

**FEBRUARY 5** afterfeast of the encounter of the Lord, holy martyr Agatha, repose of St Theodosius of Chernigov

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

**My heart is indicting a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made to the King.**

*(Psalm 44:2)* Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

**My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.** *(Psalm 44:3)* Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

**Full of grace are your lips.** *(Psalm 44:3)* Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

**Therefore God has blest you to the age.** *(Psalm 44:3)* 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 unto 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 glory and Your beauty!** *(Psalm 44:4)* O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

**Bend Your bow, and prosper, and reign.** *(Psalm 44:5)*

O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

**Your arrows are sharp, O most Mighty, the peoples shall be subdued under You; You shall pierce the heart of the King's enemies.** *(Psalm 44:6)*

O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

**The scepter of Your kingdom is a righteous scepter.** *(Psalm 44:7)*

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 to the ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son ...

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear, and forget your people and the house of your father.** *(Psalm 44:10)* **Tone 1** Rejoice, O Virgin Birthgiver of God, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, <sup>^</sup>Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, / you accepted in your arms the <sup>^</sup>Redeemer of our souls, / / Who grants us the Resurrection!

**Your face the rich of the people will entreat.** *(Psalm 44:12)* **Tone 1** Rejoice...

**I will remember your name in every generation and generation.** *(Psalm 44:17)* **Tone 1** Rejoice...

**THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright!

**Response:** Come let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, carried in the arms of Symeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

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

**Tone 4** Your lamb Agatha, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I

have offered myself in love." / Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

**Tone 4** Holy Hierarch Theodosius, / you were found to be most worthy among bishops / and a light to your flock when translated to the eternal mansions. / Pray at the throne of the King of Glory / that we may be delivered from all present evil / and that our souls may be saved by your prayers.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. **KONTAKION. Tone 1** Sanctifying in your birth 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 APOSTLE

**Priest:** Let us attend! Peace to all!

**Reader:** **And to your spirit!**

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** **The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.** (Luke 1:46-47)

**Response:** My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Reader:** **For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.** (Luke 1:48)

**Response:** My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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**Response:** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** **The reading from the first catholic epistle of Peter. (4:1-11)**

**Priest:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** **Brethren, because Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles - when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion to the ages of ages. Amen.**

**Priest:** Peace to you (who have read)!

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

**Response::** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader:** **Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.** (Psalm 44:10)

**Response::** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader:** **Your face the rich of the people will entreat.** (Psalm 44:12)

**Response::** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL - MARK (12:28-37)**

**COMMUNION HYMN** I will take a cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (Psalm 115:4)