

## July 8 – Holy Greatmartyr Procopius of Cæsarea in Palestine (303)

### 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)** Your holy martyr Procopius, O Lord,  
through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your  
strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through his intercessions save our souls!

**(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. (15:7-16)**  
Brethren, receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope." Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

*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 (12:38-45)**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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