

MID-PENTECOST

FIRST ANTIPHON *Psalm 65*

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 *Psalm 66*

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 117:2*

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!

TROPARION

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!

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 At the middle of the feast according to the Law, / Maker of all things and Master, Christ God, / you said to those present there: / "Come and draw the water of immortality." / Therefore we fall down before you and with faith cry out: // "Grant us your mercies, for you are the fountain of our life."

THE APOSTLE

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: **And to your spirit!**

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great – the Lord our God, and great – his strength, and of his understanding there is not measure. (Psalm 146:5)**

Cantor: Great – the Lord our God, and great – his strength, and of his understanding there is not measure.

Reader: **Praise the Lord, for good is the psalm. To our God let praise be pleasing. (Psalm 146:1)**

Cantor: Great – the Lord our God, and great – his strength, and of his understanding there is not measure.

Reader: **Great – the Lord our God, and great – his strength,**

Cantor: and of his understanding there is not measure.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (14:6-18)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, Paul and Barnabas fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. And they were preaching the gospel there. And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

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

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Remember your assembly which you obtained from of old. (Psalm 73:2)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **But God is our king from before the ages, he worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psalm 73:13)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL - JOHN (7:14-30)

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS (Heirmos of the 9th Ode of the Midfeast Kanon)

Virginity is foreign to mothers; / childbearing is strange for virgins. / But in you, O Birthgiver of God, both were accomplished. // For this all the earthly nations unceasingly magnify you.

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.