

After the THRICE HOLY HYMN the *Priest* exclaims:

**Let us be attentive! Peace be with all.**

**Wisdom! Let us be attentive!**

The *Choir* sings the PROKEIMENON. The prokeimenon is a verse from the Old Testament. The Church uses the books of the Old Testament to show that both Testaments, the Old and the New, have Jesus for their center. The Prokeimenons are not the same for all days and feasts. They vary accordingly.

After the Prokeimenon the *Priest* says again:

**Wisdom!**

The *Lector* announces the title of the Epistle:

- such as: **A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.**
- or **A reading from the Universal Epistle of Saint James.**
- or **A reading from the First (Second) Universal Epistle of Saint Peter.**
- or **A reading from the First (Second, Third) Universal Epistle of Saint John.**
- or **A reading from the Universal Epistle of Saint Jude.**
- or **A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the:**
  - Romans, (or) the Galatians, (or) the Ephesians, (or) the Philippians, (or)**
  - the Colossians, (or) the Hebrews**
- or **A reading from:**
  - the First (Second) Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.**
  - the First (Second) Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians.**
  - the First (Second) Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy.**
- or **A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Philemon.**
- or **A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Titus.**

The *Priest* then says:

**Let us be attentive!**

After a **pause** while the people sit, the *Lector* begins with:

- (from Acts:) **At that time.....**
- (or) **In those days....**
- (from James:) **Brethren.....**
- (from Peter:) **Beloved....**
- (from John:) **Beloved....**
- (from Jude:) (read as printed)....
- (from Paul to an individual:) to Timothy: **My son, Timothy .....**
- to Titus: **My son, Titus.....**
- to Philemon: (read as printed)....
- (from Paul to a group:) **Brethren.....**

When the Lector is finished, the *Priest* says:

**Peace be with you!**