

**MAY 25, 2022 Leavetaking of the Midfeast**

**3rd Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John**

**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**

**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** Your head was revealed to us by Christ as a divine treasure in the earth, O Prophet and Forerunner. We gather in honor of this discovery with inspired hymns of praise to the Savior, // Who saves us from corruption through your prayers.

**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**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.  
Amen.

**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 seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him.** (*Psalm 63:11a*)

*v.* **Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.** (*Psalm 63:1*)

### **THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE**

**CORINTHIANS (4:6-15)** Brethren: it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

### **Alleluia, Tone 4**

*v.* **The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.** (*Ps 91/92:12*)

*v.* **They are planted in the house of the LORD, they flourish in the courts of our God.** (*Ps 91/92:13*)

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:2-5 (*Forerunner*)

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)*

Virginity 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.

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

**Priest:** In the fear of God..."

**Choir:** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord..."

**Priest:** O God, save Your people... "

**Choir:** Christ is risen from the dead... " (*sung once, instead of "We have seen the True Light..."*)

**Priest:** Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and to the ages of ages...

**Choir:** Let our mouths be filled...

*After the Dismissal, sing* Christ is risen from the dead... (*three times*)

*After the third time, add:*

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!