

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2025
TONE 1 / EOTHINON 4; TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN; MARTYR ATHENODOROS OF MESOPOTAMIA;
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- *During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:*

<p style="text-align: center;">RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن الأول</p>
<p>While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.</p>	<p>إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا حُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حَفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَثْنَاءِ الْمُخْلَصِ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَّاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَثْنَاءِ الْمَسِيحِ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَذَبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَذَكَ.</p>
<p>• <i>Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE (**The original melody**)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">قِنْدَاقُ تَقْدِمَةِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللْحَنِ الثَّالِثِ (**أصليَّةُ الْوِزْنِ**)</p>
<p>On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.</p>	<p>الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ، لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وَلَادَةً لَا تُفْسَرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَافْرَحِي أَثْنَاءَ الْمَسْكُونَةِ إِذَا سَمِعْتِ، وَمَجْدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيُظْهِرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">الرسالة (لِلْأَحَدِ السَّادِسِ وَالْعِشْرِينَ بَعْدَ الْعَنْصَرَةِ)</p>
<p><i>Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.</i> <i>Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.</i> The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19) Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a</p>	<p>لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، ابْتَهِجُوا أَثْنَاءَ الصَّدِيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ. فَصَلْ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ أِفْسَسَ. (١٩-٨:٥) يَا إِخْوَةُ، أَسْلُكُوا كَأَوْلَادٍ لِلنُّورِ (فَإِنَّ ثَمَرَ الرُّوحِ هُوَ فِي كُلِّ صَلاَحٍ وَبِرٍّ وَحَقٍّ) مُخْتَبِرِينَ مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى الرَّبِّ. وَلَا تَشْتَرِكُوا فِي أَعْمَالِ الظُّلْمَةِ غَيْرِ الْمُثْمِرَةِ بَلْ</p>

shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

بِالْأَحْرى وَبَخُوا عَلَيْهَا. فَإِنَّ الْأَفْعَالَ الَّتِي يَفْعَلُونَهَا سِرًّا يَتَّبَحُّ ذِكْرُهَا أَيْضًا. لَكِنَّ كُلَّ مَا يُؤَبَّخُ عَلَيْهِ يُعْلَنُ بِالنُّورِ. فَإِنَّ كُلَّ مَا يُعْلَنُ هُوَ نُورٌ. وَلِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ: اسْتَيْقِظْ أَيُّهَا النَّائِمُ وَقُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فَيُضِيءُ لَكَ الْمَسِيحُ. فَانظُرُوا إِذَنْ أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا بِحَذَرٍ لَا كَجُهْلَاءَ بَلْ كَحُكَمَاءَ، مُفْتَدِينَ الْوَقْتَ فَإِنَّ الْأَيَّامَ شَرِيرَةٌ. فَلِذَلِكَ لَا تَكُونُوا أَغْبِيَاءَ بَلْ أَفْهَمُوا مَا مَشِيئَةُ الرَّبِّ. وَلَا تَسْكُرُوا بِالْخَمْرِ الَّتِي فِيهَا الدَّعَارَةُ بَلْ امْتَلِئُوا بِالرُّوحِ، مُكَلِّمِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِمَزَامِيرَ وَتَسَابِيحَ وَأَغَانِي رُوحِيَّةٍ مُرَنِّمِينَ وَمُرْتَلِينَ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ لِلرَّبِّ.

THE GOSPEL
(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

الإنجيل (لأحد العاشر من لوقا)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي
البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (١٣: ١٠-١٧)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ يَعْلَمُ فِي أَحَدِ الْمَجَامِعِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ، وَإِذَا بِامْرَأَةٍ بِهَا رُوحٌ مَرَضٍ مُنْذُ ثَمَانِي عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وَكَانَتْ مُنْحَنِيَةً لَا تَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ تَتَّصِبَ الْبَتَّةَ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا يَسُوعُ، دَعَاَهَا وَقَالَ لَهَا: إِنَّكِ مُطْلَقَةٌ مِنْ مَرَضِكَ. وَوَضَعَ يَدَيْهِ عَلَيْهَا، وَفِي الْحَالِ اسْتَقَامَتْ، وَمَجَّدَتِ اللَّهَ. فَأَجَابَ رَئِيسُ الْمَجْمَعِ، وَهُوَ مُغْتَاطٌ لِإِبْرَاءِ يَسُوعَ فِي السَّبْتِ، وَقَالَ لِلْجَمْعِ: هِيَ سِتَّةُ أَيَّامٍ يَنْبَغِي الْعَمَلُ فِيهَا، فَفِيهَا تَأْتُونَ وَتَسْتَشْفُونَ، لَا فِي يَوْمِ السَّبْتِ. فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ: يَا مُرَائِي! أَلَيْسَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْكُمْ يَحُلُّ ثَوْرَهُ أَوْ حِمَارَهُ فِي السَّبْتِ مِنَ الْمَذُودِ وَيَنْطَلِقُ بِهِ فَيَسْقِيهِ؟ وَهَذِهِ، وَهِيَ ابْنَةُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الَّتِي رَبَطَهَا الشَّيْطَانُ مُنْذُ ثَمَانِي عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، أَمَا كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ تُطْلَقَ مِنْ هَذَا الرِّبَاطِ يَوْمَ السَّبْتِ؟ وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا، خَزِي كُلُّ مَنْ كَانَ يَقَاوِمُهُ، وَفَرِحَ الْجَمْعُ بِجَمِيعِ الْأُمُورِ الْمَجِيدَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ تَصْدُرُ مِنْهُ.

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

THE DISMISSAL	الختم
<p>Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, 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 Fathers; <i>of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community</i>; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of our father among the saints Ambrose, bishop of Milan, 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.</p>	<p>الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمِّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّالِبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي؛ وَبِطُلُبَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكَرَّمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسَيْنِ الْمُشْرِفَيْنِ الرَّسُلِ الْجَدِيرَيْنِ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ يُوحَنَّا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْقَمِّ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ، وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَجِيدِينَ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظَّفَرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشَّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (ة) (فُلَان، فُلَانَة) شَفِيعِ (ة) وَحَامِي (ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسَيْنِ الصِّدِّيقَيْنِ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَه، يُوَاكِيمَ وَحَنَّةً؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ أَمْبُرُوسِيُوسِ أَسْقَفِ مِيلَانِ، الَّذِي نُقِيمُ تَذْكَارَهُ الْيَوْمَ، وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ، إِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنَّكَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.</p>
<p>Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.</p>	<p>الكاهن: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، ارْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p>
<p>Choir: Amen.</p>	<p>الجوقة: آمين.</p>
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