

Horologion - Midnight Office

For a Weekday

Menaion - March 25

Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos

MIDNIGHT OFFICE

PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever,
and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
present in all places and filling all things,
treasury of good things and giver of life: come;
take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every
stain, and save our souls, O Good one. [HC]

READER

Trisagion Prayers.

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.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.
Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our
transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. [GOA]

PRIEST

For Thine 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.

READER

Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12)

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

Come, let us worship and bow down
before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalms 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]

If the Lity was not sung at Vespers, sing the following:

CHOIR

Idiomela. For the Feast.

Idiomelon 1.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1.

In the sixth month, the chief Commander of the Angels was sent to you the pure Virgin, to disclose to you the tidings of salvation, and also to salute you: "Rejoice, Maiden full of grace, the Lord is with you. You shall bear a Son who was begotten of the Father before all

ages. And He shall save His people from their transgressions." [SD]

Idiomelon 2.

Mode 1.

In the sixth month, the Archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to bring to the Damsel good tidings of joy. And when he drew near to her, he shouted saying, "Rejoice, O Maiden full of grace; the Lord is with you. Rejoice, O vessel of the uncontainable Nature. For the One whom the heavens could not contain has your womb now contained, O blessed one. Rejoice, O noble Virgin, Adam's restoration and deliverance of Eve, and the joy of the world, and the exultation of our race." [SD]

Idiomelon 3.

Mode 1.

The Angel Gabriel was sent from heaven by God to the undefiled Virgin in Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to annunciate to her the good tidings of the strangely effected conception. A bodiless servant was sent to the animate city and intelligible gate, to inform her of the Master's condescension and coming. A heavenly soldier was sent to the animate palace of glory, to prepare for the Creator an everlasting dwelling. And coming to her he cried aloud, "Rejoice, O fiery throne, Maiden by far more glorious than the living creatures with four faces. Rejoice, heavenly royal seat. Rejoice, unquarried mountain and exquisite vessel. For in you has dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, by the good pleasure of the eternal Father, and by the joint action of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice, O Maiden full of grace; the Lord is with you." [SD]

Glory. Both now.

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Idiomelon. Mode 2.

Gabriel announces good tidings today to her who is full of grace: "Rejoice, O Maiden unmarried and unwed. Be not astonished by my strange appearance, nor be dismayed. For an Archangel am I. The serpent once beguiled Eve, but I am now announcing to you the joy. You shall remain inviolate, and yet shall bear the Lord, O Immaculate." [SD]

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PRIEST

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READER

Amen.

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Apolytikion.

Mode 4.

Today is the summary of our salvation, and the revelation of the age-old mystery. For the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us join him, and cry aloud to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, Maiden full of grace! The Lord is with you." [SD]

Lord, have mercy. (40)

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

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.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

May He who for us men and for our salvation condescended to become incarnate of the the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, (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.

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For all pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our (episcopal rank) (name).

For our nation.

For the armed forces.

For our departed fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers.

For those who have mercy on us and serve
us.

For those who hate us and those who love
us.

For those who have asked us the
unworthy to pray for them.

For the release of captives.

For those who are traveling.

For those who are ill.

Let us pray also for the abundance of the
fruits of the earth.

And for all our family and friends who
have fallen asleep before us, the Orthodox
here and everywhere piously laid to sleep.

Let us also say for ourselves: Lord, have
mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers,
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us
[and save us].

(Amen.)