

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 willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON *(Psalm 67:1-3 and 117:24)*

Let God be risen and his enemies be scattered, let the one who hate him flee from before his Face. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the face of fire. Christ is risen ...

Thus the sinners will perish before the Face of God. And the righteous be gladdened. Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be gladdened in it. 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 2 When you descended to death, Life immortal, / then you put hell to death with the lightning of your divinity; / but when you also raised the dead out of the depths below, / all the powers beyond the heavens cried out: // Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to you!*

Tone 2 The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!'"

Tone 2 The noble Joseph, / when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, / wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / and placed it in a new tomb. / But You rose on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

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 to the ages of ages.
Amen.

KONTAKION

Tone 8 Although you descended into the tomb, O Immortal One, / yet you destroyed the power of hell; / and you arose as conqueror, O Christ God, / to the myrrhbearing women calling "Rejoice!" / and to your apostles giving peace // you who to the fallen grant resurrection.

THE APOSTLE

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: **And to your spirit!**

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.** (*Psalm 28:12*)

Cantor: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Reader: **To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me.** (*Psalm 28:1*)

Cantor: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Reader: **O Lord, save your people**

Cantor: and bless your inheritance.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (8:18-25)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **In those days, when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me." So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the eighth tone.**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **You well-willed your land, O Lord, you turned the captivity of Jacob.** (*Psalm 84:1*)

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Mercy and truth met, righteousness and peace kissed.** (*Psalm 84:10*)

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (6:35-39)

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.