

PRIEST

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throne with Father and Spirit, O Christ, filling
all things, being uncircumscribed. [SD]

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How full of life and even more beautiful
than paradise, and by far more splendid than
any king's royal chamber has Your sepulcher,
O Christ, been shown to be, and the source of
our own resurrection. [SD]

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Divine and hallowed habitation of the
Most High God, rejoice. For through you, O
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who cry aloud to you, O Lady, blessed are you
among women, all-blameless one. [SD]

Lord, have mercy. (40)

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If the Lity was not sung at Vespers, sing the following:

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Idiomelon 1.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1.

The illustrious and valorous George, in his glorious contest, gladdens the angelic hosts on high. And exulting now with them, he is throwing a festive celebration on earth for the faithful; and as a servant of Christ, he has come to celebrate with us who have gathered here for him. Therefore let us worthily honor him, as he unceasingly intercedes with the God of all, that great mercy be granted unto us. [SD]

Idiomelon 2.

Mode 1.

You cultivated the higher things through valor in the contests; and you offered the fruits of your labors to Christ, O all-blessed Martyr George. Through faith you started longing, through hope you drove out fear, through love you obtained the heavens, O all-lauded one. Since you have intimate access to Him, with acceptable entreaties pray for peace and pardon of sins and great mercy for our souls.

[SD]

Idiomelon 3.

Mode 1.

Soldier of the great King, rejoice, O George, and be glad. For you were pleasing to God. You disdained all things and found eternal life in heaven. Your body drives away every illness from people. For Christ himself, whom you so desired, glorifies you, O blessed one. [SD]

Idiomelon 4.

Mode 4.

O fans of the martyrs, come let us present songful praise to Christ who is risen from the tomb. For today has the spiritual springtime opened to us, colored by the rational blossoms, namely the universal memory of George the wise Great Martyr. Reproducing his marks, we derive wellsprings of cures. Let us now entreat him to intercede unceasingly with Christ the Savior to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls. [SD]

Idiomelon 5.

Mode 4.

All you nations, clap your hands; let us shout with joy to God our Savior. For He was lifted on a cross, and went down into a grave, and then plundered Hades and raised the dead with himself. And they cried out to Him: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia to the resurrected Christ. [SD]

Idiomelon 6.

Mode 4.

Your head was crowned with a glorious halo, O crowned Martyr George. For you saw the invisible enemy, about which Paul spoke, and you persevered and were victorious over its deceptive error. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, to Christ, who has risen! [SD]

Idiomelon 7.

Mode 4.

O fans of the Martyrs, let us celebrate with dance, as we offer to Christ a song of songs. For the valiant Athlete struck the tyrant foe with his heel and brought him down. Therefore, let us all with unceasing

voices sing, "O Savior, glory to Your terrific resurrection, by which You saved the world!"

[SD]

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From Menaion - - -

Mode 2.

Let your eyelids ascent to righteous things, said Solomon to mortals; and he foretold that he whose looks are gentle shall receive mercy from Christ God. Having readily heard these sayings, O great endurer George, you followed the teachings of the Master. When you were delivered over to the lawless you endured, disdaining the orgies of error as abominations. Your body, which you relinquished for the love of the Fashioner, was dismembered entirely. But it was Belial rather who was wholly put to shame and wounded, seeing you crowned and in full strength. Wherefore dwelling as you do in the courts of your Lord, together with the hosts on high, intercede with Christ, O prize-winning Saint, that our souls be saved. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

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O Mother of God, I have committed my every hope wholly unto you. Keep me under your shelter. [SD]

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Father, bless!

PRIEST

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 of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

(Lord, have mercy.)

For all pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our (episcopal rank) (name).

For our nation.

For the armed forces.

For our departed fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers.

For those who have mercy on us and serve us.

For those who hate us and those who love us.

For those who have asked us the unworthy to pray for them.

For the release of captives.

For those who are traveling.

For those who are ill.

Let us pray also for the abundance of the fruits of the earth.

And for all our family and friends who have fallen asleep before us, the Orthodox here and everywhere piously laid to sleep.

Let us also say for ourselves: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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PEOPLE

Truly the Lord is risen!