

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.

Solemnly do we faithful believers celebrate this day* as we are blessed by your visitation;* and gazing upon your most pure image we humbly entreat you:* Protect us with your precious mantle and deliver us from every evil,* and pray your Son, Christ our God,* to save our souls.

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

When You arose from the tomb,* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.* Eve exults in Your resurrection and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead,* O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

The virgin this very day is present in the church.* Although unseen, she is praying with the choirs of saints to God for us.* Angels worship together with saintly bishops.* The apostles sing the praises of God together with the prophets,* for on our behalf the Mother of God* intercedes with the eternal God.

Apostolos (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1)

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them:* let all around about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah,* in Israel, great is his name.

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

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God, as God says, *I will dwell and move among them; I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore, Come out from among them, be separated, says the Lord, and touch not an unclean thing; and I will welcome you in, and will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord almighty.*

Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all the defilement of the body and of the spirit, perfecting sanctity in the fear of God.

Alleluia: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord!* Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Stichon: Let us greet his presence with thanksgiving,* let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Gospel (Luke 10: 38-42 & 11:27-28)

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called

Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

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.
I will take the cup of salvation* and call upon the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.