

The First Sunday Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth: sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You."
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The Third Sunday Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

*****Entrance*****

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia

Tropars

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death.
He became the first-born of the dead:* He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Even though you gave birth, you still kept your virginity.* Although you fell asleep, you did not abandon the world, O Mother of God.* Being the Mother of Life, you passed into life.* Through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Neither death nor the tomb could retain the Mother of God.* Untiring in prayer, she is our constant hope who intercedes before God for us.* And as the Mother of Life,* she was taken into life by him who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Today the Virgin stands before us in the church,* and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us.* Angels are worshipping with hierarchs, apostles exult with prophets,* for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokimenon: Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Stichon: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy .

Reading from the the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

Brethren, I am reminding you of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Kephaz, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God (that is) with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Stichon: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Gospel: (Mt 19: 16-26)

At that time someone approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?" He answered him, "Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He asked him, "Which ones?" And Jesus replied, " 'You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother'; and 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to him, "All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to (the) poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and said, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

Instead of: "It is truly right..."

Seeing the falling asleep of the Most Pure One,* the angels were filled with awe at the manner in which the Virgin ascends to heaven from earth.

The laws of nature are overcome in you, O pure Virgin;* giving birth heralds virginity and death becomes a harbinger of life,* for after giving birth you are still a virgin,* and after death you are still alive.* O Mother of God, you are always looking out for the salvation of your spiritual children.

Kinonikon

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise him in the highest.

I will take the cup of salvation* and call upon the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.