

The First Sunday Antiphon

When Israel and Jacob's children came forth from Egypt, out from a barbarian people,* Judah became his sanctuary, Israel became his domain.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The sea saw God's people coming and parted for them;* when the Jordan saw them coming, its running waters ceased to flow.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Why is it, O sea, that you parted,* and what caused you, O Jordan, to turn back your flow?

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The Third Sunday Antiphon and Tropar

Acknowledge your allegiance to the Lord publicly, for he is good,* for his mercy endures forever.

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord,* worship of the Trinity was revealed,* for the voice of the Father bore you witness by calling you beloved son.* And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truth of these words.* O Christ God, you manifest yourself and enlighten the world;* glory to you.

Let the house of Israel now say that he is good* and that his mercy endures forever.

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Let the house of Aaron now say that he is good* and that his mercy endures forever.

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beloved son.* And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truth of these words.* O Christ God, you manifest yourself and enlighten the world;* glory to you.

Let all who fear the Lord say that he is good* and that his mercy endures forever.

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*****Entrance*****

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;* we have blessed you from the house of the Lord.* God is Lord, and has appeared to us.

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

Today you manifest yourself to the universe* and your light, O Lord, shines upon us.* And in our understanding, rightly do we sing out to you:* O Light inaccessible! You have come and manifested yourself.

Trisagion

All of you who have been baptized into Christ,* you have put on Christ. Alleluia! **(3 times)**

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Apostolos (St. Paul 2: 11-14 & 3: 4-7)

Prokimenon: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and he has appeared to us.

Stichon: Sing to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus

My son Titus, the grace of God our Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us, in order that, rejecting ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live temperately and justly and piously in this world; looking for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and cleanse for himself an acceptable people, pursuing good works. But when the goodness and kindness of God our Savior appeared, then not by reason of good works that we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us through the bath of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he has abundantly poured upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, in order that, justified by his grace, we may be heirs in the hope of life everlasting.

Alleluia: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

Stichon: The Lord's voice is over the waters; the God of glory has thundered, the Lord, over the vast waters.

Gospel: (Matthew 3: 13-17)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be* so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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

Extol,* my soul,* the Christ, the King, who was baptized in the Jordan.

No tongue can fittingly sing your praises.* Even superior intelligences far above our world appear feeble* when they praise you, O Mother of God.* But in your goodness, accept our faith,* for you see the Godly love we bear towards you,* as you are the Patroness of Christians.

Kinonikon

Praise the Lord from the heavens.* Praise him in the highest.
The grace of God has appeared* bringing salvation to all people.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.