

January 13 – Martyrs Hermylas and Stratonicus of Belgrade – Afterfeast of Theophany

FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
(Ps.113/114:1)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion. (*ibid.*, v. 2)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. (*ibid.*, v. 3)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back? (*ibid.*, v. 5)

Refrain: 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. *Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

SECOND ANTIPHON

I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. (Ps.114/116:1/1)

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Because He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (*ibid.*, v. 2)

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord. (*ibid.*, vv. 3-4)

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is merciful. (*ibid.*, v. 5)

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, 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

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117/118:1)

Tone 1 Troparion of the Feast

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, / calling You His Beloved Son; / and the Spirit in the form of a dove / confirmed the truthfulness of His word. / O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, / and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

Let the house of Israel now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*ibid.*, v. 2)

Troparion of the Feast

Let the house of Aaron now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*ibid.*, v. 3)

Troparion of the Feast

Let those who fear the Lord now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*ibid.*, v. 4)

Troparion of the Feast

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.

For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You His Beloved Son;

and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself//

Tone 4 Your holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.

For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //

Through their intercessions, 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 Today You have appeared to the inhabited world, and Your light, O Lord, has been
signed upon us, who in knowledge hymn You: You have come, You have appeared, O
unapproachable Light.

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: **My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior.**

v: **For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations
will call me blessed.**

THE READING IS FROM THE CATHOLIC EPISTLE OF JAMES (3:11-4:6)

Brethren, Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh. Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Alleluia, Tone 8

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (20:1-8)

Hymn to the Theotokos

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable than the heavenly hosts.

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos;
even Angels are overcome with awe praising you.

But since you are good, accept our faith;
for you know our love inspired by God.

You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (*Titus 2:11*) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!