

## 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 us the faithful acclaim and worship the Lord,\* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation.\* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh,\* to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Indeed was that glorious Elijah a veritable angel in the flesh,\* a firm foundation for the prophets and second forerunner of the Messiah's coming.\* From on high he sent down grace upon Elisha to dispel disease and cure lepers.\* And even now he sends down healing on all who honor him.

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

You, my Savior, descended to Hades,\* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.\* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead\* and shattered the sting of death,\* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.\* And so we cry out: "Save us, O Lord."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

O Elijah, Prophet of great renown!\* You were a visionary of the mighty deeds of God.\* By your prayers you stopped the drenching rains.\* Intercede for us with the one and only true lover of us all.

### **Apostolos (Romans 12:6-14 and James 5:10-20)**

**Prokimenon:** You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always\* from this generation.

**Prokimenon:** You a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.

**Stichon:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man,\* for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

**Stichon:** The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

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

Brethren, we have gifts differing according to the grace that has been given us, such as prophecy to be used according to the degree of faith, or ministry in ministering, or instruction in teaching, or exhortation in encouraging, or almsgiving in being generous with simplicity, or leadership in leading with discretion, or works of mercy in performing them joyfully.

Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil. Hold to what is good. Love one another with fraternal charity, being the first to honor the other. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulations, persevering in prayer. Relieve the saints' needs, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you: bless, and do not curse!

**Reading** from the Catholic Epistle of St. James the Apostle:

Brethren, take as an example of cruel suffering and forbearance the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name. See, we call blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's patience, and you have seen the Lord's purpose, how the Lord is merciful and compassionate.

But above all things, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by the earth, or any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no, no, that you may not fall under judgment.

Is any of you sad? Let him pray. Is any one in good spirits? Let him sing a hymn. Is any one among you sick? Let him bring in the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he is in sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess, therefore, your sins to one another, and pray for one another that you may be saved. For the unceasing prayer of a just man is of great avail.

Elijah was a man like ourselves, subject to the same weaknesses. And he prayed earnestly that it might not rain on earth, and it did not rain for three years and six months. He prayed again, and the heavens gave him rain and the earth brought forth its fruit.

My brethren, if any of you strays from the truth and someone brings him back, he ought to know that he who causes a sinner to be brought back from his misguided way, will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Alleluia:** Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever;\* from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**Alleluia:** Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel among those who called his name.

**Stichon:** For you have said, "My kindness is established forever."\* In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**Stichon:** The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and he delivered them from all their trials.

## **Gospel: (Matthew 9:1-8 and Luke 4:22-30)**

At that time Jesus entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town. And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." He rose and went home. When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to human beings.

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed -- only Naaman the Syrian." All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

## **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.  
The righteous will be remembered forever.\* They have no fear of evil reports.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.