

July 15 - Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of Rus'

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 4 O holy Prince Vladimir, / you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls.

By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, / you found Christ, the priceless Pearl. / He appointed you to be another Paul, / washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness. / We celebrate your memory, / asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Rus' // and for us, your spiritual children.

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: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps 46/47:6)

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps 46/47:1)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS. (1:11-19)
Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the brother of the Lord.

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 (13:31-36)

COMMUNION HYMN

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