

LITURGICAL VARIABLES – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

*The Holy Prophet Nahum; Venerable Philaret the Almsgiver of Amnia;
Martyr Ananias the Persian*

FIRST ANTIPHON

It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name,
O Most High!

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy and Thy truth by night. *(Refrain)*
Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
(Refrain)

Glory...Both now...*(Refrain)*

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord is King; He is clothed with majesty! The Lord is clothed with
strength and hath girt Himself.

*Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead:
who sing to Thee: Alleluia!*

For He established the world which shall not be shaken. *(Refrain)*
Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days. *(Refrain)*
Glory...Both now...O Only-begotten Son...

• *During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Resurrection,
then the following Entrance Hymn:*

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God,
Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

• *After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic
powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to
keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not
tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the
world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS (TONE 4)

In truth you were revealed to your flock, as a rule of faith, a model of
meekness and a teacher of self-control. Therefore, you have won the
heights by humility, riches by poverty. Holy Father, Bishop Nicholas,
intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (TONE 3)

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.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.*

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He
loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with
Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that
in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved
through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not
because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43)


At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

COMMUNION HYMN OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 8)

Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest!

THE SYNAXARION

On December 1, we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Nahum. Nahum was born of the tribe of Simeon in a place called Elkosh on the far side of the Jordan. He lived about seven hundred years before Christ and prophesied the destruction of Nineveh about two hundred years after the Prophet Jonah had warned the Ninevites. Because of Jonah's preaching, the Ninevites had repented, and God had spared them and not destroyed them. In time, however, they forgot God's mercy and again became corrupt. The Prophet Nahum prophesied their destruction, and since there was no repentance, God did not spare them. The entire city was destroyed by earthquake, flood and fire, so that its location is no longer known. The Prophet Nahum lived for forty-five years and entered into rest in the Lord, leaving us a small book of his true prophecies.



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