

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SEPTEMBER 01
BEGINNING OF THE INDICTION: ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR
RIGHTEOUS SIMEON THE STYLITE; SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS AT MIASINAE

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.

- *During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Indiction, followed by the Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn).*

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 FOR THE INDICTION IN TONE TWO

O Thou Creator of the whole universe, Who didst appoint times by Thine own power, bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord. Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy city, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE SEVEN

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, O haven and intercessor for mankind; for from thee was the Deliverer of the world incarnate; and thou alone art Mother and Virgin, blessed and glorified always. Intercede, therefore, with Christ God, to grant safety to all the universe.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. SIMEON THE STYLITE IN TONE ONE

For patience thou hast become a pillar, and the ancient fathers thou hast equaled and rivaled. Thou hast rivaled Job in sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the incorporeals while thou wast in the flesh. Therefore, O our righteous Father Simeon, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION FOR THE INDICTION IN TONE FOUR

(**Thou Who wast raised up**)

O God of all, Thou Who hast made all the ages, * O Sovereign Lord, truly transcendent in essence, * bestow Thy grace and blessing on the year to come; * and, O Most Compassionate, * in Thine infinite mercy * save all them that worship Thee, * Who alone art our Master, * and that with fear, O Savior, cry to Thee: * Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Indiction)

Great is our Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-7)

Timothy, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Indiction)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (4:16-22)

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” And Jesus closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual. The only remaining variable is the Koinonika. The choirs sing both.*

KOINONIKA (COMMUNION HYMNS) IN TONE EIGHT

Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord. Alleluia.

AND

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia.

- *After “Blessed be the Name of the Lord”, the “Service of Supplication on the First Day of the New Year” takes place. For the complete structure of the Service, consult “The Liturgikon” (3rd edition), Pgs. 418-423.*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother—whose Synaxis of her miracle wrought at Miasinae Monastery and the Great Conflagration (fire) which followed we now celebrate—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; 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 Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the holy and righteous Simeon the Stylite and his mother Martha; the 40 virgin-martyrs and Ammon the deacon in Heraclea; Venerable Evanthia of Skepsis; Righteous Joshua, son of Nun (Jesus of Navi); Meletios the New of Mount Myoupolis; Venerable Nicholas of Crete; New-martyr Angelis of Constantinople; the martyr Aethalas of Persia; and the martyrs Callista, Evodus and Hermogenes the siblings, 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.

Priest: 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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