## **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.

Your thunderous voice resounded in the whirlwind,\* your lightning illuminated the world, the earth quivered and quaked.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

You are clothed with glory and majesty,\* you robe yourself with light as with a cloak.

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. O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You:
Alleluia.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

O Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, 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.

When you were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,\* you showed your disciples as much of your glory as they could possibly bear.\* Through the prayers of the Mother of God let your everlasting light now shine forth for us sinners.\* O Giver of light, glory to you.

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

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.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

When you were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,\* your disciples saw as much of your glory as they could bear,\* so that when they look upon you being crucified,\* they will understand that you suffer freely,\* and they will proclaim to the world\* that you are indeed the radiant reflection of the Father.

## **Apostolos (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)**

<u>Prokimenon:</u> Sing praise to our God, sing praise!\* Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

<u>Stichon:</u> All you peoples, clap your hands!\* Shout to God with cries of gladness!

**Reading** from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

Brethren, I remind you of the Good News I preached to you, and which you have received, and in which you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold fast to it as I preached it to you- otherwise you would have believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all what I had also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Kephas, and after that to the Twelve. Then he was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are still with us, while some have fallen asleep. After that, he was seen by James, then by all the apostles, and last of all, as by one born out of due time, he was seen also by me. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's Church. But by God's grace, I am what I am, and his grace in me has not been fruitless- in fact, I have labored more than any of them, yet not I, but God's grace with me. Whether it be I or they [who speak], this is what we preach, and this you have believed.

<u>Alleluia:</u> In you, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame.\* In your justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God,\* a sheltering house to save me.

## **Gospel: (Matthew 19:16-26)**

At that time someone approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?" He answered him, "Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He asked him, "Which ones?" And Jesus replied, " 'You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother; and 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to (the) poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and said, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

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

Extol,\* my soul,\* the Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor.

You gave birth, O Mother of God,\* without blemish.\* God came forth from your womb\* and revealed himself on earth\* bearing our flesh\* and living among his people.\* And so all of us\* extol you.

# **Kinonikon**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest. We shall walk in the light of your countenance, O Lord,\* and we shall rejoice in your name forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.