

**December 1**

**Octoechos - Grave Mode.**

On Sunday Morning

**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, risen from the dead. 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, risen from the dead. 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, risen from the dead. 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.  
Grave Mode.**

**Verse 1:** *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.* [SAAS]

**Resurrectional Apolytikion.  
Grave Mode.**

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy. [SD]

**Verse 2:** *Let heaven and earth praise Him.*

[SAAS]

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*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.**

**Grave Mode.**

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

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

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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

**Resurrectional.**

From Octoechos - - -

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

The fruit that killed me of old was good for food and beautiful to contemplate. But Christ is the very tree of life, from which I eat and die not. And echoing the Robber's words, I cry out, "Remember me in Your kingdom, O Lord." [SD]

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

When You, O merciful Lord, were lifted on the Cross, You cancelled and erased the bond and record of the primal sin of Adam, and You saved us, the human race, from all deceit. Therefore we extol You, our Benefactor and Lord. [SD]

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

You nailed our sins to the Cross, O Master all-compassionate Lord Jesus Christ; and You put death to death by Your death and also resurrected from the dead those who had died. Therefore we all worship You and Your resurrection, O God. [SD]

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

The serpent spat out the bitter poison into the ears of Eve of old. But Christ, on the tree of the Cross, poured out onto the world sweetness of eternal life. I cry out, "Remember me in Your kingdom, O Lord." [SD]

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

They buried You in a tomb, O Savior, as one mortal, Christ the life of all. You smashed the bars of Hades and its gates, and then on the third day You rose, as the almighty God, and illumined everyone. Glory to Your resurrection! [SD]

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

When Christ the Savior had truly risen from the dead on the third day He gave to His disciples and His friends His peace; and He blessed them and sent them out commanding them: "Make disciples of all men, and bring them to my kingdom." [SD]

Glory.

Light is the Father; the Son and Logos is light; the Holy Spirit is light. The three are

one uncreated light, one God in three persons,  
and one in nature, one in rule, undivided,  
unconfused, pre-eternal single God. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

On earth you carried and bore the  
Father's Son and Logos, when He became  
flesh, as He knew how, all-holy Theotokos.  
Therefore, Virgin Mother, we who are deified  
through you, cry aloud, saluting you: Hope of  
Christians all, rejoice! [SD]

**Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.**

Come, let us worship and bow down  
before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen  
from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Hymns After the Small Entrance.**

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abolished death. To the robber You opened  
Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-  
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gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to  
all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and  
granted the world Your great mercy. [SD]

**Apolytikion of the Parish Church**

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

From Menaion - - -

**Kontakion.**

**Mode 3. Automelon.**

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the  
grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word  
\* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all  
the inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along  
with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him  
who willed that He appear as \* 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**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.**

The Lord will give strength to His people;  
the Lord will bless His people with peace. [SAAS]

**Verse:** *Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God,  
bring to the Lord glory and honor.* [SAAS]

**Eph. 2:14-22**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has  
made us both one, and has broken down  
the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing  
in his flesh the law of commandments and  
ordinances, that he might create in himself one  
new man in place of the two, so making peace,  
and might reconcile us both to God in one  
body through the cross, thereby bringing the  
hostility to an end. And he came and preached  
peace to you who were far off and peace to  
those who were near; for through him we both  
have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then  
you are no longer strangers and sojourners,  
but you are fellow citizens with the saints and  
members of the household of God, built upon  
the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in  
whom the whole structure is joined together  
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in  
whom you also are built into it for a dwelling  
place of God in the Spirit. [RSV]

**Alleluia. Grave Mode. Psalm 91.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 1:** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
and to sing to Your name, O Most High.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** *To proclaim Your mercy in the morning and Your truth at night.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel**

Sunday of the Fourteenth Week of Luke

Lk. 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

[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 148.**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. 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 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 of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

### **Fasting Rule**

*Fish: fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.*

*It is the Christmas fast.*