### **The First Sunday Antiphon**

Shout to the Lord, all the earth: sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

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

Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You."

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

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High.

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, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth. Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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

## **Tropars**

Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only lover of Mankind.

In you the image of God was preserved faithfully, Mother Mary,\* for you took up your cross and followed the Lord.\* By your own example you taught us to care not so much for our flesh which passes away,\* but rather for our immortal souls.\* So now your spirit, venerable Mary,\* rejoices with the angels.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,\* now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Even though you were once defiled by all sorts of sin,\* because you repented, you shine radiantly as the bride of Christ.\* In her pursuit of an angelic life she overcomes demons with the cross as her weapon.\* And so Mary has become a highly revered bride of the kingdom.

## **Apostolos (Hebrews 9:11-14)**

<u>Prokimenon:</u> Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all around about bring gifts to the awesome God.

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel great is his name.

**Reading** from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews:

Brethren, when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things to come, he entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of his own blood, into the sanctuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

<u>Alleluia:</u> Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

<u>Stichon:</u> Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

# Gospel: (Mark 10:32-45)

At that time, taking the Twelve aside, Jesus began to tell them what was going to happen to him. "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said

to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

All creation\* rejoices in you,\* O full of grace:\* the assembly of angels and the human race.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,\* boast of virgins!\* God became incarnate in you.\* Being our God before all ages, he became a child.\* By making your womb his throne,\* you became more spacious than the skies.

All creation rejoices in you,\* O full of grace. Glory to you.

## **Kinonikon**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. The righteous will be remembered forever.\* They have no fear of evil reports.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.