

Menaion - January 17

Memory of St. Anthony the Great

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.

Mode 4.

From Menaion - -

Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot, and following the straight paths of John the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers. Therefore intercede with Christ our God 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 pl. 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 Devout Man.

Ode iii. Mode pl. 4. N/M (In the beginning.)

From Menaion - - -

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

Strengthened in mind and measured by understanding,/you quenched the flame of passion, Father Anthony./You girded yourself with the shining garment of dispassion,/and with the robe of salvation. [OCA]

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

You despised the weakness of devils, who in their outrageous deceits took boldly the form of wild beasts, for you had a strong helper in battle! [OCA]

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

Triumphing over the powers and princes of darkness/by the strength of abstinence/Anthony was a victorious conqueror,/the glory of ascetics/and the boast of those who lead the monastic life. [OCA]

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

Theotokion.

Let Him who appeared to the world through you, pure one,/raise my mind, deadened by the works of this life,/and guide it to eternal life,/for you have destroyed for the world the gates of death! [OCA]

Canon for the Devout Man.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. N/M (The abyss.)

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

You took upon yourself from childhood/ the ordained way of life by suffering,/and you kept it to the end, divinely-minded Father./As a divinely courageous one,/you received the crown of victory from the King of all! [OCA]

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

You took upon yourself from childhood/ the ordained way of life by suffering,/and you kept it to the end, divinely-minded Father./As a divinely courageous one,/you received the crown of victory from the King of all! [OCA]

Glory.

We have you as a blessed and powerful
intercessor before God,/one who shares
our troubles,/our defender, champion and
compassionate advocate./Thus we are all
saved from danger, temptation and distress!

[OCA]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

You have truly raised the fallen nature of
mankind, Theotokos, for without seed, you
bore the changeless Son, seen in divine form,
and equal to the Father! [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.

Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot,
and following the straight paths of John the
Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the
desert, and you supported the Empire by your
prayers. Therefore intercede with Christ our
God to save our souls. [SD]

(Apolytikion of the Parish Church)

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

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by
Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of
Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now
You came and saved us. Now, give peace to
our Nation in time of war, and empower our
Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who
loves humanity. [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 Devout Man.

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 115.

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

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

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the
Hebrews.

(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 pl. 2. Psalm 111.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Blessed is the man who fears the
Lord.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *His righteousness continues unto
ages of ages.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Devout Man.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

(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, and our devout and God-bearing father Anthony the Great, 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.