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**Menaion - January 17
Memory of St. Anthony the Great**

Katavasias of the Meeting

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Memory of St. Anthony the Great

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode 4.

MATINS

CHOIR

Mode 4.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.*

or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Verse 2: *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

Verse 3: *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

Apolytikion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4.

Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot, and following the straight paths of John the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers. Therefore intercede with Christ our God to save our souls. [SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot, and following the straight paths of John the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers. Therefore intercede with Christ our God to save our souls. [SD]

O Theotokos, through you became manifest to us on earth the mystery, which was hid from eternity, and which the Angels themselves knew not: that God, uniting natures without confusion, becomes a man and accepts crucifixion for our salvation voluntarily. By virtue of this, resurrecting man whom He had first created, He saved our souls from death. [SD]

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4. *By conceiving the wisdom.*

When you fettered your soul with the love for Christ * and you clearly detested all things mundane, * you lived in the wilderness and the mountains. And tasting then * of the tree

of knowledge, you shone forth angelically
* as a mystic of secrets, * righteous Father
most glorious. * Therefore, you transcended
the dark cloud of the carnal * within you
and drove away the demons' darkness, O
blessed one, * first and chief of monastics. *
Intercede with Christ our God, * that He grant
forgiveness of offences * to those who keep
your all-holy memory with faith and love. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 4.

By conceiving the Wisdom and Word of
God * in your womb inexplicably, Mother of
God, * for the world's sake you carried Him
who has the whole world in His hand, * and in
your arms you held Him who holds together
the universe, * which He provides with food,
as its Creator and Lord. * Therefore, O all-holy
Virgin Mary, I pray you, * that I be forgiven
of my offences when I shall stand before Him
who created me. * O all-lauded Lady most
pure, I implore you to assist me in that hour.
* I am sure you can accomplish whatever you
wish. [SD]

Kathisma II.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 1. Let us worship the Word.

Let us honor with hymns the Ascetic of
the Lord, * for he mortified every assault of
passions all * by resolute endurance truly and
self-control; * he also greatly put to shame the
adversarial foe with all his arrogant boasting.
* And now the Saint is interceding * that the
Lord have mercy on our souls. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 1.

O impassable gateway of God the Lord,
rejoice. * You are she whom the righteous of

old clearly foretold. * Prophet Daniel called
you mountain that was quarried not; * Bush
and Jar and Rod and Cloud, Gate and Throne
and also great * Mountain were you truly
called by * the Psalmist David and Moses, *
and all the rest. You were revealed thus to us. [SD]

Kathisma III.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the wisdom.

You withdrew from the tumult of daily
life, * and you took up your cross and denied
yourself, * and you dedicated yourself entirely
to the Lord. * You attained a spiritual state,
out of flesh and world, * and you became
conversant with the Holy Spirit. * Therefore
you inspired zeal for God in the people. *
You emptied the cities and populated the
wilderness, * O God-bearer Anthony. *
Intercede with Christ our God, that He grant
forgiveness of offences * to us who lovingly
honor and celebrate your memory. [SD]

Glory.

Mode 4. You appeared today.

By the light ineffable you were
illuminated; * in the desert wilderness you
were resplendent like a star, * and by your
teachings illumined all * who came to you
with a sure soul, O Anthony. [SD]

Both now.

Mode 4. You appeared today.

The all-holy Spirit came on you, O Virgin,
* at the Angel's voice, and you * conceived
the coessential Son * of God the Father, who
shares the throne, * O restoration of Adam,
and Mother of God. [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Antiphon I.

Mode 4.

Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2) [SD]

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2) [SD]

Glory.

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life, and through cleansing is lifted and brightened, in a hidden, sacred manner, by the trinal Monad. [SD]

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered. [SD]

Prokeimenon. Psalm 115.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy one. (2)

Verse: *To the saints on His earth, in them the Lord magnified all His will.*

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy one. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

Mode 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes. praise the Lord. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.

(And with your spirit.)

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

(Glory to You, O Lord. Glory to You.)

PRIEST *(from the gate)*

(11:27-30)

The Lord said to his disciples, "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." [RSV]

(Glory to You, O Lord. Glory to You.)

READER

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop,

and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

From Menaion - - -

CHOIR

Glory. **Mode 2.**

At the intercession of Your holy Ascetic, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 2.

Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the*

abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. [SAAS]

Devout Father, the proclamation of your achievements went forth into all the earth. For your labors you found the reward in heaven. You destroyed the arrays of demons, and you attained to the orders of the Angels, whose lifestyle you emulated blamelessly. Since you have confidence before the Lord, ask Him to grant peace to our souls. [SD]

DEACON

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron

saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and our devout and God-bearing father Anthony the Great, whose memory we celebrate; and of all your Saints. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. (12)

PRIEST

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Menaion - - -

READER

Kontakion.

Mode 2. *In seeking the heights.*

You retreated from the tumult of daily life and led your life in stillness, imitating John the Baptist in every way. We honor you and him together, most holy Father of Fathers, Saint Anthony. [SD]

Oikos.

Heeding the voice of the Lord, you followed after His commandments. You stripped off the worldly life, and rid yourself of all concern for money, property, and servants, and even the love of your sister, O God-bearer Anthony. Then you most clearly conversed with God alone, and you received the grace of spiritual knowledge. Send me this knowledge, as I am about to sing your praise, most holy Father of Fathers, Saint Anthony. [SD]

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On January 17, we commemorate our devout father Anthony the Great.

On this day we also commemorate our devout and God-bearing father and Wonderworker Anthony the New, who lived as an ascetic in a Skete in Beroea.

On this day, devout St. Achillas died in peace.

On this day we also commemorate the pious Emperor Theodosios the Great.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Neomartyr George of Ioannina, who contested in the year 1838.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

CHOIR

Katavasia of the Meeting

Ode i. Mode 3.

Once did the sun look down upon the surface of the dry abysm-bearing plain; * for the water like a wall on either side was congealed, * for a people walking crossed the sea, making God-appealing melody. * Sing to the Lord for He has been gloriously glorified.

[SD]

Ode iii.

As the firm support of those who hope in You firmly, * O Lord, now confirm the Church that You established, * which You purchased for yourself with Your precious Blood. [SD]

Ode iv.

The heavens were covered by Your virtue, O Christ. * For coming forth from the Ark of Your holiness, Your Mother who sustained

no corruption, * You appeared today in Your glorious Temple, as an infant held in arms. * And the entire creation was filled with Your praise. [SD]

Ode v.

Isaiah once symbolically saw God * seated on an elevated throne * with a host of glorious Angels standing with Him. * He cried, "Woe is me; I am lost! * With my eyes I have foreseen incarnate God, * and He is the Master of never-setting light and peace." [SD]

Ode vi.

The Elder cried out * when with his own eyes * he clearly saw Your salvation, O Lord, * which is for all peoples, * "God from God are You, Christ my Savior." [SD]

Ode vii.

In the fire You refreshed with dew the three Youths as they theologized; * and You dwelt within the Virgin who was undefiled. * God the Logos, we hymn You, * and we chant devoutly, * saying, "Blessed are You, the God of our Fathers." [SD]

Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

The Youths, being piety's defenders, * as if joining battle with the unbearable fire, * and uninjured by the flame, sang a divine hymn exultantly, * "All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord, * and exalt supremely unto all the ages." [SD]

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

Ode ix.

Megalynarion. Mode 3.

Verse: *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.* [RSV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.* [RSV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.* [RSV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* [RSV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.* [RSV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.* [RSV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 3.

*Theotokos, as the hope * of us Christians, one and all, * guard and shelter and protect * those who put their hope in you.*

O believers, come let us perceive * a type in the law, and the shadow and the letter. * Every male that opens the womb shall be holy to God. * So the unoriginate Father's firstborn Logos and Son, * who is the firstborn of the Mother who knew not man, we magnify. [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Exaposteilarion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 2. *N/M (O Women, hearken.)*

From your childhood you took a new way untrodden by men,/and followed it firmly to the end./Subjected to a new law of Christ,// you have become the first master of the desert and the summit for monks. [OCA]

Another.

Mode 3. *N/M (The Elder.)*

Anthony, you have been a light of lights,/ a master and guide of monks;/the glory of the inhabited world!/As the bravest of teachers and most excellent of leaders,/you obtained the steadfast Christ./You were fearless before the attacks of devils//and were the destroyer of errors. [OCA]

Another.

Mode 3. *The Elder in the Temple.*

You led an angelic life, * as though you were incorporeal, * although you were in the body. * And you shined on the whole world * resplendently, for you shone forth * like an ever-shining star, * O Anthony, the God-bearer, * the beauty of Ascetics, * and the

pride and joy of Monks, * and the glory of the Fathers. [SD]

Theotokion.

Mode 3. *The Elder in the Temple.*

You are the good hope of the world, * O Virgin Theotokos. * We ask for your invincible * protection, all-holy Lady, * for we are afflicted by troubles, * and are also tossed about * in life's overwhelming billows. * Stop the winds of the passions, * and direct us to the port * of knowing and doing God's will. [SD]

Lauds. Mode pl. 4.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Stichera. For the Devout Man.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4. What a paradoxal.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]

Venerable father Anthony, * when you had taken up your cross * on your shoulders, the yoke of Christ, * you subdued the arrogance * of Satan by means of the

Cross. * You populated the desert wilderness * as a result of your holy way of life. * You, O all-blessed one, * are the pride and joy of the ascetics all. * Therefore always pray to Christ, * that He have mercy on us. [SD]

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]

Venerable father Anthony, * you shut yourself in the tomb * for the sake of the life with God, * and were not at all afraid * of attacks by the evil one, * nor of his beatings and noises that he made; * for you destroyed them completely with your prayers. * Steadfast in soul were you, * first ascetic of the desert. Therefore now * we correctly call you blest and rightly honor you. [SD]

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]

We have come in faith, O Anthony, * to render honor to you, * the Ascetic of Christ our God; * for you joyfully sojourned * in the desert for many years. * And clearly you were the greatest teacher there. * And for this reason we rightly cry to you: * You, O all-blessed one, * are the pride and joy of every monk and nun. * Therefore pray to Christ the Savior, that He save our souls. [SD]

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

Father of Fathers, Saint Anthony, * your soul was moved by desire * and insatiable love for Christ, * so you searched for Him alone * in the desert and wilderness, * where you avoided all tumults and the noise, * and thus conversed with Him one to one, alone, *

united noetically, * also filled with uncreated light; with which * now illuminate the souls of us who honor you. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4.

You boarded a chariot that rode the heavens, and by ascetic endeavor you reached the pinnacle of the virtues, O God-inspired Saint. And coming from the desert, you reached the transcendent destination of the Jerusalem on high. You worthily received the honors for your laborious efforts, and you rejoice together with the celestial hierarchies, O all-blessed one, as an heir to eternal blessings and a resident of the Kingdom. We pray you, O God-bearing Father Anthony, to intercede with the Savior of all, that He grant peace to the world and that He save our souls.

[SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Lady, receive the supplications of your servants, and rescue us from all necessity and affliction. [SD]

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know
You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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Apolytikion.

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