

Μηνναῖον - ΤΗΙ ΚΑ' ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Μνήμη τῆς Ἁγίας Μάρτυρος Ἰουλιανῆς,
τῆς ἐν Νικομηδείᾳ

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 πρωῒ 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.

Ἀντίφωνον Β'. Ἦχος β'.

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

ἦ·

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Memory of the Holy Martyr Julianna of
Nicomedia

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:

Στίχ. α'. Δεῦτε ἀγαλλιασώμεθα τῷ Κυρίῳ,
ἀλαλάζωμεν 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.

ἢ·

Στίχ. β'. Προφθάσωμεν τὸ πρόσωπον
αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐξομολογήσει, καὶ ἐν ψαλμοῖς
ἀλαλάζωμεν 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.

ἢ·

Στίχ. γ'. Ὅτι ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ τὰ πέρατα
τῆς γῆς, καὶ τὰ ὕψη τῶν ὀρέων αὐτοῦ εἰσιν· ὅτι
αὐτοῦ ἐστὶν 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 αἰεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ὁ Μονογενὴς Υἱὸς καὶ Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ,
ἀθάνατος ὑπάρχων καὶ καταδεξάμενος διὰ
τὴν ἡμετέραν σωτηρίαν σαρκωθῆναι ἐκ τῆς
ἁγίας Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας,
ἀτρέπτως ἐνανθρωπήσας, σταυρωθεὶς τε,
Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
εἰς ὧν τῆς Ἁγίας Τριάδος, συνδοξαζόμενος

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.

τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, σῶσον
ἡμᾶς.

Ἀντίφωνον Γ'.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πᾶσιν
ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθᾶ, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον
τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς
Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης
γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον
φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς
ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται,
τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with
the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us. [GOA]

Antiphon III.

Apolytikion. For the Forefeast.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened
unto all. * And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree
of life * has in the grotto blossomed forth from
the Virgin. * Indeed her womb is shown to be
spiritually * a Paradise, in which is found the
God-planted Tree. * And if we eat from it we
shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of
old. * Christ is born, so that He might raise up
* the formerly fallen image. [SD]

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

Ψαλμὸς 102.

Ψαλμὸς 145.

Οἱ Μακαρισμοί.

Ἦχος δ'.

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.

Κανὼν Προεόρτιος.

Ὦδὴ γ'. Ἦχος δ'. Ὅτι στεῖρα ἔτεκεν.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ
ἐλεηθήσονται.

Δανιὴλ ἐξ ὄρους σε, παρθενικοῦ λίθον
Λόγε, ἀποτμηθέντα βλέπει, ἐκλεπτύνοντα
βωμούς, εἰδωλικούς τῷ κράτει σου· διὰ
τοῦτο φόβῳ σε δοξάζομεν.

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

Δανιὴλ ἐξ ὄρους σε, παρθενικοῦ λίθον
Λόγε, ἀποτμηθέντα βλέπει, ἐκλεπτύνοντα
βωμούς, εἰδωλικούς τῷ κράτει σου· διὰ
τοῦτο φόβῳ σε δοξάζομεν.

*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 the Forefeast.

Ode iii. Mode 4. Because the barren (NM).

From Menaion - - -

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

Daniel sees you, O Word, as a stone cut
from a virgin mountain, levelling the altars of
idols by your might; and so in fear we glorify
you. [EL]

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

Daniel sees you, O Word, as a stone cut
from a virgin mountain, levelling the altars of
idols by your might; and so in fear we glorify
you. [EL]

Μακάριοι οἱ εἰρηνοποιοί, ὅτι αὐτοὶ Υἱοὶ Θεοῦ κληθήσονται.

Ἐξ Ἑώας Μάγοι σε, τῷ Βασιλεῖ τῶν ἀπάντων, ὁδηγηθέντες ἄστρῳ, δῶρα προσάγουσι Χριστέ, σμύρναν χρυσὸν καὶ λίβανον, ἐκπλαγέντες τὴν σὴν συγκατάβασιν.

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

Ζωηφόρον ἄσταχυν, χώρα ἀνήροτος φέρει, ἀποτεκεῖν ἐν πόλει, τῆς Βηθλεὲμ ἡ Μαριάμ, πάντων ψυχὰς ἐκτρέφοντα, τῶν βοώντων· Ἅγιος εἶ Κύριε.

Κανὼν Προεόρτιος.

Τοῦ Μηναίου - - -

Ὡδὴ Γ'. Ἦχος δ'. Ἦλθον εἰς τὰ βάθη.

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

Νέον ἐπὶ γῆς ἡμῖν Παιδίον, τεχθεὶς ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων, ἐκ Πατρὸς ἀρρήτως ἀναλάμψας, τῆς παλαιᾶς, πάντας ἡλευθέρωσε, παραβάσεως ὡς εὐσπλαγχνος.

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

Νέον ἐπὶ γῆς ἡμῖν Παιδίον, τεχθεὶς ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων, ἐκ Πατρὸς ἀρρήτως ἀναλάμψας, τῆς παλαιᾶς, πάντας ἡλευθέρωσε, παραβάσεως ὡς εὐσπλαγχνος.

Δόξα.

Ξένα καὶ παράδοξα ἠκούσθη, ἐν Βηθλεὲμ τῇ πόλει, γεννηθέντος σου ἄναρχε Λόγε· Ποιμένες γάρ, μετ' Ἀγγέλων ὕμνον σοι, ὡς Δεσπότη προσεκόμιζον.

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

Magi from the East, having journeyed with a star to the King of all, offer you gifts, O Christ, myrrh, gold and incense, amazed at your condescension. [EL]

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

Mary, an unploughed land, carries a lifebearing ear to give birth in the city of Bethlehem to the one who nourishes the souls of all who cry: Holy are you, O Lord. [EL]

Canon for the Forefeast.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode 4. I entered the depths. (NM)

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

A little Child is born for us on earth, he who shone ineffably from the Father before the ages; he has freed us all from the ancient transgression as he is compassionate. [EL]

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

A little Child is born for us on earth, he who shone ineffably from the Father before the ages; he has freed us all from the ancient transgression as he is compassionate. [EL]

Glory.

Strange and marvellous things were heard in the city of Bethlehem when you were born, O Word without beginning; for Shepherds with Angels brought you a hymn as their Master. [EL]

Καὶ νῦν.

Ὁ ἀστήρ τὸν τῆς δικαιοσύνης,
καταμηνύει Μάγοις, ἀπορρήτως
Ἦλιον τεχθέντα, οὗ τὰ σεπτὰ, νῦν
προεορτάσωμεν, ἀγαλλόμενοι Γενέθλια.

Both now.

The Star reveals to Magi the Sun of justice
who is brought to birth ineffably; rejoicing let
us now celebrate the Forefeast of his Nativity.

[EL]

Εἰσοδικόν. Ἦχος β'.

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

**Ὑμνοι μετὰ τὴν Μικρὰν Εἴσοδον
Ἀπολυτίκιον. Προεόρτιον.**

Τοῦ Μηναίου ---

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἡνοικταὶ πᾶσιν
ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθα, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον
τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς
Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης
γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον
φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς
ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται,
τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

Τῆς Ἀγίας.

Ἦχος δ'.

Ἡ ἀμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ
φωνῇ. Σὲ Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σὲ ζητοῦσα
ἀθλῶ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι
τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω διὰ σέ, ὡς
βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπὲρ σου,
ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἁμωμον
προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεῖσάν σοι.
Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.

(Τὸ Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ.)

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 Forefeast.**

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened
unto all. * And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree
of life * has in the grotto blossomed forth from
the Virgin. * Indeed her womb is shown to be
spiritually * a Paradise, in which is found the
God-planted Tree. * And if we eat from it we
shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of
old. * Christ is born, so that He might raise up
* the formerly fallen image. [SD]

For the Holy Woman.

Mode 4.

Your own ewe-lamb cries to You loudly,
O Jesus, and she says, * "For my Bridegroom
do I long, and seeking You I now contend;
* and I am crucified and buried with You
in Your baptism. * I suffer for Your sake,
that I may reign with You. * I die for You
that I may also live in You. * Accept me as
an unblemished sacrifice * as I offer myself
to You with love." * At her entreaties and
intercessions, * save our souls, O Merciful
Lord. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

Κοντάκιον.**Ἦχος γ'. Αυτόμελον.**

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον
Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν
ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη
ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ
τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι,
Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Ο ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΟΣ ΥΜΝΟΣ

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

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

Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

Σάββατον πρὸ τῆς Χριστοῦ Γεννήσεως.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'. Ψαλμὸς 31.

Εὐφράνθητε ἐπὶ Κύριον καὶ
ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι.

Στίχ. Μακάριοι ὧν ἀφέθησαν αἱ ἀνομίαι
καὶ ὧν ἐπεκαλύφθησαν αἱ ἁμαρτίαι.

Γα 3:8-12

Ἀδελφοί, προῖδουσα ἡ γραφή ὅτι
ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοῖ τὰ ἔθνη ὁ Θεός,
προευηγγελίσατο τῷ Ἀβραάμ· ὅτι
εὐλογηθήσονται ἐν σοὶ πάντα τὰ ἔθνη.
Ὡστε οἱ ἐκ πίστεως εὐλογοῦνται σὺν τῷ
πιστῷ Ἀβραάμ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου
εἰσὶν, ὑπὸ κατάραν εἰσὶν· γέγραπται γάρ·
ὅτι Ἐπικατάρατος πᾶς ὃς οὐκ ἐμμένει ἐν
πᾶσι τοῖς γεγραμμένοις ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ τοῦ
νόμου τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτά. Ὅτι δὲ ἐν νόμῳ

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

Saturday Before Christmas

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

οὐδεὶς δικαιοῦται παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ὁ δὴλον· ὅτι ὁ δίκαιος ἐκ πίστεως ζήσεται· ὁ δὲ νόμος οὐκ ἔστιν ἐκ πίστεως, ἀλλ' ὁ ποιήσας αὐτὰ ἄνθρωπος ζήσεται ἐν αὐτοῖς.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἦχος πλ. β'. Ψαλμοὶ 64, 101.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. α'. Μακάριοι οὓς ἐξελέξω καὶ προσελάβον, Κύριε.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Στίχ. β'. Καὶ τὸ μνημόσυνον αὐτῶν εἰς γενεὰν καὶ γενεάν.

Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

Σάββατον πρὸ τῆς Χριστοῦ Γεννήσεως.

Λου ιγ' 19 - 29

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ὁμοιώθη ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν κόκκῳ σινάπεως, ὃν λαβὼν ἄνθρωπος ἔβαλεν εἰς κῆπον ἑαυτοῦ· καὶ ἡῤῃξε καὶ ἐγένετο εἰς δένδρον μέγα, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατεσκήνωσεν ἐν τοῖς κλάδοις αὐτοῦ. Πάλιν εἶπε· Τίνι ὁμοιώσω τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ; ὁμοία ἐστὶ ζύμη, ἣν λαβοῦσα γυνὴ ἔκρυψεν εἰς ἀλεύρου σάτα τρία, ἕως οὗ ἐζυμώθη ὅλον. Καὶ διεπορεύετο κατὰ πόλεις καὶ κώμας διδάσκων καὶ πορείαν ποιούμενος εἰς Ἱεροσολήμ. εἶπε δὲ τις αὐτῷ· Κύριε, εἰ ὀλίγοι οἱ σωζόμενοι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτούς· Ἀγωνίζεσθε εἰσελθεῖν διὰ τῆς στενῆς πύλης· ὅτι πολλοί, λέγω ὑμῖν, ζητήσουσιν εἰσελθεῖν καὶ οὐκ ἰσχύσουσιν. ἀφ' οὗ ἂν ἐγερθῇ ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης καὶ ἀποκλείσῃ τὴν θύραν, καὶ ἄρξησθε ἕξω ἐστάναι καὶ κρούειν τὴν θύραν λέγοντες· Κύριε Κύριε, ἄνοιξον ἡμῖν· καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ἐρεῖ ὑμῖν, οὐκ οἶδα ὑμᾶς πόθεν ἐστέ. τότε

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 Before Christmas

Lk. 13:19-29

The Lord said this parable, "The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And some one said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the householder has risen up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught

ἄρξεσθε λέγειν· ἐφάγομεν ἐνώπιόν σου
καὶ ἐπίομεν, καὶ ἐν ταῖς πλατείαις ἡμῶν
ἐδίδαξας· καὶ ἐρεῖ· λέγω ὑμῖν, οὐκ οἶδα ὑμᾶς
πόθεν ἐστέ· ἀπόστητε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ πάντες οἱ
ἐργάται τῆς ἀδικίας. ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς
καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων, ὅταν ὄψεσθε
Ἀβραὰμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ καὶ πάντας
τοὺς προφῆτας ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ,
ὕμᾶς δὲ ἐκβαλλομένους ἔξω, καὶ ἤξουσιν
ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν καὶ δυσμῶν καὶ ἀπὸ βορρῶν
καὶ νότου, καὶ ἀνακλιθήσονται ἐν τῇ
βασιλείᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ.

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 Σεραφεὶμ,
τὴν ἀδιαφθόρως Θεὸν Λόγον τεκοῦσαν, τὴν
ὄντως Θεοτόκον, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

Κοινωνικόν. Ψαλμοὶ 64, 101.

Μακάριοι οὓς ἐξελέξω καὶ προσελάβου,
Κύριε. Καὶ τὸ μνημόσυνον αὐτῶν εἰς γενεὰν
καὶ γενεάν. 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,

in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I
do not know where you come from; depart
from me, all you workers of iniquity!' There
you will weep and gnash your teeth when
you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and
all the prophets in the kingdom of God and
you yourselves thrust out. And men will
come from east and west, and from north and
south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God."

[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

προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων
Δυνάμεων Ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου,
ἐνδόξου, προφήτου, Προδρόμου καὶ
βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων
καὶ πανευφήμων Ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἁγίων
ἐνδόξων καὶ καλλινίκων μαρτύρων· τῶν
όσιων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν· **(τοῦ
Ἁγίου τοῦ Ναοῦ)**· τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων
Θεοπατόρων Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ
πάντων τῶν Ἁγίων, ἐλεῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι
ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

Κανόνας Νηστείας

Κατάλυσις οἴνου καὶ ἐλαίου.

Εἶναι ἡ νηστεία πρὸ τῶν Χριστουγέννων.

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.