

**Octoechos - Grave Mode.**

On Tuesday Morning

**Menaion - December 3**

Memory of the Holy Prophet Zephaniah

**LITURGY**

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**Antiphon I. Mode 2.**

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

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

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

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

**Verse 3:** *The Lord my God is upright, and there is no wrongdoing in Him.* [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:** *The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself with majesty; the Lord clothed and girded Himself with power.* [SAAS]

*or:*

**Verse 1:** *Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; let us shout aloud to God our savior.* [SAAS]

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

**Verse 2:** *And He established the world, which shall not be moved.* [SAAS]

*or:*

**Verse 2:** *Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and let us shout aloud to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, a great King over all the earth.* [SAAS]

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

**Verse 3:** *Holiness is proper to Your house, O Lord, unto length of days.* [SAAS]

*or:*

**Verse 3:** *For in His hand are the ends of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are His. For the sea is His, and He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.* [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. For the Prophet.**

**Mode 2.**

As we celebrate the memory of Your  
Prophet Zephaniah, through him we  
importune You, O Lord, that You save 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.**

**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 [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]

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

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

**Troparia.**

From Octoechos - - -

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.* [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 those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* [RSV]

O Lord, as the only physician of souls and bodies, heal the incurable wounds of my heart, and help me on my way to stand and walk the ways that lead to salvation. [SD]

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

The lamp of my soul has gone out because of much sinning. O Baptist of Christ, who came before the Sun of Righteousness, reignite my soul, by your divine prayers, so that I may be saved and may ever call you blessed. [SD]

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

**For the Martyrs.**

O wise Martyrs, you competed and were crowned, and thus embarrassed the enemy. And now, filled with perpetual light, you orbit the heavens, and you intercede on behalf of your souls. [SD]

**Glory.**

O Holy Trinity, correctly glorified in single Godhead, cure the incurable passions of my soul, and rescue me from trials and from hell, and grant me the eternal Kingdom. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

O pure Mother, you contained in your womb the uncontainable God, without constraining Him. Ever implore Him to deliver us your servants from all constraints and assaults of the passions, so that we may glorify you. [SD]

**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. For the Prophet.**

**Mode 2.**

As we celebrate the memory of Your  
Prophet Zephaniah, through him we  
importune You, O Lord, that You save our  
souls. [SD]

**Apolytikion of the Parish Church**

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

**Kontakion. For the Forerunner.**

**Mode 2.**

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of  
grace divine, since we have obtained your  
Head from beneath the earth, as if a most  
sacred rose, we are receiving the healings  
continually. And once again, as formerly,  
you are preaching repentance throughout the  
world. [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. [SAAS]

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**The Epistle**

TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.**

The righteous man shall be glad in the  
Lord, and shall hope in Him. [SAAS]

**Verse:** *Hear my voice, O God, in my  
supplication.* [SAAS]

2 Th. 1:10-12; 2:1-2

Brethren, our testimony to you was  
believed. To this end we always pray for you,  
that our God may make you worthy of his call,  
and may fulfil every good resolve and work  
of faith by his power, so that the name of our  
Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in  
him, according to the grace of our God and the  
Lord Jesus Christ. Now concerning the coming  
of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling  
to meet him, we beg you, brethren, not to be  
quickly shaken in mind or excited, either by  
spirit or by word, or by letter purporting to be  
from us, to the effect that the day of Christ has  
come. [RSV]

**Alleluia. Mode 2. Psalm 91.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 1:** *The righteous shall flourish like a  
palm tree; he shall be multiplied like the cedar in  
Lebanon.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** *Those planted in the house of the  
Lord shall blossom forth in the courts of our God.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **The Gospel**

Tuesday of the Twelfth Week of Luke

Lk. 21:12-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "Beware of men who will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."

[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 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.*