

Horologion - Midnight Office

For a Weekday

Menaion - November 8

The Synaxis in Honor of the Chief
Commanders Michael and Gabriel

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.
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Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages
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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.

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]

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

Idiomela. For the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1.

Chief captains of the spiritual Powers, who ever stand beside the Master's throne, implore the Lord to give peace to the world and to our souls his great mercy. [EL]

Mode 1.

The Commander of the Powers above, Michael, the leader of the divine ranks, who goes with us every day and guards us all

from every assault of the devil, has called us together today to a great festival. Come then, lovers of feasts and lovers of Christ, let us pick the flowers of virtues and with pure thoughts and firm conscience, let us honour the Archangel's Assembly; for as he stands unceasingly next God and raises high the thrice-holy hymn, he intercedes that our souls may be saved. [EL]

Mode 2.

Leaders of the spiritual Powers of the immaterial Being, enlighteners of the world with the rays of the glory with triple sun, Chief Captains, with untiring voices you sing out the thrice-holy hymn; therefore intercede that our souls may be saved. [EL]

Mode 2.

As you surround the immaterial throne, O spiritual beings, divine Bodiless ones, you sing the thrice-holy hymn to God the Ruler with lips of flame: Holy God, the Father without beginning; Holy strong, the co-eternal Son; Holy immortal, the consubstantial Spirit, glorified together with the Father and the Son. [EL]

Mode 2.

With bodiless lips and spiritual mouths the ranks of Angels offer their unceasing hymn to your unapproachable Godhead, Lord; and pure intelligences and ministers of your glory praise you, Master. With them Michael, the bodiless one and leader of the Powers above, the Chief Captain of the Angels, has become for us today host at the feast, urging us on to sing the songs of the Bodiless Powers to your unapproachable glory, Lover of mankind, that he may

intercede without ceasing on behalf of our souls. [EL]

Mode 4.

Bright with the sun's beam of the divine light, Chief Captains, you outshine the ranks of immaterial beings; clothed like light in dazzling white in the highest, you shed on the world the fire of the unapproachable Godhead; and so you sing unceasingly with lips of flame the thrice-holy hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy are you, our God. Glory to you. [EL]

Mode pl. 2.

Your Angels, O Christ, standing with fear by the throne of your majesty and ever shining with the light that floods from you, sing your praises in the highest, and sent forth by you as ministers of your will, they give enlightenment to our souls. [EL]

Glory.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

With lips of fire the Cherubim sing your praise, Christ God; with bodiless mouths the choir of Archangels sings a never-ending hymn of glory; Michael, the Chief Captain of the Powers above, offers to your glory an unceasing hymn of victory. For he has shone on us today that for this shining festival we may fittingly ring out in song the thrice-holy hymn with lips of clay; for all things have been filled with your praise, and you grant the world through him your great mercy. [EL]

Both now.

Mode 4.

Today the temple that contains God, the Mother of God, is brought into the Lord's temple and Zachary receives her. Today the Holy of Holies rejoices and the choir of Angels

mystically celebrates the festival; with whom let us, as today we celebrate, cry out with Gabriel: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you, he who has great mercy. [EL]

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PRIEST

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READER

Amen.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4. *You who were lifted.*

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, * we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, * to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, * and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, * guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: * As the Commanders of the hosts on high, * rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind. ^[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 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.)