

Horologion - Midnight Office

For a Weekday

Menaion - July 11

Memory of the Holy Great Martyr
Euphemia

MIDNIGHT OFFICE

PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever,
and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

Glory to You, our God. Glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
present in all places and filling all things,
treasury of good things and giver of life: come;
take Your abode in us; cleanse us of every
stain, and save our souls, O Good one. [HC]

READER

Trisagion Prayers.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy on us. (3)

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Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages
of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.
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transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities for your name's sake.

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be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us

this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. [GOA]

PRIEST

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power
and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the
ages of ages.

READER

Amen. Lord, have mercy. (12)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages
of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before Christ God our King.

Come, let us worship and bow down
before Him, Christ our King and God.

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according
to Your great mercy; and according to the
abundance of Your compassion, blot out my
transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my
lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For
I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always
before me. Against You only have I sinned
and done evil in Your sight; that You may be
justified in Your words, and overcome when
You are judged. For behold, I was conceived
in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore
me. Behold, You love truth; You showed
me the unknown and secret things of Your
wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop,
and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and

I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

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

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Idiomela of the Lity.

Idiomelon 1.

From Menaion ---

Mode 1.

Come, all you faithful, with praises, let us sing hymns at the annual commemoration of the all-praiseworthy Euphemia, saying: "Rejoice, O Prizewinner and Martyr, who shredded the tyrant's impudence and thoroughly refuted the folly of the falsely-

believing. Rejoice, fairest crown of Chalcedon, and unshaken support of the rightly-believing. Rejoice, who for the sake of Christ your Bridegroom, consumed your bodily strength through tortures, but enlightened your soul with the Spirit's rays. Rejoice, always interceding for those who in faith and love celebrate your memorial." [JR]

Idiomelon 2.

Mode 2.

O marvelous wonder! As a living witness, the martyr, though dead in the coffin, holds in her honorable hands our decree, but tramples with her feet that of the heretics, belittling what is perverse and blasphemous, but strengthening the correct and unalloyed doctrine of the faithful, who proclaim Christ one in hypostasis, but two in nature and will. By her intercessions, O Christ God, grant peace to your churches and to our souls great mercy. [JR]

Idiomelon 3.

Mode 3.

Who, O Martyr, who can fitly describe the struggles of martyrdom and of faith which you fought for the sake of Christ, in the weakness of feminine nature? Who can cite the perfections of your virtues, and your many miracles, all-praiseworthy Euphemia? Or your resoluteness in right doctrines, the constancy of your Orthodoxy? Therefore, you were entrusted by the divine Fathers with the definition of the faith, as a jealous guardian of this, and you preserve it accurately even for all time, also interceding for our souls. [JR]

Idiomelon 4.

Mode 4.

As we observe the martyric festival celebrated on earth today, let us rejoice in spirit and leap with gladness, for holy Euphemia has summoned us together through the holy and good Shepherd of the Church. And placing herself before us, she provides to each the sanctification that we draw for ourselves. Let us approach now in faith and with an unwavering mind, and not with skepticism, so that from her holy coffin we may obtain in abundance the healing of the sick, asking from Christ God forgiveness and great mercy. ^[JR]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 1.

Today, the undefiled bride of the heavenly King, the all-revered Euphemia, summons us together to a spiritual banquet. Come, then, all you lovers of feast, being purified in mind and adorned by the bright robes of the divine Spirit, let us mystically make glad in her solemn and resplendent banquet of all good things; for, like a pure dove, being espoused to the Son in the beauty of virginity, she established the Holy Trinity as dwelling entirely in her, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, the one God. Both desiring and seeking him, she contended bravely; and so she reigns with him forever in the heavenly dwellings. ^[JR]

Both now.

Mode pl. 1.

Now we call you blessed, O Virgin Theotokos, and we glorify you, duty-bound as believers; the city unshakable, the wall indestructible, the firm and steadfast

protection, and the place of refuge for our souls. ^[SD]

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READER

Amen.

Apolytikion.

From Menaion ---

Mode 3. Your confession.

To the Orthodox you brought elation, *
the unorthodox, humiliation, * O Euphemia,
the beautiful virgin of Christ. * For what the
Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical * Synod
decreed well as dogma you ratified. * Pray to
Christ our God, O glorious Martyr, fervently, *
entreating Him to grant us His great mercy. [SD]

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages
of ages. Amen.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and
in glory greater beyond compare than the
Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth
to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos.
You do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

May Christ our true God, through
the intercessions of His all-pure and all-
immaculate holy Mother, (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.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers,
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us
[and save us].

(Amen.)