

Divine Liturgy Variables on February 11

BLAISE THE HIEROMARTYR OF SEBASTIA

Blaise the Hieromartyr of Sebastia, Theodora the Empress, Finding of the relics of Zachariah the Prophet, Father of the Holy Forerunner, George the Serbian

THE FIRST ANTIPHON AS USUAL

Through the intercessions ...

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Save us, O Son of God, ***Who art wondrous in the Saints***, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

THE ENTRANCE

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BLAISE IN TONE FOUR

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THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, ***Who art wondrous in the Saints***, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

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⇒ *Now sing the apolytikion of the St. George*

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE (For St. Blaise)

The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

The Reading from the St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (4:14 – 16; 5:1 – 6)

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he

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himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

ALLELUIA VERSES

Verse 1: Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

Verse 2: The Lord swore to David this truth, and He shall not reject it, "I shall set upon your throne one from the fruit of your loins."

THE GOSPEL (For St. Blaise)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:1, 5 – 8)

At that time, Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

⇒ *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual. The only remaining variable is the Koinonikon (communion hymn).*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE SAINT IN TONE EIGHT

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, they shall not fear evil tidings.

Alleluia (3x)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May 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 Hieromartyr Charalampos the wonderworker, bishop of Magnesia, 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.

Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.