

FEBRUARY 3, 2021 – SAINTS SYMEON AND ANNA

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

My heart overflowed with a good word. I tell my works to the King. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

My tongue is the pen of a swift-writing scribe. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Grace was poured out on your lips. Therefore God blessed you to the ages. **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**

Gird your sword upon your thigh, O Mighty One, in your adornment and in your beauty. **O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Draw and prosper and reign on account of truth and gentleness and righteousness, and your Right Hand will guide you wondrously. **O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Your arrows are sharp, O Mighty One, in the heart of the King's enemies. The peoples fall under You. **O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Your royal scepter is a scepter of uprightness. **O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit:save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house.**

**Tone 1** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

**The rich among the people entreat your favor. Tone 1** Rejoice, O Virgin...

**I will make your name to be remembered in all generations. Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin...**

**TROPARIA Tone 4** Simeon the Elder is filled with joy today, / receiving into his arms the Eternal God as an infant. / Begging to be released from the bonds of the flesh he cries: / "My eyes have seen the Salvation, / Whom You have prepared for all the nations to see!"

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**Tone 4** In truth you were revealed 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 Father 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 unto ages of ages. Amen.

**KONTAKION**

**Tone 1** In Your birth sanctifying a virgin womb / and blessing, as is fitting, the hands of Symeon, / You have come now, also, and saved us, Christ God. / But give peace in wars to the people, / and strengthen the kings whom You have loved // Who alone love mankind.

*The Prokeimenon in the seventh tone: **The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on him. v: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.***

**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14)**

Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

*Alleluia, Tone 8*

**v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.**

**v. Before your face the richest of people will pray.**

**THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (2:25-38)**

**COMMUNION HYMN** I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!