

**April 20**

**Triodion**

Saturday of Lazarus

**LITURGY**

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**Antiphon I. Mode 2.**

**Verse 1:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

**Verse 3:** The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

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

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

**Antiphon II. Mode 2.**

**Verse 1:** Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

**Verse 3:** The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations. [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

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

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us. [GOA]

**Antiphon III.**

**Mode 1.**

**Verse 1:** This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein. [SAAS]

**Apolytikion.**

**Mode 1.**

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore

imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord." [SD]

**Verse 2:** *Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.* [SAAS]

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord." [SD]

*An optional alternative to the Antiphons are the Typika (Psalms 102 and 145), and the Beatitudes with the appointed troparia, which are provided here.*

**Psalm 102.**

**Psalm 145.**

**The Beatitudes.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

In Your kingdom. Remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [RSV]

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [RSV]

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [RSV]

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [RSV]

**Canon I.**

**Ode iii. Mode pl. 4. Lord, You are the firm.**

From Triodion - - -

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.* [RSV]

Savior, You are God and man, and You displayed that Your energies are two indeed, \* thereby demonstrating Your two natures and essences. [SD]

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.* [RSV]

Master, even though You are a sea of knowledge, You ask where the deceased was laid, \* since You were going to raise him, as the Giver-of-Life and Lord. [SD]

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.* [RSV]

Christ, when You became a man, You were in flesh circumscribed and went from place to place,\* ever filling all things, being God and uncircumscribed. [SD]

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* [RSV]

At Your divine word, O Christ, of old You raised righteous Lazarus. And now I pray,\* raise me who am lying dead because of my many sins. [SD]

**Canon II.**

From Triodion - - -

**Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. Be gracious to me.**

*Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely [for my sake].* [RSV]

As true God You were aware \* of the repose of St Lazarus, \* announcing it to Your twelve disciples, O Lord of all, \* and thus proved the limitless energy and action \* that befits Your divinity. [SD]

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.* [RSV]

As true God You were aware \* of the repose of St Lazarus, \* announcing it to Your twelve disciples, O Lord of all, \* and thus proved the limitless energy and action \* that befits Your divinity. [SD]

Glory.

O Master uncircumscribed, \* You were circumscribed in the flesh, \* and coming to Bethany, You wept over Lazarus \* as a man;

but then as God by Your will You raised him \*  
even four days after he had died. [SD]

Both now.

O Master uncircumscribed, \* You were  
circumscribed in the flesh, \* and coming to  
Bethany, You wept over Lazarus \* as a man;  
but then as God by Your will You raised him \*  
even four days after he had died. [SD]

**Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.**

Come, let us worship and bow down  
before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen  
from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Hymns After the Small Entrance.**

**Apolytikion.**

From Triodion - - -

**Mode 1.**

To confirm the general resurrection  
before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus  
from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore  
imitating the children, carrying the symbols  
of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over  
death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are  
You, the One, who comes in the name of the  
Lord." [SD]

From Triodion - - -

**Kontakion.**

**Mode 2. In seeking the heights.**

The joy of all men, the Truth who is Christ  
our God, the light and the life, the resurrection  
of the world has appeared unto those on  
earth, in that He is benevolent, becoming the  
type of the Resurrection, and granting divine  
remission unto all. [SD]

**INSTEAD OF HOLY GOD**

You who have been baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ, Alleluia. (3) [GOA]

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy  
Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.  
Amen.*

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**The Epistle**

SATURDAY OF SAINT LAZAROS THE JUST

**Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 26.**

The Lord is my light and my savior. [SAAS]

**Verse:** *The Lord is the defender of my life.*

[SAAS]

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the  
Hebrews.

12:28-29; 13:1-8

Brethren, let us be grateful for receiving  
a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus  
let us offer to God acceptable worship,  
with reverence and awe; for our God is a  
consuming fire. Let brotherly love continue.  
Do not neglect to show hospitality to  
strangers, for thereby some have entertained  
angels unawares. Remember those who are  
in prison, as though in prison with them;  
and those who are ill-treated, since you also  
are in the body. Let marriage be held in  
honor among all, and let the marriage bed  
be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral  
and adulterous. Keep your life free from love  
of money, and be content with what you  
have; for he has said, "I will never fail you nor  
forsake you." Hence we can confidently say,  
"The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid;  
what can man do to me?" Remember your  
leaders, those who spoke to you the word of  
God; consider the outcome of their life, and  
imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday and today and for ever. [RSV]

**Alleluia. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 92.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 1:** *The Lord reigns; He clothed Himself  
with majesty.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** *And He established the world, which  
shall not be moved.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## The Gospel

Saturday of Lazarus

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

11:1-45

At that time, a certain man was ill, Lazaros of Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazaros was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazaros. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Lazaros has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazaros is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we

may die with him." Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazaros had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from 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 die, yet shall he 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, he who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They

said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you have heard me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that you did send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him. [RSV]

### **Hymn to the Theotokos.**

#### **Mode pl. 4.**

The pure Theotokos who in her womb  
\* conceived the divine fire \* without being  
burned, let us honor gloriously, O peoples, \*  
magnifying her with never-silent hymns. [SD]

### **Communion Hymn. Psalm 8.**

From the mouths of babies and nursing  
infants You prepared praise. Alleluia. [SAAS]

### **Hymn after Holy Communion.**

#### **Instead of "We have seen."**

#### **Mode 1.**

To confirm the general resurrection  
before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus  
from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore  
imitating the children, carrying the symbols  
of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over  
death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are  
You, the One, who comes in the name of the  
Lord." [SD]

### **THE DISMISSAL**

May He who rose from the dead, Christ  
our true God, through the intercessions of His  
all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the  
power of the precious and life-giving Cross,  
the protection of the honorable, bodiless  
powers of heaven, the supplications of the  
honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner  
John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and  
praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious,  
and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous  
and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint);  
of the holy and righteous ancestors of God  
Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have  
mercy on us and save us, for He is good and  
loves mankind.

### **Fasting Rule**

*Wine: Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish,  
dairy, and eggs.*

*It is Saturday or Sunday in Lent.*