

Reader: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

“Christ is risen from the dead and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!” (*Thrice*)

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (*Thrice*)

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

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Lord have mercy. *Twelve Times.*

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

O come let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

First Antiphon

Bless the Lord, o my soul; blessed art Thou, O Lord. | Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. | Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. | Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases. | The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. * Bless the Lord, O my soul; | blessed art Thou, O Lord

Second Antiphon

Glory to the Father, | and to the Son, | and to the Holy Spirit. | Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord as long as I live, I will sing praises to my God while I have being. | Put not your trust in princes, in sons of men, in whom there is no salvation. | When his breath departs he returns to his earth; on that very day his plans perish. * Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, | The Lord will reign forever; thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages; Amen. | Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who without change didst become man, and was crucified, Who is One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit; O Christ God, trampling down death by death, save us.

Third Antiphon

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 they that mourn, : for they shall be comforted.

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

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, : for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, : for they shall obtain mercy.

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

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

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

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

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

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Troparia of the day: Tone 7 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!

Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.

Renew in us through them an upright spirit,//

by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

Trisagion:

Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. (Thrice)

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.

The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! / His understanding is beyond measure!

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v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

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Epistle [Acts 5:12-20]

“The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Brethren: And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.”

Alleluia in the 8th tone:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel: [John 20:19-31]

Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Let us attend.

[The Gospel is read in a normal voice.]

“Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors

being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Holy Holy Holy in the 6th Sticheron Tone:

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

[Stichos:] Come unto Him, and be enlightened and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

The choir of Holy angels and archangels, with all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

[In plain chant:] Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The 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 ages; / Light of Light, true God of true 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 became man; / And He was crucified 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 in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father; / Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. / 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 Lord's Prayer:

And vouchsafe us, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call upon Thee the heavenly God as Father, and to say:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: “Thou art my Lord and my God!”

Lord, have mercy. (x12)

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall always be in on my lips.

In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations.

Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations.

The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.

O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him.

Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. * Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit.

Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all.

The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken.

The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong.

The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

Megalyrnarion: *Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:*

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,
thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead."

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of thy Son!

Ending:

Glory to Thee, O Christ God, our hope, glory to Thee.

[Sing:]

"Christ is risen from the dead and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!" (3 times)

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

Reader (facing the east):

Thou that didst rise from the dead, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

His Beatitude, the Most Blessed Tikhon, Metropolitan of all America and Canada; His Eminence Archbishop Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; the members of this Holy community and all Orthodox Christians, preserve, O Lord, for Many Years.