

April 30 – Apostle Jacob, son of Zebedee - week after St. Thomas Sunday

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You! **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

(in music book) Glory ... now ... Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON (*Psalm 67:1-3 and 117:24*)

Let God be risen and his enemies be scattered, let the one who hate him flee from before his Face. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the face of fire. Christ is risen ...

Thus the sinners will perish before the Face of God. And the righteous be gladdened. Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be gladdened in it. Christ is risen...

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 7 While the grave was sealed, O Christ God, / you dawned as life from the tomb, / and while the doors were shut / you came, the Resurrection of all, to your Disciples, / through them renewing a right spirit for us, // according to your great mercy.

Tone 8 As a soldier of the Lord you were ranked among the choir of Apostles. / Together with your brother, O James, you clung wholeheartedly to the Savior. / Armed with the power of the Spirit you proclaimed Him to all, and were slain by the sword. / Therefore, we sing your praises.

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amin.

KONTAKION

Tone 8 With his meddlesome right hand, / Thomas examined your life-giving side, O Christ God; / For the doors being closed as you entered, / He cried out to you with the other apostles, / "You are my Lord and my God."

THE APOSTLE

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world. (*Psalm 18:4*)**

Chanter: Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world.

Reader: **The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands.** (*Psalm 18:1*)

Chanter: Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world.

Reader: **Their voice went out into all the earth,**

Chanter: and their words to the ends of the inhabited world.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **THE READING IS FROM ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (12:1-11)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed Jacob the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the first tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Chanter: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **The heavens will confess your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the church of the holy ones.** (*Psalm 88:4*)

Chanter: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **God – glorified in the counsel of the holy ones.** (*Psalm 88:4*)

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (5:1-11)

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world. (*Psalm 18:4*)
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.