

JUNE 24, 2021

Afterfeast of Pentecost / Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (Ps 18:2)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps 18:4)

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!**

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps.19:1)

O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! (Ps 19:2)

O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfill all your plans! (Ps 19/20:3)

O Good Comforter, 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!

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

In Your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Your salvation. (Ps. 20:1)

Tone 8 Blessed are You, O Christ our God;

for You have shown the fishermen to be most wise

by sending down on them the Holy Spirit

and through them catching all the world in Your net.//

Glory to You, O good God Who love mankind!

You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. (Ps 20:2)

Tone 8 Blessed are You, O Christ our God;...

For You meet him with goodly blessings; You set a crown of fine gold upon his head. (Ps 20:3)

Tone 8 Blessed are You, O Christ our God;...

TROPARIA

Tone 8 Blessed are You, O Christ our God;
for You have shown the fishermen to be most wise
by sending down on them the Holy Spirit
and through them catching all the world in Your net.//
Glory to You, O good God Who love mankind!

Tone 4 Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ,
although we cannot praise you worthily,
we honor you in love at your nativity,
for by it you ended your father's silence and your mother's barrenness,//
proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

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 8 Coming down, the Most High confused the tongues,
and divided the nations;
when he divided the tongues of fire,
he called all to unity,
and with one voice we glorify//
the all-holy Spirit.

The Prokeimenon in the seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:10)

v: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to You! (Ps 63/64:1)

EPISTLE

The reading from the epistle of the apostle Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4) (*Forerunner*)

Brethren, now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. (Luke 1:68)

v. You, O child, will be called the prophet of the Most High. (Luke 1:76)

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 (*Forerunner*)

COMMUNION HYMN

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!