

Order of the Divine Liturgy

8th Sunday of Luke

Commemoration of Saint Menas of Egypt, Saints Victor, Vincent, and Stephanie, Martyrs

November 11, 2012

APOLYTIKIA

Thy Martyrs

(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 art merciful.

The Angelic Powers

(as the Priest exits with the Gospel)

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary, seeking Your pure and sacred Body, then You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the Virgin, bestowing the gift of life. O You Who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

Thy Martyrs

(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)*

O protection of Christians

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.

EPISTLE

II Corinthians 4:6-15

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37