

**Horologion - Midnight Office**

For a Weekday

**Menaion - January 30**

Memory of the Holy Three Hierarchs

**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)

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

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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
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Glory to the Father and the Son and the  
Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages  
of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed  
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:*

## CHOIR

### Idiomela. For the Saint.

From Menaion ---

#### Mode 2.

Come, O worshipers of the Trinity in heaven, let us praise the trinity on earth, namely that of the holy hierarchs: Gregory, who is called the Theologian, Basil, whose name means kingdom, and John rightly named after grace. They are the seas of the wisdom, the ocean currents of the Spirit, the ever-flowing springs that pour forth living

water, the lustrous pearls, the luminaries on earth, the pilots of the Church, the trees bearing bright fruit, the stewards of grace, the mouth of my Christ and champions of the Trinity. by which they are directly illumined. And they unceasingly pray on behalf of our souls. [nk]

#### Mode 2.

They are embers, lit by the unbearable fire, and through them we have been illumined. Therefore let us faithfully extol them. They were set afire through union with that divine fire, and they became luminaries for the world, vivifying power for us who are poor. They proclaimed the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, in Orthodox theology. Let us salute them and say: "Rejoice, O divinely wise trinity of the Trinity!" [nk]

#### Mode pl. 2.

Let us faithfully extol the wise hierarchs Basil the Great, the divine Gregory, and John Chrysostom. They are likened to David's sling of three cords, Solomon's scarlet thread, and the triply-plaited whip of the Word. By Christ, the Chief Corner-stone, they cast down the spiritual Goliath, and they led us to unanimity in the Faith, setting a wall around it with the scarlet Blood of Christ. With their words, they cast far from the enclosures of Christ's divine flock those leaders of heresy who made merchandise of the things of God. And now they strengthen the Faith, and they intercede with the Lord that He have mercy on our souls. [nk]

#### Mode pl. 4.

The grace of God has appeared to all men. Through these three teachers, it instructs us

to adorn our manners and to better our way of life, so that our mind may be illumined with the light of divine knowledge. So, let us cry out in prayer: "O Holy Trinity, Lord of all, by the prayers of Your three shepherds, preserve this Your flock in peace, in safety, and free of sorrow; and save us, in Your love for humanity. [nk]

**Mode pl. 2.**

O worshipful Holy Trinity, glory to Your wise providence! For You have given to humanity the three great luminaries from among men; they shine with the light of Your knowledge and the radiance of Your saving and divine desires! Thereby the whole world, enriched with the light of spiritual knowledge, has been made splendid by Your glory, and it hastens to You blessed kingdom, and it convinces us to heed to their divine teachings. And now we pray You, O Holy Trinity, hear their supplications on our behalf, and as God most compassionate, save our souls, in Your love for humanity. [nk]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 2.**

O fans of the Church's feasts, let us come together and with songs of praise let us extol the holy hierarchs of Christ, the glory of the fathers, the pillars of the Faith, the teachers and preservers of the faithful, and let us say: "Rejoice, O all-wise Basil, beacon and indestructible tower of the Church! Rejoice, O Gregory the Theologian, celestial mind and greatest among hierarchs! Rejoice, O solid gold John of golden eloquence, preacher of repentance! O fathers who are thrice honored, never cease in your supplications

to Christ on behalf of those who with faith and love observe your most sacred and divine celebration." [nk]

Both now.

**Mode pl. 2.**

O fans of the Church's feasts, let us come together and with songs of praise let us extol the only Theotokos, the beauty of virginity, the joy of the Bodiless hosts, the firm rampart of the faithful, and let us say: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin Mother, radiant lamp and gate of heaven! Rejoice, O most pure one, sacred tabernacle that contained God in your womb! Rejoice! You are incomparably superior to all celestial hierarchies! Therefore, O Virgin Mother, our Lady, never cease to protect your servants, who ever extol you with faith and love, and who revere your seedless childbirth." [nk]

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**PRIEST**

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**READER**

Amen.

**Apolytikion.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 1.**

Those three magnificent luminaries of the tri-solar Godhead, who lit up the whole world with rays of divine doctrines; those mellifluent rivers of wisdom, who irrigated all creation with the waters of the knowledge of God; Basil the Great, and Gregory the Theologian, and the illustrious John, whose tongue produced golden words! Let all of us who are enamored of their words come together and sing hymns to honor them. For they are ever interceding with the Trinity on our behalf. <sup>[SD]</sup>

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.)*