

Octoechos - Mode 3.

On Wednesday Morning

Menaion - November 6

Memory of St. Paul the Confessor

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.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 3. Automelon.

Your confession of the true divine faith *
manifested you unto the whole Church * as
another Paul and zealot among the priests. *
With you together is shouting the righteous
blood * of Zacharias and Abel unto the Lord.
* Holy Father Paul, beseech Christ our God
fervently, * entreating that He grant us His
great mercy. [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 3.

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]

When our primal father Adam disobeyed Your divine command, O Christ, You expelled him from Paradise. But when the faithful Robber while on the cross confessed You to be Lord, You restored him there, as he cried to You: "O Savior, when You come in Your kingdom, remember me." [SD]

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

When they crucified You, Jesus, and they pierced You * in the side with a spear, * You poured out fountains of water and blood * for my salvation; therefore, * now being saved by Your Passion, O Christ, * I extol Your great compassion, O Lord, * and I sing to You: In Your kingdom, remember me. [SD]

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

O Lord Jesus, You were numbered with the lawless * and You thereby took away * the lawlessness of everyone. * As King of all, O Savior, * You wore a crown of thorns and thus, O Christ, * You uprooted our Ancestor's sin like a thorn. * So we now glorify the Passion You endured for us. [SD]

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

For the Martyrs.

O courageous Martyr Athletes, you imitated * what was suffered by Christ, * and you are worthily extolled by all. * And by His divine power, * you trampled all the enemy's deceit. * Now you intercede on behalf of us all, * as you have obtained heavenly glory, O Saints. [SD]

Glory.

Undivided Holy Trinity and Unity * in three hypostases, * one essence and power that created all, * we who extol You pray You: * Guard us from being injured by the foe; * and account us worthy of Your heavenly Rule,

* which has been attained by those who lived
virtuously. [SD]

Both now. **Stavrotheotokion.**

On the Cross you saw Your Son who was
incarnate * of your blood within your womb, *
and you lamented and cried aloud, * O Lady,
Theotokos, * "What have these wicked people
done to you? * O my Son, they repay You by
killing You! * But for all who believe, You are
the resurrection and life." [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.

From Menaion ---

Mode 3. Automelon.

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manifested you unto the whole Church * as
another Paul and zealot among the priests. *
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blood * of Zacharias and Abel unto the Lord.
* Holy Father Paul, beseech Christ our God
fervently, * entreating that He grant us His
great mercy. [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

For the Saint.

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 115.

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

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

Heb. 8:1-6

Brethren, we have such a high priest, one
who is seated at the right hand of the throne
of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the
sanctuary and the true tent which is set up
not by man but by the Lord. For every high
priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices;
hence it is necessary for this priest also to have
something to offer. Now if he were on earth,
he would not be a priest at all, since there are
priests who offer gifts according to the law.
They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly
sanctuary; for when Moses was about to erect
the tent, he was instructed by God, saying,
"See that you make everything according
to the pattern which was shown you on the
mountain." But as it is, Christ has obtained a
ministry which is as much more excellent than
the old as the covenant he mediates is better,
since it is enacted on better promises. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 2. Psalm 131.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *O Lord, Your priests shall clothe themselves in righteousness.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *For the Lord has chosen Zion.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Saint.

Lk. 12:8-12

The Lord said to His disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but he who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And every one who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you are to answer or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." [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, of our father among the saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople, 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 a Wednesday or Friday.