

Independence Day Divine Liturgy

Civil Holiday:

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First Antiphon

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord, * the people He has chosen for His own inheritance.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O savior save us!

The eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear Him, * upon those who hope for His kindness.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O savior save us!

Our soul waits for the Lord who is our help and our shield, * in his holy name we trust.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O savior save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Amen!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O savior save us!

Second Antiphon

I hear what God the Lord proclaims! * for He will speak peace unto his people.

O Son of God, Whose truth has set us free, save us who sing to you. Alleluia!

His salvation is near indeed to those who fear Him; * and his glory will then remain in our land.

O Son of God, Whose truth has set us free, save us who sing to you. Alleluia!

Truth shall spring out of the earth; * and justice shall look down from heaven.

O Son of God, Whose truth has set us free, save us who sing to you. Alleluia!

Third Antiphon (Tone 6)

Happy are they who dwell in your house! * Happy are they whose strength You are.

O Father of all nations and Lord of the universe, * may we always show ourselves to be a holy people, * trusting in You our God and fulfilling Your will. * Since You have bestowed upon us this heritage of Your bounties, * may we ever worship You * and make our nation a place of freedom, equality and justice for all.

O Lord of host hear our prayers; * happy are they who trust in You.

O Father of all nations...

The Lord will not withhold any good things * from those who walk in sincerity.

O Father of all nations...

Entrance Hymn (Tone 6)

All the nations You have made shall come and worship You O Lord, * and glorify Your Name.

Troparion (Tone 6)

O Father of all nations...

Kondakion (Tone 6)

O Lord, over two hundred years ago * our country claimed its place among the family of nations. * You have richly favored us with Your blessings * and prospered us with the fullness of the land. * We now offer our gratitude to You, * and we rededicate ourselves to serving You, * so that the works of justice and freedom might be shared by all peoples.

Bohorodicen (Tone 8)

Our founding fathers established this nation * with an abiding trust in God our Heavenly Father, * giving liberty to all its inhabitants. * We have become the stewards of this cherished heritage. * Deem us worthy, O Theotokos, Ever-Virgin * to protect and transmit this treasured inheritance. * Lead us to your Son, Christ our God, * so that He would bestow upon us His eternal freedom granting us His great Mercy, * and leading us into the land of the righteous.

Prokimenon (Tone 5)

Proclaim liberty through all the land * unto all the inhabitants thereof!

Verse: Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your Throne; * kindness and truth go before You.

Reading

Hebrews 12:7-11; 14-17; 25-28

John 8:31-42

Alleluia (Tone 7)

Verse: I will walk at liberty; * because I seek Your commandments.

Verse: Your justice is everlasting justice, * and Your law is permanent.

Communion Hymn

He gave them the land of the nations, that they might keep His statutes and observe His laws. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!