

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Lazarus Saturday

At Great Vespers

Trisagion, Proemial Psalm, and Great Litan; followed by the Small Litany, and then “Lord I call...,”

At “Lord I Call...,”

Tone 6, from the Lenten Triodion, by Emperor Leo

(6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Wishing to see the tomb of Lazarus, O Lord, • since of Thine own will, Thou wast soon to dwell in a tomb, • Thou didst ask: “Where have you laid him?” • Learning that which was already known to Thee, • Thou didst cry to Thy beloved friend: “Lazarus, come forth.” • and he who had no breath obeyed the Lord Who gave him breath, • for Thou art the Savior of our souls.

(5) For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

REPEAT: Wishing to see the tomb of Lazarus, O Lord, • since of Thine own will, Thou wast soon to dwell in a tomb, • Thou didst ask: “Where have you laid him?” • Learning that which was already known to Thee, • Thou didst cry to Thy beloved friend: “Lazarus, come forth.” • and he who had no breath obeyed the Lord Who gave him breath, • for Thou art the Savior of our souls.

(4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

Thou hast come to the place of the burial of Lazarus, O Lord, • the tomb of a man four days dead. • Weeping for Thy friend, O Bread of Life, Thou didst raise him up. • Therefore death was bound by Thy voice, • and grave clothes were loosened by Thy hand. • The band of disciples was filled with joy. • One song of adoration was sung by all: • “Blessed art Thou, O Savior. Have mercy on us.”

(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Thy voice destroyed the kingdom of Hades, O Lord. • Thy powerful word raised from the tomb the one who was four days dead. • Lazarus became the saving first-fruits of the world’s regeneration. • All things are possible for Thee, O Lord and King of all. • Grant Thy servants cleansing and great mercy.

(2) Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise Him, all peoples.

Thou didst come to the tomb of Lazarus, O Lord, • and didst call him by name, • wishing to assure Thy disciples of Thine own Resurrection. • Hades was vanquished. • It released Lazarus who was four days dead. • He cried out to Thee: • “Glory to Thee, O blessed Lord.”

(1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Thou didst come to Bethany to wake Lazarus, O Lord, • accompanied by Thy disciples. • Thou didst weep for him, • but he was raised by Thine almighty power. • A man four days dead cried to Thee, O our Savior: • “Glory to Thee, O blessed Lord.”

Tone 8, from the Lenten Triodion, by Andrew the Blind

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

We have completed the forty days that profit our souls. • Let us sing: “Rejoice, city of Bethany, home of Lazarus. • Rejoice, Mary and Martha, his sisters. • Tomorrow Christ will come and raise your dead brother to life. • Bitter and unsatisfied, Hades will hear His voice. • Shaking and groaning, it will release bound Lazarus. • The assembly of Hebrews will be amazed. • They will greet Him with palms and branches. • Though their priests and elders look on Him with envy and malice, • the children shall praise Him in song: • “Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, • the King of Israel.””

Entrance “O gladsome Light,” followed by the Prokeimenon and Old Testament Reading.

First Prokeimenon, Tone 6

PRIEST: Let us attend. Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. (*Psalm 123:8*)

CHOIR: **O**ur help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

“**I**f it had not been the Lord Who was on our side,” let Israel now say. (*Psalm 123:1a*)

CHOIR: **O**ur help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord...

CHOIR: ...**W**ho made heaven and earth.

Old Testament Reading, Genesis 49:33-50:26

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading from Genesis.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

Thus when Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was added to his people. Now Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him, and kissed him. Then Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. Forty days were required for him, for such are the days required for those embalmed; and the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days. So when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the princes of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found grace in your sight, speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying, 'My father made me swear, saying, "Behold, in the grave I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me.'" Now therefore, let me go up and bury my father, and I will come back.'" Then Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear." So Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's house. Only their sheep and oxen they left in the land of Goshen. There also went up with him both chariots and horses, and it was a very great gathering. Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and they mourned there with a great and very solemn lamentation. He observed seven days of mourning for his father. So when the inhabitants of the land of Canaan saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a deep mourning of the Egyptians." Therefore its name was called the Mourning of Egypt, which is beyond the Jordan. Thus his sons did for him just as he commanded them. For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, opposite Mamre, which Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite as property for a burial place. After he buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to bury his father. When Joseph's brothers saw their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil we did to him." So they came to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph, "I beg you, forgive the injustice of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.'" Now, forgive the injustice of the servants of the God of your father.'" And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." So Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I belong to God. But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your households." Thus he comforted them and spoke to their heart. So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his brothers. Then Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation and the children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees. Then Joseph said to his brethren, "I am about to die; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land God swore to our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Thus Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry

up my bones from here.” So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and put him in a coffin in Egypt.

Second Prokeimenon, Tone 6

PRIEST: Let us attend. Peace be unto all.

And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Sion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (*Psalm 124:1*)

CHOIR: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Sion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous. (*Psalm 124:3a*)

CHOIR: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Sion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Sion...

CHOIR: ...Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Old Testament Reading, Proverbs 31:8-31

PRIEST: Wisdom.

The Reading from Proverbs.

PRIEST: Let us attend.

My son, Open your mouth for the word of God, and judge all men fairly; Open your mouth and judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and helpless. Who will find a courageous wife? for such a one is more valuable than precious stones. The heart of her husband trusts in her; she will not be at a loss for fine spoils; For to her husband, she provides good things all his life. She weaves wool and linen cloth and is productive with her hands. She is like a ship trading afar off, so she procures her livelihood. She also rises before dawn and gives food to her household, and appoints tasks for her maidservants. Seeing a farm, she buys it, and from the fruits of her hands she plants her plot of land. Strongly girding her loins, she strengthens her arms for work. She experiences work as a good thing, and her lamp is not quenched all night. She extends her arms to do profitable things, and she applies her hands to the spindle. She opens her hands to the poor and reaches out with her fruit to the needy. Her husband is not anxious about those at home when he spends a long time elsewhere, for all her household are clothed. She makes a double upper garment for her husband and garments of fine linen and purple for herself. Her husband is respected at the gates and when he sits in council with the elders who inhabit the land. She makes and sells fine linens and girdles to the Canaanites. She opens

her mouth carefully and lawfully and controls her tongue. She clothes herself with strength and dignity and rejoices in the last days. She runs her household carefully, and she does not eat the bread of idleness. She opens her mouth wisely and lawfully, and her charity raises her children, and they become rich, and her husband praises her, “Many daughters acquire riches; many do mighty things, yet you excel and surpass all.” Desires to please are deceitful, and the beauty of a wife is vain; for a wise wife is blessed, and let her in fear, praise the Lord. Give to her from the fruits of her hands, and let her husband praise her at the gates.

Augmented Litany of Fervent Supplication, “Vouchsafe...,” and Completed Litany; then the Aposticha.

Aposticha

Tone 8, Idiomelon, from the Lenten Triodion

We have completed the forty days that profit our souls. • Now let us beg the Lover of man: • enable us to see the Holy Week of Thy Passion, • that we may glorify Thy mighty work, • Thy wonderful plan for our salvation, • as we sing with one heart and voice: • “O Lord, glory to Thee.”

To Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou Who art enthroned in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Psalm 122:1-2)

REPEAT: We have completed the forty days that profit our souls. • Now let us beg the Lover of man: • enable us to see the Holy Week of Thy Passion, • that we may glorify Thy mighty work, • Thy wonderful plan for our salvation, • as we sing with one heart and voice: • “O Lord, glory to Thee.”

Tone 8, for the Martyrs

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Psalm 122:3-4)

O martyrs of the Lord, • we beseech you to intercede with our God, • that He may forgive our many sins, • and grant our souls abundant mercy.

Tone 8

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

Standing by the tomb of Lazarus, O Savior, • Thou didst call to Thy friend, who was dead. • He heard Thy voice, and awoke as from sleep. • Mortality was shaken by immortality. • By Thy word the bound was unbound. • All is possible. All things serve and submit to Thee, O loving Lord. • O our Savior, glory to Thee.

Hymn of Symeon (read or chanted), Trisagion, then the following Troparion.

Tone 1, Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.” (*once*)

Dismissal at Great Vespers

DEACON: Wisdom.

Father, bless.

PRIEST: Blessed is He Who Is (**Ο Ων**), Christ our God, always, now, and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen. Confirm, O God, the holy Orthodox faith of Orthodox Christians, together with His holy Church and this city, unto ages of ages. Amen.

DEACON: Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Without corruption thou gavest birth to God the Word: true the Theotokos, we magnify Thee. *Etc.*



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Troparia at the THIRD and at the SIXTH Hours

Troparia at the Third after Psalm 50, and at the Sixth Hour after Psalm 90:

Tone 1, Troparion of Saint Lazarus

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

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, • Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. • Like the children with the palms of victory, • we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: • “Hosanna in the highest. • Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

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

Theotokion at the Third Hour: “O Theotokos; thou art the true vine...”

Theotokion at the Sixth Hour: “As we have no boldness...”



Kontakion at the Third Hour and at the Sixth Hour after the Trisagion Prayers:

Tone 2, Festal

Amen. Christ, the Joy, the Truth, and the Light of all, • the Life of the world, and the Resurrection, • has appeared in His goodness to those on earth. • He has become the Image of our Resurrection, • granting divine forgiveness to all.

Then: “Lord, have mercy” (40)



At the Divine Liturgy

The Litany of Peace, the Typical Psalms, then the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12):

At the Beatitudes: 4 Troparia from Ode 3 of the 1st Canon of the Triodion, Tone 8, and 4 Troparia from Ode 6 of the 2nd Canon of the Triodion, Tone 8.

In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

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

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

(8) Displaying Thy two energies, O Savior, Thou didst manifest Thy two natures: for Thou art both God and man.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

(7) Though Thou art an Abyss of knowledge, Thou didst ask where the body of Lazarus had been laid. For it was Thy will, O Giver of Life, to raise him who lay there.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

(6) Passing from place to place, as a man, Thou didst appear, circumscribed; but, as God filling all things, Thou art uncircumscribed.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

(5) Lazarus arose, by Thy divine word, O Christ, I pray Thee, raise me also, who am deadened by my many sins.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

(4) As the true God Thou didst foreknow the falling asleep of Lazarus and having announced it beforehand to Thy disciples, Thou didst confirm in them, O Master, the recognition of the infinite Power of Thy divinity.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

(3) REPEAT: As the true God Thou didst foreknow the falling asleep of Lazarus and having announced it beforehand to Thy disciples, Thou didst confirm in them, O Master, the recognition of the infinite Power of Thy divinity.

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

(2) Thou who by nature art uncircumscribed, wast circumscribed in the flesh; and coming to Bethany, O Master, as a man Thou didst weep over Lazarus, but as God Thou didst, by Thy will, raise up him who was four days dead.

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

(1) REPEAT: Thou who by nature art uncircumscribed, wast circumscribed in the flesh; and coming to Bethany, O Master, as a man Thou didst weep over Lazarus, but as God Thou didst, by Thy will, raise up him who was four days dead.

Entrance Verse (Eisodikón)

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us O Son of God, Who art wonderful in Thy saints. Save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia *(3)*.

After the Entrance

Tone 1, Troparion of Saint Lazarus

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Tone 2, Kontakion of the Feast

Glory..., both...

Christ, the Joy, the Truth, and the Light of all, • the Life of the world, and the Resurrection, • has appeared in His goodness to those on earth. • He has become the Image of our Resurrection, • granting divine forgiveness to all.

Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:

As many as have been baptized into Christ, • have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Epistle for the Saturday of Lazarus, (333-ctr) Hebrews 12:28-13:8

Tone 3, Prokeimenon, Festal

The Lord is my Light and my Savior. Whom shall I fear? *(Psalm 26:1)*

The Lord is the defender of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid? *(Psalm 26:2)*

Alleluiarion, Tone 5, Resurrectional

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty. *(Psalm 92:1a)*

For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. *(Psalm 92:2)*

Gospel for the Saturday of Lazarus, (39) John 11:1-45



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*Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following:
Hymn to the Theotokos*

Come, all people, let us honor the pure Theotokos. • She conceived the divine Fire within her womb, yet was not consumed. • Let us magnify her in song.

Communion Hymn

Out of the mouths of babes and infants, Thou hast fashioned perfect praise. (*Psalm 8:2a*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

As the Faithful receive Holy Communion

PRIEST: In the fear of God, with faith, and love, draw near.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of immortality.

Canon from the Triodion:

Thou didst raise the dead Lazarus by Thy divine command; for Thou art the Fashioner and Guardian of Life, O Lover of mankind.

By Thy word Thou didst raise Lazarus, who was four days dead O immortal Lord, and by Thy might Thou hast destroyed the dark kingdom of Hades.

Unto all hast Thou given proof of Thy transcendent Divinity, O Master, by raising up Lazarus who was four days dead.

Today Bethany doth proclaim beforehand the Resurrection of Christ the Giver of Life, and it rejoiceth at the arising of Lazarus.

In the beginning Thou didst bring forth all of creation from nothing, and as Master knowing the secrets of the heart, Thou didst foretell the falling asleep of Lazarus to Thy disciples.

O Christ, Thou hast assumed the nature of man, from the Virgin, and as a man Thou didst ask where Lazarus was buried, though as God Thou wast in no wise ignorant of this.

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of immortality.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

