

Menaion - November 8

The Synaxis in Honor of the Chief
Commanders Michael and Gabriel

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.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4. *You who were lifted.*

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly
armies, * we the unworthy now entreat you in
earnest, * to fortify us by your supplications to
the Lord, * and shelter us beneath the wings
of your spiritual glory, * guarding us who
run to you and fervently entreat you: * As the
Commanders of the hosts on high, * rescue us
faithful from dangers of every kind. [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 1 for the Bodiless Hosts.

Ode iii. Mode pl. 4.

From Menaion - - -

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

With strength, O Immortal, you established mighty beings to accomplish your all-holy will, who ever stand before you in the highest. [EL]

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

Accept the leaders of the Angels, the initiates of your incarnation and of your hallowed rising, O Christ, as they intercede on our behalf. [EL]

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

In your compassion, O Christ, you have placed Angels as guardians of mankind, and made them the ministers of the salvation of your servants. [EL]

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

Theotokion.

Ineffably, O Bride of God, you conceived the Lord, the Saviour who redeems from dangers us who call on you in truth. [EL]

Canon 2 for the Bodiless Hosts.

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]

Flying upward in mind from the corruption of matter, let us in fear with lips of matter honour in songs the immaterial Bodiless Powers as beings of fire and flame and light. [EL]

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

Put to death, O Archangels, the assaults of the passions, and with them bring to an end all the scandals of the faith, O Holy ones formed of fire, the Chief Captains of the Trinity. [EL]

Glory.

Archangels of God, leaders of the Bodiless hosts, by your freedom to speak save us from every heresy, Michael the Prince and Gabriel, the Chief Captains. [EL]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Willingly, O Christ, you appeared in flesh
from a womb that did not know wedlock as
God without flesh, but as man you bore flesh;
the form of whose likeness we the faithful
honour. [EL]

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. *You who were lifted.*

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, * we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, * to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, * and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, * guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: * As the Commanders of the hosts on high, * rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode 4. *You who were lifted.*

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she. [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 Angels.

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 103.

He makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. [SAAS]

Verse: *Bless the Lord, O my soul.* [SAAS]

Heb. 2:2-10

Brethren, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all

things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 4. Psalm 148.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Angels.

Lk. 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will." [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 103.

He makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. 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, whose Synaxis we celebrate; 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 a minor feast.