

Menaion - December 6

Memory of our Father among the Saints
Nicholas the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of
Myra in Lycia

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. For the Saint.

Mode 4.

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of
gentleness, and a teacher of self-control. And
to your flock this was evident, by the truth
of your life and deeds. You were humble
and therefore you acquired exalted gifts,
treasure in heaven for being poor. O Father

and Hierarch St. Nicholas, intercede with
Christ our God, and entreat Him to 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 2.

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 1 for the Saint.

Ode iii. Mode 2. N/M (The wilderness.)

From Menaion - - -

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

As a true disciple of the Master, blessed Nicholas,/you preserve from great dangers and bitter death//all those who run to you. [OCA]

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

As a true disciple of the Master, blessed Nicholas,/you preserve from great dangers and bitter death//all those who run to you. [OCA]

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

By the intercessions of Your servant Nicholas,/O God of many mercies,/grant

Your servants remission of their sins,// and cleanse them, O Good One. [OCA]

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

Theotokion.

Calm the tumult of my passions, Queen,/ and direct my life,// for you bore Christ, in whom my heart is established! [OCA]

Canon 2 for the Saint.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode 1. N/M (Such as it received.)

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

Holy Nicholas, you are revealed as a new Abraham,/for you brought your mind to your Master/as an only-begotten son for sacrifice,/ continually offering a bloodless holocaust./ And as Abraham, you were blessed for your hospitality,/becoming the divine dwelling of the Holy Trinity,//all-immaculate Father! [OCA]

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

Nicholas, you have wrought strange and fearful wonders/throughout the world and far off upon the sea,/protecting those in danger with your swift prayers,/healing the sick and feeding the poor!/You were a worthy bearer of your name,//showing the holy people to be victorious against their enemies! [OCA]

Glory.

Prophesying clearly with the eye of your mind,/you filled the world with true doctrine./You proclaimed to us that the Son is of one essence with the Father;/you utterly

destroyed the folly of Arius, // as a pillar of
the Church, laying down your own perfect
teachings. [OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Christ bowed the heavens by His Own
will, / and came to dwell entirely in your
womb, all-holy Virgin! / For He could not bear
to look upon the work of His Own hands /
held under the rule of the deceiver. // Therefore
He came in the form of a Servant to save
mankind. [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. For the Saint.

Mode 4.

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Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode 3. Automelon.

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God. [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 Hierarch.

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 115.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy one. [SAAS]

Verse: *What shall I give back to the Lord for all He rendered to me?* [SAAS]

Heb. 13:17-21

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 131.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *O Lord, Your priests shall clothe themselves in righteousness.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *For the Lord has chosen Zion.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Hierarchy.

Lk. 6:17-23

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great 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 111/112.

The righteous will be remembered for ever. Alleluia. [RSV]

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, our Father among the Saints Nicholas the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, 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

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

It is a minor feast.