

October 7 - Martyrs Sergios and Bacchos in Syria

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 4 Your holy martyrs Sergios and Bacchos, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions save our souls!

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.

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

(Tone 6) Protection of Christians never failing,
Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant.
Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners,
but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you.
Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos,
interceding always for those honor you.

*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 EPHESIANS. (5:25-33) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Alleluia, Tone 8

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (6:46-7:1)

COMMUNION HYMN I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!