

**Octoechos - Mode pl. 2.**

On Thursday Morning

**Menaion - November 28**

Memory of our Devout Father Stephen the New; and the Holy Martyr Irenarchos

**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 Devout Man.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 4.** *You who were lifted.*

When you had trained ascetically on the  
mountain, \* wearing the armor of the Cross,  
blessed Father, \* you then destroyed the  
spiritual armies of the foe. \* Afterwards you  
manfully stripped yourself for the contest \*  
and you slew Copronymous with the sword  
of the true Faith. \* For both these vict'ries you  
were crowned by God, \* monastic Martyr \*  
Saint Stephen, extolled by all. [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]

O Apostles of the Lord, you were illumined, \* and like luminous clouds you

showered the world \* with the water of inspired knowledge of God. [SD]

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

You, O glorious Apostles, have illumined \* with the true faith in God all the human race, \* for you traversed the whole world like mystical rays. [SD]

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

**For the Martyrs.**

You experienced the fire of the tortures \* for your faith, holy Martyrs, and you received \* divine refreshment like dew from the the Lord of all. [SD]

**Glory.**

O believers, as in unison we worship \* the divine Holy Trinity, let us say: \* "At the entreaties of the Apostles, save us all." [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

You gave birth the One who with the Father \* is beginningless, ineffably through a word. \* O Theotokos, entreat Him to save our souls. [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 Devout Man.**

From Menaion ---

**Mode 4. *You who were lifted.***

When you had trained ascetically on the mountain, \* wearing the armor of the Cross, blessed Father, \* you then destroyed the spiritual armies of the foe. \* Afterwards you manfully stripped yourself for the contest \* and you slew Copronymous with the sword of the true Faith. \* For both these vict'ries you were crowned by God, \* monastic Martyr \* Saint Stephen, extolled by all. [SD]

**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]

**Apolytikion of the Parish Church**

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

**Kontakion. For the Apostles.**

**Mode 2. *Automelon.***

You have taken to yourself, O Lord, the pinnacles of Your Disciples, those unerring theologians and preachers, to enjoy Your

blessings and repose. For You accepted their labors and their death as being higher than any whole-burnt offering, for only You know what is in the heart. [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**

THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK

**Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 18.**

Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. [SAAS]

**Verse:** *The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows the creation of His hands.*

[SAAS]

1 Th. 4:18-5:10

Brethren, comfort one another with these words. But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep

awake and be sober. For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. [RSV]

**Alleluia. Mode 1. Psalm 88.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 1:** *The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** *God is glorified in the counsel of saints.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**The Gospel**

Thursday of the Eleventh Week of Luke

Lk. 20:9-18

The Lord said this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, that they should give him some of the fruit of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant; him also they beat and treated shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third; this one they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; it may be they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir;

let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' And they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants, and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "God forbid!" But he looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner'? Every one who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but when it falls on any one it will crush him." [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 18.**

Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. 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  
devout and God-bearing father Stephen the  
New, 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**

*Fish: fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat,  
dairy and eggs.*

*It is the Christmas fast.*