

THIRD ANTIPHON AND ENTRANCE WITH THE HOLY GOSPEL

Then are sung the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12a), intercalating verses as appointed, or the appointed antiphon.

People: **In thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in thy kingdom**

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

5 **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

10 **Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you: and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.**

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.

On Great Feasts of the Lord we sing the appointed antiphon. On weekdays, when the psalms of the Typika are not appointed, instead of the above we sing the THIRD ANTIPHON as follows:

**THIRD ANTIPHON ON WEEKDAYS:
VERSES FROM PSALM 94 (95)**

People: **O come, let us rejoice in the Lord: let us shout for joy to God our Saviour. (Ps 94:1)**

R: **O Son of God, wonderful in thy saints, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shout for joy to him with psalms. (94:2)

R: **O Son of God, wonderful in thy saints, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.**

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King over all the earth. (94:3)

R: **O Son of God, wonderful in thy saints, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.**

For all the ends of the earth are in his hands: and his also are the heights of the hills. (94:4)

R: **O Son of God, wonderful in thy saints, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.**

For the sea is his and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. (94:5)

R: **O Son of God, wonderful in thy saints, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.**

Deacon (in a low voice):

Let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE ENTRANCE

Priest (in a low voice): **O Master, Lord our God, who hast established in heaven orders and hosts of angels and archangels for the service of thy glory: grant that, together with our**

entrance, there may be an entrance of holy angels, ministering with us, and together with us glorifying thy goodness. For to thee belongs all glory, honour and worship, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon (in a low voice):

Master, bless the holy entrance.

Priest (in a low voice): Blessed is the entrance of thy holy ones, always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: Wisdom! Stand aright!

People: **O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, [on Sundays and during the Paschal Season: risen from the dead,] [on Feasts of the Mother of God: at the prayers of the Mother of God,] [on weekdays: wonderful in thy saints,] save us who sing unto thee: alleluia.**

Then are sung troparia and kontakia as appointed.

PRAYER OF THE TRISAGION

Priest (in a low voice): Holy God, who art at rest amid the holy ones, hymned by the seraphim with the thrice-holy song, glorified by the cherubim and worshipped by every heavenly power, who hast brought all things from nothing into being and hast created man after thine image and likeness, adorning him with thine every gift: thou givest wisdom and understanding to those who ask, and dost not despise the sinner, but hast appointed repentance for our salvation. Thou hast counted us worthy, thy humble and unworthy servants, to stand

even at this hour before the glory of thy holy altar, and offer the worship and praise which are due to thee. Do thou, O Master, accept even from the mouth of us sinners the thrice-holy hymn, and visit us in thy goodness. Forgive us every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary; sanctify our souls and bodies and grant that we may worship thee in holiness all the days of our life; at the prayers of the holy Mother of God and of all the saints, who from the beginning have been well-pleasing unto thee.

Deacon (in a low voice):

Master, bless the time of the thrice holy.

Priest: For thou, our God, art holy, and to thee we give glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever,

Deacon: And to the ages of ages.

People: **Amen.**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us (thrice).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Deacon: Command, Master.

And, as they go towards the throne, the priest says:

Priest: Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord.

Deacon: Master, bless the throne on high.

Priest: Blessed art thou on the throne of glory of thy kingdom, who art seated upon the cherubim, always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be with you all.

Reader: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Prokeimenon in the *Nth* tone:

and the reader proclaims the prokeimenon.

The people sing the prokeimenon.

The reader proclaims the verse on the prokeimenon.

The people repeat the prokeimenon.

The reader proclaims the first half of the prokeimenon, or a second prokeimenon introduced with the words:

Reader: Another prokeimenon in the *Nth* tone:

The people sing the second half of the prokeimenon, or the words of a second prokeimenon once only.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from...

Deacon: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren...

or other beginning as appointed, and continues with the Apostle.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Priest: Peace be with thee.

Reader: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Or: Alleluia in the *Nth* tone:

While the alleluia and verses are being sung, the deacon censes and the priest says the

PRAYER OF THE GOSPEL

Priest O Master, who lovest mankind, make the pure light of
(in a thy divine knowledge shine in our hearts, and open the
low eyes of our mind to perceive the message of thy gospel.
voice): Implant in us, also, the fear of thy blessed commandments, that, trampling down all the desires of the flesh, we may follow a way of life that is spiritual, both thinking and doing all those things that are well-pleasing to thee. For thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and to thee we give glory, together with thy Father who is without beginning, and thine all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Deacon: Bless, Master, him who proclaims the Gospel of the holy Apostle and Evangelist *N*.

Priest: May God, through the prayers of the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist *N*, grant thee to proclaim the word with much power, for the fulfilment of the Gospel of his beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Wisdom! Stand aright!

Let us listen to the holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be with you all.

People: **And with thy spirit.**