Μηναίον - ΤΗι ΚΕ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Ή κατὰ Σάρκα Γέννησις τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ καὶ Σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Άντίφωνον Α΄. Ήχος β΄. Ψαλμοί 9, 110.

Στίχ. α'. Έξομολογήσομαί σοι, Κύριε, ἐν ὅλη καρδία μου, διηγήσομαι πάντα τὰ θαυμάσιά σου.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σὧτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. β'. Έν βουλῆ εὐθέων καὶ συναγωγῆ, μεγάλα τὰ ἔργα Κυρίου.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτεο, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. γ'. Έξεζητημένα εἰς πάντα τὰ θελήματα αὐτοῦ.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σὧτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. δ'. Ἐξομολόγησις καὶ μεγαλοπρέπεια τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτεο, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτεο, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Menaion - December 25

The Nativity in the Flesh of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalms 9, 110.

Verse 1: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your wondrous things. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Verse 2: In the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Verse 3: Sought out in all things with regard to His will. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Verse 4: Thanksgiving and majesty are His work, and His righteousness continues unto ages of ages. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Glory. Both now.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Άντίφωνον Β'. Ήχος β'. Ψαλμὸς 111.

Στίχ. α'. Μακάριος ἀνὴρ ὁ φοβούμενος τὸν Κύριον, ἐν ταῖς ἐντολαῖς αὐτοῦ θελήσει σφόδρα.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παοθένου τεχθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Δυνατὸν ἐν τῆ γῆ ἔσται τὸ σπέρμα αὐτοῦ.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παοθένου τεχθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. γ'. Δόξα καὶ πλοῦτος ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παοθένου τεχθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. δ'. Έξανέτειλεν ἐν σκότει φῶς τοῖς εὐθέσιν.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι.

Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Άμήν.

Ό Μονογενής Υίὸς καὶ Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἀθάνατος ὑπάρχων καὶ καταδεξάμενος διὰ τὴν ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν σαρκωθῆναι ἐκ τῆς ἁγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, ἀτρέπτως ἐνανθρωπήσας, σταυρωθείς τε, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, εῖς ὢν τῆς Άγίας Τριάδος, συνδοξαζόμενος τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Άγίω Πνεύματι, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 111.

Verse 1: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His commandments. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: *His seed shall be mighty on earth.*

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: Glory and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness continues unto ages of ages. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 4: For the upright, light springs up in darkness. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [HC]

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Amen. [HC]

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us. [GOA]

Άντίφωνον Γ'. Ήχος δ'. Ψαλμὸς 109.

Στίχ. α'. Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίῳ μου Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου, ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου.

Στίχ. β'. Ράβδον δυνάμεως ἐξαποστελεῖ σοι Κύριος ἐκ Σιών.

Στίχ. γ'. Μετὰ σοῦ ἡ ἀρχὴ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ τῆς δυνάμεώς σου, ἐν ταῖς λαμπρότησι τῶν ἀγίων σου.

Απολυτίκιον τῆς Έορτῆς. Ἡχος δ'.

Ή Γέννησίς σου Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως ἐν αὐτῆ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἡλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἡχος β'.

Ἐκ γαστοὸς ποὸ Ἑωσφόρου ἐγέννησά σε. μοσε Κύριος καὶ οὐ μεταμεληθήσεται σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Άλληλούϊα.

Υμνοι μετὰ τὴν Μικοὰν Εἴσοδον Τοῦ Μηναίου - - - Απολυτίκιον τῆς Έορτῆς. 'Ηχος δ'.

Ή Γέννησίς σου Χοιστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως ἐν αὐτῆ γὰο οἱ τοῖς ἄστοοις λατοεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἡλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι. (ἐκ γ')

Antiphon III. Mode 4. Psalm 109.

Verse 1: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of Your feet." [SAAS]

Verse 2: The Lord shall send forth the rod of Your power from Zion. [SAAS]

Verse 3: With You is the beginning in the day of Your power, in the brightness of Your saints. [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

"I have begotten You from the womb before the morning star." The Lord swore and will not repent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance. From Menaion - - Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord. (3)

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Κοντάκιον.

Ήχος γ'. Αὐτόμελον.

Ή Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν ὑπερούσιον τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δὲ μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός.

ΑΝΤΙ ΤΟΥ ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΥ

Όσοι εἰς Χοιστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χοιστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Άλληλούϊα. (ἐκ γ')

Δόξα Πατοὶ καὶ Υίῷ καὶ Άγίῳ Πνεύματι. Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεί, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

Τῆς Έορτῆς.

Προκείμενον. ή Τχος πλ. δ΄. Ψαλμός 65.

Πᾶσα ἡ γῆ προσκυνησάτωσάν σοι καὶ ψαλάτωσάν σοι, ψαλάτωσαν τῷ ὀνόματί σου.

Στίχ. Αλαλάξατε τῷ Κυρίῳ πᾶσα ἡ γῆ. Γα 4:4-7

Άδελφοί, ὅτε ἦλθεν τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν υίὸν αὐτοῦ, γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον, ἵνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράση, ἵνα τὴν υἱοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν. Ὅτι δέ ἐστε υἱοῖ, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ εἰς τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν, κρᾶζον, Ἀββᾶ, ὁ πατήρ. Ὠστε οὐκέτι εἶ δοῦλος, ἀλλ# υἱός· εἰ δὲ υἱός, καὶ κληρονόμος θεοῦ διὰ Χριστοῦ.

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode 3. Automelon.

On this day the Virgin gives * birth to the Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, * earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. * Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. * He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God. [SD]

INSTEAD OF HOLY GOD

You who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia. (3) [GOA]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

The Epistle

For the Feast.

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 65.

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You; let them sing to Your name. [SAAS]

Verse: Shout to God, all the earth. [SAAS]
Gal. 4:4-7

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ. [RSV]

Άλληλούϊα. Ήχος α΄. Ψαλμὸς 18.

Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. α'. Οἱ οὐρανοὶ διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ, ποίησιν δὲ χειρῶν αὐτοῦ ἀναγγέλλει τὸ στερέωμα.

Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Ήμέρα τῆ ἡμέρα ἐρεύγεται ἡῆμα, καὶ νὺξ νυκτὶ ἀναγγέλλει γνῶσιν.

Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

Τῆς Έορτῆς.

Ματ 2:1-12

Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ γεννηθέντος ἐν Βηθλεὲμ τῆς Ἰουδαίας ἐν ἡμέραις Ἡρώδου τοῦ βασιλέως, ίδοὺ μάγοι ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν παρεγένοντο εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμαλέγοντες· ποῦ ἐστιν ὁ τεχθεὶς βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων; εἴδομεν γὰρ αὐτοῦ τὸν ἀστέρα ἐν τῆ ανατολή καὶ ήλθομεν προσκυνήσαι αὐτῷ. ᾿Ακούσας δὲ Ἡρώδης ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐταράχθη καὶ πᾶσα Ἱεροσόλυμα μετ' αὐτοῦ,καὶ συναγαγών πάντας τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ γραμματεῖς τοῦ λαοῦ ἐπυνθάνετο παρ' αὐτῶν ποῦ ὁ Χριστὸς γεννᾶται.οί δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ ἐν Βηθλεὲμ τῆς Ἰουδαίας· οὕτω γὰο γέγοαπται διὰ τοῦ προφήτου καὶ σὺ Βηθλεέμ, γῆ Ἰούδα,οὐδαμῶς ἐλαχίστη εἶ ἐν τοῖς ήγεμόσιν Ιούδα ἐκ σοῦ γὰο ἐξελεύσεται ήγούμενος, ὅστις ποιμανεῖ τὸν λαόν μου τὸν Ίσραήλ. Τότε 'Ηρώδης λάθρα καλέσας τοὺς μάγους ἠκρίβωσε παρ' αὐτῶν τὸν χρόνον τοῦ φαινομένου ἀστέρος,καὶ πέμψας αὐτοὺς εἰς Βηθλεὲμ εἶπε· πορευθέντες ἀκριβῶς ἐξετάσατε περὶ τοῦ παιδίου, ἐπὰν δὲ εὕρητε, ἀπαγγείλατέ μοι, ὅπως κἀγὼ έλθων προσκυνήσω αὐτῷ.οί δὲ ἀκούσαντες

Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 18.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows the creation of His hands. [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: Day to day utters speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Feast.

Mt. 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest

τοῦ βασιλέως ἐποφεύθησαν καὶ ἰδοὺ ὁ ἀστὴφ ὃν εἶδον ἐν τῆ ἀνατολῆ πφοῆγεν αὐτούς, ἕως ἐλθὼν ἔστη ἐπάνω οὖ ἦν τὸ παιδίον ἰδόντες δὲ τὸν ἀστέφα ἐχάφησαν χαφὰν μεγάλην σφόδφα,καὶ ἐλθόντες εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν εἶδον τὸ παιδίον μετὰ Μαφίας τῆς μητφὸς αὐτοῦ, καὶ πεσόντες πφοσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἀνοίξαντες τοὺς θησαυφοὺς αὐτῶν πφοσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ δῶφα, χφυσὸν καὶ λίβανον καὶ σμύφναν καὶ χφηματισθέντες κατ' ὄναφ μὴ ἀνακάμψαι πφὸς Ἡρῷδην, δι' ἄλλης ὁδοῦ ἀνεχώφησαν εἰς τὴν χώφαν αὐτῶν.

Ύμνος εἰς τὴν Θεοτόκον. Ὠδὴ θ΄. Ὁ Εἱομός. Ἡχος α΄.

Μεγάλυνον ψυχή μου, τὴν τιμιωτέραν καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν, τῶν ἄνω στρατευμάτων.

Μυστήριον ξένον, ὀρῶ καὶ παράδοξον! οὐρανὸν τὸ Σπήλαιον, θρόνον Χερουβικόν, τὴν Παρθένον, τὴν φάτνην χωρίον, ἐν ῷ ἀνεκλήθη ὁ ἀχώρητος, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, ὂν ἀνυμνοῦντες μεγαλύνομεν.

Κοινωνικόν. Ψαλμὸς 110.

Λύτοωσιν ἀπέστειλε Κύοιος τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ. Ἀλληλούϊα.

"Υμνος μετὰ τὴν Θ. Κοινωνίαν. "Άντὶ τό· Εἴδομεν τὸ φῶς. "Ήχος δ'.

Ή Γέννησίς σου Χοιστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως ἐν αὐτῆ γὰο οἱ τοῖς ἄστοοις λατοεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἅλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ

over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. [RSV]

Hymn to the Theotokos. Ode ix. Heirmos. Mode 1.

O my soul, magnify her who is greater in honor and in glory than the armies of heaven. [5D]

I see here a strange and paradoxical mystery. * For, behold, the grotto is heaven; * cherubic throne is the Virgin; * the manger a grand space * in which Christ our God the uncontainable reclined as a babe; * Whom in extolling do we magnify.

Communion Hymn. Psalm 110.

The Lord sent redemption to His people. Alleluia. [SAAS]

Hymn after Holy Communion. Instead of "We have seen." Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know

γινώσκειν έξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

ΑΠΟΛΥΣΙΣ

Ὁ ἐν σπηλαίω γεννηθείς, καὶ έν φάτνη ἀνακλιθείς, διὰ τὴν ἡμῶν σωτηρίαν, Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ήμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου άγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Άσωμάτων, ίκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ένδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων τῶν όσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν (τοῦ Αγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ) τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ίωακεὶμ καὶ Άννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Άγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ήμᾶς, ώς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος.

Κανόνας Νηστείας

Κατάλυσις εἰς πάντα.

Εἶναι μεγάλη ἑορτή.

You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord. [5D]

THE DISMISSAL

May He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His allpure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Fasting Rule

Fast Free: All foods allowed.

It is a major feast.