

### 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

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

Though you reign on high with your eternal Father and the Holy Spirit from a throne of fire,\* you humbled yourself by being born into the world of an unwedded virgin Mother,\* and in fulfillment of the law you endured circumcision as a child when you were eight days old.\* O Jesus! Glory to your designs most gracious.\* Glory to your salvation plan.\* Glory to your condescension,\* O one and only true lover of all people.

Your preaching has been heard and accepted all over the world,\* for you have taught in a god-befitting way.\* you explained the nature of the world about us.\* You enhanced the ethics and morals of your people.\* O holy father Basil, royal priest,\* pray Christ our God to save our souls!

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

You proved yourself to be an unshakeable foundation of stone of the Church,\* bequeathing to all the unalienable lordship of the Holy Spirit, sealing it with your teachings,\* O righteous Basil, revealer of heavenly things.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord of all submits to circumcision.\* And as he is good he circumcises the sins of all people.\* Today he grants salvation to the world.\* And Basil, the Creator's hierarch on high, that illustrious and godly mystic of Christ rejoices.

### **Apostolos**

**Prokimenon:** My mouth shall speak wisdom,\* prudence shall be the utterance of my heart.

**Stichon:** Hear this, all you peoples;\* hearken, all who dwell in the world.

**Reading** from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians:

Brethren, see to it that no one deceives you by philosophy and vain deceit, according to human traditions, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, bodily, and in him who is the head of every Principality and Power you have received of that fullness. In him, too, you have been circumcised with a circumcision not wrought by hand, but through putting off the body of the flesh, a circumcision which is of Christ. For you were buried with him in baptism, and in him also rose again through faith in the working of God who rose him from the dead.

**Alleluia:** Listen, O Shepherd of Israel,\* O Guide of Joseph's flock!

**Stichon:** The mouth of the just tells of wisdom,\* and his tongue says what is right.

**Gospel: (Luke 2:20-21; 40-52)**

The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was *then* called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became twelve, they went up *there* according to the custom of the Feast; and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they *began* looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's *house*?" But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* things in her heart.

And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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

All creation rejoices in you, O full of grace;\* the assembly of angels and the human race.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,\* boast of virgins!\* God became incarnate from you.\* Being our God before all ages he became a child.\* By making your womb his throne,\* you became more spacious than the skies.

All creation rejoices in you, O full of grace.\* Glory to you.

## **Kinonikon**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise him in the highest.  
The righteous will be remembered forever.\* They have no fear of evil reports.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.