

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

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.

At one time the waters of the river Jordan were parted by Elisha's mantle,* and when Elijah was taken up into the heavens,* the waters were divided on this side and on that side,* so that there was a dry path in the midst of the river's bed.* In this we see a true figure of our baptism* whereby we pass over the flowing paths of earthly life.* Christ has appeared in the Jordan* to sanctify the waters.

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

O gentle hearted Christ, in the depths of your mercy you take away the countless sins of us all.* As a man you came to be baptized with the waters of the Jordan,* clothing me in my raging nakedness* with a garment of pristine glory.

Apostolos (2 Timothy 4: 5-8)

Prokimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Stichon: To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy:

My son Timothy, be watchful in all things, bear with tribulation patiently, work as a preacher of the Good News, fulfill your ministry. As for me, I am already being poured out in sacrifice, and the time of my deliverance is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have completed the course. I have kept the faith. For the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the just Judge, will give to me on that day: yet not to me only, but also to those who love his coming.

Alleluia: May God have mercy on us and bless us.

Stichon: May he let his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

Gospel: (Mark 1:1-8)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ (the Son of God). As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" John (the) Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.