

Μηνναῖον - ΤΗΙ ΚΣ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Ἡ Σύναξις τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Ἀντίφωνον Α'. Ἦχος β'. Ψαλμοὶ 9, 110.

Στίχ. α'. Ἐξομολογήσομαί σοι, Κύριε,
ἐν ὅλῃ καρδίᾳ μου, διηγῆσομαι πάντα τὰ
θαυμάσιά σου.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. β'. Ἐν βουλῇ εὐθέων καὶ συναγωγῇ,
μεγάλα τὰ ἔργα Κυρίου.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. γ'. Ἐξεζητημένα εἰς πάντα τὰ
θελήματα αὐτοῦ.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. δ'. Ἐξομολόγησις καὶ
μεγαλοπρέπεια τὸ ἔργον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἡ
δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ
αἰῶνος.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

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The Synaxis in Honor of the Most Holy
Theotokos

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalms 9, 110.

Verse 1: *I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your wondrous things.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: *In the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: *Sought out in all things with regard to His will.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 4: *Thanksgiving and majesty are His work, and His righteousness continues unto ages of ages.* [SAAS]

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

Glory. Both now.

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

Ἀντίφωνον Β'. Ἦχος β'. Ψαλμὸς 111.

Στίχ. α'. Μακάριος ἀνὴρ ὁ φοβούμενος
τὸν Κύριον, ἐν ταῖς ἐντολαῖς αὐτοῦ θελήσει
σφόδρα.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου
τεχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Δυνατὸν ἐν τῇ γῇ ἔσται τὸ
σπέρμα αὐτοῦ.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου
τεχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. γ'. Δόξα καὶ πλοῦτος ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ
αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν
αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου
τεχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. δ'. Ἐξανέτειλεν ἐν σκότει φῶς τοῖς
εὐθέσιν.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου
τεχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.

Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ὁ Μονογενὴς Υἱὸς καὶ Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ,
ἀθάνατος ὑπάρχων καὶ καταδεξάμενος διὰ
τὴν ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν σαρκωθῆναι ἐκ τῆς
ἀγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας,
ἀτρέπτως ἐνανθρωπήσας, σταυρωθεὶς τε,
Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
εἰς ὧν τῆς Ἁγίας Τριάδος, συνδοξαζόμενος
τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, σῶσον
ἡμᾶς.

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 111.

Verse 1: Blessed is the man who fears
the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His
commandments. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: His seed shall be mighty on earth.
[SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 3: Glory and riches shall be in his
house, and his righteousness continues unto ages
of ages. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 4: For the upright, light springs up in
darkness. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

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]

Ἀντίφωνον Γ'. Ἦχος δ'. Ψαλμὸς 109.

Στίχ. α'. Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τῷ Κυρίῳ
μου· Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου, ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς
ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου.

Στίχ. β'. Ράβδον δυνάμεως ἐξαποστελεῖ
σοι Κύριος ἐκ Σιών.

Στίχ. γ'. Μετὰ σοῦ ἡ ἀρχὴ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ
τῆς δυνάμεώς σου, ἐν ταῖς λαμπρότησι τῶν
ἀγίων σου.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως·
ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες,
ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν,
τὸν ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ
γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα
σοι.

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β'.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ
Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς
σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Ὑμνοι μετὰ τὴν Μικρὰν Εἴσοδον

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως·
ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες,
ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν,
τὸν ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ
γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα
σοι. (ἐκ γ')

Antiphon III. Mode 4. Psalm 109.

Verse 1: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at
My right hand, until I make your enemies the
footstool of Your feet." [SAAS]

Verse 2: The Lord shall send forth the rod of
Your power from Zion. [SAAS]

Verse 3: With You is the beginning in the
day of Your power, in the brightness of Your
saints. [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has
caused the light of knowledge to rise upon
the world. For therein the worshippers of the
stars were by a star instructed to worship
You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know
You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O
Lord. [SD]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who
were born of a Virgin. We sing to You,
Alleluia. [GOA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

From Menaion - - -

Apolytikion of the Feast.

Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has
caused the light of knowledge to rise upon
the world. For therein the worshippers of the
stars were by a star instructed to worship
You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know
You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O
Lord. (3) [SD]

Κοντάκιον.**Ἦχος γ'. Αὐτόμελον.**

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν ὑπερούσιον
τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ
προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι μετὰ Ποιμένων
δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δὲ μετὰ ἀστέρος
ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη,
Παῖδιον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός.

ΑΝΤΙ ΤΟΥ ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΥ

Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν
ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούϊα. (ἐκ γ')

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.
Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

Μεθέορτον.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος γ'. Ὡδὴ Ἐνάτη.

Μεγαλύνει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον, καὶ
ἠγαλλίασε τὸ πνεῦμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ Θεῷ τῷ
σωτηρί μου.

Στίχ. Ὅτι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν
τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ· ἰδοὺ γάρ, ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν
μακαριοῦσί με πᾶσαι αἱ γενεαί.

Εβρ 2:11-18

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ ἀγιάζων καὶ οἱ ἀγιαζόμενοι
ἐξ ἑνὸς πάντες· δι' ἣν αἰτίαν οὐκ
ἐπαισχύνεται ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοὺς καλεῖν,
λέγων· "Ἀπαγγελῶ τὸ ὄνομά σου τοῖς
ἀδελφοῖς μου, ἐν μέσῳ ἐκκλησίας ὑμνήσω
σε"· καὶ πάλιν· "Ἐγὼ ἔσομαι πεποιθὼς ἐπ'
αὐτῷ"· καὶ πάλιν· "Ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ καὶ τὰ παιδία
ἃ μοι ἔδωκεν ὁ Θεός". Ἐπεὶ οὖν "τὰ παιδία"
κεκοινώνηκε σαρκὸς καὶ αἵματος, καὶ

Kontakion.**Mode 3. Automelon.**

On this day the Virgin gives * birth to the
Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, *
earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing
and with the shepherds offer up glory. *
Following a star the Magi are still proceeding.
* He was born for our salvation, a newborn
Child, the pre-eternal God. [SD]

INSTEAD OF HOLY GOD

You who have been baptized into Christ
have put on Christ, Alleluia. (3) [GOA]

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

The Epistle

Post-festal.

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Ode ix.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior. [RSV]

Verse: For he has regarded the low estate
of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all
generations will call me blessed. [RSV]

Heb. 2:11-18

Brethren, he who sanctifies and those
who are sanctified have all one origin. That is
why he is not ashamed to call them brethren,
saying, "I will proclaim thy name to my
brethren, in the midst of the congregation I
will praise thee." And again, "I will put my
trust in him." And again, "Here am I, and the
children God has given me." Since therefore
the children share in flesh and blood, he

αὐτὸς παραπλησίως μετέσχε τῶν αὐτῶν, ἵνα διὰ τοῦ θανάτου καταργήσῃ τὸν τὸ κράτος ἔχοντα τοῦ θανάτου, τοῦτ' ἔστι τὸν διάβολον, καὶ ἀπαλλάξῃ τούτους, ὅσοι φόβῳ θανάτου διὰ παντὸς τοῦ ζῆν ἔνοχοι ἦσαν δουλείας. Οὐ γὰρ δήπου ἀγγέλων ἐπιλαμβάνεται, ἀλλὰ "σπέρματος Ἀβραάμ" ἐπιλαμβάνεται. Ὅθεν ὠφείλε κατὰ πάντα τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς ὁμοιωθῆναι, ἵνα ἐλεήμων γένηται καὶ πιστὸς ἀρχιερεὺς τὰ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, εἰς τὸ ἰλάσκεσθαι τὰς ἁμαρτίας τοῦ λαοῦ. Ἐν ᾧ γὰρ πέπονθεν αὐτὸς πειρασθεὶς, δύναται τοῖς πειραζομένοις βοηθῆσαι.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ψαλμοὶ 131, 44.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. α'. Ἀνάστηθι, Κύριε, εἰς τὴν ἀνάπαυσίν σου, σὺ καὶ ἡ κιβωτὸς τοῦ ἁγιάσματος σου.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Ἀκουσον, θύγατερ, καὶ ἴδε καὶ κλῖνον τὸ οὖς σου καὶ ἐπιλάθου τοῦ λαοῦ σου καὶ τοῦ οἴκου τοῦ πατρὸς σου.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

Μεθεόρτον.

Ματ 2:13-23

Ἀναχωρησάντων τῶν μάγων, ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου φαίνεται κατ' ὄναρ τῷ Ἰωσήφ λέγων· ἐγερθεὶς παράλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ φεῦγε εἰς Αἴγυπτον, καὶ ἴσθι ἐκεῖ ἕως ἄν εἴπω σοι· μέλλει γὰρ Ἡρώδης ζητεῖν τὸ παιδίον τοῦ ἀπολέσαι αὐτό. Ὁ δὲ ἐγερθεὶς παρέλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ νυκτὸς καὶ ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς Αἴγυπτον, καὶ

himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 4. Psalms 131, 44.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *Listen, O daughter, behold and incline your ear, and forget your people and your father's house.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Post-festal.

Mt. 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill

ἦν ἐκεῖ ἕως τῆς τελευτῆς Ἡρώδου, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἐκάλεσα τὸν υἱόν μου. Τότε Ἡρώδης ἰδὼν ὅτι ἐνεπαίχθη ὑπὸ τῶν μάγων, ἐθυμώθη λίαν, καὶ ἀποστείλας ἀνεῖλε πάντας τοὺς παῖδας τοὺς ἐν Βηθλεὲμ καὶ ἐν πᾶσι τοῖς ὁρίοις αὐτῆς ἀπὸ διετούς καὶ κατωτέρω, κατὰ τὸν χρόνον ὃν ἠκρίβωσε παρὰ τῶν μάγων. τότε ἐπληρώθη τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ Ἱερεμίου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· φωνὴ ἐν Ῥαμᾷ ἠκούσθη, θρῆνος καὶ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὀδυρμὸς πολὺς· Ῥαχὴλ κλαίουσα τὰ τέκνα αὐτῆς, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελε παρακληθῆναι, ὅτι οὐκ εἰσίν. Τελευτήσαντος δὲ τοῦ Ἡρώδου ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ φαίνεται τῷ Ἰωσήφ ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ λέγων· ἐγερθεὶς παράλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ πορεύου εἰς γῆν Ἰσραὴλ· τεθνήκασι γὰρ οἱ ζητοῦντες τὴν ψυχὴν τοῦ παιδίου. ὁ δὲ ἐγερθεὶς παρέλαβε τὸ παιδίον καὶ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς γῆν Ἰσραὴλ. ἀκούσας δὲ ὅτι Ἀρχέλαος βασιλεύει ἐπὶ τῆς Ἰουδαίας ἀντὶ Ἡρώδου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ, ἐφοβήθη ἐκεῖ ἀπελθεῖν· χρηματισθεὶς δὲ κατ' ὄναρ ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ μέρη τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς πόλιν λεγομένην Ναζαρέτ, ὅπως πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ τῶν προφητῶν ὅτι Ναζωραῖος κληθήσεται.

Ὕμνος εἰς τὴν Θεοτόκον.

Ὠδὴ θ'. Ὁ Εἰρμός.

Ἦχος α'.

Μεγάλυνον ψυχὴ μου, τὴν
λυτρωσαμένην, ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς κατάρας.

Στέργειν μὲν ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀκίνδυνον φόβῳ,
* Ῥᾶον σιωπῆν, τῷ πόθῳ δὲ Παρθένε, *

what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene." [RSV]

Hymn to the Theotokos.

Ode ix. Heirmos.

Mode 1.

*O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid who
from the curse has redeemed us. [SD]*

Easier for us is from fear to love silence,
* free of any peril as it is, O Virgin; * whereas

Ὑμνους ὑφαίνειν, συντόνως τεθηγμένους,
* Ἐργῶδές ἐστιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ Μήτηρ σθένης, *
Ὅση πέφυκεν ἡ προαίρεσις δίδου.

Κοινωνικόν. Ψαλμὸς 110.

Λύτρωσιν ἀπέστειλε Κύριος τῷ λαῷ
αὐτοῦ. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Ὑμνος μετὰ τὴν Θ. Κοινωνίαν.
Ἀντὶ τό· Εἶδομεν τὸ φῶς.
Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως·
ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες,
ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν,
τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ
γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα
σοι.

ΑΠΟΛΥΣΙΣ

Ὁ ἐν σπηλαίῳ γεννηθεὶς, καὶ ἐν φάτνῃ
ἀνακλιθεὶς, διὰ τὴν ἡμῶν σωτηρίαν,
Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς
πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ
παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, ἧς
καὶ τὴν Σύναξιν ἐπιτελοῦμεν· δυνάμει
τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ,
προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων
Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου,
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων
καὶ πανευφύμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν
οσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ
Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων
Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ
πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι
ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

Κανόνας Νηστείας

to weave stirring hymns out of longing * in
earnest, is difficult. Therefore, O Mother, *
give us strength to match our volition, we
pray you. [SD]

Communion Hymn. Psalm 110.

The Lord sent redemption to His people.
Alleluia. [SAAS]

Hymn after Holy Communion.
Instead of "We have seen."
Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has
caused the light of knowledge to rise upon
the world. For therein the worshippers of the
stars were by a star instructed to worship
You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know
You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O
Lord. [SD]

THE DISMISSAL

May He who was born in a cave and lay
in a manger for our salvation, Christ our true
God, through the intercessions of His all-
pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the
Synaxis in honor of whom we celebrate, 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

Κατάλυσις εἰς πάντα.

Εἶναι τὸ Δωδεκαήμερον.

Fast Free: All foods allowed.

It is the Twelve Days of Christmas