

PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE

Anointing of the Sick



Fathers of the Church

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM [A.D. 387]

“The priests of Judaism had power to cleanse the body from leprosy—or rather, not to cleanse it at all, but to declare a person as having been cleansed. . . . Our priests have received the power not of treating with the leprosy of the body, but with spiritual uncleanness; not of declaring cleansed, but of actually cleansing. . . . ‘Is there anyone among you sick? Let him call in the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, he shall be forgiven’”.

(On the Priesthood 3:6:190ff)

BISHOP SERAPION [A.D. 350]

“We beseech you, Savior of all men, you that have all virtue and power, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we pray that you send down from heaven the healing power of the only-begotten [Son] upon this oil, so that for those who are anointed . . . it may be effected for the casting out of every disease and every bodily infirmity . . . for good grace and remission of sins . . .”.

(The Sacramentary of Serapion 29:1)



Healing of the Man Born Blind at the Pool of Siloam

As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, b “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see...*

John 9:1-7



Antiphon 3, Vespers

from Thursday March 3rd, 2022

Ant. 3 Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.

Canticle: Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a

The judgment of God

We praise you, the Lord God Almighty, *
who is and who was.
You have assumed your great power, *
you have begun your reign.

The nations have raged in anger, *
but then came your day of wrath
and the moment to judge the dead: *
the time to reward your servants the prophets
and the holy ones who revere you, *
the great and the small alike.

Now have salvation and power come, †
The reign of our God and the authority *
of his Anointed One.
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, *
who night and day accused them before God.

They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb †
and by the word of their testimony; *
love for life did not deter them from death.
So rejoice, you heavens, *
and you that dwell therein!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

Ant. Now the victorious reign of our God has begun.

READING

James 4:7-8, 10

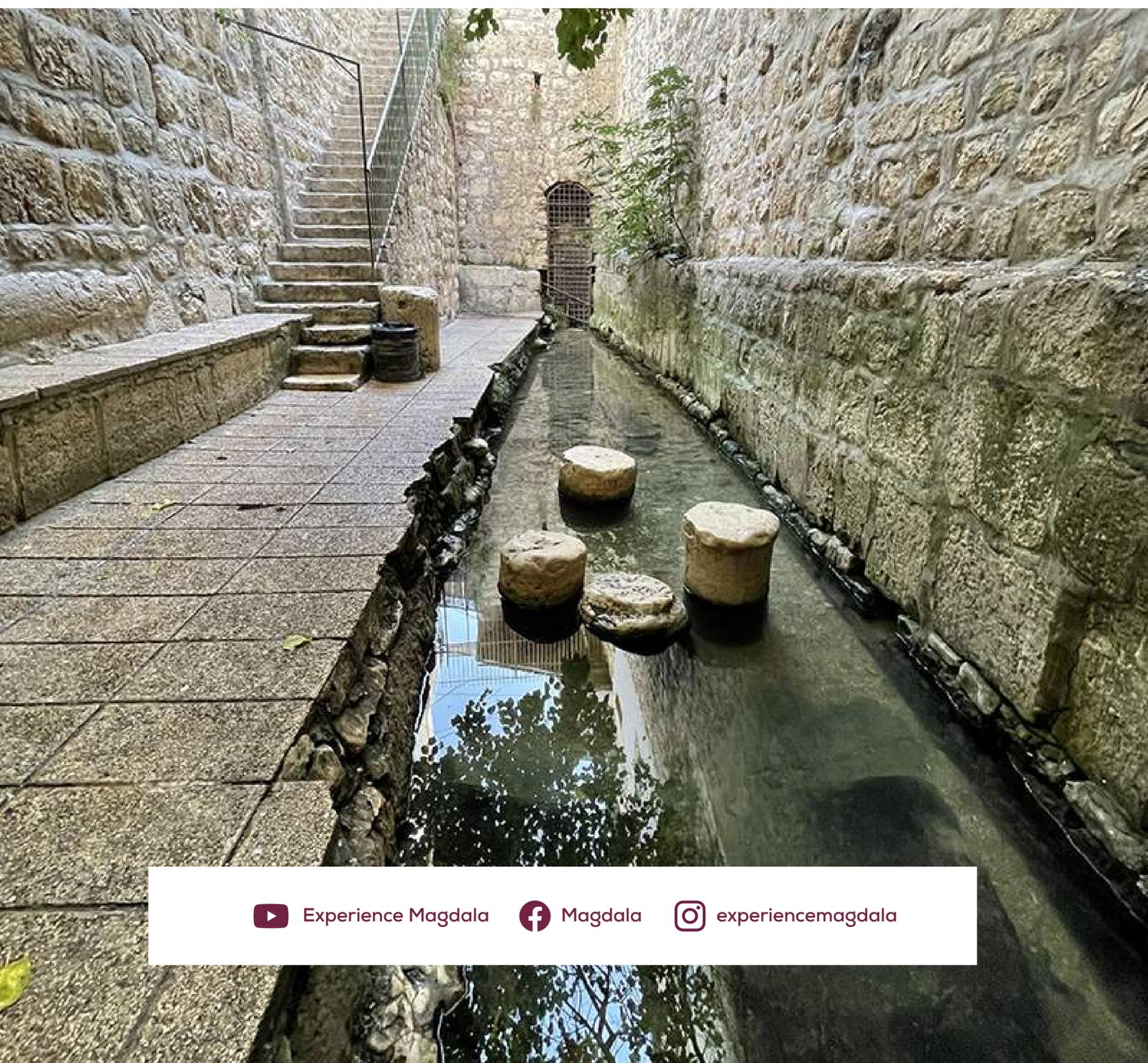
Submit to God; resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, you backsliders. Be humbled in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high.

RESPONSORY

To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.
– To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.
– I make my prayer for mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– To you, O Lord, I make my prayer for mercy.



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