

The 1st Day of December
Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Nahum.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 3: *To the 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 Matins instead of “God is the Lord,” then the following 3 stichera to the Theotokos are sung at Vespers, at “Lord, I call,” before the above stichera 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 me 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, in the same Tone:

A sword has pierced thine heart, O most pure Lady, /
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 Aposticha from the Octoechos.

The General Troparion of the Prophet, in Tone 2:

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

Matins

incomplete as of 10/27/13

Kontakion for the Prophet, in Tone 4: To the 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 blessed and glorious prophet Nahum.