

Order of the Divine Liturgy

Saturday of the 10th Week

Commemoration of Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium; Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum; Ischyron, Bishop of Egypt; Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

November 23, 2013

APOLYTIKIA

O God of our Fathers

O God of our Fathers, ever dealing with us according to Thy gentleness: take not Thy mercy from us, but by their entreaties guide our life in peace.

Today is the prelude

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Having seen the image

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*)

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

EPISTLE

II Corinthians 5:1-10

GOSPEL

Luke 10:19-21