

FIRST ANTIPHON. PSALM 91.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord; to sing praises to Your name, O most High.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

To show that the Lord is upright, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Refrain: 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.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

SECOND ANTIPHON. PSALM 92.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, He has girded Himself.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

The world also is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Refrain: Through the prayers of Your saints, 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.

Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON. PSALM 94

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who are wondrous in Your saints, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 3 With zeal, you followed Christ the Master,

Who, in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind.

Summoning you from the customs house, He revealed you as a chosen apostle:
the proclaimer to the whole world.

Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew,

we honor your precious memory. //

Entreat the merciful God that He grant our souls remission of transgressions!

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 The most-pure temple of the Savior,
the all-precious bridal chamber and virgin,
the priestly treasury of the Glory of God,
today is brought into the house of the Lord,
bringing with her the grace that is in the divine Spirit,
whom God's angels hymn:
"She is the heavenly Tabernacle!"

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Psalm 18:4)*

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. *(Psalm 18:1)*

THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

CORINTHIANS. (4:9-16) Brethren: I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. *(Psalm 88:5)*

v. God is glorified in the council of the saints! *(Psalm 88:7a)*

THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:9-13)

COMMUNION HYMN

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.
(Psalm 18:4) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!