

Menaion - December 31

Leave-taking of Christmas

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]

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.* [SAAS]

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

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. [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]

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.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. 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 - -

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[SD]

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]

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

TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.

The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. [SAAS]

Verse: *Hear my voice, O God, in my supplication.* [SAAS]

Heb. 4:1-13

Brethren, let us fear lest any of you be judged to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them; but the message which they heard did not benefit them, because it did not meet with faith in the hearers. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never enter my rest,' " although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this place he said, "They shall never enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and

those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he sets a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later of another day. So then, there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God; for whoever enters God's rest also ceases from his labors as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, that no one fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 2. Psalm 91.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall be multiplied like the cedar in Lebanon.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *Those planted in the house of the Lord shall blossom forth in the courts of our God.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week of Luke

Mk. 12:18-27

At that time, Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses

wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the wife, and raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no children; and the second took her, and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; and the seven left no children. Last of all the woman also died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife." Jesus said to them, "Is not this why you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong." [RSV]

Hymn to the Theotokos.

Ode ix. Heirmos.

Mode 1.

O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid who from the curse has redeemed us. [SD]

Easier for us is from fear to love silence,
* free of any peril as it is, O Virgin; * whereas
to weave stirring hymns out of longing * in
earnest, is difficult. Therefore, O Mother, *
give us strength to match our volition, we
pray you. [SD]

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

THE DISMISSAL

Fasting Rule

Fast Free: All foods allowed.

It is the Twelve Days of Christmas