

The 1st Day of December

Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Nahum.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 3: Special melody “Great are the powers of Thy Cross...”

The grace of the Holy Spirit came to dwell in thee /
O Nahum, prophet of God /
And with the rays of His own Light /
Made thee into a most-radiant light, /
And through thee preached to Nineveh the Great ///
All the things that were to come.

Like as a cloud filled with brightness and light, /
O divine prophet Nahum, enlightened vessel of the knowledge of God /
Thou didst shower the city of Nineveh /
With the water of divine judgment ///
For it had fallen ill with impiety.

Having attained incorrupt blessedness, /
Ineffable glory, divine sweetness and joy /
O Nahum, thou divinely-inspired prophet of God, ///
Beseech the Master for us all.

Note: But if we sing “Alleluia” at the Morning Service instead of “God is the Lord,” then the following 3 stikhera to the Theotokos are sung at the Evening Service, at “Lord I call,” before the above stikhera of the saint, in the same tone and melody:

Heal me speedily, O Lady, /
With the healing grace of thy prayer; /
For I lie barely alive on the bed of despair, /
Sorely wounded by the fangs of the serpent. /
And make a servant of thy Son and God.

Knowing the weakness of my flesh, /
The anger of my heart and the sickness of my soul, /
Yet grant unto me thy divine visitation,
O immaculate Virgin, I pray ///
And save me, through thine own fervent prayers.

Surpassing all in my transgressions, O Lady, /
Yet I have been cleansed from them all through thy mercy; /
Entreat now, O pure one, thy Son and God, ///
That I may receive forgiveness at the judgment which is to come

Glory... now and ever..., Theotokion, in the Same Tone:

Beseech thou Him Who was born of thee, /
O Virgin, /
To protect thy flock unharmed /
From all temptations of our adversary, the devil; /
That we be strengthened, O Maiden, /
To fulfill the will of thy Son.

Or the Stavrotheotokion:

A sword has pierced thine heart, O most-pure one, /
When thou didst see thy Son upon the Cross; /
And thou didst cry out to Him: /
“Leave me not alone and childless, /
Who hath preserved me Virgin after giving birth to Thee, ///
O my Son and my God.”

Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a Resurrection service.

The Apostikha from the Octoechos.

The General Troparion to the Prophet, in Tone 2:

We celebrate today the memory /
Of Thy prophet Nahum; /
Through him, we implore Thee, O Lord, /
To save our souls.

Morning Service

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Kontakion for the Apostles, in Tone 4: Special melody: “Thou hast appeared today...”

Thy pure heart, enlightened by the Spirit /
Became the vessel of the brightest prophesies, /
For thou didst see things afar off /
As though they were near. ///
Therefore, we honor thee, O blessèd and glorious prophet Nahum.