

**May 14 - Post-feast of Mid-Pentecost; Martyr Isidore of Chios**

**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 8** In the middle of the feast, O Savior,  
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety as You cried to all:  
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” //  
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

**(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 4** Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,  
cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law:  
“Come and draw the water of immortality!”  
We fall before You and faithfully cry://  
“Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!”

**The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power! / His understanding is beyond measure! (Ps 146/147:5)**

***v:* Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps 146/147:1)**

**THE READING IS FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (10:34-43)**

In those days Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ – He is Lord of all – that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

**Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***v: Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps 73/74:2)***

***v: God is our King before the ages; He hath worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps 73/74:12)***

**THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (7:14-30)**

At that time Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true." Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also." These

words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

### **THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

Virginitv is foreign to mothers;  
childbearing is strange for virgins.  
But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished.  
For this all the earthly nations unceasingly magnify you.  
*(Heirmos of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ode of the Midfeast Kanon)*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

The Lord said: "He who eats My Body and drinks My Blood abides in Me, and I in him." *(John 6:56)* 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.

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