

Menaion - December 17

Memory of the Holy Prophet Daniel and
the Holy Three Servants

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:

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

Antiphon III.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 2.

Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith! The holy Three Servants greatly rejoiced, as they stood in the fountain of fire, as if beside the still waters; and the Prophet Daniel appeared to be a shepherd of lions, as if they were sheep. At their entreaties, O Christ God, 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 1.

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]

Then the foe used eating from the tree * to get Adam banished from Paradise. * Now crucified upon a tree, * Christ allowed the Robber enter it, * when he said: Remember me * when You come in Your kingdom, O Lord. [SD]

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

Sinning daily as I do, O God, * and violating Your commandments, I pray * that through repentance You convert * me and rescue me from punishment, * so that I may glorify * Your ineffable compassion, O Lover of man. [SD]

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

O divine Forerunner, you appeared * as a lamp preceding the unsetting Light * Who from the cloud of light on us * inexpressibly has risen and shone. * Supplicate Him earnestly * to illumine the souls of those who honor you. [SD]

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

For the Martyrs.

You attained the heavenly awards * in the heights, O Martyrs extolled by all, * after you suffered and endured * many complicated tortures for Christ. * Therefore everywhere each day * do believers extol you and call you blest. [SD]

Glory.

Let us bow in worship and adore * the Father; likewise let us glorify * the Son; and also let us praise * the all-holy Spirit faithfully, * crying out in unison, * "Save us all, we implore, all-holy Trinity." [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

After childbirth did you remain * virgin as you were before childbirth, * when you gave

birth to God in flesh, * O Immaculate, Whom
entreat, * Pure one, that we be redeemed *
from the passions of the flesh and the soul, we
pray. [SD]

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 ---

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appeared to be a shepherd of lions, as if they
were sheep. At their entreaties, O Christ God,
save our souls. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

Kontakion. For the Forerunner.

Mode 2.

O Prophet of God and Forerunner of
grace divine, since we have obtained your
Head from beneath the earth, as if a most
sacred rose, we are receiving the healings
continually. And once again, as formerly,
you are preaching repentance throughout the
world. [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 Saints.

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 67.

God is wondrous in His saints. [SAAS]

Verse: *Bless God in the churches.* [SAAS]

Heb. 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Brethren, all the saints through faith
conquered kingdoms, enforced justice,
received promises, stopped the mouths
of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped
the edge of the sword, won strength out
of weakness, became mighty in war, put
foreign armies to flight. Women received their
dead by resurrection. Some were tortured,
refusing to accept release, that they might
rise again to a better life. Others suffered
mocking and scourging, and even chains
and imprisonment. They were stoned, they
were sawn in two, they were tempted,
they were killed with the sword; they went
about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute,
afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was
not worthy - wandering over deserts and
mountains and in dens and caves of the earth.
And all these, though well attested by their
faith, did not receive what was promised,
since God had foreseen something better
for us, that apart from us they should not
be made perfect. Therefore, since we are
surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and sin
which clings so closely, and let us run with
perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of
our faith. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 2. Psalm 91.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall be multiplied like the cedar in Lebanon.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *Those planted in the house of the Lord shall blossom forth in the courts of our God.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week of Luke

Mk. 10:2-12

At that time, the Pharisees came up to Jesus and in order to test him, asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." [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

PRIEST

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.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us [and save us].

(Amen.)

Fasting Rule

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

It is the Christmas fast.