

Ὁκτώηχος - Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Τῇ Τετάρτῃ Πρωΐ

Μηναιὸν - ΤΗ: ΚΖ' ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τοῦ Ἁγίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος

Ἰακώβου τοῦ Πέρσου

ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ

Ἀντίφωνον Α'. Ἦχος β'.

Στίχ. α'. Ἀγαθὸν τὸ ἐξομολογεῖσθαι τῷ
Κυρίῳ, καὶ ψάλλειν τῷ ὀνόματί σου, Ὑψιστε.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. β'. Τοῦ ἀναγγέλλειν τῷ πρωΐ τὸ
ἔλεός σου, καὶ τὴν ἀλήθειάν σου κατὰ νύκτα.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. γ'. Ὅτι εὐθὺς Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἀδικία ἐν αὐτῷ.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι.

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

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ,
σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Octoechos - Mode pl. 2.

On Wednesday Morning

Menaion - November 27

Memory of the Holy Great Martyr James
(Iakovos) the Persian

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.

Ἀντίφωνον Β'. Ἦχος β'.

Στίχ. α'. Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν,
εὐπρέπειαν ἐνεδύσατο, ἐνεδύσατο Κύριος
δύναμιν καὶ περιεζώσατο.

ἤ·

Στίχ. α'. Δεῦτε ἀγαλλιασώμεθα τῷ Κυρίῳ,
ἀλαλάξωμεν τῷ Θεῷ τῷ Σωτῆρι ἡμῶν.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις
θαυμαστός, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Καὶ γὰρ ἐστερέωσε τὴν
οἰκουμένην, ἣτις οὐ σαλευθήσεται.

ἤ·

Στίχ. β'. Προφθάσωμεν τὸ πρόσωπον
αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ ἐν ψαλμοῖς
ἀλαλάξωμεν αὐτῷ, ὅτι Θεὸς μέγας, Κύριος καὶ
Βασιλεὺς μέγας ἐπὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις
θαυμαστός, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. γ'. Τῷ οἴκῳ σου πρέπει ἁγίασμα,
Κύριε, εἰς μακρότητα ἡμερῶν.

ἤ·

Στίχ. γ'. Ὅτι ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ τὰ πέρατα
τῆς γῆς, καὶ τὰ ὕψη τῶν ὀρέων αὐτοῦ εἰσιν· ὅτι
αὐτοῦ ἐστιν ἡ θάλασσα, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐποίησεν
αὐτήν, καὶ τὴν ξηρὰν αἱ χεῖρες αὐτοῦ ἔπλασαν.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις
θαυμαστός, 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

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

τὴν ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν σαρκωθῆναι ἐκ τῆς
ἀγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας,
ἀτρέπτως ἐνανθρωπήσας, σταυρωθεὶς τε,
Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
εἰς ὧν τῆς Ἀγίας Τριάδος, συνδοξαζόμενος
τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, σῶσον
ἡμᾶς.

Ἀντίφωνον Γ'.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Μάρτυρος.

Ἦχος δ'. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει
αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας,
ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν
σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ
δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς
ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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 Martyr.

Mode 4. Come quickly.

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily
awarded by You * the crown of incorruption,
in that he contested for You our immortal
God. * Since he possessed Your power, he
defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons'
powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ
God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

[SD]

*Ἡ, ἀντὶ τῶν Ἀντιφώνων, κατὰ τὸ τυπικόν,
ψάλλονται τὰ Τυπικά καὶ οἱ Μακαρισμοί.*

Ψαλμὸς 102.

Ψαλμὸς 145.

Οἱ Μακαρισμοί.

Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἐν τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου μνήσθητι ἡμῶν
Κύριε, ὅταν ἔλθῃς ἐν τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου.
Μακάριοι οἱ πτωχοὶ τῷ πνεύματι, ὅτι αὐτῶν
ἐστὶν ἡ Βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

Μακάριοι οἱ πενθοῦντες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ
παρακληθήσονται.

Μακάριοι οἱ πραεῖς, ὅτι αὐτοὶ
κληρονομήσουσι τὴν γῆν.

Μακάριοι οἱ πεινῶντες καὶ διψῶντες τὴν
δικαιοσύνην, ὅτι αὐτοὶ χορτασθήσονται.

Μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ
ἐλεηθήσονται.

Μακάριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ, ὅτι
αὐτοὶ τὸν Θεὸν ὄψονται.

Τροπάρια.

Τῆς Οκτωήχου - - -

Μακάριοι οἱ εἰρηνοποιοί, ὅτι αὐτοὶ ὕιοι
Θεοῦ κληθήσονται.

Μνήσθητί μου, ὁ Θεὸς ὁ Σωτὴρ μου,
ὅταν ἔλθῃς ἐν τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, καὶ σῶσόν
με, ὡς μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

*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. 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]

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]*

Like the robber I entreat You, O my
Savior, * when You come in Your kingdom,
remember me, * O Lord, and save me, O only
God who loves mankind. [SD]

Μακάριοι οἱ δεδιωγμένοι ἕνεκεν δικαιοσύνης, ὅτι αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἡ Βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

Ἐκουσίως, ὑψωθείς ἐπὶ τοῦ ξύλου, τοὺς εἰς βάθη κακῶν ὀλισθήσαντας, ἀνεκαλέσω, μόνε πολυέλεε.

Μακάριοι ἐστὲ ὅταν ὀνειδίσωσιν ὑμᾶς, καὶ διώξωσι, καὶ εἴπωσι πᾶν πονηρὸν ῥῆμα καθ' ὑμῶν, ψευδόμενοι ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ.

Γῇ ἐσείσθῃ, καὶ ὁ ἥλιος ἐσβέσθῃ, καθορῶν σε ἐπὶ ξύλου Ἥλιε, δικαιοσύνης, θελήματι πάσχοντα.

Χαίρετε καὶ ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, ὅτι ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς.

Μαρτυρικόν.

Παθημάτων, Ἀθλοφόροι κοινωνοῦντες, τοῦ Δεσπότη καὶ θείας λαμπρότητος, συγκοινωνεῖτε, μεθέξει θεοῦμενοι.

Δόξα.

Ὑψωσόν με, ἐκ βυθοῦ τῆς ἁμαρτίας, τῆς Τριάδος ὁ εἷς ἐ θελούσιον, καθυπομείνας, Χριστέ μου καθήλωσιν.

Καὶ νῦν. **Σταυροθεοτοκίον.**

Παρεστῶσα, τῷ Σταυρῷ καὶ καθορῶσα, ἔκουσίως τὸν σὸν Υἱὸν πάσχοντα, Παρθενομητορ, τοῦτον ἐμεγάλυνας.

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

By Your voluntary crucifixion, Master, * in Your mercy, You called back humanity * after it slipped and fell into the depths of ills. [SD]

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

Sun of Righteousness, beholding that You suffered * and were nailed to the Cross voluntarily, * the earth convulsed and the sun hid its rays in awe. [SD]

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

For the Martyrs.

Holy Martyrs, being sharers in the Passion * of the Master, you share also in divine * splendor, being by participation deified. [SD]

Glory.

From the depths of sin extract me, O my Savior, * as the One of the Trinity who endured * the voluntary crucifixion, Christ our God. [SD]

Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

Standing by the Cross and watching as the Savior * voluntarily suffered for all mankind, * O Virgin Mother, you magnified your Son and God. [SD]

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β'.

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱέ
Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἁγίοις θαυμαστός, ψάλλοντάς
σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

**Ὑμνοι μετὰ τὴν Μικρὰν Εἴσοδον
Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Μάρτυρος.
Ἦχος δ'. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.**

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει
αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας,
ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν
σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ
δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς
ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.

(Τὸ Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ.)

**Κοντάκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ.
Ἦχος δ'. Αὐτόμελον.**

Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως,
τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτεία τοὺς
οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός·
εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς
βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ
τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν
σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Ο ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΣ ΥΜΝΟΣ

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἅγιος
Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (ἐκ γ')

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 Martyr.
Mode 4. Come quickly.**

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awarded by You * the crown of incorruption,
in that he contested for You our immortal
God. * Since he possessed Your power, he
defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons'
powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ
God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

[SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

**Kontakion. For the Cross.
Mode 4. Automelon.**

You who were lifted on the cross
voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow
Your tender compassions * upon Your new
community to which You gave Your name.
* Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in
Your power, * granting them the victories
against their adversaries. * And for an ally,
Lord, may they have You, * peace as their
armor, the trophy invincible. [SD]

THE TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us. (3) [GOA]

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

Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

TETARTH KΑ' EBΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος γ'. Ὡδὴ Ἑνάτη.

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

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

Πρὸς Θεσσαλονικεῖς Α' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

1Θε 4:1-12

Ἀδελφοί, ἐρωτῶμεν ὑμᾶς καὶ
παρακαλοῦμεν ἐν Κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ, καθὼς
παρελάβετε παρ' ἡμῶν τὸ πῶς δεῖ
ὑμᾶς περιπατεῖν καὶ ἀρέσκειν Θεῷ, ἵνα
περισευήτε μᾶλλον. Οἴδατε γὰρ τίνας
παραγγελίας ἐδώκαμεν ὑμῖν διὰ τοῦ Κυρίου
Ἰησοῦ. Τοῦτο γάρ ἐστι θέλημα τοῦ Θεοῦ,
ὁ ἁγιασμός ὑμῶν, ἀπέχεσθαι ὑμᾶς ἀπὸ
τῆς πορνείας, εἰδέναι ἕκαστον ὑμῶν τὸ
ἑαυτοῦ σκεῦος κτᾶσθαι ἐν ἁγιασμῷ καὶ
τιμῇ, μὴ ἐν πάθει ἐπιθυμίας καθάπερ
καὶ τὰ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ εἰδότα τὸν Θεόν, τὸ
μὴ ὑπερβαίνειν καὶ πλεονεκτεῖν ἐν τῷ
πράγματι τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, διότι ἕκδικος
ὁ Κύριος περὶ πάντων τούτων, καθὼς καὶ
προεῖπομεν ὑμῖν καὶ διεμαρτυράμεθα. Οὐ
γὰρ ἐκάλεσεν ἡμᾶς ὁ Θεὸς ἐπὶ ἀκαθαρσία,
ἀλλ' ἐν ἁγιασμῷ. Τοιγαροῦν ὁ ἁθετῶν οὐκ
ἄνθρωπον ἁθετεῖ, ἀλλὰ τὸν Θεὸν τὸν καὶ
δόντα τὸ Πνεῦμα αὐτοῦ τὸ Ἅγιον εἰς ὑμᾶς.
Περὶ δὲ τῆς φιλαδελφίας οὐ χρειάν ἔχετε

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

WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK

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]

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to
the Thessalonians.

1 Th. 4:1-12

Brethren, we beseech and exhort you in
the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us
how you ought to live and to please God,
just as you are doing, you do so more and
more. For you know what instructions we
gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this
is the will of God, your sanctification: that
you abstain from unchastity; that each one
of you know how to take a wife for himself
in holiness and honor, not in the passion
of lust like the heathen who do not know
God; that no man transgress, and wrong his
brother in this matter, because the Lord is an
avenger in all these things, as we solemnly
forewarned you. For God has not called us
for uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore
whoever disregards this, disregards not man
but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.
But concerning the love of the brethren you
have no need to have any one write to you,
for you yourselves have been taught by God

γράφειν ὑμῖν· αὐτοὶ γὰρ ὑμεῖς θεοδίδακτοὶ ἐστε εἰς τὸ ἀγαπᾶν ἀλλήλους· καὶ γὰρ ποιεῖτε αὐτὸ εἰς πάντας τοὺς ἀδελφούς τοὺς ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Μακεδονίᾳ. παρακαλοῦμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, περισσεύειν μᾶλλον καὶ φιλοτιμεῖσθαι ἢ συχάζειν καὶ πράσσειν τὰ ἴδια καὶ ἐργάζεσθαι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσὶν ὑμῶν, καθὼς ὑμῖν παρηγγείλαμεν, ἵνα περιπατῆτε εὐσχημόνως πρὸς τοὺς ἔξω καὶ μηδενὸς χρεῖαν ἔχητε.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ὦχος πλ. δ'. Ψαλμὸς 131.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

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

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Ὡμοσε Κύριος τῷ Δαυΐδ ἀλήθειαν καὶ οὐ μὴ ἀθετήσῃ αὐτήν.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

ΤΗ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ ΤΗΣ ΙΑ' ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΛΟΥΚΑ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Λου κ' 1 - 8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διδάσκοντος τοῦ Ἰησοῦ τὸν λαὸν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ εὐαγγελιζομένου ἐπέστησαν οἱ ἱερεῖς καὶ οἱ γραμματεῖς σὺν τοῖς πρεσβυτέροις καὶ εἶπον πρὸς αὐτόν λέγοντες· Εἰπέ ἡμῖν ἐν ποίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ ταῦτα ποιεῖς, ἢ τίς ἐστὶν ὁ δούς σοι τὴν ἐξουσίαν ταύτην; ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτούς· Ἐρωτήσω ὑμᾶς κἀγὼ ἓνα λόγον, καὶ εἰπατέ μοι τὸ βάπτισμα Ἰωάννου ἐξ οὐρανοῦ ἢ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων; οἱ δὲ συνελογίσαντο πρὸς ἑαυτοὺς λέγοντες

to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brethren throughout Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you; so that you may command the respect of outsiders, and be dependent on nobody. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 131.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: The Lord swore to David this truth, and He shall not reject it, "I shall set upon your throne one from the fruit of your loins." [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Wednesday of the Eleventh Week of Luke

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk. 20:1-8

At that time, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up and said to Him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority." He answered them, "I also will ask you a question; now tell me, was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?" And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did

ὅτι ἂν εἴπωμεν, ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, ἔρεϊ, διατί οὖν οὐκ ἐπιστεύσατε αὐτῷ; ἂν δὲ εἴπωμεν, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων, πᾶς ὁ λαὸς καταλιθάσει ἡμᾶς· πεπεισμένος γάρ ἐστιν Ἰωάννην προφήτην εἶναι. καὶ ἀπεκρίθησαν μὴ εἰδέναι πόθεν. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Οὐδὲ ἐγὼ λέγω ὑμῖν ἐν ποίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ ταῦτα ποιῶ.

Ὕμνος εἰς τὴν Θεοτόκον.

Ἄξιόν ἐστιν ὡς ἀληθῶς μακαρίζειν σε τὴν Θεοτόκον, τὴν ἀειμακάριστον καὶ παναμώμητον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. Τὴν τιμιωτέραν τῶν Χερουβείμ καὶ ἐνδοξοτέραν ἀσυγκρίτως τῶν Σεραφεείμ, τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

Κοινωνικόν. Ψαλμὸς 115.

Ποτήριον σωτηρίου λήψομαι καὶ τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου ἐπικαλέσομαι. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Ὕμνος μετὰ τὴν Θ. Κοινωνίαν.

Ἦχος β'.

Εἶδομεν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἀληθινόν, ἐλάβομεν Πνεῦμα ἐπουράνιον, εὗρομεν πίστιν ἀληθῆ, ἀδιαίρετον Τριάδα προσκυνοῦντες· αὕτη γὰρ ἡμᾶς ἔσωσεν.

ΑΠΟΛΥΣΙΣ

Χριστὸς ὁ ἀληθινὸς Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου καὶ παναμώμου ἁγίας αὐτοῦ Μητρός, 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 πανευφήμεων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ

you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet." So they answered that they did not know whence it was. And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

[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 115.

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. 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

Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ): τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων
Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ τοῦ
ἁγίου Μεγαλομάρτυρος Ἰακώβου τοῦ
Πέρσου, οὗ καὶ τὴν μνήμην ἐπιτελοῦμεν·
καὶ πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι
ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

Κανόνας Νηστείας

Νηστεία.

Εἶναι ἡ νηστεία πρὸ τῶν Χριστουγέννων.

ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and the
holy Great Martyr James the Persian, whose
memory we observe, and of all the saints,
have mercy on us and save us, for He is good
and loves mankind.

Fasting Rule

Strict: Refrain from meat, fish, oil, dairy, and eggs.

It is the Christmas fast.