

### 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

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;\* and let those who hate him flee before his face.

Christ has risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs,\* giving life.

As smoke vanishes, as wax melts before fire,\* so too let the wicked disappear.

Christ has risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs,\* giving life.

So too may sinners perish,\* but let the righteous rejoice in the sight of God.

Christ has risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs,\* giving life.

\*\*\*\*\*Entrance\*\*\*\*\*

Praise God in the assemblies;\* praise the Lord, you descendents of Israel.

Christ has risen from the dead,\* conquering death by death.\* And to those in the tombs,\* giving life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,\* now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Although you went down into the grave, O Immortal One,\* you destroyed the power of hell.\* You arose as a mighty victor, O Christ our God.\* You greeted the myrrh-bearing women, saying: Rejoice!\* You brought peace to your apostles.\* You gave resurrection to the fallen.

### **Trisagion**

All you who have been baptized into Christ,\* you have put on Christ.\* Alleluia.

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### **Apostolos**

**Prokimenon:** This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it!

**Stichon:** Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

**Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles:

In the preceding book, Theophilus, I was concerned about everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day he was taken up, after giving commandments through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. To them also he showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about God's kingdom. And while eating with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise," of

which you have heard," he said, "by my mouth. For while John baptized with water, you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit within a few days."

Now those gathered there questioned him, asking, "Lord, is it now that you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" But he answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or the proper moments the Father has set by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and even to the very ends of the earth."

**Alleluia:** You shall arise and have mercy upon Sion, for the time to pity her, the right time has come.

**Stichon:** The Lord has looked down from heaven upon all the sons of men.

**Gospel: (Jn 1:1-18)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

**Instead of: “It is truly right...”**

The angel exclaimed to the Lady full of grace:\* Rejoice, O pure Virgin.\* And again I say: Rejoice!\* Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day.\* With Himself he has raised all the dead.\* All you peoples, rejoice!

Shine, o Shine!\* New Jerusalem!\* For the glory of the Lord has shone on you.\* Sing now and exult with joy, O Sion.\* And you, O pure Mother of God,\* adorn yourself\* in the splendor of your Son’s resurrection.

**Kinonikon**

Receive the Body of Christ,\* drink from the fountain of immortality.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.