

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**TONE 2 / EOTHINON 5****SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST**

MARTYRS THYRSOS, LEUKIOS AND KALLINIKOS OF APOLLONIA;
MARTYRS PHILEMON, APOLLONIOS, HYPATIOS AND ARRIANOS OF ALEXANDRIA

- *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:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO	أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن 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.	عِنْدَمَا انْحَدَرْتَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، أَيُّهَا الْحَيَاءُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، حِينَئِذٍ أَمَتِ الْجَحِيمَ بِبَرَقِ لَاهُوتِكَ. وَعِنْدَمَا أَقَمْتَ الْأَمْوَاتَ مِنْ تَحْتِ الثَّرَى، صَرَخَ نَحْوُكَ جَمِيعُ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيِّينَ: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مُعْطِي الْحَيَاةِ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.
APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO	أبوليتيكيون الأجداد باللحن الثاني
Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.	لَقَدْ زَكَّيْتَ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْآبَاءَ الْقَدَمَاءَ، وَبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ فَحَطَبْتَ الْبَيْعَةَ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأُمَمِ، فَالْقَدِّيسُونَ بِالْمَجْدِ يَفْتَخِرُونَ، إِذْ مِنْ زَرْعِهِمْ أُيْنِعَتْ ثَمَرَةٌ حَسَبِيَّةٌ، وَهِيَ الَّتِي وَلَدَتْكَ بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ. فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ ارْحَمْنَا.
• <i>Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.</i>	
KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE (**The original melody**)	قِنْدَاقُ تَقْدِمَةِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللْحَنِ الثَّالِثِ (**أَصْلِيَّةُ الْوِزْنِ**)
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.	الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ، لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وَلَادَةً لَا تُفْسَرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَأَفْرَحِي أَيُّهَا الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعْتَ، وَمَجِّدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيُظْهِرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ.

<p>THE EPISTLE (For the Forefathers)</p> <p><i>Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.</i></p> <p><i>For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.</i></p> <p>The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)</p> <p>Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.</p>	<p>الرسالة (للأجداد)</p> <p>مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا . لَأَنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا .</p> <p>فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى كُولُوسِّي. (٣: ٤-١١)</p> <p>يَا إِخْوَةَ، مَتَى ظَهَرَ الْمَسِيحُ الَّذِي هُوَ حَيَاتُنَا، فَانْتُمْ أَيْضاً تَظْهَرُونَ حَيْنئِذٍ مَعَهُ فِي الْمَجْدِ. فَأَمِيتُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ: الزَّنى، وَالنَّجَاسَةَ، وَالْهَوَى، وَالشَّهْوَةَ الرَّدِيَّةَ، وَالطَّمَعُ الَّذِي هُوَ عِبَادَةُ وَتَنٍ. لِأَنَّهُ لِأَجْلِ هَذِهِ يَأْتِي غَضَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَبْنَاءِ الْعِصْيَانِ. وَفِي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً سَلَكَتُمْ حِيناً إِذْ كُنْتُمْ عَائِشِينَ فِيهَا. أَمَّا الْآنَ، فَانْتُمْ أَيْضاً اطْرَحُوا الْكُلَّ: الْغَضَبَ، وَالسَّخَطَ، وَالْخُبْثَ، وَالتَّجْدِيفَ، وَالْكَلامَ الْقَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ. وَلَا يُكْذِبْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً، بَلِ اخْلَعُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْعَتِيقَ مَعَ أَعْمَالِهِ. وَالْبَسُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْجَدِيدَ الَّذِي يَتَجَدَّدُ لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ عَلَى صُورَةِ خَالِقِهِ. حَيْثُ لَيْسَ يُونَانِيٌّ وَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ، لَا خِتَانٌ وَلَا قَلْفٌ، لَا بَرَبَرِيٌّ وَلَا اسْكِيثِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَفِي الْجَمِيعِ.</p>
<p>THE GOSPEL (For the Forefathers)</p> <p>The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)</p> <p>The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’”</p>	<p>الإنجيل (للأجداد)</p> <p>فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (١٤: ١٦-٢٤)</p> <p>قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ صَنَعَ عَشَاءً عَظِيماً وَدَعَا كَثِيرِينَ. فَأَرْسَلَ عَبْدَهُ فِي سَاعَةِ الْعَشَاءِ يَقُولُ لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ: تَعَالَوْا فَإِنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قَدْ أُعِدَّ. فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ وَاحِدٌ فَوَاحِدٌ يَسْتَعْفُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْأَوَّلُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ حَقْلاً، وَلَا بُدَّ لِي أَنْ أَخْرُجَ وَأَنْظُرَهُ، فَأَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْتَنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ خَمْسَةَ فِدَادِينَ بَقَرٍ وَأَنَا مَاضٍ لِأَجْرِبَهَا، فَأَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْتَنِي. وَقَالَ</p>

And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

الْآخَرُ: قَدْ تَزَوَّجْتُ امْرَأَةً، فَلِذَلِكَ لَا أَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أَجِيءَ. فَأَتَى الْعَبْدُ وَأَخْبَرَ سَيِّدَهُ بِذَلِكَ. فَحِينِذٍ، غَضِبَ رَبُّ الْبَيْتِ، وَقَالَ لِعَبْدِهِ: أَخْرِجْ سَرِيعاً إِلَى شَوَارِعِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَرْقِطْهَا وَأَدْخِلِ الْمَسَاكِينَ وَالْجُدَعَ وَالْعُمْيَانَ وَالْعُرْجَ إِلَى هَهُنَا. فَقَالَ الْعَبْدُ: يَا سَيِّدُ، قَدْ قُضِيَ مَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ، وَيَبْقَى أَيْضاً مَحَلٌّ. فَقَالَ السَيِّدُ لِلْعَبْدِ: أَخْرِجْ إِلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَالْأَسْجَةِ وَاضْطَرِّرْهُمْ إِلَى الدُّخُولِ حَتَّى يَمْتَلِئَ بَيْتِي. فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَا يَذُوقُ عَشَائِي أَحَدٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الرِّجَالِ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ. لِأَنَّ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ كَثِيرُونَ وَالْمُخْتَارِينَ قَلِيلُونَ.

• 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; 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 Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

الختم

الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمِّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّالِبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُخْيِي؛ وَبِطِلَابَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَّمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوَحْنَا الْمَعْمَدَانِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمُشْرِفِينَ الرُّسُلِ الْجَدِيرِينَ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ يُوحْنَا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْفَمِ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ، وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَجِيدِينَ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظَّفَرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشَّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (ة) (فُلَانِ، فُلَانَةِ) شَفِيعِ (ة) وَحَامِي (ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهُ، يُوَاكِمَ وَحَنَّةً؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ أَجْدَادَ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذَكَارَهُمُ الْيَوْمَ، وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ، أَرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنَّكَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلنَّشَرِ.

<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 الْقِدِّيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p>
<p>Choir: Amen.</p>	<p>الجوق: آمين.</p>
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