

Holy Saturday

PROKEIMENON and EPISTLE READING

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Priest: Let us attend! Peace be unto all! Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 5th tone. Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee, let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Tone 5 **Psalm 66** **Common Chant**
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano Alto

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it

Tenor Bass

praise Thy name, — O Most — High.

Reader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

People: *sing the prokeimenon*

Reader: Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee...

People: ... let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (6:3-11).

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we

too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Priest: Peace be unto thee, reader.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

loud, Solemn, slow [Arise, O God, judge the earth! For to Thee belong all the nations!]

(The Royal Doors are now closed. During the singing of "Arise, O God...", the clergy remove their dark-coloured vestments and revest in white.)

People: *(slowly)*

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

First system of music:

A - rise, O God, judge the earth, for to Thee be -

Second system of music:

long all the na - - - - tions!

(continue slowly)

Reader: God has taken His place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods He holds judgement.

People: *Arise, O Lord...*

Reader: How long wilt Thou judge unjustly and accept the faces of sinners?

People: *Arise, O Lord...*

Reader: Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

People: *Arise, O Lord...*

Reader: Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the sinner.

People: *Arise, O Lord...*

Reader: They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk about in darkness.

People: *Arise, O Lord...*

Reader: Let all the foundations of the earth be shaken! I say: You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like men, and fall like any prince!

People: *Arise, O Lord...*

Reader: Arise, O God, judge the earth...

People: ...for to Thee belong all the nations.

The Gospel

+++ *After the Homily, we continue with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.* +++

Instead of the Cherubic Hymn we sing "Let all mortal flesh..."