

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

To be used only if Thanksgiving Day falls on the Leavetaking, Nov. 25.

The First Antiphon.

Verse 1: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain.

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

Verse 2: Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

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

Verse 3: God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God.

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

Glory... Both now...

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

The Second Antiphon.

Verse 1: The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse 2: This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse 3: Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness.

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory... Both now...

Only begotten Son and Word of God...

The Third Antiphon.

Verse 1: Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

Today is the prelude of the goodwill of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.

The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.

Let us rejoice and sing to her,
rejoice O fulfillment, of the Creator's dispensation.

Verse 2: The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Today is the prelude of the goodwill of God ...

Verse 3: Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

Today is the prelude of the goodwill of God ...

First Antiphon.

Verse 1: It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High,

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Verse 2: To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night, on a psaltery of ten strings, with an ode upon the harp.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Verse 3: They shall still increase in a ripe old age, and happy shall they be to proclaim that upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Second Antiphon.

Verse 1: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

O Son of God Who art wondrous in the saints, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Verse 2: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

O Son of God Who art wondrous in the saints, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Verse 3: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

O Son of God Who art wondrous in the saints, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon.

Verse 1: Come let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.

The appropriate Apolytikion from Great Vespers.

Verse 2: Let us come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto Him.

The appropriate Apolytikion from Great Vespers.

Verse 3: For the Lord is a great God and a great king over all the earth.

The appropriate Apolytikion from Great Vespers.

The Eisodikon.

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God Who art wondrous in the saints, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia!

The Apolytikia.

If Thanksgiving falls on Nov.22-25, we begin with the following in Tone 4.

Today is the prelude of the goodwill of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her,
rejoice O fulfillment, of the Creator's dispensation.

For Thanksgiving in Tone 3.

Unoriginate Father, Incarnate Son and Holy Spirit,
On this revered day as throughout the year,
Accept our sacrifice of thanksgiving,
For all the bounties bestowed upon us,
And in Thy mercy overlook our unworthiness,
That with boldness we may cry to Thee our Creator and Benefactor,
O most gracious Trinity, glory to Thee!

The Apolytikion of the Patron Saint of the Church Temple.

Then, if Thanksgiving falls on Nov.22-25, sing the following Kontakion in Tone 4.

The all-pure temple of the Savior,
the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin,
the treasure-house of the glory of God,
today enters the Temple of the Lord,
bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit:
whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song;
for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

But if Thanksgiving falls on Nov.26-28, sing the following in Tone 3.

Today the Virgin comes to the cave
to give birth in an ineffable manner to the pre-eternal Word;
rejoice when you here O universe,
and with the angels and shepherds, glorify the pre-eternal God,
Who appears by His own will as a little child.

The Prokeimenon.

I will sing praises to my God because He has dealt lovingly with me.

Verse: Yea I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

verse: I will sing praise to my God.

The Epistle.

Colossians (3:12-17)

Brethren, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, put on, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Alleluarion.

(Ps.116: 12,17)

Verse 1: What shall I render to the Lord, for all His bounty to me?

Verse 2: I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the Name of the Lord

The Gospel.

Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

The Koinonikon.

I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.