

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

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

This day is the prelude of God's good pleasure and the herald of humanity's salvation.* The virgin appears openly in the temple of God and foretells to all the coming of Christ.* Therefore with all our hearts let us loudly acclaim her:* Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

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

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.* Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice.* The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Behold! The Savior’s temple most pure,* his bridal chamber most precious—the virgin,* the sacred vessel of God’s glory is led into the house of the Lord,* bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit.* Therefore the angels of God sing for her:* She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

Apostolos (Ephesians 2: 14-22)

Prokimenon: The Lord will give strength to his people;* the Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians:

Brethren, Christ is our peace. He it is who has made both [Jews and Gentiles] one, and has broken down the intervening wall of the enclosure, the enemy, in his flesh. He has voided the Law of the commandments expressed in decrees, so that of the two he might create in himself one new man, and make peace, and reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, having destroyed their enmity within himself. And as he came, he announced the good tidings of peace to you who were far away, and of peace to those who were near: because through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Therefore, you are now no longer strangers or foreigners, but citizens with the saints and members of God’s household: you are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole structure is closely fitted together and grows into a temple holy in the Lord; in him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

Alleluia: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,* to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

Stichon: To proclaim your kindness at dawn* and your faithfulness throughout the night.

Gospel (Luke 12: 16-21)

And he said to them, in a story. The land of a certain man of great wealth was very fertile: And he said to himself, what is to be done? For I have no place in which to put all my fruit. And he said, this I will do: I will take down my store-houses and make greater ones, and there I will put all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have a great amount of goods in store, enough for a number of years; be at rest, take food and wine and be happy. But God said to him, "You foolish one, tonight I will take your soul from you, and who then will be the owner of all the things which you have got together?" So that is what comes to the man who gets wealth for himself, and has not wealth in the eyes of God.

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

Seeing the entry* of the Most Pure One,* the angels marveled at the manner in which the virgin entered the Holy of Holies.

Let no profane hand* touch the living tabernacle of God,* but rather let the lips of the faithful* unceasingly sing out with joy* to the Mother of God* the salutation of the angel:* O pure virgin,* you are truly exalted above all creatures.

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.