

Menaion - November 22

Memory of the Holy Apostle Philemon, and those with him, Apphia, Archippus and Onesimus; and the Holy Martyr Cicely and those with her.

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalms 144, 86, 47.

Verse 1: *Great is the Lord and exceedingly praiseworthy.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: *Glorious things were said concerning you, O city of God.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: *God is known in her palaces.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 4: *As we heard, so we saw.* [SAAS]

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

Glory. Both now.

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

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalms 45, 95, 117, 64.

Verse 1: *The Most High sanctified His tabernacle.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: *Holiness and majesty are in His holy place.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: *This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall go in through it.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 4: *Holy is Your temple, wondrous in righteousness.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints. 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]

Antiphon III. Mode 4. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: *The rich among the people shall entreat your favor.* [SAAS]

Verse 2: *All her glory as the King's daughter is within, adorned and embroidered with golden tassels.* [SAAS]

Verse 3: *The virgins behind her shall be brought to the King.* [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

[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.

Canon 1 of the Feast.

From Menaion ---

**Ode iii. Mode 4. N/
M (Establish your servants.)**

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

Today the Temple has become a wedding hall;/a fair chamber for the Virgin./It receives the living Bridal Chamber of God,/the pure and spotless One Who shines more brightly than all creation. [OCA]

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

David leaps in gladness, leading the dance,/and rejoicing with us, he calls you the Queen,/clad in raiment of many-colored needlework,/undefiled and all-pure Virgin,/standing in the Temple before the King and God. [OCA]

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [RSV]

The transgression came upon mankind of old from Eve,/and now from Eve's stock our restoration and incorruption blossoms:/the Theotokos who is brought today into the house of God. [OCA]

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

The ranks of angels and all mankind/
dance today before your face, all-pure Lady,/and they go before you bearing lamps,/

proclaiming your greatness in the house of God. [OCA]

Canon 1 of the Feast.

From Menaion ---

**Ode vi. Mode 4. (N/M
O godly-minded believers.)**

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

He Who supports all things with His word,/has listened in His mercy/to the prayer of righteous Joachim and Anna:/He has loosed them from the disease of barrenness/and given them her who is the cause of our joy. [OCA]

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

In His desire to make salvation known to the Gentiles,/the Lord has now chosen the unwedded one from among people/to be a sign of reconciliation and renewal. [OCA]

Glory.

Being a dwelling of grace, undefiled One,/in which the treasure of God's ineffable dispensation is laid,/you partake of boundless joy in the Temple. [OCA]

Both now.

Receiving you as a royal diadem, Bride of God,/the Temple shone with beauty,/giving place to better things,/seeing in you the fulfillment of the prophecies. [OCA]

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 of the Feast.**

From Menaion ---

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[SD]

For the Apostles.

Apolytikion. For the Apostles.

Mode 3.

O holy Apostles, make intercession to
our merciful God, that He grant our souls
forgiveness of offenses. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

From Menaion ---

Kontakion.

Mode 4. *You who were lifted.*

The Savior's most pure and immaculate
temple, the very precious bridal chamber and
Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory
of God, on this day is introduced into the
House of the Lord, and with herself she brings
the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled

by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle
is she. [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

For the Apostle.

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 18.

His proclamation went forth into all the
earth. [SAAS]

Verse: *The heavens declare the glory of God.*

[SAAS]

Philem. 1:1-25

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and
Timothy our brother, To Philemon our
beloved fellow worker, and Apphia our
sister and Archippos our fellow soldier, and
the church in your house: Grace to you and
peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when
I remember you in my prayers, because I
hear of your love and of the faith which you
have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints,
and I pray that the sharing of your faith may
promote the knowledge of all the good that
is ours in Christ. For I have derived much
joy and comfort from your love, my brother,
because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I
am bold enough in Christ to command you to
do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer

to appeal to you—I, Paul, an ambassador and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimos, whose father I have become in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. Perhaps this is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand, I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be granted to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchos, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

[RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 73.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Remember Your congregation You acquired from the beginning.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *God is our King before the ages; He worked salvation in the midst of the earth.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Friday of the Tenth Week of Luke

Lk. 19:12-28

The Lord said this parable, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten pounds, and said to them, 'Trade with these till I come.' But his citizens hated him and sent an embassy after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' When he returned, having received the kingdom, he commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading. The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made ten pounds more.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made five pounds.' And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your pound, which I kept laid away in a napkin; for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man; you take up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not sow.' He said to him, 'I will condemn you out of your own mouth, you wicked servant! You

knew that I was a severe man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank, and at my coming I should have collected it with interest?' And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the pound from him, and give it to him who has the ten pounds.' (And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten pounds!') 'I tell you, that to every one who has will more be given; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them before me.' " And when he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. [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 73.

You worked salvation in the midst of the earth, O Christ our God. 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 a minor feast.