

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SATURDAY OF CHEESE-FARE WEEK  
THE VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING MONASTICS  
WHO SHONE IN THE ASCETIC LIFE**

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

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

- *During the Little Entrance, sing the apolytikion of the Monastics. Then, the following:*

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.

- *After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns:*

APOLYTIKION OF THE MONASTICS IN TONE FOUR

O God of our fathers, who at all times showest lovingkindness to us: take not Thy mercy away from us; but by the intercessions of Thy saints, guide our lives in peace.

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

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO (CHANT) (CHORAL)

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 Cheese-fare Saturday)

*The saints shall rejoice in glory. The high praises of God shall be in their mouths.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (5:22-6-2)**

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For Cheese-fare Saturday)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:1-13)**

The Lord said: Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father Who is in heaven. Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do

not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father Who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Pray then like this: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues with the following variables.*

### KOINONIKON FOR CHEESE-FARE SATURDAY IN TONE EIGHT

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; they shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

Alleluia.

### THE DISMISSAL

Priest: 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; 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 monastics who shone forth in the ascetic life, whose memory we now celebrate; *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 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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