

FEBRUARY 7 afterfeast of the encounter of the Lord, St Parthenios

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 and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

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, ^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!

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: The Lord has made known his Salvation, before all the nations he has revealed his Righteousness. O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon 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, ^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!

Tone 4 O God of our Fathers, / ever dealing with us according to Your compassion, take not Your mercy from us, / but direct our lives in peace / through the prayers of Saint Parthenios.

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.

Reader: **My soul magnifies the Lord**

Response: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading from the catholic epistle of Jacob. (1:1-18)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **Jacob, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect giving is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

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

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 (10:11-16)

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)