

The Encounter of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Entrance, *Instead of "Come let us worship..." (page 29), we sing:*

The Lord has made known His salvation;* He has revealed His truth before the nations.

Troparion, Tone 1:

Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God!* From you there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,* who enlightens those who dwell in darkness.* And you, O righteous Elder, be glad!* You received in your embrace* the Liberator of our souls,* who grants us resurrection.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 1:

By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb* and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon.* You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God;* give peace to Your community in time of war,* and strengthen its rulers, whom You love,* for You alone,* are the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: (page 33)

My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Savior.

verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid;* for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Alleluia, Tone 8: (page 33)

verse: Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word.

verse: For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people, Israel.

Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)

O God-bearing Virgin, hope of Christians, protect and guard and save all those who put their trust in you.

Irmos, Tone 3:

In the law, the shadow, and the scriptures, we the faithful see a figure: every male child that opens the womb shall be sanctified to God. Therefore do we magnify the first-born Word and Son of the Father who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who had not known man.

Communion verse: (page 67)

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3X).