Μηναίον - ΤΗι ΚΓ' ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τῶν ἐν Ἁγίοις Πατέρων ἡμῶν Ἀμφιλοχίου, Ἐπισκόπου Ἰκονίου, καὶ Γρηγορίου τοῦ Ἀκραγαντίνων.

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Αντίφωνον Α'. Ἡχος β'. Ψαλμοὶ 144, 86, 47.

Στίχ. α'. Μέγας Κύριος καὶ αἰνετὸς σφόδρα.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. β'. Δεδοξασμένα ἐλαλήθη περὶ σοῦ, ή πόλις τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτεο, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. γ'. Ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς βάρεσιν αὐτῆς γινώσκεται.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σὧτερ, σὧσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. δ'. Καθάπερ ἠκούσαμεν, οὕτω καὶ εἴδομεν.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτεο, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Δόξα καὶ νῦν.

Ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτεο, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Menaion - November 23

Memory of our Fathers among the Saints Amphilochios, Bishop of Iconium, and Gregory of Agrigentum.

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalms 144, 86, 47.

Verse 1: *Great is the Lord and exceedingly praiseworthy.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: Glorious things were said concerning you, O city of God. [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: God is known in her palaces. [SAAS]

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

Verse 4: As we heard, so we saw. [SAAS]

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

Glory. Both now.

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

Αντίφωνον Β'. Ἡχος β'. Ψαλμοὶ 45, 95, 117, 64.

Στίχ. α'. Ήγίασε τὸ σκήνωμα αὐτοῦ ὁ Ύψιστος.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις θαυμαστός, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Άγιωσύνη καὶ μεγαλοπρέπεια ἐν τῷ ἁγιάσματι αὐτοῦ.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις θαυμαστός, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. γ'. Αὕτη ή πύλη τοῦ Κυρίου, δίκαιοι εἰσελεύσονται ἐν αὐτῆ.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις θαυμαστός, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. δ'. Άγιος ὁ ναός σου, θαυμαστὸς ἐν δικαιοσύνη.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις θαυμαστός, 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 άγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, ἀτρέπτως ἐνανθρωπήσας, σταυρωθείς τε, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, εἶς ὢν τῆς Ἁγίας Τριάδος, συνδοξαζόμενος τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίω Πνεύματι, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalms 45, 95, 117, 64.

Verse 1: *The Most High sanctified His tabernacle.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: Holiness and majesty are in His holy place. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 3: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall go in through it. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 4: Holy is Your temple, wondrous in righteousness. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

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]

Αντίφωνον Γ΄. ήχος δ΄. Ψαλμὸς 44.

Στίχ. α'. Τὸ πρόσωπόν σου λιτανεύσουσιν οἱ πλούσιοι τοῦ λαοῦ.

Στίχ. β'. Πᾶσα ἡ δόξα τῆς θυγατρὸς τοῦ βασιλέως ἔσωθεν, ἐν κροσσωτοῖς χρυσοῖς περιβεβλημένη, πεποικιλμένη.

Στίχ. γ'. Άπενεχθήσονται τῷ βασιλεῖ παρθένοι ὀπίσω αὐτῆς.

Άπολυτίκιον τῆς Έορτῆς. Ἡχος δ'.

Σήμε ρον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανῶς ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῆ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

Antiphon III. Mode 4. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: The rich among the people shall entreat your favor. [SAAS]

Verse 2: All her glory as the King's daughter is within, adorned and embroidered with golden tassels. [SAAS]

Verse 3: The virgins behind her shall be brought to the King. [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

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[SD]

Ή, ἀντὶ τῶν Ἀντιφώνων, κατὰ τὸ τυπικόν, ψάλλονται τὰ Τυπικὰ καὶ οἱ Μακαρισμοί.

Ψαλμὸς 102. Ψαλμὸς 145.

Κανών Β' τῆς Έορτῆς.

Μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ ἐλεηθήσονται.

Πανηγυρίσωμεν φιλέορτοι, καὶ συνευφρανθῶμεν τῷ πνεύματι, ἐν τῆ ἁγίᾳ Έορτῆ, εὐωχούμενοι σήμερον, θυγατρὸς τοῦ Βασιλέως, καὶ Μητρὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν.

Μακάριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῆ καρδία, ὅτι αὐτοὶ τὸν Θεὸν ὄψονται.

Ἰωακεὶμ εὐφοαίνου σήμερον, καὶ ἀγάλλου Ἄννα τῷ πνεύματι, τὴν γεννηθεῖσαν ἐξ ὑμῶν, τῷ Κυρίῳ προσάγοντες, τριετίζουσαν ὡς δάμαλιν, σεμνὴν τὴν Πανάμωμον.

Μακάριοι οἱ εἰρηνοποιοί, ὅτι αὐτοὶ Υίοὶ Θεοῦ κληθήσονται.

Τὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ κατοικητήριον, ἐν Ναῷ ἀγίῳ προσφέρεται, ἡ Θεοτόκος Μαριάμ, τῆ σαρκὶ τριετίζουσα, καὶ αὐτῆς λαμπαδουχοῦσαι, αἱ παρθένοι προτρέχουσιν.

Μακάριοι οἱ δεδιωγμένοι ἕνεκεν δικαιοσύνης, ὅτι αὐτῶν ἐστιν ἡ Βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

Ή τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀμνὰς ἡ ἄσπιλος, ἡ περιστερὰ ἡ ἀμόλυντος, ἡ θεοχώρητος σκηνή, τὸ τῆς δόξης ἁγίασμα, ἐν σκηνώματι ἁγίω, κατοικεῖν ἡρετίσατο.

An optional alternative to the Antiphons are the Typika (Psalms 102 and 145), and the Beatitudes with the appointed troparia, which are provided here.

Psalm 102. Psalm 145.

Canon 2 of the Feast.

From Menaion - -

Ode iii. Mode 1. *N/M* (*Firmly established be.*)

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. [RSV]

Let all of you who love the feasts,/
celebrate and rejoice in spirit,/exulting today
in the holy feast of the Daughter of the King/
and the Mother of our God. [OCA]

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [RSV]

Joachim, be glad today,/and rejoice exceedingly in spirit, Anna,/for now you present your daughter to the Lord/as a three-year old victim of sacrifice,/holy and immaculate.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [RSV]

The Theotokos Mary, the Dwelling-place of God,/three years old according to the flesh,/is offered in the holy Temple,/and the virgins, her companions,/go before her with lamps in their hands. [OCA]

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [RSV]

The spotless ewe lamb of God,/the dove without blemish,/the tabernacle that is to hold God,/the sanctuary of glory,/has chosen to dwell in the holy Temple. [OCA]

Κανών Β' τῆς Έορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου --- Ω δη C'. Ήχος α' . Τὸν Προφήτην Ἰωνᾶν.

Μακάριοι ἐστὲ ὅταν ὀνειδίσωσιν ὑμᾶς, καὶ διώξωσι, καὶ εἴπωσι πᾶν πονηρὸν ῥῆμα καθ' ὑμῶν, ψευδόμενοι ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ.

Έορτάσωμεν Πιστοί, έορτην πνευματικήν, την Μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἀνυμνοῦντες εὐσεβῶς: ὑπάρχει γάρ, άγιωτέρα των οὐρανίων Νοων.

Χαίρετε καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, ὅτι ὁ μισθὸς ύμῶν πολὺς ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς.

Έν ῷδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, εὐφημήσωμεν πιστοί, τὴν Μητέρα τοῦ Φωτός, ὅτι σήμερον ήμῖν, ἐπέφανε, προερχομένη ἐν τῷ ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Δόξα. Τοιαδικόν.

Ό Πατήρ καὶ ὁ Υίός, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ εὐθές, τρισυπόστατε Μονάς, καὶ ἀχώριστε Τριάς, ἐλέησον τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας, τὸ θεῖον κράτος σου.

Καὶ νῦν. Θεοτοκίον.

Έν γαστρί σου χωρητός, ὁ ἀχώρητος παντί, Θεομῆτος γεγονώς, προελήλυθεν ἐκ σοῦ, πανάχραντε, διπλοῦς τῆ φύσει, Θεὸς καὶ ἄνθοωπος.

Canon 2 of the Feast.

From Menaion - -

Ode vi. Mode 1. (N/M)

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely [for my sake]. [RSV]

Faithful, let us celebrate the Mother of God in spirit,/singing her praises with goodness/for she is indeed more holy than the heavenly powers. [OCA]

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. [RSV]

Faithful, let us praise the Mother of Light in spiritual songs,/for today she is manifested to us/entering the Temple of God. [OCA]

Glory. For the Trinity.

Father, Son and Spirit of righteousness,/ Unity in three Persons and undivided Trinity,/have mercy on those who worship Your divine power. [OCA]

Both now. Theotokion.

He whom nothing can contain was contained in your womb,/undefiled Theotokos,/and He has come forth from you in two natures,/both God and man. [OCA]

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἡχος β'.

Δεῦτε ποοσκυνήσωμεν καὶ ποοσπέσωμεν Χοιστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἀγίοις θαυμαστός, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Ύμνοι μετὰ τὴν Μικρὰν Εἴσοδον Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

 5 H χ o ς δ' .

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανῶς ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῆ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

Tων Aγίων. $\dot{}$ $\dot{}$

Ό Θεὸς τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιῶν ἀεὶ μεθ' ἡμῶν κατὰ τὴν σην ἐπιείκειαν, μὴ ἀποστήσης τὸ ἔλεός σου ἀφ' ἡμῶν, ἀλλὰ ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνη κυβέρνησον τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.

(Τὸ Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ.)

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Κοντάκιον.

'Ηχος δ'. Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ.

Ό καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ή πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints. We sing to You, Alleluia. [COA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance. Apolytikion of the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4.

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For the Saints. Mode 4.

O God of our Fathers, since You always deal with us in accordance with Your gentleness, do not withdraw Your mercy from us, but at their fervent entreaties, pilot our life in peace.

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

(The text of the Apolytikion of the local church goes here.)

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode 4. You who were lifted.

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled

Θείω ην ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἁγγελοι Θεοῦ Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

Ο ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΣ ΥΜΝΟΣ

Άγιος ὁ Θεός, ἄγιος Ἰσχυφός, ἄγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ')

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

Άγιος Άθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ο Απόστολος

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ ΚΓ΄ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ

Προκείμενον. ή Ηχος πλ. β΄. Ψαλμός 31.

Εὐφοάνθητε ἐπὶ Κύοιον καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι.

Στίχ. Μακάριοι ὧν ἀφέθησαν αἱ ἀνομίαι καὶ ὧν ἐπεκαλύφθησαν αἱ ἁμαρτίαι.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

2Koo 8:1-5

Άδελφοί, γνωρίζω ὑμῖν τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ τὴν δεδομένην ἐν ταῖς Ἐκκλησίαις τῆς Μακεδονίας, ὅτι ἐν πολλῆ δοκιμῆ θλίψεως ἡ περισσεία τῆς χαρᾶς αὐτῶν καὶ ἡ κατὰ βάθους πτωχεία αὐτῶν ἐπερίσσευσεν εἰς τὸν πλοῦτον τῆς ἀπλότητος αὐτῶν· ὅτι κατὰ δύναμιν μαρτυρῶ, καὶ ὑπὲρ δύναμιν, αὐθαίρετοι, μετὰ πολλῆς παρακλήσεως δεόμενοι ἡμῶν τὴν χάριν καὶ τὴν κοινωνίαν τῆς διακονίας τῆς εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους, καὶ οὐ καθὼς ἠλπίσαμεν, ἀλλὶ ἑαυτοὺς ἔδωκαν πρῶτον τῷ Κυρίφ καὶ ἡμῖν διὰ θελήματος Θεοῦ.

by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she. [SD]

THE TRISAGION HYMN

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

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.

The Epistle

SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-THIRD WEEK

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 31.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice greatly.

[SAAS]

Verse: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. [SAAS]

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

2 Cor. 8:1-5

Brethren, we want you to know about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints - and this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. [RSV]

Άλληλούϊα. Ήχος πλ. β΄. Ψαλμοὶ 64, 101.

Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. α'. Μακάριοι οῦς ἐξελέξω καὶ προσελάβου, Κύριε.

Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Καὶ τὸ μνημόσυνον αὐτῶν εἰς γενεὰν καὶ γενεάν.

Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα. Άλληλούϊα.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

ΤΩι ΣΑΒΒΑΤΩι ΤΗΣ Ι΄ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΛΟΥΚΑ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Λου ι' 19 - 21

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ Μαθηταῖς ἰδοὺ δίδωμι ὑμῖν τὴν ἐξουσίαν τοῦ πατεῖν ἐπάνω ὄφεων καὶ σκορπίων καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσαν τὴν δύναμιν τοῦ ἐχθροῦ, καὶ οὐδὲν ὑμᾶς οὐ μὴ ἀδικήση. πλὴν ἐν τούτῳ μὴ χαίρετε, ὅτι τὰ πνεύματα ὑμῖν ὑποτάσσεται χαίρετε δὲ ὅτι τὰ ὀνόματα ὑμῶν ἐγράφη ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Ἐν αὐτῆ τῆ ὥρα ἠγαλλιάσατο τῷ πνεύματι ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν Ἐξομολογοῦμαί σοι, πάτερ, κύριε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅτι ἀπέκρυψας ταῦτα ἀπὸ σοφῶν καὶ συνετῶν, καὶ ἀπεκάλυψας αὐτὰ νηπίοις ναί, ὁ Πατήρ, ὅτι οὕτως ἐγένετο εὐδοκία ἔμπροσθέν σου.

Ύμνος εἰς τὴν Θεοτόκον.

ἄξιόν ἐστιν ὡς ἀληθῶς μακαρίζειν σε τὴν Θεοτόκον, τὴν ἀειμακάριστον καὶ παναμώμητον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβεὶμ καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφείμ, τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

Alleluia. Mode pl. 2. Psalms 64, 101.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: And their memorial abides from generation to generation. [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Saturday of the Tenth Week of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk. 10:19-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will." [RSV]

Hymn to the Theotokos.

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Logos. We magnify you, the true Theotokos. [GOA]

Κοινωνικόν. Ψαλμοὶ 64, 101.

Μακάριοι οὓς ἐξελέξω καὶ προσελάβου, Κύριε. Καὶ τὸ μνημόσυνον αὐτῶν εἰς γενεὰν καὶ γενεάν. Ἀλληλούϊα.

"Υμνος μετὰ τὴν Θ. Κοινωνίαν. "Ηχος β'.

Εἴδομεν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν, ἐλάβομεν Πνεῦμα ἐπουράνιον, εὓρομεν πίστιν ἀληθῆ, ἀδιαίρετον Τριάδα προσκυνοῦντες· αὕτη γὰρ ἡμᾶς ἔσωσεν.

ΑΠΟΛΥΣΙΣ

Χοιστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς ποεσβείαις τῆς παναχοάντου καὶ παναμώμου άγίας αὐτοῦ Μητοός, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, ποοστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου, ἐνδόξου, ποοφήτου, Ποοδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν άγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν άγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν (τοῦ Αγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ) τῶν άγίων καὶ δικαίων Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ ἄννης, καὶ πάντων τῶν Άγίων, ἐλεήσαι καὶ σώσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλάνθοωπος.

Κανόνας Νηστείας

Κατάλυσις ἰχθύος.

Εἶναι ή νηστεία πρὸ τῶν Χριστουγέννων.

Communion Hymn. Psalms 64, 101.

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. Alleluia. [SAAS]

Hymn after Holy Communion. Mode 2.

We have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit; we have found the true faith, worshiping the undivided Trinity, for the Trinity has saved us.

THE DISMISSAL

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure 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

Fish: fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.

It is the Christmas fast.