

Menaion - December 30

Memory of the Holy Martyr Anysia, and
our Devout Mother Melanie

LITURGY

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalms 9, 110.

Verse 1: *I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your wondrous things.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 2: *In the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 3: *Sought out in all things with regard to His will.* [SAAS]

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

Verse 4: *Thanksgiving and majesty are His work, and His righteousness continues unto ages of ages.* [SAAS]

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

Glory. Both now.

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

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 111.

Verse 1: *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His commandments.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: *His seed shall be mighty on earth.*
[SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 3: *Glory and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness continues unto ages of ages.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 4: *For the upright, light springs up in darkness.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of
a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

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 4. Psalm 109.

Verse 1: *The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of Your feet."* [SAAS]

Verse 2: *The Lord shall send forth the rod of Your power from Zion.* [SAAS]

Verse 3: *With You is the beginning in the day of Your power, in the brightness of Your saints.* [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord. [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 1.

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 1 of the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Ode iii. Mode 1. To the Son.

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

Made of dust was Adam, * while enjoying superior insufflation. * But through seduction by the woman, * he slipped into corruption. * Gazing at Christ born of woman, he cries: * You who for me have become now like me, * only You are holy, O Lord. [SD]

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

Made of dust was Adam, * while enjoying superior insufflation. * But through seduction by the woman, * he slipped into corruption. * Gazing at Christ born of woman, he cries: *

You who for me have become now like me, * only You are holy, O Lord. [SD]

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

Through participation * in inferior flesh, You, O Christ, did impart * divine nature. And conforming * to ignoble clay formation, * You were born human and remained God, * and have exalted the horn of our strength. * Only You are holy, O Lord. [SD]

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

Bethlehem, be merry, * as the Queen of the rulers of Judah; for lo, * Israel's shepherd who is seated * on the Cherubim's shoulders, * Christ who manifestly hails from you * and who exalted the horn of our strength, * has reigned as King over all. [SD]

Canon 1 of the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Ode vi. Mode 1. Such as it received.

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

He is come made flesh * Christ our God, whom from the womb before the morning star does God the Father beget. * He who rides upon the immaculate host of the heavenly minds * now is laid in a manger of irrationals. * He is wrapped in tattered swaddling clothes, * but He looses transgressions' entangling bonds. [SD]

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

He is come made flesh * Christ our God, whom from the womb before the morning

star does God the Father beget. * He who rides
upon the immaculate host of the heavenly
minds * now is laid in a manger of irrationals.
* He is wrapped in tattered swaddling clothes,
* but He looses transgressions' entangling
bonds. [SD]

Glory.

For a child was born, * a Son, from Adam's
nature, and given unto those who believe in
Him. * Of the age to come He is Father and
Prince, and His name has been called * the
Angel of Great Counsel. Mighty God is He; *
wonderful Counselor, Prince of peace, * and
He governs creation with authority. [SD]

Both now.

For a child was born, * a Son, from Adam's
nature, and given unto those who believe in
Him. * Of the age to come He is Father and
Prince, and His name has been called * the
Angel of Great Counsel. Mighty God is He; *
wonderful Counselor, Prince of peace, * and
He governs creation with authority. [SD]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Hymns After the Small Entrance.
Apolytikion of the Feast.**

From Menaion ---

Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

For the Saints.

From Menaion ---

Mode 4. N/M (Come quickly.)

Devoutly you traveled the road of virtue, O Saint, and you became a bride of God the Logos, O august Anyisia, and rejoicing you competed in martyrdom. And you, O Saint Melanie, were luminous in the light of dispassion, and you shined the bright rays of virtue into the world. And now, you pray that Christ the Lord be merciful to us. [SD]

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

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

From Menaion ---

Kontakion.

Mode 3. Automelon.

On this day the Virgin gives * birth to the Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, * earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. * Following a star the Magi are still proceeding.

* He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God. [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

MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 103.

He makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. [SAAS]

Verse: *Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly.* [SAAS]

Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19

Brethren, Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ was faithful over his house as a son. And we are his house if we hold fast our confidence and pride in our hope firm to the end. Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their hearts; they have not known my ways.' As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never enter my rest.' " And with whom was he provoked forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the

wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they should never enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode 2. Psalm 148.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Monday of the Sixteenth Week of Luke

Mk. 12:13-17

At that time, the chief priests and scribes sent Jesus some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to entrap him in his talk. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a coin, and let me look at it." And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at 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 103.

He makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire. 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 He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, 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.

It is the Twelve Days of Christmas