

Octoechos

Mode pl. 4.

On Sunday Morning

Menaion

October 13

Service in Honor of the Holy Fathers of
the Seventh Ecumenical Council

LITURGY

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, risen from the
dead. 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, risen from the
dead. 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, risen from the
dead. 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.

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Verse 1: *This is the day the Lord made; let us
greatly rejoice and be glad therein.* [SAAS]

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O
compassionate One, and condescended to
be buried for three days, so that from the
passions You might set us free. Our life and
resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. [SD]

Verse 2: *Let heaven and earth praise Him.*
[SAAS]

You descended from on high, O
compassionate One, and condescended to

be buried for three days, so that from the
passions You might set us free. Our life and
resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. [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.

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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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Resurrectional.

From Octoechos - - -

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

Savior of the world, remember us Your servants * as upon the Cross You remembered the Robber, * only compassionate Christ, and account us worthy * of inheriting Your heavenly Rule. [SD]

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

Adam and Eve, rejoice as you hear that the devil, * who a long time ago stripped you naked * and took the both of you hostage when he deceived you, * has been destroyed by the Cross of Christ. [SD]

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

Adam from the curse of the tree was delivered * when of Your own will to the Tree You were fastened, * and You restored in him the image of God, O Savior, * and put him back again in Paradise. [SD]

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

Theotokion.

Spacious place of God, rejoice, blessed Virgin! * Ark of the New Covenant, rejoice, Theotokos! * O golden jar, from which the heavenly Manna * was given unto all, O Lady, rejoice! [SD]

Canon for the Fathers.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. Have mercy on me. (NM)

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

Sweetness and rejoicing the mountains have rained down; for the multitude of heretics has been scattered, which exuded bitter poison: the rejection of the holy images. [EL]

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

Sweetness and rejoicing the mountains have rained down; for the multitude of heretics has been scattered, which exuded bitter poison: the rejection of the holy images. [EL]

Glory.

Yea, let heaven and earth in harmony celebrate the greatness of the daughter of God;

for she is magnified and casts down those who
belittle her. [EL]

Both now.

New birth He gave me, the Son, of old
of the Father without mother, and divinely
born of a Mother without father; therefore
making an image I greet the one who gave
birth together with the One who was born. [EL]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. [SD]

For the Fathers.

Mode pl. 4.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you. [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 Fathers.

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. The Prayer of Azariah.

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers. [SAAS]

Verse: *For You are righteous in all You did for us.* [SAAS]

Tit. 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 4. Psalm 43.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *O God, we heard with our ears; our fathers proclaimed it to us.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *You saved us from those who afflict us.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Fathers.

Lk. 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by

the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." [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 148.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. 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 He Who rose from the dead, 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 the holy Fathers of the
Seventh Ecumenical Council, whose memory
we celebrate today; 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.