

May 13, 2023 – afterfeast of Mid-Pentecost

FIRST ANTIPHON PSALM 65

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You! **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! **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 PSALM 66

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, 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 willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON PSALM 67:1-3 & 117:24

Let God be risen and his enemies be scattered, let the one who hate him flee from before his Face. Christ is risen...

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the face of fire. Christ is risen ...

Thus the sinners will perish before the Face of God. And the righteous be gladdened. Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be gladdened in it. Christ is risen...

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 8 In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as You cried to all: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!

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 4 Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: "Come and draw the water of immortality!" We fall before You and faithfully cry:// "Grant us Your mercies, for You are the Fountain of our life!"

The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (*Psalm 146:5*)

v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (*Psalm 146:1*)

THE READING IS FROM ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (12:1-11)

In those days, about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

Alleluia, Tone 1

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (8:31-42)

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS (*Heirmos of the 9th Ode of the Midfeast Kanon*)

Virginity is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins. But in you, O Birthgiver of God, both were accomplished. // For this all the earthly nations unceasingly magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN The Lord said: "He who eats My Body and drinks My Blood abides in Me, and I in him." (*John 6:56*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.