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Menaion - February 2

The Meeting of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

MATINS

CHOIR

Mode 1.

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.*

From Menaion - - -

Apolytikion of the Feast.

Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. (3)

[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 1. Automelon.

In heaven be amazed by the wonder, O Angels; * with voices cry aloud a divine hymn, O mortals,* beholding the ineffable condescension of God to us.* For now Symeon holds in his aged embraces * Him before whom stand the hosts of heaven and tremble,* the only One who loves mankind. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

In heaven be amazed by the wonder, O Angels; * with voices cry aloud a divine hymn, O mortals,* beholding the ineffable condescension of God to us.* For now Symeon holds in his aged embraces * Him before whom stand the hosts of heaven and tremble,* the only One who loves mankind. [SD]

Kathisma II.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1. The soldiers keeping watch.

The One who is upon the holy throne with the Father, * has come upon the earth and was born of a Virgin. * An infant has He become who by years is uncircumscribed. * And when Symeon in his embraces received Him, * he

rejoiced and said, You made me glad, now release me, * Your servant, O compassionate Lord. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

The One who is upon the holy throne with the Father, * has come upon the earth and was born of a Virgin. * An infant has He become who by years is uncircumscribed. * And when Symeon in his embraces received Him, * he rejoiced and said, You made me glad, now release me, * Your servant, O compassionate Lord. [SD]

Kathisma III.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4. Joseph marveled.

Now the Ancient of Days becomes an infant for me. * And the most pure God now shares purification with me, * to show that truly He assumed my flesh from the Virgin. * And Symeon was led to know the mystery * and recognized as God the one he saw in the flesh. * And he embraced and kissed Him as life itself, * and he rejoiced as an elder and cried aloud, * Let me depart now, for I have seen You, * O Lord, the life of all things. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

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DEACON

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(Lord, have mercy.)

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(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 44.

I will remember your name from generation to generation. (2)

Verse: *My heart overflowed with a good word; I tell my works to the King.*

I will remember your name from generation to generation. ^[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 Luke.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.

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

PRIEST *(from the gate)*

(2:25-32)

At that time, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

^[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 the Theotokos, 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]

Let the gate of heaven open today. For the Father's beginningless Logos, having taken a beginning in time and not separated from His divinity, is willingly offered as a forty-day old infant, in the Temple of the Law, by His virgin Mother. And the Elder receives Him in his arms. "Let me depart," cries the servant to the Master. "For my eyes have seen Your salvation." O Lord, who came to the world to save the human race, glory to You! [GKD]

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 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 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity. [SD]

Oikos.

To the Theotokos let us run, who desire to look upon her Son, being led to Symeon, and whom the angels in heaven above, scrutinizing in amazement aver, "Wondrous paradoxes we now ponder, inconceivable! inexpressible! He, who fashioned Adam, is held as a babe. He, the uncontainable, is by the Elder embraced. He, the uncircumscribed in the bosom of His Father, is willingly delimited by flesh, not divinity, the only one who loves humanity." [GKD]

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On February 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord Jesus Christ, when the righteous Symeon received Him in his embraces.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Agathodoros.

To God be the glory and the dominion to the ages. 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.

Megalynaria. Mode 3.

Past the understanding of * all the angels, mortals, too, * Virgin Mother, Lady pure, * is that which occurred in you.

In his arms the Elder one, * Symeon, embraces You, * the Creator of the Law * and the Governor of All.

Wishing Adam to be saved, * He who fashioned us abode * in the womb immaculate * of the Virgin Lady pure.

Every generation of * mortal nature blesses you, * and, as Mother of our God, * gives you glory, Lady pure.

Come and see the Christ who is * Lord and Master of all things, * who today by Symeon * to the Temple now is borne.

You look down upon the earth * and thereby You make it quake; * how then does a worn old man * hold You now within his arms?

Symeon lived many years, * till the Christ he was to see, * then to Him he called aloud, * "My departure now I seek."

You indeed, O Mariam, * have become the mystic tongs, * which enclosed the burning coal, * Christ conceived within your womb.

You, the pre-eternal God, * willed that
You would take on flesh; * and so after forty
days, * to the Temple You are brought.

Having come from heav'n above * is the
Master of all things; * He is welcomed to His
home * by the priest called Symeon.

From Menaion - - -

Ode ix. Heirmos.

*Make my soul to shine, O Lord, * with the
light perceptible, * that I purely look on You, * and
proclaim You as my God.*

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]

*Virgin Mother, Lady pure, * to the Temple
what bring you? * "I now offer my new babe * to
the arms of Symeon."*

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]

Troparia.

*Now departure do I seek * from my Lord and
Fashioner, * for I saw You, O my Christ, * You,
who are my saving Light.*

A pair of doves or young pigeons was
required* of old. Now instead of these,
the divine Elder* and the chaste Anna, the
prophetess,* minister to the Father's progeny,*
who was born of the Virgin, and who was
brought by her* to the Temple. And Him they
magnified. [SD]

*Him, whom liturgists above * trembling
praise in litany, * now below does Symeon * hold,
embracing in his arms.*

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prophetess,* minister to the Father's progeny,*
who was born of the Virgin, and who was
brought by her* to the Temple. And Him they
magnified. [SD]

Glory.

*You by nature are but One, * yet in persons
Trinity; * set a guard around those who, * serving,
do believe in You.*

O Master Christ, You restored to me the
joy * of Your salvation, cried Symeon the Elder
in the Temple.* And now receive me Your
servant,* who is weary of the shadow,* and
yet a new initiate and preacher of Your grace,*
and who praises You and magnifies. [SD]

Both now.

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

The chaste and devout and elderly * Anna
was openly professing the divine will* in the
Temple; and with sacred reverence* she gave
thanks to the Master.* And to all who were
there * she proclaimed the Theotokos, whom
she magnified. [SD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 3.

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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

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(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 3. Automelon.

The Elder in the Temple stood * and inspired by the Spirit * received the Master of the Law * into his own embraces, * and cried aloud, "Now release me * from the bondage of the flesh * in peace, according to Your word. * For I have seen with my own eyes * the revelation of the Gentiles and the salvation of Israel." (3) [SD]

Lauds. Mode 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 Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4. You have given.

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

He who loves humanity fulfills the Law that was writ of old* and is brought to the Temple now.* And elderly Symeon heartily receives Him* in his old embraces,* and cries, You now let me depart* unto the blessedness of eternity.* Today I laid my eyes on You who now have put on our mortal flesh,* and I know You, O Lord my God,* as the Master of life and death. [SD]

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

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know You, O Lord my God,* as the Master of life and death. [SD]

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

Light for revelation of the Gentiles, You have appeared, O Lord,* even sitting upon a swift* and light cloud, the virgin Maid,* as the Sun of Justice,* and You thus completed* the shadow of the Law of old* and manifested the start of the new grace.* And therefore elder Symeon, when he beheld You, cried out and said,* From corruption release me now,* for today I have seen You, Lord. [SD]

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

Never separated from the Father's bosom in divinity,* and incarnated as You willed,* and held in the holy arms * of the Ever-Virgin,* You who hold all things in Your hand were given to the hands* of the divine God-receiver Symeon.* And therefore full of joy he cried to You, O Master, With my own eyes,* I Your servant have seen You, Lord;* now You let me depart in peace. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 2.

O Christ God, who on this day was well pleased to recline in the elder's hands, as on a chariot of cherubim, call us back who extol You, and deliver us from the tyranny of the passions, and save our souls. [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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Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. [SD]