

Menaion - July 2

Commemoration of the Placement in
Blachernai of the Precious Garment of the
Most Holy Theotokos

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name. [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, Savior, save us.

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

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

Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Antiphon II. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist. [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God. [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations. [SAAS]

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

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

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

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.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4.

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of
mankind, you have given to your City as
a protective wall the clothing and garment
that you wore on your immaculate body. By
your seedless childbirth, they have remained
incorrupt. For in you both nature and time

are made novel. Therefore we implore you,
grant peace to your commonwealth, and great
mercy to our souls. [SD]

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.

The Beatitudes.

Mode 4.

In Your kingdom. Remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [RSV]

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [RSV]

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [RSV]

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [RSV]

Canon 1 for the Theotokos.

Ode iii. Mode 4. N/M ()

From Menaion - - -

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

With songs, let us praise the Mother of God as the pleasing sanctification, the celestial gate; and with love let us embrace her Robe which is filled with divine charisms. [JR]

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

By your chaste birthgiving, you have clothed with the garment of incorruption all those who were stripped naked through corruption, O holy Lady; and you have granted them your sacred Robe as the bliss which is not to be taken away. [JR]

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

Undefined Maiden, with your revered Robe you covered him who wraps the whole sky in clouds. Venerating it in faith, we glorify you, the covering of our souls. [JR]

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

Theotokion.

This divine house is a priceless remedy for the sick, O pure, all-blameless Lady, for it has your Robe as a fountain ceaselessly issuing cascades of healings. [JR]

Canon 2 for the Theotokos.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode 4. N/M (The Church cries out.)

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

The Lord, in a wonderful manner, wholly glorified you, Maiden; he has completely distinguished you, O Theotokos; he has honored you beyond words, by your temple with Belt, Robe, and divine reliquary. [JR]

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

The Lord, in a wonderful manner, wholly glorified you, Maiden; he has completely distinguished you, O Theotokos; he has honored you beyond words, by your temple with Belt, Robe, and divine reliquary. [JR]

Glory.

Having gained you as a source of strength and exultation, O conceiver of God, believers gird themselves about with glory, possessing

your sacred Belt as a splendid and precious
adornment. [R]

Both now.

To behold your unspeakable glory, O
Theotokos, the Prophets of old all labored
divinely in giving birth, but to us in the last
times has he who is beyond the days and
seasons, appeared. [R]

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. [GOA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4.

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls. [SD]

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.*

You have bestowed your sacred Garment, O Lady, * to be a robe of incorruption, O pure one, * for all the faithful, O divine protection of mankind; * for with it you had arrayed your most pure sacred body. * Now with longing we observe the feast of its bestowal, * and in a loud voice we cry out with faith: * Rejoice, O Virgin, the boast of Christians everywhere. [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

For the Theotokos.

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Ode ix.

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

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

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

Heb. 9:1-7

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 44.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Listen, O daughter, behold and incline your ear.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *The rich among the people shall entreat your favor.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Theotokos.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk. 1:39-49, 56

In those days, Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." And Mary remained with

her about three months, and returned to her home. [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]

Communion Hymn. Psalm 115.

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. 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. [GOA]

THE DISMISSAL

May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the placing at Blacherai of whose precious Garment we commemorate, 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

Fast Free: All foods allowed.