The Blessing of the Holy Oils

Two Cantors sing the following verse:

O Redeemer, hear this anthem As we sing with one accord.

The Choir repeats this verse. The two Cantors then sing the following verses:

Sacred will become this bounty That a fruitful tree once bore

When we bear it in procession Unto you, our Saving Lord.

The Choir: O Redeemer.

Consecrate, O King of heaven, Olive oil, a living sign; Let it thwart the demons’ power, Lend to it your strength divine.

The Choir: O Redeemer.

By this Chrism, men and women Are renewed as they are sealed, And our glory, once so wounded, Now at last through grace is healed.

The Choir: O Redeemer.

When the sacred font has taken All the stains of sin away, On those foreheads then anointed, Send your gifts, O Lord, we pray.

The Choir: O Redeemer.

Lord, who came from God the Father In the Virgin’s womb to rest, Grant us light, and let not perish Those who share this Chri-sm blest.
May this day be always festive For all ages, we implore; Sanctify the praise we offer, Let us bless you ever more.

*The Choir*: O Redeemer.

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