and finally the Betrayal itself of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church also offers the Sacrament of Holy Unction for the healing of our bodies and souls and the forgiveness of our sins. Seven Epistles, Seven Gospels, and Seven Prayers are read after remembering the healing saints faithful in their ministry to God and through His healing grace worked miracles amongst His people. **The Sixth Prayer is as follows:**

We thank You, Lord, our good and loving God, Physician of our souls and bodies, Who painlessly have borne our infirmities, and by Whose bruises we all have been healed. You are the Good Shepherd, Who came in search of the wandering sheep. You give consolation to the fainthearted, and life to the

brokenhearted. You healed the hemorrhage of the woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years and freed the daughter of the Canaanite woman from the cruel demon. You remitted the debt of the two debtors and forgave the sinful woman. You healed the Paralytic and forgave his sins. You justified the Publican with Your word and received the Robber at his last confession. You took upon Yourself the sins of the world, by being





nailed to the Cross. We pray to You and entreat You, O God; in Your goodness, loose, remit, and forgive the sins and transgressions of Your servants, both voluntary and involuntary, in knowledge and in ignorance, trespass and disobedience, at night and during the day; whether they be under the curse of a priest or a parent; whether they feasted their eyes, indulged their sense of smell, touched and gratified themselves, or tasted fornication; or through whatever impulse of the flesh and

of the spirit they have alienated themselves from Your will, and from Your holiness. Forgive whatever sins they or we have committed; for You are a good God, Who remembers not evil, and loves mankind, permitting us not to fall into the unclean life, neither to follow in wayward paths. Yes, Lord and Master, hear me, a sinner, in this hour, on behalf of these Your servants. Overlook all their trespasses, as a forgiving God. Deliver them from eternal punishment; fill their mouths with praise of You; open their lips that they may glorify Your holy name; stretch forth their hands to perform Your commandments. Direct their feet aright, in the way of Your Gospel, strengthening all their members and their thoughts by Your grace. For You are our God, Who through Your holy Apostles gave us a commandment saying: "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven." And again: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." And as You hearkened to Hezekiah in the sorrow of his soul, at the hour of his death, and did not overlook his prayer, in like manner hear me, Your humble, sinful and unworthy servant, praying to You at this hour. For You are the Lord, Jesus Christ, Who in Your mercy and love for mankind commanded us to forgive those who fall into sin, even seventy times seven, Who laments over our wickedness, and rejoices over the return of those who have strayed. For as is Your Majesty, so also is Your mercy, and to You we ascribe glory; together with Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.