

Pentecostarion

Wednesday of the Second Week

Menaion - May 8

Memory of the Holy and Glorious Apostle
and Evangelist John the Theologian

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 65.

Verse 1: *Shout to God, all the earth.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: *Sing now to His name; give glory to
His praise.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: *Say to God, "How fearful are Your
works.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 4: *Let all the earth worship You and
sing to You.* [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 66.

Verse 1: *May God be gracious to us, and
bless us.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: *May He cause His face to shine
upon us, and have mercy on us.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 3: *That we may know His way on the
earth, Your salvation among all the Gentiles.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 4: *Let the peoples give thanks to You,
O God; let all the peoples praise You.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

*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. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 67.

Verse 1: *Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

Verse 2: *As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

Verse 3: *So shall the sinners perish from the face of God. And let the righteous be glad.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

Verse 4: *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

[GOA]

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 1.

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 of the Feast.

Ode iii. Mode 1. Establish me. (NM)

From Pentecostarion - - -

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

When by your Cross, O Christ, you had made us new instead of old, instead of corruptible incorruptible, you commanded us to live worthily in newness of life. [EL]

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

When by your Cross, O Christ, you had made us new instead of old, instead of corruptible incorruptible, you commanded us to live worthily in newness of life. [EL]

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

Though you had been locked in the tomb with your finite flesh, O Christ, as infinite you arose; and when the doors were shut you came to your Disciples, O All-powerful. [EL]

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

By keeping your wounds, O Christ, which you had borne willingly for our sakes, you gave your Disciples proof of your glorious Resurrection. [EL]

Canon for the Apostle.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. N/M (My transgressions)

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

Isaiah foresaw the coal of divine fire in a figure. When his lips were cleansed by it, he was granted prophecy. Now, when God the Logos became incarnate, you were shown to be His Bosom Friend, O blessed John. [SD]

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

Isaiah foresaw the coal of divine fire in a figure. When his lips were cleansed by it, he was granted prophecy. Now, when God the Logos became incarnate, you were shown to be His Bosom Friend, O blessed John. [SD]

Glory.

O blessed John, the Only-begotten Son and Logos, who is in the bosom of the Father, was seen when He put on a body; and He

made known to you, His beloved initiate, that
no one can ever see God without this body. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O all-lauded Virgin Theotokos, who gave
birth to the effulgence of the Father's glory,
illumine my soul. Possessing your grace, your
true devotees have refuted heretical drivel. [SD]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from
the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God,
risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

[GOA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

Apolytikion of the Feast.

From Pentecostarion - - -

Grave Mode.

O Life, You rose from the sepulcher, even though the tomb was secured with a seal, O Christ God. And though the doors had been bolted, You came to Your disciples, O Resurrection of all. Through them You renew a right spirit in us, according to Your great mercy. [SD]

For the Evangelist.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 2.

O Apostle, the beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver us, a people that has no excuse. He accepts you supplicating Him, for He condescended at the Supper to let you lean on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy. [SD]

(Apolytikion of the Parish Church)

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

From Pentecostarion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 4.

With his scrutinizing right hand, Thomas examined Your life-bestowing side, O Christ God. When You entered while the doors were shut, he cried out to You with the rest of the Apostles, "You are my Lord and my 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

For the Evangelist.

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 18.

His proclamation went forth into all the earth. [SAAS]

Verse: *The heavens declare the glory of God.*

[SAAS]

The reading is from John's First Universal Letter.

1:1-7

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 88.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *God is glorified in the counsel of saints.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Evangelist.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

19:25-28, 21:24-25

At that time, standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

[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 18.

His proclamation went forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia. [SAAS]

Hymn after Holy Communion.

Instead of "We have seen."

Mode pl. 1.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

THE DISMISSAL

May He who rose from the dead, 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 the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, whose memory we celebrate; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Fasting Rule

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