Octoechos

Mode 3.

On Sunday Morning

Menaion - February 2

Sunday after the Feast

LITURGY

Unless otherwise indicated, the texts of the prayers and hymns of the Divine Liturgy are from: The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (© 2016), used with permission from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. This text was produced by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and approved by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: My heart overflowed with a good word; I tell my works to the King. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Verse 2: My tongue is the pen of a swift-writing scribe. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: You are more beautiful than the sons of men. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 4: Therefore God blessed You forever.

[SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Glory. Both now.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, in Your splendor and Your beauty.

[SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: Stretch Your bow, and grant prosperity, and reign, because of truth and goodness. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: Your arrows are sharp, O Mighty One. The peoples shall fall under You. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 4: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; Your royal scepter is a scepter of uprightness.

[SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. we sing to You, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [HC]

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Amen. [HC]

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. Mode 1. Psalm 44.

Verse 1: Listen, O daughter, behold and incline your ear, and forget your people and your father's house. [SAAS]

Verse 2: The rich among the people shall entreat your favor. [SAAS]

Verse 3: I will remember your name from generation to generation. [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin
Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun
of righteousness has risen from you and
He illumined those in darkness. And you,
righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving
in your embraces the One who liberates our
souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Resurrectional.

From Octoechos - - -

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

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

When in Paradise we sinned, You condemned us and pronounced the curse of death, being the Lord and the Giver of life. But later, loving Master, You who are sinless suffered in the flesh, and You brought the

dead back to life again, who shouted: "When You come in Your kingdom, remember us." [50]

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

Having risen from the dead, You also raised us from the passions, by Your holy resurrection, O Christ our God. And roundly You defeated death's dominion over us, O Lord. Therefore we believers cry out to You: O Savior, when You come in Your kingdom, remember us. [5D]

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

Theotokion.

Rejoice, the gate of God, through whom went the incarnate Creator, when He was born from you, and He kept you sealed. Rejoice, O swift and light cloud who brings the divine showers, namely Christ. Rejoice, O ladder to heaven and celestial throne. O rejoice, holy mountain, uncut and rich.

Canon of the Feast.

From Menaion - -

Ode vi. Mode 3. Heirmos

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

The Elder having seen with his eyes, the salvation that had come to the people, cried aloud to you, 'O Christ, who come from God, You are my God!' [EL]

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

You have been set up in Sion as a stumbling stone and rock of offence for

the disobedient, unbreakable salvation of believers.

Glory.

Truly bearing the imprint of him who begot you before the ages, through compassion for mortals you have now put on their weakness.

Both now.

I have worshipped you, Son of the Most High, Son of a Virgin, God become a little child. Now release me in peace.'

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You, Alleluia. [COA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance. From Octoechos - - Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Feast. From Menaion - - - Mode 1.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin
Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun
of righteousness has risen from you and
He illumined those in darkness. And you,
righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving
in your embraces the One who liberates our
souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

(Apolytikion of the Parish Church)

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

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion. Mode 1.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our

Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.

Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises. [SAAS]

Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing. [SAAS]

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

(6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right

hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 3. Psalm 30.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: In You, O Lord, I hope; may I not be ashamed forever. [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: Be to me a God who protects me, and a house of refuge to save me. [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(25:14-30)

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying,

'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master. He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" [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. [COA]

Communion Hymn. Psalm 148.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. 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. [COA]

THE DISMISSAL

May He who condescended to be held in the arms of righteous Symeon, for our salvation, and Who rose from the dead, 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 the Holy and Righteous Symeon who Received God, and the Prophetess Anna, whose memory we are observing, 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.