

Horologion - Midnight Office

For a Weekday

Menaion - May 21

Memory of Sts. Constantine and Helen

MIDNIGHT OFFICE

PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever,
and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

READER

Christ is risen from the dead, by death
trampling down upon death, and to those in
the tombs He has granted life. (3) [GOA]

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
of ages. Amen.

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.

Psalms 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:

CHOIR

Idiomelon 1.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1.

We dutifully observe your memory, O Constantine, equal to the Apostles, and foundation and boast of all kings. When you were illumined with the rays of the Spirit, you brightened the entire Church of Christ. For you assembled the faithful from everywhere, in the illustrious city of Nicea, and there the audacity of the ungodly was stamped out, and the tongues of heretics were shown to be weak and foolish. And as the true Faith became apparent, the Orthodox were exalted. That is why they glorified you as being most Orthodox, and you were proclaimed father of all emperors, for you first received the scepter

from God. Therefore, we who faithfully keep your memory, pray you to entreat for the forgiveness of sins for our souls. [SD]

Idiomelon 2.

Mode 1.

It was not from men that you received your calling, O glorious Constantine, but like the inspired Apostle Paul, you received it from on high, from Christ God, as an equal to the Apostles. You saw the sign of the Cross in the sky, and being caught by it like excellent prey, in this sign you conquered visible and invisible enemies, and you were invincible. Therefore, we on earth worthily honor your memory, and we beseech you, a most ardent intercessor: Pray for us with confidence, that we be granted illumination, forgiveness, and the great mercy. [SD]

Idiomelon 3.

Mode 2.

The memorial of Constantine the pious, like perfume that is poured out, has arisen today. He longed for Christ and therefore held the idols in contempt. On earth he erected a temple to the One who was crucified for us; while in heaven he received the crown of hope. [SD]

Idiomelon 4.

Mode 3.

You were still young when, like Paul the God-inspired Apostle, you received the divine gift from heaven. Then, with the Cross as armor, you brought down the insolence of the fierce enemy. O Constantine, the boast of emperors and the peer of the Apostles, entreat the Lord on our behalf, to save our souls. [SD]

Idiomelon 5.

Mode 4.

O all-lauded Constantine, on the occasion of your sacred memory, praise is sung to God from earthly lips. You were a consummate soldier of the word of faith, and in the battle you heaped reproach on the faces of the idols. And now, as you are established in the light of the Trinity, through your intercessions you set our minds on fire with light. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 1.

Today the Church celebrates your reign, and she rejoices mystically, O King. As she rightly honors your all-venerable memory, she sings hymns of praise to you, and she salutes you and says: "Rejoice! You zealously emulated St. Paul, you took up the Cross of Christ, and you crushed the snares of the enemy. Rejoice! Most excellent of rulers, and equal in honor to Apostles. Rejoice! You were the support of the faithful and the rampart of emperors." O blessed Constantine, the adornment of Emperors, never cease interceding with the Lord on our behalf, for you have great access to Him. [SD]

Both now. **For the Paralytic.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

Idiomelon. Mode pl. 1.

A man was lying in sickness at the Sheep Pool, and seeing you, Lord, he cried out, 'I have no one when the water is stirred up to put me in it. While I am moving forward another gets there before me and receives the healing, while I lie sick'. And at once the Saviour, moved with compassion, says to him, 'For your sake I have become man, for your sake I have clothed myself in flesh, yet you say

'I have no one'? Take up your bed, and walk!' All things are possible for you, all things obey you, all things are subject to you; remember us all and have mercy, O Holy One, as you love humankind. [EL]

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.

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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.

From Menaion - - -

Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

Your Apostle among the Rulers, St. Constantine, who once beheld in the sky the image of Your Cross, and who like Paul received his calling not from man, once entrusted the Ruling City into Your hand. We entreat You to restore it in peace forever, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord who loves humanity. [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 He Who rose from the dead, 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.)