

Menaion Supplement
February 6

Memory of St Photios the Great

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: *My heart overflowed with a good word; I tell my works to the King.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: *My tongue is the pen of a swift-writing scribe.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: *You are more beautiful than the sons of men.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 4: *Therefore God blessed You forever.* [SAAS]

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

Glory. Both now.

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

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: *Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, in Your splendor and Your beauty.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: *Stretch Your bow, and grant prosperity, and reign, because of truth and goodness.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: *Your arrows are sharp, O Mighty One. The peoples shall fall under You.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 4: *Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; Your royal scepter is a scepter of uprightness.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia.

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 1. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: *Listen, O daughter, behold and
incline your ear, and forget your people and your
father's house.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: *I will remember your name from
generation to generation.* [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin
Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun
of righteousness has risen from you and
He illumined those in darkness. And you,
righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving
in your embraces the One who liberates our
souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. [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 3.

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 3. Heirmos

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

O Lord, the firm foundation of those trust in you, confirm the Church, which you purchased with your precious blood. [EL]

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

The First-born of the Father before the ages has appeared from an undefiled Maiden as a first-born babe, and he stretches out his hands to Adam. [EL]

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

To set right again the first formed man, who through deception had become childish

in mind, God the Word has appeared as a child. [EL]

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

The Creator, having become a child without change, has reshaped according to the form of his godhead our nature born of earth and destined to return to earth again. [EL]

Canon for the Saint.

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Ode vi. Mode 4. N/M
(O godly-minded believers.)

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

Let us sing in praise of Photios, that great trumpet that openly proclaimed the Holy Spirit's procession from the Father, as the Son of Thunder theologized of old. [SD]

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

The insolence of heresy was thoroughly cracked by your words, O most sacred Photios. Therefore, the congregation of believers honors your memory with luminous ceremonies, O Saint. [SD]

Glory.

The entire congregation of Orthodox faithful is exultant and celebrates, O all-honored Photios, seeing you as the august successor of Gregory and Chrysostom. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O Maiden, I extol your conception; I extol your ineffable childbirth; I extol your protection, by which I who hasten to your serenity am rescued from all harm. [SD]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

The Lord made known His salvation in the sight of all the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Hymns After the Small Entrance.
Apolytikion of the Feast.**

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. [SD]

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Mode 4.

Resembling the Apostles in way of life, O Photios, the teacher of the universe, intercede with the Master of all, to grant peace to the whole world, 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 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity. [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 Saint.

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 48.

My mouth shall speak wisdom. [SAAS]

Verse: *Hear this, all you nations.* [SAAS]

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

(7:26-28; 8:1-2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 2.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *The mouth of the righteous shall meditate on wisdom.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *The law of God is in his heart.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Saint.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

(10:9-16)

The Lord said, "I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd." [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 111/112.

The righteous will be remembered for ever. Alleluia. [RSV]

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 He who condescended to be held in the arms of righteous Symeon, for our salvation, 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, our Father among the Saints Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople, the Equal to the Apostles and Confessor, 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.

It is a minor feast.