

## 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.

You are glorified in the highest degree, O Christ our God,\* for you made our fathers on earth into shining lights.\* Through them you led us all to true faith.\* O Lord, rich in mercy, glory to you.

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.

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

The Son who came forth from the Father in a way beyond expression\* with two natures was born of a woman.\* Seeing this we do not reject his image honorably drawn by human hands,\* but rather venerate it in faith.\* And so the church, holding fast to true faith,\* reveres the icon of the incarnation of Christ.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

O unfailing patroness of Christians,\* O steadfast advocate before the Creator,\* turn not away from us sinners as we call out to you in prayer,\* but rather, as our gracious Lady, come to our aid as we trustingly appeal to you.\* Quickly hear our prayer and make it your own speedy plea,\* for you always intercede in behalf of those who honor you, O Mother of God.

### **Apostolos (Galatians 2: 16-20)**

**Prokimenon:** How great are your works, O Lord!\* In wisdom you have wrought them all.

**Stichon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul!\* You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

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

Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

**Alleluia:** String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness,\* and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

**Stichon:** You loved righteousness and hated iniquity:\* therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

### **Gospel (Luke 8: 5-15)**

A man went out to put in seed, and while he was doing it, some was dropped by the wayside and it was crushed under foot, and was taken by the birds of heaven. And some went on the rock, and when it came up it became dry and dead because it had no water. And some went among thorns, and the thorns came up with it and it had no room for growth. And some falling on good earth, came up and gave fruit a hundred times as much. And with these words he said in a loud voice, "He who has ears, let him give ear."

And his disciples put questions to him about the point of the story. And he said, "To you is given knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to the others, they are given in stories, so that seeing, they may not see, and though they give hearing, the sense will not be clear to them."

Now this is the point of the story: The seed is the word of God. Those by the side of the road are those who have given hearing; then the Evil One comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not have faith and get salvation. And those on the rock are those who with joy give hearing to the word; but having no root, they have faith for a time, and when the test comes they give up. And those which went among thorns are those who have given hearing, and go on their way, but they are overcome by cares and wealth and the pleasures of life, and they give no fruit. And those in the good earth are those who, having given ear to the word, keep it with a good and true heart, and in quiet strength give fruit.

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

No change. We sing "It is truly right..."

### **Kinonikon**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones.\* Praise in the upright is fitting.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.