

SEPTEMBER 15 - GREATMARTYR NIKITAS THE GOTH

FIRST ANTIPHON:

God, my God, look upon me; why have You forsaken me? (*Psalm 21:2a*)

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

The words of my transgressions are far away from my salvation. (*Psalm 21:2b*)

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

O my God, I will cry out by day, but You will not hear me. (*Psalm 21:3*)

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

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place. (*Psalm 21:4*)

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:

O God, why have You cast us off forever? (*Psalm 73:1*)

O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased from of old. (*Psalm 73:2a*)

O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

This is Mount Sion, the place where You have dwelt. (*Psalm 73:2c*)

O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

But God is our King from of old; he has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:12*)

O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, 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 didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigns, let the peoples rage; He sits upon the Cherubim, let the earth tremble. (*Psalm 98:1*)

Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

The Lord is great in Sion, and He is exalted above all the peoples. (*Psalm 98:2*) Tone 1 - O Lord, save Your people...

Let them give thanks to Your great Name, for It is holy. (*Psalm 98:3*) Tone 1 - O Lord, save Your people...

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 4 Your holy martyr Nikitas, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,//
preserve Your habitation!

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 Lifted on the Cross willingly, give Your mercies, Christ God, to the new citizenship of Your name; make glad by Your power our faithful rulers, granting them victories over the enemies; may they have Your help, a weapon of peace // an invincible trophy.

Instead of "Holy God..." we sing Before Thy Cross...

The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1:46-47)

v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

EPISTLE

THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

(6:1-10) Brethren: the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ - who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you. But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. (Psalm 44:10)

v. Before your face the richest of people will pray. (Psalm 44:12)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (3:20-27)

COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. *(Psalm 115:4)* Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!