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.

Proclaim the salvation of our God day after day.

Tropars

You came down from on high, O Merciful One,* and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,* glory be to You.

Today is the beginning of our salvation* for a mystery hidden before the ages is revealed.* The Son of God becomes the virgin's Son,* and Gabriel announces grace.* And so let us join him in crying out to the Mother of God:* Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

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

O mother of God,* we your servants, compose hymns of thanks to you, Triumphant Lady,* for you have shown us to be victorious in our battle with evil.* As you possess indomitable strength,* protect us from all danger* that we may sing to you:* Hail, O Bride and Virgin undefiled.

<u>Apostolos</u>

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all around about bring gifts to the awesome God.

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel great is his name.

<u>Reading</u> from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews:

Brethren, when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things to come, he entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of his own blood, into the sanctuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

<u>Alleluia:</u> Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

<u>Stichon:</u> Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Gospel: (Mark 10:32-45)

At that time, taking the Twelve aside, Jesus began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

All on earth* proclaim the good news* of great joy!* All in heaven, praise the glory of God.

Let no profane hand* touch the living Tabernacle of God,* but rather let the lips of the faithful* unceasingly sing out with joy to the Mother of God* the salutation* of the angel:* Rejoice, O Full of Grace,* the Lord is with you.

<u>Kinonikon</u>

The Lord has chosen Sion;* he prefers her for his dwelling place.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.