

SEPTEMBER 18 afterfeast of the universal elevation of the precious and life-giving Cross, martyr Ariadne

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

O God, my God, attend to me. / What for have you forsaken me? (*Psalm 21:1a*)

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

The words of my faults / are far from my salvation (*Psalm 21:1b*)

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

My God, I will cry out during the day, and you will not hear; / and by night, and it will not be unto folly for me. (*Ps. 21:2*)

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

You dwell in the holy place, / the praise of Israel. (*Psalm 21:3*)

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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

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THE SECOND ANTIPHON

What for, O God, / did you drive away utterly? (*Psalm 73:1a*)

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

Remember your assembly / which you obtained from of old. (*Psalm 73:2*)

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

Remember this Mount Sion, / which you dwelled in it. (*Psalm 73:3b*)

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

God is our king from before the ages, / he worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:13*)

Refrain: 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.
Only-begotten Son...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigned, let the peoples be enraged. (*Psalm 98:1a*)

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 reigned, let the peoples be enraged; the one who sits upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. (*Psalm 98:1*) **Troparion**

The Lord – great in Sion, and is high over all the peoples. (*Psalm 98:2*) **Troparion**

Lift up the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for holy is the Lord our God.

(*Psalm 98:10*) **Troparion**

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Priest: Wisdom! Upright!

Response: 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 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 Your lamb Ariadne calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, / and I died so that I might live with You. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love." / Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you 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 hierarch 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 to the ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION Tone 4 Lifted up on the Cross willingly, Christ God, give your pities to the new citizenry of your name, gladden our faithful kings by your power, granting them victories against the adversaries; may they have your alliance, a weapon of peace, an invincible trophy.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:) Before your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and your holy Resurrection we glorify.

THE APOSTLE

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

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

People: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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

People: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: **My soul magnifies the Lord**

People: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading is from the second epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:12-10:7)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **Brethren, the administration of your liberality in giving 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.**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the eighth tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Your face the rich of the people will entreat. (Psalm 44:12)**

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (4:1-15)

COMMUNION HYMN The light of your Face has been imprinted upon us, O Lord. *(Psalm 4:7)* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!