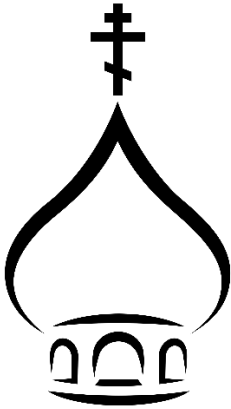


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*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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### The First Antiphon

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, *(Ps. 113:1)*

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. *(Ps. 113:2) (Refrain)*

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. *(Ps. 113:3) (Refrain)*

What ailed thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? O Jordan, that thou didst turn back? *(Ps. 113:5) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

### The Second Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. *(Ps. 114:1)*

*Refrain:* O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee:  
Alleluia!

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *(Ps. 114:2) (Refrain)*

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 114:3-4a) (Refrain)*

Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is merciful. *(Ps. 114:5) (Refrain)*

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... ")*

### **The Third Antiphon**

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Ps. 117:1)*

#### **Tone 1      Troparion**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Let the house of Israel now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Ps. 117:2)*

*Troparion of the Feast*

Let the house of Aaron now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Ps. 117:3)*

*Troparion of the Feast*

Let those who fear the Lord now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Ps. 117:4)*

*Troparion of the Feast*

### **Entrance Verse**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us. *(Ps. 117:25b-26)*

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## **Tone 4      Kontakion**

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: "Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O unapproachable Light."

*(Instead of the Trisagion)*

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

## **Tone 4      Prokeimenon**

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## **Epistle**

Read by Patricia Grammes

**(Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify

for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

#### **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams. (Ps. 28:1a)*

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon many waters. (Ps. 28:3)*

#### **Gospel**

**(Matthew 3:13-17)** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)*

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even angels are overcome with awe praising thee. But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God! Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

### **Communion Hymn**

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. *(Titus 2:11)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!