

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2017
AFTER-FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST
GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE THE GENERAL
PROPHET ZACHARIAH; SABBAS II, ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA

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 FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made concerning the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

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

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O most mighty, with Thy glory and Thy majesty. Bend Thy bow, and prosper, and reign.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under Thee. (*Refrain*)

The scepter of Thy kingdom is a righteous scepter. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations. (*Now sing the Apolytikion of the Presentation.*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE AFTER-FEAST

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. THEODORE THE GENERAL IN TONE FOUR

(***Thou who wast raised up***)

In truth enlisted with the King of the Heavens, * thou didst become for Him a noble commander, * O trophy-bearer and Great Martyr Theodore. * With the weaponry of faith * didst thou arm thyself wisely * and didst utterly destroy * all the hordes of the demons, * as a triumphant athlete of the Lord; * wherefore we ever do faithfully call thee blest.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE PROPHET ZACHARIAH IN TONE TWO

As we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Zachariah, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, O thou who dost preside over the Apostles, by the power of the venerable chains thou didst bear. While honouring them with faith, we beseech thee, that through thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Theodore the General)

God is wonderful among his saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

(For St. Theodore the General)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:16-22)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all for My Name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."

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

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR WEDNESDAYS IN TONE EIGHT

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

THE DISMISSAL

Bishop: May He Who deigned to be carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous for our salvation, 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; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles, especially Peter, the patron and protector of this holy community; 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 the Great-martyr Theodore the General; the Prophet Zachariah; and Sabbas the Second, archbishop of Serbia, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy upon 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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