

Menaion - June 29

Memory of the Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name. [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. [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: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist. [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God. [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations. [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.**

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4.

Preeminent Apostles and teachers of the universe, intercede with the Master of all, to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to 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 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]

Canon for St. Peter.

Ode iii. Mode 4. N/M (Not in our wisdom.)

From Menaion - - -

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

Christ showed you to be blessed,/ sweetest spokesman of Christ our God/and the safe-keeper of the Kingdom./Therefore we sing your praises, Peter the Apostle! [OCA]

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

The Master Christ has built the unshakable Church/ on the rock of your Divine teaching/ in which we glorify you, Peter. [OCA]

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

As Peter in the flesh is above the angels/ so Christ in His visible coming told him/ that he would sit as a judge with Him. [OCA]

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

Theotokion.

Unwedded, pure One,/ you conceived the Incarnate God:/ Strengthen me, for I am tossed about by the play of the passions,/ for there is no help but you. [OCA]

Canon for St. Paul.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. N/M (My prayer.)

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

You turned from created beauty,/ struck by love for the Master/ and your desire that all be saved./ You determined to bear witness to this, blessed Paul,/ and now you pray for the world. [OCA]

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

You nobly imitated the Master,/ and put Him on as a garment, Paul./ You were truly all things to all men/ so that you might gain all and save people,/ and truly you netted the ends of the earth for Christ! [OCA]

Glory.

Christ worthily gave you life in heaven, Apostle Paul:/ for while remaining here, you did not desire an earthly city, blessed one,/

but you were a faithful servant and builder of
His mysteries. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

The Almighty Lord looked down on
you./He renewed my being as He did great
things for you/as He foretold, all-blameless
Mother of God./Through you, He saved me
from corruption/as the compassionate One,
Theotokos. [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.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

Preeminent Apostles and teachers of the
universe, intercede with the Master of all, to
grant peace to the whole world, and great
mercy to our souls. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that never fails,
intercession with the Creator that never fails,
we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices
of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore
you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry
out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession,
and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who
protect now and ever those who honor you. [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 Apostles.

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 18.

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

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

[SAAS]

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter
to the Corinthians.

2 Cor. 11:21-33; 12:1-9

Brethren, whatever anyone dares to boast
of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to
boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are
they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants
of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of
Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a
madman—with far greater labors, far more
imprisonments, with countless beatings, and
often near death. Five times I have received
at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less
one. Three times I have been beaten with rods;
once I was stoned. Three times I have been
shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been
adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger
from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from
my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger
in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger
at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and
hardship, through many a sleepless night,
in hunger and thirst, often without food, in
cold and exposure. And, apart from other
things, there is the daily pressure upon me of
my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak,
and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I
am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast
of the things that show my weakness. The
God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is
blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At

Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 88.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *God is glorified in the counsel of saints.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Apostles.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt. 16:13-19

At that time, Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." [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 18.

Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. 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, the holy, glorious, and all-laudable, paramount Apostles Peter and Paul, whose memory we celebrate; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Fasting Rule

Fast Free: All foods allowed.