#### **The First Sunday Antiphon**

When Israel and Jacob's children came forth from Egypt, out from a barbarian people,\* Judah became his sanctuary, Israel became his domain. Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Savior, save us.

The sea saw God's people coming and parted for them;\* when the Jordan saw them coming, its running waters ceased to flow.

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

Why is it, O sea, that you parted,\* and what caused you, O Jordan, to turn back your flow?

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

#### **The Third Sunday Antiphon**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior. Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth. Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

# **Tropars**

You came down from on high, O Merciful One,\* and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings.\* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,\* glory be to You.

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord,\* worship of the Trinity was revealed,\* for the voice of the Father bore you witness by calling you beloved son.\* And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truth of these words.\* O Christ God, you manifest yourself and enlighten the world;\* glory to you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

When You arose from the tomb,\* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam.\* Eve exults in Your resurrection and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead,\* O most merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Today you manifest yourself to the universe\* and your light, O Lord, shines upon us.\* And in our understanding, rightly do we sing out to you:\* O Light inaccessible! You have come and manifested yourself.

#### **Apostolos (1 Timothy 4:9-15)**

<u>Prokimenon:</u> The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Stichon:** Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

**Reading** from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy:

My son Timothy, this saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: for we work and are reviled for this reason, that we hope in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Command and teach these things. Let no man despise the fact that you are young, but be an example to the faithful by what you say and do, by love, faith, spirituality and chastity. Until I come, be diligent in reading, exhorting and teaching. Do not neglect the grace that is in you, granted to you as a speaker for God through the laying on of the hands of the priesthood. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

Alleluia: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

<u>Stichon:</u> To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

# Gospel: (Luke 19:1-10)

And he went into Jericho, and when he was going through it, A man, named Zacchaeus, who was the chief tax-farmer, and a man of wealth, made an attempt to get a view of Jesus, and was not able to do so, because of the

people, for he was a small man. And he went quickly in front of them and got up into a tree to see him, for he was going that way. And when Jesus came to the place, looking up, he said to him, "Zacchaeus, be quick and come down, for I am coming to your house today." And he came down quickly, and took him into his house with joy.

And when they saw it, they were all angry, saying, "He has gone into the house of a sinner." And Zacchaeus, waiting before him, said to the Lord, "See, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from anyone wrongly, I give him back four times as much."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, for even he is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to make search for those who are wandering from the way, and to be their Saviour."

## Instead of: "It is truly right..."

Extol,\* my soul,\* the Christ, the King, who was baptized in the Jordan.

No tongue can fittingly sing your praises.\* Even superior intelligences far above our world appear feeble\* when they praise you, O Mother of God.\* But in your goodness, accept our faith;\* for you see the Godly love we bear towards you,\* as you are the Patroness of Christians.

## **Kinonikon**

Praise the Lord from the heavens.\* Praise him in the highest. The grace of God has appeared\* bringing salvation to all people. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.