

Octoechos - Mode pl. 4.

On Saturday Morning

Menaion - December 14

Memory of the Holy Martyrs Thyrsos,
Leucius, Kallinikos, Philemon, Apollonios,
Arrianos, and those with them

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 Martyrs.

Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily
awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption,
in that they contested for You our immortal
God. * Since they possessed Your power, they
defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons'
powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ
God, at their fervent entreaties, 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.

Mode pl. 4.

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]

Savior of the world, remember us Your servants * as upon the Cross You remembered the Robber, * only compassionate Christ, and account us worthy * of inheriting Your heavenly Rule. [SD]

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

Bravely you endured the pain of all the tortures. * By your holy wounds, O medaled

Martyr Athletes, * you greatly weakened the myriads of the demons, * mortally wounding them by grace divine. [SD]

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

All the Saints of Christ, monastic men and women, * holy Hierarchs, the chorus of the Prophets, * have been allotted a place to reside in heaven. * Now let us call them blessed as is right. [SD]

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

God, we pray for all who left this life believing: * Grant them all to dwell in the land of the righteous. * As they extol You as God, may they be allotted * a place of residence in Paradise. [SD]

Glory.

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit, one in nature, * You are God, and by a word created all things. * You are unceasingly glorified, praised, and worshiped * by all the Angels and humanity. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Virgin, you gave birth to Him who is the fullness * of everything good. Fulfill now our entreaties, * and pray He grant the forgiveness of all offenses, * illumination, and great mercy to us. [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.

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Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

Kontakion. For the Martyrs.

Mode pl. 4. Automelon.

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does
the entire world bring as an offering the
God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's
first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep
Your Church in a state of profoundest peace,
through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly
merciful. [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

SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 31.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice greatly.

[SAAS]

Verse: *Blessed are those whose transgressions
are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.* [SAAS]

Gal. 3:8-12

Brethren, the scripture, foreseeing that
God would justify the Gentiles by faith,
preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham,
saying, "in you shall all the nations be
blessed." So then, those who are men of faith
are blessed with Abraham who had faith. For
all who rely on works of the law are under a
curse; for it is written, "Cursed be every one
who does not abide by all things written in
the book of the law, and do them." Now it is
evident that no man is justified before God by
the law; for "the righteous shall live by faith";
but the law does not rest on faith, for "He who
does them shall live by them." [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 2. Psalms 64, 101.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Blessed are they whom You have
chosen and received, O Lord.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *And their memorial abides from
generation to generation.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Saturday of the Thirteenth Week of Luke

Lk. 14:1-11

At that time, one sabbath when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath, or not?" But they were silent. Then he took him and healed him, and let him go. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well, will not immediately pull him out on a sabbath day?" And they could not reply to this. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." [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. Psalms 64, 101.

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. 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 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

Wine: Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.

It is the Christmas fast.