

2023 - Memorial Saturday

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!

TROPARION

Tone 8 Only Creator, with wisdom profound, You mercifully order all things, /and You give that which is useful to all men. /Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Your servants who have fallen asleep, //for they have placed their trust in You, our Maker and Fashioner, and our 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.

KONTAKION

Tone 8 With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants, / where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, and no more sighing, //but life everlasting!

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THEOTOKION

Tone 8 We have you as a wall and a haven / and an intercessor well-pleasing to God, Whom you have borne, // O Virgin Theotokos, the salvation of the faithful.

The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: Their souls shall dwell / with the blessed. (Ps. 24:13a)
V. To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust, let me not be put to shame.
(Ps. 24:1-2a)

THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS (4:13-17)

Brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant concerning those who are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Tone 6 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation. (Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)

V. Their souls shall dwell with the blessed. (Ps. 24:13a)

Gospel

John 5:24-30

Communion Hymn Blessed are they whom You have chosen and taken, O Lord. Their memory is from generation to generation. *(Ps. 64:4a; 101:12b)* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!