

## OCTOBER 1 – Protection of the Birthgiver of God

### 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!

### ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, through the prayers of the Mother of God, save us who sing to You: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## TROPARION

**Tone 4** Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,  
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.  
Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you:  
“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection;  
deliver us from every form of evil  
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, //  
that He may save our souls.”

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

## KONTAKION

**Tone 3** Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,  
and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.  
Angels and bishops worship,  
Apostles and Prophets rejoice together, //  
since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

***The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.***

***v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.***

## **THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:1-7)**

Brethren: even the first testament had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

*Alleluia, Tone 8*

**v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.**

**v. Before your face the richest of people will pray.**

## **THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (10:38-42; 11:27-28)**

## COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!