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# The Service of Matins

**for Thursday, December 19, 2019**

**Octoechos - Mode 1.  
on Thursday Morning**

**Menaion - December 19  
Memory of the Holy Martyr Boniface**

**Text in English**

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**MATINS**

**CHOIR**

**Mode 4.**

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

**Verse 1:** *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.*

*or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

**Verse 2:** *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

**Verse 3:** *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

**Apolytikion. For the Martyr.**

**Mode 4. Come quickly.**

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You \* the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. \* Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, \* dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. \* O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

[SD]

From Octoechos ---

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 4.**

We have come to know that the Word of the Father, Christ our God, became incarnate from you, O Virgin Theotokos, only pure, only blessed. Therefore we never cease to extol and magnify you. [SD]

*The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 13. There is no litany, but immediately the following:*

From Octoechos ---

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma I.**

**For the Apostles.**

**Mode 1.**

O wise fishermen of the civilized world, from God you received a compassionate heart, and thus you intercede on behalf of us who cry out: "Lord, save Your people and Your city, and free our souls from the woes that beset us, by the prayers of Your Apostles." [SD]

**Verse:** *Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.*

**Mode 1. The stone had been secured.**

The fishermen undid the knots of the philosophers \* with the pole of the Cross and the net of the word of truth. \* They enlightened the Gentiles to worship You, \* the true God, and glorify You piously. \* For this reason we cry out to You, who empowered Your Apostles: "Glory to the Father and the Son! \* Glory to the consubstantial Spirit! \* Glory to God who through those men enlightened the world." [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

Without burning, you conceived the fire of Divinity, and without seed you gave birth to the Lord who is source of life. O Theotokos, full of grace, preserve us who magnify you. [SD]

*The appointed Kathisma of the Psalter may be read, i.e. Kathisma 14. There is no litany, but immediately the following:*

**CHOIR**

From Octoechos - - -

**Kathisma II.**

**For the Apostles.**

**Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.***

Believers, let us sing and extol Christ's Apostles, \* for they were truly wise. They were His sonorous trumpets. \* Like horses they disturbed the sea of the pagan ungodliness. \* As if from the deep they drew up people and placed them \* in the Church of God and in the port of salvation, \* by the Holy Spirit's grace. [SD]

*Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows the creation of His hands.*

**Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.***

The Light from Light that shone pre-eternally now has \* in time appeared to us on earth in physical body; \* and through you, all-blessed men, He illumined the whole wide world. \* Therefore we who were by your divine words and teachings \* illumined sing your praise, holy Apostles, and honor \* your all-sacred memory. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.***

O ever-virgin Maid, we believers all have you \* an advocate with God; and for help and assistance \* we run to your holy church and we pray to you earnestly. \* Therefore save us from the wicked spite of the demons, \* and deliver us from frightful final damnation, \* for we ever sing your praise. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

**Kathisma III.**

**For St. Nicholas.**

**Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.***

You physically sojourned in the city of Myra, \* and with the Spirit's myrrh you were noetically anointed, \* O Hierarch Nicholas. \* By the myrrh of your miracles, \* you who pour out myrrh in endless streams filled with fragrance \* those who wish to sing you fragrant hymns and to honor \* with fragrance your memory. [SD]

*Verse: God is wondrous in His saints.*

**For the Martyrs.**

**Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.***

Let all of us beseech the holy Martyrs of Christ God. \* To Him they ever pray for our salvation and safety. \* So let us all go to them, and approach them with ardent faith. \* They pour out the grace of cures and healings profusely. \* They defeat the hosts of evil spirits and demons, \* as guardians of the Faith. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 1. *The soldiers keeping watch.***

O Maiden, the divine disciples and Apostles \* with God-inspired teachings proclaimed to all people \* your ineffable childbirth, O Theotokos all-immaculate. \* And they taught us how to reverence you as is proper. \* We entreat you now: With them pray for the salvation \* of the faithful who honor you. [SD]

**READER**

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory. Both now.

**Psalm 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]

**Kontakion.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 4. N/M (You appeared.)**

Of your own accord, O Saint, you offered yourself as a blameless sacrifice to the Lord, whose birth from the Virgin for our sake we will soon celebrate, O wise crown bearer Boniface. [SD]

**Oikos.**

O godly-minded Saint, divine inspiration guided you from the west, like the Star in the east guided the Magi from Persia, so that to Christ, who was pleased to be born in a grotto, you might offer worship as to the King of all creation, and might bring Him your gifts, faith, and love, and hope, like their frankincense, myrrh, and gold. You offered yourself entirely to Him as an unblemished gift, and boldly you shouted and said to the tyrant judge, "I am a servant of my Christ," O wise crown bearer Boniface. [SD]

**Synaxarion.**

From the Menaion.

On December 19, we commemorate the holy Martyr Boniface.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyrs Elias, Probus, and Ares.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyrs Timothy and Polyefktos.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyrs Phocas and Hermilos, who died by the sword.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyrs Eutychios and Thessaloniki, and the two-hundred men and seventy women with them, who died by the sword.

On this day we also commemorate our devout father Gregentios, Bishop of Ethiopia.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyr Tryphon.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

**DEACON**

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

**CHOIR**

**Ode ix.**

**Megalynarion. Mode 4.**

**Verse:** *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

**Verse:** *For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

**Verse:** *For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His*

*mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

**Verse:** *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

**Verse:** *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

**Verse:** *He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* [NKJV]

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. [SD]

**Heirmos. Mode 4.**

Because of the malady of disobedience, Eve received the curse within herself. \* But you, O Virgin Theotokos, have blossomed



forth the blessing to all the world, \* by means of the One who sprang from your pregnancy.

\* And therefore you do we all magnify. [SD]

It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. 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.

### DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

### PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

### CHOIR

**Exaposteilarion. For the Apostles.**

From Octoechos - - -

**Mode 3. *Having embellished heaven.***

O Apostles of the Master, \* by your preaching of the Gospel, \* from the ocean of deception \* you drew the whole world to the

light. \* Cease not in your intercessions \* on our behalf with the Savior. [SD]

### For St. Nicholas.

From Octoechos - - -

**Mode 3. *Having embellished heaven.***

O holy twelve-numbered unit, \* the glory of all Apostles, \* we pray you join St. Nicholas \* that holy bishop of Myra, \* and never cease your entreaties \* on our behalf to the Savior.

[SD]

### Theotokion.

From Octoechos - - -

**Mode 3. *Having embellished heaven.***

O Lady, refuge of Christians, \* cease not imploring Christ your Son \* with St. Nicholas that famous \* bishop, and pray on the behalf \* of us, your unworthy servants, \* that we obtain joy eternal. [SD]

### READER

**Lauds. *(read)***

**Psalm 148.**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light. Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name, for He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created. He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps, Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word, mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds, kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,

young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted; His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people, a hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him. [SAAS]

**Psalm 149.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones. Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him; for the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation. The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds; the high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand, to deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples, to shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to fulfill among them the written judgment: This glory have all His holy ones. [SAAS]

**Psalm 150.**

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power; praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. Praise Him with the sound of a trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre; praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute; praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Alleluia. [SAAS]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Doxology** *(read)*

To you belongs glory, O Lord our God, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, and we thank you, for your great glory. Lord, King, Heavenly God, Father Almighty; only-begotten Son, Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Lord God, the Lamb of God, the Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, you who take away the sins of the world. Accept our supplication, you who sit at the right of the Father, and have mercy on us. For you are the only Holy One, you are the only Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Every day I shall bless you, and I shall praise your name forever, and unto the ages of ages. Lord, you have become for us a refuge from generation to generation. I have said: Lord, have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you. Lord, to you I have fled; teach me to do your will, for you are my God. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we shall see light. Extend your mercy to those who know you. Grant, O Lord, that in this day we may be kept without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is your name unto the ages. Amen. Let your mercy, Lord, come upon us, just as we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed



are you, O Master, make me understand your commandments. Blessed are you, O Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord, your mercy remains forever, do not turn away from the works of your hands. To you belongs praise, to you belongs a hymn, to you belongs glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**DEACON**

Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

For pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

For that which is good and beneficial for our souls, and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

And let us ask for a Christian end to our life, peaceful, without shame and suffering,

and for a good defense before the awesome judgment seat of Christ.

*(Grant this, O Lord.)*

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST**

For You are the God of mercy and compassion and love for mankind, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

**PRIEST**

Peace be with all.

*(And with your spirit.)*

**DEACON**

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST** *(in a low voice)*

Holy Lord, dwelling on high and beholding things below and, with your eye that observes all, keeping watch over the whole creation, to you we have bowed the neck of our soul and body, and we beseech you, O Holy of Holies: Stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling and bless us all. And, as you are good and love humankind, pardon us if we have sinned in anything, voluntarily or involuntarily, granting us your blessings both of this world and of the world above.

**PRIEST**

For Yours it is to show mercy and to save us, O our God, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Octoechos ---

**CHOIR**

**Aposticha of the Octoechos.**

**Mode 1.**

The most melodious harp of the Apostles, set in motion by the Holy Spirit, abolished the rites of the odious demons; and by preaching faith in the only Lord, it redeemed the nations from the delusion of the idols, and taught them to worship the consubstantial Trinity. [SD]

**Verse:** *We were filled with Your mercy in the morning, and in all our days we greatly rejoiced and were glad; gladden us in return for the days You humbled us, for the years we saw evil things. And behold Your servants and Your works, and guide their sons.* [SAAS]

*For the celestial orders.*

Let us with one voice together extol Saints Peter and Paul \* with Luke and Mark and Matthew, \* John and Andrew and Thomas, \* Iakovos and Philip, Bartholomew, \* also Simon and Thaddaeus; \* and let us worthily praise the entire choir \* of divinely called Disciples of Christ. [SD]

**Verse:** *And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the works of our hands.* [SAAS]

Greatly rejoice in the Lord, O Martyrs, for you fought the good fight, you stood up to emperors, and you were victorious over tyrants. You were not frightened by fire and sword. As wild beasts devoured your bodies, and you joined the Angels in sending up your hymns of praise to Christ, from heaven you received the crowns. Pray now that peace be

granted to the world and great mercy to our souls. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 1.** *For the celestial orders.*

Using the words of the Prophets, we allegorically \* extol the holy Virgin, and we reverently call her: \* manna jar of gold, unconsumed burning bush, \* golden lampstand that held the lamp, \* ark of the holiness, unquarried mountain, throne, \* holy table, and the gate of God. [SD]

**PRIEST**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your mercy in the morning and Your truth at night. [SAAS]

**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.

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. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the 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.

**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.

*(Amen.)*

**CHOIR**

**Apolytikion. For the Martyr.**

**Mode 4. Come quickly.**

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You \* the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. \* Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, \* dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. \* O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

[SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Glory. Both now. **Theotokion.**

**Mode 4.**

We are unequipped to praise you worthily, O Theotokos, for you are the highest of all things created. Therefore, we entreat you: As a gift to us, have mercy on us. [SD]

**DEACON**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

*(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

Let us pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

*(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

Again we pray for (episcopal rank) (name).

*(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, the hieromonks, the hierodeacons, the monastics, and all our brotherhood in Christ.

*(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

*(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church, and for all our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep before us, who here have been piously laid to their rest, as well as the Orthodox everywhere.

*(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable church, for those who labor and those who sing, and for the people here present who await Your great and rich mercy.

*(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)*

**PRIEST**

For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the

Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

**DEACON**

Wisdom.

*(Father, bless!)*

**PRIEST**

Blessed are You, Christ our God, always  
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

Make firm, Lord our God, the holy and  
pure faith of the pious Orthodox Christians,  
together with the Holy Church and this city  
forever.

**READER**

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.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the  
Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages  
of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3) Father, bless!

**PRIEST**

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.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us  
[and save us].

*(Amen.)*