

Order of the Divine Liturgy

Saturday of the 7th Week

Commemoration of Aicepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, & Aeithalas the Deacon,
Martyrs of Persia

November 3, 2012

APOLYTIKIA

Thy Martyrs, O Lord (*Hymn of the Feast*)

(*following the Doxology*)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou are merciful.

Thy Martyrs, O Lord

(*as the Priest exits with the Gospel*)

(*above*)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord

(*as the Priest re-enters the Alter*)

(*above*)

Having seen the image (*Hymn of the Church*)

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

KONTAKION (*relating to the Season or Feast*)

A protection of Christians

A protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in Faith to you; hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

EPISTLE

II Corinthians 5:1-10

GOSPEL

Luke 9:1-6