

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
TONE 2 / EOTHINON 11; ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
 AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
 RECOVERY FROM EDESSA OF THE ICON OF CHRIST NOT MADE BY HANDS:
 'THE HOLY NAPKIN'

THE FIRST ANTIPHON	الانتيفونا الأولى
Shout with joy to God, all the earth, give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name. Declare His works among the nations. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. (Refrain) Glory... Both now... (Refrain)	هَلِّلُوا لِلَّهِ يَا جَمِيعَ الْأَرْضِ، اعْتَرِفُوا لَهُ وَسَبِّحُوا لِاسْمِهِ. اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا. فِي مَدِينَةِ رَبِّ الْقَوَّاتِ فِي مَدِينَةِ إِهْنَا، صَارَ مَوْضِعُهُ بِسَلَامٍ وَمَسْكَنُهُ فِي صِهْيُون. (اللازمة) الْمَجْدُ ... الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ ... (اللازمة)
THE SECOND ANTIPHON	الانتيفونا الثانية
The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, <u>Who art risen from the dead</u>, who sing to Thee: Alleluia. God hath laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. (Refrain) The most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. (Refrain) Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...	الرَّبُّ يُحِبُّ أَبْوَابَ صِهْيُونَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ جَمِيعِ مَسَاكِنِ يَعْقُوبَ. لَقَدْ حَدَّثَ عَنْكَ بِالْمَفَاخِرِ يَا مَدِينَةَ اللَّهِ. اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ: هَلِّلُوبِيا. اللَّهُ أَسَّسَهَا إِلَى الدَّهْرِ. يَا اللَّهُ رَحْمَتُكَ فِي وَسْطِ شَعْبِكَ. (اللازمة) وَالْعَلِيِّ قَدَّسَ مَسْكَنَهُ. (اللازمة) الْمَجْدُ ... الْآنَ ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ ...
THE THIRD ANTIPHON	الانتيفونا الثالثة
Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.	مُسْتَعِدُّ قَلْبِي يَا اللَّهُ إِنَّ قَلْبِي لَمُسْتَعِدُّ. بِمَاذَا أَكْفِيُ الرَّبَّ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانِي؟ كَأْسَ الْخَلَاصِ أَتَنَاولُ وَبِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعُو.
• During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the apolytikion of the Dormition. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." as on ordinary Sundays. After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:	

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO	أبوليتيكيون القيامة بالحن الثاني
When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.	عِنَّمَا انْحَدَرْتَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، أَيُّهَا الْحَيَاةُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، حِينَئِذٍ أَمَتَ الْجَحِيمَ بِبَرَقِ لَاهُوتِكَ. وَعِنَّمَا أَقَمْتَ الْأَمْوَاتَ مِنْ تَحْتِ الثَّرَى، صَرَخَ نَحْوَكُ جَمِيعُ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيِّينَ: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُ، مُعْطِي الْحَيَاةِ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.
APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE	أبوليتيكيون رُقَادِ الْإِلَهِ بِالْحَنِ الْأَوَّلِ
In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.	فِي مِيلَادِكَ حَفِظْتَ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ وَصُنَّتِهَا، وَفِي رُقَادِكَ مَا أَهْمَلْتَ الْعَالَمَ وَتَرَكْتَهُ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، لِأَنَّكَ انْتَقَلْتَ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ أُمُّ الْحَيَاةِ. فَبِشَفَاعَاتِكَ، أَنْقِذِي مِنَ الْمَوْتِ نَفُوسَنَا.
APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY NAPKIN IN TONE TWO	أبوليتيكيون المنديل الشريف بالحن الثاني
Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.	لِصُورَتِكَ الطَّاهِرَةِ نَسْجُدُ أَيُّهَا الصَّالِحُ، طَالِبِينَ غُفْرَانَ الْخَطَايَا أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، لِأَنَّكَ قَبِلْتَ أَنْ تَرْتَفِعَ بِالْجَسَدِ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ طَوْعاً، لِتُنَجِّيَ الَّذِينَ خَلَقْتَ مِنْ عُبُودِيَّةِ الْعَدُوِّ. لِذَلِكَ نَهْتَفُ إِلَيْكَ بِشُكْرٍ: لَقَدْ مَلَأْتَ الْكُلَّ فَرَحاً يَا مُخَلِّصَنَا، إِذْ أَتَيْتَ لِتُخَلِّصَ الْعَالَمَ.
• Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.	
KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO	قنداق رُقَادِ الْإِلَهِ بِالْحَنِ الثَّانِي
Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.	أُمُّ الْإِلَهِ الْقَوِيَّةُ فِي الشَّفَاعَةِ، وَالْعَوْنُ الَّذِي لَا يَخِيبُ فِي الْحِمَايَةِ، لَمْ تُضْبَطْ فِي قَبْرِ وَلَا فِي مَوْتٍ، بَلْ كَأُمِّ الْحَيَاةِ نَقَلَهَا إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ ابْنُهَا الَّذِي حَلَّ فِي حَشَاهَا الدَّائِمِ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ.
THE EPISTLE (For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)	الرسالة (للأحد الحادي عشر بعد العنصرة)
<i>The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.</i> The Reading from the First Epistle of	فُوتِي وَتَسَبَّحْتِي الرَّبَّ. أُنْبَأَ أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبَّ. فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى

St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

Brethren, the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord. My defense to those who would examine me is this: Do we have no authority regarding what to eat and what to drink? Do we have no authority to lead about a wife, who is a sister, as the rest of the apostles, even as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no authority to refrain from working? Which soldier ever served at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit thereof? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat from the milk of the flock? Do I speak of these things according to human nature? Or does not the Law say the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Thou shalt not muzzle an ox which treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God cares, or does He say it altogether for our sakes? Indeed, for our sakes it was written: because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope, so that the same might partake in hope. If we have sown in you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we should reap your carnal things? If others are partakers of this authority over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this authority, but we endure all things, in order that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

إلى أهل كورنثوس. (١٢-٢:٩)

يا إخوة، إن خاتم رسالتي هو أنتم في الرب. وهذا هو احتجاجي عند الذين يفحصونني. ألعنا لا سلطان لنا أن نأكل ونشرب؟ ألعنا لا سلطان لنا أن نجول بامرأة أخت كسائر الرسل وإخوة الرب وصفا؟ أم أنا وبرنابا وخذنا لا سلطان لنا أن لا نشغل؟ من يتجند قط والنفقة على نفسه؟ من يغرس كرماً ولا يأكل من ثمره؟ أو من يرعى قطيعاً ولا يأكل من لبن القطيع؟ ألعني أتكلم بهذا بحسب البشرية؟ أم ليس الناموس أيضاً يقول هذا؟ فإنه كتب في ناموس موسى "لا تكلم ثوراً دارساً". ألع الله تهمته الثيران؟ أم قال ذلك من أجلنا لا محالة؟ بل إنما كتب من أجلنا. لأنه ينبغي للحارث أن يحرث على الرجاء، وللدارس على الرجاء أن يكون شريكاً في الرجاء. إن كنا نحن قد زرعنا لكم الروحيات، أف يكون عظيم أن نحصد منكم الجسديات؟ إن كان آخرون يشتركون في السلطان عليكم، أفلسنا نحن أولى؟ لكننا لم نستعمل هذا السلطان، بل نختم كل شيء لئلا نُسبب تعويقاً ما لبشارة المسيح.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

الإنجيل (للأحد الحادي عشر من متى)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (١٨:٢٣-٣٥)

قال الرب هذا المثل: يُشبهه ملكوت السماوات إنساناً ملكاً أراد أن يحاسب عبيده. فلما بدأ بالمحاسبة، أحضر إليه واحد عليه عشرة آلاف وزنة. وإذ لم يكن له ما يوفي، أمر سيده أن يباع هو وامراته وأولاده وكل ما له ويوفى عنه. فخر ذلك العبد ساجداً له قائلاً: تمهل علي فأوفيك كل

of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

مَا لَكَ. فَرَّقَ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ وَأَطْلَقَهُ، وَتَرَكَ لَهُ الدِّينَ. وَبَعْدَ مَا خَرَجَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ، وَجَدَ عَبْدًا مِنْ رُفَقَائِهِ مَدْيُونًا لَهُ بِمِئَةِ دِينَارٍ، فَأَمْسَكَهُ وَأَخَذَ يَخْنُقُهُ قَائِلًا: أَوْفِنِي مَا لِي عَلَيْكَ. فَخَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ عَلَى قَدَمَيْهِ، وَطَلَبَ إِلَيْهِ قَائِلًا: تَمَهَّلْ عَلَيَّ، فَأَوْفِيكَ كُلَّ مَا لَكَ. فَأَبَى، وَمَضَى وَطَرَحَهُ فِي السَّجْنِ حَتَّى يُوفِيَ الدِّينَ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى رُفَقَاؤُهُ مَا كَانَ، حَزِنُوا جَدًّا وَجَاءُوا فَأَعْلَمُوا سَيِّدَهُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا كَانَ. حِينَئِذٍ دَعَاهُ سَيِّدُهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: أَيُّهَا الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ! كُلُّ مَا كَانَ عَلَيْكَ تَرَكَتُهُ لَكَ لِأَنَّكَ طَلَبْتَ إِلَيَّ. أَفَمَا كَانَ يَنْبَغِي لَكَ أَنْ تَرْحَمَ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا رَفِيقَكَ كَمَا رَحِمْتُكَ أَنَا؟ وَغَضِبَ سَيِّدُهُ، وَدَفَعَهُ إِلَى الْمَعْذِبِينَ حَتَّى يُوفِيَ جَمِيعَ مَا لَهُ عَلَيْهِ. فَهَكَذَا أَبِي السَّمَاوِيُّ يَصْنَعُ بِكُمْ إِنْ لَمْ تَتْرُكُوا مِنْ قُلُوبِكُمْ كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ لِأَخِيهِ زَلَّاتِهِ.

• The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother—**whose Dormition and translation into the heavens 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, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save

الختم

الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمِّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ - الَّتِي نُقِيمُ تَذْكَارَ رُقَادِهَا وَانْتِقَالِهَا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الْيَوْمَ - وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُخْيِي؛ وَبِطَلَبَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَّمَةِ الْعَايِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسَيْنِ الْمُشْرِفَيْنِ الرُّسُلِ، وَسَائِرِ الرُّسُلِ الْمُشْرِفَيْنِ الْجَدِيرَيْنِ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسَيْنِ يُوْحَنَّا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْقَمِ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ، وَالْقَدِيسَيْنِ الْمَجِيدَيْنِ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظُّفْرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشِّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (ة) (فُلَان، فُلَانة) شَفِيعِ(ة) وَحَامِي(ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسَيْنِ الصَّدِيقَيْنِ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهُ،

us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.	يُؤَاكِمَ وَحَنَّةً، وَجَمِيعَ قَدِّيسِيكَ، إِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلنَّشَرِ.
Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.	الكَاهِنُ: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِّيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.
Choir: Amen.	الجوقة: آمين.
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