

May 4, 2022 - Virgin martyr Pelagia of Tarsus - 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 willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and were 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 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 3 Through your knowledge of the Faith you abandoned the darkness of ignorance, / fairest virgin of Christ. / You were refreshed by dew and finished your contest by fire. / Glorious martyr Pelagia, / entreat Christ our God to grant us His 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.

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 third tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power / His understanding is beyond measure! (Psalm 146:5)

v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God. (Psalm 146:2)

THE READING IS FROM ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (4:13-22)

In those days, when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them so that from now on they speak to no man in this name." So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Come; let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Psalm 94:1)

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth! (Psalm 94:3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (5:17-24)

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 Sion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise Your God, O Sion! (Psalm 147:1) 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.