

March 2

Triodion

Saturday of Souls

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 Triodion - - -

Mode pl. 4.

O only Creator who out of love for man
arrange all things with depth of wisdom, and
impart to all what is beneficial, O Lord, grant
repose to the souls of Your servants. For they
have placed their hope in You our Creator and
Fashioner and God. ^[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 from the Triodion.

Ode iii. Mode pl. 4. (NM) O
Word of God who hast made firm.

From Triodion - - -

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

To those who have passed through the course of life in the glory of the faith, grant a crown of righteousness, O God, and count them worthy to enjoy eternal blessings. [KW]

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

To those who have been suddenly snatched away, burnt up by lightning, frozen by the cold, or struck down by any other calamity, give rest, O God, when Thou shalt make trial of all things in the fire. [KW]

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

To those who have sailed across the ever-troubled sea of this earthly life steered by the Orthodox faith, grant a safe anchorage, O Christ, in the harbour of immortal life with Thee. [KW]

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

Theotokion.

Mind cannot comprehend this wonder brought to pass in thee. For thou dost conceive without a man, pure Lady, and thou givest birth while keeping thy virginity. Therefore the angelic hosts and mortal men sing thy praise unto all ages. [KW]

Canon from the Triodion.

From Triodion - - -

Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. (NM)
Held fast by many sins.

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

Author of Life, by Thy Passion Thou hast loosed the pains of death: give rest, our God, to Thy servants who have fallen asleep from the beginning of time. [KW]

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

To those whom in Thy ineffable providence Thou hast permitted to be killed by drugs or poison, or through choking on bones, give rest, O Lord, with Thy saints. [KW]

Glory.

Thrice-holy Godhead, one in throne, Father, Son and Spirit, Thou art my God,

holding all in unity by Thine almighty power.

[KW]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Leap for joy, Jesse the forefather; from thy
root has sprung the Flower of Life that saves
the world, Christ our God, born from the pure
Maiden. [KW]

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 Triodion - - -

Mode pl. 4.

O only Creator who out of love for man
arrange all things with depth of wisdom, and
impart to all what is beneficial, O Lord, grant
repose to the souls of Your servants. For they
have placed their hope in You our Creator and
Fashioner and God. [SD]

(Apolytikion of the Parish Church)

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

From Triodion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode pl. 4.

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the
souls of Your servants where there is no pain,
nor sorrow, nor suffering, but life everlasting.
[HC]

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 Deceased.

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2.

Their souls shall dwell among good
things. [SAAS]

Verse: *To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God.*

[SAAS]

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to
the Thessalonians.

4:13-18

Brethren, we could not have you ignorant
concerning those who are asleep, that you
may not grieve as others do who have no
hope. For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have fallen
asleep. For this we declare to you by the word
of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, shall not
precede those who have fallen asleep. For the
Lord himself will descend from heaven with
a cry of command, with the archangel's call,
and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we
who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up
together with them in the clouds to meet the
Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with
the Lord. [Therefore comfort one another with
these words.] [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 2.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Blessed are they whom You have
chosen and received, O Lord.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *Their memorial abides from generation to generation.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

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The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

The Lord said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once. And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man." [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. Psalms 64, 101.

Blessed are they whom You have chosen and received, O Lord. Their memorial abides from generation to generation. 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]

CHOIR

Among the spirits of the righteous perfected in faith, give rest, O Savior, to the soul(s) of Your servant, keeping it (them) in the blessed life which is from You, O loving One. [GOA]

In your place of rest, O Lord, where all Your saints repose, give rest also to the soul of Your servant, for You alone are immortal. [GOA]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

You are our God who descended into Hades and loosened the pains of those who were held captive. Grant rest also, O Savior, to the soul of Your servant. [GOA]

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.*

You the only pure and spotless Virgin, who ineffably gave birth to God, intercede

for mercy and forgiveness of the soul of your servant(s). ^[GOA]

DEACON

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Again we pray for the blessed memory and eternal repose of all pious Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection unto life everlasting, emperors, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, deacon-monks, monks, nuns, fathers, forebears, grandparents, great-grandparents, parents, spouses, children, siblings, and all our relatives, from the beginning until the end of time; and for the forgiveness of all their sins, both voluntary and involuntary.

(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

May the Lord God place their souls where the righteous repose. Let us ask for the mercies of God, the kingdom of Heaven, and the forgiveness of their sins from Christ our immortal king and God.

(Grant this, O Lord.)

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

O God of spirits and of all flesh, You have trampled down death and have abolished the power of the devil, giving life to Your world. Give rest to the souls of Your departed servants, emperors, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, deacon-monks, monks, and nuns, all pious Orthodox

Christians who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection unto life everlasting, from all the ends of the world, fathers, forebears, grandparents, great-grandparents, parents, spouses, children, siblings, and all our relatives. Give them rest in a place of light, in a place of repose, in a place of refreshment, where there is no pain, sorrow, and suffering. As a good and loving God, forgive every sin they have committed in thought, word or deed, for there is no one who lives and is sinless. You alone are without sin. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your word is truth.

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

For You are the resurrection, the life and the repose of all the departed faithful Orthodox Christians, Christ our God, and to You we give glory, with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Mode 3.

Eternal be their memory. Eternal be their memory. Eternal be their memory. (3)

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

Fasting Rule

Fast Free: All foods allowed.