

# *Lazarus Saturday*

*(Raising of the Righteous Lazarus)*

MATINS

*The Great Doxology*

Glory to You, Who have shown us the light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**

O Lord King, heavenly God, Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit.

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You Who take away the sins of the world**

Receive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

**For You only are holy, You only are the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever; yes, forever and ever.

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.**

Blessed are You, O Lord the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen.

**Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on You.**

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

**Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.**

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

**Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: "Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."**

Lord, I have fled to You; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

**For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.**

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

**Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.**

Holy God, **Holy Mighty**, Holy Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

*Troparion: Tone 4*

Today is salvation come unto the world. Let us sing praises to Him Who rose from the grave, the Author of our life; for having by death destroyed death, He has given us victory and great mercy.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*Holy Baptism*

THE PRAYERS OF EXORCISM

*Prayer*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Who heal every sickness and every infirmity: Look upon Your servant; prove *them* and search *them*, and root out of *them* every operation of the devil. Rebuke the unclean spirits and expel them, and purify the works of Your hands; and exerting Your decisive might, speedily crush down Satan under *their* feet, giving *them* victory over him and over his foul spirits; that having obtained mercy from You, *they* may be made worthy to partake of Your heavenly mysteries; and may ascribe unto you glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Another Prayer*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord the Master, Who truly exist, Who have created man in Your own likeness, and have bestowed on him the power of life eternal; Who also despise not those who have fallen away through sin, but have provided salvation for the world through the incarnation of Your Christ: Deliver also this Your creatures from the bondage of the enemy, and receive *them* into Your heavenly kingdom. Open the eyes of *their* understanding, that the light of Your Gospel may shine brightly in *them*. Yoke unto *their* life a radiant angel, who shall deliver *them* from every snare of the adversary, from encounter with evil, from the demon of the noonday, and from evil visions.

*The priest then breathes on the mouth, forehead, and chest of the one being exorcised, saying:*

Expel from *him/her* every evil and impure spirit that hides and makes its lair in *his/her* heart: (3x)

The spirit of error, the spirit of guile, the spirit of idolatry and of every evil desire; the spirit of deceit and of every uncleanness which operates through the prompting of the devil. And make *them* reason-endowed sheep in the holy flock of Your Christ, an honorable member of Your church, children of the light, and heirs of Your kingdom; that having lived in accordance with Your commandments, and preserved inviolate the seal, and kept *their* garment undefiled, *they* may receive the blessedness of the saints in Your kingdom. Through the grace and generosity and love towards mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **THE RENUNCIATION OF SATAN AND THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The priest and the catechumens to be baptized, with their sponsors, stand at the rear of the church facing west. Children are held by their sponsors, who respond for them.*

*The following question and reply are repeated three times:*

PRIEST: Do you renounce Satan and all his angels and all his works and all his service and all his pride?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I do renounce him.

*The following question and response are also said three times:*

PRIEST: Have you renounced Satan?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I have renounced him.

PRIEST: Then breathe and spit upon him.

*When this is done, all turn to face the east and stand in reverence. The following question and response are then repeated three times:*

PRIEST: Do you join yourself to Christ?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I do join myself to Christ.

*Then the priest asks only once:*

PRIEST: Have you joined yourself to Christ?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I have.

PRIEST: Do you believe in Him?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I believe in Him as King and God.

*The catechumens and sponsors say the Symbol of the Faith:*

## *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets;

And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The following question and response are then repeated three times:*

PRIEST: Have you joined yourself to Christ?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I have.

PRIEST: Then bow down also before Him.

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR (*bows and says*): I bow down before the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

PRIEST: Blessed is God, Who wills that all men should be saved, and should come to the knowledge of the truth: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

## *A Prayer*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Master, Lord our God, call Your servants, *N.*, to Your holy illumination, and grant unto *them* that great grace of Your holy baptism. Put off from *them* the old man, and renew *them* unto life everlasting; and fill *them* with the power of Your Holy Spirit, in the unity of Your Christ; that *they* may be no more children of the body, but children of Your kingdom.

Through the good will and grace of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages. of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Standing before the font, facing east, deacon begins:*

DEACON: Bless, father.

PRIEST: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### *The Litany*

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this water may be sanctified with the power and effectual operation and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That there may be sent down into it the grace of redemption and the blessing of Jordan, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That there may come upon this water the purifying operation of the Trinity beyond all being, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That we may be illumined by the light of understanding and piety, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this water may prove effective unto the averting of every snare of enemies, both visible and invisible, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *those who are* baptized therein may be made worthy of the kingdom incorruptible, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For *those* who now comes to holy baptism, and for *their* salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *they* may prove *themselves children* of the light, and *heirs* of eternal good things, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *they* may be *members* and of the death and resurrection of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *they* may preserve *their* baptismal *garments* and the pledge of the Spirit pure and undefiled unto the fearful day of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this water may be for *them* a laver of regeneration, unto the forgiveness of sins, and a garment of incorruption, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That the Lord God will hear the voice of our petition, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That He will deliver *them* and us from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

*Meanwhile the priest prays quietly:*

PRIEST: O compassionate and merciful God, Who try the heart and the mind, and Who alone know the secret thoughts of men, for no deeds are hidden before You, but all things are naked and manifest before Your eyes; Who know all things concerning me: Regard me not with loathing, neither turn Your face from me; but overlook my iniquities at this present hour, O You Who disregard man's sins unto

his repentance. And wash away the vileness of my body and the pollution of my soul. And sanctify me completely by Your all-perfect, invisible might and by Your spiritual right hand; lest, while I proclaim liberty to others and administer this rite with perfect faith in Your unutterable love toward mankind, I myself may become the base slave of sin. Yes, O Master, Who alone are good and full of love toward mankind, let not Your humble servant be led astray; but send down on me power from on high, and strengthen me in the administration of Your impending mystery, which is both great and most heavenly. And create the image of Your Christ in *them* who now desire to be born again through my unworthy ministry. And build *them* up on the foundation of Your apostles and prophets, that *they* may not be overthrown; but implant *them* firmly as a plant of truth, in Your holy, catholic and apostolic Church, that *they* may not be plucked out. That, as *they* increase in godliness, through *them* may be glorified Your all-holy name: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### ***The Blessing of Water***

*The priest then says the following prayer aloud:*

PRIEST: Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your works, and there is no word sufficient to hymn Your wonders. (3x.)

For You, of Your own good will, have brought into being all things which before were not, and by Your might You uphold creation, and by Your providence You order the world.

*When You had joined together the universe out of four elements, You crowned the circle of the year with four seasons. Before You tremble all the powers endowed with intelligence. The sun sings to You. The moon glorifies You. The stars meet together before Your presence. The light obeys You. The deeps tremble before You. The springs of water are subject to You. You have spread out the heavens like a curtain. You have established the earth on the waters. You have set around the sea barriers of sand. You have poured forth the air for breathing. The angelic powers serve You. The choirs of the archangels fall down in adoration before You. The many-eyed cherubim and the six-winged seraphim, as they stand and fly around You, veil their faces in awe before Your indescribable glory.*

For You Who are God inexpressible, existing uncreated before the ages, and indescribable, descended upon earth, and took on the form of a servant, and were made in the likeness of man; for, because of the tender compassion of Your mercy, O Master, You could not endure to behold mankind oppressed by the devil; but You came and saved us. We confess Your grace. We proclaim Your mercy. We conceal not Your gracious acts. You have delivered the generation of our mortal nature. By Your birth You sanctified a virgin's womb. All creation magnifies You Who have manifested Yourself. For You, O our God, have revealed Yourself upon earth, and dwelt among men. You hallowed the streams of Jordan, sending down on them from heaven Your Holy Spirit, and crushed the heads of the dragons that lurked therein.

Therefore, O King Who love mankind, come now and sanctify this water by the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit. (3x)

And grant unto it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan. Make it the fountain of incorruption, the gift of sanctification, the forgiveness of sins, the remedy of infirmities, the final destruction of demons, unassailable by hostile powers, filled with angelic might; that those who would ensnare Your creature will flee far from it. For we have called upon Your name, O Lord, and it is wonderful and glorious and terrible unto adversaries.

*The priest dips his fingers in the water and makes the sign of the Cross three times on the water, breathing on it and saying each time:*

Let all adverse powers be crushed beneath the sign of the image of Your most precious Cross. (3x)

And we pray You, O God, that every airy and unseen phantom may withdraw itself from us; and that no demon of darkness may conceal himself in this water; and that no evil spirit which instills darkening of intentions and rebelliousness of thought may descend into it with *those* who *are* about to be baptized. But, O Master of all, show this water to be the water of redemption, the water of sanctification, the purification of flesh and spirit, the loosing of bonds, the forgiveness of sins, the illumination of the soul, the laver of regeneration, the renewal of the spirit, the gift of adoption to sonship, the garment of incorruption, the fountain of life. For You have said, O Lord: "Wash, be clean; and put away evil things from your souls." You have bestowed upon us from on high a new birth through water and the Spirit. Therefore, O Lord, manifest Yourself in this water, and grant that *these* who is baptized therein may be transformed; that *they* may put away the old man, which is corrupt through the lusts of the flesh, and that *they* may be clothed with the new man, and renewed according to the image of Him Who created *them*; that being buried, after the pattern of Your death, in baptism *they* may in like manner be a partaker of Your Resurrection and, having preserved the gift of Your Holy Spirit and increased the measure of grace committed to *them*, *they* may receive the prize of *their* high calling, and be numbered with the first-born whose names are written in heaven, in You, our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

For unto You are due all glory, dominion, honor, and worship, together with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### *The Anointing with Oil*

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: And to your spirit.

DEACON: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

*The priest then breathes three times on a vessel containing oil, and makes the sign of the Cross over it three times and says the following prayer:*



DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord and Master, the God of our fathers, Who sent to those who were in the ark of Noah Your dove, bearing in its beak a twig of olive, the token of reconciliation and of salvation from the flood, the foreshadowing of the mystery of grace; and provided the fruit of the olive for the fulfilling of Your holy mysteries; Who thereby fill those who are under the Law with Your Holy Spirit, and perfect those who are under grace: Bless also this holy oil with the power and operation and indwelling of Your Holy Spirit (3x), that it may be an anointing unto incorruption, an armor of righteousness, to the renewing of soul and body, to the averting of every assault of the devil, to deliverance from all evil for those who shall be anointed with it in faith, or who partake of it.

Unto Your glory and the glory of Your only-begotten Son and of Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

DEACON: Let us attend.

*The priest pours some oil from the vessel, making with it the sign of the Cross in the water 3x, all sing:*

PRIEST/PEOPLE: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The priest then continues, saying:*

PRIEST: Blessed is God, Who illumines and sanctifies every man who comes into the world, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

*Then the one who is to be baptized is presented. The priest takes of the oil, and anoints him by making the sign of the Cross:*

*First on the forehead, saying::*

PRIEST: The servant of God, N., is anointed with the oil of gladness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then on the chest and back, saying*

Unto the healing of body and soul.

*On the ears, saying:*

Unto the hearing of faith.

*On the hands, saying:*

Your hands have made me and fashioned me.

*On the feet, saying:*

That *he/she* may walk in the way of Your commandments, O Lord.

### ***The Baptism***

*The priest, facing east, immerses each catechumen (or infant) three times, saying:*

PRIEST: The servant of God N., is baptized, in the name of the Father:

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: And of the Son:

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: And of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

*For each newly-baptized person the priest takes a white garment, blesses it with the sign of the Cross, and gives it to him, saying:*

PRIEST: The servant of God N., is clothed with the garment of righteousness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The white garment is put on the newly-baptized as the following troparion is sung.*

READER/PEOPLE: Grant to me a shining robe of light, You Who clothe Yourself with light, O Christ our God, most merciful.

### ***Psalm 32 (LXX 31)***

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

*When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.*

*I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him.*

*You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.*

*Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.*

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

*The newly-baptized, dressed in a garment of white, is brought before the priest. The priest, prior to the Chrismation, presents him with a Cross to wear around his neck, exhorting him from the words found in Mark 8:34.*

PRIEST: The Lord has said, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me."

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CHRISMATION**

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Blessed are You, O Lord God Almighty, Source of all good things, Sun of righteousness, Who shed upon those who were in darkness the light of salvation, through the manifestation of Your only-begotten Son and our God; and Who have given to us, unworthy though we are, blessed purification through holy water, and divine sanctification, through life-giving chrismation; Who now, also, have been graciously pleased to regenerate Your servant who has newly received illumination by water and the Spirit, and grant to *them* forgiveness of sins, whether voluntary or involuntary: O Master, compassionate King of all, grant also to *them* the seal of the gift of Your holy and almighty and adorable Spirit, and participation in the holy Body and the precious Blood of Your Christ. Keep *them* in Your sanctification; confirm *them* in the Orthodox faith; deliver *them* from the evil one, and from all his devices. And preserve *their* soul in purity and uprightness, through the saving fear of You; that *they* may please You in every deed and word, and may be *children* and *heirs* of Your heavenly kingdom.

For You are our God, the God Who shows mercy and saves; and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*The priest then anoints the newly-baptized with holy Chrism, making with it the sign of the Cross: on the forehead, on the eyes, on the nostrils, on the lips, on both ears, on the chest, on both hands, and on both feet, saying each time:*

PRIEST: The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The people who are present respond each time, saying:*

PEOPLE: Seal.

*The Troparia & Kontakion of the Day & Feast are sung.*

***Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)***

The musical score is written on five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat. The lyrics are: "Giving us before Your Pas-sion an assurance of the gen-'ral res-ur-rec-tion,". The second staff continues: "You have raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ, our God." The third staff continues: "Therefore, like the chil-dren, we al-so carry to-kens of vic-to-ry, and". The fourth staff continues: "cry to You, the Conqueror of death: 'Ho-san-na in the high-est;". The fifth staff concludes: "Bless-ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!". There are measure numbers 4, 5, 7, and 9 indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' and a bracket in the third staff.

***Kontakion: Tone 2 (Bulgarian)***

Christ the Joy of all, the Truth, the Light, the Life, the  
Res-ur-rec-tion of the world, in His love ap-peared to those on the  
earth; And He be-came Him-self the pat-tern of our res-ur-  
rec-tion, grant-ing di-vine for-give-ness un-to all.

The image shows a musical score for a Kontakion in Bulgarian style, Tone 2. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, melodic style with some slurs and accents. The lyrics are: "Christ the Joy of all, the Truth, the Light, the Life, the Res-ur-rec-tion of the world, in His love ap-peared to those on the earth; And He be-came Him-self the pat-tern of our res-ur-rec-tion, grant-ing di-vine for-give-ness un-to all." The score ends with a double bar line.

***The Procession***

*The priest leads the newly-baptized and their sponsors in a procession three times around the font, while the following hymn is sung three times:*

READER/PEOPLE: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

***Prokeimenon - Psalm 19 (LXX 18)***

The Lord is my Light and my Savior, whom shall I fear?

*Verse: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Verse: One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.*

***The Epistle Reading – Hebrews 12:28 – 13:8 + Romans 6:3-11***

Brethren, therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Brethren, Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His Resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***The Alleluia before the Gospel - Psalm 98 (LXX 97) + Baptism***

*Verse: The Lord reigns as King; He is clothed with beauty.*

*Verse: He has made the world firm and it cannot be shaken.*

*Verse: My heart overflows with a good theme as I sing my song to the King.  
My tongue is nimble as the pen of a skillful scribe.*

***The Gospel Reading - John 11:1-45 + Matthew 28:16-20***

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him. So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



*Magnification Hymn: Tone 8 (Greek Chant)*

1  
Come all peo - ples let us hon - or and glo - ri - fy the pure

5  
The - o - to - kos, who con - ceived within her womb the di - vine Fire

9  
and yet was not con - sumed; and let us mag - ni - fy her with

11  
nev - er si - lent hymns.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a common time signature and contains the lyrics 'Come all peo - ples let us hon - or and glo - ri - fy the pure'. The second line starts with a measure rest and contains 'The - o - to - kos, who con - ceived within her womb the di - vine Fire'. The third line contains 'and yet was not con - sumed; and let us mag - ni - fy her with'. The fourth line contains 'nev - er si - lent hymns.' and ends with a double bar line. Red curved lines above the notes indicate phrasing.

*The Communion Hymn (Psalm 8)*

1  
Out of the mouths of in - - - - fants and

5  
babes, You have per - fect - - - - ed

11  
praise. Al - le - lu - - - - ia.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in D minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Out of the mouths of in - - - - fants and'. The second line contains 'babes, You have per - fect - - - - ed'. The third line contains 'praise. Al - le - lu - - - - ia.' and ends with a double bar line. Red curved lines above the notes indicate phrasing.

*Communion Hymn - Psalm 118 (LXX 117)*

Out of the mouths of infants and babes, You have perfected praise. Alleluia.

*Post-Communion Hymn*

*Instead of "We have seen the true Light..." we sing the Troparion of the feast*

Giving us before Your Passion, / an assurance of the general resurrection, /  
You have raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. / Therefore, like  
the children, / we also carry tokens of victory, / And cry to You, the Conqueror  
of death: / "Hosanna in the highest; Blessed is He / Who comes in the name  
of the Lord."

### *The Dismissal*

PRIEST: Glory to You, O Christ, our God and our hope, glory to You.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Father, bless.

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, *Who by the raising of Lazarus from the dead confirmed the resurrection of all...* and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

### *Kontakion: Tone 2 (Bulgarian)*

Christ the Joy of all, the Truth, the Light, the Life, the Resurrection of the world, / in His love appeared to those on the earth; / And He became Himself the pattern of our resurrection, / granting divine forgiveness unto all.

### *Ikos*

*The Creator of the world foretold to His disciples what would come to pass, proving to them that He knows all things as the Maker of all. "Brethren and companions, our friend has fallen asleep, He said. "Let us go, then, and see a strange burial, and behold the tears of Mary and the tomb of Lazarus, for I shall work a miracle there, as the prelude to My Crucifixion, granting divine forgiveness unto all."*



*Raising of Lazarus*



### *Rejoice, O Bethany!*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Bethany! On this day God came to thee, God came to thee; and in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life! He is the Life! He is the Life! And in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life!

When Martha went to receive Him, grieving loudly with bitter tears, bitter tears, she poured out the sorrow of her heart to Him, with great sadness, wailing her lament. Wailing her lament, wailing her lament. She poured out the sorrow of her heart to Him, with great sadness, wailing her lament.

She at once cried out unto Him, "My most compassionate Lord! My Lord! At the great loss of my brother Lazarus my heart is broken, help me! Help me! Help me! At the great loss of my brother Lazarus my heart is broken, help me!"

Jesus said to her, "Cease thy weeping, cease thy grieving and sad lament, sad lament; for thy brother, My most beloved friend Lazarus, very soon will live again! He will live again! He will live again! For thy brother, My most beloved friend Lazarus, very soon will live again!"

Then He, the faithful Redeemer, made His way unto the tomb, unto the tomb, where He cried unto him who was buried four days, calling him forth, saying, "Lazarus, arise! Lazarus, arise! Lazarus, arise!" Where He cried unto him who was buried four days, calling him forth, saying, "Lazarus, arise!"

Come with haste, ye two sisters, and behold a wondrous thing, wondrous thing, for thy brother from the tomb has returned to life. To the beloved Redeemer now give thanks! Now give thanks! Now give thanks! For thy brother from the tomb has returned to life. To the beloved Redeemer now give thanks!

To Thee, O Lord of creation, we kneel down in reverence profound, reverence profound; for all we who are dead in sin; in Thee, O Jesus, are made alive! We are made alive! We are made alive! For all we who are dead in sin; in Thee, O Jesus, are made alive!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Bethany! On this day God came to thee, God came to thee; and in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life! He is the Life! He is the Life! And in Him the dead are made alive, as is right for He is the Life!