

May 11, 2021 - Saints Cyril & Methodius, equals-to-the-apostles and enlighteners of the Slavs - week after St. Thomas Sunday

FIRST ANTIPHON

**Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!

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

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High!
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!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You!

O Son of God who arose from the dead, 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!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. *Troparion:* Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. *Troparion:* Christ is risen ...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. *Troparion:* Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *Troparion:* Christ is risen...

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 7 While the grave was sealed, O Christ God, / you dawned as life from the tomb, / and while the doors were shut / you came, the Resurrection of all, to your Disciples, / through them renewing a right spirit for us, // according to your great mercy.

Tone 4 Cyril and Methodius, inspired by God, / you became Equals-to-the-Apostles by your life. / As you were teachers of the Slavs, / intercede with the Master of all, / that He may strengthen all Orthodox peoples in the true faith; / that He may grant peace to the world // and great mercy to 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.

KONTAKION

Tone 8 With his meddlesome right hand, / Thomas examined your life-giving side, O Christ God; / For the doors being closed as you entered, / He cried out to you with the other apostles, / "You are my Lord and my God."

The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

v: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has rendered unto me?

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren: it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tabernacle which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v: For the Lord is a great God and a great King over all the earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (3:16-21)

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.