*After the Thrice Holy Hymn…*

***Deacon****: Let us attend.*

***Priest****: Peace be unto all!*

**Reader**: **And to your spirit!**

***Deacon****: Wisdom!*

**Reader**: **The Prokeimenon in the 1st tone:**

(Tone 1) **Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!**

*Choir: (Repeats Prokeimenon)*

**Reader**: **Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!**

***Choir****: (Repeats Prokeimenon)*

**Reader**: **Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us…**

***Choir****: (…as we have set our hope on Thee!)*

***Deacon****: Wisdom!*

**Reader**: **The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians.**

***Deacon****: Let us attend.*

**Reader**: Brothers and Sisters, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

*Priest: Peace be unto you Reader*

**Reader**: **And to your spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Reader*:* God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.**

*Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Reader**: **He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.**

*Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*