

### **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.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

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.\* As the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by him\* who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

### **Apostolos**

**Prokimenon:** Sing praise to our God, sing praise!\* Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

**Stichon:** All you peoples, clap your hands!\* Shout to God with cries of gladness!

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

Brethren, I remind you of the Good News I preached to you, and which you have received, and in which you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold fast to it as I preached it to you- otherwise you would have believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all what I had also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Kephas, and after that to the Twelve. Then he was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are still with us, while some have fallen asleep. After that, he was seen by James, then by all the apostles, and last of all, as by one born out of due time, he was seen also by me. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's Church. But by God's grace, I am what I am, and his grace in me has not been fruitless- in fact, I have labored more than any of them, yet not I, but God's grace with me. Whether it be I or they [who speak], this is what we preach, and this you have believed.

**Alleluia:** In you, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame.\* In your justice, save me and deliver me.

**Stichon:** Be for me a protecting God,\* a sheltering house to save me.

### **Gospel: (Matthew 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.