

## **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**

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

Solemnly do we faithful believers celebrate this day\* as we are blessed by your visitation;\* and gazing upon your most pure image we humbly entreat you:\* Protect us with your precious mantle and deliver us from every evil,\* and pray your Son, Christ our God,\* to save our souls.

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

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,\* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.\* Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice.\* The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

The virgin this very day is present in the church.\* Although unseen, she is praying with the choirs of saints to God for us.\* Angels worship together with saintly bishops.\* The apostles sing the praises of God together with the prophets,\* for on our behalf the Mother of God\* intercedes with the eternal God.

### **Apostolos**

**Prokimenon:** The Lord will give strength to his people;\* the Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Stichon:** Give to the Lord, you sons of God,\* give to the Lord glory and praise.

**Reading** from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

Brethren, yes, working together with him, we beg you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, *In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation, I have helped you.* Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! We give no offense to anyone, that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, let us behave in all circumstances as God's ministers, in much patience, in tribulations, in hardships, in distress; in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots; in labors, in sleepless nights, in fastings; in innocence, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unaffected love; in the word of truth, in God's power; with the armor of justification on the right hand and on the left; in honor and dishonor, in evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet truthful, as unknown and yet well known, as dying, and look, we live; as punished, but not killed, as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet enriching many, as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

**Alleluia:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,\* to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

**Stichon:** To proclaim your kindness at dawn\* and your faithfulness throughout the night.

**Gospel (Lk 6: 31-36)**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

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

No change. We sing “It is truly right...”

**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.