

# The Annunciation of our most holy Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary

25 March 2017

*Note: The Festal Menaion states, "If the Annunciation falls on a Saturday in Lent... on 25 March, the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom is celebrated at the usual hour, not preceded by Vespers... Fish, wine and oil are allowed, but meat and animal products may not be eaten... The feast of the Annunciation closes either at Vespers on 25 March, or else on the day following, 26 March."*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours:**

Troparion: Feast (*Today is the beginning of our salvation...*)

Kontakion: Feast (*To thee, the champion leader...*)

## **Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom:**

Festal 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphons

3<sup>rd</sup> Antiphon (tone 4):

His name shall be blessed unto the ages; before the sun doth His name continue.

Troparion of the Feast (*Today is the beginning of our salvation...*)

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel; who alone doeth wonders.

Troparion of the Feast (*Today is the beginning of our salvation...*)

And blessed is the name of His glory forever; and unto ages of ages.

Troparion of the Feast (*Today is the beginning of our salvation...*)

**Priest:** Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; proclaim from day to day the good tidings of His salvation.

**Choir:** O Son of God, incarnate of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Feast (*Today is the beginning of our salvation...*)

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

Kontakion of the Feast (*To thee, the champion leader...*)

## **Prokeimenon, Tone 4:**

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name \* proclaim from day to day the good tidings of His salvation.

Vs: Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Hebrews 2:11-18

## **Alleluia, Tone 2:**

He shall come down like rain upon a fleece, and like rain-drops that fall upon the earth.

Vs: His name shall be blessed unto the ages, before the sun doth His name continue.

Luke 1:24-38

In place of *Meet it is*: O earth, announce the glad tidings of joy...

## **Koinonikon:**

The Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath chosen her to be an habitation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.