

## 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.

Rejoice virgin Mother of God, full of grace,\* for the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shined forth from you enlightening those in darkness.\* Rejoice, too, you righteous elderly man (Simeon),\* for in your arms you held the Redeemer of our souls\* who gives us resurrection.

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

All creation will tremble, when you come to earth in glory, O God.\* A river of fire will flow past your judgment throne.\* The books will be opened and secrets will be revealed.\* Deliver me, then, from the unquenchable fires,\* and count me worthy to stand at your right,\* O most righteous Judge.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

By your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb,\* and as was befitting you blessed the hands of Simeon.\* Now you have hastened and saved us, O Christ God.\* Reconcile those who are at war\* and strengthen our leaders whom you love.\* O one and only true lover of all people.

### **Apostolos (Corinthians 8: 8-13 & 9: 1-2)**

**Prokimenon:** My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.

**Stichon:** The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet he has not delivered me to death.

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

Brethren, food does not commend us to God. For neither shall we gain any advantage if we eat, nor suffer any loss if we do not. And yet, beware lest perhaps this right of yours become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if a man sees you who "have knowledge" sitting at table in a place dedicated to idols, will not his conscience, weak as it is, be emboldened to eat idol offerings? And through your "knowledge" the weak one will perish, the brother for whom, Christ died. Now, when you sin in this way against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore, if food scandalizes my brother, I will never eat any more meat so as not to scandalize my brother.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus our lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? And if to others I am not an apostle, yet to you I am. For you are the seal set upon my apostleship in the Lord.

**Alleluia:** The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob will defend you.

**Stichon:** O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

## **Gospel: (Matthew 25:31-46)**

But when the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then will he be seated in his glory: And before him all the nations will come together; and they will be parted one from another, as the sheep are parted from the goats by the keeper. And he will put the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then will the King say to those on his right, Come, you who have the blessing of my Father, into the kingdom made ready for you before the world was: For I was in need of food, and you gave it to me: I was in need of drink, and you gave it to me: I was wandering, and you took me in; I had no clothing, and you gave it to me: when I was ill, or in prison, you came to me. Then will the upright make answer to him, saying, Lord, when did we see you in need of food, and give it to you? or in need of drink, and give it to you? And when did we see you wandering, and take you in? or without clothing, and give it to you? And when did we see you ill, or in prison, and come to you? And the King will make answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Because you did it to the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. Then will he say to those on the left, Go from me, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire which is ready for the Evil One and his angels: For I was in need of food, and you gave it not to me; I was in need of drink, and you gave it not to me: I was wandering, and you took me not in; without clothing, and you gave me no clothing; ill, and in prison, and you came not to me. Then will they make answer, saying, Lord, when did we see you in need of food or drink, or wandering, or without clothing, or ill, or in prison, and did not take care of you? Then will he make answer to them, saying, Truly I say to you, Because you did it not to the least of these, you did it not to me. And these will go away into eternal punishment; but the upright into eternal life.

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

O Virgin Mother of God,\* Hope of Christians,\* protect, keep and save\* those who hope in you.

The law and writings state:\* Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.\* We believers see in these words a foreshadowing of the figure of Christ.\* Thus we extol the word,\* the first-born\* of the eternal Father\*- the Son who became\* the first born of an ever-virgin Mother.

## 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.