

### 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

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men;\* Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body.\* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.\* You met the Virgin and granted life.\* O Lord, risen from the dead,\* glory be to You!

Lord and Author of all creation,\* the seasons of the year and time itself are at your command.\* In your goodness bless this new year.\* Safeguard our nation, bless this faith community with peace\* and save us through the prayers of the Mother of God.

Venerable Father Simeon,\* you were a pillar of patience rivaling the ancients.\* Though you suffered like Job and were tried like Joseph,\* you

lived your life like an angel clothed in flesh.\* Pray Christ God to save our souls.

With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life,\* raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.\* He is for all the Savior, the resurrection and the life,\* and the God of all.

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

In search of the things on high,\* you made your pillar a chariot of fire that bore you aloft to a life with those above.\* While living on earth, you conversed with angels.\* So now, holy father, join them in unceasing prayer for us all to Christ our God.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ our king, you dwell on high.\* Maker and creator of all that is seen and unseen,\* you made the days and nights, the seasons of the year and time itself.\* Bless the new year.\* Preserve in peace and protect our nation, this faith community and all your people,\* O most merciful Lord.

### **Apostolos (2 Corinthians 4:6-15)**

**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 the Corinthians:

Brethren God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give enlightenment concerning the knowledge of God's glory, shining in Christ Jesus' face. But we carry this treasure in vessels of clay, to show that its superabundant power is God's, and not ours. In all things we suffer tribulation but we are not distressed, we are sorely pressed but we are not destitute, we endure persecution but we are not forsaken, we are cast down but we do not perish: always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodily frame. For we, the living, are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. Thus death is at work in us, but life in you.

But since we have the same spirit of faith, as shown in that which is written, *I believed, and so I spoke*, we also believed, wherefore we also speak. For we know that the one who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also

together with Jesus, and will place us with you. For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace that abounds through the many may cause thanksgiving to abound for God's glory.

**Alleluia:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High\* abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

**Stichon:** He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge,\* my God in whom I will trust!"

**Gospel: (Matthew 22:35-46)**

At that time one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They replied, "David's." He said to them, "How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him 'lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet"'? If David calls him 'lord,' how can he be his son?" No one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

No change. We sing "It is truly right..."

**Kinonikon**

You will bless the new year\* in your goodness, O Lord.  
The righteous will be remembered forever.\* They have no fear of evil reports.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.