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Abstract: The entire ceremony, though is the Mass of the Lord's Supper, emphasizes more on blessings of three oils than on the thought about Cenacle. The theme of the Last Supper is present through biblical readings and formulas of the Canon, and also antiphons to psalms in vespers. The ceremonies of blessings dominate over the course of the entire liturgy. In this, what concerns ceremonies of the blessing are some gradations, suggesting specific valuing of individual oils. This appears with the rank of canons bringing it to the altar: canon-subdeacon carries oil of the sick, canon-deacon oil of catechumens, and two canons-presbyters the balm and oil of the chrism. Due to its meaning and the use in sacraments the holy chrism is treated as most important from among mentioned oils.