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Welcome visitors! If you are visiting with us for the first time, we greet you in the Holy Name of Christ, our Saviour, and hope you will join us in fellowship after worship. We are genuinely pleased to have you with us today. We must remind you that while the Orthodox Church prays for the unity of all, we do not practice “open Communion.” Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting, and regular confession should approach the chalice.

For questions, please contact Fr. James Purdie.  
Blessings.



The Holy Great Martyr Menas of Egypt, an Egyptian by birth, was a military officer and served in the Kotyaeion region of Phrygia under the centurion Firmilian during the reign of the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). When the emperors began the fiercest persecution against Christians in history, the saint refused to serve these persecutors. He removed his soldier's belt (a sign of military rank) and withdrew to a mountain, where he lived an ascetic life of fasting and prayer.

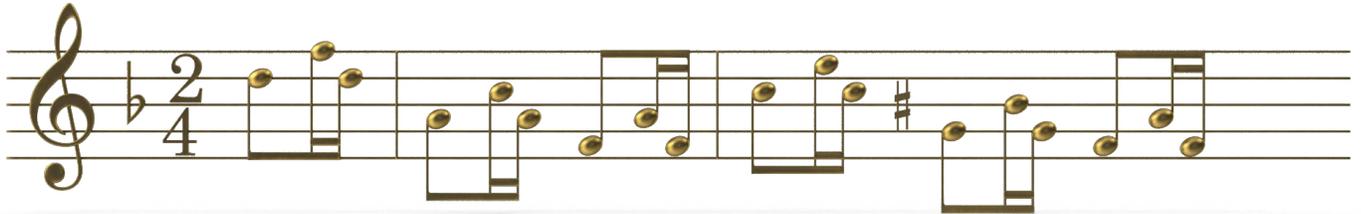
Once he happened to arrive in the city during a pagan festival. At the climax of the games the saint's accusing voice rang out, preaching faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. At his trial before the prefect Pyrrhus, the saint bravely confessed his faith, saying that he had come to denounce the impious. The prefect was angered, and had Menas arrested.

Pyrrhus offered to restore the saint's former rank if he would offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. When he refused, he was put to cruel tortures, then he was beheaded. This occurred in the year 304. Christians gathered up the martyr's relics by night and hid them until the end of the persecution. Later, they were brought to Egypt and placed in a church dedicated to Saint Menas southwest of Alexandria.

The saint received grace from God to work miracles, and to help those in need. Saint Menas is noted for healing various illnesses, delivering people from possession by demons, and as a protector, especially during times of war. We also ask his help in finding lost objects.

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# THE ANTIPHON



## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX**

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 FOR SS. GURIA, SHAMUNA AND HABIB IN TONE FIVE**

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

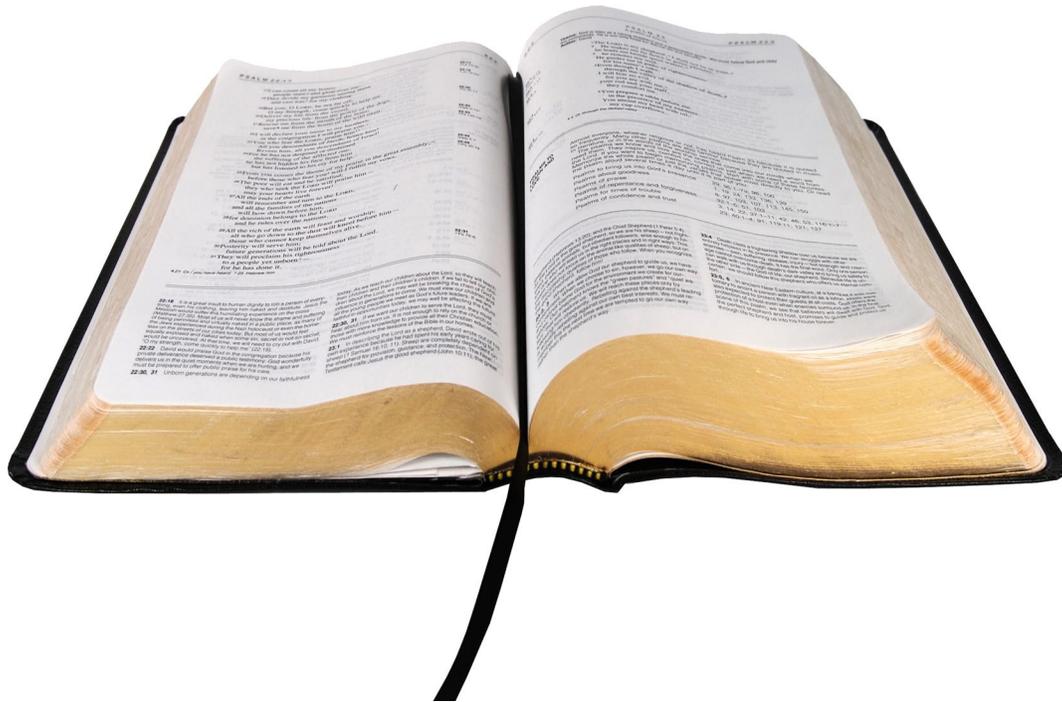
## **TROPARION OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT IN TONE ONE**

In all the earth that receiveth thy sayings, thy melody did resound O righteous Father, through which Thou didst go about and proclaim as worthy of God the nature of creatures, cultivating the character of mankind, O Thou of kingly priesthood Basil, wherefore plead thou with Christ-God to save our souls.

## **KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, \* the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, \* the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, \* into the House of the Lord \* on this day is brought forward \* and bringeth with herself the grace \* of the Most Divine Spirit; \* her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, \* for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

# THE EPISTLE



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

**The 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

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## **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going

down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

# THE KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN)

Praise the Lord from the Heavens; Praise Him in the highest; Alleluia.



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT (PRAY SILENTLY AFTER RECEIVING THE HOLY GIFTS)

O Master, Christ our God, King of all ages and Maker of all things, I thank Thee for all the good things which Thou hast given me and of partaking of Thine immaculate and life-giving Mysteries. Wherefore, I pray Thee, who art good and loves mankind, keep me under Thy protection and in the shadow of Thy wings, and grant me a pure conscience, even unto my last breath to partake of Thy Holy Gifts for unto Thee we ascribe glory and thanksgiving, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

# OFFERINGS

+ Prayers of Health and Safety are offered for +



Davis family, Lunsford family, McAddis family, Freedman family, Leary family, Hovarter family, Holden family, Klein family, Thieme family, Crawford family, Joiner family, Cooper family, Hovan family, Fields family, Whelan family, Jake and family, Adam and family, Susan and family, Tilahun and family, Charlie, Anastasia, Maria, Nathan, Camron, Erik, Esra, Lee, Aaron, Kathy, Lisa, Alix, Seraphim, Bridgid, Anne, Michael, Robert, Margaret, Ethan, Scott, Grant, Thades, Ekatorina, Angelina, Igor, Roman, Alexander, Mark, Alexander, Catherine, Maria, Anna, David, Nicole, Nun Thecla, Bowman family,

Neal family, John, Cheryl, Edens family, Jeffery, Celeste, Howell family, Brown family, Nasi family, Saur family, Nolan and family, Sylvia family, Amanda, Logan, Jack and child, Zambonini family, Dn. Kirk and family, Dn. Steve and family, Fr. James and family, Fr. Elia and family, Fr. Earl and family, Fr. Adam and family, Fr. Isaac and family, Dn. Chris and family, Dn. John and family, Fr. Antonio and family, Justin, Taylor, Ben, Daniel, Irina, Oxana, John, Christopher, Daniel, Sophia, George, Christopher, Daria and child, Elizabeth and child, Archimandrite Schema Ilya

# OFFERINGS

\*\*\* Prayers of Loving Memory are offered for \*\*\*



Marvin, Erica, Lydia, Victor, Tatyana,  
Alexander, Evdokia, Ephimia, Ephim,  
Michael, Alexey, Alexandra, Alexander, Yuri,  
Boris, Valentin, Valentina, Fr. Neil, Vladimir,  
Jean, Radovanka, William, Lazar, Kh.  
Anastasia, Elder Ephraim, Bp. Milutin,

Fr. John, Archbishop Pimen, Fr. Elias,  
Almira, Fr. Michael, Fr. Michael, Fr.  
Joseph, Oksana, Subdeacon Nicholas, Paul,  
Metropolitan Theododius, Ralph, Gabby,  
Patricia, Priscilla, Dan, Russel, Sylvia Jean,  
Christopher, Bp. Antoun, Metropolitan Philip

**Holy Bread is offered by Meron Lulseged for the health, safety, and memory of her loved ones.**

## The Good Samaritan



The Lord used the story of the Good Samaritan to teach us about what it means to share in His life. Purely out of compassionate, boundless love, Christ came to heal us from the self-imposed pain and misery that our sins have worked on our souls. He came to conquer our slavery to the fear of death, which is the wages of sin. Like the Samaritan, He was despised and rejected. In the parable, the religious leaders were of no help to the man who was robbed, beaten, and left to die. Likewise, the legalistic, hypocritical religious leaders who rejected the Messiah were of no spiritual benefit to those who needed healing from the ravages of sin. Laws can be interpreted and applied however someone sees fit, but they lack the power to heal anyone, much less to raise the dead. Christ has brought salvation to the world, not by merely giving us a code of conduct, but by making us participants in His divine life by grace. By becoming fully human even as He remains fully divine, He has restored and fulfilled the basic human vocation to become like God in holiness. Only the God-Man could do that. If we are truly in communion with Him, then His boundless love must become characteristic of our lives. Among other things, that means gaining the strength to love our neighbors as ourselves by showing them mercy. Doing that even for those we love most in life is often difficult because our self-centeredness makes it hard to give anyone the same consideration we give ourselves. When it comes to particular people we do not like or to members of groups we perceive as threats or enemies, learning to love them as the Savior has loved us may seem impossibly hard. Here it is helpful to remember what the Samaritan in the parable did for the robbed and beaten man. He administered first aid, took him to an inn, paid the innkeeper to care for him, and promised to pay for any additional expenses when he returned. Christ does the same for us in baptism, the Eucharist, and the full sacramental life of the Church, which is a hospital for our recovery from the ravages of sin. Through the Church, He also calls us to spiritual disciplines that help us gain the strength to convey His mercy to our neighbors by loving them as we love ourselves.

+ Fr. Philip LeMasters