

Octoechos - Mode pl. 2.

On Wednesday Morning

Menaion - November 27

Memory of the Holy Great Martyr James
(Iakovos) the Persian

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. For the Martyr.

Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily
awarded by You * the crown of incorruption,
in that he contested for You our immortal
God. * Since he possessed Your power, he
defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons'
powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ
God, at his fervent entreaties, 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. 2.

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]

Like the robber I entreat You, O my Savior, * when You come in Your kingdom, remember me, * O Lord, and save me, O only God who loves mankind. [SD]

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

By Your voluntary crucifixion, Master, * in Your mercy, You called back humanity * after it slipped and fell into the depths of ills. [SD]

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

Sun of Righteousness, beholding that You suffered * and were nailed to the Cross voluntarily, * the earth convulsed and the sun hid its rays in awe. [SD]

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

For the Martyrs.

Holy Martyrs, being sharers in the Passion * of the Master, you share also in divine * splendor, being by participation deified. [SD]

Glory.

From the depths of sin extract me, O my Savior, * as the One of the Trinity who endured * the voluntary crucifixion, Christ our God. [SD]

Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

Standing by the Cross and watching as the Savior * voluntarily suffered for all mankind, * O Virgin Mother, you magnified your Son and God. [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. For the Martyr.

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awarded by You * the crown of incorruption,
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[SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

Kontakion. For the Cross.

Mode 4. Automelon.

You who were lifted on the cross
voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow
Your tender compassions * upon Your new
community to which You gave Your name. *
Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your
power, * granting them the victories against
their adversaries. * And for an ally, Lord, may
they have You, * peace as their armor, the
trophy invincible. [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

WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Ode ix.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior. [RSV]

Verse: *For he has regarded the low estate
of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all
generations will call me blessed.* [RSV]

1 Th. 4:1-12

Brethren, we beseech and exhort you in
the Lord Jesus, that as you learned from us
how you ought to live and to please God, just
as you are doing, you do so more and more.
For you know what instructions we gave you
through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of
God, your sanctification: that you abstain from
unchastity; that each one of you know how to
take a wife for himself in holiness and honor,
not in the passion of lust like the heathen who
do not know God; that no man transgress,
and wrong his brother in this matter, because
the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as
we solemnly forewarned you. For God has
not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness.
Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards
not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to
you. But concerning the love of the brethren
you have no need to have any one write to
you, for you yourselves have been taught by
God to love one another; and indeed you do
love all the brethren throughout Macedonia.
But we exhort you, brethren, to do so more
and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind

your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you; so that you may command the respect of outsiders, and be dependent on nobody. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 131.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *The Lord swore to David this truth, and He shall not reject it, "I shall set upon your throne one from the fruit of your loins."* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Wednesday of the Eleventh Week of Luke

Lk. 20:1-8

At that time, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up and said to Him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority." He answered them, "I also will ask you a question; now tell me, was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?" And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet." So they answered that they did not know whence it was. And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

[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 115.

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. 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, 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 Great Martyr James the Persian, whose memory we observe, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Fasting Rule

Strict: Refrain from meat, fish, oil, dairy, and eggs.

It is the Christmas fast.