

Sunday after Theophany; Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonikus (313-24); James Bishop of Nisbis (350) - January 13.

Text from "[*The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship*](#)"; Pg. 796 & Pg. 357 (Tone 8)

First Antiphon

Verse 1: When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people * Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion (Ps 113:1-2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: The sea beheld this and fled,* the Jordan turned back on its course (Ps 113:3).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: Why was it, O sea, that you fled,* that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course? (Ps 113:5)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

If the second antiphon is sung: (Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God O Saviour, save us.) *Otherwise we sing:* Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

We sing the usual Third Antiphon, but with the festal refrain: Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion (Tone 8): 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.

Troparion (Tone 1): When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,* worship of the Trinity was revealed;* the voice of the Father bore witness to You,* naming You the "beloved Son,"* and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the Word's certainty.* Glory to You, O Christ God,* who appeared and enlightened the world.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 4): Today You have appeared to the world* and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us,* who with knowledge sing Your praises.* You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokimenon (Tone 1): Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You (Ps 32:22).

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Ps 32:1).

Epistle: (Ephesians 4:7-13): *Brethren*, each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Alleluia (Tone 5): Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth (Ps 88:2).

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared (Ps 88:3).

Gospel: (Matthew 4:12-17): *At that time*, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Instead of "It is truly...": O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

Irmos (Tone 2): Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good, accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

Communion Verse: The Grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all (Ti 2:11).

Second Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Ps 148:1). Alleluia! (3x).

According to Galician usage, we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." (1x) "May our mouths be filled..." (3x) and "Blessed be the Name of the Lord..." (3x).