

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON THURSDAY, JULY 06, 2017**  
**FOURTH THURSDAY AFTER PENTECOST &**  
**FOURTH THURSDAY OF MATTHEW**

APOSTLES ARCHIPPUS, PHILEMON AND ONESIMOS OF THE SEVENTY; MARTYRS LUCY THE VIRGIN,  
REX THE IMPERIAL VICAR IN CAMPANIA AND 24 OTHERS WITH THEM; MARTYRS APOLLONIUS,  
EPIMACHUS & ALEXANDER

*NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.*

**Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.**

**Choir: Lord, have mercy.**

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

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

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- *Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SISOËS THE GREAT IN TONE ONE

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Sisoës, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ARCHANGELS IN TONE FOUR

(\*\**Thou Who wast raised up*\*\*)

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy, beseech you that by your petitions ye encompass us with the shadow of your immaterial glory, preserving us who kneel and cry ceaselessly: Deliver us from oppressions, since ye art the princes of the ranks of dominions on high.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Fourth Thursday after Pentecost)

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:17-29)**

Brethren, in Christ Jesus I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written, "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him." This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be sped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little. At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem with aid for the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem; they were pleased to do it, and indeed, they are in debt to them, for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. When therefore I have completed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go on by way of you to Spain; and I know that when I come to you I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Thursday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (12:46-13:3)**

At that time, while Jesus was speaking to the people, behold, His mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to Him. But He replied to the man who told Him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother." That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He entered a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

## KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THURSDAYS IN TONE EIGHT

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

Alleluia.

## THE DISMISSAL

Bishop: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven, especially the Archangel Michael, the patron and protector of this holy community; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now

celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of our Righteous Father Sisoës the Great of Egypt; Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Onesimos of the Seventy; Martyrs Lucy the Virgin, Rex the Imperial Vicar in Campania and 24 others with them; and the Martyrs Apollonius, Epimachus and Alexander, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Choir: Ton dhespotin ke Archierea imon Kyrie philate: Eis polla eti, Dhespota. Eis polla eti, Dhespota. Eis polla eti, Dhespota.

(Choir: *Preserve, O Lord, our master and chief priest, and grant him many years: many years to thee, master; many years to thee, master; many years to thee, master.*)

Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Bishop: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

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