

January 21, 2026 – venerable Maximos the Confessor, martyr Agnes of Rome

DAILY ANTIPHONS in music book

TROPARIA

Tone 8 Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, / enlightener of the universe and adornment of hierarchs: / all-wise father Maximos, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. / Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 4 Your lamb Agnes, / calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / “I love You, my Bridegroom, / and in seeking You, I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, / and I died so that I might live with You. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love.” / Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION **Tone 6** Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator; Despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, But in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Birthgiver of God, // For you always protect those who honor you!

THE APOSTLE

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: **And to your spirit!**

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.** (Luke 1:46)

Cantor: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: **For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.** (Luke 1:48)

Cantor: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: **My soul magnifies the Lord**

Cantor: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading from the epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Phillippians.
(1:12-20)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **Brethren, I want you to know that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the eighth tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. (Psalm 44:10)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Your face the rich of the people will entreat. (Psalm 44:11)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL - LUKE 12:8-12

COMMUNION HYMN I will take a cup of salvation and I will call upon the name of the Lord. (*Psalms 115:13*) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!