

July 14 - Apostle Aquila of the Seventy Apostles

FIRST ANTIPHON. PSALM 91.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing praises to Your name, O most High.

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

To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.

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

To show that the Lord is upright, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

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. PSALM 92.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, He has girded Himself.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

The world also is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, 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.

Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON. PSALM 94

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) As a disciple and companion of Paul
you received in your soul the grace of preaching.

You shone in the night of error and struggled for the Lord's glory.//
Sacred minister of the Savior, Aquila, we all acclaim you.

(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 6) Protection of Christians never failing,
Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant.
Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners,
but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you.
Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos,
interceding always for those honor you.

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 EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS. (11:2-12)

Brethren, God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elias, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life? But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day." And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a recompense to them. Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, and bow down their back always." I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

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 MATTHEW (11:20-26)

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!